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HAPPY 100TH, STANLEY



On November 10, Stanley Buonagurio of East Boston celebrated his 100th birthday with friends and family at Spinelli's in Day Square. Buonagurio was born and raised in Eastie where he was a lifelong resident. He fought in World War II and served in the US Navy aboard the USS Missouri that saw combat action during the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa. When he got back from the war Buonagurio became active in local politics and served on the East Boston Community Development Corporation's board. After Buonagurio retired from the Mass Turnpike Association he volunteered his time for many years at East Boston High School. Buonagurio was the father of five children, grandfather of 20 grandchildren and great-grandfather of 21 great-grandchildren. Pictured is Buonagurio with his 20 grandchildren at his 100th birthday celebration at Spinelli's on November 10.

Madaro Family Community Fund's Thanksgiving Day Dinner Thursday

By John Lynds

Out of an abundance of caution Rep. Adrian Madaro's Madaro Family Community Fund Annual Thanksgiving Day dinner will be takeout only for a second year in a row due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The event, which will be held on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, Nov. 25), usually helps feed the elderly, homeless, low-income or residents that just need a little company

during the holiday.

While the charitable dinner, founded by Rep. Madaro's predecessor former Rep. Carlo Basile, was always held in person--this year's event will be "take-out" only like last year.

The event will be hosted by the Madaro Family Community Fund from 11 am to 1 pm at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and is free and open to all. Walk-up and drive-thru pick up of holiday meals will be done outside in the Sale-

sian Parking lot at 150 Byron St.

This is the third year the annual dinner has been held at the Boys & Girls Club since switching from Sacred Heart Church and the second year it has been "take-out" only due to the pandemic.

While Rep. Madaro hopes to return to an in-person event next year, keeping the Thanksgiving Day Dinner as a take-out operation ensures the practice of social distancing and keeps the community

safe while still being able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to families in need.

Madaro said he anticipates an increase from 500 dinners to 600 dinners on Thanksgiving and volunteers will begin preparing food on Wednesday ahead of the holiday.

"It worked out well last year," said Madaro. "Working with the Boys & Girls Club we came up with this plan in 2020 and think we can effectively

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Wu endorses Edwards for 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat

Special to the Times-Free Press

In her first political endorsement since taking the oath of office as Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu endorsed District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards' candidacy for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat last Thursday at Belle Isle Marsh Reservation in East Boston.

Edwards is hoping to win the seat vacated by Sen. Joseph Boncore earlier this fall, which includes the East Boston, North End, Beacon Hill, Bay Village, Chinatown, parts

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Last Thursday in East Boston Boston Mayor Michelle Wu endorsed District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards' candidacy for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat. The Special Primary Election will be held on Tuesday December 14.

Early voting dates set for Senate Special Election

By John Lynds

This week the City of Boston's Election Department, with approval from the Boston City Council, set in-person early voting dates for the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex Senate Special Election Primary.

On Tuesday, December 14 District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards will square off against Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio to fill the senate seat that was vacated by Joe Boncore earlier this fall.

However, Boston voters in the senatorial district, which includes East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Bay Village, South End, Chinatown, Beacon Hill, and Cambridgeport, can

begin voting Saturday, December 4 and early voting will last until Friday, December 10.

On Sunday December 4 registered voters in the senatorial district can vote at City Hall between 11 am and 7 pm. as well as neighborhood sites from 11 am to 7 pm.

Voters can again vote on Monday, December 6 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall and again on Tuesday, December 7 from 9 am to 8 pm as well as at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 pm.

On Wednesday, December 8 early voting will occur for the race at City Hall only from 9 am to 5 pm and again on Thursday,

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Ruggiero Family Memorial Home will begin collecting toys this week in the memory of Peter Felt

By John Lynds

For the second year in a row the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home will team up with the late Peter Felt's wife, Patricia "Patti" Hurley-Felt, and son, Charles "Buddy" Felt, for the 2nd Annual Peter Felt Toy Drive.

The toy drive will kick off on Friday, Nov. 26 and run through Friday, Dec. 10 and donated toys can be dropped off or shipped to the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home in Orient Heights Square. There will also be an opportunity to donate toys at the annual Orient Heights Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 4 to 5 p.m.

Felt, the man who brought smiles to thousands of faces over the years portraying Santa Clause at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home-sponsored tree lighting in Orient Heights Square and other community events, died suddenly on January 3, 2020

Felt died just a few weeks after playing his beloved Santa role for the last time during Eastie's holiday season. Before his untimely death, Felt brought joy to children, adults and seniors alike at Christmas time and played Santa during Eastie's tree lighting ceremonies, caroling events and special

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Thanksgiving
Day, Nov. 25th
and Friday,
Nov. 26th**

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29th Annual Christmas Fair



Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

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proof of vaccination or
a recent negative Covid
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****Toys will be forwarded to Mayor Walsh's annual Toy Drive, Madaro Family Eastie Elve's and other larger distribution drives that donate to countless of families throughout East Boston, Boston and the surrounding communities"**



ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Pressley endorses Edwards

U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley said: “Our communities are facing overlapping crises of public health, economic inequality, and racial injustice. At the heart of each of these issues is housing, and Lydia has been a champion for housing justice throughout her career. On the City Council, she has brought compassion and commitment to the fight for safe, stable housing for every Bostonian — that brings with it the opportunity for greater economic mobility, better health, and generational wealth building. I know Lydia will bring that same understanding, determination, and leadership to the State Senate, and I’m proud to endorse her campaign.”

“Ayanna Pressley opened doors for people like me on the Boston City Council. She is a pioneer who shattered glass ceilings and literally changed the face of our elected

government,” said Lydia Edwards. “I was proud to serve with her on the council before her election to Congress and hope that we can continue that partnership in the legislature.”

This past June, U.S. Rep. Pressley joined Councilor Edwards in East Boston to address climate justice and to advocate for a green economy and promote clean energy jobs with the aid of President Biden’s American Jobs Plan. Recently, Lydia led the effort to create a Boston-Cambridge tourism marketing district. This partnership between cities of Boston and Cambridge, and hotels in both communities, will create revenue to stimulate the economy and promote local businesses, particularly critical in the wake of COVID-19’s devastating impacts on the physical and financial health of our communities.

Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. Early vote in Boston begins on December 4 and will take place at City Hall and neighborhood locations to be announced by Mayor Wu. Boston Democratic voters that requested mail-in ballots through the end of the year on their initial applications should receive ballots in the mail in the coming week.

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

D’Ambrosio meets with residents



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D’Ambrosio is shown with residents at the Sacred Heart Christmas Bazaar (above and below).



