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From left, Lisa Wieland, Massport CEO; Shyann Gore with EBHS teachers Melissa Curley and Eliza Cassella; Rocco Rauseo, Donna Rauseo's son, and Alaina Coppola, Massport's Director of Government and Community Affairs.

Massport selects Shyann Gore to receive the Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship

Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today announced the recipient of the annual scholarship honoring the memory of longtime employee and East Boston resident, Donna Rauseo. The 2021 Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship was awarded to East Boston High School graduate Shyann Gore. Gore will soon attend Salem State University. She volunteers her time at the Paris

Street Community Center and has achieved perfect attendance and honor roll throughout high school. Gore will receive \$5,000 for college.

"At Massport, maintaining strong relationships with our surrounding communities is part of our mission. Much like the Authority, Shyann understands that no act of community service is too small, whether it's by handing out Thanksgiving meals

to local families or participating in neighborhood clean-ups," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "We congratulate Shyann for making a meaningful impact in her neighborhood in East Boston, following the footsteps of our dear friend and colleague Donna Rauseo."

The Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a female high school senior and resident of East Boston. Rauseo, who passed away in June 2009, was a graduate of East Boston High School, worked at the East Boston Area Planning Action Council (A.P.A.C.), and for more than 20 years was the executive assistant to Thomas J. Kinton, Jr. when he served as Aviation Director of Logan Airport and later as CEO and Executive Director for Massport.

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REMEMBERING NICHOLAS "NICKY" SANTORO

Nicky Santoro grew up in Orient Heights, East Boston and graduated from East Boston High School. He was well liked by everyone in the community and was a kind and caring to all.

He was passionate about Savio sports and followed the Spartans on every format. He enjoyed his friends at the Orient Heights Civic Club and spent many days talking sports of all venues.

Nicky fought a battle with cancer, and in January of this year he passed away. He will not be forgotten by his family and friends and in his memory a bench was placed outside the OHCC at 956



The Santoro family at the dedication last Monday afternoon on Saratoga Street. Uncle Felix Faiella, brother Derek with Isabella and Derek, Tave Musca, brother Dicki with Tyler and Lori, and (seated) mother Roseann Santoro.

Saratoga Street with a plaque was unveiled last Monday afternoon. A memorial

picture will be placed above the bench at a later date.



The plaque placed on the bench remembering Nicky Santoro.





Members of the Orient Heights Civic Club and friends of Nicky Santoro are shown with the Santoro family, brothers Derek and Dickie and mother Roseann Santoro. Tim Murphy, Dom Nese, Bill McDonald, Robert Travaglini, Dave Curtis, Steven Gigliello, Jim Mosca and Coach Bill Maradei.

NOAH and Zumix team up to tackle the rising tide of the digital divide

East Boston's premier music and performing arts nonprofit, Zumix, recently received a grant through the city's Digital Equity Fund and has decided to team up with East Boston's Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) to focus on a growing digital divide in the COVID era.

Zumix recently received a \$63,000 to partner with NOAH to connect Boston's youth and adults with media training. Through sequential program offerings, Zumix and NOAH will help local youth and adults alike deepen their computer and digital skills, engage in production opportunities,

and explore future careers in the film industry.

"Over the past 16 months, the online experience has shifted from a convenience to a necessity in our everyday lives,' said Acting Mayor Kim Janey. "I am proud to support 19 community organizations who are helping make digital access more equitable across our neighborhoods. Connecting Boston residents with technology tools, access, and training is critical to achieving our city's equitable recovery, reopening

Zumix and NOAH each have a long history in Eastie, as well as strong

and renewal."

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Eastie's Quiet Few perhaps the first bar to require proof of vaccine

By John Lynds

The Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus seems to be erasing all the progress that we've made as a city, state and country since the winter through vaccination efforts, mask wearing and social distancing.

The owner of the Quiet Few, Josh Weinstein, has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic. Weinstein was forced to close his small bar on Sumner Street for several months during the initial outbreak of the virus last year.

However, things were looking up for the Quiet Few with the addition of outdoor seating and the lift of capacity restrictions over the winter.

But for every step forward there seems to be two steps back.

Last week, The Quiet Few was forced to close after they became aware of a customer who visited the establishment and later tested positive for COVID.

After last week's closure Weinstein has had enough, and is now requiring patrons to show proof of vaccination before entering and drinking indoors at his establishment--making the bar perhaps the first in the city to require the controversial so-called 'vaccine passport'.

"We're hoping to be back open very soon but before we open back up, we

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EBNHC COO Greg Wilmot to join the board of Community Servings

By John Lynds

Since the start of the pandemic the administration at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center have worn different hats as healers, advocates and

social service providers. While treating those who became infected with the virus, and later vaccinating a sizable portion of the community, EBNHC administrators have become all too familiar with the socioeconomic impacts of the pandemic.

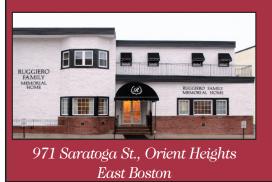
From the uninsured to the food insecure to the homeless to the unemployed to the elderly, EBNHC has been busy working to not only fight



EBNHC COO Greg Wilmot has been tapped to serve on Community Servings's board.

the virus but connect people to the right programs

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Erin Murphy receives key endorsements

Boston City Council At-Large candidate Erin Murphy is thrilled to announce two key endorsements that demonstrate her strong support among union members, with both the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 888 rallying behind Erin's campaign.

NAGE and SEIU join a growing cascade of momentum that has built in support of Erin over the course of the summer. The two unions represent over 3,000 Boston city workers, municipal employees who have been encouraged by Erin's message of inclusion and a better quality of life for all residents in all neighborhoods.

"I couldn't be happier that my sisters and brothers in the labor movement are showing this confidence in me," Erin said. "I grew up in a union family and I spent 22 years as a teacher in the Boston Public Schools, so it's only natural that my concerns would match their concerns, and that their hopes for our city are my hopes. I'm honored and inspired by their endorsement."

Erin is running for an At-Large seat on the City Council because she believes that the best Boston has to offer should exist in every neighborhood. Vital to that, Erin said, is the right of people who work for the city to have strong unions that advocate for their rights with a City Hall that operates in good faith.

"As a single mother

who raised my children in this city while working as a teacher, I understand the pressures facing municipal employees and their families," Erin said. "And I know that these jobs can be a grind and feel underappreciated, but union workers form the backbone of their cities. The labor movement helped my family get to where we are today, and I look forward to working very closely with NAGE and SEIU members once I'm on the Council."

"Erin knows from her own life experience the challenges that are facing government said SEIU Local 888 President Thomas McKeever. "SEIU is the largest union in the United States, with two million members and growing. And we couldn't think of a better candidate to put our support behind than Erin, whose empathy for working families is part of who she is. We look forward to working with her on the Council."

"NAGE members have been encouraged by Erin's lifetime of service and her devotion to working families across Boston," said David Holway, President. "We recognize the value of having someone on the Boston City Council, and couldn't be prouder to support Erin and her vision for Boston."

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam this summer, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilor Frank Baker and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston's go-to call at City Hall.

