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Mayor Michelle Wu addresses the large crowd gathered last week at East Boston Memorial Stadium as part of Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Neighborhood Coffee Hour in partnership with Dunkin'Coffee. See Page 6 for more photos.



Mayor Michelle Wu greets residents at last week's Neighborhood Coffee Hour.



Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour gave Eastie residents an unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods.

MAYOR WU HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Neighborhood Coffee Hour in partnership with Dunkin' at East Boston Memorial Stadium last Wednesday.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour gave Eastie residents a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu said prior to the event that she looked forward to hearing from Eastie resi-

dents on how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and City services.

Participants enjoyed
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and assorted Dunkin'
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fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support

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Each family in attendance received a free flowering plant from the Parks Department. Residents at the event were also eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' including Dunkin' merchandise and

Taste of Eastie on July 26 at 1 Pier Drive

By John Lynds

Last year East Boston residents were thrilled when the annual Taste of Eastie, East Boston Main Streets' (EBMS) signature yearly event, was switched from the winter to the summer.

For over two decades Eastie residents and EBMS supporters wondered why the annual event that showcases Eastie best restaurants was held in the dead of winter. For years other local restaurant celebrations, like the Taste of the North End, are always held in the spring or summer months.

Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic EBMS board decided last summer it was safer to hold the annual event outdoors and showcase Eastie's majestic waterfront.

Building on the success of last summer's event EBMS will again host the Taste of Eastie outdoors along the waterfront. This year, the 26th Annual "Taste of Eastie" will be held on Tuesday, July 26 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Tall Ship 1 Pier Drive. A rain date has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2.

EBMS Board President Ida Candreva said this year's milestone event will celebrate the strength and resiliency of the Eastie Community in the face of the pandemic.

"The economic health caused by the pandemic over the past two years, has significantly impacted the world and our community, but I am amazed at how our East Boston community has come together, to support each other, in various different ways," said Candreva. "This, our 26th Annual Taste of Eastie, is a sure sign of the strength within our neighborhood, and with our small businesses - this event celebrates their strength and

their resiliency."

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On the right Path

Job-seekers looking to jumpstart their careers invited to union building trades information session at Suffolk Downs

Special to the Independent

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday,

July 26, at Suffolk Downs. The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group and the City of Revere will host their first construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all job-seekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of lucrative new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15 to 20 year build out of the Suffolk Downs. No prior construction experi-

ence is required to attend. "The redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will employ thousands in the building trades with fair wages and the benefits they need to support their families," said Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo. "I am proud that Revere is party to the largest Project Labor Agreement in state history, and look forward to working to promote union membership in our

neighborhoods."
"Suffolk Downs will only be successful if the people who build, live and work at Suffolk Downs and in the surrounding community are successful. We are thrilled that the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will provide real economic opportunities

Mayor declares heat emergency as scorching temperatures hit Boston

By John Lynds

With scorching temperatures expected to be in the 90s all week, Mayor Michelle Wu declared a heat emergency in Boston through Thursday and urged residents to make

use of BCYF cooling centers in East Boston.

Wu said BCYF cooling centers at the Paris Street Gym will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Due to the rising COVID-19 case count, the use of masks in

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cooling centers is strongly recommended.

Additionally, Wu said five splash pads will be open at parks and playgrounds in Eastie.

The splash pads will be located at the Paris Street Playground, 115 Paris St.; LoPresti Park, 33 Sumner St.; Sumner/Lamson Playground, 425 Sumner St.; East Boston Memorial Park, 143 Porter St.; and Noyes Playground, 86 Boardman St.

"We're working quickly to make sure all of our Boston residents and families are protected during this week's extreme weather," said Mayor Wu. "It is clear that a changing climate is a risk to our health and communities. I urge everyone to stay cool and safe, and check on your neighbors during the week. I'm thankful for the many City employees who are preparing for this emergency and will be responding to calls for service throughout our neighborhoods."

Wu added the City of Boston is taking critical immediate action to provide heat relief, including short-term, actionable steps toward relief during heat waves. The City of

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and meaningful career opportunities to thousands of Revere and East Boston residents," said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas N. O'Brien.

"We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union, HYM, and the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters to ensure that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities at a scale never seen before," said John Moriarty of John Moriarty &

Associates. "The Project Labor Agreement (PLA) at Suffolk Downs will create family-sustaining careers for thousands of construction workers across every neighborhood of Boston and Revere for the next decade and beyond, illustrating the importance of shared economic prosperity through responsible development," said Brian Doherty, General Agent and Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions. "We're excited to partner with The HYM Investment Group and John Moriarty & Associates to make advancements in equity and inclusion as we recruit and train the next generation

of construction workers." The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty &

Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment. The agreement will ensure Suffolk Downs is union-built and creates 18,000 construction jobs, while designing and constructing more efficiently to allow housing to be built more affordably. As part of the agreement, HYM announced \$2 million in investments that will go towards building an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs, and to prepare local residents to join the future workforce at Suffolk Downs. The PLA also creates a new cost structure and a model that sets forth several equity and inclusion provisions that will bring more workers into the trades. This innovative approach will further increase the number of women and people of color who benefit from the career opportunities generated by the project while lowering the overall cost of residential

construction. The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions represents 35,000 working families in the Metropolitan Boston region. The building trades unions advance social and economic justice by providing family-supporting wages, healthcare benefits, and

EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 2022 Annual Election of Directors

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Annual Meeting of the Corporation & Election of Directors 4:00 p.m. – September 19, 2022

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Eastie's weekly COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

East Boston's weekly positive test rate continues to rise as the highly infectious BA.5 omicron sub variant has gripped the

Last week, the Biden administration renewed the COVID public-health emergency through mid-October as the city, state, and nation are in the midst of the U.S.'s second-largest surge since the pandemic began in 2020. On the heels of the public-health emergency extension, the CDC said COVID hospital admissions would increase more than fourfold by August 5.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Eastie's weekly COVID infection rate has been steadily increasing for over a month.

Last week, 716 Eastie

residents were tested for the virus last week and 9.5 percent were positive--this was a 10 percent increase from the 8.6 percent that tested positive between July 4 and July 11.

Sixty-eight additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between July 11 and July 18 and there have now been 16,087 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, 11,189 Boston residents tested citywide and 9.8 percent were positive—a 21 percent increase from the 8.1 percent that tested positive between

July 4 and July 11.

Adult COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Boston are now averaging 141.7 per day. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals. It includes the total number of adult hospitalizations among Boston and non-Boston residents for COVID-19.

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 0.6 percent last week and went from 195,825 to 196,932 confirmed cases since the start of the pan-

There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now

Two statewide candidates are certified to receive public campaign funds for primary

candidates statewide office have qualified for matching public funds for their primary election campaigns.

Democrats Tami Gouveia for lieutenant governor and Quentin Palfrey for attorney general submitted the necessary qualifying contributions and were certified by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to receive funding in the following amounts:

Tami Gouveia: \$143,994 Quentin Palfrey: \$165,412

Under the public filaw, M.G.L. nancing Chapter 55C, a statewide candidate who is opposed, has agreed to observe a statutory spending limit and submits the minimum amount of qualifying contributions is eligible to receive public matching funds. Gouveia and Palfrey may submit additionprimary.

State Election Campaign Fund contained \$1,002,490 as of June 30, according to the state Comptroller's Office. That amount was split in half -\$501,245 is available for the Sept. 6 primary election and the same amount for the November 8 general election. The law calls for candidates for governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed to candidates for the other five statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing. Because no gubernatorial candidates were certified to receive funding, funds were made available to

Gouveia and Palfrey. In order to be certified as eligible to receive public funds, a participating candidate must submit a minimum amount of qualifying contributions from individuals (only the first \$250 of an individual's al contributions to receive ered as a qualifying conmatching funds for the tribution). The minimum amount for lieutenant

governor is \$15,000, and the threshold for attorney

general is \$37,500. After the primary, all remaining candidates who have not agreed to limit spending and who are opposed in the general election by candidates who have agreed to limit spending will have to declare their self-imposed limit by September 9 for the final general election campaign (September 7 through November 8). Unenrolled candidates must file statements by August 30 declaring whether they will participate in the pub-

lic financing program. Public financing for campaigns has been in place for every statewide election since 1978. The sole source of funding for public financing in Massachusetts is the State Election Campaign Fund, which allows taxpayers to direct \$1 from their tax liability on their annual income tax returns to the



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Shortage of Boston Police officers may be affecting police details

One would think a monumental project like the Sumner Tunnel restoration project would come with a certain level of research and planning.

