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**Eastie Pride
Day Photos
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Two artists receive city art grants to increase public art in Eastie

By John Lynds

This week the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture award grants to artists and organizations to create short-term public art projects and activations through the Transformative Public Art program.

In Eastie two artists will receive grant money to create public art at the new East Boston Senior Center that is currently under construction as well as Eastie Farms.

The city has allocated a total of \$750,000 in funding for mural projects at 10 sites across nine Boston neighborhoods as well as another \$323,950 for 27 short-term projects.

In Eastie, Alex Gerasev will work in collaboration with Boston's Age Strong Commission to create a mural at the East Boston Senior Center.

Construction on the fu-

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EASTIE PRIDE DAY 2021



Above, Members of the US Coast Guard show off the science behind cleaning up a maritime oil spill during the High School's STEM event that was part of Eastie Pride Day.

Right, Local Eastie youth take part in the STEM event at Eastie Pride Day.

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Edwards will run for Senate seat if Boncore steps down

By John Lynds

During an interview Tuesday, District 1 Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards made it clear she is not running against sitting State Senator Joe Boncore, but will run if and when Boncore, who is in negotiations for a job with Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, officially gives up his senate seat.

Edwards, who was elected as the first woman of color to the District 1 Council seat in 2017, said out of respect and deference for the sitting senator who has not left office she will only officially announce when Boncore's exit becomes official.

"My life has been entirely defined by service – from my time as a military brat as my mother served in the United States Air Force, to my work pass-

ing the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, to my time as a Boston City Councilor," she said. "My first campaign for office was in pursuit of the Massachusetts Senate seat representing the First Suffolk & Middlesex District, and now that opportunity has come full circle and presented itself again."

Edwards said after weeks of conversations with family, friends, and colleagues after news broke of a potential Boncore exit from the senate she made the decision to share her intentions publicly.

When Senator Boncore steps down, I will formally step up," she said.

Edwards said Boncore has been a steadfast partner in the senate and has served the public with

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Annual Marine and Maritime Festival set for August 27

By John Lynds

For a while now, the East Boston Harborkeepers, a group founded in 2016 to promote climate resiliency, has been fostering environmental stewardship along the neighborhood's shoreline.

On Friday, August 27 the Harborkeepers will host the Annual Marine and Maritime Festival at Constitution Beach from 11 am to 2 pm.

Harborkeepers Founder and Director Magdalena Ayed said the event, sponsored by a host of local supporters as well as the US Coast Guard, Save the HarborSave the Bay Better Beaches Program and the Massachusetts DCR, will feature a whole host of activities throughout the day.

Ayed said there was a

slight tweak this year in the official name of the festival due to the participation of the Coast Guard.

"We are excited to continue the planning for the now-called "Maritime Beach Festival in partnership with the US Coast Guard Sector Boston," she said. "The event name evolution is due to the need to create a more seamless identity and brand this year due to our collaborations with the Mayor's Office of Public Service. We are delighted to have such collaborations in one of the best waterfront spaces in Boston."

The festival will feature marine activities, art, performances, demonstrations by the United States Coast Guard, free kayaking, face-painting, a sand

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Planet Fitness teams up with Salesians for school back pack giveaway and raffle

By John Lynds

On Monday at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street, the DeMartinis Franchise Group, owners of the East Boston Planet Fitness, once again teamed up with the Boys & Girls Club for a back to school backpack giveaway.

The special event that has been running for four years is twofold.

Planet Fitness, one of the largest and fast-

est-growing franchisors and operators of fitness centers in the U.S. is home of the "Judgment Free Zone" and has been partnering with youth organizations like the Boys & Girls Club to promote health and wellness as well as anti-bullying through the Judgment Free Generation--Planet Fitnesses philanthropic initiative.

"The Judgment Free Zone is our way," said Planet Fitness's Market-

ing Coordinator Danielle D'Amelio. "We are trying to start kids early and create a generation that combats judgement and bullying by creatina culture of kindness and encouragement. Our mission is to empower a generation to grow up contributing to a more judgement-free planet or a place where everyone feels accepted and that they belong."

On the other hand the annual event helps attract more families to sign up

for the Salesian widely successful afterschool program while helping families with a whole host of school supplies and backpacks.

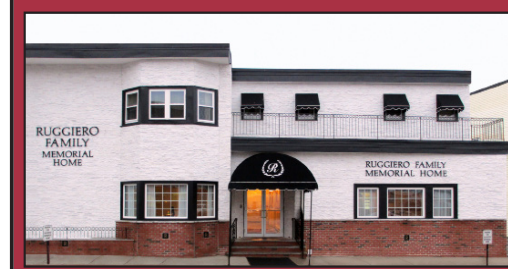
Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant said the backpack giveaway goes a long way to helping Salesian families prepare for the school year.

"Planet Fitness came to us about four years ago and said they want to help our families prepare for getting back to school," said Triant. "So this event helps get our families ready for the school year with some of the supplies they need through this generous donation from Planet Fitness. So our families come down, they get a backpack, some school supplies and they can register for the after school program. It's obviously a tough time now for many families but the community always comes together and supports one another with help from businesses like Planet Fitness and programs like this helps immensely."

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East Boston Planet Fitness's Regional Manager Steven Lombardi distributes backpacks to Salesian Boys & Girls Club members during Monday's backpack giveaway.



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At Monday’s event, 100 members of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club received the backpack donation filled with school supplies, as part of their annual after-school parent registration night for the 2021-2022 academic

year. Backpacks included notebooks, folders, markers, crayons, pencils and colored pencils, a glue stick, ruler, pencil case, and Planet Fitness squeeze water bottles. A raffle was also held for the parents to win Tar-

get gift cards and a one-year Planet Fitness membership. Barbera Blake, mom of Boys & Girls Club member Lilly, won the raffle for the one-year membership.



Some club kids show off their new Planet Fitness back to school swag bags.



Salesian Boys & Girls Club members and staff, including Executive Director Mike Triant (back row left) joins with East Boston Planet Fitness’s Assistant Manager Hoober Alvarez, Marketing Coordinator Danielle D’Amelio and Planet Fitness’s Regional Manager Steven Lombardi during the backpack giveaway event.



East Boston Planet Fitness’s Assistant Manager Hoober Alvarez, Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Mike Triant, Planet Fitness Marketing Coordinator Danielle D’Amelio and Planet Fitness’s Regional Manager Steven Lombardi.



This Salesian Boys & Girls Club member was one of 100 members that received a back to school backpack that included notebooks, folders, markers, crayons, pencils and colored pencils, a glue stick, ruler, pencil case, and Planet Fitness squeeze water bottles.

Councilors Breadon and Edwards file ordinance targeting predatory towing

Councilors Liz Breadon and Lydia Edwards have filed legislation to modernize and reform involuntary private vehicle towing and relocation practices in Boston. The proposed ordinance would establish standards for private towing companies, bringing into line practices of some companies that vehicle owners, public agencies, and consumer watchdogs have viewed as manipulative and predatory. The regulations come at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the ability of residents to cover essential everyday costs such as food, rent, and car payments, and recent studies have shown just 39% of U.S. adults could afford a \$1,000 unexpected expense.

The proposal, Ordinance Regulating Predatory Towing Practices and Establishing a Towing Bill of Rights (Docket #0901) will be introduced by Councilors Breadon and Edwards at the Boston City Council meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 12:00 PM (Live-streamed at Boston City Council TV).

Standards established by the ordinance include mandating that towing companies publish and display their rates, accept payment via credit card as opposed to solely cash, requiring a photograph of the vehicle’s parked position before towing, providing itemized bills detailing charges, and reimbursement for damages related to towing or storage. The legislation also prohibits tow operators from cruising or surveilling private property without cause, as an involuntary tow must first be initiated by a request from a private property owner. Under the ordinance,

the Boston Transportation Department would be tasked with proposing guidelines for “No Parking” signs for private property owners to provide sufficient notice of enforced towing. The department would publish and distribute a Boston Towing Bill of Rights to inform consumers of their rights when their vehicle is towed, how to recognize predatory towing practices and an unlawful tow, provide details on how to retrieve their vehicle, and how to file a complaint of an unlawful practice. An annual report would be submitted to the City Clerk summarizing the financial statements of tow companies as reported to and regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Transportation Oversight Division.

