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ELECTION RESULTS

Wu wins Eastie, leading Essaibi George for next Mayor of Boston as of press time

By John Lynds

In a historic election where two female candidates of color squared off for the first time for the Boston Mayoral seat Michelle Wu won.

Eastie during Tuesday’s Boston Municipal Election.

With all 14 Eastie Pre-

cincts reporting, Wu beat Annissa Essaibi-George 3,603 to 2,554.

On Tuesday night, with just under 20 percent of precincts reporting city-wide at press time, Wu was leading Annissa Essaibi George 60 percent to 40 percent.

In Eastie, At-Large City

Councilor Michael Flaherty topped the ticket in that race with 2,849 votes followed by Julia Mejia who received 2,526 votes. The two top vote getters in Eastie were followed by Dave Halbert with 1,913 votes and Ruthzee Louijeune with 1,834 votes. The At-Large ticket was rounded

out by Erin Murphy, Carla Monteiro, Bridget Nee-Walsh and Althea Garrison.

As of press time, the citywide results of the At-Large field were not yet reported.

Please check the East Boston Times website for election result updates throughout the day.



Michelle Wu.



Annissa Essaibi-George.

James Otis Elementary School receives the Thomas W. Payzant School on the Move Prize

By John Lynds

Three years after the Donald McKay School became the first East Boston school to win the prestigious \$100,000 Thomas W. Payzant School on the Move Prize, the James Otis Elementary School received the honor of being the second Eastie school to claim the prize last week.

Now in the award’s 16 year history only the two Eastie schools have received the \$100,000 prize. However, several schools in Eastie have been nomi-

nated for the prize over the years with both the Otis and the Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School on Saratoga Street nominated this year.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey shared remarks and Boston Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius joined the EdVestors team to announce the winner live and recognize the two finalists during a ceremony at the GBH Studios in Brighton. WCVB-TV. Anchor and Reporter Rhondella Richardson served as emcee at

the ceremony, which was also attended by key business, civic, and education leaders.

When the Otis was announced as this year’s winner Otis Principal Paula Cerqueira-Goncalves jumped up in excitement and ran to the stage to accept the award.

“We are thrilled to be recognized as this year’s School on the Move,” said Cerqueira-Goncalves. “We believe that together we can make a difference in the lives of all our students with the support of

our families and partners and ensure every single student reaches his or her fullest potential.”

For the past 16 years EdVestors, a school improvement organization in Boston, has awarded its \$100,000 Thomas W. Payzant School on the Move Prize to recognize rapidly-improving schools that have made exemplary progress in advancing the academic achievement of all students.

The Otis School was praised for academic improvements, culture of

collaboration and key partnerships that helped keep students engaged during the height of the pandemic

“The James Otis Elementary School in East Boston is a shining example of how a culture of collaboration and respect can empower students and families, boost academic outcomes, and prove foundational for navigating through difficult times,” said President and CEO of EdVestors Marinell Rousmaniere. “As we look to reimagine learning in the

coming years, all three School on the Move finalists help provide a roadmap for new approaches in support of student learning and continued school improvement.”

According to Rousmaniere the 410-student Otis Elementary has seen consistent improvements in both literacy and math, exceeding district averages in math from 2014-2019 and in ELA in 2018-2019. The school credits its improvement to strong leadership and meaning-

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East Boston’s Mothers Out Front receives clean-air grant from city

By John Lynds

In the summer of 2019, East Boston Olin College students, Taylor Shene-man and Christine Dimke, under the direction of their professor Scott Hersey installed instruments that have been measuring a wide array of pollutants caused by fossil fuels emanating from highways and Logan International Airport.

The pilot program is a collaboration between Olin, East Boston’s AIR Inc. and Aerodyne, the manufacturer of the ARISense air quality measuring technology.

The pilot program and other environmental issues sparked renewed in-

terest in environmental justice for a group of Eastie mothers.

Led by Sonja Tenglad an East Boston chapter of the national Mothers Out Front movement was formed and quickly joined the pilot program. Mothers Out Front encourages mothers across the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children.

For the past two years Mothers Out Front has been lobbying to have HEPA purifiers installed in every school, home and daycare in Eastie to combat air pollutants that lead to a wide array of respiratory diseases.



The East Boston chapter of Mothers Out Front in action. The group received a city grant last week to provide HEPA purifiers to at-home childcare facilities in Eastie.

Last week, Mothers Out Front’s efforts got a boost by a city grant. Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced that Mothers Out Front was one of two recipients of the city’s Community Clean Air Grants, a program offered by the Environment Department and the Air Pollution Control Commission.

Mothers Out Front received \$51,764 for the East Boston Home Daycare Air Purification project. The project focuses

on an air quality campaign providing HEPA purifiers to at-home childcare facilities, many of which are run by women of color and vulnerable populations.

Mothers Out Front East Boston and the East Boston Social Center, in collaboration with Air Partners/Olin College, will install HEPA purifiers in 27 East Boston home daycares. The objectives are to reduce children’s exposure to ultra fine particulate pollution and to cre-

ate engagement strategies that both build awareness of pollution and related health implications, and also ensure compliance and success.

“Studies show that 70% of East Boston pollution makes it indoors. 21% of residents in East Boston are children who are especially vulnerable to the many health effects of air pollution,” said Mothers Out Front’s Sonja Teng-

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TRASH DELAY

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An artist rendering of the proposed 32 unit building on Maverick Street.

Developer proposes 32 units for Maverick Street

By John Lynds

A local developer has proposed constructing a 32 unit mixed-use residential development on a commercial parking lot at 279 Maverick Street. According to a Small Project Review application filed last week with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), MG2 wants to convert the 12,400 sq. ft. lot 279 Maverick St. and a portion of the parcel at 273 Maverick St. into a

five-story, 32 unit residential development with 18 parking spots inside a 4,313 sq. ft. ground-level garage. The project also includes space for 34 bike racks. In addition, there will be 1,774 sq. ft. of retail space as part of the project. The residential units include a mix of three studio, 17 one bedroom, 9 two bedroom and 3 three bedroom units. According to MG2's

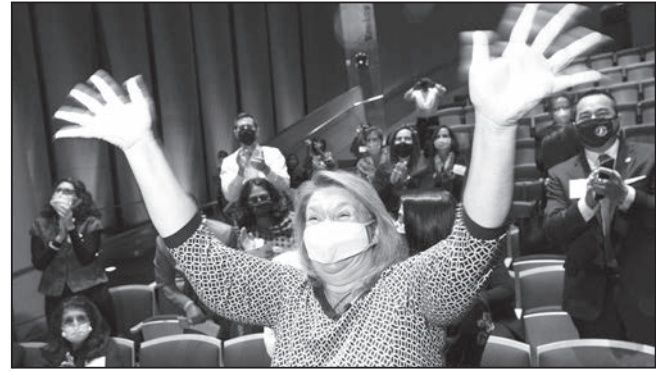
filing with the BPDA the building's massing is derived from the neighboring project at 287 Maverick St. that is presently under construction. Five of the 32 units would be deemed 'affordable' under the BPDA's inclusionary program. While the proposal has already set off a firestorm of negative comments on social media, the BPDA will host the project's first virtual public meeting on November 17 at 6 pm.