Erin's vision for Boston and her campaign are built on her core beliefs:

- Thriving, best-in-class public schools for every student in every neighbor-
- A friendlier city for seniors, with a more compassionate policy focus

Stronger outreach to

- veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs • Safer streets and polic-
- ing across the City, prioritizing community policing • All hands-on-deck to pull us out of the pandem-
- ic, particularly our most • Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bosto-

Both NAGE and SEIU Local 888 plan to campaign on Erin's behalf prior to the Sept. 14 primary, when Boston voters can select four candidates to fill the four At-Large seats on the Boston City Council. And Erin will continue campaigning across the city as she works to Bring Boston Back. Together.

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networks, quality programming, organizational savvy and deep expertise. As the COVID-19 pandemic has shaken up the traditional ways of doing business face-to-face, many organizations have been forced to adapt to remote and digital technologies to deliver their services. For Zumix and NOAH, their existing close relationships with families in Eastie revealed the need for access to digital tools now and into the future -- for school, access to adult education, job searches and skill-building for future careers. Whether it's a signature music concert performed at Zumix or classes offered at NOAH remote programming is here to stay.

"During Covid, much of life happened on the screen," said Zumix's Director of Creative Media and Technology Brittany Thomas. "We saw lots of interest from young people not only to be audiences, but also to be creators of digital video content. This funding will allow us to improve our computer lab for video editing, offer film production training to more East Boston youth, and equip them with skills to livestream events from the ZUMIX Firehouse as paid videographers. This growth is part of our bigger goal to offer young people professional training that could lead them to paid creative work in the future."

Another key element of combating the digital divide is making sure young people have access to topnotch training in the latest tools and technologies.

"We've been offering different versions of self-improvement and training classes for a third of a century," said NOAH's Executive Di-

rector Phil Giffee. "Until COVID-19 hit, we never used Zoom, or offered any remote programming. Now our work is disproportionately remote, and we are fiscally threatened by the need to instantly equip our classrooms with new technology just to keep up with evolving standards.'

The technology improvements that Zumix and NOAH will make with this funding are just the tip of the iceberg, indicating a small part of the burgeoning digital need in Boston.

"The past year and a half have been challenging for everyone, yet I am consistently inspired by the creativity of our teaching staff and the enthusiasm of our youth," said Zumix Co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski. "It's great to know that East Boston residents will benefit from ZUMIX and NOAH receiving these

Digital Equity grants." Latifa Ziyad, NOAH's planning resilience coordinator, believes the digital divide is one of the biggest issues of the 21st century, exacerbating economic inequalities that al-

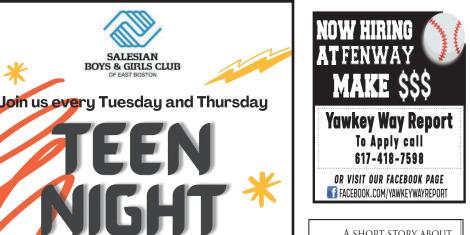
ready exist. "How can you have a whole digital revolution when the entire key to it is access?" asked Ziyad. "You need technology to experience it, or you're going to be left out. It's almost like you're not given the keys to the next big move. With the funding awarded by the City of Boston, we'll be able to offer yearlong Internet access and ChromeBooks to some of our residents, class participants and partnering organizations. We'll also be able to fix and upgrade our classrooms so we can continue

Pressley, Warren, Schumer statement on

to offer specialized programming, which assists with workforce development, citizenship, and homeownership."

The city's Digital Equity Fund supports programming across a variety of Boston neighborhoods and communities. Boston-based nonprofit organizations serving Boston residents and neighbordisproportionhoods ately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic were prioritized in the funding, including Eastie, Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Roslindale and Hyde Park. Focus was given to organizations serving older adults, persons with disabilities, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) or English Language Learner (ELL) students, residents of public housing or rental voucher holders, and/or adult residents who have

lost employment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "We received 100 applications this round-more than three times the applications received in the past, which emphasizes how much work still needs to be done to close the digital divide in Boston,' says Sarah Figalora, interim chief of staff in the City of Boston's Department of Innovation and Technology. COVID-19 certainly highlighted how important digital access is. Over the last year, getting Boston residents connected to the technology equipment, access, and training they need has been so important in day-to-day life. We are working every day to make Boston a fairer and more innovative city and to get residents connected to the technology they need to succeed in an in-



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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.



Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Sen. Elizabeth Warren issued the following statement on the Biden Administration's extension of the pause on federally held student loan payments: "We're pleased the

Biden Administration has heeded our call to extend the pause on federally-held student loan payments, providing an enormous relief to millions of borrowers facing a disastrous financial cliff. The payment pause has saved the average borrower hundreds of dollars per month, allowing them to invest in their futures and support their families' needs.

rary relief is welcome, it doesn't go far enough. Our broken student loan system continues to exac-

While this tempo-

erbate racial wealth gaps gresswoman and hold back our entire economy. We continue to call on the administration to use its existing executive authority to cancel \$50,000 of student debt. Student debt cancellation is one of the most significant actions that President Biden can take right now to build a more just economy and address racial inequity. We look forward to hearing the administration's next steps to address the student debt crisis."

ley and Sen. Warren led their colleagues on a bicameral letter to President Biden calling on him to extend the pause on federal student loan payments until at least March 31, 2022, and last week they held a press conference to reiterate those calls.

extension of student loan payment pause Sen. Warren, and Majority Leader Schumer led their colleagues in reintroducing their bicameral resolution outlining a bold plan for President Biden to tackle the student loan debt crisis by using existing authority under the Higher Education Act to cancel \$50,000 in student loan debt for Federal stu-

creasingly digital world."

Section 432(a) the Higher Education Act grants the Secretary of Education legal authority to broadly cancel student loan debt owed to the federal government. The Harvard Law Project on Predatory Lending concluded in this memo that broad student debt cancellation is a lawful and permissible exercise of the Administration's authority under existing law.



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REUNIÓN REGULAR

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
b. Aprobación del Acta 20 de julio de 2021 6:35 pm

La intención del Comité es debatir en sesión abierta los siguientes asuntos

Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta

a. 6:45 pm - Actualizaciones relativas a la Fase II
 b. 7:00 pm - Subcomité de Actualizaciones de Membresía
 c. 7:20 pm - Informe del Tesorero (Mes que termina el 31 de julio)

a. 7:30 pm - Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua)

b. 7:40 pm - Actualización - Compromiso financiero anual de Massport (discusión continua)

c. 8:00 pm - Aplazamiento anticipado

Al término de su reunión ordinaria de negocios y antes de la suspensión de la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente presentada y seumadada, la Junta podrá celebrar una sesión ejecutiva de conformidad con G. 1. 30.4.3.2 lu na vez concluida, la Junta no reanudarás su reunión pública.

AVISO DE REUNIÓN (REPROGRAMADO) PÚBLICA

De conformidad con G. L.c. 30A, §18-20

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado

Se da aviso de que el lunes 17 de agosto de 2021 a las 6:30 pm, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) se llevará a cabo en:

Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center 15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

También se ha publicado una copia de este aviso en el <u>sitio</u> web de la organización en: www.EBPierPAC.org y también ha sido puesto en expediente ante la División de Reglamentos del Secretario de la Commonwealth por correo electrónico a través de correo de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

Comité Asesor de Proyectos del Este de Boston, Inc

dent loan borrowers. Last month, Rep. Press-

Earlier this year, Con-

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

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center 15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

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, July 20, 2021 6:35 pm

a. -6:45 pm – Updates regarding Phase II b. -7:00 pm – Updates Membership Subcommittee c. –7:20 pm -- Treasurer's Report (Month Ending July 2021)

7:30 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)
 7:40 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.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

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

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc. By: Louise Montanino, President

No word on whether or not the MBTA will make the Blue Line free during Sumner Tunnel closure

By John Lynds

Monday night's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) MassDOT's meeting, Steve McLaughlin said the MBTA has not made a decision whether or not to make the Blue Line free for East Boston residents during the planned fourmonth closure of the tunnel in 2023.

