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#### Wu, BPDA introduce policy to promote diversity

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu and Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison announced last week that the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors will vote on a new policy introducing diversity, equity and inclusion into the review process for large projects in the City of Boston at their August board meeting later today. This proposed policy would request that proponents disclose diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) plans for large projects when they are filed with the BPDA through Article 80. The agency believes this proposed policy would be the first of its kind in the country.

The City of Boston and the BPDA are strongly committed to advancing opportunities for diversity, equity, and inclusion within Boston's economic development community and real estate sectors. With the approval of the proposed BPDA's DEI in Development policy Thursday night, applicants filing development projects over 20,000 square feet (SF) would be requested to submit plans to include economic participation, employment, and management roles for people of color, women, and certified Minority and Women Owned (M/ WBE) Businesses within

the scope of their project. "Our residents, developers and businesses all want the same thing: we want to see Boston thriving and growing sustainably, and connect opportunity to all of our residents, in particular our young people," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This new policy is about

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Orient Heights residents, Jeff and Cindy Barcher, of Fresh Cut Yarn at the East Boston Shipyard and Marina's Shipyard Block Party on August 13.

#### EAST BOSTON SHIPYARD AND MARINA **BLOCK PARTY**

Kelly Gifford, **ICA Watershed Deputy Direc**tor of Public **Engagement** and Planning, having her white sneakers customizedby Sway, of Blueswaydshoes. See Page 16 for story and more photos



#### Wu announces strategies to enhance coastal resilience in East Boston

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Coastal Resilience Solutions for East Boston and Charlestown (Phase II), a comprehensive framework to understand coastal flood risk, options for coastal resilience solutions, and timelines for implementation in parts of East Boston and Charlestown's coastlines. The study areas for Phase II specifically includes East Boston's coastline along Chelsea Creek, Belle Isle Marsh, Orient Heights Railyard, Constitution Beach, and Wood Island Marsh; and Charlestown's coastline

along the Navy Yard, Lit-sion for Boston's coastline tle Mystic Channel, and to be resilient, accessible, Boston Autoport. The work builds on the first phase of the study in both neighborhoods that was released in 2017 and is part of a larger citywide effort to address climate change in Boston. The strategies in this report will guide the development of coastal flood protection, strengthen Boston's work to become the greenest city in the country, and improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. With the completion of East Boston and Charlestown (Phase II), the City has developed coastal resilience plans for all 47-miles of

Boston's coastline. "Climate adaptation presents an opportunity to create a resilient, climate-ready waterfront that advances priorities for open space, mobility, affordable housing, social and racial equity, and natural resource conservation," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This report lays out a community-driven viand protected.

The plan evaluated coastal flood risk in the communities and identified flood protection strategies that effectively reduce flood risk. While other climate hazards, such as increased precipitation and extreme heat, were considered throughout the planning process, the plan focused specifically on how to respond to the effects of coastal flooding from sea-level rise and storm surge, while providing additional benefits for the community. The plan worked to identify strategies that preserve the essential functions and historic character of the East Boston and Charlestown waterfronts, while undoing the harm of historic planning that unjustly placed certain communities at risk of environmental hazards.

Coastal Resilience Solutions for East Boston

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# **Eastie Pride Day** is this Saturday

By Stephen Quigley

South Boston has St. Patrick's Day. Charlestown has Bunker

Hill Day. And East Boston has

Eastie Pride Day. This Saturday, August

20, will mark the 33rd year that local residents, businesses, and elected officials will gather for an extravaganza at Piers Park to highlight the East Boston neighborhood experience. The event will feature an afternoon of food, music, face painting, sailing, live entertainment, and children's games that will take place at Piers Park on Marginal Street from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Eastie Pride Day has become a summer tradition for many families for over 30 years. Each year in August the neighborhood celebrates Eastie's diverse culture, rich history, and

community pride. According to the Chair of the Eastie Pride Day Committee, Liana LaMattina, who took over the reins from her father and Eastie Pride Day founder, Sal LaMattina, the event is typically a day of food, children's activities, and contests at Piers Park. However, the committee has devised a new way to celebrate the community in a safe, COVID-19 conscious way.

This year's Eastie Pride Day will center on encouraging the community to support the resilient local businesses, restaurants, and organizations. The participating organizations and additional updates on this year's event can be found on the Eastie Pride Day website at https://www. EastiePrideDay.com/.

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#### Cox sworn in as BPD's 44th police Commissioner

By Lauren Bennett

Surrounded by family, Michael Cox was sworn in as the Boston Police Department's (BPD) 44th commissioner on Au-

gust 15 on City Hall Plaza. On July 13, Mayor Michelle Wu announced that Cox, a Boston native, was selected to be the next BPD commissioner. Cox had served for 30 years on the BPD before becoming the Chief of Police in Ann

Arbor, Michigan. Retired BPD Superintendent Lisa Holmes hosted the swearing-in ceremony, and an invocation was provided by Pastor Arthur T. Gerald, Jr. The benediction was provided by Father John Connolly.

Wu began her remarks by talking about her first conversation with Cox, which she said she does not recall. It was during her first City Council campaign on a softball field in West Roxbury, where Cox was "just a dad watching his kid's softball game,'

Wu said.

"The first real conversation that we had, that I remember, was during the interview for this job, and immediately, I had a feeling settle in my chest that we might have done the

impossible." Wu said that she had

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Michael Cox takes the oath of office to become the 44th Boston Police Commissioner at a ceremony on August 15 on City Hall Plaza.

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and Charlestown (Phase II) is a critical component of Climate Ready Boston, the City's initiative to prepare for the near- and long-term effects of climate change, such as sea level rise, coastal storms, extreme precipitation, and extreme heat. The report is part of a series of coastal resilience planning efforts and outlines a set of infrastructure projects that, when implemented, will increase the protection of Boston's waterfront from sea-level rise and coastal flooding. The consultant team supporting the project included Arcadis, Sasaki, Woods Hole Group, and ONE Architecture.

The Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) was also on the team as a community part-

"East Boston and Charlestown are two of the most vulnerable neighborhoods to flooding and sea-level rise due to climate change," said

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta. "We have to act with urgency to fortify our waterfront and deploy nature-based solutions in order to protect the resiliency of our coastline and our people. The completion of this report provides a necessary climate adaptation framework that will keep our waterfront resilient, inclusive, and accessible for future generations. I also applaud Mayor Wu and her team for centering marginalized communities disproportionately affected by the negative impacts of climate change."

"Building climate resilient communities requires an understanding of the deep impact climate change will have on our neighborhoods," said District 6 City Councilor Kendra Lara, Chair of the Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks Committee. "This project assesses the immediate concerns brought to our attention by the Climate Ready Boston report and presents necessary longterm solutions. This is a bold step toward protecting residents of Boston and promoting environ-

mental sustainability." Boston is already experiencing the effects of climate change. Projections within the report found that Boston's sea level is likely to rise by 9 inches as soon as 2030 and 40 inches as soon as 2070 if greenhouse gas emissions continue at their current pace. Coastal flooding threatens places and services that are vital to East Boston and Charlestown's community safety and wellbeing, including homes and businesses, evacuation routes, community centers, public parks, and natural areas. By taking a people-centered approach to coastal resilience, the City of Boston can prepare our residents and communities for sea level rise and flooding in a way that addresses systemic inequities to support a thriving, Green New Deal city.

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> "As temperatures rise, Boston will experience significant changes to our coastline, including sea level rise, flooding, and more intense and frequent storms," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "Past decisions made by the public and private sector have led to increased risks for environmental justice communities. The City is committed to doing the work to support marginalized communities that are bearing a disproportionate burden of negative climate impacts."

Engagement with the East Boston and Charlestown communities was central to the development of this plan. Throughout the process, the City met with multiple City, State, and federal agencies, private and institutional stakeholders, non-profit organizations, community-based organizations, residents, neighborhood associations, and broader East Boston and Charlestown communities. Stakeholders helped shape the development of coastal resilience solutions that have multiple benefits for each community. The final report presents near- and long-term solutions for the Phase II study area, with proposed

projects such as land-

scaped berms with opportunities for ecological restoration, elevating segments of the Harborwalk, and raising roadways to protect critical infrastruc-

"Residents in East Boston and Charlestown are impacted by many environmental stressors that can stem from sea level rise and coastal flooding, said Magdalena Ayed, Founder & Executive Director of the Boston Harborkeepers. "I am grateful to Mayor Wu and the Climate Ready Boston team for taking steps to protect the community from the impacts of climate change.'

> The critical actions laid out through this coastal plan reinforce the Wu administration's commitment supporting healthy communities and a thriving green economy. Previously, Mayor Wu proposed her administration's

first budget which includes groundbreaking investments in climate action to create a Green New Deal city. These investments, which further key strategies identified in the plan, include \$2.5 million for a new Climate Ready Streets program within Climate Ready Boston to deliver on heat resilience, stormwater management, and air quality on key transportation corridors, \$20 million for a nation-leading pilot for energy retrofits in triple deckers and other multi-family homes while maintaining affordability, \$2.5 million of ARPA funds to grow and preserve our urban tree canopy, including an innovative pilot program on private land, \$2.5 million in electrifying school bus infrastructure, a \$6 million ARPA investment to scale Youth Green Jobs, and \$137 million in capital funding, plus operating investments, to create and protect parks, the tree canopy, and open spaces in

To celebrate the release of the Phase II report, City staff and project team members will join the annual Constitution Beach Maritime Festival in East Boston today, which is hosted by The Harborkeepers in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and numerous local organizations. This will be an opportunity to share information about the planning process with the community. City staff and project team members will also attend the August 18th Charlestown Live Music at the Navy Yard (hosted by the National Park Service) from 6:30 to 8:00

the city.