If it had, MassDOT would have realized the Boston Police Department (BPD) is experiencing a staff shortage and calling for more police to be

In a letter to the BPD and Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA) said the BPD can barely cover regular shift worknevermind police details for construction projects like the Sumner Tunnel project.

While State Troopers would provide police details on the state roads leading into the mouth of the Ted Williams Tunnel to keep traffic flowing while the Sumner is closed on the weekends, BPD details would be on hand in the neighborhood to ensure overflow traffic in places like Day Square would move a little more efficiently.

However, the past weekends there's been an obvious lack of BPD details and traffic has wreaked havoc in the neighborhood on the weekends when the Sumner is closed.

The root cause of this problem is the understaffed BPD and some feel MassDOT should have had a clear understanding of BPD staffing levels before beginning the project and promising comprehensive police details as the project moved

"The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association condemns the Boston Police Department for ordering officers to work 24 hours in a row this past Saturday. It is unsafe for officers to be forced to work for 24 hours straight, and demonstrates the gross understaffing in the Police Department. The BPPA calls upon the City to immediately take actions to increase the number of sworn members of the BPD to levels that will allow for safe staffing

On Saturday, due partially to the City's "block party in Jamaica Plain, coupled with the Red Sox game and a festival in the Seaport, the BPD had over 120 officers working on an overtime basis," said the BPPA's letter obtained by the East Boston Times. "The vast majority of the officers working overtime were ordered to do so (meaning it was involuntary), and the majority were ordered for at least 16 hours, which is physically and psychologically draining. However, a number of officers were actually ordered to work three shifts in a row-or 24 hours straight."

The BPPA reported at least five officers were also ordered to work 24 hours back on Saturday June 25.

"This is simply unsafe and cannot be allowed to occur," the letter continued. "Officers simply cannot work for that many hours and still be expected to make split second decisions in life threatening situations. While many have called for a reduc-

tion in the BPD's Overtime budget, this crisis demonstrates why the City spends so much on overtime-there simply aren't enough officers working for the BPD."

The BPPA said given the crisis staffing levels at the BPD, it is irresponsible of the City to permit multiple events on the same day, which leads to resources being spread thin and unsafe mandatory ordering

BPPA President Lawrence Calderone urged the hiring of more officers. "The BPPA has been calling on the City to hire more cops for years. The chronic understaffing of the BPD is now resulting in the unsafe situation of officers being ordered to work 24 hours straight. This is utterly unacceptable; the City is gambling with the safety of our community and our members by these reckless staffing decisions. We demand that the department cease unsafe staffing and hire more officers!"

It seems clear now why BPD officers have been unable, or unwilling, to sign up for details in Eastie on the weekend during the Sumner closures when they've been forced to work mandatory overtime shifts all week long.

One officer, wished to remain anonymous, reported, "Officers are not going to sign up for a detail in East Boston on the weekend, especially if they've worked mandatory overtime and resources are being sent other neighborhoods to cover understaffed stations during events."

City awards \$500,000 in workforce development contracts for artists and creative workers

Through American Rescue Plan Act funding, Mayor Michelle Wu announced last week the city has awarded \$500,000 in workforce development contracts for artists and creative workers, including East Boston's Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VRCC). Wu and the Mayor's

Office of Arts and Culture announced the VRCC was one of 12 individuals and organizations that will get funding to provide technical assistance, professional development, and workforce development services to Boston artists and creative workers. "This program will al-

low us to bring valuable professional development services and resources to a section of our workforce that has been extremely hard hit by COVID-19, yet has continued to positively impact our communities with their work," said Mayor Wu. "We look forward to continuing to invest in new ways to sup-

port artists and creatives so that they can fully thrive in this city."

Veronica Robles, who will host two professional development bootcamp predominately for Latinx and immigrant artists and creatives, and a showcase that will allow a cohort of artists to present their work to presenting organizations and cultural institutions in and around Boston. "Artists and creative

workers are essential to the City's recovery and a key aspect of our creative economy," said Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston Kara Elliott-Ortega. "We're excited to be able to remove some of the barriers that community faces when it comes to creating and sharing their work, and looking forward to hiring creative workers and creative small businesses to provide these services." Wu said the City's goals

for this program included contracting with individuals and organizations that: are able to assist artists who live and work in Boston further develop their careers through direct services and workshops that are culturally responsive; work toward creating a stronger creative economy in Boston while artists continue to recover from and adapt to COVID-19 and its impacts on our local creative economy; work with artists within multiple artistic disciplines, and; work with artists in Boston with various accessibility needs. Wu said the city pri-

oritized Boston neighborhoods, like Eastie, hit hardest by the pandemic with the new funding. A priority was also placed on services that are tailored to support artists and creative workers from demographics that saw the most economic impact due to COVID-19, including women, people of color, immigrants, artists who have lower levels of education, artists who identify as LGBTQIAP+.

Taste // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 Candreva encourages nual Taste of Eastie will

those that will be attending to take public transportation due to very limited valet parking first come, first serve. This festive event will

feature food from more than 30 local "Eastie" restaurants, music, as well as raffles and prizes.

All in all the 26th An-

feature a wide array of food from Mexico, Peru, Italy, America and beyond

from over two dozen local restaurants. "A special thanks to the 2022 Taste of Eastie's Hosts: Carolina Trujillo from La Voz Newspaper

and Alberto Vasallo III,

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per," said Candreva. Tickets are

\$50.00 at the door and can be purchased online https://www.eventbrite. com/e/326332648737.

For more details or questions please https://ebmainstreets. com/ or send an email to: info@eastbostonmain-

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Boston has been engaging in a variety of catalytic projects to support extreme heat mitigation and improved health for residents. This includes the distribution of pop-up cooling kits with a hose, misters, and a tent to community organizations that have public events this summer. The cooling kits will be distributed over the coming weeks.

The Boston Public Schools is encouraging students and their families to prepare for hot weather this week by staying well hydrated and dressing appropriately. Families are welcome to send their children to their respective summer programs, which will provide students with water and meals. Additionally, the majority of summer sites are equipped with air conditioning and fans will be delivered to sites in need of cooling.

Information on heat safety tips can be found online at boston.gov/ heat and by following @ CityofBoston on Twitter. Residents can sign up for AlertBoston, the City's emergency notification system, to receive emergency alerts by phone, email or text. Sign up online here. Residents are also encouraged to call 311 with any questions about available City ser-

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips for all members of the public:

pets Children and should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.

Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or

Keep cool with frequent cool showers, shade, and air conditioning or fans. Limit outdoor activity

to morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas and be extra cautious from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation is strongest.

Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Heavy sweating, cool and clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches could all be signs of heat exhaustion. If symptoms persist, call 911 immediately. Do not delay care. Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and can exacerbate underlying illnesses.

Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-30 or higher and wear protective, loose-fitting clothing including long sleeve shirts and hats. If you have a child in

your home, use child window guards in addition to screens on any open window on the second story or above. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of

Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer's specifications. If you are heading to

a beach, lake, or pool to beat the heat, swim where lifeguards are present. Always watch children near the water and make sure they're wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life

Please call or check on neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities.

Please keep pets indoors, hydrated, and cool as asphalt and ground conditions are significantly hotter and unsafe during

Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

If you see individuals out in the heat who appear immobile or disoriented, please ask them if they need assistance and call 911 immediately.

Boston The Public Health Commission (BPHC) operates emergency shelters at 112 Southampton St. and 794 Massachusetts Ave. These facilities are air conditioned and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Amnesty has been called because of extremely high temperatures so those with non-violent restrictions can access shelter out of the heat.

The City of Boston works closely with a network of shelter providers to ensure there is adequate shelter, food, water, and a cool respite from the heat.

Street outreach teams providing recovery services remain operating as

normal during summer-

time weather. The Engagement Center will be open to provide

a cooling space. Playground Safety:

Shoes should be worn outdoors, including playgrounds and turf athletic fields, as surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns, even on splash pads and spray decks.

Fires Outdoor Grilling:

No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimineas, and bonfires.

Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave grills unattended. Dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.

Propane tank grills are only allowed on first floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.

Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated

Mayor Wu recently announced Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston, a citywide framework to prepare Boston for hotter summers and more intense heat events. The Heat Plan presents 26 strategies that will help build a more just, equitable, and resilient Boston. To support the implementation of the Heat Plan, the City will launch the Boston Extreme Temperatures Response Task Force, which will help deliver a unified all-of-government sponse to address chronic high temperature conditions and prepare the city in advance of extreme heat events. The Task Force's work will be supported by the Environment Department, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Boston Public Health Commission's Office of Public Health Preparedness with the goal of collaboratively protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of Boston

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REVERE BEACH SAND **SCULPTING** FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events (if not THE premier event) of the summer season in the Metropolitan Boston area will take place this coming weekend with the 18th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22-24.

The theme for this year's festival is "Wonders of the World" and will feature an event centerpiece depicting the world's most famous landmarks.

As always, the festival will be highlighted by a competition among 15 master sand sculptors from across the country and the world -- this year's competitors will come from as far away as Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Japan, and Hawaii -- who will vie for the 2022 title and prizes. There are awards both from a panel of judges and the peoples' choice, who will choose from a dazzling display of artistic creations that truly will amaze and transcend what one might think of as being possible with sand and water.

All three days will feature live musical entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors (as well as Revere's Beach's own iconic establishments!), exhibitors, and amusement rides that will provide fun for the entire family starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

A spectacular fireworks display will be the climactic event of Saturday evening's festivities at 9:00 p.m.

It is estimated that with the good weather that is being predicted for the weekend (as we are writing this, sunny and hot is the forecast for all three days), up to one million visitors will journey to Revere Beach to partake of this truly unique event.

Needless to say, the best means for getting to the festival will be via the MBTA. The Blue Line will bring festival-goers to the Revere Beach and Wonderland stops, which are just a short walk (literally a few minutes) to the sands of Revere Beach itself. In addition, free parking and shuttle service to the T will be available at Suffolk Downs.

As always, the Sand Sculpting Festival, which is spearheaded by the Revere Beach Partnership in cooperation with the City of Revere and the DCR, is free-ofcharge.

We urge all of our readers to make the trek to Revere Beach, our nation's first public beach, this weekend with their friends and family to partake in the fun of this unique event that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

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GUEST OP-ED

Brittney Griner - Let's all stay out of Russia

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Brittney Griner is an American basketball star on trial in a courtroom outside of Moscow. She is a prisoner of Russia and is facing a possible prison sentence on drug charges.

Griner recently pled guilty after Russian authorities accused her of having a vape cartridge with hashish oil in her luggage at an airport near Moscow on February 17, 2022. The guilty plea could potentially accelerate her case's conclusion, clearing a path for either a deal with the United States to free her or, perhaps, a request for clemency.

The harshest outcome could be a 10-year sentence in a Russian penal colony despite the contention by Griner's lawyers that she packed the smoking cartridges by mistake.

Brittney Griner is an American professional basketball player for the Phoenix Mercury of

By Marianne Dalton, RN

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Birds are lovely to look at,

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follow the links below:

For more information,

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Make your yard tick-

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the Women's National Basketball Association, WNBA. She played College basketball for the Baylor Lady Bears in Waco Texas. She is the only NCAA basketball player to both score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. In 2012, the threetime All American was named the AP Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four.

In 2009, Griner was named the nation's No. 1 high school women's basketball player by Rivals. In 2013, Griner signed an endorsement deal with Nike. She is 6 ft 9 inches tall and wears a men's U.S. size 17 shoe.

Griner was on the United States women's Olympic team in 2016, and led them to victory at the Rio Olympics. In 2020, Griner protested the Star-Spangled Banner and stated she wouldn't be on the court while the national anthem was played during game openers. In 2021, Griner was named to the United States women's national team for the 2020 Olympics where she won her second gold medal. (Wikipedia)

Griner is one of 11 women to receive an Olympic gold medal, an NCAA championship, a FIBA World Cup gold medal and a WNBA championship. In February

Griner was detained by Russian Customs after cartridges containing hashish was found in her luggage. She had been entering Russia to play with the Russia Premier League during the WNBA offseason. Her trial began on July 1, and she pled guilty to the charges.

Paul Whelan is another American citizen currently held as a prisoner in Russia. On June 15, 2020 he received a 16-year prison sentence with the possibility of time in a labor camp. He is described as a corporate security direc-

There is conversation that a prisoner swap could be a possibility for freeing Griner and Whelan. Most Americans are not excited about releasing a dangerous criminal. However, we are prayerful that something will be worked out for Griner and Whelan's release.

I would hope all Americans might consider staying out of Russia. The prospects of any financial reward or seeing new geography are not worth the consequences.

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.

GUEST OP-ED

(https://www.cdc.gov/ ticks/avoid/in_the_yard. Today, we are going to talk about ticks: where I won't attempt an exthey breed, what can be

haustive list of all the tickborne illnesses. However, the black-legged (deer) tick carries Lyme disease. All the tick-borne illnesses have common symptoms: fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches. Since all those symptoms can be linked to any number of ailments, it is best to see your healthcare provider. He or she can evaluate if the symptoms are tick re-

(https://www.mass.gov/ service-details/diseasesspread-by-ticks).

How should one prepare to go outside during tick season? It's not welcome news to hear "wear long sleeves and long pants" during summer weather. However, there are precautions (and compromises) one can make when venturing forth into the great outdoors:

- Wear light-colored clothing, on which ticks are more visible.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, with white socks pulled up over the pants bottoms (bad for fashionistas, good for tick avoidance).
- Treat clothing with the chemical permethrin (EPA approved for tick repellant, on clothing only).
- For any repellent, always read product labels before applying, to ensure proper use and effectiveness. When returning from

your outside excursion, check your body for ticks. Check children and pets as well. Ticks gravitate to areas of the body that are warm and dark, such as in or around hair, belly buttons, ears, underarms, groins, waists, etc. Talk to your vet about tick prevention products for your

(https://www.cdc.gov/ ticks/avoid/index.html).

> If you follow all the above instructions, and you find a tick with its jaws attached to your flesh anyway, don't panic. There are a few things to remember when removing

> Don't coat it with petroleum jelly or touch a recently blown-out match head to its body. Ticks have delicate nervous systems, and when stressed by suffocation from Vaseline or barbecue by matchhead, the critters react by regurgitating their saliva into your bloodstream. This is in effect the tick vaccinating you with any number of tick-borne diseases. This is to be avoided.

> The correct way to remove a tick, from either

yourself, a child, or your

- Get clean tweezers.
- Grab hold of the tick as close to the skin as pos-
- Pull straight up, slowly, and steadily. Twisting will behead the tick with his jaws still under your skin.
- After removal, wash the area with alcohol, iodine or soap and water. (https://www. mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks).

You are now equipped with all you need to know for a safe, tick-free rest of the summer!

Don't forget the sunblock!

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City Councilor Coletta secures budget amendment

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta was able to secure several budget amendments during her first budget session since being elected.

In the City's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Coletta was able to secure funding for seasonal hokies in East Roston

Hokies are important city workers that help keep the neighborhood streets and squares clean. For years, Eastie residents have been calling for more hokies to be put on during the summer months when more litter seems to plague the neighborhood.

Coletta also secured additional staff capacity to help expand Eastie's Tree Canopy.

For a couple of years now groups like Tree Eastie have been working with the city on the neighborhood's grassroots

effort to get more trees planted in Eastie. There's a lot of benefits trees have, unfortunately Eastie suffers from the lowest tree canopy in the city. The neighborhood's tree canopy is at 7% while the city average is 27%.

Coletta also earmarked funding for Immigrants Lead Boston: A program for Boston immigrants who wish to become civic leaders in their communities.

She also secured funding for more positions for 311, the city's resident hotline, to provide constituents with better service.

"I am proud of the fact

that we advocated together; as a body, for more Hokies in our respective districts... Additional \$100K for Immigrants Lead Boston - for Boston immigrants who wish to take more civic ownership

community," she said.
"Invest and expand capacity for emerging immigrant leaders committed to advocating for their immigrant community within the local City of Boston government."

In addition Coletta is continuously working with colleagues on the council and Mayor Michelle Wu to secure funding for a dedicated Waterfront director or cabinet level position, which is supported by 70% of voters according to a poll commissioned by the Coalition for a resilient and inclusive waterfront.