Northampton man killed in Sumner Tunnel crash Sunday morning

By John Lynds

A Northampton man was killed and two others seriously injured in a car crash early Sunday morning inside the Sumner Tunnel.

According to State Police, just before 3:30 am Troopers from the State Police-Tunnels Barracks responded to a single-vehicle crash in the Sumner Tunnel on the ramp to Storrow Drive Boston.

When the Troopers arrived on scene they discovered three occupants in the vehicle, each with serious injuries.

“The 24-year-old operator, a man from Northampton, succumbed to his injuries at the scene,” said the State Police in a statement. “The passengers, an 18-year-old woman and 22-year-old man, were transported by ambulance to Mass General Hospital with serious injuries. The

ramp was closed during the investigation and clean up of the vehicle.”

State Police from Troop H are now investigating the facts and circumstances of the crash with help from the State Police Crime Scene Services Section and Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Section. Troopers were also assisted on scene by the Medical Examiner’s Office, Boston EMS, and MassDOT.

Historic year in FY 2021 saw robust use of SBA traditional lending programs

Historic Year in FY 2021 Saw Robust Use of SBA Traditional Lending Programs in Massachusetts

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the agency reached \$44.8 billion in funding to small businesses through more than 61,000 traditional loans for fiscal year (FY) 2021, as aid provided via the CARES Act.

Nationally, fiscal year 2021 traditional lending data highlights include:

- \$36.5 billion in 7(a) loans: Nearly 52,000 7(a) loans worth more than \$36.5 billion were provided to small businesses. Lenders

reported that minority business owners received nearly \$11 billion in 7(a) loans or 30% of the SBA’s total 7(a) portfolio. Data also shows that women-owned businesses received nearly \$5 billion in FY 21, while veteran-owned businesses received \$1.2 billion.

- \$8.2 billion in 504 loans: Working with authorized Certified Development Companies (CDCs), the SBA’s 504 program delivered 9,600 loans worth more than \$8.2 billion to small businesses, fully exhausting funding authority for the first time in the program’s history. Minority

business owners received nearly \$1.88 billion in loans -- 23% of the total 504 portfolio. In FY 21, the program also provided over \$712 million in lending to women-owned businesses and increased its support of rural small businesses by nearly 33%.

- \$71.8 million in microloan funding: In fiscal year 2021, \$71.8 million in microloan funding went to nearly 4,400 small businesses. Forty-one percent of those loans went to underserved communities, including Hispanic-owned and Black-owned small businesses.

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December 9 at City Hall from 9 am to 8 pm and at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 am.

The final date of early voting for the senate race will be on Friday, December 10 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall.

The closest in-person early voting neighborhood site in East Boston is the BCYF Paris Street Community Center at 112 Paris St.

Residents in the senatorial district must register to vote before Wednesday, November 24 in order to be eligible to take part in the Special Election Primary.

Councilor Edwards, an East Boston resident, previously ran for the Senate seat after former State Senator Anthony Petrucelli left office in 2016. While unsuccessful in that race Edwards went on to run for the District One City Council seat, which includes Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End, the following

year. She went on to win that race and has served on the council ever since.

D’Ambrosio, a Revere resident, got his start in politics in 2019 when he successfully ran for Revere School Committee, a citywide seat. He topped Revere’s School Commit-

tee ticket in that race and had an impressive showing during his first run for political office.

For more information on local polling locations and important dates for the Primary visit, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/election>.

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continue to feed hundreds of East Boston residents during the holiday until things return to normal, hopefully by next Thanksgiving.”

Madaro said the event has grown year after year

and services residents throughout Eastie. Madaro said the decision to move from the Sacred Heart Church three years ago was out of necessity with the Boys & Girls Club being a little more

centrally located than Sacred Heart.

Like years past, the food will be prepared by Spinelli’s chefs, which included salad, a full turkey dinner, all the trimmings and dessert.



Virtual Public Meeting

355 Bennington Street

Wednesday, December 8
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3nLLMvd
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 361 0506

Project Description:


The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 355 Bennington Street project located in East Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Draft Project Impact Report. The meeting will include a presentation followed by public Q&A and comments.

La información de esta reunión es crucial para usted como residente y parte interesada de la ciudad de Boston. Se encuentra disponible el servicio gratuito de interpretación de la información brindada en estas reuniones. Si necesita servicios de traducción, contáctese con: (ebony.darosa@boston.gov) (617.918.4419). La reunión está programada para el 12/08/2021. Por favor, solicite los servicios de interpretación a más tardar 5 días antes de la fecha de la reunión.

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EAST BOSTON YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION
11/17 till 12/2/21

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Children age 7 through 12 play at the Marty Pino Community Center, ages 13 to 16 play at Paris St. Gym
Players must register on the following website, BCYF.Perfectmind.com. Go to a) Register, b) Sports Courses and for:
• Pino Ctr. (age 7/12) c) (EBYBL 7-12) issues contact Lauren Logan 617-635-5120
• Paris St. Gym (age 16/13) c) (EBYBL 13/16) issues contact Christian Lopez 617-635-5125

Registration fee: \$35 per participant due at the gym
City of Boston Covid Protocol: Masks must be always worn and no spectators



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Even amidst this time of the ongoing pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

The pandemic still is spreading like wildfire across our nation, claiming the lives of more than 1000 Americans each and every day. Common sense requires all of us to take every precaution to ensure that we do not spread the coronavirus among our friends and family members.

The virus does not take a holiday -- and each of us must act accordingly.