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#### Elected officials, transit advocates call for suspending fares for all MBTA riders

Special to the Independent

Elected officials, advocates, and riders are calling for suspending fare collection across the entire MBTA system during the month-long shutdowns of the Orange Line (beginning August 19) and the Green Line north of Government Center (beginning August 22). New data released

shows that, excluding already free bus routes,137,056 daily bus trips are taken on routes that connect to the Orange Line – meaning tens of thousands of people who rely on buses to connect to the Orange Line will pay an MBTA fare before connecting to a free shuttle service. Additionally, thousands of bus riders who may not be making a connection to a shuttle will still bear the brunt of increased congestion in the region.

To respond to the significant negative impacts the shutdowns will have on these and all MBTA riders, and to continue to promote transit use over driving, riders, advocates and elected officials are calling for suspending fares across all rapid transit lines, all bus lines, and all commuter rail lines and zones through the duration of the shutdown. The MBTA's current plan offers free rides only on Orange Line shuttle buses, as well as allowing riders to pay for trips on commuter rail lines within Zones 1A, 1, and 2 by showing their CharlieCard or Char-

lieTicket. A suspension of all fares, coupled with implementing rapid bus lanes and a more accessible commuter rail service, would respond equitably to the needs of all transit riders and ensure more people continue to use the system rather than drive during the shutdowns.

"The Orange Line serves as a crucial economic, social, and community link for students and working families in Massachusetts, including for many lower-income communities and communities of color throughout Greater Boston. They will bear the brunt of this devastating shutdown, but they shouldn't be forced to carry the financial costs as well. Fare-free transit is a common-sense step to lessen the burden on commuters and ensure the T puts public transit riders first." - Senator Ed Mar-

"Due to decades of underinvestment mismanagement of the MBTA, our constituents find themselves in an untenable situation. We should not have to choose between safety and service. Riders should not have to bear the burden of these disruptive shutdowns, which we know will hit our most vulnerable commuters hardest. Making the T free during these shutdowns would reduce the financial impact on riders and lower families' costs during a time of inflation, while also promoting connectivity, accessibility, sustainability, and addressing the transit gaps that have deepened the racial and economic disparities in our communities. I thank Senator Markey for his close partnership in this effort and

"Bus riders who rely on

to our advocates and local partners for keeping up the pressure." – Representative Ayanna Pressley

a connection to the Orange Line are facing an extraordinary burden during the shutdown. We know that fare free buses are faster and more reliable, and eliminating fares across the system during this period will give time and money back to the people who are most impacted by this disruption." - Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

"During these unprecedented closures, MBTA riders deserve unprecedented support. Somerville residents will be doubly burdened with both the Orange and Green Line closures, and for many, access to jobs, school, health care, and other essential services will be at risk. Suspending fares systemwide is not only the equitable thing to do – it's good policy that will keep more users on public transit during the next month and beyond." - Somerville Mayor Katjana Ballantyne

"The shutdown demonstrates the extreme importance of public transportation for everyone: riders, drivers, cyclists, businesses, the economy, and our air and climate. Recent disasters have steeply eroded confidence in the system, but we need to rebuild ridership for everyone's benefit. Free fares for everyone will help with that. Free fares will signal gratitude and an apology to those riders who have stuck with public transportation through multiple disasters, many of whom have no real alternative." - State Senator Pat Jehlen

"Safe, reliable and affordable public transportation is critical to connect our communities, and the Orange and Green Line diversions will have serious impacts on my constituents. I am concerned that the needs of those who rely most on public transportation, for whom working from home or being late for work are not options, are not being considered. Making the system fare free during this shutdown is one critical way to address the financial impact of this closure." - State Representative Christine Barber

"The Orange and Green Line shutdown will result in lost wages and missed medical appointments, further exacerbating the health disparities of low-income communities that were hit hardest during the pandemic like Chelsea and East Boston and who are reliant on public transportation. A full fare suspension will give essential workers and low-income families a fighting chance to thrive during this transit emergency." - GreenRoots Associate Executive Director Maria Belen Power

"Riders along the Fairmont corridor, especially in Dorchester and Mattapan, use the bus system to connect with the Orange Line to bring them into downtown. The idea that they will have to figure out a very unclear system of payment when having to deal with significantly longer travel times and transfers is shameful - the MBTA needs to prioritize riders by giving the free fares and transparency on the process ahead."- Action 4 Equity Transit Organizer Mea Johnson

Greater Boston and to ac-

tor Josh Ostroff "The T is essential to \*\*The group utilized our work. I take the Orange Line frequently for our environmental justice presentations, connecting with youth leaders in

make it a lot easier for young people to commute outside of Chelsea." Darien Rodriguez, Green-Roots ECO Youth Crew Member, 15 years old "The month-long shutdown of the Orange and Green Lines is expected to have a severe impact on mobility in Greater Boston and increase traffic congestion throughout the region. Left unabated, this will be disruptive to riders, the economy, and the business community. Suspending fares across the MBTA system will help encourage public transit use and address serious equity issues for the many bus rid-

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funding available to sup-

port this initiative. Using

this money to support rid-

ers and this region during

these shutdowns is a wise

use of these funds at this

critical time." - A Better

City President & CEO Rick Dimino "Suspending fares systemwide makes sense in a crisis situation like the one that we're facing today. The current suspension of fares for commuter rail riders in Zones 1, 1A, and 2 does not go far enough if the goal of authority is the reduction of traffic in the diversion zone. Full fare suspension on all modes will help convince more people to take the train, bus, or ferry instead of their car, and will reduce congestion both for Orange Line shuttles and for those who have no choice but to drive." - Transit-Matters Programs Manager Matthew Petersen

"Given the enormous economic impact the shutdown will have on the region, systemwide fares suspension is an investment in keeping people and the economy - moving for the next month. The Commonwealth's historic revenue surplus, in addition to unexpended ARPA funds and the additional funds the legislature allocated to the MBTA to address the FTA recommendation, offer more than enough resources to fill any revenue shortfall that may occur as a result of a system-wide fares suspension." - LivableStreets Executive Director Stacy Thompson "While the need to take

drastic steps to improve the safety and reliability of our public transportation system is understood, this move must be met with a sincere effort to reduce the negative impacts on all who rely on the system. The reality is many riders will feel compelled to turn to private vehicles to get where they need to go, which will impact countless bus riders who will sit in worsened traffic. A suspension of fares is not only the just action to take, but can serve as an incentive for Orange and Green Line riders to use the commuter rail rather than driving." - Transportation for Massachusetts Interim Executive Direc-

the MBTA COVID Recovery Dashboard developed by TransitMatters, which is based on MBTA ridership data.



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#### AND JUST LIKE THAT --**SUMMER ENDED**

Within just a few hours of writing our editorial last Tuesday (August 9) extolling the virtues of the heat and humidity of the summer season, Mother Nature turned the tables on us.

We were sitting in our hot house -- we don't have air conditioning -- but enjoying a warm breeze, when, at 8:14 p.m., the wind shifted from south-westerly to north-easterly. The air suddenly became chilly -- the temperature dropped 10 degrees within a few minutes -- and we soon had to shut all of our windows.

Yes, the weather this past week has been nice (and is forecast to remain so for the next 10 days), but the temperatures have struggled to reach 80 during the day and we've had to wear warm clothing in the cool evenings.

No doubt there may be a few lingering hot days in the weeks ahead -- we have many fond memories of hot Labor Day (and even some Columbus Day) weekends from our youth.

But it is clear that the summer of 2022 is all but over -- and fall is in the air.

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# Forum

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

#### WHY KEVIN HAYDEN SHOULD **CONTINUE TO** SERVE SUFFOLK COUNTY AS **OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

To the Editor,

I had never heard of Kevin Hayden until he was appointed District Attorney. I knew Ricardo Arroyo. Arroyo is a household political name that has lasted at least two generations and three city councilors. I met with Felix Arroyo in 2016, and I endorsed Ricardo Arroyo when he ran for the city council in 2019.

I was therefore initially inclined to stay out of the District Attorney race or support Ricardo Arroyo. Arroyo's political philosophy and mine are closely aligned, and he is undoubtedly a gifted politician.

But today, I am endorsing Kevin Hayden, a public servant, over the politician. The bottom line: I have seen his work. He is as dedicated a public servant as I have met, and I've seen him demonstrate it on multiple occasions.

As soon as he was appointed, Hayden immediately got to work. I began to get regular updates about shootings and acts of violence in my district, which includes three of the four cities that make up Suffolk County. Like Rachael Rollins, our former district attorney, he was forthcoming, upfront, and direct with his information. He made himself a resource to my office. I assumed correctly that on certain policies, he and I would disagree, but he has listened, showed me that he could change his mind, and was willing to be creative and constructive about the District Attorney's role.

For example, I called Kevin recently, enraged after a major fire in Revere displaced 150 people. The landlord, after keeping many of the units in deplorable conditions, commenced eviction actions and changed the locks on rent-paying tenants. I remembered that in some cases (though incredibly rare), criminal charges could be pursued against a landlord. I was very happy to learn that Kevin had already reached out to the Mayor of Revere. He attended the large community meeting, shouldered the anger and frustration of the tenants with Mayor Arrigo, and committed to investigating the landlords for possible criminal wrongdoing. When we were so

close to passing an eviction sealing bill, I called Kevin again. I explained how many people need a second chance after having been evicted. I talked about how opponents were using public safety as a reason to keep an eviction permanent and public. Kevin reviewed the bill and drafted a passionate letter in support, noting that housing stability is a

public safety issue. Kevin

Hayden was the very first

law enforcement official to support the HOMES (Housing Opportunity and Mobility with Eviction Sealing) act in the four years of fighting to get it passed. As District Attorney, he effectively countered many of the safety concerns the Governor expressed when he vetoed the bill two years ago.

