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Outgoing CEO Manny Lopes with some of EBNHC’s staff shown in the lobby of their health center in Eastie.

Farewell, But Not Goodbye

A personal thank you to the community from Manny Lopes

Special to the Times

Manny Lopes, who has in many ways become the face of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), will officially leave the Health Center Friday to become Executive Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts.

Lopes took over the helm as CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Cradock retired in 2012. Lopes has served as CEO of the Health Center since

then and as its president since 2015.

Lopes has also served as Director of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Board as well as Chair of the Blue Cross Foundation. In 2018, Lopes was appointed as the Chair of Boston’s Board of Health.

Lopes grew up in East Boston and now lives in Topsfield with his wife and children.

After nearly three decades at the East Boston

Neighborhood Health Center, I have made the difficult decision to embark on the next chapter in my professional life. On November 1st, I will join Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts as Executive Vice President of Public Markets and Government Relations, continuing my fight for equitable access to health care for our community as well as all Massachusetts residents.

While my new role means saying farewell

to the health center, my ties to the community are unbreakable. Eastie born and raised, this region is part of who I am. I’m deeply grateful to the many community members who have supported me during my leadership of the health center: residents, patients, EBNHC’s Board of Directors, staff, friends, and family. I thank every member of our vibrant community for making these years so full

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Rep. Adrian Madaro addresses the crowd during a rally to urge voters to vote “NO” on Question 2.

Residents rally; urge voters to vote “NO” on Question 2

By John Lynds

On Saturday, East Boston activists and elected officials joined together at American Legion Park, East Eagle Street to urge voters to vote “NO” on the upcoming question that will appear on the November Ballot during Boston’s Municipal Election.

The non-binding “Question 2” regarding the proposed Eversource Substation in East Boston was sponsored by 10 Eastie residents and supported by Councilor Lydia Edwards, local activists and Rep. Adrian Madaro.

The question to voters will read, “Should a high voltage, electric substa-

tion be built at 400 Conductor Street in East Boston, along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?”

According to state law, a

non-binding public option question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election by vote of the City Council with the approval of the mayor. Both the Council and Acting Mayor Kim Janey approved the measure.

Historically, a

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Election Day

Eastie, city kick off early voting for November’s Municipal Election

By John Lynds

East Boston Voters had the opportunity to vote early for the Nov. 2 Municipal Election over the weekend at the BCYF Paris Street Community Center and Eastie voters can continue to vote at City Hall or by utilizing the neighborhood’s voting dropbox until Friday.

Unlike traditional polling, early voting allows voters to vote at locations other than their assigned polling location.

While early voting occurred at Paris Street over the weekend, residents can drop off ballots at City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 9 am to 5 pm, Thursday, Oct. 28 from 9 am to 8 pm and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

Eastie residents can also utilize the voting dropbox that is outside the Bremen Street Library at 365 Bremen St seven days a week until 8 pm election night.

The Boston Election Department is encouraging voters to utilize early voting because voting early makes it easy to ensure a voter’s voice is heard.

Aside from City Hall and the Bremen Street dropbox, registered Eatie voters can vote at any early voting location throughout Boston. A list of all early voting locations can be found at [https://www.boston.gov/news/ear-](https://www.boston.gov/news/early-voting-locations)

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On the ballot voters will choose between Michelle Wu or Annissa Essaibi George for Mayor of Boston.

Voters will also narrow down the At-Large field from eight to four on Nov. 2. Voters can choose up to four candidates and David Halbert, Bridget M Nee-Walsh, Julia Mejia, Carla Monteiro, Ruthzee Louijeune, Althea Garrison, Michael Flaherty and Erin J. Murphy will all be on the ballot.

There will also be three ballot questions during the November 2 Municipal Election.

The first question will ask whether or not to reverse the decision in the 1990s to go from an elected Boston School Committee to an appointed School Committee. Boston is the only city in the Commonwealth that does not have an elected school committee.

There’s also a ballot question introduced by city councilors on the Boston Budget Process Amendment that has been sent to the State House. It would allow the city council to engage back and forth with the mayor to check the mayor’s power on the city’s \$3.7

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Eastie IPOD extended

By John Lynds

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board voted at its October meeting earlier this month to extend East Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) an additional year in order to allow the PLAN: East Boston initiative to finish its community process and deliver its recommendations.

“The BPDA Board voted to extend the East Boston Originally established in 2018, the East Boston IPOD was set up to provide the proper balance between competing land uses, economic, and environmental factors in the community while the PLAN: East Boston study surveyed community members and outlined the vision for the future of the neighborhood,” the BPDA wrote in its decision.

The IPOD encompasses all of Eastie with the exception of Suffolk Downs and the Airport and effectively ended so called ‘as of right’ projects.

While the IPOD does not change current zoning it does send all projects above a defined threshold to the ZBA for approval.

When it was first launched in 2018 the city set this threshold at 1,000 sq. ft. For the past three years any resident or developer looking to erect a building or add an addition that is 1,000 sq. ft. or more has had to go through the same community process as larger development projects.

All the projects above the defined threshold have gone to the ZBA and subjected to the same process like abutters meetings, community group meet-

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An artist rendering of the ZBA approved project on Bremen Street.

BPDA approves 282 Bremen Street project

By John Lynds

At its October board meeting early this month the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a scaled down version of the controversial 282 Bremen St. project that received Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approval back in March.

The project became contentious back in July after it received initial BPDA approval but was rejected by the ZBA. The ZBA sent the developers of the proposed 145 unit large-scale mixed-use development back to the drawing board citing a lack of greenspace coupled with the size and scope of the project,

Those opposed to the project hoped the project would just go away after it was rejected by the ZBA in July.

However, ahead of the

July ZBA hearing the developer reduced the number of units from 145 to 139 and increased the percentage of affordable units from 15 to 20 percent.

Overall the approved project includes artist live/work studios for artists, more affordable three-bedroom apartments aimed at families, 3,200 square feet of retail space and up to 61 off-street vehicle parking spaces.

Bremen Acquisitions filed the project with the BPDA last year that kicked off an Article 80 review by the BPDA and the appointment of an IAG made up of community members for the proposal.

The developer wanted to take a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street and turn the site into a development that includes a mix of

residential housing and ground-floor retail space.

Other highlights of the project include related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design. With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential buildings, surface parking and multiple curb-cuts off Bremen Street.

The 110,000 square foot building included more than 3,000 square feet of retail space, over 2,155 square feet of artist workspace with gallery programming, up to 61 parking spaces and 145 bicycle storage spaces.

According to the BPDA the ground-floor retail

space would be designed for an urban grocery store/market operator, daycare operator or local retailer.

Prior to the July ZBA vote, Bremen Acquisition inked a community mitigation package with members of the project's IAG.

The package is comparable to other projects of its size with \$200,000 in direct money benefits Eastie. The developer agreed to doing 20 percent affordable onsite housing—seven percent more than what is required under the BPDA inclusionary policy.

The developer also agreed to install 19 trees, expand the sidewalks—up to 18 feet in some areas, install a safety bump out to make crossing Bremen Street easier for pedestrians as well as creating a more active Bremen Street in what has been an industrial area.

Eastie's weekly COVID infections drop

By John Lynds

East Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate decreased once again last week following a nearly 7 percent decrease two weeks ago according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,541 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 2.4

percent were positive--this was a 17 percent decrease from the 2.9 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on October 18.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,877 residents were tested and 2.3 percent were COVID

positive--this was a 11.5 percent decrease from the 2.6 percent reported by the BPHC on October 18.

Thirty-seven additional residents contracted the virus between October 18 and October 25 and there are now 8,492 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 num-

ber 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 0.73 percent since October 18 and went from 82,255 cases to 82,855 confirmed cases in a week. There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,447.

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of meaning, purpose, and growth. I can't imagine having travelled a different path. It has been an honor.

Over the last nine years as President & CEO, I've stood on the shoulders of giants like EBNHC former leaders, Jim Taylor and Jack Cradock, who, with the Board of Directors and our staff, built the health center from the ground up - turning a small community clinic into a recognizable force in local healthcare.

Looking back, I feel blessed to have inherited a strong and successful organization. The health center already had 40 years of innovation and impact under its belt when I became CEO in 2012. Thanks to Jack, Jim, and the Board of Directors, EBNHC was one of the first organizations to bring the PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) model to Massachusetts; in 1997, the health center was an early adopter of a little known electronic tool for managing patient care - Epic - which has now become the gold standard for electronic medical records nationwide; and EBNHC leveraged experience piloting new programs to found CATCH (Children's Access to Coordinated Health Care) for children with multiple disabilities and Project Shine for patients living with HIV.

This is only a short preview of EBNHC's long and illustrious history in the community - a legacy that was turned over to me, just a kid from East Boston, nearly a decade ago.

Now, as the organization enters into another time of transition, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished together as a health center and as a community over the last ten years. The positive impact is astounding.

We have expanded services to reach more than 120,000 patients across the Commonwealth's most vulnerable communities - solidifying access to equitable and inclusive care and consistently exceeding industry benchmarks in key areas of patient satisfaction.

Our Neighborhood PACE program has grown to over 700 members - more than doubling in size since 2012 - and now boasts patient satisfaction

rates of 95%, ensuring that more of our older adults can age in place, in the community, all while receiving superior care.

We have made it our mission to hire from the community and build an engaged workforce, winning 7 Boston Globe Top Place to Work awards in the last 8 years.

We have cut the ribbon on two new, state-of-the-art buildings while creating partnerships in our communities to ensure we can meet people where they are.

We are co-founders of the Commonwealth's largest Medicaid Accountable Care Organization, Community Care Cooperative, and established Advocates for Community Health, a new national advocacy organization for innovative health centers focused on equity and impact.

We fought back against COVID-19 - together distributing key information, supporting residents in need, and providing critical services to help stop the spread. To date, EBNHC has processed more than 160,000 COVID-19 tests and administered over 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine - with East Boston, Chelsea, and Revere boasting the highest rates of Latinx vaccination in the Commonwealth.

Perhaps most importantly, we never shut our doors, offering care 24/7/365, even at the height of the initial COVID-19 surge.

Above all else, we've approached each day with compassion, respect, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that all are welcome at the health center and in the communities we serve.

Directly or indirectly, many in our neighborhoods have contributed to these successes. I thank you for your many years of support and partnership. My promise to you is that this work is not done. I will continue to advocate for our community and the health center remains strong and steadfast in its mission. You are in good hands.

I'm fiercely proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to watching the next decade of progress from just across the harbor.

Thank you for everything, and be well.
Manny Lopes

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STEM opportunities are greater than ever in Mass.

