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John from Malden and Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle, Inc., use a kayak courtesy of Piers Park Sailing Center.



Ralph and David Tufo from Winthrop enjoy the clean water at Constitution Beach, accessible by beach wheelchairs thanks to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program.



David from Malden and Melissa Strout from Triangle, Inc. enjoy the sun at Constitution Beach.



Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle, Inc., and his friend Wayne from Reading get ready to take a dip in the water at Constitution Beach during Triangle, Inc.'s Beach:Ability event.

### Accessible Day held at Constitution Beach

Special to the Times-Free Press

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay recently hosted more than 170 individuals with disabilities from over 15 communities and their families came together to enjoy an accessible, fun-filled day at Constitution Beach.

The Beach: Ability program started in 2019 through a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

This annual event host-

ed by Triangle, Inc. highlights the importance of creating accessible spaces on our region's public beaches for the disability community. The Better Beaches Program provided floating wheelchairs, sand wheelchairs and mobility mats to make this event possible and improve access for people with disabilities on the region's public beaches.

"It fills my heart with joy to see people of all ages and abilities come together on a beautiful summer day to celebrate clean water at Constitution

Beach," said Rep. Adrian Madaro.

Madaro, who Co-Chairs the Metropolitan Commission and was instrumental in securing funds to make Beach:Ability possible.

"This is one of our favorite days of the year! We are so excited to return to Constitution Beach for our Third Beach:Ability event," said CEO of Triangle Coleman Nee. "This unique event highlights all the great work our partners at DCR's Universal Access Program and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay have done to ensure that

our public beaches are accessible for people of all abilities."

Executive Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Chris Mancini added, "Constitution Beach is important to East Boston residents and to people with disabilities from around the region. It is East Boston's only beach, close to the Blue Line and you can drive right up to it in a car or van, making it very accessible to people of all abilities. It's a great place to spend a hot summer day."

### Coletta calls for better coordination of construction, utility permits

By John Lynds

Anyone who has driven around Jeffries Point lately has noticed the ongoing utility work that has closed streets and reduced parking.

This is nothing new in Eastie and residents have long complained that once one utility company comes in and digs up a street it's only a matter of

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### Special report

#### Constitution Beach flagging system is flawed and needs to be fixed says Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

By John Lynds

Last week, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released a rare mid-summer special report on beach posting and flagging accuracy at Constitution Beach and other beaches owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The flagging system alerts beachgoers to harmful bacteria that may be in the water after storms.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Director of Strategy and Communications Bruce Berman the current posting and flagging system at East Boston's only beach, and other beaches from Nahant to Nantasket, is fundamentally flawed and needs to be fixed.

The non-profit advo-

cacy group undertook the study when they realized during an annual data review that more than 80% of the postings on Constitution Beach were wrong in 2021, while 100% were wrong in 2020.

"To suggest that posting outdated results that are nearly always wrong protects the public health in any way is simply silly," said Berman. "The Department of Public Health and the Department of Conservation & Recreation must do better. Save the Harbor and our policy team and partners are ready to help."

Though the mid-summer special study focused on Constitution Beach, Save the Harbor/Save

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### Eastie native Pearson artwork unveiled as part of King Boston

By John Lynds

The King Boston memorial, The Embrace, will be anchored on Boston Common, where, in 1965, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. called Boston to live by its highest ideals. The new memorial will spark a new public conversation about how to advance racial and social justice in Boston.

The Embrace broke

ground in April and as the King Boston program gets ready to unveil the 20-ft Embrace Memorial in dedication to King and his wife Coretta Scott King on MLK Day 2023, they recently revealed The Embrace Memorial Fence Wrap Artwork exhibit.

The new exhibit features East Boston native Malakhai Pearson artwork.

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East Boston native Malakhai Pearson hopes his piece will serve as a time capsule for the creative and cultural growth of Boston. Above is an example of Pearson's work.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third and fourth quarter of the 2021 - 2022 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.)

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and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

## Eastie's weekly COVID positive test-rate skyrockets

The latest surge of COVID has hit East Boston particularly hard over the summer with the neighborhood's weekly COVID positive test rate increasing to over 15 percent last week. Public health officials are blaming the summer surge on the highly contagious sub variants of the virus.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) more than 1.5 out of 10 residents tested for the virus were positive last week.

Last week, 647 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 15.3 percent were positive--this was a 14 percent increase from the 13.4 percent that tested positive between July 25 and

August 1. Ninety-nine additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between August 1 and August 8 and there have now been 16,343 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic. However, Boston's city-wide weekly positive test rate decreased last week according to the BPHC, 10,355 Boston residents tested citywide and 8.6 percent were positive—a 5.5 percent decrease from the 9.1 percent that tested positive between July 25 and August 1. Adult COVID-19 Hospitalizations in Boston are now averaging 129.6 per day—down 2 percent from the previous week. 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 1 percent last week and went from 197,686 to 199,831 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic. There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,506.

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time before another utility company is digging up the same street a few months later to do work on water mains or electrical cables. This week Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta put forth a Council Order hoping to address the lack of coordination between utility companies when it comes to digging up the neighborhood's streets and inconveniencing numerous residents. Co-sponsored with Council President Ed Flynn, Coletta offered an order for a hearing in the council regarding the coordination of construction and utility permits. "Residential construc-

tion work and public utility work that occur at a higher volume within the same blocks can create a negative impact in a neighborhood" said Coletta. "Residents in East Boston have limited parking, conflicting detour delays, and limited notice about projects issued on the same timeline. These are important nuts and bolts issues that can affect a resident's quality of life and I hope to work with my colleagues on the council to find a solution where we can minimize overlap of projects." Coletta said the Boston City Council will hold a hearing at a later date

through the appropriate committee to discuss the coordination of issuance of construction and utility work projects and that the Boston Transportation Department, the Department of Public Works, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, and other relevant departments be invited to testify. In addition, utility companies such as Eversource, Verizon, National Grid, and Comcast will be invited to testify. For additional information about the Utility Coordination Hearing Order, including how to testify, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at [elvira.mora2@boston.gov](mailto:elvira.mora2@boston.gov).

## Pressley submits community testimony from Eastie Food Insecurity Convening

By John Lynds

U.S. Congresswoman Aynna Pressley recently submitted community testimony from the Food Insecurity Convening she held at the Zumix Firehouse in East Boston back in July.

The community testimony was transmitted to the White House ahead of the White House's Upcoming Hunger Summit and was the result of a day-long convening in Eastie with Project Bread, constituents, local leaders and advocates in East Boston.

Pressley said the convening came at the request of the White House ahead of its conference on hunger later this year and the submitted testimony will inform the Biden Administration on how it can address the crisis of food insecurity across the nation.

"We must continue to provide solutions that are rooted in the reality of those who experience hunger and hardship firsthand, and that means centering the families that suffered food insecurity long before the global pandemic," Pressley wrote in a letter to the White House along with the testimony. "It was an honor to host this listening session in my District and it is my hope that our shared constituents' lived experiences and expertise will aid the White House Task Force in crafting a transformational roadmap to ending hunger once and for all."

The Eastie convening consisted of three panels featuring testimony from community members, providers, advocates, academics, and elected officials.

Recommendations made by the panelists include providing increased and sustained financial support to our most vulnerable communities, while reducing bureaucratic bar-

riers to access; emphasizing universalism and equity in policy solutions to address the structural factors that perpetuate hunger; removing barriers and reducing stigma associated with hunger and assistance program participation; expanding eligibility regardless of immigration status and focusing on continuity of benefits for families, especially those with young people in the household.

"Our first panel of community members with lived experience spoke about the importance of continued and increased support to our most vulnerable communities without strings attached," said Pressley. "They offered their personal stories as a way to illustrate systemic issues perpetuating food insecurity for their families and their communities. Panelists from East Boston to Hyde Park discussed supporting existing small community-based groups to do this work, leveraging the trust built up among neighbors, and allowing for flexible money and resources to meet the need. The value of large-scale organizations who work on food security is undeniable, but what seems to be missing from these efforts is the power in the hands of those who are experiencing food insecurity. In community-based organizations, communities can bring unique perspectives and voices to the decision-making table, allowing them to get feedback and significantly impact change."

