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Madaro receives MassPACE award for promoting PACE to individuals

Special to the Times-Free Press

Rep. Adrian Madaro, the lead house sponsor of the legislation to increase awareness of PACE to individuals seeking longterm services, received the MassPACE award at The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's (EB-NHC) offices for spreading PACE awareness.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Neighborhood PACE program is a branch of the national PACE program — a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. Neighborhood PACE is an at-home healthcare service for adults 55 and over that enables participants to stay healthy, active, and independent through inte-

grated healthcare and various wellness programs.

PACE Awareness bill has been passed through two committees and will be re-filed again next session. This progress is a testament to Madero's commitment to advancing PACE awareness so local elders can get the assistance they need without compromise.

To honor his support, Mass PACE is awarding Madaro with the Mass-PACE Legislative Champions award. This award is in recognition of state legislators who are enthusiastic champions of PACE, and advocates for the populations the program serves.

Tree Eastie announces planting at Neptune Circle

By Adam Swift

There's going to be a little more shade on Neptune Circle.

As part of its efforts to increase the tree canopy across East Boston, Tree Eastie is planting 11 trees in the neighborhood on Sunday, Sept. 25, followed by the planting of two new trees outside the Brooke School on Monday, Sept. 26.

"We started this project about a month ago, and we did a lot of outreach," said Tree Eastie's Bill Masterson at the Sept. 12 meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association. "We got in touch with everyone whose homes were abutted by the trees we are planting.'

The 11 trees will be

a combination of small, flowering dogwood trees and some larger trees.

"The whole grass strip on Neptune Circle is a great opportunity to be able to add shade to the

street," said Masterson. Tree Eastie will be in charge of the plantings, but Masterson said anyone from the neighborhood association who wanted to volunteer was more than

"Any trees that we put in for the city that are street trees we take care of," said Masterson.

Because of the narrow area they will be planted in, Masterson said the group chose trees with roots that grow down to avoid damaging the sidewalks.

In other business, police

Officer Thomas Domenico gave an update on activity out of Station 7 over

the month of August. Domenico said there was a basketball tournament at Noyes Park on August 6 that went pretty well, but that toward the end of the tournament, plainclothes officers noticed two men there carrying guns. The officers followed the men in their car up Saratoga Street, eventually arresting them and recovering two guns.

"That was pretty dangerous, especially at a basketball tournament," said Domenico. "Thank god nobody got hurt and that we got them off the

Domenico said there has also been an increased police presence along McClellan Highway.

"It's been kind of like a speedway with a lot of accidents up there," he said. "We've been up there writing citations and towed some cars, which will hopefully stop it. It is just a dangerous highway.'

There were also several commercial breakins reported over the past month, including one at the Saratoga Market and a reported armed robbery at a business at the corner of Neptune Road and Sarato-

In addition, Domenico said the department's drug unit has issued several summons and made several arrests in the Station 7 area over the past month.

Jeffries Pt. residents hear of city's programs to address rat problem

Special to the Times-Free Press

Whether you live in East Boston, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, or Jamaica Plain, there is a common problem that all residents are facing -- and that is

"It is a big issue," Inspectional Service Director (ISD) Director John Ulrich told the members of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association in East Boston last week.

Ulrich said that the 14 ISD inspectors are on the city's streets starting at 4 a.m., ticketing residents and businesses for violations of the sanitary code, baiting sewers, and doing pest control at local parks.

However, the biggest driver of the rat explosion

is food that is left uneaten. "Food over everything," is what needs to be controlled, Ulrich said.

But it is not just food. Bird

feeders overflowing and dog waste also needs to be picked up, not to mention trash should be stored and placed in secure barrels. Ward 1 Councilor Gabriela Coletta noted that she and the city council

the ISD to fight this prob-"Residents are lucky that elected officials care about people," Ulrich said, noting that these extra funds will go a long way to combating this problem

have earmarked extra money in the budget for

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with additional staff and

Neighbors object to reduction of parking spaces at 135 Bremen St.

Special to the Times-Free Press

"We are choking on traffic," is what John Walker told developers of 135 Bremen St. project last week. The developers who were seeking a project change request reducing from 110 to 47 under ground parking spaces while maintaining the same amount of units at 94 received an earful from

neighborhood residents. The developer appeared before the Boston Planning and Development Agency to show the changes and how the final building will look. The change was necessitated when the lower level of the two story below ground parking had to be eliminated due to the fact the the depth for the lower level was too close to the Blue Line MBTA

tunnel as the building will be directly above.

The present architectural elevations did not change since the lower level of parking was below the street level. The courtyard also remained the same as well as the upper floors of the building There will also be landscaping for the building The only major change was that there will be only one driveway into the parking area. commercial rental square footage space was reduced from 8,520 sq. Ft to about 5,380 sq, ft. Matt Eckel who represented the developers noted that the space can be used either as a restaurant or convenience store. Eric Bradanese who

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represented the developers



Artist rendering of the 135 Bremen St. project.



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noted that the project will have "significant storm water improvements."

