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Nucci to serve another term on Massport Board

By John Lynds

The Massachusetts Port Authority Community Advisory Committee (Massport CAC) voted unanimously to reappoint John Nucci to another seven-year term as the committee's appointee to the Massport Board of Directors.

Nucci was sworn in to his second term on the board by Gov. Charlie Baker during a virtual ceremony Tuesday.

"It is an honor to be unanimously reappointed to the Massport Board for a second term by the Massport CAC, and to be sworn in by Governor Baker," said Nucci. "I, once again, pledge to do my best to represent the interests of those neighborhoods impacted by the Authority as well as maintain my fiduciary responsibility to the Authority."

Nucci is the Senior Vice President for External Affairs at Suffolk University and has more than 40 years of experience in Boston government and community relations.

A lifelong Eastie resident, Nucci has been an effective advocate for a number of community and non-profit organizations, as well as an incredible as-

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John Nucci was voted unanimously to another term on the Massport Board of Directors.



Customers lined up to purchase fresh produce last Wednesday during the kickoff of the EBNHC Farmers Market. The weekly market will be open each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6:30 pm in Central Square through October.



EBNHC Farmers Market kicks off another season

By John Lynds

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Let's Get Movin Farmers Market in Central Square officially kicked off another season last Wednesday and will be open weekly until October.

The market will be open each Wednesday from 3 pm to 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting) and according to EBNHC's Program Coordinator for Community Initiatives Nancy Slamet the

market will be a vibrant and festive community space once again this year.

"This summer, we plan to bring together local farmers, food producers, artists, musicians, and community organizations to provide healthy local food, community information and resources, art and music as well as fun and wellness activities for the whole family," said Slamet.

Slamet said while many COVID restrictions may be over EBNHC still wants to

create a safe, healthy and comfortable environment for all.

"So we are asking everyone to heed the guidance of staying home if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19," she said. "Shoppers are welcome to take additional precautions to feel safe and comfortable like wearing masks."

Like last year there will still be curbside pickup through the WhatsGood app for those still not com-

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Gridlock

Weekend Sumner Tunnel closure wreaks havoc on Eastie

By John Lynds

After delaying the Sumner Tunnel weekend closures for two weeks, the closure of the tunnel this past weekend caused a traffic nightmare in East Boston on Saturday and Sunday.

As all southbound traffic from McClellan Highway was rerouted into the Ted Williams Tunnel, the lack of promised police details at choke points

throughout the neighborhood caused gridlock in Day Square, Central Square and on many Eastie side streets.

Drivers using the Maverick Street gate, which can only be used by Eastie residents trying to access the Ted Williams Tunnel, were met with huge delays along Tomahawk and Harborside Drive on Logan Airport property.

Without a police detail at the Harborside Drive light, the intersection became a free for all as Eastie motorists, Silver Line buses, taxi cabs and airport-related traffic all jockeyed to enter the tunnel—many ignoring the light changes.

"I can't Imagine if an ambulance had to get to the city," said Alisha Sumehrta Tamari Sunday.

"(It's) absolutely crazy a five minute ride is now one hour on the weekends. You can't even go to the airport to get to the terminals either because that's bumper to bumper due to the traffic backed up to the Ted Williams Tunnel."

Lettie DiNocco said, "This is ridiculous. Traffic was brutal" and asked "Where are all the state police? They should be patrolling the streets around the airport."

Lisa Antrim said there should be more police details on the streets of Eastie when the Sumner is closed to make sure intersections are not being blocked.

"Meridian Street was horrible due to the tunnel closure," she said.

During meetings lead-

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Wu, elected officials tour Zumix, discuss youth mental health

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday, Zumix hosted Mayor Michelle Wu and a group of local city and state officials for a tour of the neighborhood's popular music and performing arts nonprofit.

During the tour the group of dignitaries saw first hand how Zumix programs, and programs like it that immerse youth in music and the arts, has a positive impact on their mental health and overall well being.

Wu has committed city resources to begin addressing youth mental health in the wake of the pandemic that saw many children isolated from many peers and social settings for nearly two years. Wu also created the Mayor's Office of Behavioral Health that is headed by Dr. Kevin Simon, who served as Assistant in Psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital and has extensive experience in dealing with pediatric and adolescent mental health.

"We are in a moment of tremendous stress coming out of the pandemic, coming from changes in our economy and struggles with our housing

crisis, with transportation reliability," said Wu. "We see it concentrated among our young people as well. Mental health is an underlying epidemic of the COVID 19 pandemic and that's why in Boston, we are so lucky and fortunate to have brought on Dr. Kevin Simon. Dr. Simon's work focuses on the mental health of young people in particular, and we know that our young people have faced enormous disruptions in every aspect of their lives."

Wu said to address the deepening need for mental health support for youth here in Boston the city has already worked to place a social worker in every Boston Public Schools to increase the support services for social and emotional health directly through the school system.

"But we need to do a lot more in collaboration with the Boston Public Health Commission and local partners," said Wu. "There are incredible examples all across our city of work and services that's being built that directly support and strengthen the mental health of our young people."

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70 YEARS TOGETHER



Mr & Mrs Peter Gravalles celebrated 70 years of marriage in June. They married at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church on June 14, 1952. The lifelong residents of East Boston were celebrated by their children & their spouses, grandchildren, great-grandchildren & extended family at Davios Seaport.



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Wu announces \$20 million investment to expand city’s Universal Pre-K program

By John Lynds

Last week Mayor Michelle Wu announced an expansion of Boston’s Universal Pre-K program to 992 total seats, which will greatly benefit working families in East Boston and beyond.

The \$20 million investment in early education through Boston’s Universal Pre-K (UPK) program was done in partnership between BPS and the Office of Early Childhood.

Wu said this investment builds her Administration’s commitment to universal, affordable, high-quality early education and care for all infants, toddlers, and children under five.

According to Wu, through this new investment, Boston will expand support for community-based classrooms, increase the number of seats available to 3 and 4-year-olds for the upcoming school year, and begin integrating family child care providers into the UPK system.

In Eastie these community-based classrooms are located at the East Boston Social Centers and the East Boston YMCA.

“The greatest investment we can make in our future is to support and center our young people,” said Wu. “With this historic investment in early childhood education, we can kickstart an increase in high-quality Pre-K seats, bring family child care providers into the UPK network, and ensure all of our families have access to free and accessible early childcare and education.”