STEM-heavy industries are leading Massachusetts’ recent economic growth according to a study released by Commonwealth Corporation in partnership with the Executive Office of Education (EOE), and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) for the fourth annual Massachusetts STEM Week 2021. STEM Week takes place from October 18 – 22 and is organized by EOE and the STEM Advisory Council in partnership with the state’s nine Regional STEM Networks. It is a statewide effort to boost the interest, awareness, and ability for all learners to envision themselves in STEM education and employment opportunities.

“Studying STEM creates endless opportunities, and we hope more students can see themselves in STEM,” said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Co-Chair of the STEM Advisory Council. “STEM jobs and industries are vital to the Massachusetts economy, so we want to inspire young learners to get involved, be inspired, and picture themselves in a STEM career.”

Massachusetts’s economy grew at an annual rate of 6.9%, according to Growth Domestic Product data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis covering fourth quarter 2020 through first quarter 2021 (October 2020 – March 2021). This growth was led by the professional, scientific, and services industry, which has the highest concentration of STEM jobs across all industries. Looking forward, the demand for STEM jobs is increasing and expected to account for 40% of the increase in total employment in Massachusetts through 2028.

“To meet the needs of job growth projections in STEM, the Baker-Polito Administration is committed to upskilling workers

for long-lasting careers in technology, manufacturing, health care, and biotech,” said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. “One proven pathway is Apprenticeships, and we are expanding this program to include more training opportunities for software developers, cybersecurity analysts, and IT business analysts.”

One in five workers in Massachusetts work in the STEM field. Though often associated with science and technology, STEM jobs encompass a broad range of industry sectors. For example, one in five manufacturing jobs in Massachusetts is a STEM job; one in seven management jobs is STEM; and one out of every seven post-secondary teaching jobs is a STEM job.

“Our Administration, through the leadership of Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council, has worked hard for the past several years to help Massachusetts students gain experience in STEM fields,” said Education Secretary James Peyser. “We have expanded career and college pathways for young people to pursue industry-recognized credentials, and we deepened partnerships with employers and higher education institutions to offer more work-based learning experiences in STEM fields.”

While STEM occupations are found in almost every industry in Massachusetts, racial minority representation in STEM continues to be low. Data from 2020 estimates that 27% of STEM workers are non-white, compared to the 2018 report of 24%. Black/African Americans make up 5% of the Massachusetts STEM workforce, most concentrated in healthcare. Hispanic/Latinx workers compose 6% of the STEM workforce. Asians are at 15% working in STEM. Though

STEM jobs appear evenly distributed among men and women, women tend to work in lower-paying STEM industries. Excluding healthcare, women hold 29% of STEM occupations.

“At CommCorp, we are working to create a pipeline,” said Christine Abrams, President & CEO of Commonwealth Corporation. “For example, YouthWorks, in its recent grant cycle, supported youth placements in STEM jobs across information technology, healthcare, manufacturing, science, and engineering. This type of connection with employers is crucial as it can provide students with work-based learning opportunities as well as show them that they have many options for the future.”

The healthcare sector holds the greatest number of STEM jobs at 212,340, while the professional, scientific, and technical services sector has the highest concentration of STEM jobs at 43%. Massachusetts continues to be among the states with the highest demand for STEM occupations, adjusted for population, across the U.S.

“The findings in this report reinforce the importance of our efforts to continue raising awareness of key career paths among STEM fields, which are playing a leading role in the Commonwealth’s economic recovery,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. “By focusing on the pipeline to develop talent, we can ensure STEM industries can continue to leverage a strong workforce in Massachusetts to strengthen their position in our economy and also expand STEM career opportunities to even more communities that traditionally have been underrepresented.”

Rebaza appointed VP of Residential Development at Rockland Trust

Rockland Trust is pleased to welcome back Karen Rebaza to the Bank, a residential lending group. In her newly established role as Vice President, Residential Community Development Officer, Rebaza will be responsible for growing the Bank, a first time home buyer efforts through providing educational workshops, working with community housing organizations, and exploring opportunities for Rockland Trust to expand its residential product and program offerings in an effort to narrow Massachusetts’ home ownership gap.

Rockland Trust is thrilled to have Karen back on our residential lending team. Her extensive knowledge of how best to serve first time home buyers is a tremendous asset to the bank, said Joseph Lamberti, Vice President, General Sales Manager of Residential Lending at Rockland Trust. “Karen, a expertise and leadership will enable us to bring greater opportunities and resources to the individuals and families in the communities we serve. Rebaza rejoins Rockland Trust after spending two



Karen Rebaza

years serving as the Assistant Director of Homebuyer Services for Boston, a Home Center; previously she worked as a senior loan officer at Rockland Trust and Blue Hills Bank. Throughout her decade long career in the residential mortgage field, Rebaza has been deeply involved in advocating for the Boston community. She currently serves on the Board of Advisors for the East Boston YMCA board as well as the Advisory board for the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, a STASH Program.

“I am very excited to return to Rockland Trust and contribute to the Bank, a ongoing efforts

to narrow the homeownership gap in Massachusetts, a, said Rebaza. “I am eager to provide our community with specialized education and resources and assist our loan officers in building strong customer relationships.

Rebaza came to the United States from Guatemala in 1992 and is fluent in both Spanish and English. Due to her passion and dedication when it comes to community and narrowing the home ownership gap, she has received multiple awards throughout her career recognizing her work in the mortgage field as well as her dedication to the community. Rebaza has received the Outstanding Professional Award, Mayor, a Office City of Lynn- Presenter Centro de Mujeres Latina: MARIA in both 2018 and 2019. In 2017, Rebaza also received the Inspiration and Dedication to the Latino Community in Boston from the City of Boston. She currently resides in East Boston with her husband Marco and her four children.

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BE SURE TO VOTE THIS TUESDAY

The historic election in the City of Boston is set for this coming Tuesday, November 2, with the main event being the mayoral contest between Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu. Boston voters for the first time will be electing a woman as mayor, and both candidates are the children of immigrants.

However, as much as they may have in common, Wu and Essaibi George have presented very different visions of how they intend to govern, both in style and in substance, for the voters' consideration.

In addition, there is a full slate of City Councillor at Large seats, with eight candidates vying for the four slots. Among the nine district council seats, six are contested.

There is a lot on the line for every Boston resident in Tuesday's election. The future direction of our city will be determined by the choices we make on Tuesday.

We urge all of our readers who are eligible voters to get out and vote.

REMEMBERING THE PERFECT STORM

It was 30 years ago this week when the Perfect Storm struck the East Coast of the United States, bringing powerful winds and gargantuan waves that pummeled the Massachusetts coastline on Wednesday, October 30, and continued into the next day.

Although the storm eventually affected the entire East Coast from Canada to Florida, the most-costly damage occurred in Massachusetts, with more than 100 homes destroyed, especially along the South Shore in Marsh-field.

The damage would have been much greater, given the 30-foot waves that ravaged the coastline, but the storm struck during a neap tide, the time of the month when the high tides are at their lowest.

If it had occurred during one of those King Tides -- we can only imagine the devastation.

The storm originally was called the No-Name Storm or the Halloween Storm, but eventually became known as the Perfect Storm, after the book by journalist Sebastian Junger and subsequent movie (starring George Clooney) that chronicled the fate of the crew of the Gloucester fishing vessel, Andrea Gale, which sunk amidst the storm and its 100-foot waves.

Junger got that name from a Boston meteorologist, who told Junger that the storm was formed from the convergence of the remnants of Hurricane Grace and two other weather systems, which then combined into one powerful storm -- the Perfect Storm -- a few hundred miles out to sea and then made a beeline westward for a direct hit on Massachusetts.

According to the meteorologist, the unlikely convergence of a hurricane and two other weather systems is a once-in-a-hundred year event.

For those of us who recall seeing the waves crashing over the seawalls in Revere and Winthrop from our tall office buildings in downtown Boston, and then getting a first-hand look at the damage the next day, the Perfect Storm is one we'll remember for the rest of our lives, just as we'll never forget the Blizzard of '78 and the previous generation never forgot the Hurricane of 1938.

In view of all of the destruction wrought by weather events in other parts of the world in the past 15 years, we should consider ourselves lucky that we have not had to face similar natural catastrophes.

On the other hand, realizing that it's been 30 years since our last truly Big One, the odds are that we are overdue for another natural disaster -- "Time and tide wait for no man," wrote the poet -- and with the added impact of climate change, whatever fate awaits us, we fear it will be a bad outcome.

ENJOY A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Yes, we all want to party and enjoy this Halloween season as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic, especially after Halloween essentially was cancelled last year.

But we urge all of our readers not to overdo it and to enjoy the holiday responsibly with their friends and loved ones.

Excessive drinking never makes sense and there never is a good excuse for it.

So let's dress up in our Squid Games costumes -- but remember that the winner of the game had to keep his head (literally and figuratively) to survive.

He never would have made it if he had been under the influence.



GUEST OP-ED

Yes on 1 for a better budget: The time is now

Andres Del Castillo

This year, there will be a question on the November ballot that would change how the City budget is created. It would allow the city council to change budget items by a majority vote, and create an Office of Participatory Budgeting to allow people to vote on certain budget items. More of us would get a say in how we spend our City's money.

Currently, city councilors can only vote yes or no on the entire budget; they have no power to shift funds within the budget. Also, there is currently no process for voters in Boston to have direct input on the budget through partic-

ipatory budgeting processes, a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget. This project exists in many other major cities like our neighbors next door in Cambridge, as well as New York, Seattle, Oakland, and Chicago.

By voting yes on Question 1 this November, voters have a chance to amend the City of Boston's Charter to allow far more voices to influence the budget process, including communities who have historically been excluded from influencing the budget. This effort "Yes on 1 for a Better Budget" is led by a coalition of community organizations, teach-

ers, nurses, faith leaders, environmental groups, small businesses, elected officials, and voters across Boston.

The changes were approved by every member of the city council, including the two mayoral candidates, so all the people most involved in the budget process agree these are good changes for Boston. Allowing legislative budget changes is very common, and government bodies from the federal and state governments down to cities and towns work this way, and it works very well.

Having more leaders who are closer to the needs of the communities in the city will ensure that

community needs are better met in the budget than allowing only the mayor to set the priorities.

Why vote Yes on 1? Boston needs more affordability, stronger schools, thriving local businesses, and good youth jobs. Yes on 1 would allow us to better achieve these goals by giving local city councilors more input so that every Boston neighborhood is fully included.

Vote on November 2nd, YES ON QUESTION 1 !