The ordinance follows the recommendations outlined in a May 2021 report by the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MASSPIRG), “Getting Off the Hook of a Predatory Tow in Massachusetts.” The MASSPIRG report identified existing protections in Massachusetts, including a maximum tow rate of \$108, maximum storage rates of \$35 per 24-hour period, notification of the tow company to law enforcement of an involuntary tow, release of a vehicle for an incomplete tow at a “drop fee” no greater than half the towing cost, and reimbursement for an unauthorized tow. “Losing a vehicle, even temporarily, can have profound impacts on an individual and their family’s livelihood and economic stability,” said District 9 City Councilor Liz Breadon. “People who rely on their cars may lose access to work, education,

healthcare, and social services due to an unexpected tow. We certainly need to get more cars off our streets and prioritize affordable, reliable, and accessible public transit and safer biking, but for working-class residents who have had to move further from accessible transit, having a vehicle could be their lifeline. We absolutely must strengthen our regulations to reign in predatory practices of bad actors in the towing industry.”

“Tow operators who cruise or hunt for cars to tow, without cause or first receiving a request from the owner or business, is just plain wrong and unethical,” said District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards. “Now is the time to outlaw predatory towing, when families can ill afford to be without their vehicle. These are common sense updates that would help fight back against an industry that is often seen as manipulative and unfair.”

“If passed, these new towing rules are important consumer protections for Boston residents and those who work in and visit the City. Under the best circumstances, getting towed is an ordeal, even when justified,” said Deirdre Cummings, Consumer Program Director for MASSPIRG. “For many drivers, however, the situation is compounded because the current consumer protections are weak and outdated. Preventing tow companies from only taking cash, requiring better disclosure of rates and itemized bills, requiring a photograph of the car before a tow, and preventing the practice of predatory towing are common sense yet critical consumer protections.”

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MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF SUMMER

If nothing else, the Summer of 2021 has taught us an age-old lesson: The only thing that is certain about life is uncertainty.

Remember when President Biden told the country in the spring that his goal was to have the pandemic restrictions lifted across the country by July 4?

At that time, the Delta variant of COVID-19, though already responsible for a huge surge in deaths in India and other places, constituted only a tiny fraction of cases in the United States.

But by July 4, almost all of the COVID cases in the U.S., among both the vaccinated and unvaccinated, were attributable to Delta, which is many times more contagious than original COVID and proving to be far deadlier among the unvaccinated, particularly for younger age groups.

Today, COVID-19 is raging as never before and restrictions on our normal living are being reinstated.

The extent of the tragic and sad situation that has been unfolding in Afghanistan (though foreseeable by some) caught the U.S. government and the American people completely off-guard. Afghanistan registered barely a blip on the news cycle at the start of the summer, but now it dominates the news.

And although scientists have long warned us of the overall effects of climate change, the catastrophic weather events of this summer -- the floods, wildfires, and drought -- have been felt in every corner of the globe.

Then, as if to place an exclamation point on the extent of life's vicissitudes, just this past weekend, the wonderful Concert in Central Park was cut short by a lightning storm.

If the Summer of 2020 was notable for lockdowns, the Summer of 2021 will be remembered as a real-life version of Whack-a-Mole, when we never were able to regain our footing on the path to normalcy because of all of the obstacles that continuously sprung up along the way.

There are just two weekends left in the Summer of 2021, our Summer of Uncertainty.

We hope that all of our readers will make the most of the summer days that are left, but do so safely.

THE UNVACCINATED ARE REBELS WITHOUT A CAUSE

For the majority of our readers -- who are vaccinated (because we live in Eastern Mass.) -- the reasons being given by those who refuse to get the shot, even when they are dying in the hospital, are inexplicable.

The most-often heard statement from the new COVID cohort is that they were exercising their "freedom" from the tyranny of government officials who have been urging Americans to be vaccinated.

However, freedom isn't free, as those who are filling the critical care beds in our hospitals are learning the hard way. Further, their freedom to die affects the rest of us, both by spreading the disease among their fellow citizens and pushing our healthcare system to the brink.

Ironically, getting a COVID-19 vaccination shot is among the least demanding of the many impositions on our freedom that all of us experience as Americans each and every day.

Even in our free society, we live with restrictions on our behavior in everything we do. No one has the right to walk naked down the street, to drive a car as fast as they want, or to not pay taxes, to name just the most obvious examples of restrictions on our personal freedom.

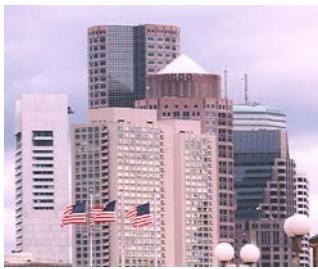
More to the point (no pun intended), many vaccines already are mandated from the time we are born in this country in order to attend public schools.

In addition, unscrupulous politicians (Trump, Cruz, DeSantis, et als), together with disingenuous social and traditional media, are amplifying this corrupted notion of absolute freedom.

Ultimately however, the decision to get the vaccine remains a personal choice. But as we watch the suffering among the unvaccinated, their pathetic plight brings to mind the title of the classic James Dean movie, Rebel Without a Cause.

Yes, the unvaccinated may be exercising their "freedom."

But in the final analysis, what was the point of it all?



Forum

Eastie's weekly COVID numbers decrease

By John Lynds

While East Boston's weekly positive COVID test rate decreased over the past week, the Delta variant of the virus is still prevalent, and the city has updated its mask mandate policy for indoor venues this week.

After experiencing a 59 percent increase in the weekly COVID positive test rate between August 6 and August 13, the weekly positive test rate has decreased in the neighborhood.

Last week, 1,535 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and three percent were positive--this was a 14 percent decrease from the 3.5 percent reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) two weeks ago.

Of the 46,225 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 17 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease of 0.58 percent from the 17.1 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased 10 percent last week after experiencing a steady

increase since early July. According to the BPHC 22,466 residents were tested and 3.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 3.5 decrease increase from the 3.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

This week Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced face masks will be required in all indoor public settings in the City of Boston, as part of a five-point plan for the delta variant, a more contagious COVID-19 mutation that is now the primary strain of the virus.

The public health order, issued by the Boston Public Health Commission, will go into effect at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 27 in the City. The City is implementing this proactive public health plan to mitigate community transmission of the Delta variant, ahead of the arrival of more than 50,000 college students from across the country and a return to school for more than 50,000 Boston Public School students. Most of the 100,000 children who live in the City of Boston are too young to be eligible for vaccination.

"There is nothing more

important than Boston's safe recovery, reopening, and renewal from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic," said Janey. "We know that masks work best when everyone wears one. Requiring masks indoors is a proactive public health measure to limit transmission of the Delta variant, boost the public confidence in our businesses and venues, and protect the residents of our city who are too young for vaccination."

On Friday, the city will require all people over the age of two to wear a mask or face covering, "whenever they are indoors on the premises of a business, club, place of assembly or other place that is open to members of the public, including but not limited to retail establishments, restaurants, bars, performance venues, social clubs, event spaces, and municipal buildings".

"The Delta variant continues to create an additional challenge to stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our community," said Interim Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission Rita Nieves. "Wearing a mask

indoors along with getting more people vaccinated will offer more protection to all our residents, including children under 12 and those who are not able to get vaccinated."

Eastie's COVID infection rate increased only 0.58 percent and the rate went from 1685.1 cases per 10,000 residents to 1694.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

Forty-six additional residents contracted the virus between August 6 and August 13 and there are now 7,954 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 cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 1.2 percent since August 13 and went from 74,052 cases to 74,940 confirmed cases in a week. There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past two weeks and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,403.

Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for July

The state's July total unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.9 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 43,400 jobs in July. This follows last month's gain of 11,200 jobs. Over the month, the private sector added 30,700 jobs as gains occurred across seven sectors, led by Leisure and Hospitality and Professional, Scientific and Business Services. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 146,400 jobs.

From July 2020 to July 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 254,200 jobs. Gains occurred in all sectors led by Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Trade, Transportation and Utilities with greater than 40,000 jobs gained over the year.

The July unemployment rate was 0.5 percentage point below the national rate of 5.4 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 4,900 from 3,696,700 in June, as 5,000 more residents were employed and 100 fewer residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 4.9 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate -- the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks -- was up 0.1 percentage point at 65.6 percent following a revision to the June rate of 65.5 percent. Compared to July 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 2.5 percentage points.

July 2021 Employment Overview:

Leisure and Hospitality gained 19,400 (+6.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 83,600 (+37.9%) jobs were added.

Government gained 12,700 (+2.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,000 (+2.3%) jobs were added.

Professional and Business Services gained 8,000 (+1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 44,400 (+7.8%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 3,100 (+1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,900 (+4.8%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 2,200 jobs (+1.3%) over the month. Over the year, 15,300 (+10.2%) jobs were added.

Information gained 1,800 (+2.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,200 (+8.4%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities gained 400 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the

year, 4,300 (+2.0%) jobs were added.

Other Services lost 100 jobs (-0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,500 (+10.1%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 300 (-0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 43,100 (+8.4%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services lost 3,800 (-0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 24,900 (+3.4%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The July estimates show 3,521,200 Massachusetts residents were employed and 180,500 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,701,600. The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.9 percent. Over the month, the July labor force was up by 4,900 from 3,696,700 in June, with 5,000 more residents employed and 100 fewer residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working-age population employed and unemployed, was 65.6 percent. The labor force was up 138,500 from the 3,563,100 July 2020 estimate, as 307,900 more residents were employed

and 169,400 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

NOTES:

The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for July 2021 will be released on Tuesday, August 24, 2021. The preliminary August 2021 and revised July 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, September 17, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

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Edward’s Boston-Cambridge Tourism Marketing District passes council

By John Lynds

City Councilor Lydia Edward’s push to create the first ever tourism marketing district for Boston and Cambridge passed the City Council unanimously last week.

The effort that was co-sponsored by Councilor Frank Baker, will permit hotels in Boston and Cambridge to assess members of the district a fee that will be directly reinvested back into tourism, similar to a business improvement district.

The estimated \$10 million investment in the first year of the newly created district will promote tourism in Boston and Cambridge, help beautify and maintain green and open spaces in the two cities, increase supplier diversity, and create a reserve fund to help the tourism industry weather economic downturns.

“Boston and Cambridge are the first cities to create a Tourism Marketing District under this new state law,” said Edwards. “I’m honored to have cosponsored its creation with Councilor Frank Baker. This tourism district will help promote our neighborhoods—share in this wonderful recovery and all of the benefits that come from it. It is a historic day in that we have not just Boston, we have the City of Cambridge, and we have the state house, all on the same page. It was great to see all of that happen, and the excitement behind it.”

The assessed fees of members of the district are projected to be up to \$10.5 million annually.

Councilor Baker, Chair of the Committee on Arts, Culture, Tourism and Special Events said It was long past due to start spending some money on promoting the cities of Boston and Cambridge.

“It’s about the time that we started celebrating what we are and how much we can do and help the industry that was absolutely killed this year,” said Baker. “Last year hotels pre-pandemic were around 90% (capacity) and last year they were only around 20%. We need to promote and support this industry and I’m proud to stand here and say that we’re going to do that with this petition.”

borhood’s restaurants, museums and restaurants to visitors. East Boston is a gem. The money raised by this district plan will be put to good use by maintaining our open spaces like the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, beautification efforts and hopefully tree lights and other holiday celebrations.”

Ahead of the vote last week the new district was approved by Cambridge and only required Boston City Council approval for creation.

The Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with Edwards to create the distinct and the plan sets forth the services, programs, budget, assessment structure, criteria for businesses, management, and committee for the area.

Edwards said the new district will be a crucial part of a strong economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The tourism industry and its employees have been some of the hardest hit during this pandemic. The tourism industry disproportionately employs women and people of color at much higher rates than other industries, and

is often a stepping stone for meaningful wages and union membership.

“What we’re about to do which is make history again in the City of Boston,” said Edwards at last week’s Council hearing. Edwards Chair’s the Council’s Committee on Government Operations. “This tourism destination and marketing district plan and petition is something that is necessary and vital to us in the face of recovery. We need to compete with other cities. We need to demonstrate and market our city as a beautiful place for people to come spend time, spend money and get to know this beautiful city. I am honored to represent one of the downtown neighborhoods of the North End, where on an annual basis before the pandemic we had up to 2 million people coming in that third of a square mile. So we understand that tourism is vital to our economy, but so are good neighbors (like Cambridge). Having good neighbors coming together to make sure our neighborhoods thrive, that workers have good jobs and all aspects of Boston—all of our neighborhoods--share in this wonderful recovery and all of the benefits that come from it. It is a historic day in that we have not just Boston, we have the City of Cambridge, and we have the state house, all on the same page. It was great to see all of that happen, and the excitement behind it.”

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quirement to demonstrate vaccination. The Administration will provide further guidance in the coming weeks for employees who may wish to seek such an exemption.

Executive Department employees who are not vaccinated or approved for an exemption as of October 17, 2021 will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The Administration will continue to work with its union partners regarding this policy, and specific ramifications of non-compliance for staff represented by unions will be discussed well in advance of October 17 with each employee union. Management employees not in compliance as of October 17, 2021 will also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Vaccines are widely available in Massachusetts, with over 900 locations available at the Commonwealth’s Vax-Finder website, including locations with walk-up appointments. Massachusetts remains a national leader in vaccinating its residents, with over 85% of adults having received at least one dose. This has supported significant progress in protecting the Commonwealth’s residents: Massachusetts has one of the lowest COVID-19 hospitalization rates in the country.

Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine and where to get vaccinated: www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine.

Vaccine requirement for Executive Department employees announced

Bradford Hill appointed to the Massachusetts Gaming Commission

Governor Charlie Baker issued an executive order requiring all Executive Department employees to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination on or before October 17, 2021. The COVID-19 vaccine is the best and most effective way people can protect themselves, their loved ones and their community from the virus.

All Executive Department employees will be required to provide proof that they have received either the required two doses of the Moderna or Pfizer or the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine by October 17. In the coming weeks, employees will receive information about the process by which they may provide this verification

to the Commonwealth. This process will be made available well in advance of October 17. All documentation related to an employee’s COVID-19 vaccinations will be maintained confidentially. The policy applies to both employees working in-person and those who are teleworking.

As new CDC guidance regarding booster vaccine doses is issued in the future, Executive Branch employees will also be required to provide proof they have received those doses by a deadline to be established. Employees for whom vaccination is medically contraindicated or who object to vaccination on the grounds of sincerely-held religious reasons may be entitled to an exemption from the re-

chusetts gaming community,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “I am confident that he will be well-suited to serve in this new role during a transformative time in the Commonwealth’s gaming industry and am pleased to make this appointment.”

“In his decades of experience advocating for the residents of the Commonwealth and their needs, Brad Hill has a proven record of leadership on gaming policy,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. “His demonstrated passion for the gaming industry, and his commitment to public service, will benefit the Commission and its work.”

“Brad Hill has spent his career advocating for our state and its residents,” said Attorney General Healey. “His knowledge of the gaming industry will be a great asset to the Commission during this critical time.”

“Representative Hill’s many years of business experience and public

service, along with his commitment to serving our state, will positively impact the Gaming Commission and people of the Commonwealth,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, “We look forward to working with him in this new capacity and know that he will ensure fairness and equity as the industry continues to evolve.”