Boston UPK is now accepting applications for Pre-K seats at communi-

ty-based providers for the 2022-2023 school year on a rolling basis. Eligible students must be Boston residents and must turn three or four years old on or before September 1, 2022. More information on the Boston UPK program and the application can be found at www.bostonpublicschools.org/upk. A list of the current community providers can be found at <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/upk-sites>. Additional providers may be added in the coming weeks for the 2022-23 school year.

In addition to expanding access, Boston UPK will increase developmental and behavioral health screenings, student support interventions, culturally relevant and challenging curriculum, and coaching to improve quality in classrooms.

“UPK makes it possible to pay excellent teachers a competitive salary, have regular, supportive coaching, and invest in our classrooms continually,” said Chief Executive Officer at Ellis Early Learning Lauren Cook. “Our teachers appreciate the high-quality curriculum and are proud to be part of the UPK community. Our students are thriving, and parents are thrilled with our partnership with BPS. Our UPK classrooms set the bar internally and elevate our organization. We couldn’t be happier or more grateful to partner with BPS in this vital work.”

This upcoming school year, Boston UPK will also launch a new per-classroom funding formula, replacing a per-student formula, to ensure high quality learning environments for students. The

new funding formula and rate will provide financial and operational stability to child care providers, empower them to implement high quality programming, and ensure teachers at community sites receive pay commensurate with staff in district-run schools.

“Providing per-classroom instead of per-child funding will provide stability for child care providers who have been greatly impacted by COVID,” said Director of the Office of Early Childhood Kristin McSwain. “It will also allow many of them to extend their service hours beyond the required 6.5 to better meet the needs of working families.”

Boston UPK will also expand to include family child care providers, increasing the options available to prospective families. Family child care providers offer families more flexible hours, multilingual or mixed-age settings, and sometimes more affordable services. Over the course of the next school year, BPS and the Office of Early Childhood will partner with 20 family child care providers, members of the UPK Advisory Board, and other experts to design Boston’s family child care UPK program.

“We are grateful for the continued investment in Universal Pre-K from the City of Boston and Mayor Michelle Wu in collaboration with Boston Public Schools,” said Boston Universal Pre-K Director TeeAra Dias. “Our mixed-delivery model ensures family choice and that there is no wrong door for families looking for a high-quality pre-K experience.”

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ing up to the planned Summer Tunnel closure MassDOT officials Mike Fielding and Gary McNaughton were on the record saying police details were going to be an integral part of alleviating traffic in Eastie when the Sumer is closed on the weekends for the next 36 weeks.

“While we’ve been conducting tabletop exercises in meetings with the emergency responders and ambulance services to support their operating procedures,” said Fielding in June. “We will have tow trucks in place during any of the closures as well as police details.”

MassDOT’s traffic engineer McNoughton said MassDOT would target areas in the vicinity of the Ted Williams Tunnel entrance with police details. McNaughton said in the case of an emergency the detail cops will direct traffic away from the tunnel entrance to allow emergency vehicles in.

However, there was not a single police detail on site in Eastie on Saturday and Sunday.

When asked about the lack of police detail, MassDOT’s spokesperson Kristen Pennucci simply said in a statement, “MassDOT monitors traffic volumes throughout weekend closures. Upon the conclusion of weekend work, MassDOT also conducts a review and analysis of the project’s traffic mitigation plan with a focus on opportunities to make



The closure of the Sumner Tunnel as part of the tunnel's restoration project caused a traffic nightmare in Eastie on Saturday and Sunday. Photos show the gridlock of cars trying to enter the Ted Williams Tunnel from Harbor-side Drive. The traffic in the Ted Williams spilled over to residential streets in Eastie and with no police details directing traffic intersections in the neighborhood became a free for all.

improvements. MassDOT continues to remind drivers to plan for extra travel time during weekend closures, consider the Blue Line or Silver Line as an

alternative to driving, and stay informed by signing up for email updates through the project website.”

Eastie’s COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

East Boston’s positive test rate is back on the rise as another summer surge of the COVID omicron sub variants takes hold across the country.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Eastie’s weekly COVID infection rate increased for a third week in a row.

Last week, 655 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 8.6 percent were positive—this

was a 6 percent increase from the 8.1 percent that tested positive between June 27 and July 4.

Fifty-six additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between July 4 and July 11 and there have now been 16,025 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston’s citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week.

According to the BPHC, 9,604 Boston residents tested citywide and 8.1 percent were positive—a

7 percent increase from the 7.6 percent that tested positive between June 27 and July 4.

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 0.62 percent last week and went from 194,604 to 195,825 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were 15 additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,493.

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set to Suffolk University.

He was first appointed to the Massport Board in 2016 and said at the time his new role reflects his enduring commitment to giving back to his community and serving the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Members of the Massport CAC represent 35 diverse communities that surround Massport facilities, as far north as Salem and as far west as Worcester. The duties of the Massport CAC members include making recommendations to Massport, the Governor of Massachusetts and the state legislature regarding Massport’s programs, budget and annual report, and to appoint a member to the Massport Board. Nucci was appointed to Massport CAC by Mayor Martin J. Walsh as a Boston representative six years ago.

Throughout his career, Nucci has demonstrated

an ability to bring community partners together with government so that both benefit. This past summer, Nucci and his team negotiated a partnership with the community and the City of Boston for the Suffolk University athletic teams to use the East Boston Memorial Park for their home games. As part of the agreement the university will make improvements to the park and provide other resources, such as funding for East Boston High School athletics programs.

The Massachusetts legislature, under the leadership of former Speaker Robert DeLeo, voted to establish the Massport CAC in 2013.

The Massport Board is a seven-member group that oversees the financially independent authority, which owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, the public container and cruise terminals in the Port of Boston,

Hanscom Field, Worcester Regional Airport as well as real estate holdings and public parks in South Boston and East Boston. Board members are not paid for their service.

Nucci is a former At-Large Boston City Councilor having served from 1992-1995. Nucci was elected Suffolk County Clerk in 1994 and served in that office for a decade. He also served the Boston School Committee as a member from 1984-1990 and was President for one term. Since 1992 he has taught at Suffolk University as an Adjunct Professor of Public Management. He is a board member of a number of professional affiliations including the Boston Business Improvement District and the Boston Municipal Research Bureau, among others. Nucci received a B.A. from Boston College and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Suffolk University.

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ple. Organizations like Zumix recognize the arts as a powerful vehicle for self expression, community building and strengthening social and emotional well being. Music has been shown to decrease depression, to boost self esteem, and reduce the symptoms of PTSD in young people. We heard stories of the alums who have gone on to be superstars vocalists, or working in our state house in representing their communities, or having taken careers as arts expression therapists, or leading arts education efforts statewide. It changes lives when we truly integrate mental health, community building, arts and culture and every other possible support that we can give to our young people.”