Since MassDOT began the community process for the project to completely overhaul the decaying Sumner Tunnel, residents have been lobbying for the T to be free throughout the duration of the tunnel's closure. Residents have argued that the inconvenience posed by such a closure, planned between May 2023 to September 2023, will have a signifi-

cant impact on commuters and lead to more traffic and gridlock during the commute.

In order to attract more people to ride public transportation during the tunnel's closure and cut down the number of cars driving through neighborhood streets, residents have asked McLaughlin to advocate for the community and pressure the MBTA to make the Blue Line free.

"No, they don't have a decision (on making the T free) but it's something that we are looking at," said McLaughlin.

McLaughlin said Mass-DOT is anticipating significant traffic impacts that come with shutting down a tunnel that was handling 39,000 vehicles per day pre-COVID.

"We are working with the MBTA and due to COVID they're doing their own planning on how to forecast for this (tunnel closure)," said McLaughlin. "We are working with them directly and they know this is coming."

McLaughlin said the MBTA has agreed to hold off any routine or scheduled maintenance for any of the systems that would be impacted as a result of the Sumner Closure.

"When we shut down for a weekend it will be 11 o'clock at night on a Friday night to five o'clock Monday morning that shouldn't impact any of the MBTA bus or train operations during week," he said. "However, when we shut down for 16 weeks rush hour will be affected and those will be the weeks where we will be working with the MBTA to see what we can do to reach out and provide a better service for people and encourage them to take the T."

McLaughlin through some traffic modeling conducted by Mass-DOT the department projects that 45% of motorists will use the Ted William Tunnel during the closure; 34% will use the Tobin Bridge; and 19 percent will go the Bell Circle route to Route 16 and down towards Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown. However, at past meetings McLaughlin said about 2% of the 39,000 vehicles during the morning commute will 'get lost in the mix" and go elsewhere. This could translate into around 800 up on Eastie streets and adding to the congestion residents have come to expect each morning before the pandemic.

"This is the morning peak," he said. "When the tunnel is closed for the weekends or for that longer stretch we're going to have real time traffic management with traffic signals along the detour routes. We will be able to control remotely to adjust the red and green time to make sure that they're most efficient. We'll be able to monitor this all over the neighborhood and try to get traffic moving as efficiently as we can. We'll also have video monitoring and signs out on the 128/95 Beltway to let people know about the closure."

The proposed Sumner Tunnel Centennial Proj-

ect consists of resurfacing the tunnel roadway including pavement and lane markings; rehabilitating the overhead arch and ceiling, including deteriorating suspended ceiling supports; restoring the historic portal facades and addressing the functional system deficiencies of the Sumner Tunnel. Once the project has been completed, the Sumner Tunnel will meet modern fire and life safety codes with fireproofing, fire standpipe, fire alarm and CCTV upgrades. The tunnel will feature new LED lighting and security systems; new utility conduits and cables under the roadway deck which will improve cell phone, GPS, and radio service inside the tunnel.

Murphy, Madaro endorse Spillane for Boston City Council At-Large

Suffolk County Register of Deeds, 9-term City Councilor At-Large, and three-time City Council President Stephen Murphy and fourth term East Boston State Representative Adrian Madaro announced their endorsements of Jon Spillane for Boston City Council At-Large.

"I am a 50-year fan, and friend, of the Spillane family, and Jon's tenacious energy is just what Boston needs on the City Council," said Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy. "Jon understands what it is to grow up in Boston. He is a housing expert. He understands the budget. He will hit the ground running and I am proud to endorse him for Boston City Councilor."

"As the state representative for East Boston, I am deeply involved in city issues that affect my neighborhood and all of Boston, and I am confident Jon will be the partner we need at the city level to successfully navigate our constituents' concerns and I know he will bring the passion and hard work fostered during our years at Boston Latin School to the City Council,"

said State Representative Adrian Madaro. "Jon understands residents' frustrations about rising cost of living, and he has clear ideas about how to improve housing, traffic, and city services. He will be able to bring people together to move Boston forward, and that's why I'm endorsing him for Boston City Councilor At-Large."

"Register Murphy has been in my shoes, knocking doors and making phone calls to reach as many Bostonians as possible." Jon Spillane said. "His support and advice has been invaluable, and I'm proud to earn his endorsement."

"Rep. Madaro's endorsement is unique - we went to high school together," Jon Spillane continued. "Now, we have the chance to bring the tenacity and problem solving skills we learned at Boston Latin School to directly address the issues facing our City, in partnership with the community that

With Register Murphy's and Rep Madaro's endorsements, Jon Spillane builds upon the coalition of Boston elected officials

supporting his candidacy, demonstrating the citywide viability of Jon's campaign.

Murphy's endorsement is particularly important because he lives in Hyde Park, the same neighborhood that Jon was born and raised in, and where Murphy regularly wracked up huge margins on Election Day. Based on the dozens of Jon Spillane lawn signs visible in Hyde Park, Spillane is on his way to repeating those performances.

Madaro's endorsement is especially unique, as he represents a single neighborhood and ward - East Boston - and brings with him a multi-generational record of service to that neighborhood.

In addition to the crowded Mayoral election, five of the Boston City Council's thirteen members are not running for re-election, leaving three district council seats and two At-Large seats open. The next Council will not only play a major role in the COVID-19 recovery, but will also be in charge of re-drawing council district lines based on the 2020 census results.

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to help them recover from the economic downturn caused by COVID.

vehicles per day ending

So it was no surprise when Community Servings, a nonprofit provider of medically tailored meals and nutrition services to individuals and families living with critical and chronic illnesses, tapped EBNHC COO Greg Wilmot to serve on its board.

Wilmot began serving on Community Servings's board last month.

"One of our organization's greatest assets is our highly engaged board, and the board is further strengthened by new members who bring strong leadership qualities, diverse personal perspectives and professional experience, and active engagement in their communities," said CEO of Community Servings David B. Waters. "Our new directors and their shared passion for our 'food is medicine' mission will help guide Community Servings as we continue to grow and serve more people with critical and chronic illnesses."

In September 2020, Wilmot was promoted to the role of senior vice president (SVP) and chief operating officer (COO). Wilmot recently served as vice president and executive director of Neighborhood PACE, part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly network that provides comprehensive care and support for adults 55 and older with specific needs and preferences. Wilmot continues to oversee the PACE program while also playing a key role in the development of EBNHC's 2025 strategic plan.

Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization's MassHealth Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center's director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Founded in 1990, Community Servings' mission is to actively engage the community to provide medically tailored, nutritious, scratch-made meals to chronically and critically ill individuals and their families. To help clients maintain their health and dignity, Community Servings provides culturally appropriate meals, nutrition education and counseling, and other community programs. With support from thousands of volunteers, the kitchen team prepares over 800,000 medically tailored meals home-delivered to 3,200 clients

annually.

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need to make a change," said Weinstein. "Starting immediately, we will only be allowing guests with proof of vaccination to join us indoors. Our recent closing was a high inside fastball. We were brushed back. But we need to heed the warning."