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ful collaboration with its families as well as its partnerships with local universities and community organizations that help provide teacher professional development and promote student engagement in STEM.

At the Otis, nearly 75 percent of the student population has a first language other than English. Reflective of the student diversity, Otis teachers are also multilingual. In addition, the school provides wraparound services to families and provides professional development focused on race and critical consciousness to teachers, enabling students to see themselves in their learning.

"The entire BPS community is proud of the James Otis Elementary School for this well-deserved recognition," said BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius. "All three of the finalist schools work hard every day to create positive learning environments that support student growth and build positive relationships among teachers, families and communities. As we continue to promote equity and excellence throughout the district, we look



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forward to learning from the James Otis Elementary School's accomplishments and implementing their positive practices across our schools." The Kennedy and New Mission High School in Hyde Park will both receive \$30,000 for being finalists. This amount for finalists increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000 due to an anonymous donations this year to the prize. "Congratulations to the James Otis Elementary School and the Patrick J Kennedy Elementary School as well as New Mission High School," said Janey. "These schools are finalists for this year's School on the Move Prize because of their incredible

work providing a rich education to Boston's young people. Schools across the City of Boston have shown their resilience throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Whether we are educators or students, families or community partners, or public officials or advocates, coming together to ensure a quality education for our children is key." During the ceremony, EdVestors also took a moment to remember Dr. Tom Payzant, who served as Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools for 11 years and led the district through a period of important change and progress. Payzant passed away in July 2021.

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blad and Liliana Artega in a joint statement. "Specific models of HEPA purifiers can reduce their exposure to ultrafine particulate pollution by up to 94%. By supporting the childcare providers who care for our youngest populations, we are helping to protect one of our most vulnerable populations in East Boston. We are grateful to the City of Boston for their generous support."

Acting Mayor Janey added, "Boston residents know the critical urgency of protecting our environment and mitigating the extent of air pollution in our communities. I am proud to award these community-based organizations with the Community Clean Air Grant to continue supporting their crucial work to protect health and quality of life in Boston."

Like cars, jets burn fuel and release harmful ultrafine particles that are so small they absorb right into the bloodstream and can lead to heart attacks and strokes.

In 2013 the East Boston Times reported that the neighborhood's "Godmother of Environmental Justice", the late Mary Ellen Welch, had for decades tried to force Massport to measure ultrafine particles or PMs.

Welch long argued that the airport's runway and roadside operations pose too much of an en-

vironmental impact on the neighborhood not to be considered when Massport files environmental impact statements or operations reports.

PMs from car exhaust and jet aircraft have been shown to cause a wide array of adverse health impacts. The large number of deaths and other health problems associated with particulate pollution was first demonstrated in the early 1970s and has been reproduced many times since. PM pollution is estimated to cause 22,000-52,000 deaths per year in the United States and 200,000 deaths per year in Europe.

The effects of inhaling particulate matter that have been widely studied in humans and animals now include asthma, lung cancer, cardiovascular issues, birth defects, and premature death. The size of the particle is a main determinant of where in the respiratory tract the particle will come to rest when inhaled. Because of their small size, particles on the order of 10 micrometers or less (PM10) can penetrate the deepest part of the lungs such as the bronchioles or alveoli. Larger particles are generally filtered in the nose and throat via cilia and mucus, but particulate matter smaller than 10 micrometers, PM10, can settle in the bronchi and lungs and

cause health problems.

A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that inhaling PM2.5 leads to high plaque deposits in the arteries causing cardiovascular problems. Researchers suggest that even short-term exposure at elevated concentrations could significantly contribute to heart disease and conclude that traffic exhaust is the single most serious preventable cause of heart attack in the general public and is the cause of 7.4 percent of all heart attacks in the world.

"Air pollution affects the health of our people and our planet - from higher rates of cardiovascular and respiratory disease to increasing climate change resulting in higher temperatures and rising seas," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "We're excited that the Community Clean Air Grant can empower community members to take meaningful actions that contribute to our long-term goals and directly benefit their neighbors and communities."

The third funding round closes on Friday, January 28th, 2022. To apply for the grant, schedule office hours, or learn more, visit boston.gov/clean-air-grant.

Massachusetts Health Connector kicks off affordable health-insurance enrollment effort in East Boston

By John Lynds

With Monday marking the first day of open enrollment for Massachusetts residents in need of health insurance, the Massachusetts Health Connector (MHC) kicked off an effort in East Boston to enroll more people from underserved communities in affordable coverage. As part of the effort to enroll more people, Health Connector navigators visited several East Boston businesses on Monday to raise awareness of the open enrollment period.

The Open Enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also

known as "Obamacare", starts November 1, 2021 and ends on December 15, 2021.

"During Open Enrollment, residents can sign up for affordable health care plan options that may be available through the Health Insurance Marketplace," said MHC in a statement. "Outside of Open Enrollment, you typically must qualify for a special enrollment period in order to enroll. Health insurance is vital, now more than ever, during a global pandemic that has disproportionately affected minority and low-income populations."

The ACA has helped

millions of people get health care coverage. Before the ACA, health insurance was unaffordable and unavailable for many. Now, with Obamacare, if you meet certain qualifications, the government will help pay for your monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs. And for those who have pre-existing medical conditions, you can no longer be denied coverage under Obamacare.

However, data shows that ethnic populations in Massachusetts - particularly the Latino population - are less likely to

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Massachusetts Health Connector (MHC) volunteers outside Sammy Carlo's on Bennington Street.

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NOAH to team up with Zumix for outdoor interactive concert series

By John Lynds

This week NOAH announced it was recently awarded \$48,500 to assist residents of East Boston to gain access to food from the Mayor’s Food Access Destigmatization Grant.

The critically important food access grant will assist NOAH, with moving the needle even further by tearing down negative stigmatization sometimes associated with getting state and federally funded food assistance from organizations like SNAP, HIP and WIC.

According to Latifa Ziyad, NOAH’s planning resilience coordinator, NOAH has decided to use the grant money to create a unique outdoor interactive concert series called HIP HIP Hurray! 2 SNAPs and WICKed FUN with the help of Zumix, the neighborhood’s premier music and performing arts program.

From April to September 2022 Ziyad said residents strolling through Central Square on Saturday evening once a month might need to throw on

their dancing shoes.

“The event will facilitate healthy cooking demos by gogobytes and offer sign-ups for food assistance programs during a live musical performance,” she said. “Incentives will be offered for signing up. The concert series will host a kick-off event starting Earth Day Weekend, Saturday April 23.”

NOAH, with help from La Collaborativa in Chelsea and local Eastie partners, was able to distribute 200,000 pounds of food during the height of the 2020-21 pandemic, after being awarded a Boston Resiliency grant from the City.

“This grant program will help us connect with residents in fun ways” said Executive Director of NOAH Phil Giffie. “Many people still don’t know what the MA HIP program stands for. Even I had to get familiar with the Healthy Incentives Program, which increases access to fresh, local produce and simply helps leverage SNAP dollars without additional paperwork.”