Pressley added, "Our advocates, academics, and local elected officials stressed removing barriers and reducing stigma associated with hunger and assistance program participation; expanding eligibility regardless of immigration status; and focusing on continuity of benefits for families, es-

pecially those with young people in the household." Pressley said there was also broad agreement that stabilizing families' economic situation is critical to addressing long-term food insecurity, which includes recommendations to raise the federal minimum wage, expand the Federal Child Credit, invest in affordable housing, and ensure high-quality affordable childcare options for every family. Joining Pressley and Project Bread at the Eastie discussion were State Senator Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Boston City Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy, La Colaborativa, Greater Boston Food Bank, YMCA of Greater Boston, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Community Action Agency of Somerville, Eastie Farm, Chelsea Public School District, and community members from the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District. In October, Pressley joined Congressman James P. McGovern (MA-02) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) at a press conference to unveil legislation that would start the process of convening a national White House conference on food, nutrition, hunger, and health. Pressley has also led efforts to extend the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) child nutrition waiver authority, which has allowed millions of children in Massachusetts and across the nation to access free and healthy school meals during the pandemic. She delivered a floor speech renewing her calls for its extension last month and applauded the House's passage of legislation to do so later that month.

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work. Pearson was one of six local artists to have their art featured in the exhibit. Since 2018, Pearson has been documenting nightlife throughout Boston. His high praise of DJs throughout the nightlife scene in Boston inspired his piece. He hopes his piece will serve as a time capsule for the creative and cultural growth of Boston. The fence artwork speaks to King Boston's vision of an inclusive and equitable Boston, engag-

ing the community in arts and culture to dramatically transform Boston into a city that centers racial equity and justice. Once completed the Embrace will provide a living space for conversation, education and reflection on the racial and economic justice ideals of Dr. King and Mrs. King and serve as a permanent monument to the Kings' time in Boston, a period in which they met and fell in love, and helped shape their approach to a just and equitable society.



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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20  
The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka **PIERPAC**) will be held at the Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Lower level of the Logan Airport Consolidated Rental Car Facility). The meeting will also be live streamed via zoom.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) on or before **August 12, 2022**.

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

a. Attendance 6:30 pm  
b. Approval of Minutes, March 29, 2022, April 19, 2022, May 17, 2022-6:35 pm

**New Business**

a. 6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero/Massport, Phase II update (*w/public comment*)  
b. 7:30 pm - Vote to fill five (5) Board vacancies (3 year terms to begin September 1, 2022 and end on August 31, 2025 - (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)  
c. 8:00 pm - Review and acceptance of Board resignations  
d. 8:15 pm - Job Description - Board executive secretary - (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)  
e. 8:30 pm - Scheduling of Diversity and Inclusion Training for Board members (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)

**Old Business**

a. 8:35 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)  
b. 8:45 pm - Anticipated adjournment

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND -**  
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A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also be posted on the organization's website at: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.  
By: Louise Montanino, President

**AVISO DE REUNIÓN (REPROGRAMADO) PÚBLICA**  
De conformidad con G. L.c. 30A, §18-20

**El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado**

Se da aviso de que el **lunes 16 de agosto de 2022 a las 6:30 pm**, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como **PIERPAC**) se llevará a cabo en el Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Nivel inferior de las instalaciones consolidadas de alquiler de automóviles del aeropuerto de Logan). Allí la reunión también se transmitirá en vivo a través de zoom.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) a más tardar el 12 de agosto de 2022.

La intención del Comité es debatir en sesión abierta los siguientes asuntos:

**REUNIÓN REGULAR**

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm  
b. Aprobación del Acta 29 de marzo de 2022, 19 de abril de 2022, 17 de mayo de 2022, 6:35 pm

**NUEVO NEGOCIO**

a. 6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero, Massport, Phase II update (*con comentario público*)  
b. 7:30 pm - Votación para llenar cinco (5) vacantes de la Junta (términos de 3 años que comenzarán el 1 de septiembre de 2022 y finaliza el 31 de agosto de 2025 - (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)  
c. 8:00 pm - Revisión y aceptación de renuncias a la Junta Directiva  
d. 8:15 pm - Descripción del puesto - Secretario Ejecutivo de la Junta (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)  
e. 8:30 pm - Programación de capacitación en diversidad e inclusión para miembros de la Junta (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)

**VIEJO NEGOCIO**

a. 8:35 pm - Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua)  
b. 8:45 pm - Aplazamiento anticipado

Al término de su reunión ordinaria de negocios y antes de la suspensión de la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente presentada y secundada, la Junta podrá celebrar una sesión ejecutiva de conformidad con G. L. 30A.s.21 una vez concluida, la Junta no reanudará su reunión pública.

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**La traducción del inglés al español estará disponible en Zoom.**

Una copia de este aviso y por encima de ZOOM Link se publicará en el sitio web de la organización en: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) y también ha sido puesto en expediente ante la División de Reglamentos del Secretario de la Commonwealth por correo electrónico a través de correo de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

Comité Asesor de Proyectos del Este de Boston, Inc.

Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta



# Suffolk Downs announces new dog park, family-friendly summer activities

New happenings at The Track include Hideaway Circus, Touch a Truck and more programs

Special to the Journal

Summer is in full swing at Suffolk Downs! Residents and visitors of East Boston and Revere have enjoyed programming throughout the spring and early summer months hosted by The HYM Investment Group, “HYM”, the firm leading the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs. People of all ages have flocked to a bi-weekly Sunday fitness series, a Revere Beach sand sculpture pop-up, a job fair and more. HYM also re-opened the Track this past spring as an interim open space where local residents have been able to walk, run and exercise.

As we move into late summer and fall, HYM is excited to announce the next slate of family-friendly summer activities taking place at the Track.

• On Wednesday, August 3rd, HYM opened the first-ever dog park at Suffolk Downs. The dog park is open dawn-dusk daily and is located next to The Track entrance. The new fenced-in park allows dogs to socialize and exercise off-leash and features dog houses, training platforms, hurdle jumps, climbing bridges, and more!

• On Tuesday, August 16th at 4pm and Wednesday, August 17th at 4 and 7pm, Suffolk Downs will welcome “Stars Above”, an outdoor family friendly circus show created by Hideaway Circus. Set to original music, the show is a modern take on the nostalgic small touring circuses from two hundred years ago. Tickets start at \$20 and are on

sale now.

• On Saturday, August 27th Suffolk Downs is partnering with TrillFit from Roxbury to host their annual fitness festival, TrillFest, at the Track. Enjoy fitness classes, musical performances, food trucks, beer and wine, and more.

• On Sunday, August 28th from 12-7pm Suffolk Downs will host the inaugural Revere Block party in coordination with Next Stop Revere, The City of Revere, Revere Cultural Council. This multicultural event will feature festive live music, performances, cultural cuisines, vendors of all kinds, and family friendly games and activities. This event is free to attend but registration is recommended.

• On Sunday, September 19th from 10am-2pm Suffolk Downs will host a “Touch a Truck” event that will allow an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, and fire engines as well as kids activities, games, giveaways, food trucks, and craft beer by Rockport Brewing! This event is free to attend but registration is recommended.

“There is something for everyone at Suffolk Downs this summer. Our curated mix of uses and offerings is designed to ensure that the new urban district we are creating is open and welcoming to all,” said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer Thomas N. O’Brien. “This site has a rich history of entertainment and community events that we are excited to carry on while we undergo construction on the first phase of development in Revere.”

More information about all upcoming events can be found on



Suffolk Downs was full of residents and families who came out to the most recent Touch-a-Truck event.

the Suffolk Downs website and social channels. The Track at Suffolk Downs is open dawn to dusk and is accessible via the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs Blue Line stations. Free parking is available on site at 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston.