Mayor Wu has prioritized efforts to improve equitable access to mental and behavioral health care by proposing several investments in this work in her FY23 budget. Dr. Simon will collaborate with community partners and City agencies and departments. He will drive the development of ambitious, innovative prevention and response models for mental health and substance use that promote whole wellness. These efforts will strive to address historical systemic racial inequities through a comprehensive and coordinated citywide response in Boston.

Dr. Simon added that it is particularly important for youth, as well as adults, to have safe spaces to come and be themselves and express themselves.

“I think one of the key things that can be missed is investment into spaces that are not necessarily “therapeutic” (settings) like a doctor’s office,” said Simon. “I think a place like Zumix allows families to feel comfortable knowing that they can go to work and their children are safe. We’re going to try and think creatively with

the City Council and state partners in reference to the opportunities that exist already like Zumix and how we can get more spaces like Zumix or expand Zumix so that way they can help serve more students or more youth. I think Zumix is a prime example of what exists and how we need to be doing more for youth. We need to be doing more for our families so that we can have a decrease in the number of individuals experiencing anxiety or experiencing depression.”

Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse thanked his colleagues in government, the city councilors, and Mayor Wu for having the foresight to create an Office of Behavioral Health for the city.

“This comes at a time when behavioral health issues, which were bad before the pandemic, have only worsened since the pandemic,” said Madaro. “I think it’s appropriate that we’re here at a youth services organization in East Boston because one of the focal points of our Mental Health reform legislation was youth behavioral health and school based behavioral health. In addition to redoubling our efforts to uplift and support community based services we are also uplifting amazing youth programming like Zumix, which has for decades offered safe places for young people to come, make friends, be themselves, have positive adult role models, and of course, learn music. We all know that the arts can be unbelievably healing and incredibly therapeutic for one’s mental health and one’s overall health and well being. So this program really is a gem for our community because it really grounds young people here and allows them to have a positive outlet through the arts. That’s certainly in line with what we’re trying to do with the



Mayor Michelle Wu recently created the Mayor’s Office of Behavioral Health that is headed by Dr. Kevin Simon (pictured). Dr. Simon served as Assistant in Psychiatry at Boston Children’s Hospital and has extensive experience in dealing with pediatric and adolescent mental health.

mental health reforms—focusing on new behavioral health, on school based health, and of course on community based programs, like Zumix.”

Zumix student Angelica Munoz said Zumix said when she came to Zumix as a young girl she was shy, had terrible stage fright but in a few short years she has become a positive, outgoing and confident teen.

““I feel like Zumix is just such an empowering organization that can change your life or someone else’s life which is just something very inspirational,” she said.

Zumix Co-Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski said she was very excited to see the intersection of so many people really trying to do what’s right for the community on many levels and collaborating across various sectors. Steczynski said while Zumix is not a mental health organization—improving one’s self, gaining skills and confidence, and becoming a holistic member of the Eastie community has always been embedded in the work Zumix does.

“It’s so interesting that we didn’t have to mention music and the arts, but it’s embedded in everything that we do,” she said. “We don’t sit around talking about mental health on a

regular basis. We do projects together, we do creative artistic things, we write songs, we perform together, we do videos together, we do radio together, we go out in the community and and you know, provide services for folks in the community. In doing that we learn about each other, we learn skills, we become assets to our neighbors, to our friends, and we become family.”



Councilor-At-Large Erin Murphy visited ZUMIX in East Boston along with Mayor Wu, Councilor-At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune, Rep. Madaro, and representatives from ZUMIX. Councilor Murphy was able to speak on the topic of Youth Mental Health in the city along with speaking directly about some instances that our office has dealt with directly in correlation to the subject.



During the tour Mayor Michelle Wu heard from Zumix participants and how Eastie’s popular music and performing arts organization has helped shape their lives for the better.



Mayor Michelle Wu discusses her efforts to address Youth Mental Health at Zumix in East Boston last week.



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SUMMER IS HALF OVER -- MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT'S LEFT

We realize that most of the kids have been out of school for only a few weeks, but in terms of what we think of as the full summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day, this coming weekend will mark the midpoint of the Summer of ‘22.

Thus far we have been blessed with generally perfect weather -- dry, with lots of sun; warm, but not too hot -- for outdoor activities of every kind.

Admittedly, for those among us who crave the heat and humidity (which is how we liked it when we were younger), the weather has been a bit on the cool side. But the flip part to that is that our electric bills have been low because we rarely have needed to use the air conditioning.

Those of us who are fortunate to live along the coast have been able to keep our windows open at night to bring in the cool sea breezes, which have been more prevalent this year than usual, to fill our homes.

In addition, the above-normal ocean temperature -- we noticed the warmer temps in the middle of May -- have allowed for the sort of refreshing dip for which we typically have to wait until late July and August.

Compared to much of the rest of the country, which has seen extreme weather with record-setting heat domes, wildfires, drought, and powerful winds, our corner of the world here in the Northeast has been idyllic.

But we know that Mother Nature is unpredictable and that in the end, things always even out, so to speak.

So we urge our readers to make the most of the second half of the Summer of ‘22 with our family, friends, and loved ones and to create memories that will last a lifetime.

The nice thing about summer is that in our experience, we’ve found the most memorable moments often are the simplest, such as getting an ice cream with the kids or just spending a day at the beach or going to a big summer movie, whether with the family or a date.

We will leave with these words from the song by the great Nat King Cole from the early 1960s that captures what summertime is all about:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You’ll wish that summer could always be here

AMERICA ALWAYS HAS HAD AN ANTI-DEMOCRATIC ELEMENT

As the January 6 Committee continues its hearings, many of us (including an increasing number of former Trump supporters) have been shocked by the extent to which Trump and those around him plotted to overturn the election of Joe Biden.

Yes, we’ve long-known about the basic outline of the plot and many of the specifics of Trump’s machinations -- such as the infamous call to the Georgia Secretary of State to “find” him 11,780 votes (a conversation that would make an organized crime boss proud) -- but the January 6 Committee has tied it all together and added some new facts through the testimony of witnesses’ who have revealed many new details.

However, undeniably there is a large segment of Americans who think Trump did nothing wrong and continue to applaud what he did prior to, on, and after January 6.

For anyone who knows their U.S. history, the large number of Americans who are sticking with Trump is not surprising. There always has been a faction in America from the time of our Founding that has been authoritarian, white-male supremacist, and anti-democratic.