Giffie said destigmatization is very important for the Eastie community because diverse Hispanic communities still seeking citizenship may stay away from these federally established programs for a perceived threat infringing on their citizenship status.

Ziyad added that each event will also try to uplift environmental justice efforts with the final event scheduled for September during National Preparedness month. Attendees can join the Climate Resilience Network (CREW), a new initiative started by NOAH to address several systemic community concerns. CREW, Communities Responding to Extreme Weather will be handing out survival kits.

“Cooling Kits will help residents stay cool during heat waves,” said the Rev. Vernon K. Walker, Senior Program Manager of CREW. “The event will host a short Moth-like talk, called WICKed Fun Mystery Guest, where a local surprise guest influencer or politician will

share how they’ve been assisted in their journey.”

Aside from Zumix, Eastie partners will assist in getting the word out to residents and include the Central Assembly Church of God, East Boston Main Streets, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, East Boston Social Centers and East Boston Neighborhood Health Centers.

This isn’t the first time NOAH and Zumix have teamed up to fight inequities. Zumix recently received a grant through the city’s Digital Equity Fund and has decided to team up with NOAH to focus on a growing digital divide in the COVID era.

Zumix received a \$63,000 grant and the partnership with NOAH will connect Boston’s youth and adults with media training. Through sequential program offerings, Zumix and NOAH will help local youth and adults alike deepen their computer and digital skills, engage in production opportunities, and explore future careers in the film industry.



NOAH was instrumental in bridging the gap in food insecurities in the neighborhood during the height of the pandemic. NOAH announced it was recently awarded \$48.500 to assist residents of East Boston to gain access to food from the Mayor’s Food Access Destigmatization Grant.

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Eastie’s weekly COVID test rate decreases

By John Lynds

East Boston’s weekly COVID positive test rate decreased once again last week following a 17 present decrease two weeks ago according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,559 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 2.2 percent were positive--this was a 8.3 percent decrease from the 2.4 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on October 25.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 22,358 residents were tested and 2.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 8.7 percent decrease from the 2.3 percent reported by the

BPHC on October 25.

Thirty-four additional residents contracted the virus between October 25 and November 1 and there are now 8,526 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.57 percent since October 25 and went from 82,855 cases to 83,330 confirmed cases in a week. There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,452.

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have health insurance than the rest of the state. The Health Connector’s access to affordable coverage is open to everyone during Open Enrollment.

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On Monday in Eastie, leaders from the MHC talked with small business owners, engaged with customers, and left signs and other materials to help drive enrollment in Eastie because the neighborhood has one of the lowest rates

of health insurance enrollment in Boston.

The MHC leaders stopped by Rincon Limeño, Eli & Elvis Barbershop, Alipio’s Carniceria Butcher Shop, Taqueria Jalisco, Tu Metapan, Zafiro Barber Shop, Somerville Communications, Pollos A La Brasa El Chalan, Afroditis Laundromat and Sammy Carlo’s and materials in information can be found at those locations throughout Open Enrollment.

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4 people	\$40,250	\$67,100	\$80,520	\$96,650	\$132,900	\$144,950
5 people	\$43,500	\$72,500	\$87,000	\$104,400	\$143,550	\$156,550
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IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED, SHOULD WE DEFEND IT?

We are living in unprecedented times -- from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the supply chain issues that are affecting all aspects of our economy, to the dire consequences of climate change, to the messy pullout in Afghanistan, to the spike in energy prices, to the craziness that has engulfed our politics.

It seems that we are living in a period of crisis-after-crisis-after-crisis.

But there is another potential source of disruption looming on the horizon that will dwarf all others: The spectre of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

So the question is this: If the Chinese decide to invade Taiwan -- as they clearly are preparing to do -- what should be our response?

We have a few thoughts:

1) The possibility of a military move by the Chinese against Taiwan has been a foreign policy issue for more than 60 years. Nixon and Kennedy debated the appropriate U.S. response should the Chinese invade Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands that belong to Taiwan, but that are within a very short distance (just a few miles) from the Chinese mainland. Kennedy made it very clear that the two islands were indefensible and not worth risking a large-scale war. Quemoy, Matsu, and Taiwan have fallen off our national radar, so to speak, since then, but they are back in the spotlight thanks to the recent Chinese provocations.

2) Although the Chinese government never has been a model of Western-style democracy, there always have been competing factions within the Communist Party. However, to whatever extent the Chinese Communist Party exhibited democratic tendencies within its own ranks, they are a thing of the past thanks to President Xi Jinping, who essentially has established himself as a dictator for life.

From abolishing term limits for his office, to destroying democracy in Hong Kong, to placing a million Uighurs into detention camps, to building up the Chinese military, Xi has abandoned the former model of a China that adhered to some semblance of international norms. The China of today is not the China of even 10 years ago.

3) The recent obsession with Taiwan by Xi is one of those issues that lacks rationality to non-Chinese. Although Taiwan poses no threat to China, there is no room for compromise on Taiwan in Xi's world-view. But that is what makes it such a potential tinderbox for world peace.

4) Some suggest that a Chinese invasion and takeover of Taiwan would be a prelude to further Chinese military domination in Asia, including So. Korea and Japan. But that's a version of the Domino Theory that got us into the war in Vietnam. We didn't understand that the Vietnamese War was merely a civil war. It was our misguided intervention that destabilized the surrounding region, just as we did 40 years later in the Mideast with our invasion of Iraq. Similarly, an American capitulation on Taiwan hardly would be a modern-day equivalent of a Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement that would be a prelude to Chinese domination of the Pacific.

5) Do we have a national interest in defending Taiwan? The only plausible reason in this regard is that the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is the largest supplier of computer chips in the world. We all know about the chip shortage. But while a Chinese invasion of Taiwan might make the chip shortage worse in the short term, is TSMC really worth fighting for?

6) On that note, we should keep in mind that an all-out shooting war with the Chinese would result in thousands of U.S. casualties and the sinking of just about every ship we have in the Pacific fleet.

7) Finally, why should the Taiwanese expect us to defend them when they themselves have shown little or no interest in their national defense? As a recent news article made clear, the Taiwanese are a far cry from the Israelis, for whom national defense is an imperative that is taken seriously by every Israeli citizen.

In our view, when you add it all up, Taiwan is not worth shedding one drop of American blood. We shouldn't let our emotions get in the way of reality. Whatever treaty the U.S. has with Taiwan was conceived in a different world.

But this is 2021, and the present generations should not be bound by something that they have had no part in.



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families are still grieving.

The stimulus proposal, approximately \$1.75 trillion is about investing in America. We are long overdue for a major investment in America. We don't all agree on the infrastructure bill's spending list. However, can't these "great" politicians come up with an "essential" needs list that is starkly visible to any naked eye?"

Maybe we could get busy in our nation and stay out of other countries' business for a while. Maybe we could take a break from fighting among ourselves. A working nation will be a much happier nation. We hear all this bull talk about we'll never get out of debt from this infrastructure bill and we won't. However, we've spent too much time trying to solve the world's issues while ignoring our own problems. We need to work on our homeland. The roof is leaking, the walls are crumbling, the electrical work needs to be repaired. The water we are drinking is dirty. The driveway is crumbling and potholes abound. The plant down in town relocated and the local coal mine closed. Things are tough.