It is essential that a District Attorney can see the connection between housing and public safety and even more so that the District Attorney is willing to advocate for policies that support working families. I know that when he continues to be the District Attorney, he will prosecute deadly workplace safety violations and wage theft.

Hayden is showing up to shootings in the middle of the night, and to community meetings with young people and police. He sets a table where law enforcement, community, and nonprofits can refine justice together.

For example, I recently walked in on a meeting with assistant DAs, community members, and North Suffolk Mental Health. They discussed expanding the Services over Sentence pilot program, started under Rachael Rollins. Hayden invested in the program, contributing \$450,000 from the asset forfeiture fund, and expanded the initiative to include wrap-around services, from helping those taking part find housing, childcare, jobs, and recovery coaches. The program keeps participating defendants out of jail.

I have seen the coalition for Hayden. It is racially and politically diverse. He boasts support and endorsements from the entire county and people from all walks of life. I believe they see what really matters, and that is Kevin's vision and heart, backed up by over two decades of public service work. Experience isn't everything, but it is important. The District Attorney leads an office of almost 300 people and needs to inspire their trust. A strong record of service, experience within the office, trial experience, a commitment to just outcomes, and a fair and ethical approach to prosecution provide that leadership.

No one would accuse Kevin Hayden of being a politician that can "work the room." But no one can deny he worked exceptionally hard to be "in the room" and to lead today. Hayden is a compas-

sionate Black Bostonian who cares deeply about our community. I hope voters pick the public servant who has dedicated his life to serving and protecting our most vulnerable. Please vote for Kevin Hayden on September 6, 2022.

#### Lydia Edwards, **Senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex**

había oído Nunca hablar de Kevin Hayden hasta que fue nombrado

fiscal de distrito. Conocía

a Ricardo Arroyo. Arroyo

es un nombre político familiar que ha durado al menos dos generaciones y tres concejales. Me reuní con Félix Arroyo en 2016 y apoyé a Ricardo Arroyo cuando se postuló para el concejo municipal de la ciudad de Boston. Por lo tanto, inicial-

mente me incliné por permanecer fuera de la carrera por el cargo de Fiscal de Distrito o apoyar a Ricardo Arroyo. La filosofía política de Arroyo y la mía están estrechamente alineadas, y ciertamente él es un político dotado. Pero hoy, estoy respal-

dando a Kevin Hayden, servidor público, sobre el político. El resultado final: he visto su trabajo. Es el servidor público más dedicado que he conocido y lo he visto demostrarlo en múltiples ocasiones.

Tan pronto como fue nombrado fiscal del distrito, Hayden inmediatamente se puso a trabajar. Empecé a recibir actualizaciones periódicas sobre tiroteos y actos de violencia en mi distrito, que incluye tres de las cuatro ciudades que conforman el condado de Suffolk. Al igual que Rachael Rollins, nuestra exfiscal de distrito, Hayden ha sido muy comunicativo, franco y directo con su información. Se convirtió en un recurso para mi oficina. Supuse correctamente que en ciertas políticas él y yo estaríamos en desacuerdo, pero me escuchó, me mostró que podía cambiar de opinión y estaba dispuesto a ser creativo y constructivo sobre el papel del Fiscal de Distrito.

Por ejemplo, llamé Kevin recientemente. enfurecida después de que un gran incendio en Revere desplazó a 150 personas. El propietario, después de mantener muchas de las unidades en condiciones deplorables, inició acciones de desalojo y cambió las cerraduras de los inquilinos que pagan el alquiler sin retraso. Recordé que en algunos (increíblemente raros) se podrían presentar cargos penales contra un arrendador. Me alegró mucho saber que Kevin ya se había comunicado con el alcalde de Revere. Asistió a una gran reunión comunitaria, y vio el enojo y la frustración de los inquilinos con el alcalde Arrigo y se comprometió a investigar a los propietarios por posibles deli-

tan cerca de aprobar un proyecto de ley para sellar récords de desalojo, llamé a Kevin nuevamente. Expliqué cuántas personas necesitan una segunda oportunidad después de haber sido desalojadas. Hablé sobre cómo los opositores estaban usando la seguridad pública como una razón para mantener un desalojo permanente y público. Kevin revisó el proyecto de ley y redactó una apasionada carta de apoyo, señalando que la estabilidad de la vivienda es un problema de

seguridad pública. Kev-

in Hayden fue el primer

oficial de la ley en apoyar

la ley HOMES (Housing

Cuando

estábamos

Opportunity and Mobility with Eviction Sealing) en los 4 años de lucha para que se aprobara. Como Fiscal de Distrito, efectivamente contrarrestó muchas de las preocupaciones de seguridad que expresó el Gobernador cuando vetó el proyecto de ley hace dos años.

Es importante que un Fiscal de Distrito pueda ver la conexión entre la vivienda y la seguridad pública y aún más que el Fiscal de Distrito esté dispuesto a abogar por políticas que apoyen a las familias trabajadoras. Sé que cuando continúe como fiscal de distrito, estará procesando violaciones de seguridad laboral y robo de salarios.

Hayden se presenta a escenas donde han sucedido tiroteos en medio de la noche y a reuniones comunitarias con jóvenes y policías. Él pone una mesa donde la policía, la comunidad y las organizaciones sin fines de lucro pueden

refinar la justicia juntos. Por ejemplo, recientemente participé en una reunión con asistentes del fiscal de distrito, miembros de la comunidad y North Suffolk Mental Health. Estaban discutiendo la expansión del programa piloto "servicios en lugar de condenas" (Services over Sentences), iniciado por Rachael Rollins. Hayden lo amplió: desde un comienzo subió el financiamiento de \$50,000, a\$450,000 del fondo de decomiso de activos y amplió el programa para incluir servicios que incluyen encontrar vivienda, cuidado de ninos, empleos y entrenadores de recuperación. El programa mantiene a los partici-

pantes fuera de la cárcel. He visto la coalición por Hayden. Es racial y políticamente diversa. Cuenta con el apoyo y el respaldo de todo el condado y de personas de todos los ámbitos de la vida. Creo que ven lo que realmente importa y esa es la visión y el corazón de Kevin, respaldados por más de dos décadas de trabajo de servicio público. La experiencia no lo es todo, pero es importante. El fiscal del distrito dirige una oficina de casi 300 personas y necesita inspirar su confianza. Un historial de servicio sólido, experiencia dentro de la oficina, experiencia en juicios, un compromiso con resultados justos y un enfoque justo y ético del enjuiciamiento ese liderazgo. Nadie acusaría a Kevin

Hayden de ser un político que puede "trabajar el salón". Pero nadie puede negar que trabajó excepcionalmente duro para estar "en el salón" y liderar Hayden es un bosto-

niano negro compasivo que se preocupa profundamente por nuestra comunidad. Espero que los votantes elijan al servidor público que ha dedicado su vida a servir y proteger a los más vulnerables. Vote por Kevin Hayden el

6 de septiembre de 2022.

#### Rosemary Sheehan named new Board Chair at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts (BBBSEM), one of the nation's leading one-toone youth mentoring programs and New England's largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate, has appointed Rosemary Sheehan, Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) at Mass General Brigham, the largest private employer in Massachusetts with over 82,000 employees, as their new Board Chair. Since 2019, she has served on the agency's Board of

Directors. Sheehan first joined the BBBSEM team through the agency's Senior Human Resources Advisors Council. Her passion for the mission grew as she helped staff to develop the nonprofit's People & Culture strategy. At Mass General Brigham, she partners with executive leadership to develop internal growth, expand/ build people and process capabilities, create/drive a culture of innovation, continuous improvement and



Rosemary Sheehan.

and strengthen the strategic business alignment of the HR function. She brings more than 30 years of experience in healthcare revenue cycle operations, staff development and leadership, new business development, regulatory compliance, and complex project management.

"I am so proud of how the agency has managed to continue to serve so many children during the pandemic while also recently approving a new strategic plan," says Sheehan, who walks her talk as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts Mentor 2.0 program. "The pandemic has highlighted the inequities in our society and created a massive mental health issue. I look forward to supporting the new strategic plan and helping the nonprofit play a pivotal role in supporting our youth as the new Board Chair."

Throughout her personal life and her career, Sheehan has been a champion for those who are marginalized and less fortunate. Her compassion is born out of her personal journey. She is the daughter of immigrants from Portugal, neither of whom were educated beyond the 5th grade, and grew up in Fall River where her parents worked in garment factories. In addition to her parents, her role models as a child were her high school teachers.

"I was lucky to have mentors," says Sheehan. "I know that I wouldn't be in the current role I am in if they were not there to guide me. There is a lot of data to show that early mentorship makes a big difference in the lives of youth. We need to ensure that the agency is here long term!"

Sheehan's passion for mentoring runs in the family. Her husband is also a mentor for the agency's Mentor 2.0 program and her daughter, when in school at Boston College, serves as a Campus-Based Big Sister. In part thanks to her mentors, Sheehan earned her BA Degree in Chemistry cum laude at Assumption College, and her MBA summa cum laude at Babson College.

"Rosemary is a critical asset to our Board with both the personal and professional experiences that she brings to the table," says Mark O'Donnell, BBBSEM President & CEO. "As we seek to increase the number of adult mentors in our organization and provide them with the support necessary to foster meaningful relationships with Littles, the encouragement, guidance, and strategic insights provided by our Board Chair is imperative to the sucand we are elated to welcome Rosemary in this position."

position." As Board Chair, Sheehan will partner with O'Donnell and board members to support and sustain the work of BBBSEM and ensure appropriate board composition with regard to the strategic organization's objectives. In addition, she will provide governance leadership, and strategic fundraising support to the greater BBBSEM team. Sheehan will help to run board meetings and an annual retreat.