Of his decision Weinstein explained that his business is not a "summer job" or something to get him and his staff by while they figure out what they want to do.

"We are bartenders. We are cooks. What we love to do is to serve you. We are lifers in this industry, and we take it seriously," he said. "This job can't be done over zoom. We can't do this from our kitchen. We need to get in there and get face to face to make this thing that we love to do work. To work, we need to ensure our safety. It is not a fair ask of the bar/restaurant industry to just put masks back on. We tried that. Throw that on top of our industry being short staffed and exhausting extra hours, it's not our place to make more concessions. We did that--for over 15

Weinstein said he is a Type 1 diabetic with an 18

months."

month old baby at home. "We both are compro-

mised without the bar taking action," he said "This decision did not come easily. It's tough. We hate it. But it needs to be done. If you do not want to show proof of vaccination, or are not vaccinated, that's fine. You are welcome to join us on our patio. We're working hard to make it available seven days a week.

We hope you understand our position in this. And if you don't agree, we hope we can mend our ways down the road. But for now, you're gonna need to get vaxed for indoor (seating)."

The Quiet Few's decision came after NYC decided to require proof of vaccination for indoor bars and restaurants.

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A BLEAK FUTURE FOR THE EARTH

The report released this week by the United Nations detailing the impending effects of climate change in the near future because of our rapidly-warming atmosphere paints the starkest picture yet of what awaits life on Earth as we know it if we do not change our ways.

Our planet has warmed by an average of 1.1 degrees Celsius since mankind started belching carbon gases into the atmosphere from the burning of fossil fuels in the late 19th century.

Scientists have long told us that an increase of 1.5 degrees in global temperature represents the tipping point at which life as we know it becomes all but impossible. Almost all of today's living creatures, both in the oceans and on the land, will not survive if the Earth becomes that hot.

We already are seeing the dramatic and dire consequences of what happens at our present 1.1 C level: The polar ice sheets are melting, the permafrost areas in the Arctic Circle in Siberia are catching fire, epic floods are striking everywhere, massive superstorms threaten coastlines, out-of-control wildfires scorch vast swaths of forest acreage and pollute the air across hundreds of miles, coral reef bleaching is turning our oceans floors into dead zones, and heat waves are killing humans and animal life in every corner of the globe.

The U.N. report basically states that an increase to 1.3 Celsius already is baked (no pun intended) into the next 20 years or less, with every .10 increase adding exponentially to the damage. In other words, no matter what we do, things are going to get worse.

On the other hand, perhaps the only good news in the report is that the increase to 1.5 is not inevitable -- but that is ONLY if we adopt policies now and we put them into place starting today. The global economy cannot turn on the proverbial dime, but we can move incrementally over the next 20 years to eliminate the carbon footprint of each and every human being so that the 1.5 threshold is not breached.

The bottom line is that we are running out of time to save the planet and preserve civilization as we know it. Some might point to the high economic cost of changing our consumption of energy from fossil fuels to clean alternatives. And to be sure, that conversion will cost trillions of dollars over the next two decades.

But the costs of climate-related catastrophes -- in both economic and human terms -- soon will far outweigh whatever the price may be to convert to clean energy.

Unless we change our ways, there literally will be no place on Earth that will be safe to live. To paraphrase the great heavyweight boxing champ Joe Louis, we can try to run from climate change, but there will be nowhere on our planet to hide.

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What life requires

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Willingness to try and to learn new skills is imperative to navigating life. There is always more to

Learning happens in school, through trial and error, personal research and time spent with others who already know what you need to learn. You can learn a lot from

listening to others. Listen-

ing is one of the greatest tools of financial and life security. If you will listen you will know what you know plus what you are The ability to listen and

focus in a class is essential for a student's success. Listening to your workplace boss, or someone who is training you is imperative. When someone is telling you how to do something you have potential to grow as a person. Someone is giving you knowledge that will provide you with the ability to perform a task.

A major detriment to the success of learning from teachers, mentors and trainers is distraction. Many people struggle with this problem naturally. Attention Deficit, Hyperactivity Disorder plagues millions of America's children and adults. Too often school children are never diagnosed and struggle all through school. Adults carry this problem with them in different ways for years and sometimes most of their lives. Understanding that you, a family member or someone you work with has this problem at least gives you a better perspective. Diagnosis by a trained professional can be extremely helpful to the individual, family, teachers and those impacted in the workplace. Everyone has a chance of dealing with what they know.

New forms of distrac-

tion have come on the scene in recent years. Spam telephone calls seem to come at me ten or more times a day. Unwanted text messages, spam email and social media distraction bombard us. Too many times we have heard of auto accidents because someone was trying to read or send a text message will driving. Cars now have bigger screens, wi-fi, telephones, hundreds of radio stations.

There's a lot to distract us. While distraction is a major source of some of our problems, focus is the key to solving many of our problems. The problem with focus is that we can't focus on everything. Determining our priorities is essential and sometimes that's where life is difficult. Too often we have a list of many priorities. The only way to really accomplish and succeed is to determine what is most important and to put our energy and minds into making the "most important" successful.

Family, school, career, sports, business, hobbies and more provide us with many choices to make every day. You have to decide which is most important and put your heart and strength into it. Whatever it is will work out better.

Jesus understood this. He told his followers the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, soul, mind and strength. That is focus. Focus is what anything worth doing normally requires.

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.

AARP monthly fraud watch update for August

Did you know that someone's identity stolen every two seconds? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. Our watchdog alerts will keep you up to date on con artists' latest tricks. It's free of charge for everyone: AARP members, non-members, and people of all ages. Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam. Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at www.aarp.org/ fraudwatchnetwork more information on fraud prevention.

SCAM ALERT #1: TRAVEL SCAMS

If you're trying to squeeze in a summer trip before Labor Day, it's buyer beware when hunting for that last-minute deal. Great travel deals can be found online but you can also find scammers looking to put your travel dollars into their pockets.

Crooks set up look-alike travel websites in hopes you will book with them rather than your intended company. And just because the link showed up when you searched "travel deals" doesn't mean it can automatically be trusted. Scammers often buy paid promotions for their bogus travel sites so they appear high up in search rankings.

Before hitting 'confirm'

on that deal, make sure you really know whom you are doing business with. Be skeptical of any cut-rate hotel or airline offer that seems too good to be true. And, always pay with a credit card, which offers more protection than other forms of payment.

SCAM ALERT #2: CAR

WARRANTY SCAMS Raise your hand if robocalls have finally stopped ringing your phone day and night. None of you? No surprise there. Despite industry and regulatory efforts to rid our phone lines of unwanted calls, they nevertheless persist - and many are outright scams. One of the more common scam calls involves car warranties.

These scam calls typically start as a pre-recorded robocall (just like this one we pulled from the Federal Communications website), Commission's and the message directs you to press a key to speak to a specialist or stay on the line. Thanks to social media and data breaches, scammers may even have information on your car's make and model to make it seem legitimate.

While extended warranties might be a sensible investment for some, it's a product that you should research rather than react to, and only with verified and trustworthy sources.

SCAM ALERT #3: COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS Social media is an all-too-popular avenue for spreading scams among "friends." Criminals hijack someone's social media account and share a "great offer" to everyone on the target's contact list.