Visit www.YesOn1Boston.com and follow @Yeson1Boston

Andres Del Castillo is Co-Director, Right to the City Boston

GUEST OP-ED

Question 1 will exchange a proven budgeting process for chaos

By: Pam Kocher

Hiding underneath the spotlighted races for Mayor and City Council on the Nov. 2 ballot is Question 1, which is a binding initiative that will change the City Charter and allow a budgeting power grab by the City Council.

We believe this change will bring chaos to a strong budgeting system that currently works well.

The mission of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) is to be the City's fiscal watchdog, and on Question 1, the BMRB wants to get the facts to voters. In the past, we have sounded the alarm many times on what we believed were unwise fiscal measures, and now we are doing that on Question 1 and asking that residents make sure to vote 'No on 1' after they cast their votes for mayor and city council.

Question 1 looks to shift some budgeting powers away from the mayor and allow 13 City Councilors to write and override the mayor's budget. Question 1 will also introduce more meetings, resources going to the loudest constituents, and it could damage the City's pristine credit rat-

ing.

A few facts need to be put on the record:

- Question 1 is unnecessary as the Council already has tools and powers that they can use to influence the City Budget -- tools and powers they rarely use now. In fact, with just one memorandum, the City Council could call for very specific revisions and additions that the mayor could incorporate into any budget and do so publicly.

- The question is binding, meaning that it's not an opinion poll. If this passes, it would result in a change to the City Charter that would be permanent.

- The big issue in Question 1 is not participatory budgeting. In fact, Boston already has that. It was introduced many years ago under the Menino Administration.

- Finally, the measure is unfair to our new female leader, whomever she may be. No matter which of the mayoral candidates wins on Nov. 2, she will be the first elected female mayor of Boston, but she will also be walking into a job stripped of important budgeting powers if Question 1 passes. Where is the fairness in taking away powers from the first female

mayor, powers that male mayors have enjoyed for generations?

Boston has been recognized for decades as being a fiscally sound, with a AAA bond rating that allows our city to pay less for borrowed dollars, save on capital projects and manage through downturns in our economy. Our budgeting process keeps people employed, programs funded and services

reaching the neediest.

Our city works because our budget works.

Vote 'No on 1' to make sure we continue making prudent financial decisions in our city. For more detailed information, log on to No1boston.com and make sure to get the facts on Question 1.

Pam Kocher - is President of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and Boston Resident

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LETTER to the Editor

LOOKING AT QUESTION 2

To The Editor,
Advisory Question 2 on Boston's November election ballot asks voters:

Should a high voltage, electric substation be built at 400 Condor Street in East Boston, along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area, rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?

I hope all East Boston neighbors across will show their support by voting NO on Question 2.

Eversource seeks to build a substation at a location near parks, homes, and the Chelsea Creek, a site widely opposed by residents, organizations, and officials. Practical alternative sites exist, such as secure Massport land at Logan Airport.

Residents were promised a soccer field and flood protection buffer on the property, which was City land until Eversource was given the prime waterfront site in a hastily arranged land swap.

The City also gave Eversource a rarely-granted blanket waiver of project review without any notice to neighbors or opportunity for comment.

Mayor Kim Janey has stated her opposition to the East Boston substation, as have Councilor Lydia Edwards, Representative Adrian Madaro, and mayoral candidates Anissa Essabi George and Michelle Wu as City Council members. Although this is just advisory, with our support we trust the new mayor will use all her powers to solve this issue.

Please see www.NoE-astieSubstation.com for more information. Thank you.

Gail Miller

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

Our District is blessed with numerous waterfronts and beaches that attract visitors from around the world. Take Winthrop Parkway, for example. With beautiful coastline on one side and idyllic beach homes on the other, the Parkway represents the best of New England and bridges two of our great municipalities: Winthrop and Revere. It's hard to believe that just three years ago, sixty-foot waves easily breached the sea wall and fully submerged the road in icy water. In addition to cutting off one of the only access points to Winthrop and presenting a life-threatening risk to surrounding residents, the flooding from that day created scenes more reminiscent to far-away typhoons.

Unfortunately, as we all know, this was not a one-time crisis. The Parkway flooded again during an excessively high tide in February and when Hurricane Ida hit in September. Further, just two weeks ago, a report released by the First Street Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to assessing the flood risk to American communities, found that Suffolk County is one of the top 20 counties in the nation expected to see the largest increase in flood risk over the next 30 years. This means that Revere, Winthrop, and Boston will soon face similar flood threats to hurricane-prone cities in Louisiana and Texas.

Our environmental

problems don't stop with flooding. Residents in our District face the brunt of environmental harms from the State's infrastructure systems: airport noise and air pollution, combustible jet fuel stored near parks and playgrounds, and smog from traffic congestion. The children in our District are more than four times as likely to suffer from symptoms of asthma and other respiratory conditions as children living elsewhere. The infrastructure in our District benefits everyone in Massachusetts including those from away towns, yet our residents alone suffer from the catastrophic threats to their health, homes, and livelihoods.

Most of the residents in our District live in what the EEA calls "environmental justice populations," neighborhoods in which residents are more vulnerable to environmental harms and exclusion from participation in environmental, energy, and climate change decision-making. The EEA released its updated "Environmental Justice Policy" in June of this year to address the exclusion of impacted residents from policy decisions, but people are right to be skeptical. For far too long, residents of our District have been promised a seat at the table for decisions that affect their homes and health only to be completely ignored in favor of Massport and utilities giants.

One recent example of this is Massachusetts's decision to permit the building of an Eversource

electrical substation at an East Boston location near Chelsea Creek, across the street from the American Legion Playground, and within 800 feet of a jet fuel storage site. Despite the risk of flooding from the creek, fire or explosion from the jet fuel, and harm to children who might stumble upon the site from the playground, the Commonwealth proceeded with the project. Eversource selected the East Boston site largely because it already had the property and did not want to go through the trouble of finding another. The State chose the convenience of a massive utility over the health and safety of our residents.

This is unacceptable. We must hold the electrical substation, airport, and Saugus Wheelabrator accountable to state pollution standards and be unafraid to enact penalties when such standards are violated. We must hold state officials accountable to their own stated policies of environmental justice. Our District cannot always bear the brunt for other parts of the State. We must fund a more robust restitution fund for those suffering from the health consequences of environmental harms.

To preserve our beautiful coastal areas, reduce litter, and protect local marine wildlife, we must fund the placement of more trash and recycling bins at our public beaches. We must also secure more funding to combat coastal erosion, sea wall decay, jet fuel spills, noise dam-

age to homes. Additionally, the state should expand the COASTSWEEP clean-up program to keep our coastlines free of debris and provide more environmental volunteer opportunities for students and other community members.

Finally, the contamination of our water systems with PFAS from factories, landfills, construction sites, and even firefighting materials presents another environmental challenge for the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has recently adopted new regulations requiring public water systems to test for PFAS. This was an important first step; however, if such tests show that PFAS is present in public water systems, the state should make funds available to municipalities that will have to make costly repairs to their water systems in order to prevent PFAS contamination. The costs of such repairs should NOT be passed onto Commonwealth residents in the form of higher water and sewer rates.

Every year we see the damaging consequences of environmental inaction grow. We must act now to build a safe and sustainable future for our families.

For more policy discussion, please go to www.VoteDambrosio.com.

Anthony A. D'Ambrosio, has a BA Yale; Masters from University of Cambridge and is a candidate for State Senate

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D'Ambrosio announces new endorsements

Anthony D'Ambrosio
for State Senate Endorse-
ment Rollout

The D'Ambrosio campaign is proud to announce that we have received the endorsements of Charlie Patch, Former Revere Ward 6 City Councilor, RoseLee Vincent, Former State Representative, and Leo Robinson. Robinson has served as an At-Large City Councilor for over 30 years in Chelsea.

“Anthony will bring to the State Senate high energy, fresh ideas and an unrivaled work ethic. He is a breath of fresh air during

a time of politicians trying to have it both ways,” said Charlie Patch, Former Revere Ward 6 City Councilor. “We won’t have to wonder where Anthony stands because he clearly articulates his positions and isn’t swayed by insiders looking out for their own agenda. I am proud to support him and am looking forward to seeing his leadership at the State House.”

"I support Anthony D'Ambrosio for State Senate because he is hard working, has strong family ties to the district and

is committed to protecting the most vulnerable populations in our district - our children and the elderly," said RoseLee Vincent, Former State Representative. "I am glad he is running and proud to endorse him."

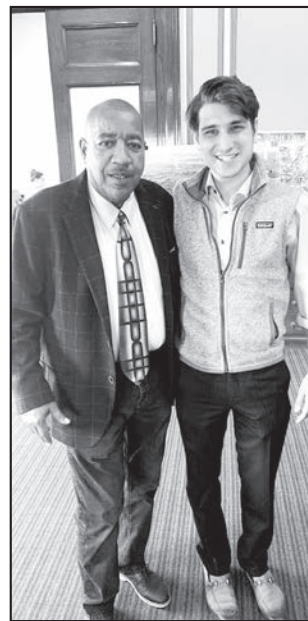
“Anthony and I have worked on issues of equity, community engagement, and economic revitalization,” said Leo Robinson. “He has a superior track record of success. I enthusiastically and without pause endorse him for State Senate.”



Charlie Patch and Anthony D'Ambrosio.



**Anthony D'Ambrosio and
RoseLee Vincent.**



Leo Robinson and Anthony D'Ambrosio.

Flaherty announces new endorsements

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty announced he has received 9 additional endorsements in support of his bid for re-election in the November 2nd Boston Municipal General Election. These additional endorsements are from the following organizations: Greater Boston Labor Council, New England Joint Board UNITE HERE, SEIU1199, and Boston's Ward 5, 6, 7, 12, and 16 Democratic Committees.

"I am honored to receive these endorsements in what has continued to be a highly competitive campaign," said Councilor Flaherty. "This is a continued demonstration of the broad level of support I continue to receive from every corner of the city. That support was shown in my first-place finish at the polls in September, shown through the 70 total endorsements I have received to date, and I believe it will continue to prominently show in the results of the upcoming General Election."