Your opinions, please

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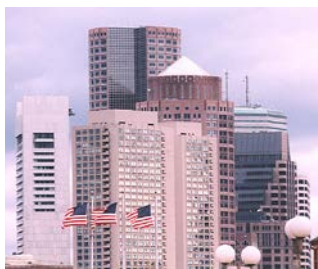
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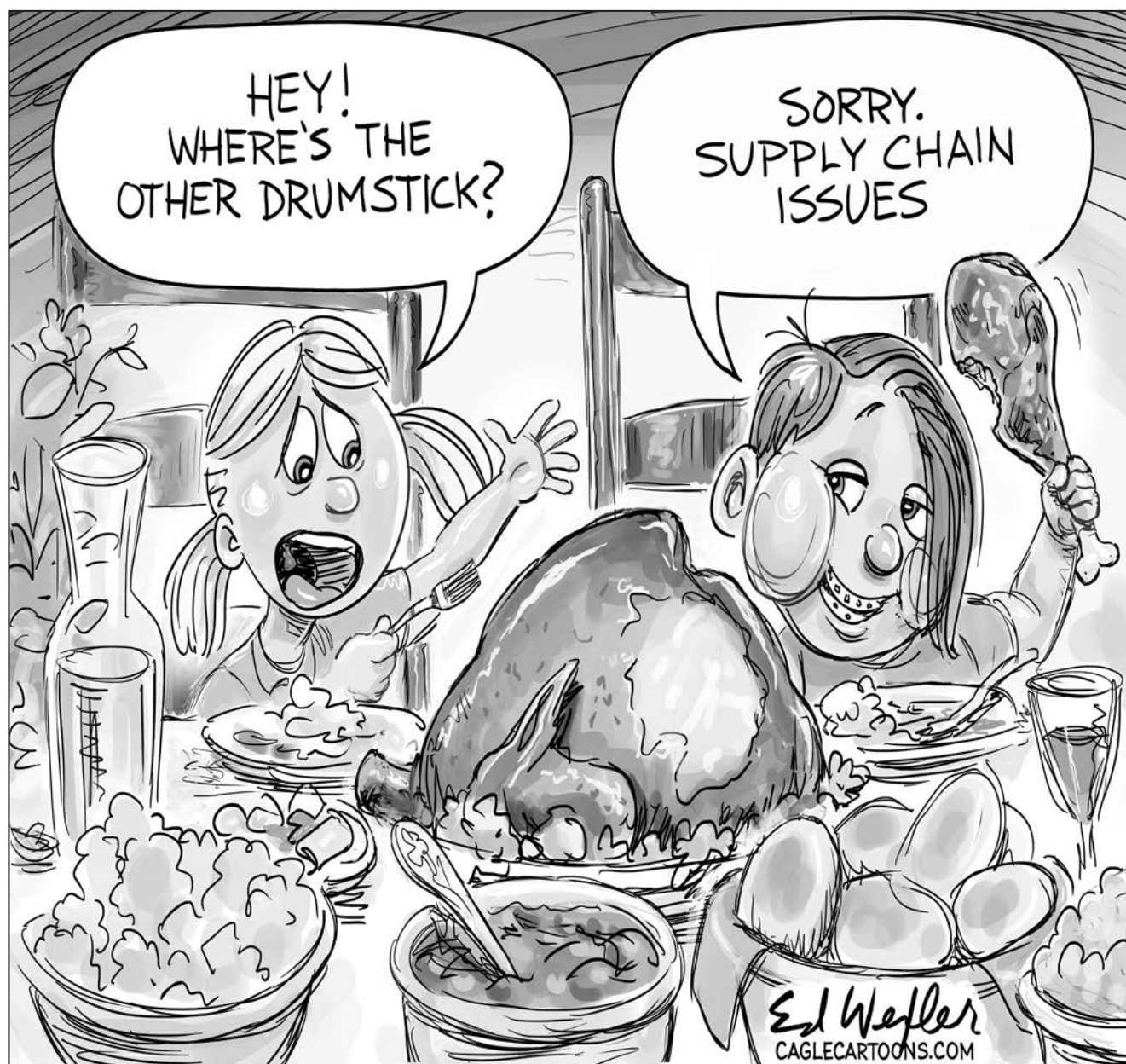
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GUEST OP-ED

The Need for Universal Childcare

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

The Covid-19 pandemic has produced staggering disruptions to education and childcare. As a member of the Revere School Committee, I have seen these challenges firsthand. Over the past year and a half, I have spoken with dozens of parents who made the tremendously difficult decision to quit their jobs—sacrificing half or even the entirety of their household income—in order to provide care and educational support to their suddenly homebound children.

Unsurprisingly, the Covid-19 educational and childcare disruptions have disproportionately impacted female parents and

caregivers. Women comprised 80% of people who exited the labor market in September of 2020—when virtual schooling restarted for most students in the United States. These job losses resulted in the lowest percentage of U.S. women in the workforce since 1988. The disparities are even more stark for women of color. While pandemic recovery efforts have prompted job gains, even the most optimistic economists do not project a return to pre-pandemic levels of employment for women until at least 2024. Additionally, two-thirds of surveyed Massachusetts employers cite lack of childcare as a primary barrier to re-entry into the

state's workforce.

This is unacceptable. No one should ever have to choose between caring for their child and putting food on the table. I firmly believe that universal childcare in Massachusetts is fundamental to achieving gender equity in the state, expediting our state's recovery from Covid-19, and making our state more resilient in the face of future disruptions. The Covid-19 pandemic has only underscored the need for a universal childcare and pre-K program in Massachusetts. Such programs are not simply equitable, they make good business sense for our long-term economic growth.

The reality is that today, women continue to shoulder the brunt of childcare and household responsibilities. State legislators are not doing enough to support the thousands of Massachusetts parents—especially mothers—who will forfeit years of income as our state continues to rebound from Covid-19.

I assure you that I will seek new, alternative ways of solving this problem. While complicated, with renewed energy and focus, it can be done. Please join me.

Anthony D'Ambrosio, BA, Yale, Masters, University of Cambridge, and Candidate for State Senate.

GUEST OP-ED

Time to equip our schools for a sustainable future

By Lydia Edwards

My education changed my life, opened up opportunities, and created a bridge to a better life. Thanks to the educational opportunities I received, I was able to graduate from college and went on to become the first lawyer in my family. We need to invest in education at all levels to ensure that today's students are able to receive the same opportunities that I did and that they're able to do so in clean, safe environments. As your state senator, I will build on the work I've done on the Boston City Council and help provide those opportunities to students and families throughout the district.

In today's economy, not every high school graduate wants or needs to attend a four-year university to have a good-paying, dignified career. We need to continue to create pipelines and build the middle class by providing appren-

ticeship programs and job training opportunities in our high schools. I was proud to fight for a project labor agreement to ensure that Suffolk Downs will be built by workers with good union jobs for its entire 20-year buildout. During my time on the city council, I also started the Edwards Empowerment Fund, a scholarship honoring the Maverick Street Mothers who fought against airport expansion, for working parents to go to beauty school, ESL classes, nursing programs, higher education, and other job training opportunities. These are the types of opportunities I hope to continue providing on Beacon Hill.

Additionally, early childhood education is vital to ensure parents can work and to put kids on the right path to educational success. High costs make daycare and preschool inaccessible to many working families. We must invest in daycare

and early childhood education so families don't have to choose between paying the bills and investing in their child's future.

Education is also about having safe places to learn. Too many of our schools have chemical hazards, environmental risks, and even structural shortcomings. It's time to move beyond getting asbestos out of the ceilings, and time to equip our schools for a sustainable future. We must also ensure that all schools have functioning HVAC systems and clean drinking water for students and staff.