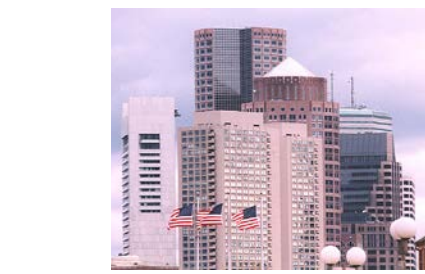
In the segregated South of the Jim Crow era, the anti-democratic extremists were Democrats from the end of the Civil War until the 1960s. Joe Biden liked to brag about how he could work with Strom Thurmond and other conservatives in the Senate, but those guys were just as extremist and as anti-democratic as anyone today, maybe even more so.

The difference between today and those eras is that many of the sub-groups of American culture that formerly were invisible now are out there, front and center. Joe Biden could “work” with rabid segregationists like Strom Thurmond because it largely was accepted by the majority of Americans, even “liberal” Democrats, that this is the way things were. But that sort of thinking no longer aligns with the attitude of the majority of Americans.

However, there still is a sizable portion of our fellow citizens who are not willing to acknowledge that times have changed. They’re the ones who wear T-shirts that proclaim, “I’d rather be Russian than a Democrat.”

The January 6 Committee is to be applauded for its work in laying out the full extent of Trump’s plotting to overturn the election, but it has exposed the deep rifts in our society that literally are threatening to bring us to the brink of another Civil War.

Ominously, although what we are learning from the January 6 Committee hearings of the recent past may be informative, it does not bode well for the future of our democracy.



Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Airline travel woes, flying is frustrating

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Airline travelers have experienced frustration since the 2021 holidays as covered by national news. Travel delays and even trip cancellations have been aggravating experiences for travelers. If you only have a weekend and your trip includes a flight on Friday and a return flight on Sunday you are chancing a lost weekend. Being delayed from Friday to Saturday is surely to sour your trip.

My wife and I have flown a few times and it seems as if there is a new devil at every level. Last Spring, we hoped for a few days in Florida. We booked our flight from Indiana to change planes in Atlanta before going on to Florida. We checked our luggage and had minimum provisions in our backpacks. We arrived in Atlanta on a Saturday afternoon only to learn that our plane on to Florida was cancelled because of weather. We also heard from fellow disgruntled travelers and a TSA agent that the cancellation was really due to problems with air traffic controllers. We also heard that Delta was very short-staffed. After standing in line at a ticket counter for two hours I was told the next available flight was two nights later at 7PM. We were advised that our luggage was already on another plane to our destination.

We had no choice but to find a hotel room. Thousands of other flights were delayed or had been cancelled that day. Hotel rooms were not easy to find. We finally found one. We were forced to get a taxi and stay two nights in Atlanta with minimal provisions. Needless to say, it was an extra unplanned expense.

When we finally arrived in Florida, I knew we were good on transportation. I had paid in advance for a rental car. We got the car pretty fast. However, I wasn’t told that our upfront payment was forfeited because we didn’t pick up the car within a 24-hour time frame of the reservation date. I didn’t realize I was paying a second

time until I reviewed my bank statement later. Since I had paid for the car up front, I did not think that Budget would care if we were delayed. I thought wrong. According to Budget you have to let them know within 24 hours if your plans change. I learned something new. Education is always expensive. I disputed the charge but my bank stood with Budget.

All in all, my wife and I had a good time in Ft. Myer’s Beach, Florida. Except, flying was miserable that time around. Delta Airlines made no offers to compensate us with any new or free tickets. They felt no obligation to cover any of the additional expenses we incurred in Atlanta. Budget Rent A Car made double money for an old Camry they rented me. The car was a take it or leave it. They said it was all they had available when I arrived.

Are there any answers? Sure. Stay home. Or, try to find flights that are direct if possible. This seems harder and harder. Buy a small suitcase that fits the

legal carry-on dimensions. Then you will have your bag with you. If you can handle your trip without a rental car, you might be happier. Sometimes this is impossible but not always. We recently traveled to Baltimore and stuck with Taxis. We saved quite a bit because we didn’t pay for a rental car and we didn’t have to pay parking fees at the hotel.

I don’t like to fly in storms. I do want the airlines to make my safety a priority. I would rather arrive late than never. Just be aware that in the age we currently live in flying can be frustrating.

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LETTER to the Editor

AN OUTRAGEOUS AND CALLOUS REQUEST

To the Editor,

Massport has decided to celebrate the July 4 holiday by choosing to release their controversial Logan Airport Runway 27 End expansion plan, in the form of a DEIR, at the very beginning of the holiday week when residents of the impacted neighborhoods in Winthrop- Point Shirley in particular- and East Boston are planning family celebrations and enjoying local events such as parades and fireworks.

This complex 625-page document regarding a runway expansion project with significant environmental consequences would usually require at the very least a three-month public comment period. However, Massport has initiated the public comment period by asking the impacted neighborhood public to forego their July 4th Holiday week to begin preparing their comments by July 8, an outrageous and callous request.

Instead, Massport should immediately rescind the Runway 27 End DEIR comment schedule, which begins as soon as July 8, and replace it with a comment period which commences after the traditional summer vacation period, such as September 30, allowing local neighborhood residents to comment accordingly after their return. The new comment period should last for at least three months, in deference to the impacted neighborhoods.

John Vitagliano

TAX REBATE PROPOSAL MISSES THE MARK

To the Editor,

The Massachusetts Legislature’s proposal to send \$250-\$500 checks

to a particular income range (38-150k) is economically misguided and fails to meet the moment.

Under this proposal:

-A widowed mother of two kids making \$30,000 a year in the service industry gets \$0... but a dual-income, no kids married couple in their late 20s making \$135,000 a year gets \$500. (Why???)

-With a historic opportunity to invest in things we’ve long ignored, like our transportation system, crumbling public housing and a lack of affordable housing generally, a lack of affordable childcare, and our public higher education system that keeps increasing tuition on MA residents --- \$500 million will be sent out, without a penny going to the most needy, in a short-term way that will not make a lasting impact.

-During a period of inflation, money is given to the income range most likely to spend it on supply-constrained goods and services, thus making inflation worse.

I 100% get trying to help families facing the crunch of inflation right now, but a short-term cash infusion increases demand, which increases inflation... what would actually fight inflation would be increasing the supply of things that are driving cost of living up - like housing and childcare.

If the Legislature feels the best use of the state’s surplus is tax cuts rather than investing it in public goods, then let’s do actual tax cuts that are permanent and promote long-run economic growth.