In its 70th year, BBB-SEM has created and served more than 20,000 matches. The nonprofit is now enrolling and matching Littles and Bigs. For more information, to register your children or to become a volunteer, visit: www.emassbigs.org.

About Big Brother Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is an innovative, energetic organization that

is making a real difference in the lives of nearly 3,000 youth annually by providing them with an invested, caring adult mentor in long-term, professionally supported relationships. With research and proven outcomes at its core. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Eastern Massachusetts is working to defend the potential of children facing adversity and ensure every child has the support from caring adults that they need for healthy development and success in life. The organization's vision is to inspire, engage and transform communities in Eastern Massachusetts by helping youth achieve their full potential, contributing to healthier families, better schools, more confident futures and stronger communities. Throughout its 70 years, the largest Big Brothers Big Sisters affiliate in New England has created and served more than 20,000 matches. For more information about the agency and its mission,

#### Eastie Pride // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

excellence,

Eastie Pride Day was founded in 1989 by former Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina as a summer block party and community celebration to bring Eastie residents closer together.

operational

So, on a hot summer night at East Boston Memorial Stadium, the first Eastie Pride Day was held.

"When we planned the first Eastie Pride Day, we thought that would be it," said Sal LaMattina. "Have everyone come down, show off their Eastie Pride, and it will be over."

But the success of the very first East Pride Day

was all that LaMattina and longtime organizers such as Larry and Carol Smith and the late Anthony Albano needed to keep it going.

If you have questions or would like to get involved with the Eastie Pride Day's celebration this year, please contact the committee at info@eastieprideday.com. To stay up to date on this year's Eastie Pride Day and future announcements, follow Eastie Pride Day on Facebook and on Instagram at @EastiePrideDay, or visit their website at www.

EastiePrideDay.com.

And for some, the high-

light of the local eateries will be the cake ceremony that will take place. The cake once again has been donated by Spinelli's.

Sponsors of the event include Suffolk University, Massport, and the East Boston Foundation.

Eastie Pride Day Donors include Century 21 Mario Real Estate, City of Boston, Northern Management Group, McDonald's NOAH (Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc.), The Quiet Few, Zumix, Santarpio's Pizza and Ruggiero Family Memorial Home. Participants as of press time include Slush King, Boston Face Painting, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Arctic Glacier,

cess of our organization,

Globos y Fiestas, Curious Creatures, Pony Town Parties, Milano's, Meridian Market, Carlo's Catering, Beverly Richards Perform-

ers, the Michael Firicano Band, Tokyo Joe, and Kelly's Pub.

visit www.emassbigs.org.



Pictured from last year's Eastie Pride Day are members of the US Coast Guard show off the science behind cleaning up a maritime oil spill during the High School's STEM event that was part of Eastie Pride Day.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Lisa Vozzella

Of East Boston, formerly of Texas

Lisa M. Vozzella of East Boston, formerly of Texas, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family after a short battle with cancer on August 13 at the age of 43.

The loving daughter of Charles Vozzella and Barbara Murray, she was the dear mother of Ryden, Kameron and Alyesia, all of Texas; devoted sister of Ryan Murray and his fiancé, Talia, Erica Vozzella and her fiancé, Zachary Kirby, Gina and Charlie Vozzella; cherished stepdaughter of Lisa Vozzella and Jack Murray and beloved granddaughter of Josephine DeMarco and the late Angelo and Louise Vozzella and Charles and Lillian Baglio. She was the best friend and very special cousin of Nicole Rizzo and is also survived by many adored aunts, uncles and cousins.



Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours today, Wednesday, August 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Orient Heights) East Boston. Services will conclude with a prayer service at noon in our Serenity chapel.

In honoring Lisa's life and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any charity of your choice. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

#### Anna Carmella La Voie

Retired Registered Nurse

Anna Carmella (Minichiello) La Voie, 88, of Franklin, died peacefully at her home on June 20 with her family by her side. She was the wife of John J. La Voie for the past 67 years.

Born in the North End of Boston on January 3,1934, the daughter of the late Ralph and Antonetta (Iacoviello) Minichiello, Anna was raised in East Boston and lived in Franklin for the past 63 years. She was a graduate of Girls High School in Boston and also graduated from Chelsea Memorial Hospital as a Registered Nurse. Anna worked at Milford Hospital and then as a school nurse at the Davis Thayer School in Franklin until her retirement.

Anna and her husband spent winters in Palm Springs, California. She enjoyed traveling, doing crafts, volunteering, and especially spending time with her children and grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Kathi Wyatt and her husband, John of East Boston, Paul La Voie

and his wife, Karen Marie and John La Voie and his wife, Janice, all of Franklin and James La Voie and his fiancé, Robin Carpus of Yorktown Heights, New York. She is also survived by

her siblings: Rose DiMare and her husband, Sebastian of Hudson, NH, Rita Carrabba and her husband, Mario of Peabody and Anthony Minichiello of East Boston. She was predeceased by her sisters: Angela Luedke and her late husband, John, and Marie Menez and her late husband, George. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Shaun, Michael and his wife, Daniela, Matthew, John, Katherine and James and her great-grandson, Jack.

At her request, services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, PO Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.dana-farber.org/gift. Arrangements are under the care of the Ginley Funeral Home of Frank-(www.ginleyfuneralhomes.com).

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#### Esmeralda Verissimo

Her family was the center of her life

Esmeralda M. (Henriques) Verissimo of East Boston, formerly of Lisbon, Portugal, passed on August 11.

Esmeralda was born and raised in Lisbon. She married John there on September 15, 1974 and came to the United States

She worked for many years at the Hilton Hotel in Logan Airport until her retirement. Her family was the center of her life and she has had much more time to devote to them since her retirement, allowing her to become very close to her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. The beloved wife of

Joao "John" Verissimo for nearly 50 years, she was the loving mother of Rui M. Verissimo and his wife, Michelle of Holbrook and surrogate mother to Catia Lopes of Holbrook; grandmother of Alec Jon, Hailey, David and Dominic; sister of Rosa Henriques and her spouse, Fatima, Paula Lopes, Carlos Manel Henriques and Cristina, Antonio and Joaquim "Jackie" and grandaunt of Brandon. She is also survived by nieces and nephews in Portugal.



Visiting hours in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St., East Boston will be on Thursday, August 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. A Funeral Mass will be

celebrated in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Sumner St., East Boston on Friday morning, August 18 at 10:30 a.m. (PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO THE CHURCH). Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Dorchester.

Esmeralda's family has requested that donations in her memory be made to the American Heart Assn. Please leave messages of condolence for her family on her Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com. **Parking** assistance

available at the funeral home.

# **OBITUARIES**

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#### FRANCIS T. MARTORANA, JR.

On His 57th **Birthday** Born August 9, 1965 Aug. 13, 1997-Aug. 13, 2022



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Twill be there. Happy Birthday Frankie. We Love & Miss you so very, very much.

Mom, Uncle Rico, Aunts & Cousins

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been told it was "impossible" to find a commissioner that had everything the community and the selection committee was looking for.

"But at the end of the day, Michael Cox is used to proving that more is possible," she said.

She continued, "I am proud that today, a boy from Roxbury is going to serve as the commissioner of the Boston Police Department; first and finest in the country.'

Wu said that during her nine months in office, she has "already seen the incredible range of what our BPD officers are called to do day in and day out," and that the goal is to ensure all Boston communities are included.

During his remarks, Cox praised Wu and her leadership, as well as her "commitment" to the city's residents. He also thanked former police commissioners and his

"To come home and be able to lead in this department in this city, to come to a place where I grew up, where I was raised, where I was an officer, where I raised my family; this is an incredible opportunity," he said. "And with all great opportunities comes great responsibility, and I look forward to making sure I live up to that responsibility."

He continued, "Those in law enforcement enter policing to serve the community, but we have to reimagine how we do that in the world we're living in today. We have to actively engage with the community, because in order for us to be successful, that's the path to get there."

When Cox was announced as the new commissioner last month, he spoke of community inclusion and getting feedback from the community in his remarks. He said he feels it's important to listen to the residents of Boston and what they need from the police department.

On Monday, he reiterated that sentiment and said that the department aims to support its officers and other members of the department by providing the tools they require "to be successful and safe."

Additionally, he said that the BPD will "hold each member of the department accountable for what we ask them to do. Most importantly, we will support them as they meet the community where they

Cox said that during the selection process when the

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city held community listening sessions, the majority of feedback indicated that residents want "transparency, accountability, procedural justice, [and] equity and inclusion."

He said, "in our path forward, these will be the heart of everything that we're going to try to do with the police department." As one of the oldest

cities in the country, Cox

said that Boston's police

department "has, from time to time, failed..." but has gotten back up and looked for ways to move ahead. "We are in a different time right now, and I'mm quite confident that we

will meet the challenge ahead of us," Cox said. In July, Cox said that he was a "victim of unconstitutional policing" in 1995,

but still remained a member of the police force because he wanted to make a difference. The Associated Press

reported that in 1995, Cox was working undercover as a plainclothes officer in the BPD's gang unit. Cox was about to grab a shooting suspect, the article reports, when he was "struck from behind." The article continues, "he was kicked and punched by fellow officers, suffering head injuries and kidney damage."

The article also said that an injury report states that Cox slipped on ice, "causing him to fall and crack his head."

Cox said, "I worked to change policing since that incident occurred, and I will continue to do all I can do to make sure that no Black or Brown person, or any individual, no matter what their gender identity or race, is a victim of any kind of unconstitutional policing."

He praised the work of BPD officers and said that "this is a day full of hope. We're going to try to reimagine the police. We're going to be better, we're going to be stronger, we're going to build off the strengths of every individual that works there, both sworn and civilian."

Cox was optimistic in his remarks and expressed his belief in the department and in the City of

Boston. "As we move forward, we promise that we're going to try to be truly equitable and inclusive," he said. "We'll work to ensure that the department looks like the communities we serve, so we can always police in a community-friendly way."