We need a champion for public education in the state senate who has done the work and recognizes what remains to be addressed. I am proud to be endorsed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association and Boston Teachers Union, as well as school committee members throughout the entire district including:

Ayesha Wilson, Rachel Weinstein, and Manikka Bowman in Cambridge; Suzanne Leonard, school committee member-elect Winthrop; and Stacey Rizzo of Revere. I'm committed to working with them, parents, teachers, and education advocates throughout the district and state to make sure everyone has access to excellent public school education regardless of what neighborhood or city they live in.

I'm under no illusion that transformative change will be an easy lift; it won't. But if we don't start now then we are doing a disservice to the next generation and the generations after. I learned firsthand about the power of educational opportunities and will work on Beacon Hill to help provide those same opportunities to all residents of the First Suffolk and Middlesex district.

Lydia Edwards is a City Councilor and candidate for State Senate.

Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for October

The state’s October total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.3 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 25,000 jobs in October. This follows last month’s revised gain of 13,500 jobs. The largest over the month pri-

vate sector job gains were in Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; Leisure and Hospitality, and Educational and Health Services. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 186,500 jobs.

From October 2020 to October 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 197,200 jobs. The Largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Profes-

sional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

The October unemployment rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 4.6 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 5,600 from 3,720,700 in September, as 1,600 more residents were employed and 4,000 more residents were un-

employed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 3.2 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 66.0 percent. Compared to October 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 0.7 percentage points.

October 2021 Employment Overview

Professional and Business Services gained 9,700 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 43,400 (+7.6%) jobs were added.

Leisure and Hospitality gained 4,900 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 51,100 (+19.7%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services gained 4,900 jobs (+0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 26,000 (+3.5%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 4,600 (+0.8%) over the month. Over the year, 26,300 (+4.9%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing gained 1,100 (0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,400 (+4.1%) jobs were added.

Information gained 700 (+0.8%) jobs over

the month. Over the year, 7,000 (+8.1%) jobs were added.

Construction gained 500 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 11,300 (+7.2%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 200 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,100 (+4.5%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities lost 700 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,500 (+0.7%) jobs were added.

Government lost 900 (-0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,100 (+3.8%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The October estimates show 3,529,400 Massachusetts residents were employed and 196,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,726,300. The unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.3 percent. Over the month, the October labor force was up by 5,600 from 3,720,700 in September, with 1,600 more residents employed and 4,000 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up by 0.1 percentage point at 66.0 percent. The labor force was up 38,000 from the October 2020 estimate

of 3,688,300, as 156,100 more residents were employed and 118,100 fewer residents were unemployed.

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

NOTES:

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

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

Local area unemployment statistics for October 2021 will be released on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The preliminary November 2021 and revised October 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, December 17, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

Detailed labor market information is available at www.mass.gov/lmi.

GUEST OP-ED

America needs Thanksgiving

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been through a tough time. A national election separated friends and family, divided churches and took over our media. We’ve been intoxicated with poisonous rhetoric and toxic street gatherings that led to more division, injuries and even death.

Americans horrifically viewed the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and said we aren’t going to take that anymore.

Over 762,000 people have died from Covid-19 in America. Over 47 million of us have been sick. Families who have buried loved ones don’t need convincing about the realities of Covid-19. Americans who have spent weeks in hospital intensive care units know they are fortunate to be alive. However, in the midst of America’s pandemic nightmare, Americans have debated with each other over vaccinations, masks, school and business closures. We have watched our businesses suffer. Our government’s finances have been further strained to supply money to hurting unemployed people.

Americans watched our departure from Afghanistan in horror. We argued among ourselves about how we should have left, the timing of our departure, and whether we should have left at all.

We continue to struggle with racism in America. People who have experienced it know the reality. At all levels of society we must rise above any and all words or actions that denigrate others.

We continue to have other crises impacting our nation. People pouring over our border illegally, an ongoing drug epidemic, homelessness, rising costs of medical treatment and insurance, unaffordable college tuition, unaffordable housing and unaffordable and sometimes unavailable groceries. Americans are now facing the fire of growing inflation. Groceries are becoming even more unaffordable for poor Americans. The cost of living adjustment coming for America’s retirees in January, which is reported to be 5.9 percent, might buy a small bag of groceries, maybe.

America has gone through a tough time, maybe better said, we are going through a tough time. This is why we desperately need Thanksgiving.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims’ first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony’s Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as American’s “first Thanksgiving”—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days.

That first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the Mayflower ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower’s original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In

March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans. (from History.com)

The early settlers who came to America suffered hardships that few Americans can comprehend. In the midst of so much death, sickness and starvation they found a way to stop and express gratitude. The friendship and humanitarian aid given to them by native Americans stand out as to what really makes America great. We all need to learn from the first Thanksgiving. This year maybe we all could take time to be grateful, and do something to help each other.

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

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Reasons to be thankful

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

For our second pandemic Thanksgiving, we thought about the year past and found reasons to be thankful and people who deserve our gratitude. Many of our thanks go to people who helped us enjoy good, fresh, healthy food. From grocery deliveries and take-out from favorite restaurants in the days when we were isolated to friends who made time for video visits to enjoy food and wine together. We were well cared for as we stayed safe.

Hospitality and Food Service Workers

For more than a year, we did all our shopping remotely. We thank unknown shoppers who not only selected our food but found substitutes when something was not in stock. We're grateful to delivery drivers who met us at the front steps with our orders. We applaud the staff at favorite restaurants who took orders by phone

and met us outside with our food.

Support for the Hospitality Industry

We are grateful to the government officials who recognized the need to support the hospitality industry with adjustments to the legal codes that enabled outdoor seating and legislative authorization for selling alcohol to-go.

This support needs to continue after winter weather removes outdoor seating. We happily put the success of our local restaurants ahead of parking spaces. We hope the next level of assistance might address the need to train workers to replace those who have left the industry. We would also hope for counseling and retraining for the old friends we won't see in restaurants in the years ahead.

Support for the Restaurants

As patrons, we have our role to play if our favorite places are to survive. Please understand prices

have gone up and will continue to rise. In a September article, "Here's why your food prices keep going up," The Washington Post reported, "Sysco, one of the nation's biggest food distributors, showed food inflation of 10.2 percent on its most recent quarterly report, increases that are passed along to restaurants and to the restaurants' customers in turn."

Labor shortages may result in slower service and shorter hours for many restaurants. Some places have reduced their menu offerings. Now they concentrate on the quality of each plate and the pace of service. Please don't whine when your server tells you they no longer make an item or have run out of what you want.