The HYM Investment Group is a premier development company that is leading the development of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities that strive to push the needle on sustainability, creativity and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the development process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through community input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with all stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston’s rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. [www.hyminvestments.com](http://www.hyminvestments.com).



The new dog park at Suffolk Downs.



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## RECORD HEAT? BRING IT ON!

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a weatherman to tell us how hot it has been these past few weeks.

Still, even we were surprised to learn that the past 21 days have set a record for the hottest 21-day period in Boston history.

The combination of the extreme heat and the lack of rainfall has browned our lawns and dead-headed our flower beds, although the abundant sun has given us a bumper crop of tomatoes, which we water by hand in their pots on our patio.

We realize that the onset of the high heat and humidity these past few weeks is not everyone's cup of tea.

But for those of us who crave this kind of weather, summer finally has arrived.

Our fondest childhood and young-adult memories are of languid summer days; as if perhaps the heat seared them into our brains.

Playing in summer basketball leagues in the early evening, when the heat was radiating off the asphalt courts and we would end up drenched in sweat -- well, that was the best.

Admittedly, we do not have the same tolerance for summer heat and humidity -- especially the humidity -- that we had when we were much younger.

On the other hand, the feel of a hot breeze on our face brings us back to the carefree days of our youth like nothing else can.

## OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Although Olivia Newton-John was Australian (by way of England), for a period in the 1970s and '80s, she was America's sweetheart, the proverbial girl next door.

She'd already had great success as a singer in the mid-70s, but her appearance in the movie Grease in 1978 catapulted her to international fame and acclaim.

Even at the height of her stardom, her genuineness as a person shone through. It was her down-to-earth qualities that made her the perfect spokesperson for breast cancer when she disclosed that she had been stricken with the disease in the early 1990s while barely 40 years old.

Her courageous fight for the next three decades, and her tireless advocacy for research and adequate care for victims, will be her greatest legacy.

Still, we'll always think of Olivia Newton-John as Sandy, her iconic character in Grease, to whom the millions of her fans always will be hopelessly devoted.



# Forum

## LETTER to the Editor

### JOHN NUCCI, A REMARKABLE PERSON

**To the Editors:**

I was delighted to learn of John Nucci's re-appointment to the Massport Board of Directors for another full seven year term, by unanimous vote of the Massport Community Advisory Committee (CAC). As a former

Massport Board member myself, I deeply appreciate the enormous contributions that John Nucci has made to the well being and best interests of the 35 diverse communities that are adversely impacted by Logan Airport. Thanks to John Nucci's effective advocacy these communities-including East Boston, Winthrop, Revere and

Chelsea- have received substantial environmental remediation and obligations by Massport to continue doing so.

As the Times reminded us, John Nucci has had an extraordinary public service career including distinguished terms as a Boston City Councilor, President of the Boston School Committee, Suf-

folk County Clerk and direct support of many community organization and non-profits. He has overcome a severe medical condition (PKD), undergoing a complex kidney transplant procedure and setting a remarkable personal example by continuing his public service leadership thereafter.

**John Vitagliano**

## Save big on sales tax and energy usage during tax holiday

With the upcoming Massachusetts sales tax holiday on August 13 and 14, National Grid is reminding customers to take advantage of opportunities to purchase energy efficient appliances to save energy while maximizing savings.

With energy rates expected to increase this winter due to a variety of global factors such as increased natural gas demand, Massachusetts customers who choose energy-efficient appliances such as washers, dryers, and refrigerators, can lower their energy use while reducing their impact on the environment.

"At National Grid, we want all customers to take part in the clean energy transition. A seemingly simple step of switching to an energy-efficient appliance, over time, can truly make a positive impact on the environment and allows our customers to keep more money in their pockets," said John Isberg, Vice President of Customer Solutions, Na-

tional Grid. "With energy costs expected to rise this winter, every little bit of savings can help."

In addition to the tax savings during the holiday weekend, National Grid offers a variety of rebates and additional savings year-round for a wide selection of energy-saving appliances and products:

- Customers looking to save on qualifying certified central heat pumps or mini-split heat pumps may be eligible for rebates of up to \$10,000. Residential customers looking to learn more about rebates and incentives can visit [masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates](http://masssave.com/en/saving/residential-rebates).
- If a customer decides to replace an old working appliance, National Grid offers an Appliance Recycling Program where the company will pick up an unwanted appliance and provide up to \$75 for participating.
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National Grid also offers No-Cost Home Energy Assessments for eligible customers, which provides a safe and effective way to look at a home's energy needs while keeping customers comfortable. Through this program, customers may receive no-cost energy-efficiency products shipped to them, as well as up to 75 percent or more off approved insulation, no-cost air sealing, and additional rebates toward qualifying energy-efficient equipment.

National Grid remains committed to providing customers a variety of en-

ergy-saving tips and billing options to help offset the expected increases in this winter's energy prices. Customers in need of billing assistance or additional support can visit [ngrid.com/winter](http://ngrid.com/winter) to learn more.

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## Fiscal Year 2022 revenue collections total \$41.105 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for June 2022 totaled \$4.143 billion as of August 4, 2022, which is \$470 million or 12.8% more than actual collections in June 2021 and \$780 million or 23.2% more than benchmark.[1] June 2022 revenue collections were impacted by the recently enacted elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for PTE excise,

June 2022 collections are \$213 million or 5.8% above actual collections in June 2021, and \$710 million or 22.3% more than benchmark.

Revenue collections for FY2022 were \$41.105 billion, which is \$6.982 billion or 20.5% more than collections in FY2021, and \$3.438 billion or 9.1% more than the benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise, FY2022 collections are \$4.932 billion or 14.5% more than collections in FY2021 and \$2.668 billion or 7.3%

more than benchmark.

Since FY21, when sales tax acceleration was implemented, entities subject to sales tax acceleration make estimated payments in June for which returns are due in late July, and only once those returns are filed can DOR assess the split between taxes that are collected on behalf of the state, versus local option taxes that go to municipalities and taxes owed to the convention center fund.

"Fiscal Year 2022 revenue collections reflect un-

precedented capital gains tax revenue, the temporary impact of PTE excise payments, current labor market conditions, and strength in retail sales", said Commissioner Snyder.

In general, June is a significant month for revenues because many individuals and corporations are required to make estimated payments. In most years, the month of June has ranked second (behind only April) in the proportion of annual revenue received during the month.

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MASSPORT AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Pictured (left to right) Alaina Coppola, Massport’s Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs; Dave Gray, husband of Deborah Hadden Gray; Genesis Funes, 2022 Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship recipient; Lisa Wieland, Massport CEO; Tiffany Brown-Grier, Massport’s Director of Diversity Equity & Inclusion/Compliance.



Pictured (left to right) Alaina Coppola, Massport’s Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs; Lisa Wieland, Massport CEO; Emily Depina-Londono, 2022 Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship recipient; John Rauseo, husband of Donna Rauseo.

Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) yesterday announced the recipient of the annual scholarship honoring the memory of longtime employee Deborah Hadden Gray. The 2022 Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship was awarded to East Boston resident Genesis Funes.

“We are proud to name Genesis as this year’s Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship recipient,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Her academic achievement, glowing recommendations and work experience made Genesis the standout applicant this year.”

The Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a high school student who is a resident of the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop. Hadden Gray worked for Massport for 20 years and served as

Port Director from 2012-2015. She had a tremendous impact on Massport’s Maritime mission and was a strong advocate for the working port, and the jobs and businesses it supported, while carefully balancing the priorities of the South Boston community.

Funes graduated from Dana Hall School and will soon attend Assumption University. She has worked at Boston Medical Center as a hematology/oncology intern, served as a seasonal guest advocate at Target, and she has volunteered her time at Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE).

To be considered for the Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship, students are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their career interests or how their community service has affect-

ed their outlook on life. In her essay, Genesis wrote, “This year, after teaching an eighth-grade class a health and wellness curriculum, I was chosen to be Head of the Peer Education Program. In this position, I work to translate, this time not from Spanish to English, but from hopes and desires to reality.”