Karen Sullivan told developers that loss of 63 parking spaces was "a concern." Eckel mentioned that switching the units from rental to condominiums should eliminate cars as the parking spaces will be assigned to certain condominiums. Explaining, buyers who need cars may not buy a condominium if it does not have

parking linked to it. Stewart Landers noted that there has been a lot of change in the neighborhood since the project was first submitted such as the hotel and the proposed development of the old Mt. Carmel site. "There is more traffic and the neighborhood can not absorb a building of this size. It is not compatible with the neighborhood," he added. He suggested that the developers should give the land to the parks since the building is less than 20 feet from the Mary Ellen Welsh Greenway. "This is unreasonable, but best for the neighborhood," he

Eckel noted that a bike room will exist as a part of the public amenity that one can do tire repairs and have pumps available.

More cars, more people and more demand for city services concerned William Schneiderman. He said "I am not sympathetic to the developers who come to the meeting with a slick representation. There is a dramatic reduction in parking," he added. "This is a flawed equation."

Neelesh Batra added, "seems logical to reduce the number of units if parking gets cut."

The following are remarks from the Gove Street.

"This project was originally approved in 2014 despite strong objections from the community. The objections were based on the intrusive size and density of design, a lack of pedestrian access on the majority of Bremen Street, damage to the character of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, and increased traffic in the surrounding

This project was last re-approved in 2017 following a requested change by the developer to convert the housing units from rentals to condos. It is strange that now, five years later, they are again requesting a change that should have been foreseen years ago. This request to dramatically reduce the number of off-street parking spaces will add tremendous stress to the

already limited parking availability in the surrounding area. The new proposal does not address the original faults of the proposed building on that particular site - it is still too large and at egregious design odds with the predominant three story homes along Bremen Street and does not address pedestrian safety concerns or current community needs in the area.

The residents of East Boston have spent decades transforming the old crumbling manufacturing infrastructure and freight lines into the Bremen Street Park and into the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. This new development will cast shadows over this public space and encroach upon the openness that currently exists.

The best use of this site, if something other than pure profit is considered, would be inclusion as an additional park and playground in the Greenway. The next best would be housing designed through community-participatory process built to the scale and needs of the existing community, with a special emphasis on providing affordable housing.

The comment period for this project ended on September 19.

The following letter sent from the Gove Street Citizens Association to Daniel Polanco, Project manager Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Dear Mr. Polanco:

The board of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) wanted to submit the following comment regarding the 135 Bremen Street Project:

On September 13, 2022, the development team for the 135 Bremen Street Project presented an overview of their project and their requested change of reducing 110 offX street parking spaces to 47 off-street parking spaces. This meeting was held on Zoom.

This project was originally approved in 2014 despite strong objections from the community. Objections during the 2014 community process were based on the intrusive size and density of design, a lack of pedestrian access on the majority of Bremen Street, damage to the character of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, and increased traffic in the surrounding area.

The 135 Bremen Street Project was re-approved in 2017 following a requested change by the developer to convert the housing units from rentals to condos. That second zoning approval expired in June 2022, but was granted an extension because the developer claimed special difficulties in completing the design due to Blue Line T tracks running under the proposed site. The project developers knew since 2014 of the existence of Blue Line T tracks running across the proposed site, a fact that was recorded twice in the 2014 Project Notification Form (sections 2.3.3 Nature and Extent of Any and All Public Easements and 4.4 Geotechnical/ Groundwater Impacts Analysis) submitted to the BPDA. The 135 Bremen Street Project developers are again requesting a change as a result of a problem foreseen eight years ago and that the BPDA has continuously overlooked with the project's subsequent re-approvals and extensions.

The current request to dramatically reduce the number of off-street parking spaces will add tremendous stress to the already limited parking availability in the surrounding area. Since the original 2014 proposal the neighborhood has undergone radical development,

with even more still on the books. Traffic patterns have intensified as Bremen Street is now a major route to the waterfront luxury apartments and all the new buildings in between. Unfortunately, the city has widened neither Bremen nor parallel streets to address the traffic growth or current parking needs in the neighborhood. The intersection of Bremen and Porter Streets, where project developers plan to place a now diminished retail outlet, involves a four way stop coming from five different directions, including an underpass and an approach to the Sumner tunnel that is jammed every morning, and whose lack of sidewalks and cross walks present a safety concern for pedestrians. The new request for change does not address the original faults of the proposed building on that particular site—it is still too large and at egregious design odds with the predominant three story homes along Bremen Street and does not address pedestrian safety concerns or current community needs in the area.

The residents of East Boston have spent decades transforming the old crumbling manufacturing infrastructure and freight lines into the Bremen Street Park and into the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. This new development is planned to be built up to the property line, which will cast shadows over this public space and encroach upon the openness that currently exists. Almost all the 'landscaping' plans proposed by the developer involve that rear strip of the building, which is now a sharp slope down into the Greenway. The project's proposed landscaping was designed without community input and negatively affects the existing greenery of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

The best use of this site, if something other than pure profit is considered, would be inclusion as an additional park and playground in the Greenway. The next best would be housing designed through a community participatory process built to the scale and needs of the existing community, especially affordable housing.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

> Carlos J. Muñoz-Cadilla GSCA **Board Member**

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tools. He also mentioned that the ISD is mapping all of their work and are constantly looking for trends.