“It has been my distinct honor and privilege to serve the people of Massachusetts and the 4th Essex District for nearly 25 years,” said Representative Brad Hill. “I am deeply grateful to the Governor, Treasurer and Attorney General for this incredible opportunity to continue supporting the Commonwealth, and am eager to begin this new chapter working alongside my fellow Commissioners.”

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission was created after “An Act Establishing Expanded Gaming in the Commonwealth” was signed into law on November 22, 2011. The Commission is a five member independent body that is responsible for developing and managing the process to select, license, oversee, and regulate all expanded gaming facilities in the Commonwealth. The costs associated with operating the state’s gaming commission is paid for by the gaming industry and not by Massachusetts tax dollars.

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32ND ANNUAL EASTIE PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION

On Saturday, the community celebrated the 32nd annual Eastie Pride Day celebration in a new, COVID-19 safe way.

While the event is typically a day of food, children’s activities, and contests at Piers Park, this year’s celebration was designed in a new way.

This year’s Eastie Pride Day was spread all across the community with different activities and celebrations and residents were encouraged to support the resilient local businesses, restaurants, and organizations throughout the day.



Over at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, Eastie Pride Day volunteers performed COVID Testing and COVID Vaccinations.



East Boston Chamber of Commerce’s Shirley Fabbo and Jim Kearney.



Over at Spinelli’s the staff handed out Blue and Gold Eastie Pride Day cupcakes.



At the American Legion Playground Eagle Hill Civic Association gave away balloons and ice cream.



NOAH’s youth took part in Eastie Pride and helped educate on climate change.



BPS Assistant Superintendent Tommy Welch with EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte and his wife, Carrie.



Charlie LoGrasso and his daughter, Hailey.



Zumix’s Corey DePina and Rene Dongo host on-air interviews for Zumix Radio during Eastie Pride Day.



Eastie Pride organizer Liana LaMattina with her fiancé, Angel Rodriguez and their dog Logan.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangi-forte and his wife, Carrie.

32ND ANNUAL EASTIE PRIDE DAY CELEBRATION



Eagle Hill Civic Association President Debra Cave (center) joins EHCA members at American Legion Playground.



Kids take part in some more science experiments during Eastie Pride Day.



The High School’s STEM event was a highlight of Saturday’s community-wide celebration.



EBHS Science Teacher Anthony Forbes conducts an experiment on his daughter, JoJo.



Youth members of the EBNHC information tent during Eastie Pride.



The daylong event included arts and crafts as well as food and games.



Nina Coletta and Rep. Adrian Madaro.

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Sports

JEFFRIES POINT ROLLER CUP ROCKS AND ROLLS

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The Tournament returned after the pandemic cancelled it in 2020, and Porzio Park at the end of Summer and Marginal Streets buzzed with a festival atmosphere all day. From the first face-off at 8 a.m., crowds lined the chain-link fence surrounding the rink and watched action that was as hot as the weather. Boston Mayoral candidate, City Councilor Annessa Essaibi, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio roamed among the fans.

All Tournament proceeds benefit the East Boston Athletic Board, which was founded in 1950 and awards scholarships to local student-athletes who excel in academics and athletics.

Tournament Directors Mark Buttiglieri and Sal Santostefano had their hands full as the predicted hurricane forced them to squeeze the planned Saturday-Sunday tournament into one day. The change forced six teams to withdraw from the original 20-team field, and it played havoc with the schedule. Buttiglieri and Santostefano spent a hectic Friday re-organizing and apprising the teams of shifting developments. But they pulled it off.

This year's Tournament made history when Cara Donato, Angelina Catino,

Jenna Chaplain, Amanda Forziati and Haylie Grossman broke the gender barrier as the first all-girls team to compete. Based on their play, expect that trend to continue.

"What an amazing day," Buttiglieri posted on his Facebook Page Sunday. "When the hurricane was SUPPOSEDLY rolling in we said we need to shut it down Sunday for the safety of all involved as well as the neighborhood of Jeffries Point. So we were left with 1 day to complete a 14 team tourney. We were very pessimistic that could happen. Well we made it happen and made it happen right. The one day Tourney went off without a hitch."

Tournament play featured 3-skaters and a goalie battling through three, six-minute running time periods, and scorekeeper/timer Donna Zozzi made sure there was never a lull in the action as the games were played one-after-another to accommodate the condensed format. Pop music by DJ Soundz Unique kept pace with the play, while Slush King—and a slight breeze off the Inner Harbor—provided some relief from the heat. Andrew Feldman's Broil King Barbecue kept everyone nourished for the long day.

Buttiglieri expected

the 2021 to be the Tournament's Swan Song, but its wild success over the weekend convinced him and Santostefano to—already—get started with plans for next year's tournament. He praised all the

team sponsors and singled out his colleagues Ryan Moran, Donna Zozzi, Jamie Chambers, Nolan Redler for their tireless work that made the 2021 Jeffries Point Roller Cup a resounding triumph



KRUM CUP WINNERS: Team Baillargeon prevailed to take home the Krum Cup as champions of the 2021 Jeffries Point Roller Cup Tournament. Shown are the Champions Ryan Moran, Ryan Perry, Scott Simpson, Dave Chiaradonna, Robbie Baillargeon, and Ismael Ralsten. Also pictured are action scenes of the event.



MAKING HISTORY: Boston City Councilor Annessa Essaibi George congratulates Cara Donato, Angelina Catino, Jenna Chaplain, Amanda Forziati and Haylie Grossman, who became the first all-girls team to compete in the annual Jeffries Point Roller Cup Tournament held Saturday at the rink at Porzio Park.



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# New England Patriots team plane used to deliver lifesaving aid to Haiti

In the wake of the devastating, 7.2 magnitude earthquake that struck southern Haiti on Saturday, August 14, the Kraft family and the New England Patriots have stepped in to help Build Health International (BHI) and Partners in Health (PIH) deliver lifesaving supplies and personnel to Haiti to aid in ongoing relief, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

Thanks to the generosity of the Kraft family and working with the Baker-Polito Administration, the Patriots plane will be headed to Haiti today. On board are volunteer ER doctors, nursing managers, project engineers, and infrastructure specialists to support BHI and PIH teams already on the ground.

When it arrives in Haiti, the plane will also be carrying close to 40 pallets of critical medical equipment, supplies, medicine, water and consumables that are desperately need-



To learn more about these efforts or to partner with Build Health International please visit:[www.buildhealthinternational.org](http://www.buildhealthinternational.org).

ed to treat trauma patients, including everything from hospital beds and suture kits to small generators.

Both BHI and PIH have long histories in Haiti. The organizations have partnered together on numerous projects

across the country. After the 2010 earthquake, PIH and BHI worked together with local leaders, doctors, nurses, and staff to build the University Hospital in Mirebalais, a 300-bed, internationally accredited hospital for first-class

training of Haitian physicians, nurses, and biomedical technicians.

“BHI was born following the 2010 earthquake in Haiti,” said BHI Co-Founder and Director Jim Ansara. “Over the years, we’ve completed more than 60 projects across the country. Following this latest tragedy – thanks in no small part to the incredible generosity of the Kraft family, the New England Patriots, and partners across Massachusetts – we’re mobilizing to provide urgently-needed expertise and materials to aid in the recovery, and we’re committed to ensuring a reliable and immediate rebuild of critical health facilities across southern Haiti.”

Following Saturday’s earthquake, BHI and PIH personnel in Haiti were on site in the most impacted areas within hours, conducting rapid assessment and repair of critical health infrastructure and

providing urgent trauma care to those injured. On the southern peninsula, St. Boniface Hospital, built by BHI and operated by Boston-based Health Equity International, was relatively unscathed and remained open to patients. BHI, PIH and St. Boniface teams, now reinforced by the additional personnel and material arriving on the Patriots plane, continue to provide direct care, relief, and repair, and are lending their logistics expertise to source, deliver, and distribute critically needed supplies and equipment.

“We are deeply grateful to the Kraft Family, the entire Patriots organization, Partners In Health and Build Health International for their incredible support and generosity in delivering these critical supplies and medical equipment to the people of Haiti during this devastating time,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our thoughts are with Haiti, its residents

and their loved ones as the country recovers and rebuilds.”