Applications are judged by a committee made up of Massport employees and a representative of the Gray family. Students interested in applying for the 2023 scholarship should visit [www.massport.com/scholarships](http://www.massport.com/scholarships) for eligibility requirements.

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Rauseo Memorial Scholarship

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) yesterday announced the recipient of the annual scholarship honoring the memory of longtime employee Donna Rauseo. The 2022 Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship was awarded to East Boston resident Emily Depina-Londono.

“Emily’s commitment to community service has taught her invaluable lessons,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Whether handing out food to local families or tutoring children, she has made a meaningful impact in her community. We are excited to award her this scholarship and wish her the best in her future endeavors.”

The Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a female student who resides in East Boston. Rauseo was a graduate of East

Boston High School. For more than 20 years, she served as the executive assistant to Thomas J. Kinton, Jr. when he was Aviation Director of Logan Airport as well as CEO and Executive Director for Massport.

Depina-Londono graduated from Boston Latin Academy and will soon attend the University of Massachusetts Amherst. She volunteers her time as a Student Ambassador at Boston Latin Academy participating in events like Cops for Kids with Cancer, Back to School Night and Summer Orientation. She has also volunteered at My Brother’s Table and as a tutor at the Umana School in East Boston.

To be considered for the Donna Rauseo Memorial Scholarship, students are required to have a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must submit an essay of 1,000

words describing their career interests or how their community service has affected their outlook on life. In her essay, Emily wrote, “One thing I have learned is that volunteering can teach you many different skills and things about people. When my sister and I volunteered at My Brother’s table, a soup kitchen, I learned about the lives of individuals who benefited from the organization. I distributed and packaged meals to the people of Lynn who were experiencing homelessness. I left the event feeling grateful for everything I had.”

Applications are judged by a committee made up of Massport employees and a representative of the Rauseo family. Students interested in applying for the 2023 scholarship should visit [www.massport.com/scholarships](http://www.massport.com/scholarships) for eligibility requirements.



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# EBNHC hosts Health Resources and Services Administration representatives

By John Lynds

Monday kicked off National Health Center Week and to mark the occasion the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) had the privilege of hosting Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Region 1 Intergovernmental and External Affairs Regional Administrator Jeffrey Beard and other HRSA representatives on Tuesday.

The hosting of Beard and other HRSA representatives, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is part of EBNHC’s annual celebration of National Health Center Week. The week is dedicated to raising awareness of the mission and contributions of the nation’s health centers in providing access to affordable, high quality, cost-effective health care to the underserved.

“East Boston Neighborhood Health Center has always been on the front lines in service to their communities—they were there long before-COVID-19 and will continue to be there long

after,” said Beard. “So today, we celebrate you for your hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. We recognize you for stepping up and stepping in when your communities need you the most. We honor you for being at the heart of what we stand for at HRSA. Thank you for all that you do to make our communities healthier.”

On Tuesday, Beard and the other Massachusetts-based HRSA regional leadership visited EBNHC’s Maverick Square and Gove Street locations to acknowledge the health center’s work and thank staff for their commitment. The visit provided an opportunity to strengthen existing relationships, create new connections, and identify additional areas for partnership and innovation.

“On behalf of HHS and Secretary Becerra, I would like to applaud the incredible work of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to ensure people in your community can access and receive vital primary care services, regardless of their financial situation,” said Region 1 HHS Regional Director



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Everett Handford. “East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is a beacon of strength, service, and quality care, especially in providing equitable care for medically underserved communities.”

During the visit, EBNHC and HRSA discussed timely care delivery topics such as maternal child and women’s health, behavioral health and COVID-19 response and recovery.

“At East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, we have been committed to providing high-quality innovative community-based health care for more than 50 years,” said President and CEO of EBNHC Greg Wilmot. “We are incredibly honored that HRSA has taken the time to recognize the critical contributions of our health center team in advancing health equity, in

addition to reflecting on the vital role community health centers play across Massachusetts and the U.S.”

During National Health Center Week, HRSA highlighted that community health centers provide care to over 30 million patients, or 1 in 11 people in the United States. This includes 1 in 9 children and adolescents and 1 in 3 people living in poverty.

The number of health center patients has increased from 21.1 million patients in 2012 to 30.2 million patients in 2021. This increase illustrates health centers’ critical role in providing accessible, high-quality primary care to medically underserved patients during the past decade, and throughout COVID-19 response and recovery.

# Gaby Germanos named Chief of Staff for the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet

The Equity and Inclusion Cabinet announced that Gaby Germanos will serve as the Cabinet’s Chief of Staff. Germanos started on August 1st.

“Gaby is a great addition to the Cabinet. Her expertise in identifying equitable resources while inviting the public to understand and get involved with the City’s budget process shows the spirit our cabinet embodies,” said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. “I look forward to working beside her as we lay the foundation to transform city practices as a whole.”

As Chief of Staff, Germanos will play a crucial role in advancing the Cabinet’s priorities of ensuring that each resident has fair access to City resources and embedding equi-



Gaby Germanos.

ty and inclusion through City practices. She will be responsible for overseeing the Cabinet’s daily operations and implementing

equitable policies that reach all Boston neighborhoods. Germanos will also work alongside Chief of Equity and Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera

to drive strategic projects forward, streamline internal communications, and build capacity for the Cabinet’s eight departments.

“I’m excited to support the critical work of the Equity and Inclusion departments and advance Chief Solis Cervera’s and Mayor Wu’s vision for equity in Boston,” said Gaby Germanos. “This Cabinet is filled with some of the most dedicated, smart, and empathetic people I have met across the City, and I am humbled by this opportunity to work with them to tackle the big issues.”

Gaby is a Boston-area native and daughter of immigrants who is committed to ensuring that the city she loves is equitable, accessible, and welcoming to people of all backgrounds. Germanos has

extensive experience in City operations and policy. Her tenure with the City began in 2017 in the office of then-City Council President Michelle Wu, helping develop the Councilor’s policy platform and recommending improvements to the BPDA’s development review process. Most recently, Germanos worked in the City of Boston’s Office of Budget Management (OBM), where she started in 2018 as an analyst and quickly rose through the ranks to Assistant Director. In this role, she led the City’s budget analyst team, drove landmark budget engagement initiatives, and was instrumental in the creation of Mayor Wu’s first budget.

“Over the last four years, Gaby has been a tremendous asset to the

Office of Budget Management, making significant contributions to OBM’s public budget engagement efforts and staff development,” said Budget Director Jim Williamson. “Gaby provided high-quality analysis and recommendations for departmental budgets and employee benefits, to name a few. OBM looks forward to continuing its work in partnership with Gaby, Chief Solis Cervera, and the entire Equity and Inclusion Cabinet.”

Germanos lives in the South End with her partner and some dubiously healthy plants. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time in Boston’s parks and green spaces, taking weekend rides on the commuter rail, and frequenting the many great restaurants in her neighborhood.

# Boston Logan Airport launches BOS Rewards

Next time you travel through Logan, make sure to get your rewards. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) recently launched BOS Rewards at Boston Logan International Airport, a free and secure passenger rewards, engagement, and customer experience enhancement program. Passengers who enroll in the program will earn points for rewards when they shop, dine, and park at Logan Airport or use Logan Express.

Passengers can enroll in the BOS Rewards program on the FlyLogan app or on BOSRewards.com free of charge, earn points whenever they make purchases, and then redeem those points for

airline and hotel rewards, retail gift cards, rideshare credits, and other prizes. Enrolled passengers will also be awarded if they shop at any participating business, including those at other airports. The list of participating businesses can be found on BOS Rewards.com/earn. The launch of the BOS Rewards program is the latest installment in Massport’s overall plan to improve the customer experience at Logan Airport.

“We are constantly looking for ways to enhance the passenger experience at Logan by improving our facilities, increasing efficiency, and adding new technology,” said Massport Director of Aviation Ed Freni. “BOS

Rewards is yet another way to benefit from using our FlyLogan app, which provides access to so many resources at Logan right at your fingertips.”