> A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive

polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS. Dr. Galpin actually credits his own

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



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Love Daddy

& Christina

## Milestone in criminal justice data collection initiative

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a major milestone in an unprecedented effort to standardize data collection and information sharing across Commonwealth's criminal justice system. Conceived as part of the 2018 Criminal Justice Reform (CJR) law signed by Governor Charlie Baker, the data-driven initiative known as the Cross Tracking System is designed to improve data quality, enhance transparency, and inform public policy. To expand public access to the newly integrated data, the Administration launched a new online dashboard, which now provides population metrics from state and county correctional agencies.

The initial dataset consolidates 9.4 million records submitted by the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) and 14 County Sheriff Offices dating back five years to January 2017. The dashboard empowers users to distinguish between pre-trial and sentenced populations and visualize demographic subsets of the populations by sex, race-ethnicity, and age. The public can view organized aggregated data and download datasets for independent study.

"The Cross Tracking System reflects our administration's commitment to improve criminal justice outcomes through inter-agency information sharing, data-driven policies, and transparent decision making," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with our partners in the courts and across state and county government and their commitment to improved data standardization, collection, and reporting. Enhanced access to quality data will help us to better serve the community and advance the principles of a more fair and effective criminal justice system."

"Our Administration recognizes the importance of the Cross Tracking tool to study individual and system-wide outcomes of justice involved individuals," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "This important resource will create new opportunities for stakeholders, advocates, legislators, and system-de-

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cision-makers to convene around accurate and complete data and develop effective solutions for emerging issues."

The 2018 criminal justice law mandated the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS), in coordination with the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security (EOTSS), to create a standardized data collection and cross tracking system for criminal justice agencies and the Trial Court. The system was designed to provide a streamlined, 360-degree view of an individual engaged with the criminal justice system by assigning them a statewide identification number, which follows that individual from the point of arrest to entry into a custodial institution and eventual release to parole supervision.

The integrated system

required the development of uniform data collection and reporting standards across a broad range of agencies and independent constitutional offices. EO-PSS promulgated regulations to establish consistent data definitions, define the governance framework, develop outline integration requirements, and support technology, and develop operational and implementation procedures. In addition to EOPSS, EOTSS and the custodial agencies, other contributors include the Trial Court, Massachusetts Probation Service, Massachusetts Parole Board, the Office of the Attorney General, the District Attorneys, and state and local police departments. Additionally, the Justice Reinvestment Policy Oversight Board and numerous criminal justice advocacy groups provided valuable

"It is difficult to overstate the scope and immense complexity of this groundbreaking project. The publication of this data tool marks the culmination of an intense process that required remarkable levels of engagement and participation from countless stakeholders," said Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "On behalf of EOPSS, I wish to extend our sincere gratitude to the many agencies

and participants who con-

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efforts to bring this ambitious project to fruition. Our shared commitment to advancing a more fair, just, and transparent criminal justice system and a generous spirit of collaboration continues to make this initiative possible."

"The reporting of standardized and consistent information across criminal justice agencies will provide vital insight into criminal justice trends, identify gaps in treatment needs for system-involved individuals, and support overall improved efficiencies and outcomes of the justice system agencies," said Kerry Collins, undersecretary for forensic science and technology at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security. "I commend the collaboration and partnership demonstrated by countless participants who have played an instrumental role with the implementation of this ambitious and vital initiative."

"I often say that vision without data is a hallucination. By improving the collection of criminal justice data across the Commonwealth, the Cross Tracking System brings us one step closer to our shared vision of a more equitable justice system," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "This is another example of Massachusetts leading the nation to help incarcerated individuals, their loved ones, and system stakeholders at all levels. While we still have work ahead of us, I want to thank all those who have worked tirelessly on the Cross Tracking System and the profound impact it will likely have."

"The Department of Correction has prioritized Cross Tracking because we recognize the opportunity as an integral part of our rehabilitative mission to enhance our ongoing efforts to develop personalized treatment plans," DOC Commissioner Carol Mici said. "As many entrusted to the care of our state facilities have previous involvement in the criminal justice system, Cross Tracking will make these comprehensive histories readily available to our team of skilled programming, clinical, and correctional professionals. I commend the broad

range of partner agencies

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across the Commonwealth who made the first phase of this dashboard possible."

EOPSS developed a three-phased approach to achieve the CJR mandate. Phase One established regulations and consolidated correctional data from the DOC and county

sheriffs, which culminated in the launch of the online dashboard. Phase Two will improve data flow between partner agency record management systems. Finally, Phase Three will incorporate comprehensive criminal justice data provided by the Trial Court, Probation, Parole,

State and Local Police Departments (e.g., bail, dispositions, offenses, demographics, and recidivism). The public data platform will also expand to include real-time information and statutory data fields about governing offenses (date, time, location, admission/release dates, etc.).

#### News in Brief

#### BOSTON AREA PRICES WERE UP 7.0 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

The New England Information Office of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has released figures for the Boston CPI in July 2022. The CPI program produces monthly data on the changes in prices paid by urban consumers for a representative basket of goods and services. The highlights appear below:

• The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton area was up 0.7 percent over the two months. This was mainly attributable to higher prices within food, up 2.6 percent.

• Over the last 12 months, the CPI-U rose 7.0 percent in Boston; the rate was lower than the national rate, up 8.5 percent.

• The all items less food and energy index increased 3.9 percent over the year driven mainly by higher shelter (2.8 percent), medical care (6.9 percent), and new and used motor vehicle costs (7.5 percent).

• Energy prices jumped 43.9 percent since last July largely attributable to higher gasoline prices, up

55.1 percent.

• Food prices increased over the year (10.3 percent) the highest annual advance recorded in Boston since July 1979 (+12.4 percent). This was mainly due to higher grocery prices, up 10.9 percent.

• Of the twelve metropolitan areas for which inflation measures are available this month, Boston had the third-lowest annual rate (7.0 percent). New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA posted the lowest annual rate (6.5 percent). The largest increase was seen in Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL (11.2 percent).

#### LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

#### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO TUFTS DEAN'S LIST

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the Spring 2022 semester. Among students earning dean's list honors are:

Ali Haddi of East Boston class of 2023

Paola Ruiz Manrique of East Boston class of 2025 Dean's list honors at Tufts University requires a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence

and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

# Get plugged in.

#### We want to hear from you!

#### Help design the enclosure for the East Eagle Substation.

The East Eagle Substation is necessary to meet the growing electrical needs of the East Boston neighborhood, to help Boston achieve its clean energy goals, and to provide safe, reliable electricity to the residents and businesses in East Boston.

We are working with the community to design the substation enclosure. Please join us at one of our upcoming open houses to offer your opinion and insights on how the new substation should look.

Please drop by anytime during our upcoming open houses:

#### **Morning Session**

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

East Boston Public Library at 365 South Bremen St.

#### **Evening Session**

Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

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#### EAST BOSTON ATHLETIC BOARD HOLDS 2022 SCHOLARSHIP DINNER

Thursday, East Last Boston Athletic Board President Nicole McCormack and Scholarship Chairperson Jim Kearney, presented the 2022 Fred L O'Brien Scholarships to seven recipients during a dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Scholarship is named in honor of former East Boston High School Football Coach Fred L O'Brien. The Athletic Board has awarded over \$400,00.00 in scholarships to help support East Boston's Scholar

Athletes attend college. Graduates of East Boston High School and the college that they will attend were Jace Wai, Tufts

University; Sean Curtis, Suffolk University; Arianna Orlandino, University of New Hampshire; and Brittany Elliott, Salem State University.

Graduate of Arlington Catholic High School Devlin Santillana will attend Felician University. Graduate of Austin Preparatory School Robert Gilbride will attend Bentley University.

Finally, graduate of Boston Latin Academy Emma Marchi will attend UMass Amherst.

The Athletic Board would like to thank the East Boston Foundation and its Trustees for their continued support.



East Boston Athletic Board Scholarship Chairperson Jim Kearney and Board President Nicole McCormack present Jace Wai with the Fred L. O'Brien Scholarship.



East Boston Athletic Board Scholarship Chairperson Jim **Kearney and Board President Nicole McCormack present** Brittany Elliott with the Fred L. O'Brien Scholarship.



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East Boston Athletic Board Scholarship Chairperson Jim Kearney and Board President Nicole McCormack present Sean Curtis with the Fred L. O'Brien Scholarship.



The East Boston Athletic Board officers and board members during last week's scholarship dinner.



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East Boston Athletic Board Scholarship Chairperson Jim Kearney, board member Gina Guange and Hilton Garden Inn Director of Sales Steve Haley.

#### Chambers gives back to community as a member of the Army National Guard

By Melissa Moore-Randall

Former Revere resident Jamie Chambers, a Sergeant First Class and Senior Career Counselor/ Recruiter for the Massachusetts Army National Guard, is proud of giving back to his hometown. Assigned to the Barnes Building in South Boston, Jamie recruits prospective members in Revere, Everett, Chelsea, Winthrop, East Boston

and Charlestown. "As a recruiter we are tasked with providing qualified applicants with enlistment options and information to help them make the best decision possible. We are expected to be involved with our assigned areas high schools and communities to help with events through the school year. As recruiters, we show the community they can count on us and teach them the vital role the National Guard provides in any situation. Most recently we had soldiers assigned to Revere Public Schools as bus drivers to help augment the fleet when school came back to session after COVID. During COVID we had soldiers working around the clock providing supplies, medical aid and security at hospitals around the

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exactly what the National Guard's mission is to take care of the State in its time of need. I was very fortunate to be assigned to the area I grew up in. It gives me the opportunity to give back to the community that helped me grow into the soldier I am today."