She is also working on adding more parking enforcement officers in East-

"I will keep fighting for items that I believe my district needs [...]: more parking enforcement officers in East Boston, a dedicated director or cabinet level position like 70% of voters want in a poll commissioned by the Coalition for a resilient and inclusive waterfront, for a waterfront planner..separate from BPDA, accountable to the Mayor and the city council, and those that elected us to represent them," said Coletta.

She added, "Thank you

to all of my colleagues for their work and their advocacy during this process in reviewing the operating budget. I am grateful for each and every one of you as I hit the ground sprinting during this process. It wasn't easy. Especially, as we all navigate this new authority that has been given to us first by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth to place it on the ballot, and then by the voters of Boston to have a more democratic and transparent budget process."

CHAMBER PARTICIPATES IN EASTIE PRIDE EVENTS



The East Boston Chamber of Commerce is participating in the Eastie Pride line up of events by holding an open house with refreshments, give aways, and chances to win prizes. The first open house was held on Tuesday, July 12 at 12:00 noon. The Chamber will hold another open house on Tuesday, July 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the office at 464 Bremen Street. These open houses are an opportunity to network, voice concerns, share information, and work toward the

betterment of the East Boston community.

MGC releases June 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported today that the month of June 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$93 million in Gross

Gaming Revenue (GGR). PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocat-

ed to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

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To date, the Common-

wealth has collected approximately \$1.127 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC,

MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.





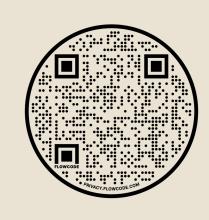


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MAYOR WU'S NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

Mayor Michelle Wu hosted her Neighborhood Coffee Hour held by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express at East Boston Memorial Park on July 13.



With gifts of flowers grown in the City of Boston greenhouses and an iced coffee from Dunkin', Eastie resident Jane O'Reilly clearly had a good time at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour.



Cargo Ventures supervisor Christopher Gaeta (second from right) brought interns Damien Diaz, Peter Grieco, and Nicholas Recupero, all of East Boston, for some refreshing iced coffee and free gift cards at the Dunkin' truck operated by Jon Rosenblum.



It's group shot time with Sandra Nijjar, Frances Amador, John Walkey, Evelyn Gomez, Josh Lown, Leo Olsen, Rita Lara, and Liliana Avendaño.



Matt Pollock of HarborArts shows off the flowers he was just given by Liz Scott of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Horticulture Division at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour at East Boston Memorial Park on July 13. Participants enjoyed Dunkin' Iced Coffee, assorted Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats, fresh fruit from Star Market, and flowers grown in the City of Boston greenhouses. Additional support was provided by City Express.



The team from the MBTA Staffing Department made a point of stopping by Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour. Pictured with flowers grown in the Parks Department greenhouses are, left to right, Peter Swank, Poli Tsiotos, Sok Sao, Gianna Meuse, and Scheila Guerrero-Guzman.



The prize for traveling the farthest to Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour has to go to Darline Perkins and her son Justin Deegan, Native-American descendants of the Arikara and Lakota tribes from Stanton, North Dakota, who were in town as part of the team for the Boston GreenFest.



Mayor Michelle Wu welcomes the crowd to her July 13 Neighborhood Coffee Hour at East Boston Memorial Park joined by City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, and East Boston Neighborhood Services liaison Nathalia Benitez. Held in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express, Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours provide residents with a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and other features in their neighborhoods.



Six-month-old Tumi Nabil is looking sharp in his shades at the Boston GreenFest table with his dad, Yusuf, Dr. Karen Weber-Salamanca, and Sean Somers during Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour held by the **Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership** with Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express at East Boston Memorial Park on July 13.



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Eastie high schoolers get a taste of college this summer through mentorship program

By John Lynds

A group of East Boston sophomores and juniors are getting a taste of the college experience this summer through the Minds Matter Mentorship Program.

The eight Eastie students are among 100 other students from Greater Boston picked to spend part of their summer taking college courses at some of the most prestigious colleges in the country thanks to the program.

Minds that Matter Executive Director Rachel Kanter said the program is designed to provide students with valuable exposure to life on a college campus, engage with college-level courses and schedules, and better position themselves for the transition to college once they graduate. The Eastie students will also gain insight into the choices they have for major concentrations and eventual careers. Many of the students will also earn college credits depending on the program.

University and Brown University are among the high-ranking schools the Eastie students are at-A SHORT STORY ABOUT

Harvard College, Tufts

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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.



tending from three to six weeks.

In Eastie, Jimena Calle Munera will be at Brown University, Meylin Yanes will be taking courses at Harvard College; Layla Abdirahman is doing an NBCUniversal internship; Mariaisabel Rojas is also at Harvard College; Christian Docanto will participate in the program at Tufts University and the NBCUniversal internship; Rafi Bachir is over at Boston Leadership Institute; Christian Lopez is at Harvard College; and Nisary Guerra Castillo is another Eastie student at Tufts University.

"These students' personal growth and successes encapsulate what we do at Minds Matter," said Kanter. "Their determination and talent, coupled with the support and advice of their mentors, helped them excel in school and develop a sense of community. The opportunity to experience college life and college courses while still in high school will prepare them for the next stage of their education and beyond."

Minds Matter Boston is a mentoring organiza-



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tion devoted to connecting driven and determined students from low-income backgrounds with people and opportunities to support success in college and beyond. At MMB, these students are provided with intensive 2:1 mentoring, professional ACT and writing instruction, wide access to college-immersion summer programs and personalized college advising to ensure that these promising students earn their college admission and experience college success. The program, which introduces students to new experienc-

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their enthusiasm to pursue a four-year degree, is just one of many impactful Minds Matter programs conducted in cities across the United States.

Volunteers from various Boston businesses and organizations dedicate hundreds of hours over three years to guide their mentees through college prep, as well as helping them to navigate the college application and grant and scholarship application processes. This commitment has resulted in 100% of MMB graduates gaining admission to four-year colleges. In addition, \$1.4 million in scholarships was awarded to MMB graduates in 2021 alone.

Minds Matter Boston connects driven and determined students from low-income families in the Greater Boston area with the people, preparation, and possibilities to succeed in college, create their future, and change the world. Since our founding in Boston nearly 20 years ago, Minds Matter Boston has achieved remarkable and consistent success - 100% of our students have been accepted into a four-year college, and 97% of alumni are still enrolled or have graduated from college.





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House passes \$4.2 billion Economic Development Bill; key investments eyed for Eastie

By John Lynds

This week, Rep. Adrian Madaro and his colleagues in the House passed a \$4.2 billion Economic Development Bill that will make significant investments in Eastie and across the state.

The bill utilizes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) surplus funds, and

bonds to make significant investments across several vital sectors of the economy, and to give back to low and middle-income residents in Massachusetts by providing one-time rebates and significant tax relief beginning in 2023.

In the bill Madaro and the legislation addresses disparities exacerbated by through one-time investments in health and human services, the environment and climate mitigation, economic development, housing, and food insecu-

Important East Boston provisions earmarked by Madaro in the bill include \$900,000 to the East Boston CDC to help fund

to maintain as affordable housing, combined with a previous \$100,000 from the first round of ARPA funding for a total of \$1 million to support affordable housing.

The bill also includes \$2 million toward the creation of Piers Park Phase III on the East Boston waterfront, supporting the expansion of one of the neighborhood's most important open spaces.

Madaro was also able to secure \$150,000 for two air quality monitors to be installed and operated in Eastie, with data being made available to the public, in order to help residents understand and mitigate the impact of air pollution from sources like Logan Airport and Route

Lastly, the bill allocates critical funding to supporting health equity in Eastie, including \$1.6 million for East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to establish an early diagnosis program to address issues of racial equity in diagnosis, as well as \$20 million for the Health Safety Net, to help cover healthcare costs for uninsured residents.

"I'm excited about this economic development package which supports communities across the Commonwealth, and particularly folks here in East Boston," said Madaro. "In this bill, we were able to secure important funding for the preservation of affordable housing, expansion of open space, monitoring air pollution, and vital healthcare services for uninsured patients, in addition to the many important provisions that will benefit residents statewide."

Councilor Coletta announces "Summer of Service" project

By John Lynds

Last week, District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta announced her "Summer of Service," initiative that prioritizes beautifying East Boston

and the rest of District 1. Coletta said the new initiative encourages residents to get involved in their own neighborhood through community service and civic engagement.

"I am so grateful to have been raised in a household that valued and prioritized community service," said Councilor Coletta. "As City Councilor, I am excited to create opportunities for folks to beautify District One and help us in our mission of creating and maintaining vibrant communities."