BOS Rewards also offers a charitable component and allows enrolled passengers to donate points to several organizations including the YMCA of East Boston, Boys and Girls Club of South Boston, The Base, Angel Flight Northeast and the Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston. Organizations will receive donations through the program on a monthly basis.

Last fall, Massport unveiled FlyLogan, a new smart phone app for those traveling through Logan Airport. From the app,

passengers can reserve a parking spot or purchase Logan Express tickets, get the latest info on flights, order food to go or delivered at their gate, and now enroll in the new BOS Rewards program. The app is available for free on any Apple or Android mobile device.

More information about the app can be found here: FlyLoganApp.


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EAST BOSTON CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Last week the Boston Police celebrated the 39th Annual National Night Out Boston, a 2-day city-wide celebration that visits individual neigh-

borhoods across the City of Boston over a 48 hour period. In Eastie, National Night Out was celebrated at LoPresti Park on

Sumner Street with the Boston Police and Mayor Michelle Wu. National Night Out is an annual celebration that acknowledges the

partnerships that exist between communities and the police department across Boston that, when combined, make communities much safer.

As in year's past, Mayor Wu traveled all over the city to thank community members and Neighborhood Watch Groups for their ongoing help

and sustained support of the men and women of the Boston Police Department.



Mayor Michelle Wu arrives at National Night Out last week at LoPresti Park.



Mayor Michelle Wu poses with members of the Boston Fire Department.



U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins during last week's celebration.



Mayor Michelle Wu talks with Eastie Youth during National Night Out.



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Mayor Michelle Wu shakes hands with residents at the annual event.



EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder (left) snaps a 'selfie' with Mayor Michelle Wu.



Mayor Michelle Wu makes her way through LoPresti Park.



Mayor Michelle Wu talks with Boston Firefighters.



Eastie's Rev. Dr. David Searles, a founding organizers of Eastie's Peace Walks, is honored.



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CHELSEA - Chelsea officials have launched a new round of funding for its Storefront Improvement Program.

The program provides direct grant funding for small businesses in the downtown for storefront improvements, focusing on lighting, awnings, and signage upgrades. The effort stems from the city's sign ordinance which went into effect in 2019, which streamlined the process to make it more customer-friendly for businesses. In March, the City Council approved a downtown initiative for \$400,000 out of free cash to help local businesses recover from the impact of Covid-19.

"The effort will be substantially advanced if we invest in things like support for outdoor dining, another round of storefront improvements, more murals and public art and additional activities and nighttime events in the Downtown," the City Manager Thomas Ambrosino stated at the time. Applicants should complete an application form and return it to the Housing and Community Development department at City Hall, Room 101 during regular business hours.

Application forms are also available on the city's website at [chelseama.gov](https://chelseama.gov). The forms are due by August 19 at noon. Any questions about the program can be directed to Lourdes Alvarez, the city's Communications and Community Outreach Manager at [lalvarez@chelseama.gov](mailto:lalvarez@chelseama.gov).

The program offers direct grants, up to \$10,000 to Chelsea businesses operating in the downtown area. Although applicants are not required to provide matching funds, selected recipients are responsible for covering all costs in excess of \$10,000.

Following the application phase, the city will review, evaluate, and select businesses to receive grants, in accordance with an evaluation rubric.

Upon the award of a grant, selected recipients are responsible for carrying out the improvements specified in their application.

Businesses are responsible for collecting all required permits prior to implementing storefront improvements.

The minimum eligibility requirements include written approval from property owners to participate in the program, commercial retail tenants must offer goods and services in locations that are open to the public, and applicants must provide a copy of city or state certificate of good standing and must not owe any outstanding taxes or fees.

The businesses must also be independently owned.

### EVERETT RECEIVES STATE GRANT FOR STREETS

EVERETT - The Baker-Polito Administration announced \$16.4 million for 184 new awards to 138 municipalities including Everett, and seven Regional Transit Authorities through the Shared Streets and Spaces Program. The program provides technical assistance and project funding to help Massa-

chusetts cities and towns design and implement changes to curbs, streets, and parking areas in support of public health, safe mobility, and community growth and revitalization. This round of funding placed particular emphasis on two new types of projects: those to reduce vehicle speeds in order to increase safety, and those to purchase equipment needed to improve and maintain infrastructure for active transportation.

"Our Shared Streets and Spaces grant program is just one of the many municipal grant programs that has demonstrated what we can accomplish by working together with our partners at the local level," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Today's announcement represents the largest award round since the program was launched and we are glad to be funding projects that reduce vehicular speeds

### FAMILY DAY AT YIRRELL BEACH



Yirrell Beach was a perfect place to chat with friends and enjoy the sunshine this past Saturday, July 30, during Winthrop's annual Family Day at Yirrell Beach.

and provide safe mobility for children, for seniors, to public transportation, housing, and to open space and parks."

"We've been proud to award a total of \$50 million dollars in grant funding to cities and towns since launching Shared Streets and Spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic in June of 2020," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito. "We are pleased to partner with local leaders to create safer and more connected cities and towns."

This grant round also offered municipalities a new opportunity to apply for grants for up to \$50,000 to purchase equipment to support active transportation. Eligible items include such things as snow removal equipment for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, speed feedback signs, pedestrian-activated warning devices such as Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), and bicycle lane delineators.

"With speeding and speeding-related crashes becoming more and more prevalent as we emerge from the pandemic, safety and driving at appropriate speeds has never been so important," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "MassDOT encourages municipalities to think strategically an implemented speed reduction measures to reduce crashes and the severity of injuries in crashes. Many of the projects funded in this grant round will make our streets safer for everyone, whether they are walking, bicycling, taking public transportation or driving."

This announcement represents the largest award round since the program was launched in June 2020. The awards made in this round provide funding to 138 municipalities and seven Regional Transit Authorities for a total of 184 individual grants. Of the awarded municipalities, 53% are designated Environmental Justice communities. A total of 31% of today's award recipients have

never received a Shared Streets and Spaces grant before.

Everett received \$75,000.00 to install crossing improvements including ADA-compliant curb ramps and a new crosswalk at the intersection of Spalding and Main Streets, as well as wayfinding signage and temporary speed bumps at locations around the city.

### WALSH ELECTED CHAIR OF CITY COMMITTEE

LYNN - When Marissa Walsh was a high school student at the Pingree School, she launched a Young Democrats Club in Lynn.

Walsh, a graduate of prestigious Smith College and an accomplished writer, was elected in April as the chair of the Lynn Democratic City Committee, succeeding Agnes Ricko.

"I have huge shoes to fill," said Walsh, 50. "We're so grateful to Agnes Ricko for her 51 years of service to the Lynn Democratic City Committee as a member and as the chair. We're just so grateful for her commitment to Democratic politics in Lynn and in Massachusetts."

#### Carrying on the family tradition

Walsh comes from a well-known and politically active family.

Marissa's father, Coley Walsh, was co-chair of the LDCC. Her mother, the late Deborah Smith Walsh, was the Ward 2 chair of the LDCC and was elected to the Lynn School Committee and to the Lynn City Council as a councilor-at-large.

Marissa's brother, Steve Walsh, was state representative for Lynn and Nahant and is a long-time football referee who has officiated several Agganis Football Classics. He is currently the president of the Massachusetts Hospital Association.

Her youngest brother, Joe, lives in Florida and is the artistic director of a theater.

A lifelong LDCC member

Marissa said she has been a member of the LDCC since high school. After completing her studies at Smith, she moved to New York City where she worked in book publishing for several years. She has a children's book in production. Upon her return to Lynn, she resumed her membership on the LDCC.

#### Excited about state Democratic hopes

Walsh she is "thrilled" about the Democratic slate of candidates seeking office. "We have so many excellent candidates for every office," she said. "We're thrilled to be electing our first Democratic woman governor in the state of Massachusetts. We're going to do everything we can to get her [Maura Healey] elected."