The state could increase the earned-income tax credit or the

child tax credit, cut the sales tax, reduce filing fees and licensing fees on small businesses, or marginally reduce business taxation in general on small businesses... all kinds of things that have a long-term impact, rather than a sugar high that is only appropriate in a time of urgent need for short-run economic growth, which is not the situation we are in right now, as any economist left, right or center would attest to.

I disagree with Governor Baker’s proposed suite of long-term tax reductions, many of which would predominantly

help upper-income earners, but at least there’s a logic to them, in terms of promoting the state’s economic competitiveness in the long-term.

This proposal is deeply unserious, short-term thinking, which wildly misses the opportunity we have to make investments in the state’s future -- all to try to conveniently time checks around election time, even though more than half of the Legislature doesn’t even have an opponent. For the sake of thinking long term about MA’s future, I hope it is sunk.

Joe Gravellese

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News in Brief

MALDEN SUMMER FESTIVALS ADD THREE MORE PUB CRAWL DATES

The City of Malden is pleased to announce that with the continued success of the Murder at the Malden Bank Pub Crawls, the City has added three more dates. Can you solve the crime while having a great time with friends and family? Visit www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com for the additional dates and tickets.

Based upon the actual locations from the first bank robbery murder in the United States, the easy 17-minute walk takes you to multiple locations connected to the murder of a member of the esteemed Converse family. At each location you will encounter interesting characters who will present you with challenges and puzzles to unlock the mystery behind the 1863 murder.

Best of all, each location is now a great dining and drinking establishment, and the author of the book *Abel Bodied: Murder at the Malden Bank*, Michael Cloherty, will be at the final location for a book signing. These events are part of the Malden Summer Festivals and are sponsored by the Office of Mayor Gary Christenson.

Located next to the Malden Center MBTA Orange Line station, the restaurant-filled area is also home to Malden’s Gaming District. This is the place to go if you want to quest at Boda Borg, conduct a science experiment that is a lot like mini-golf, play and stock up on Magic cards, shoot some billiards, try a racing simulator or sing your heart out at Kara-

oke.. Easily accessible by Orange Line, but FREE Parking is available at both of the City’s garages at 170 Centre Street or 7 Jackson Street. Please visit www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com to learn more.

RMV ANNOUNCES LOW PLATE LOTTERY

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that applications are now being accepted online for the 2022 Low Number Plate Lottery at Mass.Gov/RMV using the Online Service Center. To be eligible, applicants must apply for this year’s lottery by 5 p.m., Friday, September 2. If selected for a low number plate, winners will be notified by mail.

This year, there are 199 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year’s low plates are F7, 36, 78K, X44, 1S, and 6666.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a special plate fee that will be required, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV’s website or follow @MassRMV on Twitter for details on the lottery plate drawing to be announced later this summer, including the date, time, and location of the event. In addition, lottery plate applicants will be sent a notification from the RMV to the email address they provided with event details. The lottery results will be posted after the drawing on the RMV website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- Only one entry per

applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.

- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.
- Companies/corporations may not apply.
- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees, including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. (“Immediate family member” refers to one’s parents, spouse, children, and brothers & sisters.)
- Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/RMV.
- An applicant’s registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-Z Pass/Pay by Plate violations.
- Online entries will be accepted only and must be completed by 5 p.m., Friday, September 2.
- Lottery results will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/RMV. By law, lottery winners must be announced by September 15, 2022.
- All winners will be notified mail with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Friday, December 30, 2022, to swap

their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Friday, December 30, 2022. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.

- All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.
- All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

ARROYO FILES A HEARING ORDER ON THE BPD AND BRIC RESPONSE TO THE RECENT ACTIONS OF WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUPS

Boston Councilor Ricardo Arroyo today announced he has filed an order calling for a public hearing to discuss the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) and Boston Police Department’s response to the growing presence of white supremacist hate groups in the City of Boston. The Council Order asks that representatives from the Boston Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Attorney General’s Office, US Attorney’s Office and other interested parties be invited to speak before the Council.

“These hate groups are reprehensible and pose real and serious threats to the safety of our communities here in Boston and nationally. They can never be allowed to freely terrorize our neighborhoods or assault individuals with impunity,” Arroyo said. “BRIC was established in 2005 explicitly to target acts of terrorism, and Boston residents

deserve answers about their response to recent incidents in Boston and what is being done to address the lack of actionable intelligence prior to the Patriot Front’s march in Boston and the inadequate response that followed, leading to the assault of Charles Murrell III. The City of Boston must take significant steps to ensure the safety of our Black, Latinx, immigrant, Jewish, Muslim, LGBTQ+, and all communities targeted by organized white supremacist hate groups.”

Boston has seen an uptick in public displays of white supremacist actions. On Saturday, July 2, approximately 100 white supremacists marched through Downtown Boston under the banner of the Patriot Front, and physically attacked artist and activist Charles Murrell III. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Patriot Front is a white nationalist hate group that formed in the aftermath of the deadly 2017 “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In March, members of the Nationalist Socialist Club 131 (NSC-131) displayed the banner “Keep Boston Irish” along the route of the historic St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Boston. And earlier this year, on January 22, two-dozen members of NSC-131 protested in front of Brigham & Womens Hospital in Boston against efforts made by the hospital towards establishing greater equity in health care for communities of color.

According to a 2021 Anti-Defamation League (ADL) report, incidents of white supremacist propaganda has surged across the U.S. in the pre-

vious year to “alarming levels,” and concluded that NSC-131 is one of three groups responsible for 92% of the activity.

In the Council Order, Arroyo says: “The Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) under the authority of the Boston Police Department (BPD) was established in 2005 with the purported purpose to reduce crime and prevent acts of terrorism throughout the Metropolitan Boston Homeland Security Region (MBHSR)...to date, BPD and BRIC have had insufficient intelligence and inadequate responses to recent actions and demonstrations led by white supremacist hate groups, those actions are escalating, raising concerns about their ability to effectively monitor and track these domestic terrorist organizations as they are required.”

EXPLORE TIDEPOOLS WITH DCR AT SHORT BEACH

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, the DCR, and Save the Harbor, Save the Bay are offering Tidepool Discovery outings with the DCR’s Matthew Nash. Tuesdays, July 5, from 10-11 a.m., and Aug. 2 and 16 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Discover and learn about the fascinating plants and animals of the tidepool and why we should care for both these fragile creatures and the tidepool that represents their home. Nets will be provided for brief capture and release of the tidepool creatures. Be prepared for slippery rocks and for getting your feet wet!”