The hot 'offer' these days involves government grants - whether it's free money for college tuition or loan repayment, to pay household bills, or some other made-up story. But here's the thing (actually, two things). First, the government grants billions of dollars a year - but to institutions, not to individuals. Second, you'll learn there's a "processing fee" that you have to pay upfront. When you hear that, all signs point to a likely

SCAM ALERT #4: SCAM TRACKING MAP

Did you know that if you are aware of a specific scam, you are 80 percent

less likely to engage with it, and if you do engage, you're 40 percent less likely to lose money or sensitive information? A great way to share what you know to protect others, and to learn more to better protect yourself, is to visit the AARP Scam-Tracking Map (www.aarp.org/scammap). You can explore scams being reported in your geography and submit scams you've heard about or encountered. We're all in this together – let's share what we know so the next target doesn't become the next victim.

SCAM ALERT #5: WORK FROM HOME SCAMS

The COVID pandemic brought countless things into our lives that we were just fine without. However, a few things - like working from home - actually made life a little easier for many. However, with more businesses returning to in-person activities, some workers are looking for new jobs with work-from-home options. That's something scammers are looking to take advantage of with fake job

Work-from-home scams can promise jobs with medical billing, data entry or starting an online business, but they all require paying something up front. Once you start paying, the requests for more money for training or supplies never stop and in return you get a lot of useless information or requests to recruit more peo-

ple into the scheme. There are genuine work-from-home jobs out there. The trick is knowing how to spot the real opportunities in a sea of empty - and costly promises.

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

The AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for all. Learn how to proactively spot scams or get guidance if you've been targeted. Visit www.aarp. org/fraudwatchnetwork or call our dedicated helpline to speak to a fraud specialist at 1-877-908-3360.

Scholarship// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

To be considered for the Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship, students are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their career interests or how their community service has affected their out-

look on life. In her essay,

Gore wrote, "Community service is so much more than getting hours signed for school on a sheet of paper. I always feel good when I choose to help others, whether it is completing a special community service project or baking someone a batch of homemade cookies."

Applications judged by a committee made up of Massport employees and a representative of the Rauseo family. Students interested in applying for the 2022 scholarship should visit www.massport.com/ scholarships for eligibility requirements.

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Eastie's weekly COVID positive test rate drops slightly

By John Lynds

After experiencing a 50 percent increase in the weekly COVID positive test rate between July 23 and July 30, the weekly positive test rate has decreased slightly in East Boston.

However, the citywide positive test rate has neared four percent since July 30. Health officials have been trying to get a handle on the Delta variant of the virus that has caused breakthrough infections among vaccinated residents and is decimating the unvaccinated population.

Last week, 1,339 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 2.2 percent were positive--this was a decrease of 18.5 percent from the 2.7 percent reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) two weeks ago.

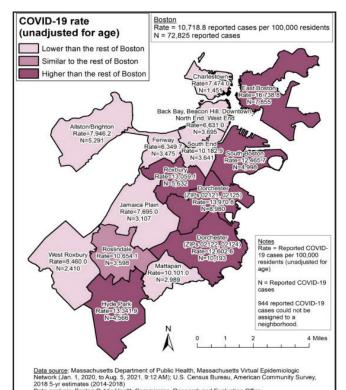
Of the 45,619 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 17.2 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease of 1 percent from the 17.4 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased nearly 30 percent last week. According to the BPHC 18,232 residents were tested and 3.7 percent were COVID positive--this was a 28 percent increase from the 2.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Eastie's COVID infection rate increased only 0.37 percent and the rate went from 1,667.7 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,673.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Twenty-nine additional residents contracted the virus between July 16 and July 23 and there are now 7,855 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

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



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

cases by age, gender and

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased one percent since July 16 and went from 72,422 cases to 73,228 confirmed cases in a week. There were no additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past two weeks and the total COVID deaths remains at

NOAH's Constitution Beach kayaking program a success so far

By John Lynds

Last summer the COVID 19 pandemic cancelled one of East Boston beloved summertime activities.

For several years now the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) has run a widely successful free kayaking program at Constitution Beach. With the exception of last summer, residents could head down to the beach from July to the end of August, sign out a kayak, get some simple instruction from N-YO (NOAH Youth) and be off paddling around the waters between the beach and Logan Airport as part of the Learn to Kayak and Boat Safety program.

Melinda Vega, NOAH's Community Building and Environment Coordinator, said as COVID-19 restrictions began to lift, NOAH was eager to resume in-person summer programming when it was safe to do so and July saw the return of Learn to Kayak and Boat Safety sessions at Constitution Beach.

"It's going really well," said Vega. "We've been getting a lot of visitors throughout the summer so far. It has become one of our most popular activities in the summer."

The kayaking program runs Thursday through Sunday from 11 am to 5

"Last year with COVID there was obviously no safe way to run the program," said Vega. "But this year we are up and running and partnering with a couple other organizations. We were part of the Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Beach Day, the EBNHC"s Let's Get Movin program and the youth they serve came down a few times. So it's been busy, not as busy as year's past but you can tell that there is a need in the community for this program and it's something

that the community looks forward to."

Vega said on average 100 to 150 have been signing out kayaks on the weekends at Eastie's only beach with about 30 to 50 people on slower days.

"We will also take part in Eastie Pride Day on Aug. 21 and our youth will be available to help residents learn to kayak or kayak on their own," she said.

Children ages 10 to 14 may kayak alone if accompanied on the water by an adult in another kayak. Children under age 10 may paddle if accompanied on a boat by a parent or legal guardian.

At its peak just before the pandemic, NOAH's kayaking program served over 3,000 participants.

Kayaking is so easy to do that just about anybody can handle it. NOAH uses very stable and comfortable sit-on-top ocean kayaks, so people don't feel confined by the boats. It literally takes no time for novice kayakers to get the hang of it on these boats.

NOAH's kayaking program is made possible by a Save the Harbor Save the Bay Better Beaches Grant as well as support from the American Canoe Association and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.



summer after a hiatus last year due to the pandemic. The program is free and runs from Thursday through Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm.

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

BRUCE HONORED AT 2021 SENIOR WRITING AWARDS

Various undergraduate students in the Writing, Literature, & Publishing (WLP) department were honored this past spring during the 2021 Senior Writing Awards, or 2021 American Poets College Prize Award winners.

In the Department of Writing, Literature and Publishing (WLP), the symbiotic relationship between writing, publishing, and the study of literature becomes a shared experience of finding one's voice, refining one's talent, and gaining the skills and knowledge needed to

succeed in today's evolving literary landscape. Among those recipients was East Boston native Emma Bruce, who recieved the following

award(s):

Distinction in Nonfiction

Bruce is pursuing a degree in Creative Writing BFA and is a member of the Emerson College Class of 2021.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facil-

ities and a renowned fac-

ulty, students participate

in more than 90 student

organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more informa-

HENRIQUEZ PRESENTS RESEARCH **SHOWCASE**

Katherine Henriquez, a Lasell University student from East Boston

presented at the Univer-

sity's Spring Symposium

research showcase, "The

tion, visit emerson.edu.

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Henriquez studied various aspects of personality from a psychological perspective and created a resource, presented at Symposium, designed to help others achieve happiness or fulfill a goal in their lives. Henriquez focused on Latinx youth who might be in the process of identity exploration, citing research demonstrating positive results among those with strong ethnic ties and a sense of belonging in their ethnic group.

The Spring Connected Learning Symposium is one of two annual research symposia held at Lasell University. Student presentations provide scholarly insights into a variety of industry topics, and showcase practical skills and career competencies

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EAST BOSTON WARD 1 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE HOSTS 'CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET'

Last Tuesday evening the East Boston Ward 1 Democratic Committee hosted a 'Candidate Meet and Greet'

at Clippership Wharf.