#### Vice-Chair Drew Russo offers his congratulations

Drew Russo, vice chair of the LDCC since 2016, a State Democratic Committeeman, and the city's personnel director, offered lofty praise for Marissa Walsh.

"Marissa is an excellent choice for chair, and the representative of an incredible family tradition, not only in public service, but in Democratic activism in this city," said Russo. "I couldn't think of a better person to lead our committee over the next several years, and I'm really excited to work with her. Obviously, Agnes Ricko has created a magnificent legacy that we're all going to look to carry on, and Marissa is going to be an excellent leader that will provide good stewardship and will really help our committee to move forward. This is a time when we need a good, solid progressive activism, both in the country, and the city of Lynn as well."

### BOARD OF HEALTH LOOKS AT REGULATIONS

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting July 28, at Revere City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

On hand for the meeting were chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker and fellow members Dr. Craig Castanza and Nezha Louaddi.

Also in attendance were Lauren Buck, the city's Director of Public Health; Michael Wells, the city's Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services; Paula Sepulveda, Administrative Assistant; Bonny Carroll from the Six City Tobacco Initiative; Ann

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the Bay also looked at all of the testing, posting and flagging data from 15 Boston Area beaches from Nahant to Nantasket from 2016 to 2021. Based on their preliminary analysis of more than 1,500 data points, on average 80% of the postings and corresponding red flags have been wrong. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s analysis suggests that this is a statewide problem, affecting nearly every ocean beach in Massachusetts.

“It appears as if you would be better off flipping a coin than believing a red flag on our ocean beaches,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini. “The results are not surprising, but they are very disappointing. For example, half-way through the summer, 100% of the required postings and corresponding red flags on Constitution Beach in East Boston have been wrong, while flagging accuracy in 2021 was 17% and in 2020 was 0%”

For this interim report, Save the Harbor’s policy staff examined the 2022 data posted on the Department of Public Health’s water quality locator website, as well as data from G&L Labs, who facilitates testing and posting for the Department of Conservation & Recreation.

Though the Department of Public Health recently called the postings “near real time”, under the current posting protocol for the Metropolitan Beaches, and most of the Commonwealth’s other ocean beaches, results are posted at least a full day after the samples are taken, so they are always at least 24 hours old and out of date.

Mancini said this situation is made worse by the fact that the information on the Department of Public Health’s water quality website—maintained by their Bureau of Environmental Health—is still only available in English, and the FAQ’s and site have not been updated since 2001, despite Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s repeated requests.

“Today Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is calling on Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou



Save the Harbor/Save the Bay says the Constitution Beach flagging system is flawed and needs to be fixed.

Sudders to instruct the Department of Public Health (DPH) to conduct a public and comprehensive review of posting accuracy on the Commonwealth’s Beaches,” said Mancini. “We are also calling for DPH and the Bureau of Environmental Health to do their jobs. It is time for them to update and translate their website as nearly every other state agency

has done, and make accurate, timely information about current water quality on the Metropolitan Beaches available to all the region’s residents, no matter what language they speak.”

According to Save the Harbor Policy Assistant Caroline Adamson, a candidate for a Masters in public health at Boston University’s School of

Public Health, “Our preliminary analysis of the data since 2016 suggests that “precautionary postings” based on the previous day’s rainfall are more than twice accurate as the required postings for this beach—46% inaccurate vs. 80% inaccurate, or 54% vs 20% accurate.”

Mancini said in his very first order in the Boston Harbor Cleanup case, U.S.

District Court Judge A. David Mazzone said that The Law secured to the People the Right to clean water.

“Inaccurate postings like these rob people, especially people in Environmental Justice communities like East Boston, of their right to enjoy the benefits of our enormous public investment in clean water,” said Mancini.

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## OBITUARIES

### Harriet Vitello

Of East Boston

Harriet E. (Littlefield) Vitello of East Boston passed away on August 2.

She was the devoted wife of the late Albert Vitello, devoted mother of Diane D’Andrea and her husband Anthony D’Andrea of East Boston and loving grandmother of Melissa and Nicolette D’Andrea and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In accordance with the family’s wishes, all ser-



vices are private. To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### LuAnn Camarda

Her beautiful face and bright smile will be forever remembered

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Sunday, July 17 from 3 to 7 p.m. in Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere for LuAnn Camarda who died on Monday,

July 11 at her residence in Winthrop surrounded by her most loving family following a brief and devastating battle with lung cancer. She was 64 years old. A funeral will be conducted from the funeral home on Monday, July 18 beginning at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph – St.

Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St., East Boston immediately followed by Entombment in Holy Cross Community Mausoleum, Malden.

LuAnn was born in Winthrop to her parents Gasparo “Jim” and Carmela “Millie” (DiNapoli) Camarda and was immediately loved by her big sister, Catherine from the moment she saw her. She was raised in East Boston and was a graduate of Pope John XXIII High School, Everett, Class of 1975. LuAnn went onto further her education and earn her degree in Early Childhood Education at Salem State University. She worked very briefly in education before switching her career to the financial sector. She began working at Sun Life Financial, a career that spanned 40 years. She worked her way up and became a manager in annuities. LuAnn moved from East Boston



to Winthrop where she has lived for the past 35 years. She was currently working until, her health quickly declined with her diagnosis. She was cared for at her home by her only child, her daughter, Alanna. LuAnn always said that her daughter was the best thing that ever happened to her. Her presence will be greatly missed and her beautiful face and bright smile will be forever remembered, “Dance on our Dancing Queen.”

The loving and proud mother of her daughter, Alanna N. Shepherd and her partner, Stephanie Battise of Winthrop, she was the cherished daughter of the late Gasparo “Jim” Camarda ( former owner of Jim’s Variety located in Orient Heights) and Carmella “Millie” (DiNapoli) Camarda, the adored sister and best friend of Catherine L. Camarda of Revere and is also lovingly survived by her former husband, Albert J. Shepherd of Springfield, VT and many cousins, friends and colleagues. PLEASE OMIT FLOWERS. All donations may be made to the Lung Cancer Research Center, 501 7th Avenue, New York, New York 10018.

### Rita Rizzo

Of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston

Rita (Izzo) Rizzo of Winthrop, formerly of New Hampshire and East Boston, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 5 at 92 years of age.

The loving daughter of the late Paul and Mary (Giardullo) Izzo and the beloved wife of the late Louis Rizzo, she was the devoted mother of Joseph Rizzo and his spouse, Linda Haynes of New Hampshire, Ann Siracusa and her husband, Thomas of Revere, Julie Rizzo and her spouse, David Cole of Revere and Cathy Rizzo of Peabody; dear sister of Anna DeCosta of East Boston, Joseph Izzo of Revere, Paul Izzo of East Boston and the late Ida Villano, Anthony Izzo, Nicholas Izzo, Jean Nicoletti and Marie Capone; cherished grandmother of Joseph, Janessa, Gino, Michael, Robby, Kira, Kayla and Breana and adored great-grandmother of Audree, Kai, Mia, Gianna, Parker, Lillian, and Madelyn and best friend and caregiver of over sev-



en years, Elizabeth Sanchez-Zichella. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Rita’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. A prayer service will be held in our Serenity Chapel at Noontime. Services will conclude with Rita being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Louis, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May they rest in peace. To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Jeanette Nealon

She will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew her

Jeanette L. (Florentino) Nealon of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family, on Friday, August 5, at 91 years of age.

Jeanette was a member of Saint Lazarus Home and School Association. She was a longtime supporter of East Boston Girls Softball. Jeanette was a long-time employee of Burger King and Ken’s at Copley Square. Jeanette loved spending time under the tree at the Orient Heights Beach. She will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew her. May she rest in peace.