The complete list of Councilor Flaherty's endorsements is available below:

Congressman Stephen Lynch, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County Register of Deeds Steve Murphy, Suffolk Supreme Judicial Clerk Maura Doyle, Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Mike Donovan, Clerk Magistrate of Suffolk Superior Court Maura Hennigan, MA Senate Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, MA Senate Majority Whip Mike Rush, State Senator Nick Collins, MA House Assistant Majority Lead-

er Mike Moran, State Rep David Biele, State Rep Edward Coppinger, State Rep Kevin Honan, State Rep Dan Hunt, State Rep Jay Livingstone, State Rep Dan Ryan, Councilor Frank Baker, Councilor Kenzie Bok, Councilor Liz Breadon, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Councilor Ed Flynn, Councilor Matt O'Malley, Former Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, Ward 5 Democratic Committee, Ward 6 Democratic Committee, Ward 7 Democratic Committee, Ward 12 Democratic Committee, Ward 16 Democratic Committee, Teamsters Local Union #25, Greater Boston Labor Council, Greater Boston Building Trades, Boston Teachers Union, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, Unite Here Local #26, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103, AFSCME 93, New England Joint Board Unite HERE (NEJB UNITE HERE), SEIU Local 888, SEIU 1199, SEIU Local 888, SEIU NAGE Local 5000, Boston Carmen's Union #589, Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association - Emergency Medical Services, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Boston Police Superior Officers Federation, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2222, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 4, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 6, International Association of Bridge Structural and

namental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 7, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 33, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 22, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 88 (Tunnel Workers), Laborers' International Union of North America Local 151, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 223, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 1421 (Wreckers), Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' International Association Local 534, Sheet Metal Workers' International Association Local 17, The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers Local 29, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Pipefitters Local 537, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA), Sprinkler Fitters Local 550, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445, Floorcoverers Local #2168, Carpenters Residential Local #723, Carpenters Local #327, Piledrivers Local #56, Shop and Millmen Local #51

Edwards announces new endorsements

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed in the special election to the State Senate by: the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (NASRCC) and member union Pile Drivers Local 56; and United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union Local 1445. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“We are pleased to support Lydia Edwards for State Senate because she shares our values and has worked to provide opportunity and fairness for all workers. As a Boston City Councilor, she has been an advocate for responsible development that provides family-sustaining wages and benefits, promotes apprenticeship and ensures worker safety,” said Joe Byrne, NASRCC Executive Secretary-Treasurer. “While union members in Boston enjoy these benefits, there are still many workers who do not have the opportunities and protections they deserve. Wage theft and tax fraud are far too prevalent and not enough employers participate in comprehensive skills training programs that turn a good job into a great career. We believe Lydia Edwards will bring knowledge, experience and hard work to fight for these issues at the State House and will make an excellent State Senator.”

"Pile Drivers Local 56 appreciates Lydia Edwards' strong commitment to creating work opportunities with livable wages and good benefits for working families in Boston," said Business Manager David Borrus. "Lydia has a solid record of legal action on behalf of workers, and supporting meaningful labor legislation especially for transportation infrastructure. Lydia has been a strong voice for labor as a City Councilor, and we are proud to support her campaign for Massachusetts Senate."

In their endorsement of Lydia, UFCW 1445 wrote: "We are excited and proud to support our sister, Lydia Edwards, in her campaign for State Senate. Lydia's efforts on behalf of working families are unmatched and they extend far beyond her own union membership. For her entire career, she has stood up for the people who need it the most. She has never backed down from a fight for good, and we know that she will

take that same spirit to the State House. Lydia is the clear choice for the First Suffolk & Middlesex District."

Edwards endorsed by UAW Region 9A, Iron Workers Local 7, and Massachusetts State Council of Machinists.

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“We are excited to endorse one of our own members, Lydia Edwards, for the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate Seat,” said Beverley Brakeman, Regional Director for UAW Region 9A. “Beginning with her amazing work at Greater Boston Legal Services, under UAW Local 2320, to her time in the Boston City Council, Lydia has always been a champion of working people. Lydia’s focus on progressive values and her inclusive style of leadership is what has made her so successful. Lydia cares deeply about the issues we advocate for every day – the right to organize, worker protections, affordable housing, food security, healthcare, and more. We know that Lydia will push back against the system and address every issue through a lens of equity, justice, and transparency. UAW Region 9A will stand behind Lydia all the way to the State House.”

“Residents of Boston and all of Massachusetts’ cities and towns are finding it difficult to make ends meet in this global economy and troubling times,” said Daniel McWilliams, President of Iron Workers Local 7. “We know that Lydia understands our views and will continue in that same manner protecting the working families of tomorrow. We need more people like Lydia that are willing to do the hard work required, such as bringing people together to have challenging conversations.”

The Massachusetts State Council is part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, representing more than 1,500

machinists in Greater Boston. The State Council of Machinists voted unanimously to endorse Lydia Edwards, saying of Lydia:

"The Executive Board members of the Massachusetts State Council of Machinists feel that you are the one candidate in the race that will represent the issues and challenges that are facing the working families of our Union and those in Massachusetts. Thank you for demonstrating to us that you have the ambition and courage to stand up for working people. We fully support you in your campaign."

The UAW Region 9A proudly serves over 30,000 active and retired members in all the New England states, New York City, and Puerto Rico. Their membership is very diverse, including legal aid attorneys and staff, technical and office professionals, childcare workers, graduate student workers and postdoctoral researchers, auto repair technicians, museum and cultural institution workers, draftsmen and women, light manufacturing workers, casino dealers and more.

Lydia Edwards is a fierce advocate for workers' rights. In the Senate, she'll continue her strong record of passing legislation and delivering resources and results for working people. As a member of the United Auto Workers, Lydia knows the power of a union, but she also knows that every worker, organized or not, deserves dignity, fair compensation and freedom from harassment in the workplace. Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society's most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.



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CITY PAWS

Campanion Giving

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

At some point in a companion animal relationship, we become caregivers. It may be for a short-term illness or injury, a chronic condition, or aging issues. Over the summer, our Westie Poppy needed a dental procedure, and we were reminded that caregiving requires organization and a team effort.

Finding Care
During the height of the pandemic, Poppy had an accident that loosened two tiny teeth. We became advocates for our dog from day one. First, we reached out to Dr. Jake Tedaldi at Vetcall.com for a home visit to advise us on the seriousness of the injury. Next, we set up an appointment at Angell Memorial, where we learned that they did not have any available dental appointments until 2022.

We thought about the veterinarians we had interviewed for articles over the years and reached out

to a team that had impressed us. We called Boston Veterinary Clinic, and they were able to set up a consultation and scheduled surgery to remove the teeth. They were also able to do a complete dental. (Ed brushes Poppy’s teeth twice a day, so this was the first dental for our little nine-year-old.)

Following Instructions
A dog or cat can’t prepare for a procedure on its own. That’s our job. We had a set of appointments and instructions for the days leading up to the surgery.

Over the years, we’ve found setting up timelines, and medication charts are worth the effort.

As a part of the clinic’s fear-free veterinary care, we had a mild anti-anxiety medication to give Poppy ten hours and two hours before dropoff. As with any surgery, there was also a time when we had to withhold food and water. Those items and the times when they

should occur were put into a spreadsheet and printed out as a checklist.

When we arrived home with Poppy after her dental procedure, we read her aftercare instructions, then set up, and printed a medication chart for the next two weeks. We took photos of her teeth along the way to be sure we could see progress. And, as always, Ed added anything of note to the reporter’s notebook he keeps on Poppy.

Caregiver Burden
While our recent caregiving for Poppy was short-term, we have faced chronic issues and the care needed due to age-related problems with our other dogs.

Zazie Todd Ph.D. recently wrote about “Caregiver Burden” regarding companion animals for Psychology Today. She noted that, “Caring for a pet with a chronic or terminal illness or serious behavior issue can involve making changes to one’s



After her dental surgery, we used puppy pads in Poppy’s crate to protect her bedding and make us aware of any residual bleeding.

schedule or lifestyle. As well as the initial shock of learning about the issue or diagnosis, there is the difficulty of coming to terms with it and the fact that life may not be the same again. There is the financial cost of vet visits and treatments, the challenges of giving treatments at home, and changes to what the pet can or cannot do. There may also be

impacts on the pet guardian’s health.”
Remember to take care of yourself during any period of caregiving. You might ask a friend, relative, or pet sitter to give you some time off when you feel you can’t leave your furry friend alone. Relieve anxiety by making a call to your veterinary team if something that is part of your pet’s

condition has you worried.
Happily, Poppy has fully recovered. She’s back to playing with her toys and chomping on oatmeal treats. For us, this bout of companion caregiving is over.
Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

City of Boston announces applications being accepted for School Committee

There are four terms soon to expire on the School Committee

Staff Report

Mayor Kim Janey announced applications are now being accepted by the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel, which is composed of parents, teachers, principals and representatives of the business and higher education communities, to fill four positions on the Boston School Committee. The positions include two 2-year terms, and two 4-year terms.Applications for the two sets of positions are due November 5 and November 14, respectively.

“The present and future strength of our City starts in the classroom with our children,” said Mayor Kim Janey. “Having representative voices on the Boston School Committee is essential to an equitable school system. I encourage everyone interested to apply to help foster Boston’s young leaders.”

The Boston School Committee is the governing body of the Boston Public Schools (BPS). The School Committee is responsible for:

- Defining the vision, mission, and goals of the Boston Public Schools;
- Establishing and monitoring the annual operating budget;
- Hiring, managing, and evaluating the Superintendent; and
- Setting and reviewing district policies and practices to support student achievement.

The seven members of the School Committee are Boston residents appointed by the Mayor. The four open positions will be selected by the next Mayor of Boston, who is expected to be sworn in on November 16.

The Mayor appoints members from a list of candidates recommended by a Nominating Panel. The School Committee also includes a non-voting student member of the Boston Student Advisory Council. To cultivate further Latinx representation on the Boston School Committee, Mayor Janey recently appointed Betty Francisco to the Boston School Committee Nominating Panel. Francisco, a Dorchester resident and BPS parent, is also an entrepreneur, business executive, attorney, and community leader. She started her service on the Panel in June.

The School Committee meets approximately twice per month during the school year to adopt, review and modify policies and practices that support teaching, learning and improved student achievement. With the exception of executive sessions, Committee meetings are open to the public, feature public comment periods and are broadcast on Boston City TV.

The 2-year term applications are due Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. The deadline to apply for the 4-year term is Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Applicants who wish to apply for both terms should do so by Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

Interviews for selected 2-year candidates will be held on November 9, 2021 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Interviews for selected 4-year candidates will be held on November 30, 2021 between 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Interviews will be conducted virtually.

Please direct all questions and submit completed applications toscnominatingpanel@boston.gov or mail/deliver to Room 612 of Boston City Hall. You can learn more about the Boston School Committee online.

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non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue.

“The ballot measure will be the first time residents will be able to directly express to the City our opposition to this ill-conceived idea,” said Eastie resident Heather O’Brien. “We trust the new Mayor will use all her available powers to resolve this serious issue.”

O’Brien and members of environmental groups like GreenRoots argue that practical alternative sites exist, such as on secure Massport land at Logan Airport.