The house needs a lot of repair but it's hard to

repair a house and buy expensive groceries on the meager wages that are available to most Americans. Families can't live on \$15 an hour, or go to the doctor. Over forty million Americans still live in poverty. Millions more live right above the poverty line and struggle. "According to Pew Research, a household with an income between two-thirds of and double the median household income is considered middle class. The national median income in 2021 is \$79,900, which would mean an individual would fall squarely in the middle class with an income between \$53,266 and \$159,800." (Motley Fool Service, fool.com) Is this you? The average household income for 2021 has been \$79,900 according to huduser.gov.

A financially strapped American living in an aging house that is desperate for repairs is symbolic of much of America. Yes, we have seen a stock market boom. Americans selling houses are doing well financially. Yes, a lot of people in America are in the medium income level which is not bad.

However, too many Americans are still financially insecure. They don't make enough money. They can't afford ade-

quate housing. They still put off going to the doctor because of costs. They aren't saving any money. More senior Americans are working than ever before because they can no longer live on their meager pensions and Social Security is being eaten away by rapid inflation.

We need an investment at home, our home, America. Congress, please make a reasonable list. Our needs are so visible. We need clean water, Internet, available affordable healthcare including prescriptions, affordable clean energy, chips for our cars and phones, roads and bridges and real paying jobs for Americans who are willing to work. Why is this so hard?

In comparison to over 5 trillion dollars and thousands of American lives spent around this world, spending a few dollars at home should be a cakewalk for this Congress and President.

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.

Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo is the recipient of the East Boston Social Centers 2021 Courageous Leadership Award

East Boston Social Centers (the Social Centers) is proud to announce (former) Speaker of the Massachusetts House, Robert A. DeLeo, as the recipient of the 2021 Courageous Leadership Award. He will be honored as part of their upcoming virtual event: Joy:us, A Celebration of Community, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00PM. Recently retired, Mr. DeLeo is an East Boston alum and Winthrop resident, known for his leadership on behalf of the most vulnerable--and on behalf of the early education and care system.

Indeed, Justin Pasquariello, the Executive Director of the Social Centers, lauds not only Mr. DeLeo's years of public service, but his ongoing commitment to and passion for ensuring all who live in the Commonwealth have what they need to be healthy, happy and to thrive. Says Mr. Pasquariello, "Speaker DeLeo is a favorite son from East Boston; his family roots run deep throughout our neighborhoods. The love and support of our tight-knit community helped launch him to become one of the most powerful political leaders in Massachusetts, and we want to celebrate his remarkable career and his devotion to his constituents, especially to children in terms of quality, affordable early childhood education and childcare. He has also been a champion of GLBTQ rights and has worked to support sensible gun regulations."

A multi-service agen-

cy and community center that cultivates community, belonging, and joy, East Boston Social Centers was founded in 1918 to welcome and support immigrant families, and continues to proudly embrace "welcome" in all they do. Their core services range across educational, social, and recreational programs to support the diverse community of East Boston and their neighbors in Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop of all ages. Each year, they provide direct programming for 3,000+ children, teens, and adults, with an additional 30,000+ people (pre-pandemic) benefiting from their meeting spaces and community events.

The theme for their event: Joy:us, is focused on rebounding from COVID-19 with joy and resiliency, and they hope people will join to celebrate Mr. DeLeo's accomplishments, and to celebrate the support that East Bostonians and others provided the Social Centers during the pandemic. "That support plays a critical role in the Social Centers' continued ability to respond to the significant material and basic needs in our communities," states Mr. Pasquariello, "to provide safe, healthy, high-quality in-person early learning and school age care for our diverse families; to keep older adults active and connected; and to advance our movement to help all East Boston children enter Kindergarten thriving, joyful, and ready to learn."

Currently, more than 90% of the children served

in our early learning and school age programs receive subsidy or voucher based on family income or other needs. We are committed to high quality programming for all, regardless of income or family situation (we serve many DCF-involved families and children with varied developmental strengths and needs). Many staff are bilingual—to better serve diverse families.

Every contribution can quite literally be the stopgap for someone who is struggling to feed their family, to get caught up on rent to avoid eviction, to get their utilities turned back on, or to find affordable quality childcare as they work or look for work. Supporters help us

bring our motto, "When all give, all gain," to life and that's definitely a cause for celebration!"

During the Joy:us event, East Boston Social Centers will feature sneak previews of new facilities and their updated brand, a behind the scenes tour of Speaker DeLeo's East Boston and an interview between one of their teens and award winning humorist and stress expert Loretta LaRoche--all in ~45 minutes!

For more information about the East Boston Social Centers, to sponsor the event, and to join them at their virtual event on November 10, please go to <https://www.ebsoc.org/events/joyus>.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Edwards endorsed by community activists

In the special election to the State Senate, Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by: Monique Nguyen, Executive Director of the Matahari Women Workers’ Center; Lenita Reason, Workers’ Rights Executive Director, Brazilian Worker Center; and Gladys Vega, Executive Director, La Colaborativa. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

“Lydia and I worked hand-in-hand to secure the Massachusetts Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, and that was only the beginning of our advocacy work together,” said Monique Nguyen. “Over the decade of knowing Lydia, she has consistently stood up for and help empower the people who need it: exploited workers, immigrant families fighting deportation, people facing displacement from their homes, and countless others. Lydia will be a visionary and effective champion in the Senate and I’m proud to endorse her candidacy.”

Of Lydia, Lenita Reason said: “Long before she was elected to office, Lydia was honored by the Brazilian Worker Center as a Community Peacemaker for her work helping domestic workers secure job stability and fair benefits. That’s the difference with Lydia: She shows up and does the work, not for headlines or her own benefit. She helps people because that’s what drives her, and I know she’ll have an even greater population to lift up when she is elected to the state senate.”

“Lydia Edwards has been a fearless advocate for people who need affordable housing, for homeowners who are struggling to make ends meet, and as she made important changes to the zoning code,” said Vega. “In her role as a Boston City Councilor, I worked closely with Lydia on issues of climate change and environmental justice. She is the person who has what it takes to make strong policy for Massachusetts.”

Prior to entering the City Council, Councilor Edwards worked extensively in the legal field serving as a judicial law clerk with the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Edwards worked as a public interest attorney

with Greater Boston Legal Services focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking. She served as the statewide campaign coordinator for the Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, which advocated for the passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. In 2015, she was named Bostonian of the Year by the Boston Globe.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements.

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.

D’Ambrosio talking with voters



Candidate for State Senate Anthony D’Ambrosio has been out campaigning talking with voters about the issues at meet-and-greets, on the streets and through a podcast with the Turo brothers.



Councilor Edwards around the Senate District from Halloween. Lydia had a busy day and attended 5 Halloween events in the First Suffolk and Middlesex. She then kicked off a canvass launch in East Boston for Boston City Council At-Large candidate, Ruthzee Louijeune, along with State Rep. Adrian Madaro (photo attached as Ruthzee/Adrian).