The evening included candidates running for Mayor of Boston and At-

Large City Council. Candidates in attendance included mayoral candidates Michelle Wu and John

Barros, as well as At-Large City Council Candidates Michael F Flaherty, Ruthzee Louijeune, David Hal-

bert, Jon Spillane, Said A Abdikarim, James Reginald Colimon and Kelly Bates. Each candidate was giv-

en the opportunity to speak about their campaigns and take questions from the community.



Mayoral candidate Michelle Wu.



At-Large City Council candidate Jon Spillane.



At-Large City Council candidate Kelly Bates addresses the Eastie crowd.



At-Large City Council candidate Said A. Abdikarim stopped by last week's event.



At-Large City Council candidate James Reginald Colimon discussed his experience in city government.



At-Large City Council candidate Dave Halbert, who lived in Eastie before moving to Dorchester, discusses his campaign.



At-Large City Council candidate Ruthzee Louijeune has become a familiar face in Eastie with lots of support here.



Mayoral candidate John Barros during the event.



Incumbent At-Large City Council Michael Flaherty has always done well among Eastie voters.



The evening hosted by the East Boston Ward 1 Democratic Committee included free popsicles.



Last week's candidate meet and greet drew a large crowd to Clippership Wharf.



Residents and voters listen to the candidates.



At-Large City Council candidate Kelly Bates talks with



At-Large City Council candidate James Reginald Colimon with Heather O'Brien and Kanet Knott.



Mayoral candidate Michelle Wu discusses the issues of the day with residents.





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Sports

Upcoming East Boston Pop Warner season cancelled

By John Lynds

While the COVID 19 pandemic has had significant impacts on the economy, small businesses, restaurants and education, the impacts have also trickled down to youth sports.

Last summer baseball seasons were shortened, girls softball was cancelled, but this year things were starting to turn the corner until last week.

Those who help organize East Boston Pop Warner (EBPW) football made the difficult decision to pull the plug on the this year's upcoming season.

Perhaps the raging Delta variant or other factors played a role, but for whatever reason the league could not find enough local volunteers to launch a successful and complete season.

Last week EBPW's

trying to keep the program afloat throughout the pandemic the EBPW board regrets to inform the community that they cannot hold a 2021 season.

"After Covid hit it has

been very hard to find coaches and for people to commit to coaching and volunteer staff," said "The remaining Raso. Board members have tried our hardest and best to recruit people from the community to coach football and cheerleading for the kids of East Boston. But with no luck and no volunteers from the community we are not able to have a season. We are hoping with all hope that we will be able to have a season next year and that the community will step up and get the kids back into football and cheerleading."

Raso pleaded with the

Debbie Raso said after community to "step up' trying to keep the program next year for Eastie youth.

"We are the best community to "step up'

"We are the best community out there so let's be there for the kids," she said. "Pop Warner is East Boston's oldest sports program so let's bring the love of Pop Warner football and cheer back to Eastie."

The news came as a shock for many in the community.

"Sad to hear, but it's been like that for a while now with all the youth sports in East Boston," said Anthony Pascucci. "A lot of people don't realize what it takes to keep a youth program going and when you're understaffed it just makes it harder. Unfortunately these past couple of years with COVID, between canceling seasons and dealing with restrictions, it just makes it harder to get parents to register their children or



A shot from an East Boston Pop Warner game prior to COVID. The board has decided to cancel the upcoming fall season due to lack of volunteers and coaches.

get them to commit. I'm a board member for East Boston Girls Softball and we are having the same problem as football this year. I guess what I'm

trying to say is we need to keep our kids involved in sports, but we also need volunteers to make it work. Good luck Pop Warner and I hope you

guys can come back even stronger next season."

EBPW parent Aimeé Pelosi, "All we needed were coaches and volunteers. It's so sad.

New England Aquarium divers rescue ocean sunfish trapped in Eastie

By John Lynds

The New England Aquarium released dramatic footage of two of its divers rescuing a juvenile ocean sunfish last week that became trapped in a construction barrier that was placed in the waters off the shore of East Boston.

"Two of our Giant OceanTank divers made a quick trip to East Boston last week to rescue a Sunfish," the Aquarium said in a statement. "This sunfish was stuck behind a construction barrier, and our friends at the New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance called us for help."

The ocean sunfish, known as the Mola Mola, is one of the two heaviest known bony fishes in the world. Adults typically weigh between 545-2,205 lb. The species is native to tropical and temperate waters around the world. It resembles a fish head with a tail, and its main body is flattened laterally. Sunfish can be as tall as they are long when their dorsal and ventral fins are extended.

The video footage taken by the Aquarium shows the two divers entering the water just off a pier in Eastie. The divers help the sunfish untangle itself from the netting and maneuver it to the other

into the open harbor. After freeing the majestic fish the divers give the boat a thumbs up to signal a successful rescue.

The video can be found

side so it can swim away

The video can be found at www.universalhub. com%2F2021%2Fbaby-wheel-rescued-east-boston-shore.

As the harbor becomes cleaner and cleaner more and more species are migrating closer to the neighborhood. Just the other day residents posted pictures of harbor seals swimming near Lopresti Park.

The Harbor is home to a wide array of marine life but sometimes the sunfish is mistaken for a whale or even a shark.

Because ocean sunfish often swim near the surface their protruding dorsal fins and size resembles that of a shark. However, the two can be distinguished by the motion of the fin. Unlike most fish, the sunfish swings its dorsal fin in a characteristic sculling motion to help it swim.

Despite their size, ocean sunfish are docile and pose no threat to human swimmers or divers. However, collisions with sunfish are common in some parts of the world and can cause damage to the hull of a boat, or to the propellers.



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ACTING MAYOR JANEY HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR FOR EASTIE AND NORTH END

On Monday, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 2021 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series, in collaboration with Dunkin' Donuts, for East Boston and North End on Monday, August 9 at Puopolo Playground in the North End.

"The Neighborhood Coffee Hours bring neighbors together to connect with one another and get to know a variety of the City of Boston officials who serve our communities," said Janes.

Janey's Neighborhood Coffee Hours was an opportunity to speak directly with the Acting Mayor

and staff from City departments about open space and other features in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions, and a suggestion box at each site, Janey heard how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and city ser-

Participants enjoyed Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats provided by Dunkin'. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance received a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey addresses the crowd.



On Monday, Acting Mayor Kim Janey hosted the 2021 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series for East Boston and North End on Monday, August 9 at Puopolo Playground in the North End.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey talks with Eastie and North End residents during the annual Coffee Hour.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey poses with residents during the Coffee Hour.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey greets residents at Puopolo Playground in the North End.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey poses with members of the Eastie and North End communities Monday at Puopolo Playground in the North End.



Rep. Adrian Madaro was on hand during the Mayor's Coffee



Rep. Adrian Madaro and North End Rep. Aaron Michlewicz during the annual event.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey heard how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and city services.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey poses with youth from the Nazzaro Center in the North End.



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Massachusetts FY21 revenue collections total \$34.137 billion

Staff Report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary June 2021 revenue collections total \$3.687 billion as of August 3, 2021, which is \$1.11 billion or 43.1 percent more than benchmark, but \$1.139 billion or 23.6 percent less than the actual

collections in June 2020. However, June 2020 actual collections were impacted by the extension of the Fiscal Year 2020 personal income tax filing deadline from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020. In addition, personal income tax collections received after the close of Fiscal Year 2020 were recorded as June 2020 revenue.