If you received stimulus money or made extra money during the pandemic and can spare some of it, increase your tips to those who were out of work during the shutdowns.

As soon as you are



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comfortable dining with friends, introduce them to some of your special places. Your friends may love the food and service as much as you do and could become regulars. We did this while outdoor dining was an option.

You can also do small things to cut a restaurant's cost and perhaps help the

environment. We ask the server to leave off items like the coleslaw and tartar sauce with our Fish and Chips rather than waste it. What you leave on your plate adds to the cost for the restaurant. We also bring our reusable containers to take home any leftovers.

We'll close with a favor-

ite quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously."

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

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The primary objective will be to prevent impaired driving and other alcohol-related harm during the holiday season, which is known for heavy

alcohol consumption. The ABCC will focus enforcement efforts at bars identified as the last to sell alcohol to a convicted drunk driver.

"We want to ensure that the holiday season is enjoyed by everyone, and to do so people need to celebrate in a responsible way," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who oversees the ABCC. "Strong enforcement and helping to deter bar own-

ers from over-serving can prevent tragedies before they happen and helps to keep the public safe."

The program is run in conjunction with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Impaired Driving Crackdown, from Thanksgiving Eve through New Year's Eve, and is funded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security - Highway Safety Division.

The ABCC will also be working with local police departments that have identified high-risk locations in their communities.

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East Boston warehouse wins energy upgrades under new PACE program

Special to the Times-Free Press

MassDevelopment has announced that Cargo Ventures LLC will receive \$787,523 in financing for energy improvements to its office building at 440 William M. McClellan Highway in East Boston under the agency's new Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Massachusetts program. Through PACE Massachusetts, capital provider Greenworks Lending from Nuveen will provide financing for a range of energy upgrades that were installed to the building, including a new roof and LED lighting, as well as upgrades to the building's HVAC system that will be installed in the coming months. This financing will be repaid via a betterment assessment on the property.

"PACE Massachusetts is an important mechanism for helping commercial property owners fund energy improvements to their buildings," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chair of MassDevelopment's Board of Directors. "Office and industrial buildings often require a significant amount of energy to power their operations, and every step we take to reduce that energy consumption makes Massachusetts a greener, more sustainable place to live, visit, and do business."

"MassDevelopment is



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Cargo Ventures LLC on William M. McClellan Highway.

thrilled that Greenworks Lending from Nuveen has closed the first financing through PACE Massachusetts for a clean energy project in Boston," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Dan Rivera. "PACE Massachusetts is a new financing tool with the power to help commercial property owners in the Commonwealth execute energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that improve buildings, lower emissions, and save money."

Launched in July 2020, PACE Massachusetts is a new long-term option for financing energy improvements to commercial and industrial buildings, multi-family properties with five-plus units, and buildings owned by nonprofits. The program enables commercial property owners to fund energy efficiency and

renewable energy projects by agreeing to a betterment assessment on their property, which repays the financing. Offering more flexibility than a direct loan, PACE Massachusetts allows property owners to undertake comprehensive energy upgrades without adding new debt to their balance sheet and through longer financing terms of up to 20 years. MassDevelopment administers PACE Massachusetts in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER). More information about the program is available at massdevelopment.com/PACE.

"DOER is encouraged to see momentum building with the PACE program, which provides a flexible financing opportunity for energy efficiency building upgrades. Building sector emission reductions are

essential to meeting our long-term greenhouse gas reduction requirements," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Patrick Woodcock. "The PACE program, along with many other state initiatives including Mass Save incentives, will go a long way towards reducing emissions from the building sector by scaling up energy efficiency, increasing the deployment of electric heating sources, and ultimately making our existing buildings consistent with our ambitious long-term climate plan."

Massachusetts cities and towns are required to opt into PACE Massachusetts by a majority vote of the city or town council or the board of selectmen, as appropriate, in order for a property within that municipality to be eligible for the program. Forty-eight cities and towns have opted in; the City of Boston did so in December 2019.

"The City of Boston is pleased to be participating alongside MassDevelopment, lenders and property owners, in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program, and I would like to congratulate 440 McClellan LLC on being the first property in the City to participate in this Program," said City of Boston CFO Justin Sterritt. "The PACE Program allows property owners in Boston to participate in an innovative financing

structure that offers low-cost, long-term funding in order to support energy improvements to buildings in Boston. The City is committed to reaching our carbon-neutral goals, not just in our public spaces, but across all properties in the City as a whole, and the PACE Program is one of the tools available to help us reach our climate goals."

Built in 1975, 440 William M. McClellan Highway is a 121,000-square-foot mixed-use warehouse building. Thirteen tenants are located at the property, including JetBlue Airways Corp., Starbucks, ABM Industries, and Panasonic. The lifetime energy efficiency savings is 1,541,380 kWh and the lifetime total savings is \$459,665.

This is the second project Greenworks Lending from Nuveen is financing under PACE Massachusetts. In September 2021, MassDevelopment announced that Abercrombie Greenfield, LLC received \$450,000 in financing for energy improvements to its office building at 56 Bank Row in Greenfield.

"We are so happy to have partnered with MassDevelopment to provide financing for the first C-PACE project in the city of Boston," said Greenworks Lending from Nuveen CEO and President Jessica Bailey. "With Boston's Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure

Ordinance, it's more important than ever for property owners to have access to low-cost, long-term financing for energy efficient measures to meet the city's laudable and ambitious climate targets. C-PACE is an innovative financing mechanism that will help Boston property owners to improve their bottom line, their local community, and the environment, and we look forward to expanding our footprint in the city."

"C-PACE provided us with upfront capital enabling us to install several energy efficient upgrades to our building, helping us cut our energy costs while preserving capex. We are grateful to MassDevelopment, The City of Boston and Greenworks for working together to enable us to make these critical energy efficiency upgrades," said Jacob Citrin, Founder and CEO of Cargo Ventures.

MassDevelopment, the state's development finance agency and land bank, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. During FY2021, MassDevelopment financed or managed 416 projects generating investment of more than \$1.86 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 6,578 jobs and build or preserve 1,909 housing units.

Wu signs Councilors Edwards and O'Malley's fossil fuel ordinance

By John Lynds

On Monday Mayor Michelle Wu signed a city ordinance proposed by City Councilors Lydia Edwards and Matt O'Malley to divest city funds from fossil fuels.

The ordinance requires the city's collector-treasurer to divest city funds

out of "stocks, securities or other obligations of any company which derives more than 15% percent of its revenue from the combustion, distribution, extraction, manufacture, or sale of fossil fuels, which shall include coal, oil and gas, or fossil fuel products."