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

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

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

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

REGULAR MEETING
a. Attendance 6:30 pm
b. Approval of Minutes, October 19, 2021 6:35 pm

New Business
a. 6:45 pm – Massport - Phase II
b. 7:30 pm – By-Law - Membership Terms
c. 7:45 pm -- Treasurer's Report (Month Ending October, 2021)

Old Business
a. 7:50 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)
b. 7:55 pm - Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion)
c. 8:00 pm – Anticipated adjournment

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

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AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization's website at:
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East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.
By: Louise Montanino, President

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SANTARPIO’S ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON

The time honored Election Day tradition continued at Santarpio’s Pizza in East Boston Tuesday as candidates, elected officials and community members joined

together to break bread, enjoy some pizza and put politics aside for a few hours. The Election Day luncheon at Santarpio’s on Chelsea Street dates back

to the days of Mario Umana and Michael LoPresti. The two Eastie polls used to have knock down, drag out fights but felt it was important to put the politics of

the day on hold and allow candidates, volunteers and elected officials in all camps to enjoy a bitter-free lunch on the most important day during campaign season.

The election day tradition hasn’t missed a beat since the 1950s and was hosted this year by City Councilor Lydia Edwards with Mayoral Candidates Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi George both in attendance as well as several Boston City Council candidates and Gov. Charlie Baker.



Gov. Charlie Baker talks with City Councilor Lydia Edwards as Councilor Ed Flynn looks on.



Suffolk County Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy and Clerk Magistrate Joe Faretra.



Mayoral Candidate Annissa Essaibi George during the Santarpio's Election Day luncheon.



Frank Santarpio and City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who hosted this year's event.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards, former East Boston State Rep. Gus Serra and At-Large Councilor Michael Flaherty.



Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu talks with House Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



Former Senators Anthony Petrucci and Robert Travaglini and former State Rep. Carlo Basile.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Ways and Means Chairman Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



At Large City Council Candidate Ruthzee Louijeune and former Massport CEO Thomas Glynn. Glynn was a professor of Louijeune at Harvard.

Council members, candidates take Eastie waterfront tour

On October 15 the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront, an alliance of more than 45 organizations from across Boston focused on the pressing issues facing Boston’s harbor, islands, and rivers, hosted a series of waterfront walking tours for Boston City Council members and candidates to engage the city’s current and possible future leaders in a conversation about how

to create a more resilient, accessible, inclusive, and economically vibrant waterfront. The tours took place from Central Square to Piers Park on the East Boston waterfront as well as along the Fort Point Channel, the Neponset River in Dorchester and Mattapan, at Moakley Park in South Boston. “The Coalition is committed to addressing the challenges facing all of

Boston’s rivers from the Mystic to the Charles to the Neponset and its harbor and islands,” said the Coalition in a statement. “Attending city councilors, council candidates, and Coalition members discussed the unique challenges and opportunities facing different neighborhoods along the waterfront, as well as the bigger picture issues — from making the waterfront a more welcoming



City Councilor Kenzie Bok, City Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia, At-Large Council Candidate David Halbert.



City Councilor Kenzie Bok, City Councilor At-Large Julia Mejia, At-Large Council Candidate David Halbert, and At-Large Council Candidate Bridget Nee-Walsh, and members of the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront touring East Boston's Waterfront on October 15, 2021.

place for all communities, to preparing for sea level rise and climate change, to supporting the working waterfront.” The Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront launched in June with the mission of bring-

ing the pressing issues facing Boston’s harbor and rivers to the forefront of the public conversation during the 2021 municipal election cycle. As a part of its June announcement, the Coalition released a poll conducted by MassINC

exploring voter attitudes towards a host of waterfront-related issues. To view the poll, click here. In July, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront held a Mayoral Candidate Forum at the New England Aquarium.

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay honors Eastie student Albert Deblas

By John Lynds

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay recently honored this year's Boston Harbor Heroes at the organization's annual Destination Boston Harbor gala at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

Among this year's honorees was East Boston college student Albert Deblas who worked as a staffer for Save the Harbor's Youth Environmental Education Program over the summer.

Deblas was honored alongside Fatima Fontes of Charlestown and Aleena Mangham of Allston, for the important role they played in making Save the Harbor/Save the Bay the Boston Harbor connection for the region's youth and families.

"Each year, Save the Harbor recognizes outstanding individuals as Boston Harbor Heroes for their commitment to Save the Harbor's mission, our community, and the Harbor," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director Chris Mancini. "We are proud to honor these young people for helping us to share the harbor with more than 10,000 young people from 100 community groups in 2021. It was great to be back on the beach together this summer. It was also great to be together again at Destination Boston Harbor to celebrate our Harbor Heroes and thank our partners and supporters for helping us to keep our promise to be here for our community during the pandemic, and to return to the harbor, the beaches and the islands when it was safe to get together in person again."

Deblas, a junior at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, returned to Save the Harbor this past summer for his second year.

Deblas worked as a Junior Program Assistant during the 2020 summer at the height of the COVID-9 pandemic. Instead of helping Save the Harbor share Boston's harbor with busloads and boatloads of young people face-to-face, Deblas was instrumental in working to create virtual Boston Harbor programming through YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, and on Save the Harbor's blog Sea, Sand & Sky throughout the Summer of 2020. In order to continue being the Boston Harbor's connection for the region's youth and families, Deblas explored Boston Harbor's many beautiful views in small, socially-distant groups, including Charlestown Navy Yard, Castle Island, Malibu Beach, and the Harbor Islands. While there, he filmed videos, wrote lesson plans, and created other safe virtual activities for community partners across the city.

This year's Destination Boston Harbor gala event featured an auction with exciting getaways including a luxury Irish vacation at Kilkea Castle Hotel & Golf Resort, as well as Harpoon private beer tastings, staycations at local hotels with dinner pairings, sports tickets, fishing trips, golf packages and more. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay also premiered a short video at the gala that captures the spirit of the summer.

According to Save the Harbor's Development Director Patricia Salic, this year's Gala and Auction raised more than \$300,000 to support free events and programs, and the organization's policy and advocacy work.

"Thanks to all our sponsors and donors for supporting our work to restore, protect and share Boston Harbor," said Salic.



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay honors 2021's Boston Harbor Heroes at their annual fundraising gala, Destination Boston Harbor. (Back row left to right): Lisa Fortenberry, Shavelle Olivier, Chris Mancini, Jon Cronin, Joseph Newman. (Front row left to right): Aleena Mangham, Fatima Fontes, Albert Deblas, Judith Pederson.



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay recently honored Albert Deblas of East Boston as a 2021 Boston Harbor Hero.



READY FOR FUN

East Boston residents Aniya Boatswain, 11, Isabella Boatswain, 8 (in costume), and their mom Sharon Bufford are ready for fun at the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival. The free family event, held October 22 on Boston Common in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston and sponsors LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston, the Farm Families who own Cabot Creamery Co-operative, HP Hood LLC, Dunkin', L.L.Bean, and Magic 106.7, featured giveaways and Halloween-themed activities for all ages.