Jamie grew up in the Riverside neighborhood of Revere with his parents, Paul and Carolyn Chambers, along with his three brothers Jason, Jesse, and Jared. He attended the Paul Revere and Beachmont Schools before graduating from Revere High School in 1999. Chamber is now a married father of 4 and living in Charlestown with his wife Shannon, a paraprofessional at the Harvard Kent School, adopted son Tyler, 27, daughters Alannah, 11, and Tara, 9, and son, Callen 2.

Chambers became involved in the National Guard immediately after his senior year at RHS. "I wasn't showing up on time and wound up failing English which I had first period every day. I needed something to right the ship and just after summer school my brother Jesse, who was attending art school, came home and said "I just joined the National



Sergeant First Class Jamie Chambers.

a \$5,000 bonus." I was only 17 at the time and just imagined a recruiter handing out \$5,000 was a great idea. I headed down to the office and said sign me up. On August 8, 1999, I was sworn into the MA Army National Guard and went to basic training a month later. I actually had my 18th birthday at basic training and was the youngest soldier in my platoon."

Chambers was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008. "I was tasked with providing training to Afghanistan's military. We instructed them daily on basic soldiering and led them out on patrols and checkpoints to help secure the area. My younger brother Jared and I deployed together but assigned to different teams. My team pushed up to the Northern Part of Afghanistan. There we were met with a moderate received contact on the base on a sporadic basis. In 2011, he was deployed again to Afghanistan for a similar mission. "This time we trained Afghanistan's soldiers to take more of a lead in the process. I was married right before I went overseas and had to say good-bye to my newborn daughter, Alannah. Technology was a lot better this time around and I was able to talk back home via the internet. I returned home the day before Alannah's first birthday and immediately took her to her first of many Bruins games."

"If someone is looking to join the military I recommend they talk to the Guard even if it isn't on their list. I had no idea what to do after high school. Joining the Guard gave me a paid gap year and the experience of a lifetime. I can't even imagine what my life would be like without the MA National Guard. We are the only branch that offers 100% tuition and fees to any state college or university. There is also a full time opportunity. You are able to serve full time and receive all the benefits you would travel around the country."

"The benefits you don't use can be transferred to your spouse or children.



Jamie Chambers and his daughter Alannah.

The guard isn't like the active military. It's the largest family I have ever been a part of. You need help renovating your home? There's every possible trade in your unit. You need to make some extra money? Your unit can put you on orders to pay you full time. There are people from every walk of life around you to help you overcome any obsta-

cle. I could go on all day

about the great people of the MA National Guard from the top down, starting with the highest ranking general to the newest enlisted private. It is a family first organization."

To learn more about a career with the Massachusetts National Guard, you can contact Jamie on Instagram @sfc\_chambers or by email at jamie.p.chambers.mil@ army.mil.





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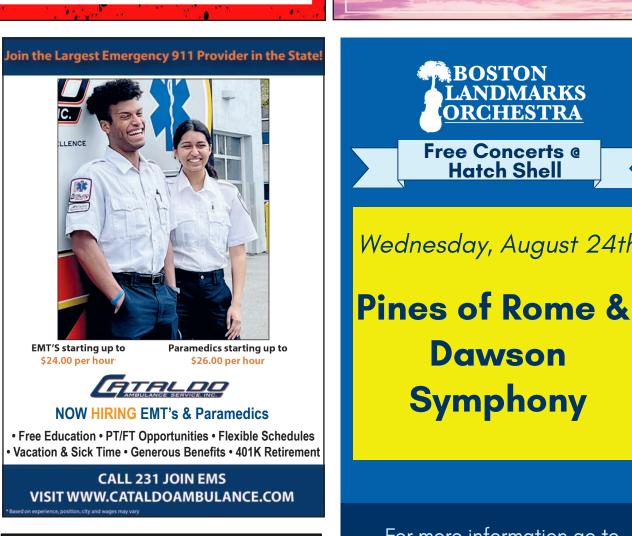


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#### FRESH AND LOCAL

## August tomatoes

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With the arrival of gorgeous summer tomatoes, we suggest you save all those recipes that have you cooking tomatoes for fall and winter. Grab a sharp knife and cutting board, and supper is underway. If you can chop, slice, wedge, or dice a tomato, you can turn this ripe, red bounty from local farms into terrific menu items.

Summer is the season of local tomato glory when we pop pints of cherry tomatoes like candy and slice slabs of giant heirloom tomatoes to present on a platter as a side dish. A sprinkle of sea salt and a grind of fresh pepper is all they need to shine. And, perhaps, local August tomatoes are really meant to be eaten out of hand, over the sink, with the juices running off your chin.

#### **Tomato Sandwiches**

August is the month to enjoy BLTs. We also love

avocados, lettuce, and tomatoes. Sometimes we switch out the bacon for cheese. This year we've been making that with the flavored Farmers Cheese Spreads from local chee-Fromagerie semaker Madeline at the Copley Square Farmers Market. Their seasonal selection includes plain, Everything Bagel, Garlic, Spinach Dip, Italian Herb, Dill, and Sriracha Hot Pepper. Slather a good slice of bread with the one that most appeals to you and top it with slices of tomatoes from a local farm.

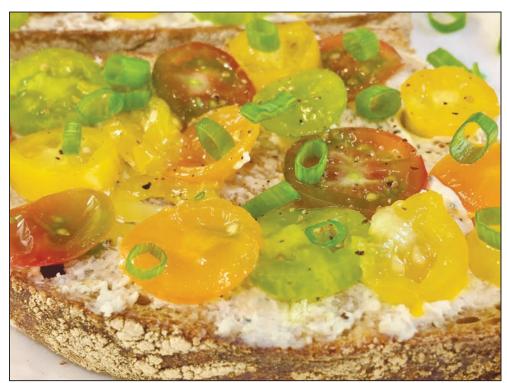
In Provence, they have a whole-meal sandwich called Pan Bagnat. You should prepare it ahead, so it's perfect for entertaining or picnics. This sandwich is a great way to use slightly overripe tomatoes since you want the juices to soak into the bread. We like making it with big, round loaves of country bread.

#### Stuffing, Soup, and Salads

You can create an attractive main course by hollowing out beautiful heirloom tomatoes and filling them with something delicious. For example, you can use the innards of your hollow tomatoes with mozzarella cubes, halved cherry tomatoes, and basil for a fresh take on a Caprese salad. We have also seen tomatoes stuffed with crab, tuna, or bean salads.

Gazpacho is another way to enjoy a relaxed, nocook supper. This Spanish soup makes a great contribution to a potluck or picnic. Your food processor or blender will do most of the work. Still, we recommend you hand-cut a lovely selection of toppings like colorful cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and red onions. You can stray from the classic and add corn, crabmeat, or chunks of avocado.

You might create salads where the tomato is



Toast slathered with herbed Farmers Cheese Spread from Fromagerie Madeline and topped with slices of colorful cherry tomatoes was a perfect farmers market day treat.

the star rather than a supporting cast member. Fill a platter with slices, chunks, and wedges of the best tomatoes you can find. Dress them with a tasty vinaigrette and top with some fresh herbs and perhaps something salty like capers or bits of bacon or ham.

We have a favorite salad that is simply arugula topped with fresh tomatoes that are chopped and marinated in oil, vinegar, and herbs for an hour or so. Some cooks recommend peeling and deseeding the tomatoes for this dish, but we enjoy this simpler version.

One final reminder, never refrigerate a tomato. Preserve the flavor of your fresh tomatoes by keeping them on the kitchen counter or in your fruit bowl. Buy what you will use quickly and shop for them often while they are in season.

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

#### MGC releases July 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

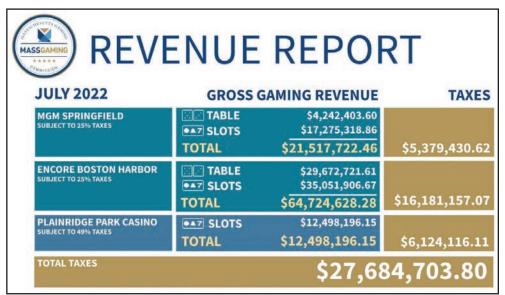
The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of July 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$99 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

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.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.155 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.







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#### Annual festival honoring healing Saints Cosmas and Damian set for Sept. 9-11

Rock & Roll, Vocal, and Grammy® Halls Fame Artist, The Platters will host fellow international headline recording artists The Trammps, Chubby Checker & The Wildcats, and Starship featuring Mickey Thomas at the 97th edition of the Italian Culture, Family, and Food Festival honoring the Italian healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on Cambridge, Warren and Porter Streets in East Cambridge, the weekend of September

9, 10, and 11, 2022. The three-day fun family event features a wide variety of sweet and savory food, a "Beer Garden" sponsored by Anheuser-Bush, and music that spans four decades of dance, pop, and rock kicks off Friday at 6 p.m. when Saints Cosmas and Damian accompanied by members of the fraternal Society, the North End Marching Band, and the faithful process from their permanent home at 17 Porter Street in East Cambridge to the outdoor chapel overlooking the festival concourse on Warren Street. At 7 p.m., a special healing service with the holy relics of Saints Cosmas and Da-

mian led by Monsignor

Anthony Spinosa (formerly from East Cambridge) from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon will take place.

At 7:30 p.m., teleport with Morning Magic co-host David O'Leary (MAGIC 106.7 FM) and Club Classic DJ Ricky P. (former STAR FM) at the Warren Street Stage and dance under the stars to the hottest club classics along with an exceptional live performance by disco greats The Trammps (Disco Inferno, Hold Back the Night, That's Where the Happy People Go, Zing Went The Strings Of My Heart...). On Friday, be "where all the happy people go" at the outdoor "Warren Street Disco," where partiers can also take a shot at walking away with a \$500.00 grand cash prize at a Throwback Disco Dance Contest.