"The climate crisis re-

quires us to take immediate steps toward a cleaner and more sustainable future," said Councilor Edwards. "Boston has led on divestment in the past when we divested from apartheid era South Africa. We know it's a strategy that works. With this ordinance Boston will once again take the lead

and move toward climate resiliency. I'm grateful for the partnership of Mayor Wu and Councilor O'Malley on this proposal and for their continued leadership on climate issues."

The ordinance also requires that the city divest its funds from private companies that operate or maintain carceral facilities. The ordinance would apply to approximately \$1.3 billion.

"The City of Boston continues to lead on environmental, economic and social justice issues.

With the passage of this ordinance, we are headed another step closer toward a more resilient city," said Councilor O'Malley. "Through codifying our values through this ordinance, we are demonstrating our commitment to addressing global climate change and its impacts on our city for future generations to come."

The ordinance unanimously passed the City Council last week and builds on Wu's commitment to growing a low-carbon, resource ef-

ficient and socially inclusive economy in Boston.

"It's so important for every bit of leverage that we have to be put towards making sure we're addressing our climate crisis," said Mayor Wu. "I'm excited to be able to take the pen to a piece of legislation that I've been working on for many years on the Council with community advocates and colleagues to say the City of Boston is going to step up and do our part and push for urgency on the issue."

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

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

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LARGER APARTMENT BUILDINGS TO TAKE BRUNT OF TAX INCREASE

CHELSEA - Owners of four-plus unit apartment buildings look like they will take the brunt of property tax increases for the coming year.

For owners of condominiums, one-, two-, and three-family homes, however, the news is better, and they can expect to see mostly modest increases if they see any increase in their tax bills at all, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The increase in the larger apartment buildings, of which there are about 340 in the city, is due to a revaluation of the four-unit plus buildings requested by the City Council last year, according to Ambrosino. Of those buildings, Ambrosino said less than 30 are owner-occupied, and most are owned by property owners who live outside of Chelsea.

At a presentation before a City Council subcommittee last week, Ambrosino made his initial tax classification presentation. A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 22, after which Ambrosino is recommending the council take votes on a residential exemption and the minimum residential tax factor which shifts a greater tax burden onto commercial and industrial properties.

“In both cases, the choice is entirely yours,” Ambrosino told the council. “But this city has adopted the 175 percent shift for most of the last generation, and if you did something different than that, you would really increase the residential property tax because all of the previous years have been based on this 175 percent shift, and that’s what I am recommending again.”

In addition, Ambrosino said he is recommending the 35 percent residential exemption again this year. The residential exemption reduces the tax bill by excluding a portion of the residential property value from taxation.

“I would again argue that you should continue the 35 percent residential exemption, which is the maximum amount allowed by law,” said Ambrosino. “You slowly worked your way up, but during the last year during Covid, you gave the best break you can and now we should stick to that.”

Ambrosino noted that the city made a commitment to take a closer look at the valuations of four-plus unit apartment buildings, and brought in JF Ryan Associates as a consultant to take a closer look at those valuations.

“We felt that might be a place where our assessments might not be as accurate as they are for condos, ones, twos, and threes,” said Ambrosino. “We have a high level of confidence in our values there, not so much on the four-plus.”

The valuations of all properties, outside the four-plus apartment buildings, are roughly equal this year, Ambrosino. However, the valuations of the four-plus buildings jumped by an average of about 30 percent, compared to the single-digit increases across all other categories.

That revaluation means that over \$284 million in value was added with those properties, the city

manager said.

“I do expect that we will get appeals and requests for abatements from a lot of these owners, the majority of which are non-owner occupied,” Ambrosino said.

With the recommended shift in the tax rate where commercial and industrial properties would pay 1.75 times what they would pay if there was a single tax rate, Ambrosino estimated the residential tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022 would be \$13.23 per \$1,000 of valuation for residential taxpayers, and \$25.68 for commercial taxpayers.

“Both of these rates are down from last year,” Ambrosino said. “Condos, one-, two-, and three-families taxes are staying the same on average, or even going down a little bit. The brunt of the increase in the tax levy is going to be picked up by owners of four-plus unit apartments.”

John Ryan of JF Ryan Associates said there are currently 248 properties in the city with four to eight units with a median assessment of \$1 million, and 88 properties with more than eight units with a median assessment of \$3.47 million.

“I will say that the overwhelming majority of these 340-odd parcels that we looked at are not owner occupied,” said Ambrosino. “I think we have determined that there are about 28 that are owner occupied, and to the extent that they are, I would suggest that probably the majority of them are four units, and these people are eligible for our homeowner’s assistance program.”

NEW PROGRAM TO HELP STUDENTS EARN HS DIPLOMA

EVERETT - The Everett School Committee voted to approve a new program to provide former Everett High students who are “over age and under credits” the opportunity to earn their high school diplomas.

Anne Auger, the Everett High School Director of Remote Instruction and Curriculum who presented the program at the Monday Night School Committee meeting on November 15, will be coordinating the effort.

The program offers students who are still under the age of 22 to go back to school on a part-time basis and complete Department of Elementary and Secondary Education-mandated courses.

Auger pointed out that while there are many reasons for students not to complete their high school requirements, two of the most-frequently cited reasons are that newly-arrived students from other countries may not have been able to transfer their studies that they’d already taken or that family obligations have forced students to leave high school to work in the job market full-time.

“A high school diploma is important,” Auger told the School Committee.

All of the School Committee members were positive about the new program.

“I think that this is wonderful,” said at-large committee member Samantha Lambert, who also had questions pertaining to the number of students who can be served in the new program.

Auger noted that there will be three core teach-

ers for students who will work from 1-8 p.m. She is hopeful, given the number of teachers, that between 30-40 students will be able to take part in the program.

“There is some flexibility as to what the students can and cannot do,” Auger added, informing the committee that there will be a system of support for these students that could range from guidance counselors to school nurses to childcare.

Auger also said she feels that the program can be widened to offer support to help students before they officially drop out of high school.

The new classrooms will be located at the Devens School, where there are available classrooms and the availability for online courses.

“We are starting from bare-bones,” Auger told the committee.

Lambert said she was hoping to rename the program from Alternative Pathway for Dropout Prevention to something more positive without the use of the word “dropout.”

There is hope that this program can also expand into the current GED program that helps students get a high school diploma after they turn 22 years old.

In other business, the committee members approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Everett Public Schools and the Everett Police Department for School Resources Officers (SRO).