Baker proclaims ‘Hurricane Preparedness Week’

Staff Report

Hurricane Preparedness Week, as proclaimed by Governor Charlie Baker, runs through July 16. All week, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will engage local communities across Massachusetts to highlight the risk of tropical storms and hurricanes, and encourage residents to take steps to prepare. As part of MEMA’s commitment to diversity and equity in emergency planning, this year’s campaign will include information to equip those living with disabilities and specific medical needs.

“Hurricane Preparedness Week is an annual reminder of the hazards that the Commonwealth faces and how residents can prepare during hurricane season,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “While it’s been 31 years since Hurricane Bob made landfall in New England, hurricanes and tropical storms remain a threat to Massachusetts and we ask residents to learn if they live in a hurricane evacuation zone, develop an emergency plan, build an emergency kit, and stay informed.”

For the 2022 hurricane season, MEMA has continued its longstanding

commitment to deepen local, state, federal, and private sector partnerships. The Agency has convened meetings to discuss logistics, operational plans, and capabilities; facilitated a series of tabletop exercises; and participated in a large tabletop exercise with Emergency Support Function (ESF) partners and the National Weather Service. Additionally, MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley serves as Co-Chair of the National Emergency Management Association Diversity and Equity Committee which focuses on identifying opportunities to advance diversity and inclusion in the workforce; and ensures equity and accessibility of emergency management policies and programs. While MEMA and its partners are taking steps to ensure the Commonwealth is ready, preparedness is a shared responsibility that all should take part in.

“While MEMA continues to prepare for disasters, we can’t do it alone – preparedness is a whole community responsibility and we want everyone to be prepared for the challenges and impacts they may face in an emergency,” said Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “I urge

residents with disabilities and medical needs to take steps to prepare for their circumstances by customizing their emergency plans, gathering necessary supplies and planning with their support network who may be able to assist during a disaster. For those individuals, I want to assure you that MEMA takes accessibility of emergency programs and services very seriously and we work year-round to ensure that we are prepared to support all individuals equally and equitably before, during, and after disasters.”

Plan for Your Unique Needs

Every person and family may have different needs in an emergency. Individuals with disabilities or medical needs may take extra steps to prepare:

- If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.
- If you live in an area that may flood and may need an accessible transportation option to evacuate, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may assist you. Contact local public safe-

ty officials to make them aware of your needs.

- If your medical equipment uses electricity, talk to health care providers, your utility company & your personal support network for options during a power outage.
- Ensure that your emergency kit has all the items you and your family would need including medications, spare eyeglasses, medical equipment and supplies, and children’s items such as diapers and formula.

Ways to Prepare

Know Your Zone – In Massachusetts, there are three designated hurricane evacuation zones - Zone A, Zone B, and Zone C, for coastal areas of the state at risk for storm surge flooding during hurricanes. Visit MEMA’s interactive hurricane evacuation zone map to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone:www.mass.gov/knowyourzone.

Make an Emergency Plan – Talk to your family and create an emergency plan of how your family would evacuate, shelter in place, and stay in touch. Consider children, seniors, individuals with disabilities and medical needs, and pets in your emergency plans. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-fam->

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Build an Emergency Kit - Build an emergency kit that includes all the items your household would need for three to five days without power. Every emergency kit should include bottled water, food, a flashlight, a radio and extra batteries, a first aid kit, and personal & hygiene items. Kits should also be customized for any additional items your family would need given medical conditions, pets, and other considerations: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.

Stay Informed – Individuals should have several ways to receiving emergency alerts. Residents are urged to sign up for their community’s local notification systems. Other ways to receive alerts and information include the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media. The Commonwealth’s 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in 150+ languages and can be accessed via video relay services. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>

For more information,

including interactive evacuation zone maps, a social media toolkit, flyers, preparedness tips, videos and more, visit MEMA’s Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

MEMA is the state agency charged with ensuring the state is prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies and disasters, including natural hazards, accidents, deliberate attacks, and technological and infrastructure failures. MEMA’s staff of professional planners, communications specialists and operations and support personnel is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - individuals, families, non-profits and businesses - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating threats and hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective response, and strengthening our capacity to rebuild and recover. For additional information about MEMA and Emergency Preparedness, go to www.mass.gov/mema.

ZUMIX HOSTED ANNUAL WALK FOR MUSIC FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, Zumix hosted its annual Walk for Music Fundraiser to support Zumix music and performing art programs for area youth.

“What an incredible event we had yesterday,” said Zumix in a statement. “A big thanks to the Zumix community, who showed up in style, to our friends and neighbors for all their support”

The Walk for Music ended at Piers Park for the launch of Zumix’s annual Summer Concert Series. The first concert was headlined by Eastie’s Don’t Be Denied band headed by Zumix Board Member and EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder.



This youngster gets into the groove watching the Don’t Be Denied horn section jam.



Zumix supporters outside the Zumix Firehouse on Sumner Street before the annual Walk for Music gets underway.



Zumix’s Brass Band gets ready to lead Walk for Music participants through the streets of Eastie.



Don’t Be Denied horn section during the Piers Park concert.



Sen. Lydia Edwards during the Walk for Music.



Don’t Be Denied bass player Juan Gutierrez.



The annual walk drew Zumix supporters of all ages to support Zumix programs.



Community leaders and Zumix staff come together for another successful Walk for Music.



Zumix staff and students put their finishing touches on Walk for Music signs.








The Don’t Be Denied band takes the stage at Piers Park.



The annual Zumix Walk for Music heads down Sumner Street.

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YANKEES WIN LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Yankees won the East Boston Little League Championship last week defeating the Mariners coached by Brandon O’Brian two games to one. The Mariners took the 1st game of the series 4 to 2 scoring all 4 runs in the 1st inning. Thomas Tapransky, Armani Cruz, and Deanna and Ryan Nee played very well for them.

Joe Dalton, who had a great overall performance in the series, came in to pitch and shut the door for the rest of the game. The Yankees took the next 2 games with outstanding pitching performances by Justin Aiken and Thomas Granara. Each of them also had timely hits during the series with Justin just missing hitting for the cy-

cle. Jack Forbes was the hitting star for the Yankees with 10 hits in the series and some aggressive baserunning. Leudys Suriel had 4 big hits in the final game. He is going to be a great player! JJ Tritto was tremendous behind the plate, keeping the pitching staff sharp. Saul Sanchez played flawlessly at short-stop turning in several

great plays in addition to some clutch hits. Kaiden Wise played well in center field knocking in a big run during game 2. Finally, the younger guys all contributed to the victory. An-

tonio and Giovanni Lopez and Henry Forbes worked hard all season. The work paid off as they each had hits in the series. Vinny Cammelari also played well in field. The coaching

staff of Anthony Forbes, Josh Tritto, and Pat Aiken were very pleased with the way the team improved over the season and are very proud of the boy’s dedication and effort.