About Build Health International:

Build Health International (BHI) believes that every person has a right to quality healthcare. In 2010, following the Haitian Earthquake, BHI built the Hopital Universitaire de Mirebalais (HUM), Haiti’s flagship teaching hospital. Since then, BHI has designed, built, and equipped over 200 dignified spaces for care in 26 countries, enabling local clinicians to work at their full potential. Working closely with Ministries of Health, partner organizations, and local workforces, BHI promotes sustainable design, empowers communities, and provides access to dignified and affordable healthcare in some of the world’s most vulnerable communities.

## CITY PAWS

### Healthy teamwork

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Last year the American Heart Association (AHA) published “16 Science-Backed Reasons Adopting a Dog Could Be Good for Your Heart.” One of the findings was that those with dogs “... are more likely to reach their fitness goals than those without canine companions.”

We know that we found it was far too easy to put off or eliminate daily exercise in the time between dogs. Our dogs have helped keep us fit and they have improved our social connection to our community which is great for our well-being.

#### Make Health a Team Effort

Your dog depends on you to craft a healthy life for them. The editors of The Bark Magazine recently suggested that dog guardians create a plan for keeping those at both ends of the leash as healthy as possible. If you need the motivation to get more

exercise, eat a more nutritious diet, deal better with stress, schedule routine medical checkups, and all the other self-care you need, you should do it for and with your dog.

If an increase in exercise and a diet change are part of your goals, start with checkups for both you and your canine teammate. Not only will this give you guidance on how to proceed in light of any issues either of you may have, but it will also share your intentions with both medical teams, who can then help you monitor progress.

As with any change, take it slowly. Start with a few extra blocks before you decide to run a 5K as a team. You know when your muscles ache, and your feet are sore. As the human in the pair, you should evaluate your dog’s condition.

You also have to make decisions about protecting your dog when you are exercising in various weather conditions. This time of year, you have to

test the heat of the pavement and perhaps decide to walk on a dirt or grass path to prevent paw burns. You need to bring plenty of water for both of you. In rain and cold, you may want to protect dogs with thinner coats by using a jacket or boots to protect paws from salt in a New England winter.

#### Emotional Well-Being

The AHA also pointed out that scientific studies found, “When we see, touch, hear or talk to our companion animals, we feel goodwill, joy, nurturing and happiness. At the same time, stress hormones are suppressed.” This finding may explain why “Dog owners are 31% less likely to die from a heart attack or stroke than non-dog owners.”

At the same time, dogs

benefit from companionship and bonding in our quieter moments together. As long as you learn the types of touch your dog enjoys and allow them to move away when they’ve had enough, it can improve your bond.

If your dog enjoys a good ear or tail scratch or a cuddle, you can substitute a dose of praise and a bit of touching for a food reward if canine weight loss is part of your team’s plan.

#### Building Community

The final way your dog can be a great teammate is by helping you stay connected to your community. Interacting with more people gives you more emotional support. It allows your dog to have more favorable interactions with people and dogs, which is



When you have a dog, you exercise in all kinds of weather. Just be sure you are both “dressed” for the conditions. (Photo by Sergio Rodriguez)

good for preventing behavioral issues.

Think about making healthy living a team goal for you and all your family members, especially that ever so helpful dog.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your request.

## Pressley visits child care home amidst calls for a just recovery

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley joined the Care That Works coalition today to uplift the demand for a universal, equitable, and flexible child care system that benefits working families, low-income communities, and communities of color across the Commonwealth. Until we have a universal child care system, options for nonstandard schedules (early morning, late evening, overnight, and weekend) remain scarce. The Care That Works’ Pilot is seeking to bridge the gap for families in need of child care for nonstandard schedules (beyond 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

“This pilot takes critical and necessary steps in creating flexible solutions that ease child care challenges for families during the pandemic. As we continue working to build a just and equitable recovery, childcare must remain front and center. I’ll continue fighting to ensure any bold reconciliation package does just that,” said Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07).

During the pandemic, Massachusetts saw hundreds of licensed family child care providers and center-based providers close permanently with little to no relief available until it was too late. But even before the pandemic, parents were struggling to find affordable, accessible child care. The lack of affordable, professional child care options for nonstandard schedules is a major gap in the system that hurts parents who work or seek work with those schedules.

“We need resources like the Care That Works pilot. As caregivers, we try to provide what we can – but without the assistance of our legislators, labor, and community allies – working families face challenges finding child care that works for them,” said Maria Estevez, Maria Estevez’s Family Child Care. “The pandemic has only exposed the inequalities working families bear, but with the pilot, we are working towards a more just recovery.”

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA HITS 40,000 RESIDENTS

CHELSEA - After a disappointing Census effort last year due to being hindered significantly by COVID-19 and a distrust among the populace of the federal government, the official numbers came out last week and Chelsea showed a surprising increase in its count – climbing above 40,000 residents for the first time in a long time.

While many would agree that in reality Chelsea is likely at about 55,000 residents, the numbers on paper were always quite low and the City is named a hard-to-count community by the Census officials.

In 2010, the City was profoundly disappointed when its numbers came back at 35,177 residents, a tremendous undercounting that caused the City to lose millions in federal formula-funded programs over the last 10 years. Last week, though, many said it was a pleasant surprise to see that Chelsea had registered 40,787 residents in the count, as some had said it looked like early on that the City may decrease in population from the 2010 number.

It was a growth of 5,610 people and one of the larger growth numbers statewide, even despite trying to count people in the ravages of COVID-19 in a city hit harder than most in America in 2020.

The 40,000 number was a key number for the purposes of federal funding formulas and also for the coming redistricting process to determine state representative, state senate and U.S. Congress seat geographies. Clearly, many in Chelsea have been talking over the last six months about trying to get an all-Chelsea seat like Everett has, though most likely Chelsea would need to add a piece of East Boston if that were to happen – maybe Eagle Hill area. Such a configuration would work as East Boston grew substantially in the Census 2020 figures, going from 40,508 in 2010 to 43,066 in 2020.

Chelsea was once again predominantly Hispanic, with 67 percent of the population counted as Hispanic, though that’s likely a gross undercounting despite being one of the largest population percentages of Hispanics in the state. Chelsea has been a predominately Hispanic community since the 2000 Census when they broke 50 percent in the count.

It was a similar story in surrounding cities, with Hispanic populations growing in Everett (28.3 percent) and Revere (33.6 percent).

The White alone population came in at 20.6 percent, and the Black population was at 6.4 percent. The Asian population was a 4 percent.

Interestingly, Chelsea’s number of two or more races was quite high, at 32.8 percent, and is likely reflective of the high Hispanic population – as well as a general trend nationwide for people choosing two or more races.

Not surprisingly, Chelsea’s foreign-born population was 45.4 percent, higher than most in the area. Other Census tidbits included:

- Chelsea’s owner-occupied housing unit count was 25.9 percent.
- The median value of owner-occupied housing units was \$350,800.
- The average persons per household was 2.96, which was quite high, but not much different than Everett, which was 2.87 per unit.
- The mean commute time for Chelsea residents was 34 minutes.
- The percentage of the population living in poverty was 18.1 percent.
- The youth population in Chelsea was much larger

GREENROOTS ANNUAL MEETING AND A NIGHT OF GAMES AND BOATING



PHOTOS BY SETH DANIEL

GreenRoots came together for the first time after a year’s hiatus on the Chelsea Creek last Thursday, Aug. 12, for canoeing and kayaking and socializing on the waterfront. Left, Tiffany Henriquez jumps rope on the pier, while (above) Michelle Gomez and Kendra Morales enjoy paddling around on the Creek.

er than many places, with 34.7 percent of the population being 18 or under. By comparison, Everett was 28.3 percent and Boston was at 15 percent.

•Women made up 48.3 percent of the population.