On Saturday, the festivities begin at 1 p.m. as the savory aromas of pizza, fried dough, Italian sausages, peppers, Zeppole's, and much more permeate the air around Cambridge, Porter, and Warren Streets, along with continual live entertainment.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the Feast area expands to include the Cambridge

Street Stage igniting an evening of song and dance as festival attendees rock through the decades as they twist the night away with the legendary Chubby Checker & The Wildcats (Twist, Let's Twist Again, Limbo Rock, The Hucklebuck...), and rock on with the architects of the city built on Rock & Roll, Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, jamming to their mega hits that include We Built This City, Nothings Gonna Stop Us, Sara, It's Not Over. Between Checker and Starship, they'll be a special surprise Rock & Roll Hall of Fame performance taking concertgoers on a musical journey through the decades of music from the 50s to today. Around the corner on the Warren Street Stage, New England's favorite party group, Vinyl Groove, performs with continuous

dancing under the stars. The grand finale of the Feast on Sunday begins at 10 a.m. with Boston Auxiliary Bishop Peter Uglietto as the principal celebrant of a Mass in honor of the Healing Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Warren Street Stage. At 1 p.m., the grand procession with the Saints, accompanied by the North End Marching Band, St. Alfio's Marching Band, and the award-winning Everett High School Marching Band under the direction of Gene O'Brien, winds through the streets of East Cambridge and Sommer-

Local favorites Stephen Savio's Seabreeze and Smokin' Joe and his band entertain throughout the day as the food and fun flow through the streets. The parade arrives back on Warren Street at 7 pm for a welcome back celebration featuring a confetti shower followed by a LIVE performance in honor of the Saints by The Platters (Only You, Great Pretender, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Twilight Time...) performing their classic hits, some old

Italian classics selected and arranged specifically for this celebration including a sneak preview of new music being added to the Great American soundtrack by the group in more than six decades later this year.

For Feast and vendor information, call (617)-407-1256 or visit www. cosmas-and-damian.org.

#### Six steps to avoid a tire blowout

With summer holidays underway, travellers are being advised to check their tire conditions to prevent a blowout.

The holiday car rental experts at StressFreeCar-Rental.com are urging people to check the conditions of their car to prevent serious consequences from occurring.

Warmer conditions can lead to heated air expanding inside the tires, which ultimately leads to increased pressure on tires and potentially destroy a

There are simple ways to prevent a blowout, from regularly checking the tire tread, to packing less in the suitcases.

(Hot weather increases the chance of over-inflation in tires/Image credit:

A spokesperson from StressFreeCarRental.com said: "More people will be travelling in the car more than ever this summer and a common mistake is travellers forgetting to monitor their tire conditions.

"It's vital for road users to regularly check their tire pressure and look out for punctures before embarking on a journey.

"The hot weather only worsens tire conditions, so it's important to use these helpful tips to prevent the repercussions of a dreaded tire blowout."

Here are six useful tips from StressFreeCarRental.com to avoid a tire blowout:

#### Check the tire tread

The heat can result in the rubber on tires becoming softer than usual. This creates more friction on the roads, which can result in over-inflation and eventually tire blowouts.

#### Regularly look for

punctures How many people do you know who have experienced a tire puncture? It's a common issue for road users from nails on the road to the problems caused by potholes. Before setting off on a long car ride, always check for any type of puncture and listen to the sound from the tires when they get moving.

#### Less is more when packing up the car

It can be easy to get carried away packing every piece of clothing for a trip, but less is more when

loading up the car. Heavy luggage can increase added pressure to tires, combined with the warm weather, it can deflate them quite quickly.

#### **Steer from potholes**

Keep an eye on the road as potholes can create issues such as tread separation and punctures which can lead to a blowout. Be mindful of other drivers and stay sensible when avoiding them.

#### **Monitor your tire** pressure

The warmer conditions can make pressure in tires increase by 1 to 2 psi for every change 10°C. Keep on top of checking the pressure, as the large increase in tire air pressure can cause them to explore.

#### Take short breaks on

the journey If you're planning a road-trip or frequent journeys during the summer, it's important to take short breaks to ease off tire pressure. Have a look if there's any sights or activities to do before your destination, as driving on hot roads all day long can increase the risk of over-inflation.



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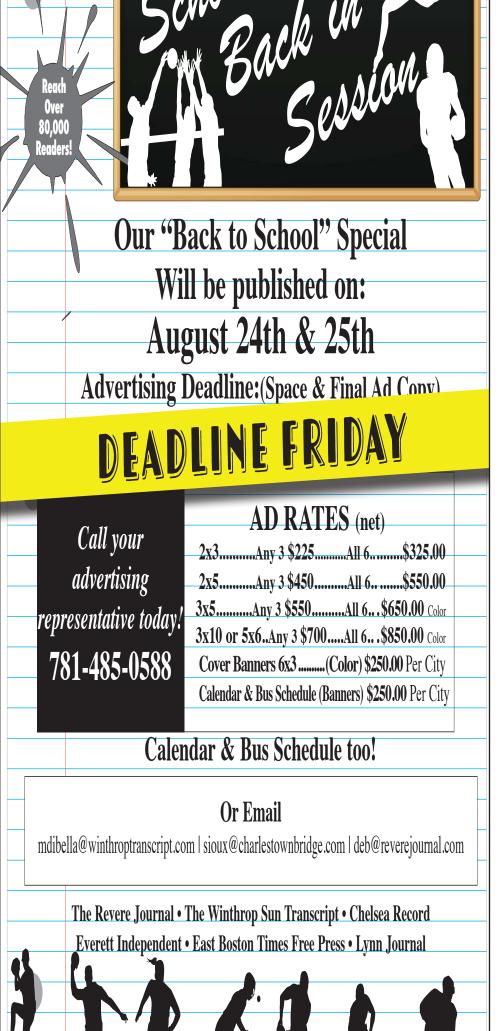


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John from Malden and Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle, Inc., use a kayak courtesy of Piers Park Sailing Center.



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



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

#### 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, funfilled 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 re-

gion'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

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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

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

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

By John Lynds

have done to ensure that

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

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 Bruce Communications Berman the current posting and flagging system at East Boston's only beach, and other beaches from fundamentally flawed and Save the Harbor/Save

needs to be fixed. non-profit

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 Nahant to Nantasket, is on Constitution Beach,

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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

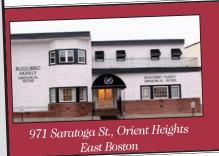
ground in April and as the King Boston program gets ready to unveil the 20-ft Embrace Memorial in dedication to King and his wife Coretta Scott King on MLK Day 2023, they recently revealed The Embrace Memorial Fence Wrap Artwork exhibit.

The new exhibit features East Boston native Malakhai Pearson art-

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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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#### New Raspberry Rally Girl Scout Cookie joins lineup for 2023 season nationwide

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts (GSEMA) and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) announced that the new Raspberry Rally cookie will join its nationwide lineup for the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season. The thin, crispy cookie is a "sister" cookie to the beloved Thin Mints®, infused with raspberry flavor instead of mint and dipped in the same deli-

cious chocolaty coating. Raspberry Rally gives devoted Girl Scout Cookie lovers yet another reason to be excited for the upcoming cookie season. This must-have new cookie will be the first in the Girl Scout Cookie lineup to be exclusively offered for online sale and direct shipment only, enhancing girls' e-commerce sales and entrepreneurial skills. Raspberry Rally will be available to consumers nationally during the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie season. Girl Scouts in eastern Massachusetts and across the United States will offer the Raspberry Rally cookie next season alongside favorites like Thin Mints®, Adventurefuls<sup>TM</sup>

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nation. Proceeds raised from in-person and online cookie orders directly benefit local councils and troops. When Girl Scouts run their own cookie business, they are a part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world. Girl Scouts learn leadership, problem-solving, and community building through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, resulting in an invaluable experience that cultivates an innovative, entrepreneurial

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#### **Boston City Council unanimously passes** ordinance establishing new flag raising policy

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Councilors Kenzie Bok, Ruthzee Louijeune, and Ed Flynn led the unanimous passage of an ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Section 1, to codify city policy regarding the display of flags on City Hall

"Ceremonial flag raisings are a reflection of who we are as a City, whether we're flying flags of other nations to show solidarity with Boston's immigrant communities or the Pride flag to affirm allyship with the LGBTQ+ community said Councilor Bok. "It's incredibly important that the Boston City Council passed this ordinance so that we may resume these celebrations as clear official messages of the City. I'm grateful to all my colleagues and Mayor Wu for

their partnership." The ordinance codifies that raisings of other flags on the City's flagpole are official government speech by the City of Boston and that the City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. As a result, all flag raisings must be initiated by a proclamation of the Mayor or by a Boston City Council resolution.

"We have a rich city of diverse people and ethnic backgrounds that we want to celebrate while we are doing the work to uplift communities," said Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. "This flag raising ordinance clarifies and codifies the process for flag raisings and the messages

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that we as a city want to convey each time a different flag is raised. I am proud of the work we did on this ordinance and look forward to returning to our tradition of flag raising next Tuesday."