The beloved wife of the late Leo “Rusty” Nealon, Jr., she was the devoted mother of Barbara A. Rosatto and her husband, Richard, Kathleen Orlando and her husband, Carmen, and Brian Nealon and his wife, Lee and the late Thomas F. Nealon; dear sister of Eleanor Manuel, Francis “Pudgy” Florentino, Thomas Florentino, and the late Joseph, James, Elmer, Walter, William “BooBoo,” Mary Catherine, Edward and Jacqueline Florentino; cherished grandmother of Thomas Rosatto, Michelle Donovan and husband Brian, Jacquelyn Indrisano and her husband, Mark, Sydney, Christian and Madison Orlando, Le’Andra



and Gianluca Nealon and adored great-grandmother (“Babadoo”) of Tatum, Isla, Remy, Carys, Lyra, and Quinn. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Jeanette’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Tuesday, August. and will gather at the funeral home again today, Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Jeanette’s life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Jeanette being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN 38105. To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## City of Boston announces preparations ahead of the 2022 State Primary

The City of Boston’s Election Department today announced its preparations ahead of the State Primary, taking place on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. In addition to early voting and ballot drop box locations, these preparations include expanded voter access created by the VOTES Act and the addition of new voting precincts from the Boston Election Department’s Precinct Adjustment Plan.

The VOTES Act includes new policies aimed at increasing access to voting opportunities and makes vote-by-mail and early voting options permanent.

The City also previously announced the addition of 20 new voting precincts, following the Boston Election Precinct Adjustment Plan completed in October 2021, which aimed to increase voting accessibility by distributing voters equitably across precincts. The number of voting precincts have now increased from 255 to 275. Due to these additions, the City of Boston is advising voters that they may experience a change in their precinct and polling location.

The Elections Department will be conducting outreach in the coming months to ensure that residents are aware of any change to their polling location ahead of the primary and general elections. Voters can also check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s website to find their election day polling location.

#### On the Ballot

The September 6, 2022 State Primary will include candidates for the following offices: Representative in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of the Commonwealth, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Governor’s Council, State Senator, State Representative, District Attorney, and Sheriff.

#### Vote By Mail

Applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out to every voter in Boston. To be eligible to vote by mail in the State Primary, applications must reach the Boston Election Department by Monday, August 29, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail using the prepaid postcard, in person at the Boston Election Department (located at Boston City Hall, Room 241), or by emailing [absenteevoter@boston.gov](mailto:absenteevoter@boston.gov).

If you’re applying for a primary ballot, and you are not registered in a party, you must indicate which party’s ballot you want to receive. If you do not provide a party on your application, you will not receive a primary ballot.

If a voter did not receive a vote-by-mail application or misplaced the application, vote-by-mail ap-

plication forms are available for download on the City’s vote-by-mail website. Applications can be submitted by mail, email, or fax. If you’re emailing your application, you need to sign it in a way that can be compared to your hand-written signature. Electronic signatures, scanned applications, and photos of applications are acceptable. Typed signatures cannot be accepted.

Once a voter receives their ballot package, they should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected.

#### Ballot Drop Boxes

The Boston Election Department has placed 21 ballot drop boxes around the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours. To find a ballot drop box location, visit [here](http://boston.gov). Voters can track their ballot through the state’s website.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 8 p.m. Ballots cannot be returned to a polling location.

#### In-Person Early Voting

Voters registered in Boston can vote during the early voting period from Saturday, August 27 through Friday, September 2, 2022, at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for early voting can be found [here](http://boston.gov).

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Early voting locations are well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

#### Voting on Election Day

Polling locations for the State Primary will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s website.

Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by interpreters at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department’s interpreters phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker [here](http://boston.gov).

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# Region // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

Marie Kissel, the Regional Epidemiologist from the North Suffolk Collaborative; and Lisa Stevens-Goodnight, the new tobacco control coordinator for the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The principal business conducted at the 90-minute meeting was a public hearing at which the board discussed adopting new tobacco control regulations for the sale of tobacco products in the city.

Prior to that public hearing portion of the meeting, the board heard presentations on a number of other matters.

Buck presented the monthly Public Health Communicable Disease report and highlighted two specific areas of concern, monkeypox and vibrio.

She said there have been three confirmed cases of mokeypox in the city, all of which involve men who have sex with other men. She said all three have been doing well with treatment.

Vibrio is a bacterial infection in seawater, which typically is more pronounced in the warm months of the summer season. Vibrio can be contracted by ingesting infected raw shellfish, swallowing sea water in an infected area, or having an open wound while swimming.

She said there has been one confirmed case in Revere and it did not come from eating shellfish in local restaurants.

Buck said there is one case of tuberculosis in the city and the patient is doing well with treatment.

As for COVID-19, there have been 23,803 cases in the city since the start of the pandemic and the total deceased in the city is 186. Buck noted that the positivity rate in the city has increased in the past two weeks.

Wells then presented the Inspectional Services monthly report, a relatively new report that he had initiated last month, in which he told the board members of the many and varied number of inspections conducted by his department for housing, restaurants, temporary food vendors, and pools.

He noted that the department issued 48 violations for outside accumulations of garbage and trash, 24 for improper and bulky yard waste placements, 99 for improper placement of garbage and trash, and two for improper signage by persons posting hand-made signs on utility poles and public property.

In addition, there were five citations for improper trash storage, 15 for junk-keeps of automobiles that were stored improperly, two for rodents, 50 for unclean and unsanitary grown vegetation, and three for unpermitted dumpsters.

There also were 11 violations issued to residents or contractors who were doing work without proper permitting.

Ms. Kissel made a presentation on the results of the Community Health Needs Assessment survey that was conducted by the No. Suffolk Collaborative, which includes Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop.

In addition to COVID-19, some of the other primary areas of health needs that the collaborative works on include environmental health, housing, economic opportunity, and behavioral health. The collaborative's most recent survey sought to identify the specific concerns of residents in their communities.

There were 1401 respondents to the survey, of whom more than 50 percent were from Revere.

In 2015, the top concerns of Revere residents were substance abuse, crime, mental health, environmental issues, and poor diet and inactivity.

In 2019 there was a shift, with the top five concerns being substance abuse, mental health, environment, housing, and poverty.

In 2022, the Revere respondents to the survey -- which asked the questions in a slightly different format -- cited more affordable housing, better schools, lower crime and violence, better access to healthcare, and a cleaner environment as their top five areas for improvement in the Revere community.

In addition, 44 percent of respondents said they do not have access to good local jobs with living wages and benefits. The per capita income in the city of \$30,591 in 2020 was well below the state average of \$45,555.

One ominous statistic revealed that 13.9 percent of respondents said they were unable to access behavioral health care during a crisis, including suicide. The city has a slightly higher rate than the state per 100,000 persons for mental health issues, 3056/100,000 in Revere vs. 2807/100,000 in the state.

A total of 12.9 percent of those who needed substance abuse services said they did not have access to that type of care.

Revere's overdose and hospitalization rate for substance abuse was 54.8 per 100,000 of population vs. 46.9 per 100,000 for the state.

Kissel also told the board that vaping has been on the increase in the Revere schools, which makes for unclean and unhealthy air for students who do not vape.

The board then held its public hearing regarding the new regulations for the sale of tobacco products in the city, which last were updated in 2019. Buck explained that the proposed Revere regulations are needed in order to conform to the changes that have been made at the state level over the past few years.

"Our current regulations are so out of date," noted Buck.

Ms. Carroll and Ms. Goodnight guided the board members through the highlights of the proposed new regulations, with Buck presenting the exact language and definitions of the proposed regulations.

Among the items to be included in the new regulations will be the sale of blunt wraps, which are tobacco leaves that need to be filled with something else.

Carroll suggested that blunt wrap products should be banned and the board agreed.

Rolling papers are another item that need to be addressed, specifically to take into account the new phenomenon of flavored rolling papers and whether the board might want to ban all rolling papers or just the flavored papers. Similarly, flavor enhancers for tobacco products also are an item that the board may want to regulate.

A new addition to the regulations seeks to ensure that an adult tobacco retailer (of which there are only two in the city) cannot be located within 25 feet of a regular tobacco retail store and that a retailer can have only one kind of license.