The groups say Eastie residents were promised an athletic field and natural flood protection buffer on the Condor Street property, which was City land until Eversource was given the prime waterfront site in a hastily arranged land swap with the City to build the new Bremen Street Branch Library. Eversource owned the land the current library sits on but was given city land on the Chelsea Creek so the library could be built.

Prior to the land swap, the City’s Inspectional Services Department granted Eversource a

complete waiver on basic City review of the project. The City gave Eversource this rarely-given blanket waiver without any notice to neighbors or opportunity for comment.

Councilor Edwards argued that Eversource failed to hold a public hearing in the community during the original review process for this project, which denied the Eastie community an opportunity to participate in the discussion of the need for this project. She added that any significant energy project such as this requires the full and informed input of the public, especially in an already disproportionately overburdened Environmental Justice community like Eastie.

Edwards, Madaro, and Janey, as well as Boston mayoral candidates Anissa Essabi George and Michelle Wu, have all stated opposition to the substation.

“I was proud to stand with my neighbors this morning in opposition to Eversource’s electrical substation on the Chelsea Creek,” said Madaro. “This electrical substation is next to tanks of jet fuel, across the street from a playground, and in a flood zone. As an environmental justice community, East

Boston should not bear yet another burden in this location. On November 2, we have the opportunity to make our voices heard through the ballot. Question 2 asks if we want this dangerous substation in East Boston. Join me and vote NO on Question 2.”
Despite widespread community opposition as well as opposition from over a dozen Massachusetts elected officials the state’s Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) unanimously approved Eversource’s highly controversial plan to build a new substation back in February.

Despite state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides saying at Monday’s hearing that the substation would be placed in a “heavily, heavily industrialized area within an environmental justice community that has historically suffered disproportionate environmental harms and a heavy burden of infrastructure” she still voted in favor of Eversource’s plans as an EFSB board member.

The substation is the subject of numerous pending appeals and legal challenges at the state level from Eastie residents and organizations.

Early Voting // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

billion budget. It will give the council, just like every other legislative body, the ability to amend and to override the mayor’s veto.

There’s also a non-binding ballot question regarding the proposed Ever-


source Substation in East Boston

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near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?”

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Boyle, Anthony J	160 London LLC	160 London St #4	\$699,000
Loomis, Mallory	Tuppence LLC	215 Maverick St #2	\$619,000
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Tan, Patrick	Dlugos, Rachel A	156 Porter St #306	\$635,000
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Sixty of the 99 graduates in the class attended the event that was held in the Mystique Asian Fusion Restaurant.



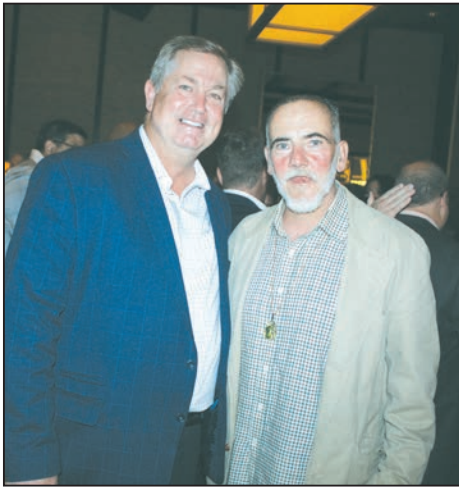
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Savio classmates Steve Duggan Jr., Mike Mason, Michael Reedy, Alan Amoroso, and Matt Myers.



Tim Mullaney and William Riley.



Savio classmates Tim Mullaney and Nicholas Lehmann.



Savio classmates Joe Squatrito, John McGrath, Bill Trainor, Tom Robinson, Peter Filonowicz, and Tommy Kazmowski, pictured at their 35th reunion.



Members of the Savio Class of 1986, Manny Ferreiros, Patrick Dalton, and Cory Gallant.



The 1985-86 Dom Savio basketball team had a 20-2 record, advancing to the state semifinals where the Spartans lost to eventual state champion East Boston High School. Pictured at the reunion are teammates Michael Micciche, Phil Scarfo, Frank Shea, Tim Mullaney, and Matt Myers.



Michael Micciche, Phil Scarfo, Vince Tino, and Frank Shea.



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ings and ZBA hearings.

While this new measure has not slowed development, it has put an end to ‘as of right’ projects that did not require ZBA approval.

Aside from erecting a structure that is 1,000 sq. ft. or more or adding an addition that is above the threshold, projects that alter or change the exterior of any building that is perceptively different were also subjected to the community and ZBA process.

The city and neighborhood is currently trying to create a new Master Plan and change some of the community’s outdated zoning.

With the PLAN: East Boston initiative entering the final stages, the IPOD extension will give a little extra protection to the community while new zoning for Eastie is figured out.

The IPOD has been just one step in adopting new zoning for the neighborhood. Once new zoning is adopted the IPOD will be retired.

The IPOD was part of the city directive PLAN: East Boston and Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the BP-DA’s planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030-guided effort to ‘preserve, enhance and grow’ the neighborhood.

The city has been working closely with Eastie community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding principles of “preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively”.

As part of the initiative in Eastie a comprehensive planning will include a focus on balancing contextually sensitive development alongside preservation. There will also be a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.

Sports

Last Game

East Boston Little League completes successful season

By Times Staff

The East Boston Little League concluded another successful season with its fall league consisting of Minor Major and Senior divisions.

Each division had four teams with the Majors and Seniors ending with two exciting playoff series. In the senior division, the best-of-three championship series between the Orange and Blue teams began with Orange, coached by Oscar Vega, taking Game 1, with Alex Velas-

co providing the offense and Matt Turilli hurling a complete game shutout. Game 2 saw the Blue team, coaches by Chuck Cassaro, win a close game behind the pitching of Nick Festa and Matt DeCarney with some clutch offense from Cam Martin, Robert Gilbride, and Chris Gibbons. The deciding game three was a back-and-forth affair in which the Orange held a one-run lead with two out in the last inning. With CJ Cassaro on the mound, the

Blue team staged an incredible comeback led by the clutch performances of JP Giorgio and Miguel Pimental.

Jared Pacita then closed the game out with a shutdown last inning, giving the Blue team the win and the series. In the Major division another incredible series saw the Yellow team face off against the Black team in a best-of-five series. The Yellow team, coached by Pat Aiken, took Game 1 behind the pitching and hitting of the Previte brothers, Will and Aiden. Game 2 saw Owen Flanagan toss a complete game shutout for the Black team to even the series at 1-1. Jaylen Cuello was the star on the mound for the Black team, coached by Anthony Forbes, who took game 3. Behind the dominant pitching of Ferdinand Carangelo, the Black team took Game 4 to win the series three games to one.

EBLL President Chucky Cassaro thanked the players for their participation in the Fall League. "We had a good turnout for fall baseball in three divisions," said Cassaro. "The kids had a lot of fun. I would like to personally thank Anthony Guerrero of Massport and Chris Zuffante for allowing us to continue playing at Festa Field throughout the fall. I would also like to thank Boston Parks Director Paul McCaffrey for allow-



The East Boston Little League Major Division Black team won the Fall League championship.

ing us to use the East Boston Stadium turf field."

Cassaro invited Everett players and coaches to participate in the Eastie league. "The team, coached by Oscar Vega, was well-coached and they have baseball etiquette," said Cassaro.

The EBL president said he and League Treasurer Dr. Robert Gilbride, a popular East Boston dentist, will be returning to lead the program in the 2022 season.

Cassaro also lauded Nick Free for his assistance this season.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

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

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

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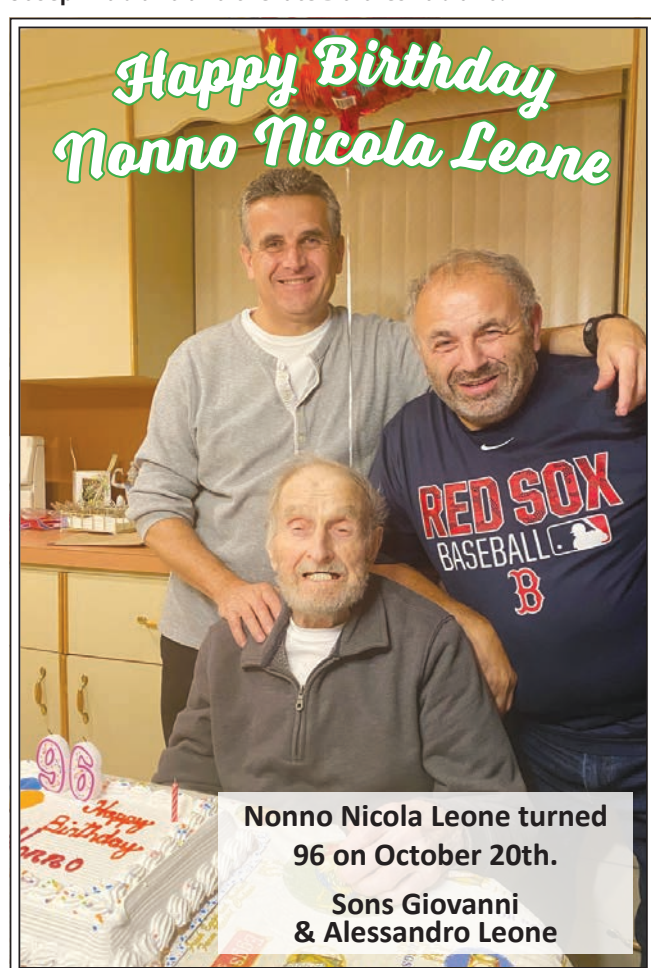
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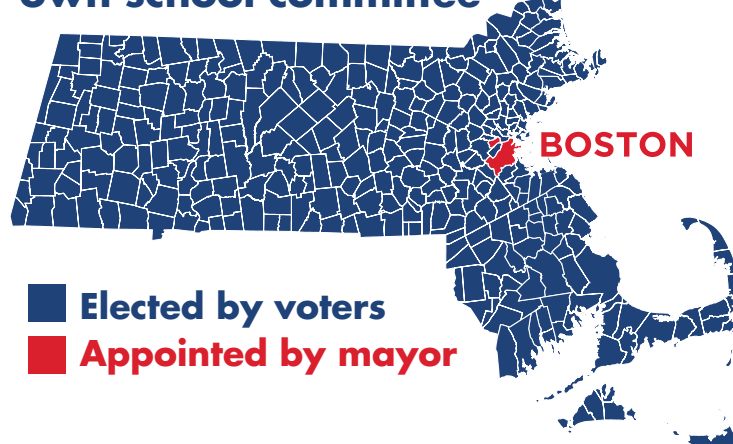
Frankie Fabiano, long-time and popular Winthrop High School sports teams' manager and current aide to the athletic director, holds the Frankie Fabiano Way sign at a ceremony Friday night honoring his outstanding service to the Winthrop High athletic program. The new roadway is located behind Winthrop High School. Frankie is the son of Joseph Fabiano and the late Dolores Fabiano.