The total U.S. population for 2020 was 331,449,281, and demographically nationwide the White alone population was on the decrease at 60.1 percent of the national population. The largest non-white group were Hispanics at 18.5 percent of the national population, with Black populations also on the decline at 13.4 percent nationally. Asians make up 5.9 percent of the total national population in 2020.

KIWANIS DONATES TO FOUNDATION

EVERETT - The family and friends of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo announce the formation of the Orange Rose Foundation; a 501(c)3 charity focusing on supporting organizations that assist victims of domestic violence. The Orange Rose Foundation will raise awareness about domestic violence and provide resources to help those most in need.

The Everett Kiwanis Club has donated \$11,000 to assist the development of this foundation. The directors and members of the foundation are humbled and appreciative of this generosity which allows them to begin assisting these victims immediately.

Ersilia spent endless hours volunteering to help individuals and communities in need. Her passing has been a very difficult loss, not only for the family, but also for the entire community. She was always giving of herself, putting others first and she touched many lives. Within Everett, she served on the School Committee, Board of Registrar and was also on the Board of Assessors. She was Vice President of The Kiwanis Club and a devoted church member, allowing her to share her love throughout the community through numerous charitable ventures and opportunities to volunteer.

She was employed by both St. Anthony’s Church of Everett and Metropolitan Credit Union.

The Orange Rose Foundation is directed by President- Erminia Amy Buscaino, Vice President-Anthony Cataldo, Treasurer- Gina Maniscalco, Secretary- Amata Cucuzza. The Board Members are: Tricia LaRocca, Adriana Carbo, Giuseppina Cerasuolo, Joseph Buscaino, Marc Cerasuolo, Anthony Cucuzza and Marlene Zizza.

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MCGEE TO RECEIVE AWARD

LYNN - Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee has been selected as the recipient of The Mayor Bill Carpenter Award for Excellence in Gateway City Leadership.

The award goes to an elected official who seeks out new ideas and works collaboratively to advance them, elevating the status of their city and furthering the collective interests of Gateway Cities throughout the Commonwealth.

MassINC is honored to recognize Mayor McGee for years of unwavering public service to Lynn and steadfast partnership with Gateway City leaders across the state. During his time as a state senator and Transportation Committee Chair, he worked collaboratively to pass innovative legislation that improved transportation for the region. As mayor, he continued to lead in this manner, spurring housing production and stimulating economic development.

McGee will receive the award at a Sept. 30 ceremony. The Excellence in Gateway City Leadership Award is named in memory of Bill Carpenter, who served as mayor of Brockton. Mr. Carpenter died while in office in July, 2019.

DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES APPROVAL

REVERE - The Revere Conservation Commission unanimously approved Redgate Development’s plans for stormwater and wastewater management for its proposed development on the G and J Towing site.

Redgate is looking to build a 291-unit apartment development at the site located at 22 Whitin Ave., just beyond the General Edwards Bridge, and adjacent to Gibson Park.

The vote at the Aug. 11 meeting followed presentations before the Commission by Revere’s Chief Planner and Zoning Coordinator Frank Stringi, Redgate Vice President Libseth Bello, and engineers Katie Cruz of Hancock Associates and Anders Bjarngard of GZA GeoEnvironmental.

Before the vote, Ronald Clark, candidate for the Ward 5 seat on the City Council, raised concerns about the overall project.

“The pumping station on the Lynnway, from what I’m told right now, can’t handle as much as one more toilet bowl,” said Clark.

Clark also questioned other segments of the city’s master plan for the area, including the boatyard property, and the traffic plan for the site.

“There’s no traffic plan in effect as of today, so right now we’ve got to assume they’re going to be using the Lynnway, with much more traffic coming in and out, especially if this thing gets built prior to this traffic design being completed.”

Clark also wondered aloud about the construction of the new fire station in Point Pines “and how it’s going to affect this traffic plan they’re coming up with.”

Al Fiore, a candidate for the Ward 5 seat, also brought up the Point of Pines fire station and the lack of progress on the project for several years. Fiore also cited what he believes will be the negative impacts of Redgate’s 291-unit development on the Point of Pines neighborhood.

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, who voted in favor of Redgate’s proposal at a City Council meeting, said after the meeting that the “fire station had nothing to do with the Conservation Commission meeting – nothing whatsoever.”

“They’re doing asbestos removal at the station right now,” said Powers. “I’m told by the people doing the work that the fire station will be leveled by the first week in September. The meeting had nothing to do with the fire station. The fire station is going to be built. They’re working on the demolition now. That was not to place to discuss the fire station.”

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with the WINARC (Winthrop Advocacy Resources Community) again this year to sponsor the Tee-Ball Program. Local 25 has been a sponsor since the inception of the program in 2019.

The WINARC Tee-Ball Program is open to children ages 3-10 years old and is a true community activity. High school students and adults volunteer as buddies, so each player is paired with a buddy for the game. 25 players are participating in the program this year.

“The Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund is proud to sponsor the WINARC Tee-Ball Program again this year,” said President Sean M. O’Brien. “Our mission continues to be to give back to the communities where our members live and work. To some it may just be a children’s tee-ball game, but to the players this is their World Series every Sunday. Whether they hit the ball or make it on base doesn’t matter. They are part of a team and learning life skills that will stay with them beyond the season.”

“We are excited to be able to run the WINARC Tee-Ball Program again this year after missing out on last year due to the pandemic,” said Rita Mansfield, WINARC board member and program coordinator. “We all missed out on so much this past year, but especially children who don’t fully understand the pandemic. The donation by Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund is integral to our program’s success and we are grateful for their support once again.”

The Teamsters Local 25 Autism Gala is the marquee fundraising event for the fund. The gala was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to the pandemic, but the organization was still able to support many autism organizations. “Despite having no event and other challenges posed by the pandemic, I am happy that we have been able to fund our grantees again this year. The Teamsters Local 25 Autism Gala will be back stronger than ever, and our mission will never slow down,” said O’Brien.

WINARC was founded over fifty years ago by a group of parents and young adults with disabilities. This grassroots organization of families recognized the need for social and recreational participation in the community for their children, and they committed their efforts to creating those opportunities. Through the tremendous support of Winthrop and its surrounding communities, WINARC’s community partnerships with businesses and families have ensured the successful operation of its current programs, as well as the development of new programming to fulfill the ever growing needs of children and adults with disabilities.

The Teamsters Local 25 Gala for Autism is rescheduled for January 8, 2022, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Teamsters Local 25 is the largest Teamsters union in New England with more than 12,000 members. For more information about the Teamsters Local 25 Autism Fund and Gala for Autism, please visit [www.TeamstersLocal25Autism.com](http://www.TeamstersLocal25Autism.com).

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## OBITUARIES

### Ann Fougere

Longtime East Boston High School Parent Coordinator

Ann L. (Cestroni) Fougere of East Boston died on August 21.

Ann was born and raised in East Boston and was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Drum Corps in her youth. She worked for many years as a Parent Co-ordinator at East Boston High School.

The beloved wife of the late Thomas J. Fougere Sr., she was the loving mother of Lisa Diorio and her late husband, Joseph, Thomas J. Fougere Jr. and Stacy Fougere, all of East Boston and Michelle Seccareccio and her husband, Rick of Pelham, NH; grandmother of Thomas J. Fougere III and Nicole Walker; sister of the late Clara Lipscomb, Amelia Deveau, Anthony, Mario, Carmen and Edward Cestroni and is also survived by many nieces and nephews and her grand-fur babies, Isabella and Chloe.

Her Funeral will be held from the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St [at Day Sq] East Boston



on Thursday morning, August 26 at 11:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 12:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours will be today, Wednesday, August 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ann's memory to the Kaplan Family Hospice House would be appreciated. Please leave messages of condolence for Ann's Family on her Tribute Page at Magrath-FuneralHome.com.

### Ralph J. Colarusso

Carpenter's Union President, Director of the Carpenter's School in Worcester and former East Boston High School football standout

Ralph J. Colarusso, 83, of Saugus, formerly of East Boston, he was born March 18, 1938 in East Boston where he attended high school and was a football standout.