"The passage of this ordinance allows us to codify a formal process on flag raising and lets us reflect our city's values through the use of our flagpoles," said Councilor Flynn. "I want to thank Councilors Bok and Louijeune for their work on this ordinance and my colleagues

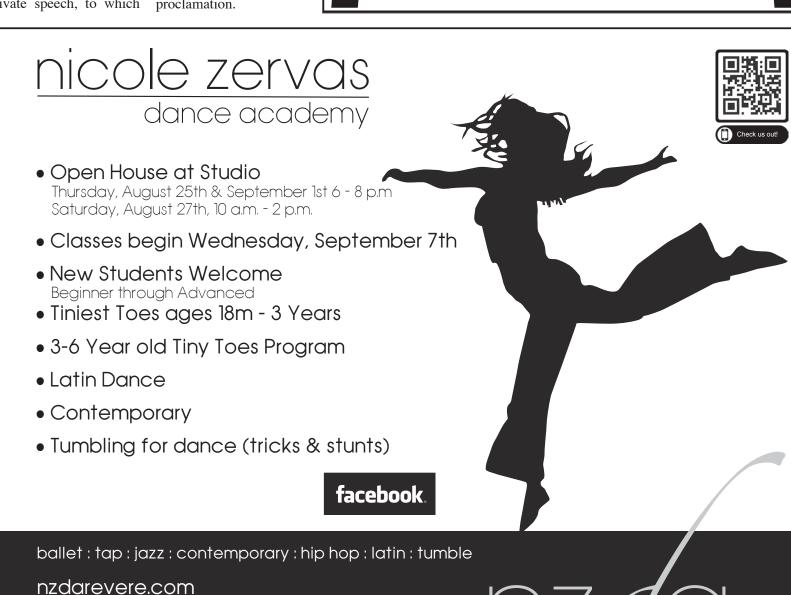
for their support.' In June 2022, the Supreme Court released an opinion in Shurtleff v. Boston stating that the City of Boston's prior policy for determining which flags could fly on the third flagpole had had the effect of turning the City's flagpole into a public forum for private speech, to which

all voices were entitled to access. Writing for the Court, however, Justice Stephen Breyer laid out a test by which the raising of other flags on the City's flagpole could be properly limited to government speech, and stated explicitly that "nothing prevents Boston from changing its policies going forward."

With the passage of this ordinance, the Council has now clearly established a new policy for flag raisings in the City of Boston that aligns with the Court's test for government speech. Councilors Bok, Louijeune, and Flynn look forward to joining Council colleagues and Mayor Wu for the first use of this new policy on Tuesday August 16, Dominican Restoration Day, when we expect the City of Boston to raise the Dominican flag by Mayoral proclamation.

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"Development can be a catalyst to not only bring positive investment to our neighborhoods, create good jobs and affordable housing at a range of levels, but also bring opportunities to build wealth for those who have historically been left out of Boston's building boom," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "Building a Boston that is equitable, and representative of the people living here is important to our agency, and we believe this policy will begin to get us there.'

The BPDA would collect these plans for informational purposes to understand disparities in the real estate marincrease M/WBE participation over time, and evaluate strategies to drive greater impact. This proposed policy builds on the BPDA's DEI requirements that ask bidders for public land parcels to outline a DEI plan. The DEI plan disclosure may also include initiatives undertaken by the project proponent to meet these goals within the context of the proposed project.

"The Builders of Color Coalition is pleased to see the City moving forward in increasing access and diversity in Boston's commercial real estate sector," said Colleen Fonseca, Executive Director of the Builders of Color Coalition. "This proposed policy stands to empower the development community to highlight and promote innovative solutions to transform commercial real estate into an industry of opportunity and diver-

This proposed policy also builds on the BP-DA's progress to diversify development on publicly-owned land. For the past several years, the agency has prioritized using public land for public good, and in 2018 began requiring that developers competing for publicly-owned land demonstrate commitments to diversity in all aspects of their proposed project, including ownership. More than 18 projects have included this criteria, and transformative projects are underway on BP-DA-owned parcels in Nubian Square, Chinatown, the South Boston Waterfront, and Charlestown. Much of the BPDA's policy was written alongside the community as part of PLAN: Nubian Square.

Last year, the BPDA redesigned its procurement process and adopted an Equitable Procurement Plan to ensure that M/WBEs benefit from the agency's contracts. The BPDA has increased training and staffing to better equip the agency to successfully diversify the yearly contract spend, including hiring a Supplier Diversity Specialist, who reaches out directly to M/ WBEs to provide notifications of upcoming contract opportunities. The BPDA is collecting data to measure the impact the Procurement Equitable Plan has on diverse contracts, and provides quarterly updates to the BPDA Board.

critical to support a pipeline of diverse young people interested in jobs in planning and development, in April the BPDA hosted an interactive event aimed at introducing Boston Public Schools (BPS) ninth and tenth graders to careers in planning and development. In February, the BPDA co-hosted an event with the Black Economic Council of

Massachusetts (BECMA)

Recognizing that it is

to introduce Boston-based businesses, architects, engineers, planners, property managers, and general contractors to opportunities with the BPDA.

#### **Ongoing** transformations at the BPDA

As the BPDA implements Mayor Wu's vision, these are some early actions the agency has taken since Chief Jemison took on his new role in May 2022. While these transformations are ongoing, there will be more announcements regarding reforms to the agency in the months ahead.

#### **Planning-led** development

As an agency, the BPDA is committed to Mayor Wu's vision for people-centric, planning-led development. Chief Jemison has been meeting with developers of active projects under review sharing a message that proposals are expected to align with the planning priorities of the Wu Administration. Chief Jemison recently met collectively with developers who have current project proposals in Charlestown, to encourage them to ensure that their projects align with the emerging recommendations that will come out of the ongoing PLAN: Charlestown process. This guidance is what the agency has been sharing across the city, and will lead the agency's review of incoming projects. In support of this effort, the BPDA is prioritizing staff resources to completing existing on-going planning efforts tied closely to affordability, resilience, mobility and social equity themes such as PLAN: Boston, PLAN: Charlestown, PLAN: Mattapan, PLAN: Newmarket and the Western Avenue Corridor Study and Rezoning. These planning efforts, plus new planning efforts to be announced in the months ahead, will enable the BPDA to advance planning-led development review decisions. Concurrently, in areas where active planning and rezoning has yet to commence, the BPDA will review proposals development with teams led by professional trained planners, like Chief Jemison, and work alongside community members to ensure development decisions are predictable transparent, and accountable.

#### Hiring and organizational change

Since May of this year, the BPDA has hired or promoted 33 people to lead the agency in this era of transformation. This includes Arthur Jemison as Chief of Planning and BPDA Director, Devin Ouirk as Deputy Chief of Development and Transformation, Diana Fernandez as Deputy Chief of Urban Design, Prataap Patrose as Senior Advisor of Long Term Planning, and Caroline Vanasse as Transformation Manager.

In addition, Quirk and Vanasse are supported by a transformation team internal to the BPDA which is creating the dedicated capacity to develop and implement both strategic and operational recommendations on the future of planning and development in the City of Boston. The team is staffed by new full time employees, external consultants, and experienced BPDA employees. The team is actively recruiting for Transformation Project Manager positions which are posted on the BPDA website. The transformation team's work will help to advance the Wu Administration's goal of continuing to build trust with communities through planning-led development while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the BPDA. Changes for consideration include reforming planning, development review, the zoning code, community engagement, intergovernmental collaboration, governance and organizational structure and more.

#### **Deputy Chief of Urban Design Diana** Fernandez begins work at the BPDA

Deputy Chief of Urban Design Diana Fernandez began working at the BPDA this month. Under the leadership of Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison, Fernandez will elevate the importance of urban design, and champion the transformative power of sustainable and walkable communities for all ages and abilities. In partnership with Chief Jemison and the BPDA's Urban Design Department, Fernandez will work to strategically transform existing BPDA urban design processes to promote predictability and quality for both the community members

and the development in-

#### **BPDA** adopts decarbonization strategy for all agency property

In July, the BPDA adopted a new decarbonization strategy to achieve zero net carbon emissions at all BPDA-owned properties by 2030 for BPDA controlled properties and by 2040 for leased properties. This strategy builds on Carbon Free Boston and the Climate Action Plan Update, the City of Boston's initiative to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 in order to significantly reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

The BPDA has begun initial steps to execute on this strategy, including engaging with the BPDA's tenants, initiating energy audits, and exploring a solar energy generation pilot on BPDA-owned land. The BPDA will track results of the strategies identified and continue to work with other City departments to make adjustments to the policy as needed.

The BPDA is simultaneously working to assess and identify strategies to strengthen green building zoning requirements to a zero net carbon standard for new construction through the Zero Net Carbon Building Zoning Initiative. The initiative is developing updated zoning for new construction.

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Some 800 visitors gathered at the East Boston Shipyard and Marina for the Shipyard Block Party on August 13. Friends eagerly lined outside Downeast Cider House, that was offering flights of four pours of ciders and hard lemonades. Attendees explored the ICA Watershed exhibit, "Revival: Materials and Monumental Forms," on display through Labor Day, September 5, when ferries will be running back and forth from the



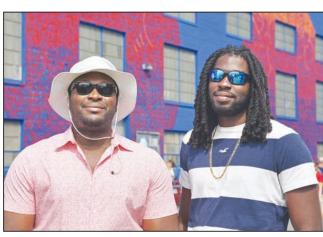
Corey Friedman and Julian Jackson, South End residents.

Seaport to the Watershed.

"We're trying to bring the East Boston community to the Watershed to experience our exhibition and feel welcome," said Kelly Gifford, Deputy Director of Public Engagement and Planning, ICA Watershed, whose white sneakers were speckled with neon paint designs by Sway, of Bluesuadeshoes. "We have great local makers and craftspeople, like a harbor market. It's very exciting for us."



Jeffries Point residents, Erica Kaufman and Coco Persac.



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Hunter, 7-years-old, and Wyatt Aceto, 2-years-old.





Friends gathering outside Downeast for flights of cider and hard lemonade.



Representative Adrian Madaro with his wife, Ariel, and son, Matteo, and Charlie, Katy, and Hailey LoGrasso.



East Boston residents, Ivana Perez, Dan Halloran, and Susie Pham, who looked forward to drinking Aloha Friday cider.



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Danielle Miranda, Molly and Jack O'Shea, Lea Le Gall with Bagel the beagle, Rachel Benjamin, and Joshua Mabasa.