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# North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns live November 14

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Symphony No. 5. “Little did we know, when we played our last concert on March 1, 2020, that we would be unable to play live music together for almost two years,” said Lehmann, who has led the NSPO since 1998. Lehmann chose the Beethoven 5th Symphony and Sergie Prokofiev’s “Fire-

bird” Orchestral Suite to symbolize the return to live performance. “These works exemplify rebirth, regeneration, and the celebration of all that we have missed,” said Lehmann. “The Firebird paints colorful musical imagery of the mythical Firebird rising from the ashes to vanquish the

forces of evil. Meanwhile, Beethoven’s 5th might be the world’s most recognized piece of classical music. From its famous opening, the Beethoven 5th is a triumphal celebration of light, optimism, and joy.”

The concert will open with Eduard Lalo’s Prelude to the ballet “Namouna” in tribute to longtime NSPO violinist Marcia Jones, who died earlier this year. “Marcia was a passionate and dedicated member of the NSPO for more than 50 years, a charismatic and dear person greatly missed by her NSPO family. ‘Namouna’ was one of her favorite works.”

Tickets will be available at the door for \$30, \$25 for Seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free. Advance purchase is available through the Orchestra’s website [www.nspo.org](http://www.nspo.org).

In compliance with local regulations and the



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its first live performance in 20 months as the Orchestra begins its 73rd season on Sunday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School.



The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra resumes live concert performance on Sunday, November 14 with a 3 p.m. concert at Swampscott High School.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### COYOTES ON RISE IN PRATTVILLE

CHELSEA - As a densely populated urban area, it might not seem like Chelsea would have much of a problem with rampant wildlife within the city limits.

But like many other urban areas in the state, the number of coyote sightings and complaints in Chelsea have been on the upswing.

Recently, Ward 1 City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that City Manager Thomas Ambrosino look at ways the coyote control problem can be addressed in Chelsea at both the local and state level.

“As of late, I have had several calls regarding coyotes in Prattville, and residents have been texting me pictures of coyotes out during the day,” said Taylor. “This is not just at night, this is coyotes wandering around people’s lawns. One of my friends who lives up on Kimball sent me a picture; he’s got

two small kids and would hate to have them totter out and meet a hungry coyote.”

Taylor said he’s not sure exactly what can be done about the situation, but added he would like the City Manager to investigate it. He said he would like to see not just what can be done to remove coyotes, but steps that can be taken to mitigate the problem.

“I know one of the neighbors said they put down mothballs and said they saw less of the coyotes after that,” said Taylor.

He asked if there were any instructions that can be given to residents to help them deal with the issue.

Taylor said he has also heard of people feeding the coyotes and asked if there were laws against people feeding them.

“All of this needs to be addressed in some kind of public manner, either in a meeting or putting up some material on the city’s social media and having the animal control officer engage

with the community,” said Taylor.

Following Taylor’s inquiry, the city did post tips for dealing with coyotes on its website.

Some of the tips include not feeding or trying to pet coyotes, securing garbage, keeping bird feeder areas clean, closing off crawl spaces, cutting back brushy areas, and protecting livestock and produce.

In addition, it states that coyotes can be threatened by bright lights, loud noises, and water from hoses.

Anyone experiencing problems with coyotes can also contact the state wildlife department at [mass.gov/Masswildlife](mailto:mass.gov/Masswildlife).

### NEW FOOTBRIDGE

EVERETT - Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined Gov. Charlie Baker and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone at a press conference to announce construction plans for a new pedestrian footbridge that will connect the Assembly Square MBTA Station with the Encore Boston Harbor casino and resort property.

Mother Nature delivered a beautiful October day for the event that was held with the spectacular, \$3 billion Encore Resort glistening in the sunshine behind the speakers at the press conference.

Gov. Baker said the footbridge project “has always fallen in the category of, yes, we should really find a way to make this happen.” “The hard part has just been figuring out to how to put the pieces together to get it done,” continued Baker. “The Gaming Commission recently awarded a \$650,000 grant to finish the final design work on this, and at that point in time, we as an administration basically said, okay, final design is paid for, we’re going to fund this project and make it happen.”

Baker’s comment noting his strong commitment to the project drew hearty applause from the audience. “We can’t wait to put the shovels in the ground and get this bridge built,” concluded Baker.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides said the new footbridge “will be an important new asset to thousands of people and will connect the cities of Everett and Somerville and open up new access for residents and visitors to restaurants, businesses, and services, and transportation options.”

Theoharides also thanked Mayors DeMaria and Curtatone for their leadership in the project.

Secretary of Transportation also praised the two mayors for “their leadership at the municipal level to encourage and lead and guide us”, noting that “it takes a partnership to build, these great things.”

DRC Commissioner Jim Montgomery, who served as the leader of the speaking program, introduced

Mayor DeMaria, “a lifelong resident of Everett who signed the historic, host-community agreement between Everett and Wynn Development to bring the resort-casino to the banks of the Mystic River.”

DeMaria personally thanked Gov. Baker at the outset of his speech, stating, “We really appreciate you being here and doing this for the residents of Everett. I’m totally overwhelmed to be here and to finally get some access to a ‘T’ station that we so rightfully deserve.”

DeMaria told the gathering that he was pleased to be at Encore “for a monumental announcement about a project that will positively impact the entire metro Boston area.”

“Most importantly, to me, we will be getting an amazing opportunity for my hometown of Everett,” said DeMaria, who thanked several officials for their support of the project.

DeMaria specifically

## LEGAL NOTICE

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
Docket No. SU21D1136DR  
Justin Drury vs.

Gerardo Martinez-Hidrogo  
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R.Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant To Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above. Named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before 01/06/2022.

If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.  
Date: October 20, 2021  
Hon. Virginia M. Ward  
Justice of Probate and Family Court  
11/3/21  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

ZONING HEARING  
The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on November 19, 2021, at 9:30 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 503 and Map Amendment Application No. 740, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency. Said amendments would extend Article 27T, governing the East Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (“IPOD”), for a period of one year until November 11, 2022. The IPOD is currently set to expire on November 11, 2021. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/3EbgAVa>. Copies of the petitions and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written

comments or questions to [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov). Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov) or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2021. Please request interpreting services no later than November 14, 2021. For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton Executive Secretary  
11/3/21  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

AUDIENCIA DE ZONIFICACIÓN  
La Comisión de Zonificación de la Ciudad de Boston notifica por el presente, de conformidad con el Capítulo 665 de las Leyes de 1956 y sus modificaciones, que el 19 de noviembre de 2021 a las 9:30 a. m. se realizará una audiencia pública virtual en relación con la Solicitud de modificación de texto n.º 503 y la Solicitud de modificación de mapa n.º 740, presentadas por la Autoridad de Reurbanización de Boston que opera como la Agencia de Planificación y Desarrollo de Boston. Estas modificaciones se extienden al Artículo 27T que rige el Distrito de Superposición de Planificación Provisional de East Boston (“IPOD”),

por período de un año, hasta el 11 de noviembre de 2022. La fecha de vencimiento del IPOD es el 11 de noviembre de 2021. Esta reunión solo se llevará a cabo de manera virtual, no presencial. Ingrese a <https://bit.ly/3EbgAVa> para participar de esta reunión. Puede obtener una copia electrónica de la petición, del plano modificado y del mapa del área en cuestión a través de la Comisión de Zonificación, y puede enviar preguntas o comentarios escritos a [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov). Los servicios de interpretación están disponibles para comunicar información durante la audiencia. Si requiere los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese al [zoningcommission@boston.gov](mailto:zoningcommission@boston.gov) o al 617-918-4308. Esta reunión está programada para el 19 de noviembre de 2021. Solicite los servicios de interpretación antes del 14 de noviembre de 2021. Para la Comisión Jeffrey M. Hampton Secretario ejecutivo  
11/3/21  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU21P1885GD  
In the matter of: McKayle Fuentes RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: Boston, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Dulce Barbosa of East Boston, MA and Karissa Barbosa of Revere, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that McKayle Fuentes is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Dulce Barbosa of East Boston, MA and Karissa Barbosa of Revere, MA (or some other person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 12/29/2021. This day is NOT a hearing

date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 22, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
11/3/21  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate And Family Court