A member of the Carpenters Union Local 33, he was elected Union President and became director of the Carpenter's School in Worcester.

He was a resident at the Rubin House in Saugus where he passed after a brief illness. He was a son of the late Ralph and the late Irene F. (Haverty) Colarusso, both formerly of Tewksbury; brother of the late Peter Colarusso, formerly of Halifax and the brother of Thomas Colarusso of Dracut, Eleanor Joyce and her husband, Stephen of Roslindale, Lisa Talbot and her husband, Don of New Hampshire and Paula Bain and her husband, David of Lowell; father to Jodi Madelini and her husband, Andy, of Malden, Robin Colarusso and her late husband, Barry of Wake-



field, William Colarusso and his wife, Kelly of Maine and Ralph Colarusso, Jr. and his significant other, Janet of Saugus. He is also survived by several grandchildren, great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were held on Saturday, August 21, at Tewksbury Funeral One, One Dewey St., Tewksbury, 978-851-2061 followed by a funeral service and burial in Tewksbury Cemetery. Please visit [www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tewksburyfuneralhome.com) to send the family your condolences at any time.

Rita J. (Staropoli) McDonald, passed away on June 20, in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 84 after courageously struggling for over 3 years with lung cancer. Her last days were spent under Hospice Care at her home with her husband ever-present and her son, daughter and other family members there to help. Rita was born in East Boston, MA, the daughter of Italian immigrants, the late Giuseppina and Giuseppe Staropoli. She was predeceased by a brother Michelangelo (Mikey) and a sister Delia (Della). Siblings Anthony (Tony) and Jean are still living in East Boston. Rita is survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. She leaves her husband of 51 years, Michael C. McDonald with whom she shared many adventures. Rita and Mike married in California and then went to Colorado, Wyoming Massachusetts and New Mexico. Rita also leaves her children Michael J. McDonald and Jill Stape. Michael and his wife Bridget and their children Michael. Oliver and Alexander live in Westford, MA. Jill and her husband Dominic and their children Mia, Talia, Olivia, Edward and Sergio reside in Albuquerque, N.M. Rita was so very proud of her 2 children and her 8 grandchildren and recognized the unique and special qualities of each. On her journey, Rita was a devout Catholic. Her faith led her to Bible study classes and other church activities. It also led her to becoming even more loving, caring and considerate of others. She had a passion for things Italian; from cooking, to traveling, to tracing her Calabrese roots, to learning to read, write and speak the Italian language. Rita's journey took her to a career in Education of over 35 years as an elementary



school teacher. She began teaching in Norwalk, Connecticut and soon became known as a teacher "par excellence". She continued in her chosen field in California and other places where she lived until spending several years at schools in Durango, Colorado. In retirement, Rita settled in Albuquerque, New Mexico where there was always something new to learn or continue to pursue: piano lessons, painting, knitting, traveling, and always reading and of course shopping. Rita lives on in all the lives she touched. She is always in our hearts but is now on a journey to a place, where we, her family members and friends, look ahead to meeting again. On July 12, 2021 Rita had a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The family invites you to attend a Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 303 Paris Street East Boston, MA on Thursday, August 26th at 11:00 AM. Rita had requested a return to her childhood parish. Please consider a donation in Rita's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at 800-805-5856 or at [Stjude.org](http://Stjude.org) or if you wish a contribution to the Pan Mass Challenge where a family member is riding: <http://pmc.org/egifts/PT0078>. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).



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### Anthony Pagliuca

Long time employee of General Ship in East Boston

Anthony L. Pagliuca, 88, of East Boston, passed away on Wednesday, August 18.



A lifelong East Boston resident, he was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Ko-

rean War and worked at General Ship in East Boston for most of his career.

The cherished son of the late Nicola and Maria ( Festa) Pagliuca, he was the loving father of Mark and Victor Pagliuca, both of Winthrop and Paul Pagliuca and his wife, Kerri of Lynnfield; adored grandfather of Nykole, Allison, Jennifer, Ashle, and Joseph Pagliuca; for-



mer husband of Analia (Travassos) Pagliuca; dear brother of the late Josephine Jones and Phyllis Marchese and is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

At the family's request, funeral services are private.

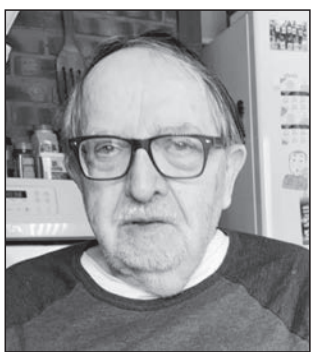
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### Ronald Lyons

Of East Boston

Ronald F. Lyons died unexpectedly in East Boston on August 18.

The beloved husband of Judith A. "Judy" (Dugan) with whom he shared 51 years of marriage, he was the loving father of Karen Osarenkhoe and her husband, David of East Boston, grandfather of Christina Clauson of Florida, son of the late Caroline (D'Agresto) and Paul J. Lyons Sr., brother of Miriam Grenier and her husband, Hermel of New Hampshire, Patricia Lyons of East Boston, Julie Guerrero of Groton, Richard Lyons and his wife, Charleu of Westminster, Stephen Lyons and his wife, Pamela of California, the late Paul J. Lyons Jr. and his surviving wife, Esperanza of East Boston; brother-in-law of the late Kathleen Morani and her surviving husband, Robert and Eleanor Mooney and



her late husband, William. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

His funeral was held from the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St [at Day Sq] East Boston last Saturday and interment was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ron's memory to a charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on Ron's Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](http://MagrathFuneralHome.com).

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## Museum of Science, Boston unveils fall lineup of innovative and inspiring programming for adults

The Museum of Science, Boston, announced an exciting fall lineup of award-winning speakers, transformative performances, drag takeovers, a haunted Halloween celebration, and more under its popular series, SubSpace. The fall lineup of after-hours events, kicking off in September, offers audiences unique experiences from local and national artists, where the fusion of science, art, and society finds common ground. Tickets for the Fall 2021 season are available now at [mos.org/adults](https://mos.org/adults).

Now in its ninth season, SubSpace is the Museum’s experiential playground for developing fresh, original, social experiences for adults. The Fall 2021 season will be a hybrid of virtual events and the return of live, in-person programming taking place throughout the Museum, including the Mugar Omni Theater, the Charles Hayden Planetarium, and the Exhibit Halls.

“After over a year of entirely virtual programming, we are excited to bring SubSpace and our audiences back together at the Museum for an incredible lineup of after-hours events,” said James Monroe, producer of adult programs and theater experiences at the Museum of Science, Boston. “This fall, we continue to dive deeper into some of the most pressing consequential challenges of our day, including anti-racism, mental health, addiction, trauma, climate change, and diversity in STEM, all while creating innovative and singular immersive performances with the immense talents found in our amazing city.”

Tickets for the Fall 2021 season are available now at [mos.org/adults](https://mos.org/adults). The full lineup of the Fall 2021 season includes:

**September:**  
Sway: Unraveling Unconscious Bias, September 9, 7:00 p.m.: During this event, behavioral and data scientist author Pragma Agarwal shows how

unconscious biases manifest, their effect on today’s technology and artificial intelligence, and whether there is anything we can do about them. This is a virtual event. Free with pre-registration.

**From Green to Red: An Environmental Protest** from Beatie Wolfe, September 14, 7:30 p.m.: A powerful evening with art rebel Beatie Wolfe and her groundbreaking installation, From Green to Red, an environmental protest piece about human impact on the planet, built using 800,000 years of historic NASA climate data. Exclusive showing of the From Green to Red installation included. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**HEADSPACE**, September 23, 7:30 p.m.: The Slaughterhouse Society premieres a new work of transcendent performance art. The groundbreaking visual experience and astral interplanetary escape highlights one human ghost’s journey through the beauty of our galaxy to what awaits us all in the beyond. This is a virtual event. Free with pre-registration.