Nonno Nicola Leone turned 96 on October 20th. Sons Giovanni & Alessandro Leone

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OBITUARIES

Marilyn Bruno

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Marilyn D. (Umbro) Bruno, 84, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 20.

The beloved wife of the late Kenneth A. Bruno, she was the devoted mother of Ken Bruno and his wife, Gloria of Saugus and Mark Bruno and his loving companion, Janet Funari; dear sister of Camille Tuttavilla of East Boston, Richard Umbro of Malden, Elizabeth Cavallaro of Lynnfield and the late Rocco and Anthony Umbro and cherished grandmother of Michael, Laura, Jessica and Gina. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Marilyn's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, October 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. and again Friday morning at 8:30



a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Marilyn being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Kenneth, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TEACHERS STAGE A 'WALK-IN'

CHELSEA - Chelsea teachers staged a "walk-in" on Monday as part of their efforts to demand what they consider to be a fair contract.

Teachers, staff, educators, and community leaders rallied outside the district schools last week before walking into the buildings together.

The most recent contract between the district and Chelsea Teachers Union LocaAl #1340 expired at the end of the last school year. According to Kathryn Anderson, president of the union, the teachers' top negotiation priorities include making pay competitive with nearby districts, paying paraprofessionals for translation services, reducing class sizes, and providing prep periods for all members, including weekly preps for paraprofessionals.

"I think the Chelsea community stands with us and recognizes how important the demands are for getting students the services they deserve," said Anderson.

She said the support and participation from teachers across the district was high for the walk-in, and helped to show that there was unity among teachers beyond the leadership of the union.

Anderson said she believes one of the biggest issues on the school side is that there is a mindset locked into constant budget cuts over the years, and that some might not fully believe that Chelsea is going to see a major bump in Student Opportunity Act (SOA) money in the coming years. The SOA money coming into Chelsea is estimated to double from \$70 million

to \$140 million over the next six years, and after the six-year phase, the increase from the state will become permanent.

Low pay, teacher retention, and high class sizes are all issues that are intertwined and could be solved through the smart use of the SOA money, Anderson said.

"There's a huge difference between class sizes of 32 kids and 24 or 20 kids," said Anderson.

She also noted that the teacher retention rates are lower than in surrounding communities, and that the pay for Chelsea teachers plays a big part in that.

"If you are looking a mile away, and they are making 16 percent more, it can be hard to convince people to stay," Anderson said.

The next negotiation sessions between the schools and the union are scheduled for Nov. 8 and 15. Anderson said there has been movement on some issues, but that there are still issues where the two sides are far apart.

"Negotiations between Chelsea Public Schools and the Chelsea Teachers Union are ongoing," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "I can assure you that we are working in good faith to reach an agreement. I fully expect that we will reach an agreement that is fair and equitable both for staff and for the community."

School Committee member Marisol Santiago said that all the teachers, paraprofessionals, and all the members of the school district are valuable stakeholders in the process, and that it is important to have a good negotiation process to make sure both sides

"We all have to keep in mind the various stakeholders and plan for the future," she said. "It's critical to do that respectfully, because everyone wants the best for the community."

Santiago said she did see positives from the teacher walk-in held at the schools on Monday.

"I'm glad to see that great organizing is happening that is building out a stronger community that benefits us all," she said.

OFFICIALS TAKE STEPS TO STOP STUDENTS FIGHTING

EVERETT - "We are making headway, but there is still a way to go," Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani told School Committee members regarding the measures that school officials are taking to stem the recent increase in incidents of fighting at Everett High School.

Tahiliani, speaking at a meeting of the School Committee, even went so far to say that school officials could be looking at prosecuting those students responsible for filming and then posting the fights on social media platforms.

Tahiliani, who temporarily has moved her office to the high school to have a more hands-on approach to the problem, outlined some of the measures being taken by school officials, including having a full-time staff to record a students' attendance during the entire day; having students review the student handbook; filling vacant positions; and stressing the responsibility of students who record and then post videos on social media.

The committee backed the superintendent's actions, acknowledging that there is a problem at the high school. However, the members agreed that once the misinformation that is circulating on social media is corrected, parents will feel much better about the situation.

"As a parent with a daughter in the Everett Public Schools, I understand the concerns fellow parents have about recent incidents at the high school," said Mayor DeMaria. "It's important for families to know that these issues are being taken seriously by the School Department and the School Resource Officers assigned by the Everett Police Department to the high school. Progress has already been made on a series of measures and more work is underway to prevent

further incidents," the Mayor continued. "The School Department has committed to sharing information with parents about the efforts underway to keep our students safe and help address parents' concerns. I look forward to working with the Superintendent and my colleagues on the School Committee to find additional ways to support the social and emotional learning needs of all our students to help them transition back into the classroom environment and the impacts they have felt from the pandemic."

Ward 5 member Marcony Almedida Barros told his colleagues that he was at Everett High for more than three hours and saw no major problems at the school. He also mentioned how he communicated with parents in Portuguese, and once the truth about the situation came out, how relieved the parents felt.

"There are rumors that the place is falling apart," Barros said, adding, "We need to communicate with parents that there are fights, but we are taking action."

Ward 1 School Committeeman Allen Panarese echoed Barros's sentiments.

"Five percent of the students' actions are negative and are overshadowing the 95% of the good accomplishments of the students," Panarese said.

"My son feels safe at Everett High," at-large committeewoman Samantha Lambert told her colleagues.

Tahiliani added that the Everett High staff are working with the Everett Police School Resource Officers to address the issue.

Kimberly Auger of the Everett Teachers' Association (ETA) issued a statement on the matter.

"The ETA membership wants nothing more than to reconnect with and support our students. We welcome and encourage more visits and discussions between teachers and administrators. We know our members already show up every day for our students' social, academic, and emotional growth. We are all willing to examine and improve our practice within our classrooms and our schools. The staff at each school, nearly all of whom we represent - teachers, administrative assistants, paraprofessionals, vice-principals, coordinators, directors, department heads - stand ready to continue to help the Superintendent and the building principals

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10/27/21

Rep. Madaro testifies on his Food Justice with Jobs bill

By John Lynds

East Boston State Rep. Adrian Madaro testified last week in front of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture on the bill he is lead sponsor that hopes to connect food insecurities and job growth.

The bill, H.967, An Act

Relative to Food Justice with Jobs.legislation is being considered on Beacon Hill and aims to improve the quality of life for thousands of Eastie residents.

“As we know, the pandemic has exposed fault lines and exacerbated long standing inequities,” said Madaro at the hearing. “Across the state, we witnessed food insecurity double, yet a return to nor-

mal is not enough. As we look towards recovery, we need to explore and implement food systems models that foster resilience and make our communities stronger.”

Madaro said H.967 achieves these goals by supporting projects that grow food locally in low- and middle-income communities through the creation of a Community

Agriculture Program and a Liberation Garden Program.

“The Community Agriculture Program would encourage community stewardship of land for the purpose of growing food through ecologically sustainable methods,” said Madaro. “It would also incentivize fair hiring practices to deliver good jobs to Massachusetts res-

idents.”

Madaro said the model behind this program is Eastie Farm or Sumner Street.

“Eastie Farm, a local nonprofit in my district of East Boston, is doing incredibly impactful work to address food insecurity in my community,” said Madaro. “The Liberation Garden Program in this legislation would provide

subsidies to low- and middle-income individuals to help them grow food in their backyard. These programs seek to make our food delivery system more environmentally sustainable, and they prioritize and empower marginalized communities that have suffered the most from food insecurity.”

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create a productive environment for the students and staff at Everett Public Schools.”

During the public comment period, Ben Murray, an Everett teacher, urged all parties, “...not to fingerpoint, but to work on the common goal to educate children.”

Tahiliani added, “We are striving to have one good day after another.”

COVID-19 testing

Tahiliani noted that 20 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in the schools for the period of October 1-14. The school population still falls short of the state-mandated 80% threshold of fully-vaccinated students that would permit the schools to have the state’s mandatory mask-wearing order rescinded.

Tahiliani also told members that between Cataldo Ambulance and Cambridge Health, the schools have been able to increase the number of students taking part in the test-and-stay program, whereby students with symptoms are tested, and if found negative for COVID-19, they can stay in school.

NEW ART EXHIBIT INSTALLED

EAST BOSTON - A new art exhibit that is a collaboration between Boston Harbor Now and conservation photographer Lauren Owens Lambert has been installed at LoPresti Park in East Boston and Langone Park in the North End.

“On the Edge: Boston’s Working Waterfront” uses Lambert’s photos to showcase the range of jobs linked to the Boston waterfront and the value they bring to the city and the region.

The new art installation features a photo by Lambert of two Piers Park Sailing Center staff and students practicing righting a capsized boat at the sailing center.

While traditional maritime jobs persist, the changing waterfront—cleaned over the past four decades, lined with significant new construction, and preparing for the impacts of climate change—offers employment to many.

Through a set of working portraits by Lambert the installation represents, on a human scale, the economic impact and interconnection of Boston Harbor.

Like the Piers Park Sailing Center picture Lamberts other portraits illustrate a cross-section of the city’s workforce and highlight the diversity of humans and roles that help the region benefit from a healthy and

connected harbor.

Lambert commented that the harbor is a vital economic engine that powers the City and the many lives and livelihoods that depend on it.

Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said his team is really excited for the public art installation because it showcases the historic maritime work that continues today in Eastie.

Lambert is a photographer and video journalist based in the Boston area whose work has a creative focus in documenting the human aspect of climate change, ocean health, natural resource management, conservation, and our relationship with the natural world during the age of the Anthropocene.

Her work has been published with Agence France-Presse, Audubon Magazine, BioGraphic Magazine, and The Boston Globe. She is an International League of Conservation Photographer and has presented work at the United Nations on the importance of visual storytelling with ocean science and data communication.

REMEMBERING DOUG MULLINS

LYNN - The Lynn baseball community will honor the memory of Doug Mullins, a highly respected athlete and coach, with a tremendous tribute: the Doug Mullins Memorial Baseball Tournament to be held May 27-28, 2022, at Fraser Field.