Revenue collections for Fiscal Year 2021 were \$34.137 billion, \$5.047 billion or 17.3% above benchmark and \$4.528 billion or 15.3 percent over the actual amount collected in Fiscal Year 2020. Some year-end adjustments will be made to Fiscal Year

2021 revenue collections Laws: in August.

"Fiscal Year 2021 revenue collections reflect the impact of the ongoing economic recovery, federal fiscal and monetary policies, and the financial markets' performance", said Commissioner Snyder.

Historically, June is a significant month for revenues, because both individual and business taxpayers make estimated payments during the month. In most years, the month of June has ranked second (behind only April) in the proportion of annual revenue received during the month.

In a letter to the State Comptroller last week, DOR certified that the preliminary total capital gains tax revenue collected in Fiscal Year 2021 was \$2,532.6 million, generating a total Fiscal Year 2021 transfer of approximately \$1,220.2 million to the Stabilization Fund, the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund, and the Pension Liability Fund as follows under Section 5G of

•90% (~\$1,098.1 million) into the Stabilization

(~\$61.0 million) •5% into the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund; and

•5% (~\$61.0 million) into the Pension Liability

Based on the Period 3 certification letter issued by DOR on June 22, 2021, the Comptroller has already transferred \$946.5 million to the aforementioned funds. Therefore, today's certification letter requires additional transfers of approximately \$273.7 million.

Preliminary June Revenue Collections

- · Income tax collections for June are \$1.828 billion, \$386 million or 26.7% above benchmark, \$1.8 billion or 49.6% less than June 2020. The decline from June 2020 was expected, as mentioned
- Withholding tax collections for June total \$1.199 billion, \$93 million or 8.4% above benchmark, and \$105 million or 9.6%

more than June 2020.

- · Income tax estimated payments total \$622 million for June, \$288 million or 86.3% more than benchmark, and \$25 million or 4.2% more than June 2020.
- · Income tax returns and bills total \$91 million for June, \$46 million or 99.7% more than benchmark, but \$2.136 billion or 95.9% less than June 2020.
- · Income tax cash refunds in June total \$84 million in outflows, \$41 million or 94.6% more than benchmark, but \$206 million or 70.9% less than June 2020.
- · Sales and use tax collections for June total \$785 million, \$234 million or 42.4% above benchmark, and \$201 million or 34.5% more than June 2020.
- · Corporate and business tax collections for June total \$794 million, \$353 million or 80% above benchmark, and \$344 million or 76.7% more than June

Other tax collections for June total \$280 million, \$138 million or 96.5% above benchmark, and \$114 million or 69% more than June 2020.

Fiscal Year 2021 Revenue Collections

Income tax collections \$19.593 billion are \$2.913 billion or 17.5% benchmark, \$2.232 billion or 12.9% than Fiscal Year

Withholding collections total \$14.719 billion, \$688 million or 4.9% above benchmark, and \$983 million or 7.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Favorable withholding collections are due in part to much improved labor market conditions and the impact of federal COVID-19 relief legislation.

· Estimated payments of \$2.942 billion are \$729 million or 33% above benchmark, and \$592 million or 25.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

- · Income tax payments with returns and bills total \$3.659 billion, \$1.347 billion or 58.3% above benchmark, and \$609 million or 19.9% more than Fiscal Year 2020.
- Income tax refunds (outflows) are \$1.727 billion, \$149 million or 7.9% below benchmark, and \$49 million or 2.7% less than Fiscal Year 2020.
- · The favorable performance of non-withholding income tax collections, which are the total of income tax payments with returns and bills and income tax estimated payments, net of income tax refunds, in part reflects the financial markets' performance.
- · Sales and use tax collections of \$7.834 billion are \$660 million or 9.2% above benchmark, \$1.023 billion or 15.0% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Sales tax collections

are driven by both on-line sales and brick and mortar sales, as well as the implementation of rules re-

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and use tax collections for

Fiscal Year 2021: -Regular Sales collections are \$5.832 billion, \$341 million or 6.2% above benchmark, and \$927 million or 18.9% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

-Meals tax collections are \$948 billion, \$120 million or 14.6% above benchmark, and \$130 million or 12% less than Fiscal Year 2020.

-Motor vehicles sales tax collections are \$1.054 million, \$198 million or 23.2% above benchmark, and \$226 million or 27.3% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

· Corporate and business tax collections total \$4.116 billion, \$892 million or 27.7% above benchmark, and \$1.192 billion or 40.8% more than Fiscal Year 2020. Favorable corporate and business tax collections reflect the impact of the economic recovery and federal fiscal and monetary policies.

· Other taxes are \$2.594 billion, \$582 million or 28.9% above benchmark, and \$80 million or 3.2% more than Fiscal Year 2020.

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John Zuccaro, Sr.

East Boston AmVets member

John E. Zuccaro, Sr. of East Boston passed away on July 14.



the 24th Infantry Division. He was also part of the East Boston AmVets.

The beloved husband of the late Grace Luongo, he was the loving father of John Zuccaro, Jr. and Catherine of Billerica, Richard Zuccaro and Mary Beth of Saugus, and David Zuccaro of Boston; adored grandfather of John Zuccaro III, Richard Zuccaro and Kyle Zuccaro. John was predeceased by eight siblings.

Family and friends honored John's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Ori-



ent Heights) East Boston on Sunday, July 18 and again Monday morning, July 19 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass. Services concluded with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

Josephine Cieri

Died just days after her 100th birthday

Josephine (Gregorio) Cieri, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away on August 9, just three days after her 100th birthday.

Born in Revere on August 6, 1921 to the late Pompilio and Mary (Colucci), she was the beloved wife of the late Anthony Cieri, devoted mother of Maria McGinty and her husband, John of Florida, Donald Cieri and his wife, Barbara of Arizona, Ethel Sinatra of Saugus, formerly of Everett, and Lynne Guinta and her husband, Joseph of Rowley; dear sister of William Gregorio and his wife, Judy of Revere, and the late Anne Ciardelli, Luca Gregorio, Rosemarie Orlanzo, and Ralph, Anthony and Alfred Gregorio. She was the cherished grandmother of 14, great grandmother of 23, and great great grandmother of five and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere today, Wednesday, August 11 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a 12 noon Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Revere. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers. donations may be made in Josephine's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at stjude.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com



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OBITUARIES

Carol Spano

Of Danvers, formerly of Winthrop

Carol A. (Ferraguto) Spano of Danvers, formerly of Winthrop, passed away peacefully on August 6.

The loving daughter

of the late Domenic and Mary (Simole) Ferraguto, she was the beloved wife of John Spano, devoted mother of Jonathan Spano and his wife, Natalia of Stoneham and Justin Spano and his wife, Tiffany of Peabody; dear sister of the late Andrew Ferraguto and cherished grandmother of Gianna, Ariana, Antonio and Luca. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-

Family and friends honored Carol's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Fami-



ly Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston to share stories and memories of Carol's wonderful life. In accordance with the Spano Family's wishes, funeral services after the visitation were private. To leave an online condolence, please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

Madlyn Riley

Former East Boston resident

Madlyn R. (Murphy) Riley, in Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, died on July 22.