The Summer of Service will include initiatives such as Neighborhood Trash Pickups, to get trash off our streets and keep our neighborhoods clean.

Participants will also work on graffiti removal and coordination with Graffiti Busters to help and assist with districtwide backlog.

Volunteers will also be encouraging to help at food distribution sites at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen and Harvest on Vine food pan-

try in Charlestown. Those wanting to be involved can also work on collecting non-traditional item donations and deliver them to seniors across Eastie and the District in partnership with local based community organizations. Items may include toiletries, socks, shoes, re-

usable bags, etc. Residents are also encouraged to participate in shoreline cleanup partnering with local environmental justice organizations to clear out trash from our green spaces.

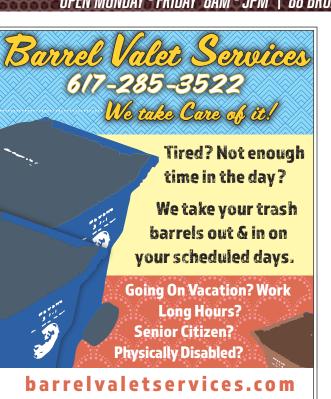
Residents can also assist at Councilor Coletta's Coffee Hours to create a space in the community to discuss fresh ideas and share resources to various departments within City Hall.

There will also be opportunities for tree and flower planting during the fall months.

"To join us for a local event, please visit gigi4district1.us/summerofservice," said Coletta.

For additional information about the Summer of Service initiative including how to sponsor, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at elvira. mora2@boston.gov.











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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

POT SHOP APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

CHELSEA - The proponent for a retail marijuana establishment on Broadway withdrew his application for the project at last week's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in the face of uncertainty about the condition of the property at 307 Broadway and the property owner's record with the city.

Vladimir Samuel, the director of Concrete Garden, Inc., asked the ZBA for an extension of the public hearing to get a handle on the myriad of violations at 307 Broadway in an attempt to address them.

Last month, the Planning Board voted not to recommend approval for the special permit for Concrete Garden, citing the long list of violations and pending legal action the city has against the owner of the property, Peach Enterprises, Inc.

At Tuesday's ZBA meeting, city officials voiced many of the same concerns they raised at the earlier Planning Board meeting on the application, stating they had no issue with Samuel's proposal, but did have issues with Peach Enterprises.

"This city has no objections substantively to a marijuana retail facility on Broadway," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "The city has adopted this and we encourage this type of development, we think it is good for business and we think it is good for the downtown. We are opposed to anything happening at this specific location because this owner has repeatedly refused to comply with the city's request to remedy outstanding code violations."

Ambrosino said there have been long standing zoning, building code, and electrical code violations at the address that have never been remedied

"I don't think any city board should be accommodating this owner by granting continuances,' he said. "I say again to this applicant, find another location and I urge the board to deny this request."

ZBA Chair Janice Tatarka noted that the only benefit in granting the extension could be that the applicant would fix issues that the owner has ignored in an effort to get his business up and running. "We don't have an ob-

jection to this petitioner, I'm not saying Mr. Peach has to make these repairs, but this gentleman might find that it is worth it for him and his business to make the repairs that Mr. Peach refuses to make," she said. "If that is the case, and I don't know if it is or isn't, but then you get the repairs you are looking for, because we know Mr. Peach isn't going to do it." City Council President

Roy Avelleneda voiced his vehement opposition to making any concessions at 307 Broadway. "It rubs me the wrong

way that we are rewarding bad behavior," he said. "If you act like a good, upstanding owner, then we can come and work with you." Tatarka eventual-

ly raised the option that Samuel could withdraw his application without prejudice. With that option, she said Samuel can either look for a new loca-

tion and come back to the

ZBA, or, if the outstand-

ing issues at 307 Broad-

way are taken care of, he could file a new application for his business at that address.

"You could potentially continue to work with Mr. Peach and come back later when the actual work is done with the same proposal," Tatarka said.

COUNCIL LOOKS AT PUBLIC **PARTICIPATION AGAIN**

EVERETT - The City Council unanimously voted at its meeting last week to send to the Legislative Affairs and Election Committee an order that once again might change the rules for the Public Participation part of the council's regular agenda for the second time in as many months.

Since the first of the year, there have been a number of residents expressing their opinions on a variety of topics at the council meetings. Earlier in the year, councilors voted to extend the total amount of speaking time from 10 minutes to 20 minutes. However, this did not allow all those who attended the meeting to speak. The rules were changed to allow speakers for those 20 minutes, but then to have those who still wanted to speak to be able to do so after the council had completed its agenda.

However, Sandy Juliano, a resident who has spoken almost on a regular basis at the council's meetings since the first of the year, told the councilors on Monday night that she had wanted to speak at a recent meeting on the matter of the reappointment of Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas, but by the time she was provided with an opportunity to to speak, the council already had approved his reappointment.

"Public participation is a good thing," Councilor Michael Marchese told his colleagues. The proposed new measure, he said, "would not restrict anyone. We need structure only on matters happening on the agenda."

Councillor Richard Dellisola suggested that there be two sign-in sheets for speakers, one for participants who wish to express their views on matters that are appearing on the agenda that night, and the second for those who wish to speak about matters not on that night's agenda.

Stephanie Councilor Smith asked that the order be sent to the Legislative Affairs and Election Committee. with the public being asked to send in their comments on the structure of public participation. 'We want public input,"

Smith added. She noted that all councilors can be reached by any residents to offer their views on the shape of the Public Participation at the council's meetings. In other matters:

Councilors voted to ac-

cept a grant from the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the amount of \$100,000 for the Industrial District Design Guidelines. The councilors initially had held up their approval of this grant until they were able to definitely find the area being earmarked for the grant.

Erin Deveney, the Chief of Staff of the Mayor's Office, appeared before the council to answer their questions. Deveney explained that this is the old Exxon site area. This

study will provide "a consistent vision" for the area, she said.

The councilors wanted to know if the \$100,000 was enough to complete the entire study. Deveney said that she did not know, but noted that there is money in the FY23 budget to provide additional funding if needed.

Councilors voted to send to the Traffic Commission a resolution to eliminate on-street parking in the vicinity of 73 Clarence St. Marchese noted that this is a very dangerous corner and at most there would be only three spaces lost.

COMMUTER RAIL STATION TO CLOSE

LYNN - Lynn Commuter Rail station on the Newburyport/Rockport Line will temporarily close on July 25, 2022, to allow the MBTA's Capital Delivery and Operations teams to perform important work as part of the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project. The MBTA will also host a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, to discuss the work to be accomplished and details of the station closure. Details regarding the public meeting will be posted at mbta.com/events this week.

"I want to thank our Lynn riders for their understanding while we accomplish these upgrades at the station, and the Lynn community for their patience as we make these critical investments," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We'll be taking full advantage of this station closure by also making many upgrades and improvements at Lynn, like new elevators for improved accessibility and a new platform for better passenger flow."

During the station closure, riders are instead encouraged to utilize Bus Routes 441/442 and 455 from Lynn to connect to Wonderland station for continued Blue Line subway service into Boston, and those who typically purchase a monthly Commuter Rail pass are instead encouraged to purchase a Monthly LinkPass for buses and subways. Riders should note that bus schedules are adjusted quarterly by season, and can check mbta.com for the latest bus schedules. While buses will continue to operate at the station during the closure, bus stop areas may be moved to accommodate construction. Riders are encouraged to check mbta.com/Alerts for full information on service alternatives. Swampscott station may also be used as an alternative, which is approximately 1.5 miles (or a 5-minute drive) from Lynn station, but riders should note that Swampscott is a Zone 3 station.

As part of these critical investments and to address the progressing deterioration, the parking garage at Lynn station will be demolished. The parking garage will remain open until spring 2023 when work on the garage will commence. The MBTA is currently in the process of identifying temporary alternative parking options while work on the garage takes place beginning next spring, and will share more details as they are

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET



The Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) celebrated its Blessing of the Fleet with a barbecue and boat parade on July 9. A moment of silence was held in honor of Past Commodore Mike Gahan, who began the maritime tradition at CPYC. Shown Cottage Park Yacht Club members praying for safety of boats and families this summer during the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

\$72,519,591 allocated in the MBTA's FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan. Originally scheduled to begin in spring 2023, the Lynn Commuter Rail station closure is being advanced to July 25 to address concerns about deteriorating conditions of the station and associated infrastructure, and to accelerate the station rehabilitation project. The closure will allow the MBTA to expedite existing conditions surveys, design activities, and to advance early demolition work. The new Lynn station will include a new high-level center-island platform and canopy; accessibility upgrades, including new ADA-compliant elevators at both ends of the platform; new stairs and ramp, signage, and wayfinding improvements; track improvements; and other associated infrastructure improvements. When complete, the station's upgraded structure will improve safety, accessibility, and the customer experience. The project is currently

at 75% design. The specific length of time for the station closure will be determined when the design is fully complete, and the MBTA will communicate these details to riders as they become available.