EBLL CHAMPIONS: The Major League Yankees are pictured with the East Boston Little League championship trophy after claiming the 2022 crown in the popular youth baseball league. Front row (from left) are Henry Forbes, Antonio Lopez, Joe Dalton, Giovanni Lopez, JJ Tritto, and Kaiden Wise. Back row (from left) are Justin Aiken, Thomas Granara, Saul Sanchez, Jack Forbes, and Leudys Suriel.



Justin Aiken of the Yankees gets a lead off of first base after the pitch.



Thomas Toponarski of the Mariners delivers a pitch during the East Boston Little League championship series.



Tyler Rodriguez of the Mariners looks toward home plate as he considers advancing to second base.

LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER



PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS

Ten-year-old Alex Mencia of East Boston was one of the lucky raffle winners at the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool opening hosted June 28 by Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston’s Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Skating Club of Boston and sponsored by H.P. Hood LLC. For further information, go to bostonfrogpond.com.



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Frances Pittella

Of Peabody, formerly of East Boston

Frances M. (Esposito) Pittella of Peabody, formerly of East Boston, passed away on July, 9.

The beloved wife of Armando Pittella, she was the devoted mother of Joseph Pittella and his wife, Carmen of Methuen, Donna Ebba and her husband, Ralph of Peabody, formerly of East Boston, dear sister of Frank Esposito of East Boston, Anthony Esposito of Chelsea, William Esposito Jr., and Lillian Shialdone, loving grandmother of Kristina Dahbour and Andrea Pittella and cherished great grandmother of Chase and Jemma Dahbour. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-



ews. Family and friends will honor Frances's life by gathering at the Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston on Thursday, July 14 for a Mass celebrating Frances's life at 11 a.m. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Michael David Faretra, Jr.

He will be missed by many

Michael David Faretra, Jr. of Ayer, formerly of Westford and East Boston, passed away on July 7.

Michael loved the outdoors, especially his summers spent at East Boston Camps. He enjoyed long nature walks with his love, Jessica and his dog, Bonnie. Michael loved working out and eating his mom's cooking. He enjoyed watching any Boston sports, but he especially loved watching the Celtics with his dad. Michael will be missed by many.

The beloved son of Michael Sr. and Vanessa (Braswell) Faretra, he was the father of Keanna Faretra and he also leaves the longtime love of his life, Jessica Martinez. He was the dear brother of Troy, Trevor, Nicholas and Isabella Faretra and loving grandson of Catherine (Kiten) Braswell and the late Rosemary Faretra and David Hamilton (Papa); adored uncle of Lila, Leilani, and Rose



and cherished nephew of Melissa Herron and Corine Keohane. He is also survived by many loving cousins and his dog, Bonnie (babygirl).

Family and friends will honor Michael's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston today, July 13 at 9:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to the Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston, for an 11 a.m. Mass. All other services are private. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Edmund Silva, Jr.

Retiree of East Boston Savings Bank, past board member and treasurer of East Boston Little League

Family and friends attended visiting hours on Sunday, July 10 at Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere for Edmund Silva, Jr. who died in the loving presence of his family at Tufts Medical Center in Boston on Thursday, July 7 following a brief illness. He was 75 years old. His funeral was conducted from the funeral home on Monday, July 11 followed by a Funeral Mass in Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Eddie was born in Winthrop, raised and educated in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1964. He went on to earn a certificate in Banking School, went to work for East Boston Savings Bank and became a Loan Officer, a career that spanned over 35 years. Eddie also worked a second job, also over 30 years at the Wonderland Dog Track as a Para Mutual Clerk.

During these early years, Eddie met Carol Morrissey and after a courtship of five years, they were married on May 3, 1970. At this time, Eddie and Carol remained in East

Boston, where they began their life and family together.

He was a very proud and loving father to his two sons, Anthony and Edmund, III and was ever present in their lives. He participated in their athletics and also coached them along the way. Eddie was most proud to have coached two back to back State Championship Sr. Baseball Leagues, 1986-1987. He was a mentor to



many young boys that he coached and knew along the way.

Family was most important to him and he cherished them dearly. He enjoyed traveling with his wife and being with his grandchildren. They later moved to Saugus where they were closer to their children and grandchildren and dying with every win or loss.

Eddie was a past board member and treasurer for East Boston Little League.

The devoted husband of 52 years of Carol A. (Morrissey) Silva of Saugus, formerly

of East Boston, he was the loving and proud father of Anthony Silva and his wife, Maria of Somerville and Edmund Silva, III and his wife, Kelli of Peabody, the cherished papa of Brandon Silva and Katlyn Silva of

Somerville and Michael and Megan Silva of Peabody; treasured son of the late Edmund and Maria (Tedesco) Silva and dear brother of the late Anthony Silva. He is also lovingly survived by many cousins, friends and extended family. Remembrances may be made to the Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place Boston, MA 02215.

For online guest book and condolences, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com

Joseph Goddard

Draper Labs retiree

Joseph W. Goddard of Malden, formerly of Cambridge, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 6 at 75 years of age.

An employee of Draper Labs for over 30 years, he was the beloved husband of 48 years to Mary (Raffo) Goddard, the devoted father of Joseph Goddard and his partner, Nicole O'Leary and Tracey Goddard; dear brother of Millie, Claire and John Goddard and Elizabeth Milon and cherished

grandfather of Brittany Grimmer, Joshua Horgan, and Ashelley O'Leary. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 10 Chestnut Street, Peabody. Interment was at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Peabody. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting agenda listed

The next Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting is Monday, July 18.

Location: Zoom
Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but the Zoom link will open at 6:00pm to get acclimated. The meeting will be recorded.

Zoom meeting link: <https://bit.ly/3tcJlhH>

Passcode: OHNC
Meeting Information and Protocol

All participants will be muted upon entry and during presentations. Questions and comments to those presenting can be asked using the chat or "raise hand" feature of the Zoom platform. If there is a lull in conversation you may feel free to unmute but please be considerate of others attempting to participate at the same time. All submissions submitted via the chat will be read aloud by the OHNC host. Anyone unable to use the chat feature is welcome to email questions and comments to OrientHeightsNC@gmail.com and they will be passed on to the presenters.