**Shades of Black: An Evening with Zakiyyah**, September 29, 7:00 p.m.: Singer, actress, and political activist Zakiyyah brings her art activism to the Museum for a conversation around the decolonization of cultural institutions and the role museums play in combating racism and deconstructing white supremacy. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**October:**  
**How Pixar Makes You Cry: The Secret Storytelling Tricks Pixar Uses to Break Your Heart**, October 6, 7:00 p.m.: Dean Movshovitz, author of the bestseller, Pixar Storytelling: Rules for Effective Storytelling Based on Pixar’s Greatest Films, explores the company’s genius in storytelling. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free

with pre-registration.

**Worlds in Shadow: The Truths and Myths of Submerged Lands**, October 12, 7:00 p.m.: Patrick Nunn, author of the new release, Worlds in Shadow: Submerged Lands in Science, Memory and Myth, shares his understanding of submerged lands of the past and considers what the future may hold. This is a virtual event. Free with pre-registration.

**Quit Like a Woman: Drinking Culture and the New Path to Sobriety**, October 13, 7:00 p.m.: Holly Whitaker, founder and CEO of Tempest, discusses her New York Times bestseller, Quit Like a Woman: The Radical Choice to Not Drink in a Culture Obsessed with Alcohol and her groundbreaking look at drinking culture and her feminine-centric recovery program. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**ReRooted:** Presented by The HairStory Project, October 14, 7:30 p.m.: Join the Museum of Science for this one-night-only live encore screening of ReRooted: Presented by The HairStory Project. The event will feature conversation and a Q&A session with co-creators Yvette Modestin and Ana Masacote. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. \$10 with registration.

**Everything:** Presented by Valerie Green/Dance Entropy, October 20, 7:00 p.m.: Conceived and directed by Valerie Green and inspired by astrophotography, string theory, interconnectivity, and meditations on space and time, this new dance work weaves together a visual, physical, and emotional translation of the cosmos. The Boston premiere also features Urbanity Dance and musician Nate Tucker. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. \$15 with registration.

**Living a Triggered Life Podcast**, October 21, 7:00 p.m.: Join the Mu-

seum for a live production of Triggered Projects Living a Triggered Life podcast created and hosted by Keith and Roxann Mascoll, a Black couple who have their own trauma histories, exploring how mental health, love, family dynamics, and more impact their long-term marriage. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**Inner Space: A Collective Journey**, October 27, 7:30 p.m.: Boston-based artist Genie Santiago returns to the Museum for an intimate, live, transcendent event celebrating her upcoming album, Inner Space. Featuring a pre-show Outer Space performance from local BIPOC drag acts, Bomba dancers, and guided meditation. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys Halloween Happening**, October 28, 7:30 p.m.: The band returns to the Museum to resurrect their annual unforgettable evening of masquerade, music, and mayhem. This event will be held in the Charles Hayden Planetarium. \$20 in advance; \$25 day of.

**November:**  
**Coleslaw’s Corner: The Grand Return**, November 2, 7:30 p.m.: Coleslaw’s Corner, the HUBweek Art Award-winning collaboration with one of Boston’s favorite drag queens, Coleslaw, returns to the Museum of Science for an in-person takeover of the Museum with performances themed to some of the most iconic, and newest, exhibits of the Blue Wing. This event will be held in the Museum’s Blue Wing. \$15 in advance; \$20 day of.

**Black Hole Symphony: In Creation**, November 4, 7:30 p.m.: Join Multiverse Concert Series and the Museum of Science for an exclusive preview of Black Hole Symphony: an orchestral journey through spacetime told through live music, science, and

Planetarium visuals premiering summer 2022. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**Miniatures, Models & The Mandalorian: The Work of John Goodson**, November 9, 7:00 p.m.: Join master model maker John Goodson, along with Mike Horvath, Museum of Science Senior Director of Exhibits, for a special conversation looking at Goodson’s iconic career in film and television. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**“Thina”** presented by SYREN Modern Dance, November 10, 7:00 p.m.: SYREN Modern Dance returns to the Museum of Science for an in-person performance of “Thina,” the culmination of a year-long journey documenting the creation of the original dance performance piece during the COVID-19 pandemic. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**Boston Jewish Film Festival** presents **Space Torah**, November 11, 6:30 p.m.: The Museum is partnering with the Boston Jewish Film Festival for a screening of Space Torah. A conversation with director Rachel Raz and Dr. Jeff Hoffman at the intersection of religion and science follows the screening. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**FRACTURED**, November 17, 7:00 p.m.: Guerilla Opera presents a performance exhibition of two works exploring fractured human experiences, by composers Anahita Abassi and Bahar Royae, directed by Deniz Khateri. Conversation with composers and creative team to follow. This event will be held in Cahners Theater. \$15 in advance; \$20 day of.

**Songs From Beloved King: A Queer Bible Musical**, November 18, 7:00 p.m.: Experience the intersection of religion, identity, and the human experience with the creative

team behind the anticipated new musical, Beloved King: A Queer Bible Musical, a faithfully adapted musical created by playwright, scholar, and minister J. Sylvan. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

**December:**  
**Non-Player Character**, December 2, 6:00 p.m.: Award-winning actor, writer, director, and producer Brendan Bradley guides you through a prototype of a new, in-development virtual reality and live theater experience that shows how everyone has a story to tell. This event will be held at the Museum of Science. Free with pre-registration.

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## New Adventurefuls Girl Scout cookie joins lineup

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA), Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts (GSCWM) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced that the new Adventurefuls cookie will join the nationwide lineup for the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie season. An indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures through the program. Girl Scouts in Massachusetts and across the United States will offer the Adventurefuls cookie next season alongside favorites like Thin Mints® and [Samoas®/Caramel deLites®].

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venturefuls, and the whole portfolio of iconic cookies, during cookie season, fuels local Girl Scouts’ adventures throughout the year: exploring what interests them, discovering their passions, and taking action on issues they care about. Whether they’re using their STEM skills to solve a problem, changing a law to help their community, having a courageous outdoor experience, or starting an innovative nonprofit, Girl Scouts build a better future for themselves and the world. Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, not only do girls become entrepreneurs as they gain hands-on experience running their own small business, but they also earn money to fuel their Girl Scout adventures, which catapult them where they want to

go.

Also new this year, GSUSA recently announced new Cookie Business badges that help girls think like entrepreneurs as they run their own cookie businesses and incorporate online sales via the [Digital Cookie® and Smart Cookies] platform. The badges progress from goal setting and effective sales-pitching in person and online to using market research, creating business plans, and implementing digital marketing campaigns.

Available nationwide, every bite of Adventurefuls is full of indulgent brownie-inspired flavor with a combination of chocolatey and caramel flavors, and smooth and crispy textures, for an incredible taste of adventure in every bite.

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PIERS PARK SAILING CENTER HOSTS ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR LUAU AND DANCE PARTY

On Tuesday, the Piers Park Sailing Center hosted its annual end of the year Luau and Dance Party. The potluck event included an evening of games, dancing, food, limbo contests and a chance to celebrate the widely popular summer sailing camp.

At the event, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Councilor Lydia Edwards and the Sailing Center Board honored PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo for all his work keeping the program going year after year.



Councilor Lydia Edwards honors PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.



PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and Associate Executive Director Daniel Moreno.



Youth sailors that participated in this summer's sailing camp take part in a limbo contest.



Rep. Adrian Madaro presents PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo with a Certificate of Appreciation.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Councilor Lydia Edwards join PPSC Board Members Kelly Franco and Mary Cole in honoring Executive Director Alex DeFronzo.



PPSC Councilors in Training Declan Gorman and Lillian Sullivan.



Matthew Terrell, Declan Gorman and Emily Pumphert.



Leah and Johnny Forbes with Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Families sit down to enjoy the Luau's potluck dinner.



PPSC Director of Youth Programs Catherine Domina and her family.



Brody Lynds and Maria Forbes



Mary Cole and Brian Gannon.



Juliette and Rob Pyles.



PPSC Lily Skomro helps a youth sailor hit the pinata.



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