Police Chief Steven Mazzie noted that a new MOU is being written at the state level by a commission, but the one that the School Committee voted on Monday night already had much of the new language contained in it and was “much more robust.”

Mazzie pointed out that there is a “lot of misinformation” about the program. “We are not here to arrest students,” Mazzie said. As proof of that statement, the chief pointed out that in the past four years, there have been only a handful of arrests of students in that time frame.

“We are thoughtful of who is in the SRO,” he said.

Lambert asked about the type of training that an SRO must complete.

Mazzie said that the training period for the SRO position usually takes about a week.

“We tailor the training to modern times,” he added. “A lot of the younger officers reflect who we are in Everett.”

Mazzie told the committee that the prime objective of the SRO is to seek compliant resolutions. He also noted that people do not have to go to the police station to make a complaint, but can go directly to the SRO.

School Committee member Millie Cardello asked about reaching out to families, noting that there are many families who are afraid to ask for help.

Mazzie reiterated that the goal of the SRO is to focus on dispute resolution, as well as mental health issues.

Superintendent Priya Tahiliani talked about the Refresh Program internship program where five EHS students are able to work along with the SRO. Presently, more than 80 students have applied for this internship program,

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Former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, Rose Mazzuchelli, Veterans Agent, Richard Honan, Vietnam Veteran, Stephen White, American Legion Commander, and David Kennedy, retired US Coast Guard took part in the Veterans Day ceremonies on Nov. 11.

Mazzie noted.

Angela Ciurmaglia, who viewed the meeting, added, “SROs are a tremendous asset to our team.”

In other business, Tahiliani noted that thus far there have been 129 new hires in the public schools for the current school year. However, there are still 24 openings and the new hires predominantly were used to fill retirement positions.

In COVID news, there were 12 confirmed cases for the period from November 1-12, while in the month of October there were 52 confirmed cases.

City Year volunteers have put up new murals for the students at the Whittier School and Keverian School. The murals measure eight feet by four feet. The Whittier School mural is a series of waves with positive messages and the Keverian School mural is a Knight in Armor.

STRANGIE HONORED ON RETIREMENT

LYNN - Colleagues, friends, and family honored former Lynn English teacher and principal Thomas Strangie at a retirement celebration Tuesday at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield.

After graduating from

Lynn English in 1982 and attending Boston University, Strangie began as a substitute teacher at English while in college. He later served as a history teacher and vice principal before becoming principal in 2012. He was the graduation coordinator, yearbook adviser, and a class adviser, among other unheralded roles, always seeking to give students opportunities to broaden and enjoy their educational experience at English.

Former Vice Principal Donna Hegan, who served in the school administration with Strangie, former Supt. of Schools Dr. Cathy Latham, who appointed Strangie as principal, and Sgt. Major Kenneth Oswald, leader of the JROTC program, all praised Strangie’s excellent leadership of the school in their remarks.

Guidance counselor Matt Wilkins presented a heartwarming slide show chronicling Strangie’s life as a student at English and his career at the school, using humor and wit to honor the beloved teacher and administrator. It was a brilliantly done tribute to Strangie and showcased the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues and the students at English.

Hegan said to her former colleague in her re-

marks, “You are a class act, a man of character and high standards, a moral compass for all of us, and my inspiration.”

“Tom was so proud to be the principal of Lynn English High School,” said Latham. “He gave his heart, his soul, and everything to that school. And I know for a fact that he is sorely and dearly missed at the school.”

Oswald thanked Strangie for his tremendous support of the Lynn English JROTC program. “I have served 25 years in the Marine Corps,” said Oswald. “I have served with all kinds of officers who have been in combat, and I will tell you it is has been a privilege for me to be under your command at Lynn English High School. The support that you gave me running the ROTC program, by far could not have literally made a program more successful.”

Strangie received two, separate standing ovations from the assemblage that included his brother, Michael, and other members of the Strangie family.

“Nobody gets where they belong by themselves – it takes everybody and it took all of you,” Strangie said humbly. “I met great people, great teachers,

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Michael Cintolo

Retired Boston Police Patrolman

Michael R. Cintolo of Wakefield, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Thursday, November 18 at 82 years of age.

Michael was a Boston Police Patrolman for over 34 years. He is also a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp. serving in the Vietnam era. Michael was a member of the Italian American Police Association and the Boston Police Patrolman Union.

The beloved husband for over 45 years to Gail M. (Dulcetta) Cintolo, he was the devoted father of Michael A. Cintolo of, Richard D. Cintolo and Monique Richard, all of Winthrop, Michael J. Cintolo of East Boston, Joseph P. Cintolo and his wife, Holly, of Wakefield; dear brother of William Cintolo of Revere, Valerie Abrahamovich of Rhode Island and Pamela Cianciaruso of Revere; cherished grandfather of Alex, Dominic, Marie, Michael, Sophia, Francis, Michael and Nicholas.



Family and friends honored Michael's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Tuesday morning, November 23 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Michael's life at 11:30 A.M. Services concluded with Michael being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dr. Thomas Neilan of Cardiac Care at Massachusetts General Hospital, Yawkey Building. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Anthony "Nene" Frizzi, Sr.

Veteran of the Korean Conflict

Anthony O. "Nene" Frizzi, Sr., 88, of East Boston passed away on November 17.

A United States Navy Veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was the beloved husband of the late Grace "Fay" (Crosby) Frizzi, the loving father of Anthony O. "Nene" Jr. of East Boston, Karen Martone and her late husband, Joseph of East Boston and the late Sharon Merullo. He is lovingly survived by his grandchildren: Sharna Sullivan and husband, Brian of Saugus, Koriana Martone and her fiancé, James Moore of Revere, Shanee Masciulli and her husband, Paul of Beverly, Jennafa Burri and her husband, Michael of East Boston, Shaylyn Merullo of Lynn and his great grandchildren: Keira, Brian, Gennaro, Michael and Melia. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend visit-



ing hours at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston on Wednesday, November 24 from 8 to 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in honor of Anthony's life at Saint Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere at 11 a.m. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In accordance with the City of Boston Five-Point Plan for the Delta Variant of COVID-19, face masks are required at all times when indoors.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Effort for affordable health-insurance enrollment underway

Officials from the Massachusetts Health Connector launched a statewide effort to encourage community members to enroll in affordable health insurance coverage during the open enrollment period. The effort began with a string of business walks in East Boston, Dorchester, New Bedford and Springfield -- four communities with the lowest rates of health insurance enrollment.