VOTES AGAINST INCLUSIONARY ZONING PROPOSAL

REVERE - Believing that an inclusionary zoning proposal would not help provide "real affordable housing opportunities" to residents, the City Council voted against establishing an inclusionary zoning ordinance in the city at its meeting last

The Zoning Sub-Committee, under the direction of Chair Patrick Keefe, the Ward 4 councillor, began the meeting by opening the floor to questions for the city's Chief Innovation and Data Management Officer, Reuben Kantor. Before the questions

began, however, Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo said bluntly, "In the interest of full disclosure, I am completely against it [inclusionary zoning] for several reasons. I cwwwwould not be any more against this than I am. I plan on voting against it." Ward 6 Councillor

Richard Serino agreed with Rizzo's ardent opposition to the proposal. "I just don't think this is what we need in Revere right now."

Council President Gerry Visconti also agreed with Rizzo's assessment of the proposed ordinance.

"My colleague has really pointed out the obvious and really the negative impacts that this is going to have in our city," said

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said he would like to see more affordable housing units in the city. "But in this case, I have a problem with the way it's written, with the numbers themselves."

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna also expressed her opposition. "If it was written differently, I might be [in favor of it], but it's not.' Keefe then commenced

a series of questions for Kantor and Alexis Smith the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), who with Kantor provided statistical data that inclusionary zoning has been successful in other communities.

From the outset of his questioning, Keefe demonstrated that he had done a remarkable amount of research on inclusionary zoning and his distaste for the proposal was evident.

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MBTA issues update on safety work progress

The MBTA reported on its progress to address ongoing safety concerns raised during a Federal Administration Transit (FTA) Safety Management Inspection (SMI) last month. Over the last several weeks, the MBTA has implemented safety plans to address track conditions and maintenance, updated safety trainings and directives, and has addressed staffing shortages.

"Following the FTA's initial safety review, the MBTA was asked to implement changes to the system to improve the way it is run and operated," said MBTA General

Manager Steve Poftak. "I am pleased that the MBTA has completed many of those updates and continues to make progress on many more. These recommendations will make the T safer and more reliable for both our riders and our employees. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to work closely with these safety experts to improve the MBTA system." The MBTA has met all

the FTA's deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and polices for operators regarding train movements in the MB-TA's yard facilities and car houses. - Ensured all active rail

transit employees are certified (completed in June). The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring recertifications are up to date.

- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions. This work is being coordinated with current construction activities already underway and service diversions already scheduled to take place to improve rider experience. For example, on Sunday, July 10, the MB-TA's Track Department installed approximately 500' of rail on the southbound tracks between Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations. This rail is a specific kind of rail that is used in sharper curves. This track replacement work allowed the T to lift a speed restriction that was approximately 1500' long from 10 mph to 25 mph, speeding up trips by about one minute. When all track work is completed in this area, the speed will be able to be increased to 40

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line, Green line, and Red line

- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time. Newly hired dispatchers will soon begin a rigorous 10-week training program prior to being assigned to the Operations Control Center (OCC) in the coming months. The T has rehired three former dispatchers (who are currently supervisory employees) to temporarily work in the OCC.

The MBTA also has several ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.

- Developing a PPE compliance checking pro-

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.

- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified standard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the move-

ment of rolling equipment. The four special directives received by the MBTA involve delayed critical maintenance, train movement operating procedures, staffing within the OCC, and the employee safety recertification process. The CAP to address delayed critical maintenance is due to the FTA on July 15. The CAP to address train movement operating procedures was submitted on time to the FTA on June 30. The CAP to address staffing issues within the Operations Control Center was submitted on time to the FTA on July 5. The CAP regarding employee safety re-certifications is due to the FTA on July 20.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Ann Walz

Of Lynn, formerly of East Boston

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Visitation today, Wednesday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere for Patricia Ann "Patty" (Fiore) Walz who died unexpectedly on July 6, at her residence in Lynn. A service will follow the visitation in the funeral home at 12 Noon. Interment will immediately follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Patty was born and raised in East Boston. She was educated in Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1975. She attended Boston University before she left to work at Winthrop Hospital as an EKG Technician. Patty was a devoted mother to her two sons, James and Christopher. She was always looking to help people and direct them to a better path in life. She wanted to see people better themselves.

The loving mother of the late James Walz and



Christopher Walz, was the cherished daughter of Ann Marie (Fera) Fiore of East Boston and the late Anthony Fiore, Sr., the dear sister of Anthony "Butchie" Fiore, Jr. and his wife, Maureen of Peabody; the beloved aunt of Anthony Fiore, III of Lowell, Christina Abrams and her husband, Phillip of Andover, Lauren Kaminski and her husband, Justin of Georgetown and Brittany McGroarty and her husband, Robert of Peabody and the grand

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Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, July 22 from 4 to 8 p.m., in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere for Vincent "Vinny" Grieco, 85, of 140 Falcon St., East Boston, who passed away peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family, at his daughter and son-inlaw's home in Newbury, NH on July 15th. A Funeral Service will be conducted in the Funeral Home on Saturday, July 23, at 11 a.m. followed by interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Vinny was born on January 3, 1937 and was a cherished and loved father, father-in-law, grandfather "Beba," beloved partner, brother, uncle and He was well known

in East Boston, the city where he lived his best life. He especially enjoyed the club, the beach, dancing, karaoke and Santarpio's. Vinny retired from the MBTA after a long, successful career, freeing up his golden years to live his life to the fullest. He was happiest when he was with his family and friends, and he will be missed dearly by all who loved and were loved by him.

Vinny is survived by his beloved, Kathy Pacitto and was the devoted



father of Eric Grieco and his wife, Kimberly (Vizinho) Grieco and Kristen (Grieco) Schultz and her husband, Stephen Schultz; cherished grandfather of Christopher Grieco and his fiancé, Kristin Murphy, Aimee Grieco, Ella Morey, Ryan Grieco and Tyler Grieco; dear brother of Ercolino "Eddie" Grieco, Rita Grieco, Natalie Green, Rosemarie Obrien, Lana Foster and the late Anthony J. Grieco. Alexander "Leftv" Grieco, Lucy Rallo and Anna Babcock; devoted son of the late Ercole and Carmella Grieco. He is also lovingly survived by lots of nieces and nephews and even more great niec-

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es and nephews.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Nicholas "Nicky Sausage" **Devico**

Of East Boston

Nicholas J. "Nicky Sausage" Devico of East Boston died on July 12.

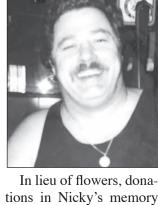
The beloved son of the late Elizabeth (Gordon) and Frank Devico, he was the brother of the late Pasquale "Patsy" Devico and is survived by his sister, Dorothy Cheffro of East Boston and sister-inlaw, Susan Devico of Re-He was the uncle of

Mark Devico and his wife, Danielle, Justin Vera, John Jr., Tommy and Brenda Cheffro and grand uncle of Dominic and Luca. He is also survived by many cousins.

A Memorial visitation will be held in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston on Tuesday, July 26 from 5 to 7

p.m. Relatives and friends

are invited.



to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Private interment in

Puritan Lawn Memorial Park will take place at the convenience of the family. Please leave messages of condolence for the family on Nicky's Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-

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Keefe further illuminated on his opposition to the proposal in an interview following the meeting.

"I truly didn't believe this inclusionary zoning ordinance would help in offering real affordability to the residents in our city," said Keefe. "More recently, we have seen these developments only offer a benefit to someone being pushed out of Bos-

"I felt it takes too much control away from the neighborhoods it will ultimately impact. As a city, I believe we can reassess and come back with a better plan that serves our residents' true needs. Revere's developmental track has had good guidance up to now, and in no way are we being obstructionist, but we also need to be true to some over-congestion concerns and our ability to serve our current residents' needs," cluded Keefe.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE LOOKS AT CHANGING TITLE

WINTHROP -The Winthrop School Committee met last week at Winthrop High School, where it discussed changing Curriculum Director Lori Gallivan's official title.