24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
DOCKET NUMBER: SU21D0851DR  
Wilbert Bealtre Mosquea Plaintiff VS. Andrea Elena Alzato de Beltre Defendant  
To the Defendant: Then Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown of the marriage. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are summoned and required to serve upon: Wilbert Bealtre Mosquea 11 E Cottage St. #2, Dorchester, MA 02125-1146, your answer, if any, on or before 11/23/2021. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 28, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo

Register of Probate  
11/3/21  
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### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114  
(617)788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU21P1469EA  
Estate of: Rita E. Valente  
Date of Death 05/09/2021  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ranae Valente of East Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Ranae Valente of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must

file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/25/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 14, 2021  
Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate  
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## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Sarro

Of Billerica

Ruth M. Sarro “Bunny” of Billerica passed away on October 30.

The loving mother of Christopher Sarro and his wife, Suzanne of Billerica, she was the dear sister of Frank J. Sarro Jr., Robert C. Sarro, Mark Sarro, Lorraine Cooney and Charlotte Sarro and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Family and friends will honor Ruth’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Orient Heights) East Boston on Thursday, November 4 from 5 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday morning at 10 a.m. followed by a



prayer service in our chapel at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Ruth being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Robert DeFreitas

Enthusiastic Fan of all Boston Sports Teams

Robert J. DeFreitas of East Boston died suddenly on October 23.

Bobby was an enthusiastic fan of all Boston Sports teams with a special love of the New England Patriots and the Boston Red Sox.

The beloved father of Tayla DeFreitas of East Boston and Hannah DeFreitas of Malden, he was the son of the late Patricia M. (Masello) Curtis and Joseph F. DeFreitas, brother of Donna Carmen and her husband, Jesse and Susan Henry, all of East Boston, Cheryl Nolette and her husband, Thomas of New Hampshire, Denise Matarazzo and her husband, Emilio, Jody and Frances DeFreitas, all of Revere and the late Sheryl Barry-DeFreitas; uncle of



Alicia, Katelyn, Steven, Jason, Thais, Angela, Erin and the late Michael.

Bobby’s Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 28 followed by burial in Woodlawn Cemetery. Donations in Robert’s memory to the American Heart Assn. would be appreciated. Please leave messages of condolence to his family on his Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](http://MagrathFuneralHome.com).

### Shawn Patrick Wilkes

Of Needham, formerly of East Boston

Shawn Patrick Wilkes of Needham, formerly of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, October 29 at 33 years of age.

The beloved son of Jacqueline Wilkes and her companion, Tony Musto, he was the devoted father of Anthony, Delylah and Amelia Wilkes; dear brother of Amanda Wilkes, Andrew Marin and Nichole Marino, cherished grandson of Frederick Wilkes and the late Dorothy Wilkes and treasured nephew of Mark Wilkes, Ricky Wilkes and the late Dennis Wilkes. He is also survived by many loving cousins.

Family and friends will honor Shawn’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston on Thursday, November



4 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Shawn’s life at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Shawn being laid to rest at Saint Michael Cemetery, Boston.

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](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### William Henry Yeomans, Jr.

Member of East Boston Social Center and Saint Lazarus Bowling League

William Henry Yeomans, Jr. of East Boston, formerly of Somerville, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Friday, October 29 at 83 years of age.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in the Korean Con-

flict, William was a member of East Boston Social Center and the Saint Lazarus Bowling League.

The devoted and loving husband of over 57 years to Irene L. (Capo) Yeomans, he was the dear brother of Edna DiMartino of New Hampshire, Barbara of Texas and the late Richard Yeomans and is also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews.

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Will change the way we feel*

*For no-one knows the  
heartache,  
That lies behind our smiles,  
No-one knows how many  
times,  
We have broken down and  
cried.*

*We want to tell you something,  
So there won't be any doubt  
You're so wonderful to think  
of, But so hard to be without.*

*We can't believe  
4 years have passed  
Not a day goes by that you  
aren't loved and missed by  
your Loving Wife, Children,  
Grandchildren, and many  
Family and Friends*

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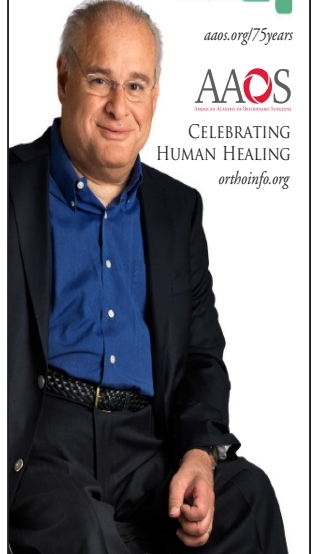
POLIO.

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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noted the cooperation and support from Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, “for your unwavering commitment to viable transit, which is remarkable. This bridge will be so beneficial to so many people across Massachusetts. It is an undeniable symbol of the commitment you both have to build a better future for Everett.”

DeMaria also noted the presence of “my colleague and friend, Mayor Joe Curtatone,” at the press conference.

“Thank you for your continued support and coordination in advancing the bridge as well as the Assembly Row Headhouse Expansion Project,” said DeMaria. “You have been remarkable neighbors and partners throughout this project.”

Curtatone praised DeMaria in his remarks. “It’s great to be here with all of you, and it’s testimony to anything great we do as a society is a product of many hands,” said Curtatone. “It’s advocacy, it’s activism, it’s investment. It’s policy leaders, it’s people giving a damn about where they live and the future of their city. I hope you get that sincere passion and flavor from the mayor of Everett, because I admire him greatly.”

### LYNN WOODS PROTECTED

LYNN - A momentous vote occurred at Tuesday’s City Council Meeting when the City Council, on behalf of the City and the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, voted to petition the Legislature to authorize the City to grant a Conservation Restriction to protect Lynn’s most treasured natural resource, Lynn Woods.

The grant to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Essex County Greenbelt Association is intended to protect and preserve the City’s reservoirs, watershed, and the hundreds of acres of Lynn Woods for conservation and recreation purposes.

City agencies and officials have worked for over twenty years with state officials, conservation groups, neighboring towns, and many others to achieve a lasting legacy, the protection of Lynn Woods, its open space and trails, and surrounding properties that contribute to the City water supply.