With the goal of raising awareness in underserved communities, leaders from the Health Connector and the local communities shared information and resources for how to qualify to receive the lowest rates of health insurance. Informational materials can be found at these locations through the open enrollment period, which began on November 1 and will last until January 23, 2022.

The Massachusetts Health Connector is the Commonwealth's health insurance exchange, and currently serves 300,000 individuals and small-employer members with health and dental insurance. Massachusetts residents who do not have health insurance from an employer or other entity can use the exchange to enroll in coverage. Through the ConnectorCare program, income-qualifying residents can access coverage that includes low-cost premiums and co-pays, and no deductibles.

Information about access to health coverage for individuals and small businesses can be found at the Health Connector's website, www.MAhealthconnector.org, over the phone at 1-877-MA-ENROLL (1-877-623-6765), or in-person through a local navigator organization.

Martin Gartland

Former East Boston resident

Martin L. Gartland in Everett, formerly of East Boston, died on November 15.

Martin proudly served his country in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Air Force.

The beloved son of the late Gertrude (Sulkey) and Joseph L. Gartland, he was the brother of Maureen Dell'Orfano and her late husband, John, Mary Gartland, Michael Gartland and his wife, Lisa, Lori Recupero, Kathleen Gartland and the late Evelyn Martinelli, Barbara Ann, Joseph, Judith and William Gartland. He is also survived by his aunt,



Mary Canavan and three generations of nieces and nephews.

At his request all services will be private. Please leaves messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Virgilia Trotta

Of East Boston

Virgilia (Borrelli) Trotta of East Boston passed away on Monday, November 15.

The beloved wife of the late Vittorio Trotta, she was the devoted mother of Maria Salvaggio and her husband, Paul of Middleton, Vincenzo Trotta and his wife, Nancy of Braintree, Anita Candelario and her husband, Stephen of Swampscott; dear sister of Andrea Borrelli and Filomena Lauri, both of Italy and the late Carmine Borrelli and loving grandmother of Madeline, Benjamin, Amelia, Andrea, Chase, Samuel, Miles and the late Baby Stephen. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Virgilia's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Friday, November 19 and a Funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart



Church in East Boston on Saturday, November 20. Services concluded with Virgilia being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden with her beloved husband. May they rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association, 1661 Worcester Road, Suite 301, Framingham, MA 01701. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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Lovingly remembered...forever in our
hearts, thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Tony*

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Happy 32nd Birthday Robert Celona Jr.

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*The moment that you left me,
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when the world is fast asleep,
and take a walk down
memory lane with tears
upon my cheek.
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I do it everyday; but missing
you is a heartache that never
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within my heart and there you will remain.
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and great colleagues and I learned a lot.”

It was a night to remember for a man who excelled in his career, was respected and admired by all, and set the foundation to success for so many

Lynn English students.

Lynn English teacher Angel Grullon, who graduated with Strangie in the Class of 1982, said, “He hasn’t changed. His dedication to education was back then the same as it is

now. He was an excellent student. Besides being an exceptional person, I consider him definitely as a friend and I look up to him for his dedication and the way he ran English. It was a tight ship, but what

I liked most about him he did the best he could to follow the rules, and he did the right thing. I remember him doing the right thing always.”

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

THE HONOR SOCIETY OF PHI KAPPA PHI INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

The following people recently were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines.

Kristeen Algilani of East Boston at MCPHS University

Jacob Garcia of East Boston at MCPHS University

They are among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors

and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines. Its mission is “To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others.”

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As Thanksgiving nears, State Fire Marshal offers several safety tips

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey offered a safety message in advance of the #1 day for residential fires in Massachusetts.

“Over the past five years, there have been more than twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Thanksgiving is a time for coming together with family, but it’s also a time for fire safety. You can start now by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger.”

Cooking Safety Tips

There were 711 Thanks-

giving Day fires from 2016 to 2020, and 86% of them started with cooking activities. These fires caused seven civilian injuries, eight fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to keep their kitchens fire-safe this year:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.

- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.
- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

Thanksgiving 2020

Firefighters responded to 145 fires across the Commonwealth last Thanksgiving, including one in a New Bedford apartment building that

spread to nearby structures. The fire started with an attempt to cook a turkey in a gas-powered deep fryer. One occupant was severely injured and nearly 30 people were displaced. The combined estimated damages incurred totaled \$1 million.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) strongly discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil,

as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged

period.

Home Heating: #2 Cause of Fires on Thanksgiving

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won’t be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot “circle of safety” around all heaters.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services’ Thanksgiving web page.

Online commuter rail schedules to display typical seat availability for each train

The MBTA and Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis), the MBTA’s operating partner for commuter rail, announced that online train schedules at mbta.com/commuterrail will now display ridership information for all trains. In combination with more frequent commuter rail service throughout the day, providing insight into typical seat availability will allow passengers to better plan their travel and make adjustments according to their preferences.

“As we continue to see increased ridership return to commuter rail, this new seat availability data will enable riders to have an understanding of what ridership looks like on their particular train and on alternatives,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “With all-day frequency now in place at regular and predictable intervals across the network for more of a regional rail system, we hope

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riders will benefit from both flexible service and enhanced transparency around ridership as they plan their travel.”

“By giving passengers more information for planning trips on commuter rail, we hope to provide them with a better sense of what to expect during their journey and an understanding of how ridership is returning on specific trains across all 14 commuter rail lines,” said Keolis Vice President of Service Delivery Richard Dean.

Developed as a joint effort between the MBTA and Keolis, the commuter rail seat availability

information is regularly updated to reflect a trip’s typical ridership based on automated and conductor data from the past 14 – 30 days. As shown below, indicators are displayed on the online train schedules to reflect seat availability across all coaches on each train. The levels are constantly updated based on a trip’s median seat availability within a rolling 14-30 day period.

Riders should also be mindful that on a given train, some coaches may be more crowded than others. If a coach appears more crowded than typical, riders can choose to move to another less

crowded coach on the train. It is also important to note that the new ridership information is not real-time seat availability and that, due to the nature of public transportation, trains may operate at a lighter or fuller capacity than typical on any given day. The MBTA reminds riders that federal law requires face coverings while using public transit, including at all platforms, stations, and while on-board, and that increased cleaning and sanitation practices are in place across the system. Customers are encouraged to learn more at mbta.com/RideSafer.

This commuter rail seat availability information joins additional ridership information provided by the MBTA at mbta.com/crowding. The MBTA also provides real-time crowding information all day, every day for most MBTA bus routes on mbta.com, E ink screens, and in the Transit app. Recent crowding trends on the Red, Orange, and Blue lines are also available by using the MBTA’s subway crowding tool.

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