The committee is evaluating whether or not to change Gallivan's title from Curriculum Developer to Assistant Superintendent, a position the district has not had since 2013.

Gallivan would maintain her current responsibilities but have more authority when working with the state. Her salary would remain the same.

In her role as superintendent, Lisa Howard makes decisions that impact the district. With the title of Assistant Superintendent, Gallivan could share some decision-making authority.

Supt. Howard has numerous duties connected to her role, and this change could allow her to delegate some of them. This could include issues of licensure, grant management, the Dept. of Ed-

ucation and audits. Supt. Howard emphasized that Gallivan is already performing the duties of an assistant superintendent, along with her duties as curriculum director. She noted a time when Gallivan filled her shoes when she had to take extended leave due to

health issues. The proposal would change Gallivan's title for one year, with the possibility of an extension. The committee will vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

Summer Programs Summer programming

is in full swing. Supt. Howard reported "students are attending and having fun." The staff has also been

working hard, hiring new personnel and attending professional development opportunities. All staff will be certified in ALICE, an active shooter training preparedness program. The Winthrop Police Dept. officers trained in ALICE will provide the instruction.

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GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION **MEETING AGENDA**

Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting is on Monday, July 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom for this meeting: https:// govestreet.org/2022/july-2022-meeting/

All speakers will be available to answer questions from the communi-

Community updates (15 min)

BPD update from Sgt. Cintolo

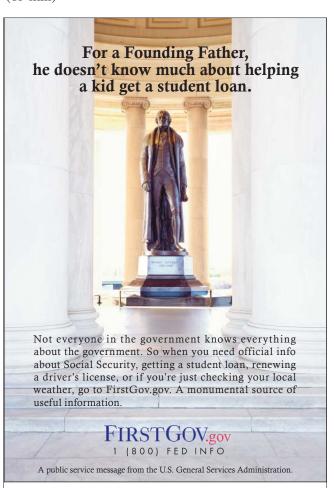
East Boston liaison -Nathalia Benitez

Natasha Perez on EBN-HC/Davis project Frankfort + Gove Street

Housing Project presentation and Q&A (45 min) This project is at the site

of Mount Carmel Church at 128 Gove Street. GSCA will not be host-

ing a community meeting in August. Our next meeting (after the July meeting) will be on Monday, September 26, at 6:30p.



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Boston Landmarks Orchestra, under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, brings its annual summer series of free, live orchestral concerts to the iconic DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade, with a special focus on concerts in East Boston, Chelsea, Roxbury, and Mattapan. Rooted in the mission "we build community through great music," Landmarks Orchestra is thrilled to present a concert series of free events which showcase a diversity of

music and cultures. Programming this summer celebrates a dazzling array of composers and music. Highlights include the world premiere of "Many Mansions," a new orchestral and choral work by Diane White-Clayton based on Roland Carter's arrangement of "In Bright Mansions Above"; the Boston premiere of William Dawson's "Negro Folk Symphony"; Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the One City Choir, Coro Allegro, and vocal soloists; a new partnership with the Four Strings Academy; and

the announcement of cu-

atrista Fabiola Méndez as Composer-In-Residence for 2022-23 to work with Boston students on composition and performance workshops.

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says "The 2022 season is filled with music the whole family will enjoy—works by Gershwin and Bernstein, the William Tell Overture, a performance of Pines of Rome in the series finale, and much more. There are great monuments of the orchestral literature, including the Beethoven 'Ninth' and Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique. And as always, performances fulfilling Landmarks Orchestra's unique cultural mission, addressing Boston history, cultural diversity, and conflict and reconciliation. We are also thrilled to begin an exciting long-term collaboration with Puerto Rican cuatro virtuoso, Fabiola

Méndez. Following a strategic planning process led by Chair of the Board of Advisors, Jean Scarrow and Landmarks Orchestra Board Chair Emmett G. Price III, the organization is embarking on a 10-year strategic plan. Primary

goals stemming from the plan are to increase the diversity of audiences, ensembles, and staff to be more representative of the residents of the City of Boston; bring more community-based programming into neighborhoods; and develop deep and authentic partnerships with partner communities within the next decade.

New Partnerships and Community Outreach

At the heart of each Landmarks Orchestra season is the spirit of community and collaboration.

This year's partnerships and collaborations include:

- A new relationship with Four Strings Academy, a music training institution founded by Mariana Hill. Students from the Academy will join Landmarks principal string players for a Prelude Performance on July 20.
- Partnering with the Hyde Square Task Force and Agora, founded by Elsa Mosquera Sterenberg, led to a grant from the Yawkey Foundation to fund our first Composer in Residence—cuatrista Fabiola Méndez. She will spend a year in residence, working with students to create

a new work that will premiere on the Landmark's 2023 summer season. A preview concert of the work will happen in January 2023 (details TBA).

- A grant from The Cummings Foundation which will support Landmarks Orchestra's Music & Memory program with performances in assisted living centers which specialize in care for patients with memory loss and dementia.
- In partnership with Carnegie Hall, Link Up introduces students grades 3-5 to an orchestra by helping them become part of it. Students are given the opportunity to join Boston Landmarks Orchestra in a highly participatory program in which they learn to sing or play an instrument in the classroom, with a culminating performance. Landmarks Orchestra is the only orchestra in the state to work with Link Up.
- Landmarks has partnered with longtime Performing Arts ASL Interpreter with the Orchestra, Christopher Robinson, who will lead a group of advisors to develop strategies which will make Landmarks events more accessible. This summer's performances will include ASL interpreters at many performances, and SUB-PAC's will be available at select performances. SUB-PAC is a patented tactile audio system that provides a high-resolution immersive experience by quietly and accurately transferring deep bass frequencies to create an immersive, physical, full-body experience.

2022 Summer Concerts and Events

An ASL interpreter will be present at many performances; see the website for zo-soprano current details.

TELLING TALES

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell Boston Landmarks

Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor Prelude Concert: Four

Strings Academy with Landmarks Orchestra Principal Strings

Bedřich Smetana, "The Moldau" from Ma Vlast (My Fatherland)

Ethyl Smyth,

Wreckers Overture Paul Dukas, The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Hector Berlioz, Symphonie fantastique

SWEET SORROW

Wednesday, July 27,

2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell **Boston** Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor

Giuseppe Verdi, Nabucco Overture Florence Price, Ethio-

pia's Shadow in America Lyatoshinsky, Boris Symphony No. 3 in B minor, Peace Shall Defeat

Andante maestoso—Allegro impetuoso (1st move-

Jan Sibelius, Finlandia David Amram, Symphony: Songs of the Soul (Shiray Neshama) Freilekh (Dance of

Joy) (3rd movement)

Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Romeo and Juliet Overture-Fantasy

BEETHOVEN'S 9th SYMPHONY Saturday, August 6,

2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell Boston Landmarks Christopher Orchestra, Wilkins, conductor

Sirgourney Cook, sopra-

Tichina Vaughn, mez-

Ethan Bremner, tenor Phillip Bullock, baritone David W. Hodgkins,

chorus master One City Choir Coro Allegro Gioachino Rossini, Wil-

liam Tell Overture Johann Strauss, Jr,. To America: Fair Columbia

Waltzes Diane White-Clayton, Many Mansions (world premiere performance)

Ludwig van Beethoven, Symphony No. 9 in D minor, op. 125

Wednesday, August 17, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell Boston Landmarks

Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor Fabiola Méndez, cuatro

George Gershwin, Cuban Overture Georges Bizet, L'Arlésienne (excerpts from origi-

nal version) Carlos Chávez, Sinfonia india

Florence Price, Folksongs in Counterpoint (selections)

Fabiola Méndez, Bomba pa' la diaspora and other selections

Felix Mendelssohn. Symphony No. 4 in A major, "Italian"

THE VIRTUOSO **ORCHESTRA**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell Landmarks Boston Orchestra, Christopher

Leonard Bernstein, Candide Overture

Wilkins, conductor

William Dawson, Negro Folk Symphony (Boston premiere) Georges Enesco, Romanian Rhapsody in A major, op. 11,

Ottorino Respighi, The Pines of Rome



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION OF BOSTON ("EDIC") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA")

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park ("RLFMP") Building Security Project 2022

Contact Information Jason Tobin 617-918-6211 jason.w.tobin@boston.gov

The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston ("EDIC") d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency ("BPDA"). by its Chief Procurement Officer is pleased to issue this Request for Qualifications entitled Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park ("RLFMP") Building Security Project 2022 (the "RFQ"). The RFQ is issued in accordance with M.G.L. 7C, as may be amended.