Attendance will be taken via a Google Form and responses will only be accepted from the start of the meeting until the end. Marking your attendance ensures your voter eligibility. Voters must have attended two out of the three regularly scheduled OHNC meetings or be an abutter to the property being voted on. The sign-in form will be posted in the Zoom chat at the beginning of the meeting and throughout.

A recording of the meeting, meeting minutes, responses to any questions not answered during the meeting, and copies of the presentation slides, if available, will be provided following the meeting via Facebook and email. Meeting recordings are always available on our YouTube channel.

Voting: During the pandemic voting will take place online via a Google Form. Board members vet all votes to ensure that the individual is eligible as either an abutter to the property or an attendee of two out of the last three meetings. All responses are confidential and not accessible to anyone but board members for the purpose of confirming voter qualification. Once votes have been tallied all Google Form submissions for that vote are deleted.

Agenda
Announcements & General Presentations
Public Safety

Sergeant Joe Cintolo or Officer Tom Domenico and Officer Mosley provide an update on activity for Boston Police District A-7.

Michael Trepanier with MassDOT will discuss the Bennington Street Safety and Bicycle Improvements: <https://bit.ly/3NSXPud>

New Board Members Introductions and Vote
Maria Campbell - President

Jessica Maposa - Vice President

Online vote to approve new board at the end of the meeting

Development Presentations & Vote

92, 96 and 104 Walde-mar Avenue - Raze existing structures and erect 3 new residential structures each with 3 units and 3 parking spaces.

Has presented to the DRC on 3 occasions

Main concern from abutters and members at the DRC meeting is number of units

Abutters and members still want locations to remain as 1F

Presentation: <https://bit.ly/104Waldemar>

Variances Requested: Use, IPOD, Parking, FAR, Height, Front, Side Yard

Owner: Crespo Group, ricky@crespogroup.com

Attorney: Drago + Toscano, LLP, kferrara@dt-lawllp.com

Architect: Context

Abutter Letter of Opposition

Reduced from 15 unit to 9 unit since initial meeting

Rear yard now almost 40'

Yamina Lachmi - yamina.lachmi@masenate.gov for questions or concerns about this project

Abutter's radius: Adjournment

Old Business / New Business / General Community Updates

Have news you'd like to share? Excited about a new effort in the neighborhood? Feel free to share any comments, feedback, updates, etc. during this time.

The next OHNC Design Review Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1st, 2022 at 6:00pm.

The next OHNC meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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LOCAL STUDENTS

ON DEAN’S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2022 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

EAST BOSTON

Mariana Alejandra Jaramillo

Jiacheng Mei

Arlette Vanessa Ordonez

Evelyn Dayana Rodriguez

Cameron Alexander Shepherd

Anna Zou

commencement.

More than 1,530 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at this semester’s ceremonies - held May 14 on the Whitewater campus, and May 17 on the Rock County campus.

Wittmann graduated with the following degree: Finance - MS

The graduating class included 11 international students, 71 military veterans and 200 nontraditional students, defined as undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. In addition, 194 self-identified students with disabilities received degrees.

Dozens of students participated in the university’s Hired Before Graduation campaign, which celebrates students who landed a job, earned acceptance to graduate school or started their own business before commencement.

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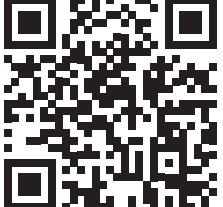
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Luau festivities and a live band concert on the beach of one of Boston’s most beautiful and peaceful Boston Harbor Islands.



Eastie residents enjoy Eastie’s Love Island Luau on Spectacle Island in Boston Harbor.



NOAH’s Manlio Mendez during the event.



Through a Boston Harbor Now grant NOAH was able to bring 160 Eastie Residents to join 400 other spectators to Spectacle Island for the free event.



Families join in on the wide array of activities during the Luau.



The event included fabulous food, mocktails, Luau festivities and a live band concert on the beach.



Residents enjoy the sweeping views from one of Boston’s most beautiful and peaceful Boston Harbor Islands.

Parks Department recognized with preservation and climate change awards

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s mission of protecting the City of Boston park system’s storied legacy while embracing sustainability for future generations has been recognized with a pair of awards in historic preservation and climate resiliency.

The Boston Preservation Alliance recently announced that the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial on Boston Common is one of six 2022 Preservation Award recipients that will be recognized at their 34th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards ceremony being held October 20 at the historic Charles River Speedway Complex in Brighton.

A ceremony was held on Boston Common June 1 as the Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial was rededicated after a comprehensive \$2.8 million restoration project undertaken by a partnership including the Friends of the Public Garden, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the National Park Service, and the Museum of African American History. The scope of work included restoration of the bronze relief and surrounding stone, rein-



The restored Shaw 54th Regiment Memorial on Boston Common is lifted back into place in time for its public unveiling on June 1.

forcement and seismic protections, and plaza improvements to increase accessibility and access to the monument.

Considered one of the preeminent works of public art in the country, the Memorial honors the 54th Massachusetts Regiment, one of the first Black regiments to serve in the Civil War, and its white colonel, Robert Gould Shaw. As dramatized in the 1989 film “Glory,” the 54th served most notably at the Battle of Fort Wagner in South Carolina. News of their courage and determination on the battlefield spread and led to other Black regiments being formed, and by the

end of the war 10% of the Union Army was made up of Black soldiers.

In 1865, Black businessman Joshua Benton Smith called for a memorial to be constructed in Boston and in 1883 artist Augustus Saint-Gaudens was commissioned. Dedicated to perfection, Saint-Gaudens did not complete the sculpture until 1897. By the late 20th century the Memorial was in extremely poor condition due to corrosion and vandalism. In 1981, the Friends of the Public Garden led a campaign for the monument’s restoration and to establish an endowment for its care. That partnership continues to-

day with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the National Park Service, and the Museum of African American History to ensure the memorial is properly preserved and maintained in order to enlighten and educate generations to come.

A second distinction was announced on June 16 when the Environmental Business Council

of New England (EBC) shared that the Parks Department’s Langone Park/ Puopolo Playground renewal project on the waterfront in the North End was the recipient of the 2022 EBC Award for Climate Change Project of the Year.

The park is the first in the city designed with climate resilient features embedded throughout to

protect the shoreline, the neighborhood, and other public assets from projected sea level rise and increased storm events. In collaboration with Climate Ready Boston and other city agencies and stakeholders, the Parks Department built an integrated seawall internal to the park with overlooks and seating on an elevated boardwalk.



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