She was the beloved wife of the late James F. Riley Sr., loving mother of Nancy and her husband, Michael Celona of East Boston, Kevin Riley of Winthrop and the late James F. Riley Jr.; grandmother of Michael and Kimberly Celona, Stacey and Thomas Strong, Tina and Kristen Celona and great-grandmother of Olivia and Madlyn Strong, Victor, Brayleigh and Aislynn Celona.

Madlyn's funeral was held from the Magrath Funeral Home on Monday, July 26. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. John



the Evangelist Church, Winthrop. Interment followed in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Donations in Madlyn's memory to MSPCA-Angell Memorial Hospital would be appreciated. Please send messages of condolence to the family on Madlyn's Tribute page at Magrath-FuneralHome.com.

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heart... I will be there.

Kappy Birthday Frankie. We Love & Miss you so very, very much. Mom, Uncle Rico, Aunts & Cousins

Francesco "Frank" Licciardi

A kind and loving husband, father and Nonno (grandfather)

Francesco "Frank" Licciardi of Revere passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on August 9 at the age of 83.

Born in Apice, a Province of Benevento, Italy on February 3, 1938 to the late Erminio and Caterina Licciardi, Frank married the love of his life, immigrated to America in 1963, settled in Revere and was employed at Straeger Co. in Revere.

He was the beloved husband of Maria Assunta (Beatrice) for 58 years, loving father of Caterina "Cathy" O'Donnell and her husband, James of Revere, Frank Licciardi and his wife, Sabrina of North Reading, Maureen Melillo and her husband, Matthew of Sturbridge; cherished grandfather of Alexia and Marco Licciardi and Jake Melillo; dear brother of Joseph Licciardi and his wife, Kathy of Saugus, Michele Licciardi and his late wife, Rachela of Apice, Italy, the late Antonio Licciardi of Middleton and Rosaria Genato of Italy; dear brother-in-law of Carmine Masiello and his late wife, Nicolina, Carmine Colarusso and his late wife Antonietta, Elena Coccimiglio and her late husband, Nicola, all of Revere, Francesco DiVito and his late wife, Angelina of Saugus and the late Filippo Beatrice and his wife, Cristina, Michelina Monaco and her husband, Pasquale, Antonetta Beatrice, Antonio Beatrice and Angelo Beatrice; dear Godfather of Anthony Masiello, Gianni Inglese and Giuseppe Genato. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and dear friends.

Frank was a kind and loving husband, father



and Nonno (grandfather). He was a joyful man who taught us that "family was the most important thing." Frank cherished his wife, Maria, and loved spending time with her; gardening, taking walks hand in hand, going to concerts and traveling. Nothing brought him greater joy than being with his children and grandchildren; summer trips to Maine and family visits to North Carolina. He also enjoyed making (and sharing) wine, swimming, going to the movies and dining out. Frank was a very spiritual man and a devoted parishioner of St. Anthony's Church. No words can express this incredible loss. He will be

deeply missed. His funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere on Friday, August 13 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St., Revere at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be held at Buonfiglio Funeral Home on Thursday from 4

(Masks and social distancing are requested by the family and will be required upon entrance to funeral home and church.) Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

to 8 p.m.

Josephine Falzone

Of Revere

Josephine Falzone of Revere passed away on August 5 at the age of 101.

Born in Boston on March 19, 1920 to the late Phillipo and Theresa (Micchi), she was the dear sister of the late Ida Contino, Phillip Falzone, Concetta Capobianco and Salvatore Falzone. Josephine is survived by her loving niece and caretaker, Roberta Rizzo and her husband, Lee of Revere as well as many additional nieces and nephews.

A visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio Sons-Bruno Funeral

Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Tuesday, August 10 followed by a Prayer Service in the funeral home. A private entombment will take place for the immediate family at Woodlawn Mausoleum in Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Josephine's name to The Lighthouse Nursing Care Center, Attn: Activities, 204 Proctor Ave, Revere, MA 02151 all proceeds will be used for resident activities. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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OBITUARIES

Lorraine Tower

Of East Boston

Lorraine (McDonald) Tower of East Boston passed away on August 6.

The beloved wife of the late James Tower Sr., she was the loving mother of the late James Tower Jr., dear mother in law of Sandra DiPhilippo and cherished grandmother of James Tower.

In accordance with the family's wishes, all services are private. A memorial mass will be announced at a later date.



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Decades-long devoted president of the St. Joseph - St. Lazarus **Courageous Generation**

Mary T. "Marilu" (Luca) Alessandroni of East Boston passed away peacefully on August 2 at age 88.

A decades-long devoted president of the St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Courageous Generation, she was the devoted wife of the late Salvatore "Red" Alessandroni, the beloved mother of Donna O'Connor and her husband, Mike, Retired Sergeant BPD, of Jamaica Plain, Michael Alessandroni of Lunenburg and the late Joseph; cherished sister of Joseph Luca and his wife, Terry, of Medford and Vincent Luca of East Boston; dear sister-in-law of the late Nora, Aldo, and Ann Alessandroni and Edith LaFleur; adored nana to Michael O'Connor III and his wife, Allie, Erin Candeloro and her husband, John and Julianne O'Connor and treasured great-grandmother of So-



phie O'Connor.

Family and friends honored Mary's life by gathering at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston, on Thursday, August 5 and again Friday, August 6 for a Mass celebrating Mary's life. Services concluded with Mary being laid to rest with her husband and son at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, please consider doing an act of kindness in Mary's memory. To leave an online condolence please visit www.

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Hundreds of thousands of people filled the Boulevard this Revere Beach Years! weekend to attend the Inter-Annual national Sand Sculpting Festival. This year's theme was Revere Beach itself with the sculptures taking us on a brief stroll through a timeline of Revere Beach.

A detail from Sculpture #1 shows the faces of those first visitors to Revere Beach in 1896.

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The ferris wheel which was located centrally along the Boulevard was a popular attraction throughout the Festival.



Sculpture #1 depicts Revere Beach the year it opened in 1896.



A detail from Sculpture #2 showing the entrance to the original Wonderland, an amusement park that inspired



Arnold, Arnoldo, and Leslie Trejo from Maine took in the sand sculptures.



A detail of Sculpture #4 showing people having fun to-

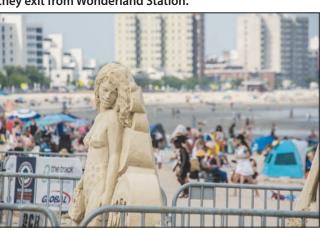




A detail of Sculpture#3 shows a beachgoer in a bikini from







A woman in a bikini typical of the 1970s stands as if she was real and enjoying the beautiful Summer day.



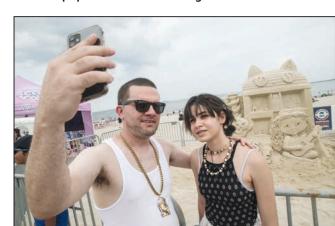
Franshelly Alcantara and Kiara Peralta from Providence



Lola and Harry Martinez from Boston sit on the beach wall.



Amazon was represented.



Chris and Krista Jones from Boston do a selfie in front of a Sculpture #6 advertising the Netflix series Gabby's Dollwv-



Erin Lynch, Erin Conry, and Zoe Leven from Revere Beach Partnership, the organization that puts on this esteemed



Frozen Hoagies offered some frozen treats to help the sand



A detail of Sculpture#3 shows the Cyclone roller-coaster.

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