This RFQ package, including requirements, will be available to download on the BPDA Procurement Portal free-of charge in digital print form to all interested respondents on July 11, 2022 at 9:00 **A.M** at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement. Plan holders shall open and register the information requested for the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park ("RLFMP") Building Security Project 2022 and then follow the prompt to start file download under the "Work with Us" tab. If unable to access the RFQ package through the BPDA Procurement Portal, contact Jason Tobin at (617) 918-6211, or via email at Jason.w.tobin@boston.gov in order to make alternative arrangements.

All responses to this RFQ must be returned no later than **12:00 noon** on **August 29, 2022**, to: Teresa Polhemus, Clerk, Economic Development and Industrial Corporation c/o Real Estate Administration, One City Hall Square, Boston MA 02210.

Michelle Goldberg, Director of Finance and Chief Procurement Officer

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ONE MONTH AWAY!

#SUMMERatBLO FREE! A Musical Retelling of Shakespeare's **Star-Crossed Lovers** BY Charles Gounod LIBRETTO BY Jules Barbier & Michel Carré AUGUST 11 & 13 at 8PM | Boston Common **FREE ON BOSTON COMMON!**

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 AT 8PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 AT 8PM

Sung in English with English surtitles.

MEET THE CAST OF ROMEO AND JULIET!







Arielle Rogers Wilkey | Gertrude

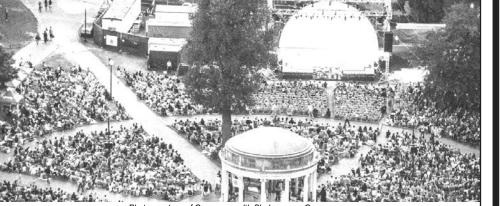
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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMONWEALTH





CHA named to Newsweek's list of Best Maternity Hospitals

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, has been included on Newsweek's list of Best Maternity Hospitals 2022. This prestigious award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. This honor reflects CHA's extensive efforts to reduce pregnancy risk, including adoption of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model and low Cesarean section rates.

Newsweek and Statista developed a complex methodology to ensure the quality and validity of the ranking. Three data sources were used for the evaluation:

• Nationwide online survey: hospital managers



and healthcare professionals with knowledge about maternity processes e.g. Midwives, neonatal and OB/GYNs were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals in the US

- Medical KPIs on hospitals with a focus on indicators relevant to maternity care
- Results from patient surveys

To reduce pregnancy risks, Cambridge Health Alliance adopted key elements of the California

Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model, which is proven to reduce death during or after childbirth. "It's more than bringing departments together – it's about having a toolkit in place that we practice regularly," explained Kathleen Harney, MD, CHA's chief of OB/GYN. "We now identify patients at higher risk before there's a problem, allowing us to be better prepared to respond quickly. Our OB/GYN team worked very hard to put this system in place and we're saving women's lives."

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 10,000 medical professionals to participate in the survey. Only 350 winners were recognized on the Best Maternity Hospitals 2022 list, which can currently be viewed on Newsweek's website.

LEGAL NOTICE

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COMMONWEALTH COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT **Suffolk Division** 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1469EA Estate of: Salvatore V. Panico

Date of Death:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Elaine M. Panico of Revere, 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: Elaine M. Panico of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said es-

To all interested persons:

tate 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,

CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in

you or your attorney must

file a written appearance

and objection at this Court

before: 10:00 a.m. on the

return day of 08/17/2022.

This is NOT a hearing date,

but a deadline by which you

must file a written appear-

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ject to this proceeding. If you

fail to file a timely written

appearance and objection

followed by an affidavit of

objections within thirty days

(30) days of the return day,

action may be taken without

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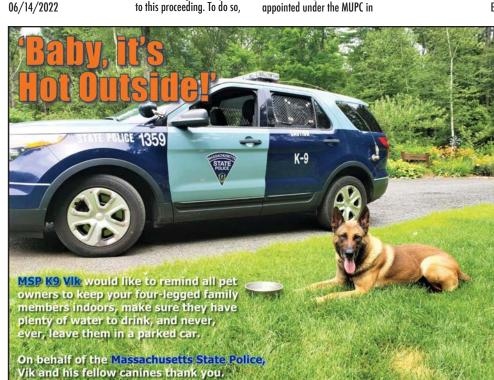
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further notice to you.

an unsupervised ad ministration 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: July 13, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo,

Register of Probate 7/20/22



Emergency Drought

For Advertising Rates, Call 617-884-2416

Mild Drought

MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT ALERT

July, 2022



Significant Drought

DROUGHT STATUS

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and **Environmental Affairs has** declared a Level 2—Significant **Drought** in the Connecticut River Valley, Central, Northeast and Southeast Regions, and a Level 1 - Mild Drought in the Western and Islands Regions. Cape Cod is Normal.

MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT STATUS Level 1 - Mild Drough evel 3 - Critical Drought

Critical Drought

Secretary of Energy and **Environmental Affairs:**

Bethany A. Card

Acting Director of MEMA: **Dawn Brantley**





Water Conservation click <u>here!</u>

For Information on

Private Well owners click <u>here!</u>

CURRENT CONDITIONS

With over four months of below normal rainfall, drought has spread to 90% of the state, and intensified in many regions. Streamflow is severely impacted with dry stream beds and ponding visible in many locations. Fire danger especially in the northern half of the state is steadily on the rise, with noticeable drought stress on foliage in shrubs and grasses. Also, drought conditions are starting to impact our farms, with losses in soil moisture, more heavy irrigation needed in some areas due to lack of precipitation, and some initial signs of crop loss.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Be mindful of your water use to ensure essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, are being met, and habitats have enough water to support their natural functions. Exercise caution when using charcoal grills, backyard fire pits, & other open flame outdoor activities to prevent outdoor fires.

In Level 2-Significant Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Minimize water use
- Limit outdoor watering to
- Conserve water indoors

hand-held 5:00 pm - 9:00 am

- Limit outdoor watering to at least hand-held only
- Limit new landscapes and
- Be careful w outdoor flames

Cities & Towns:

- 5:00 pm 9:00 am
- outdoor washing
- Fix Leaks

program

 Establish water use reduction targets

Implement drought or

seasonal water rates

Establish a leak detection

In Level 1-Mild Drought Areas

Residents & Businesses:

- Focus water conservation indoors; fix Leaks
- Reduce any outdoor watering to one-day/week 5:00 pm - 9:00 am

Cities & Towns:

- Limit any outdoor watering to no more than once a week and from 5:00 pm - 9:00 am
- Limit new landscapes and outdoor washing
- Implement drought or seasonal water rates
- Check emergency connections
- Develop local drought plan for water supply



REVERE BEACH International Sand Sculpting FESTIVAL

2022 EVENT SCHEDULE



FRIDAY, JULY 22

FESTIVAL HOURS: 10AM-10PM

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10AM - NOON: DECADES OF ROCK

1PM - 3PM: SMOKIN JOE AND THE HENCHMAN 4PM - 6PM: PETTY LARCENY

7PM - 10PM: BEACH NIGHTS BAND

6:00PM-9:00PM

SUNSET SOIREE AT MISSION BEACH HOUSE (GET TICKETS AT RBISSF.COM/SUNSETSOIREE)

SATURDAY, JULY 23

FESTIVAL HOURS: 10AM - 10PM

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10AM - NOON: VINYL ECHOES

1PM - 3PM: CHELSEY CARTER MUSIC

4PM - 5:45PM: TRIF3CTA

6:30PM - 9PM: MASSIVE GROOVE BAND

6:00PM-9:00PM

GOLDEN HOUR RECEPTION (PRIVATE EVENT)

9:00PM

FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA

SUNDAY, JULY 24

FESTIVAL HOURS: 10AM - 8PM

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10AM - NOON: THE KENNEDY'S

1PM - 3PM: RICHIE RICH & 24 KARATFUNK 4PM - 7PM: WORLD PREMIER BAND

SCHEDULE UPDATES & MORE INFO:

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