Douglas Adam Mullins was the head coach of the Lynn English baseball team before his passing on Oct. 17, 2020, at the age of 34. Mr. Mullins had an All-Star-caliber career at Lynn Classical and later served as an assistant baseball coach at St. Mary’s and Lynn English before being promoted to the head coaching position at Lynn English on the recommendation of head coach Joe Caponigro and the appointment by Director of Athletics Dick Newton.

The English, Classical and St. Mary’s baseball teams will compete with Swampscott High School in the first Doug Mullins Memorial Baseball Tournament which will be held during Memorial Day weekend.

Caponigro, head coach of the Swampscott High baseball team, is the director of the tournament.

“I loved Doug as a coach and loved him as a person,” said Caponigro. “He was a terrific young guy, very motivated, very good to his players – just an all-around great person.”

Caponigro said when he brought forth his proposal for the tournament to the Lynn athletic di-

rectors, Dick Newton (English), Bill Devin (Classical), and Jeff Newhall (St. Mary’s), and head baseball coaches, Esteban Paula (English), Mike Zukowski (Classical), and Derek Dana (St. Mary’s), they warmly embraced the tournament and its intended goals of honoring Mr. Mullins’ legacy.

“I also wanted Swampscott to be a part of the tournament because of my connection and friendship to Doug,” said Caponigro.

The final Nipper Clancy Memorial Baseball Tournament was slated to be held in 2020, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tournament was canceled. The Doug Mullins Baseball Tournament will now become the premier showcase for Lynn baseball on the holiday weekend.

“I had the pleasure of coaching Doug Mullins when he was in the ninth grade,” said Classical AD Devin. “At the time I was the freshman coach, and Dougie was one of my best players. He could pitch, play shortstop, play outfield, and he had tremendous speed. I told [then-Classical] Coach Jim Tgettis that this kid was going to be a very special player on the varsity, which he was.”

Devin said what impressed him the most was Doug’s leadership qualities and character.

“He was a tremendous person, so likable – everything was team first,” said Devin. “He was an extremely hard worker, a great athlete, just a well-rounded person. My sons, Brandon and Sean, played on Doug’s team in American Legion Baseball, and they absolutely loved him as a coach. So, I’m completely honored to be a part of the Doug Mullins Tournament. It’s going to be something special and will keep his memory alive.”

Dick Newton is also excited to be a part of the tournament. “This event is going to be the start of something that we hope continues for many years,” said Newton. “It’s a tribute to Doug and his family to have a tournament named after him. Doug was a wonderful guy who played for Classical and coached at English. He was a Lynn guy through and through, but the most important thing about Doug was that he had many, many friends that loved him and they want to keep his memory alive.”

Jeff Newhall said the Spartans’ baseball team, which is the two-time defending Division 2 state champion, is looking forward to competing in the Doug Mullins Tour-

FALL CRAFT FAIR AT ST. JOHN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WINTHROP



Reneé Pike, Ellen MacNeil, and Joe Pike enjoying the Fall Craft Fair at St. John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Oct. 16.

namment.

“The tournament is an excellent and much-deserved tribute to Doug Mullins and his family and a showcase for high school baseball,” said Newhall.

Caponigro said that an MVP Award will be presented to the tournament’s most outstanding player. Players from each of the four teams will be eligible for selection to the Doug Mullins All-Tournament team.

MILLER FIELD TRACK AND FIELD HOUSE DEDICATED

WINTHROP - Richard Fucillo had the ideal introduction for “my big brother, Coach Tony Fucillo, the richest man in town,” at the dedication ceremony of Tony Fucillo Field House at Miller Field.

Richard, who was an assistant coach on his brother’s staff during a golden era of Winthrop High football, borrowed one of the most memorable lines in the classic Christmas Movie, “It’s A Wonderful Life,” to describe Tony Fucillo, Winthrop High’s Hall of Fame football coach.

“I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a few people who are watching from their front row seats up in heaven, my mom and dad, Anthony and Annette Fucillo, my aunts and uncles, Eugene and Helen Eruzione, Jerry and Anne Jaworski, as well as my cousin, Nettie Eruzi-one Mailhiot, who was a longtime cheerleading coach here and secretary at the high school,” said Richard.

“Tonight, we honor Winthrop’s best, Winthrop’s very best, our very own Coach Tony Fucillo,” continued Richard.

Richard spoke of his brother’s superlative three-sport athletic career that earned Tony the coveted Irving P. Alex-

ander, Thomas Keating, and Bentley Swift Memorial Trophies.

Tony Fucillo played three sports at Worcester Academy and received a full scholarship to Xavier University of Ohio.

“In 1972, he came home and started his teaching and coaching career in Winthrop,” said Richard.

And what a wonderful career it was. A popular physical education teacher at the school who brought out the best in his students, Tony Fucillo continued the tradition of championship-caliber football after succeeding his mentor, Bob DeFelice, as the leader of the Vikings. And one can only imagine how many more Super Bowls in which Winthrop would competed, had the current playoff format been in existence in the Fucillo years.

Known for his intense pre-game preparations (“Every game was a bowl game to him” said Richard), Tony Fucillo prepared and delivered a beautiful speech.

He began by noting the presence of “my rock, Frank [Fabiano],” who approached the podium for a warm embrace from his friend and mentor.

Fucillo thanked “all the people out here tonight that have supported this dedication.”

“I am so humbled by this tonight,” said the coach, his voice breaking for the magnitude of the moment. “This is an incredible honor to be recognized by your hometown. I don’t think believe there is anything bigger, and I am so proud to be a Winthrop Viking. And I do want to say that although my name gets to be on this building, I want you all to know that every nail, every brick, every board, and especially effort to build this has your name on it.

“I can only accept this honor and recognize and thank all the people who have made this possible: the great community of

Winthrop, all the teachers and administrators that I had the pleasure to work with, the amazing students that I have taught, the incredible and dedicated coaches that I had the pleasure to work with, who made this all possible, my talented and supportive cheerleaders – I certainly want to a shout-out to former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo for all his help and all his support for the Viking football program – and to my great mentors, Coach Bob DeFelice for 15 years, I want to tell you how it meant so much, I love you, Coach, and to athletic director James Evans, who believed in me. And most importantly my players. I coached you hard and I hope that I have respected and love you like my own children. Although you are grown men, you will always be my boys.”

Fucillo paid a special tribute to his immediate family including his wife, Carolyn Fucillo, his sons, Anthony and James, and his sister, Jennie, and his extended family.

“Thanks for always being there win or lose,” said Fucillo. “And finally to my wife, Carolyn, for all her understanding, patience, and support throughout my coaching career, when this guy was never home, your name deserves to be on this building, not mine.”

Just beyond the seating area stood Tony Fucillo’s coaching colleagues at Tufts University, and a contingent of his football players, all dressed neatly in their Tufts blue jerseys and representing their school so admirably. It was clear by their presence that Tony Fucillo is being a positive influence through his coaching at one of the nation’s most prestigious universities. From Winthrop to Medford, Tony Fucillo, once a Viking, always a Viking, is still helping young men excel beyond the football field.

Parks Department completes first street tree inventory; Tree Eastie conducts tree planting in the neighborhood

By John Lynds

Earlier this year, the City of Boston launched its first ever Urban Forest Plan with the hope it will help the city prioritize, preserve, and grow the tree canopy throughout Boston for decades to come.

“The Boston Urban Forest Plan is a year-long effort made up of several phases,” said the Parks Department in a statement on the program. “The first part of our work was the urban forest street tree inventory — an assessment of the existing conditions of the public street trees throughout Boston.”

The data collected during this tree inventory provides an important snapshot in time of the condition of Boston’s street trees.

“Now that the inventory is complete, we’ll be diving into the data to see what it tells us about this piece of the urban forest,” the statement continued.

According to the report the 10 most-common trees in East Boston includes: honeylocust at 24.5%, littleleaf linden at 17.4%, Norway maple at 10.7%, green ash at 9.8%, Freeman maple at 9.0%, crabapple at 6.2%, red maple at 5.7%, London planetree at 5.2%, and Japanese zelkova at 4.7%.

In October 2020 the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced the city would partner with local groups in Eastie, like Tree Eastie, to help create an equitable vision for the protection and expansion of the City’s tree canopy.

Street trees naturally absorb pollution and reduce urban noise by 6 to

15 decibels.

Alongside the City, Eastie partners and other stakeholders will apply an environmental justice lens throughout the entire process of creating a 20 year “Urban Forest Plan” in Boston.

Understanding where canopy loss is happening is the first step in addressing these issues through policy, including guidelines for tree canopy protection on public, private, and institutional property.

In addition to the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in public spaces this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the planting of an additional 1,000 trees, doubling the yearly total to 2,000 trees planted per year.

On the heels of the tree inventory report, local environmental group Tree Eastie conducted a recent tree planting event across the neighborhood. For a couple of years now Tree Eastie has been trying to rekindle the neighborhood’s grassroots effort to get more trees planted in Eastie.

With funding provided by the East Boston Foundation, Mass DCR and BPDA, Tree Eastie launched several programs this fall to improve Eastie’s tree canopy which, at 8 percent, is the lowest in the City of Boston.

According to Tree Eastie’s Bill Masterson the recent tree planting event followed a year of negotiation between the City of Boston and Tree Eastie to allow Tree Eastie to plant street trees in some of the neighborhood’s empty tree wells.



Eagle Hill residents took part in the recent tree planting run by Tree Eastie. The city recently completed an inventory of Eastie’s trees and Tree Eastie and residents have been busy planting trees in the neighborhood’s empty tree wells.



The Tree Eastie tree planting also included planting of fruit trees by volunteers.



An Eagle Hill resident hauls out a dead root from a tree pit to make way for a healthy new tree.



Residents and volunteers erect a tree in a park in Eagle Hill.



Tree Eastie and resident volunteers in action during the weekend-long tree planting event.

districts will be required to determine whether a student with unpaid meal debt is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals within 30 days of notification of the debt. During that 30-day window, students can still access meals until it is determined whether the family is eligible for free or reduced meals. School employees are now prohibited in any way from publicly identifying a student with meal debt; denying a student a meal; disposing of a student's meal; or serving a student an alternative meal because of debt.

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Janey announces the swim safely partnership to increase access to lessons

Staff Report

Mayor Kim Janey announced the Swim Safely Partnership, aimed to increase access to swimming lessons, especially for those who have faced historic and economic barriers. Mayor Janey made the announcement at Roxbury’s YMCA, an organization participating in the multi-part community strategy. This initiative seeks to increase swim safety by offering free YMCA swim lessons for children and adults, expanding the lifeguard workforce through free training, and plans to implement a pilot program that offers free swimming lessons for Boston Public Schools (BPS) students at some schools as part of the curriculum.