There also was a discussion about potentially limiting the number of permits for tobacco sales. There presently is a cap of 60 tobacco permits in the city, with no wait list, but there are only 57 active permits. However, the board could enact new regulations that could result in a diminishing number of permits if a current retailer either fails to renew their permit or turns it in without selling it.

"Any way that we can limit tobacco sales is the goal," said Bunker, speaking in favor of enacting a regulation to bring the city's cap under 60. Both Castanza and Louaddi also spoke in favor of a so-called advanced, or reducing, cap.

In another change, the new regulations would raise the minimum price for the sale of a single cigar from the present \$2.50 to \$2.90 and for a package of two cigars to \$5.80.

The new regulations also make clear that discount sales of tobacco products, such as a "2-for-1" deal for example, are not permitted.

The board also reinforced that the fine for sales to minors is \$1000 for a first offense, plus a suspension of a tobacco license for three consecutive days.

The fine for a second offense will be \$2000 with a suspension of seven days and for a third offense, a \$5000 fine with either a 30-day or a 60-day suspension.

The fine amounts are

mandated by state law, but the local board has some leeway with the length of the suspension.

In addition, there are fines for other tobacco permit violations, besides selling to minors, that will not change from the present city regulations.

Buck informed the board that her office had received seven emails from residents in support of the new regulations. There were no opponents of the new regulations.

The board now will vote on whether to adopt the new regulations, which will be put into final form by Buck, at its next meeting in August.

The board concluded its meeting by taking up an application for two Body Art licenses, one for an Individual Practitioner License by Thao Nguyen and another for a request by Nguyen for a Body Art Establishment License by The Brow Chemist, which is the name of her business.

Buck informed the board that the necessary inspections of Nguyen and the business had been made and that everything was in order. The board members then unanimously approved granting the licenses.

## REVIEWING TOWN CHARTER

WINTHROP - The nine-member Winthrop Charter/Ordinance Review Committee, chaired by Marc Chapdelaine, presented a report to the Town Council, suggesting some key changes to the election process and the membership of the Council itself.

Chapdelaine appeared at the Council meeting to submit the months-long work of the Charter/Ordinance Review Committee. The committee recommended upwards of 20 changes between the town charter and town ordinances.

**Change the council to eight at-large members**

"One of their recommendations is to change the composition of the Council from six precincts and two at-large council-

lors to having all at-large councillors," said Town Council President James Letterie.

Letterie said the ORC's reasoning for the change is to encourage more people to seek election to the Council. It is believed that in approximately 80 percent of the precinct council races, the incumbent has not faced an opponent.

**Reducing length of terms**

Another major change, according to Letterie, would be the reduction of a councilor's term from four years to two years.

"That would mean that every two years, every councilor would be up for re-election," said Letterie.

The thought is that prospective candidates might be willing to make a commitment to serving in office for two years, as opposed to four years.

**Council president's term would be lengthened to four years**

Also generating conversation is the Ordinance Review's Committee recommendation to extend the term of the Council President from two years to four years.

The thought is that it is difficult for the Council President to build an agenda in a two-year term, with the next election seemingly just around the corner.

**The next step in the process**

President Letterie explained that any change in the town charter would require a two-thirds vote (six votes) of the Town Council.

"Any major change, which they call substantive change, such as changing the composition of the Council, would require a two-thirds vote of the Council, and then on to the State Legislature for a home-rule petition -- meaning the state would have to approve the change," said Letterie. "It would then still have to go on the town ballot for the general public."

The next possible time for a town-wide vote on any of the changes being proposed would be the November, 2023 election, which is a regularly scheduled election, as opposed to a special election.

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On Tuesday, August 16 at 6 p.m., the USS Constitution Museum hosts From the Shores of Tripoli to the Decks of USS Constitution: The History and Future of the U.S. Marines and “Old Ironsides.” This in-person reception and panel discussion commemorates the role of United States Marines on USS Constitution.

The Marines were part of Constitution’s crew beginning with the Ship’s earliest deployments to the Caribbean to fight French privateers. Marines from “Old Ironsides” played pivotal roles in that conflict, in the Barbary Wars in the Mediterranean, as well as in Constitution’s battles with British frigates during the War of 1812. Marines continued to serve USS Constitution as part of the Ship’s home port in the Boston Navy Yard. Today, there are

calls to return a contingent of active-duty Marines to serve a ceremonial role on Constitution.

Carl Herzog, Public Historian for the USS Constitution Museum and Chief Petty Officer Elliott Fabrizio, Public Affairs Officer for USS Constitution will discuss the history of the Marines and look at the arguments for returning them to the deck of “Old Ironsides.”

Following the panel discussion, the Museum will hold a special commemoration aboard USS Constitution to remember LT William S. Bush. LT Bush died during Constitution’s battle with HMS Guerriere on August 19, 1812, making him the first U.S. Marine Corps officer killed in combat.

Members of the press should confirm their attendance to [nraina@usscm.org](mailto:nraina@usscm.org).

Registration is free to the public. Voluntary contributions are appreciated.

This event is supported by the Colonel Drew Ley Fund. The Fund is dedicated to the memory of Life Trustee Colonel Andrew “Drew” J. Ley, USMCR (Ret.). To honor Drew, the Fund supports continued Marine Corps activities at the Museum.

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The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the



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## USS Constitution Museum

story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish

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## CITY PAWS

# Share the love

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Friends recently adopted an adorable Cairn Terrier mix named Finley. He seems to be adapting to life in his new home. However, he has only bonded with the female half of the couple. He ignores the male and follows his Goddess everywhere.

### One Person Dogs

There are breeds known for a tendency to be one-person dogs. These include Greyhounds, Shiba Inus, Cairn Terriers, German Shepherds, Afghan Hounds, Akitas, Australian Shepherds, Border Collies, Chihuahuas,

Chows, Dobermans, and Basenjis. However, we have seen members of all these breeds who shared their love with multiple people. They may have a favorite human being, but most dogs do.

Clinging to one person can be a form of separation anxiety. Working to share the love with other family members and friends can also help with this issue.

### What Makes the Dog Happy?

If you list everything you know that makes a dog happy, you can start having a person who

wants to bond with a dog to provide that incentive. If a dog is food oriented, the less favored person should be the one giving food.

The much-loved person should give ordinary treats. The person trying to win the love should woo the pup with high-value treats. This might be a tiny piece of cheese or dried liver for some dogs. We knew a Lab that adored apples, and anyone who shared an apple with Lily would win her heart. Sharing an afternoon apple or bit of cheese could be a bonding experience.

Most dogs have spots they don’t like touched



Finley has settled into life in his new home. However, he has only bonded with the female half of the couple.

and other places where a scratch sends them into a happy daze. Have the favorite person do the hard stuff like clipping nails, cleaning paws, or brushing teeth, and the second person learns and provides those favorite touches.

### Favorite Play or Activity

Anyone who has seen a retriever interact with someone willing to toss a stick or ball for them to chase will know how to become the best buddy of that dog. Another dog might look forward to walks when they are allowed to sniff, sniff, sniff. Or, as in the case of our late Maggie Mae, time sitting on a bench in the park watching the world pass by.

### Just the Two of Us

Another suggestion is to begin a new activity that will give the favored person some time off and create a unique bond with the other family member. This could be a formal behavioral training program or something fun like agility, nose work, or visiting a dog park.

Many dogs are excellent therapy dogs because they love the attention (and treats) they receive from the people they visit. They may also love being part of a special team with their therapy partner. The male half of our couple has made therapy dog visits with their last two dogs. We have suggested that they try this out with Finley. They live in a senior community, making it easy for them to test this

activity. They still have the little wagon they’ve used over the years to make it easy for the people they visit to reach or pat the dog while seated and without bending.

What it comes down to is you need to decide what this particular dog loves and enjoys. Then, for a time, use this knowledge to make interactions with the less favored person positive, rewarding, and fun experiences for the dog. Yes, the dog may never love two people equally, but they may be willing to share that love beyond their favorite human.

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