Speaking in support of the protection of Lynn’s natural resources, City Council President Darren Cyr said, “I am proud and pleased that my Council colleagues are the ones who not only recognized the need to preserve and protect Lynn Woods, but acted to do it now. We received the input of the Friends of Lynn Woods, Gannon Golf Course, the Special Needs Camp, the Park Ranger, and importantly the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

The real vote here is one of thanks to all who persevered, working so long, to finally achieve the result desired by the community.”

Once Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee signs the agreement and approval is obtained from the towns of Saugus and Lynnfield, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs will then proceed with the final formal steps to complete the conservation protection.

### LOOKING AT NEW DPW BUILDING

REVERE - The Revere City Council reviewed the city’s plans for the construction of a new 37,500 square-

foot public works building on the current Revere DPW site at 321A Charger St.

During a public hearing on the matter Monday night, Simon Tempest, project manager for the DPW Yard, and David Kelley, of Meridian Associates, Beverly, made a presentation about the new project.

“We are here to propose to demolish the existing DPW building and propose a larger, more modern, more functional building for use of the DPW,” said Kelley.

He said the larger building will allow more room for the storage of equipment and to keep the site cleaner. There will be new pavement on the site.

“The new building will allow for better office space, training rooms, and other rooms to maintain the equipment and meet DPW needs,” added Kelly. “There will be 51 parking spaces that will be available to the public. There will two security gates on either side, so the public cannot access around the building. But they will still be able to park, go in, pay water bills, do whatever they need to do.”

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino recalled that he worked as at the Revere DPW, “as a teenager over ten years ago, and the DPW facility that’s there’s now needed to be rebuilt back then, so God only knows how bad it’s gotten over ten years.”

Serino asked whether there would be an area at the new facility where mechanics could fix DPW equipment. “We have included repair bays in the new facility,” Tempest said.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo, who has a great sense for getting to the heart of the matter and what his constituents want to know, asked, “When will the first shovel go into the ground? More importantly, what will be the estimated total cost, and will this facility to be technologically upgraded?”

“We can’t say exactly, but we’re hoping to go out to bid at the end of year, December or January,” replied Tempest. “For the cost estimate, we’re working on that right now.”

“Twenty million dollars or less? asked Rotondo.

“More than \$20 million,” said Tempest.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said the new DPW building is long overdue, and he put in the first motion for a new building seven years ago.

“So, I feel proud that we’ve gotten to this point,” said Novoselsky. “And I look forward to hearing more about it at the subcommittee meeting.”

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito asked Tempest what the expected time frame for the project would be.

“We’re allowing 18 months. We think it probably be done in 12, but with the supply chain issues, we want to give a comfortable window for the contractor to be able to complete it,” said Tempest.

Morabito then asked, “Now if the economy sinks, if it’s going to come to a stop, are we planning for that as well?”

“I think that’s very difficult to predict, but I think if we sign a contract, the contractor is committed to complete the building for that price,” said Tempest.

Council President Anthony Zambuto said residents have been looking forward to having a new DPW building for a long time, “so this is a step along the way, and we’ll see you in zoning (subcommittee).”

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# Fire officials remind public to change their clocks, check their alarms

Staff Report

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 7, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when you change your clocks.

Text Description automatically generated with medium confidence“Working smoke and CO alarms are key to surviving a fire or carbon monoxide leak,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms or replace the entire device if it’s more than 10 years old.”

Fire Marshal Ostroskey also highlighted the importance of CO alarms as we head into the colder months.

“Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States,” he said. “The primary sources of carbon monoxide in the home are furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances. We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, so it’s

important to have working CO alarms to alert you to this invisible killer.”

### Replace Aging Smoke Alarms

“Smoke alarms are like any other household appliances: they don’t last forever,” said Chief Michael Winn, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. “Alarm manufacturing dates are printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms usually need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms after five to seven years. If the date on your alarm is more than 10 years ago, or if there’s no date at all, it’s time to replace it.”

Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

The State Fire Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have 10-year, sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries and a hush feature.

“We see too many disabled smoke alarms at fire scenes where people really needed them to work,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Fire officials hope that if smoke alarms are easier to maintain, like those with long-life bat-

teries, people will keep them in use rather than disabling them or forgetting to change out the batteries.”

### Modern Fires Burn Faster

“Changes in construction and manufacturing make today’s residential fires burn faster,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “In the average house fire, there are only one to three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke

alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisoning gases and heat make escape impossible.”

Chief Winn said, “No one expects to be a victim of a fire, but the best way to survive one is to have working smoke alarms. Take a few minutes to protect those you love by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend. And if you have parents, grandparents, or older neighbors who might need a hand, volun-

teer to check their alarms and change their batteries, too.”

### Home Fire Sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers can provide residents additional time to escape and contain or even extinguish a fire, but working smoke alarms are still needed to alert people to danger.

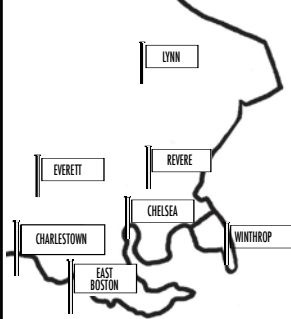
### Senior SAFE

Nearly 40% of last year’s fire deaths involved adults over the age of 65. More than 200 fire depart-

ments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit [www.mass.gov/dfs](http://www.mass.gov/dfs) or contact your local fire department.

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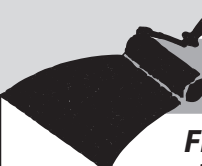
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The residents of Saratoga Street between Brooks and Marion Streets hosted their second annual Halloween Block Party on Sunday.

Neighbors from all over Boston came out and enjoyed a night of games, arts and crafts activities, free books, and lots of trick or treating.

“Special thanks to the generosity of the City of Boston’s Office of Public Service and Community Outreach for awarding a \$500 grant to the block party committee to help us throw an exceptionally fun, safe, and COVID friendly event,” organizers said in a statement. “Thank you to all of the neighbors that decorated

their homes, dressed up in amazing costumes, and participated in a variety of ways! Also, a big thank you to the twelve community organizations that joined us to host resources tables providing resources, information, and giveaways. We hope to see you all again next year.”

The list of organizations include: East Boston Community Soup Kitchen; BCYF Paris Street Community Center; Harborkeepers; Maverick Landing Community Services; Mutual Aid Eastie; NUBE; GreenRoots; Friends of the East Boston library; VROCC; La casa de Pandebono; and The Trustees Boston Waterfront.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards (second from right) showed her Easie Spirit with friends and supporters during the event.



In preparation for the annual event Saratoga Street residents go all out and decorate their homes with spooky stuff, get dressed up and hand out candy.

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Rep. Adrian Madaro with his wife, Ariel, and son Matteo.



Children of all ages got into the Halloween spirit during the block party.



Representatives from EBNHC's PACE program during the Halloween party.



EHCA President Debra Cave (right) handed out Halloween-themed coloring books during the event.



Residents along Saratoga Street hand out candy during Trick or Treating.



Pumpkins decorate Saratoga Street during the annual Halloween Block Party on Sunday.



Families parade down Saratoga in their scary costumes.



Some spooky residents dressed in Halloween costumes one would find during the Victorian-era.



A Saratoga Street resident helps run the arts and crafts table.

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