“Our beautiful City gems, such as our pools and beaches, should be places people can access with safety and confidence,” said Mayor Kim Janey. “Too often fear of water due to false and negative cultural assumptions, an overall lack of access, and the dearth of swimming caps to properly accommodate Black hair prevent enjoyment of these resources. I applaud all our community partners for expanding access to life-saving swimming skills that will also boost the physical, mental, and social well-being of our City’s residents.”

Swimming accidents are a public health threat. The Commonwealth saw far too many drownings this year, including here in Boston. These tragic accidents coupled with a lifeguard shortage highlight the need for action.

According to the American Red Cross, swimming lessons reduce the risk of drowning by 88 per-

cent. To help address this need locally, the YMCA of Greater Boston has emerged as a key partner, offering free swimming lessons, starting on November 1st. The organization will offer 8-week sessions at the Roxbury YMCA, the Dorchester YMCA, and the Menino YMCA (Hyde Park).

“We proudly welcome Mayor Janey to the Roxbury Y,” said James Morton, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston. “We appreciate her attention to this much needed swim safety program and for recognizing the Y as a strong partner in this work.”

The YMCA will also help increase the lifeguard workforce by providing free training and certification, in collaboration with BPS high schools. These trainings will provide an excellent opportunity for youth employment in the City, while also ensuring the safety of our pools and waterfront spaces. Boston Public Schools is also planning a pilot program in the winter/spring to explore offering swimming lessons as part of the curriculum for some students.

“It is so important that our children, particularly in communities of color, develop swimming and water safety skills that will stay with them for the rest of their lives,” said BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius. “The Boston Public Schools recognizes swimming as an important life skill and is excited to work alongside our City and non-profit partners on this critical initiative. All of our students deserve the opportunity to access the wealth of resources and recreational activities a coastal city like ours has to offer.”

Nationwide, drown-

ing is the leading cause of death in children aged one to four and the second leading cause of accidental death in children aged one to fourteen. Black children ages 10-14 are more than seven times more likely to drown than white children of the same age, according to the CDC.

Economic inequities also persist. A 2017 report commissioned by USA Swimming found that in families with an annual household income below \$50,000, 79 percent of

children have little or no swimming ability.

The Swimming Safely Partnership programming emphasizes cultural competency, including community conversations led by the Save the Harbor Women of Color Coalition and the provision of Soul Caps, specially designed swim caps for natural hair, to program participants.

“The Boston Harbor Women of Color Coalition is overjoyed to be part of this initiative and to host culturally informed com-

munity conversations that will provide an extra level of comfort for our community members of color to confidently support their children and families in, around, and after swimming in pools and any of the amazing blue spaces Boston has to offer,” said Maya Smith, Partnerships & Program Development Director at Save the Harbor Boston and co-founder of their Women of Color Coalition. “Mayor Janey is helping to ensure that our communities will

have safe and equitable access to swimming and waterways including the incredible resource that is Boston Harbor, and we are proud to share that mission.”

Additional partners who have joined this important initiative include the Boston Triathlon, which will be developing more youth competition in the City and exposing young athletes to the sport of swimming.

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Excel Academy cuts ribbon on Greenway Campus extension

By John Lynds

On Saturday the Excel Academy Charter School in East Boston joined members of the Friends of Excel Academy Charter Schools and other officials to cut the ribbon on Excel's Greenway Campus extension that was recently completed and houses a new middle school.

The middle school opened in the spring and is located next to the Excel Academy Charter High School on the Bremen Street Park. Excel Academy Orient Heights was relocated from its rented space next to CVS on Saratoga Street to the new building and rebranded as Excel Academy Greenway.

"The Board is extremely excited to see what the future holds for Excel Academy," said Chair of Excel Academy's Board of Trustees Ben Howe. "We are thrilled to be able to continue to build and strengthen the Excel community and provide the Greenway team with a permanent home."

The recently completed 19,500-square-foot middle school wing that was built alongside the current high school serves students in grades five through eight. The build-

ing's first floor includes reception, administrative offices, a small child-care center for staff, and meeting space for Community Circle, the school's social and emotional learning program. The second and third floors include classrooms, support space, administrative offices, and a teacher workroom. The new facility also features 32 parking spaces and a vehicle queuing area to accommodate student pick-up and drop-off.

Owen Stearns, the Chief Executive Officer of Excel Academy Charter Schools, expressed his gratitude to community partners including Excel's neighbors and the East Boston branch of the Boston Public Library.

Bernabe Rodriguez, an Excel alum and current Board member added, "To be able to make a permanent home for our students and staff is a beautiful thing, and it's definitely enlightening to see it come to fruition. Without Excel, I don't think I would be where I am now. I believe Excel has done a great, great job with this community and I'm really glad they are still part of this community, still trying to provide resources to our families and our

students and to provide a great space to learn.”

Excel's expansion to construct a middle school to the already existing high school on Bremen Street got a boost from MassDevelopment.

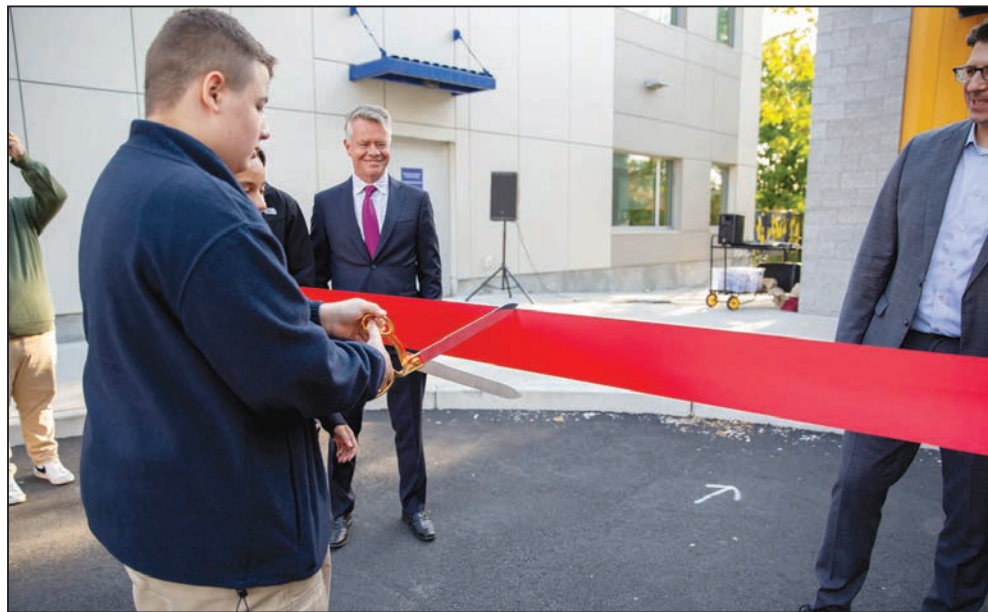
MassDevelopment issued a \$12 million tax-exempt bond on behalf of Friends of Excel Academy Charter Schools, Inc., a nonprofit affiliate of Excel Academy Charter Schools. The organization used bond proceeds to build and equip the three-story addition to the high school.

"This building provides many new opportunities to our students and staff; including providing us with bright and welcoming community spaces for the school's community to learn and thrive in and the ability to open a day-care for staff," said school leader Nina Samulenosn.

Rep. Adrian Madaro, whose mother Debra Cave was a founding board member of Excel, commented, "It was great to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Excel Academy's new campus. Congratulations to the teachers, students, staff and school leaders who will enjoy it for years to come."



Chief Executive Officer of Excel Academy Charter Schools Owen Stearns (center) and Rep. Adrian Madaro joined Excel board members, staff and students at the ribbon cutting.



An Excel Academy middle schooler cuts the ribbon on Excel's new recently completed middle school addition along the Bremen Street Park.

Gove Street Citizens Association board resigns; future of community group uncertain

By John Lynds

The departure of Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) secretary Nat Taylor left a void in the community group and GSCA Chair Lorraine Curry made several pleas to non-board members to step up and fill the void by serving on the board.

With no one from the community answering Curry's call for help the others on the board were either unwilling or unable to pick up the extra slack

created by Taylor's departure.

In a stunning turn of events, Curry announced at Monday night's meeting that all the remaining board members had resigned and the group would 'dissolve'.

"I asked if anyone wanted to be a board member, and I put my personal address in the chat, and no one sent me an email, and so on October 12, six of the nine, board members as listed on the website, met and unanimously

agreed to dissolve," she announced. "So, as of tonight, GSCA as we know it is dissolving."

The news came as a shock to non-board members like Peter Doliber who felt one board member's exit shouldn't have created such a drastic decision by the rest of the board.

Doliber said that there was too much at stake, like the several large development projects proposed for the Gove Street area, to abruptly dissolve

the community group.

“Well, I’m having a really hard time with that. I’m sorry,” Doliber said in response to Curry’s announcement. “I misunderstood your question at the last meeting. I thought you were asking who wanted to be Secretary in place of Nat (Taylor). I’d be more than happy to. I’d be more than happy to be a board member, I just didn’t commit to being the secretary only because I have some work constraints that aren’t clear yet and I

didn't want to commit to something I couldn't fulfill. I appreciate all of your work and all that you have done but I'd be happy to serve as a board member."

Curry and the rest of the board that resigned did not budge at the Monday night meeting and have all but moved on as serving on the all volunteer board. Curry, as well as board member Shawn Lu said they would leave it up to non-board members to figure out what the next steps should be.

Lu, who helped create GSCA new bylaws, was of the opinion that the GSCA in its current iteration is over but said nothing is stopping residents from forming a new board and continuing.

"I understand your concern," said board member Mimi DiFeo to the non-board members. "The reason why we made this decision is because we just can't do it anymore. We need help and we're not getting any other help. Nat's leaving us and he's gone as of today. He did tremendous work with keeping the ZOOM and secretarial duties going but now all of that is going

to fall on Lorraine (Curry) and I. We did appeal to our other members and our community members, if they were willing to jump on board or if they had anybody else that knew how to do ZOOM meetings and take over the secretarial duties.”

In the end DiFeo said no one seemed interested and the rest of the board wasn't willing or prepared to take over the additional duties.

Between 1974 and 2005 the GSCA helped safeguard the Ward 1, Precinct 2 neighborhood and was reactivated in 2015 by longtime community activists Jack and the late Gina Scalcione.

The decision to reactivate the GSCA was due to Jack and Gina Scalcione's opinion that there was inadequate representation of the Precinct 2 area. With a recent increase of small and large scale project developments like the Mount Carmel Project the group got back to work protecting the small Eastie enclave and has been a solid community advisory group for the past six years.

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