One resident thought that the city should enforce the ordinance that all trash be stored in barrels. Ulrich noted that that is a Department of Public Works question and if the food on the street is reduced, then that will help with the rodent problem.

He also said that work probably needs to be done on the sanitary code since there is no fine amount assaid that under the present law, the person who receives a ticket has seven days to appeal to the administration and then to the housing court.

signed for a violation. He

He asked residents that if they see activity in their yards to get a licensed exterminator and if that does not work, call 311.

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EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL 1972 AND 1973 CLASS REUNION

Graduates of the East Boston High School Classes of 1972 and 1973 and Fitton Central High School (a former all-girls high school in East Boston) gathered for a reunion Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Jim Kearney, president of the EBHS Class of 1972, and reunion committee members welcomed classmates and guests to the reunion.

The celebration was a

huge success, with classmates and guests enjoying one of the first major get-togethers since COVID-19 struck in March of 2020.

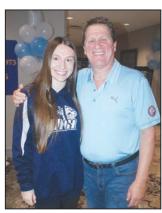
The many guests thanked the reunion organizers while saying how very enjoyable it was to see their classmates again and reminisce about their days at East Boston High School and growing up in the Eastie neighborhood.



Michelle Bianchi Mansilla, president of the Fitton Central High School Class of 1972, and Jim Kearney, president of the East Boston High School Class of 1982.



Vinny Schettino and his wife, Lorene Barletta Schettino, a member of the EBHS Class of 1974.



Steve Haley, director of sales at Hilton Garden Inn, and his daughter, Kendall Haley, helped welcome guests to the reunion.



Tom Tassinari, EBHS Class of 1973, and his wife, Debbie Miles Tassinari, a graduate of Fitton Central High School.



Wally Zitano, Carolyn Zitano, and Jim Kearney.



Jim Kearney, Toni Garcia Ivers, Silvio Petraglia, and Carol Larsen.



Kathy LaPlante of Fitton Central High School, Donna McCormack, Linda DeSimone, and Sally Catino of Fitton Central High School.



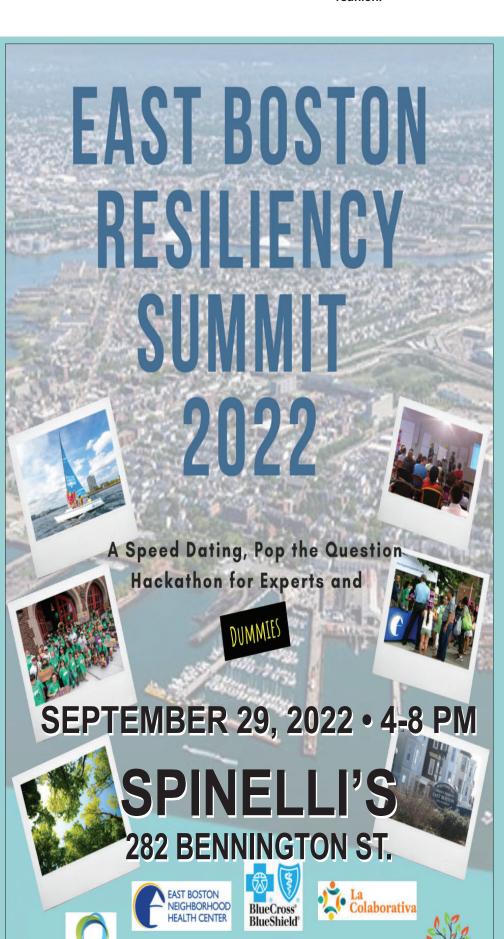
Jim Buttiglieri, Class of 1972, Karen Buttiglieri, Class of 1973, with Class of 1972 President Jik Kearney.



Reunion Committee Silvio Petraglia, Karen Strazzula Buttiglieri, and Jim Kearney did a great job organizing the reunion.



Tommy Costigan, Class of 1972 President Jim Kearney, and Richie Tescione.



East Boston

Social Centers

One of the goals in organizing this event is to alert the community to what will happen to the people and property in East Boston if we don't respond in an organized manner to climate challenges — or other natural catastrophes, including COVID. Storm surges, flooding our streets and tunnels, damage to critical infrastructure, plus extreme temperature rise is coming. We all NEED TO BE PREPARED. People and communities recover faster if they are prepared beforehand and if they operate collaboratively together — The Whole Community approach. There is no secret sauce to Resiliency. It is simply solid preparation for the execution of critical plans, active collaboration among and community agencies/small businesses/ churches/elected officials, First Responders and personally caring for one another's well-being, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

As a result of this Summit, NOAH will follow up in two areas: a) work with local leadership to promote more inter-agency Resiliency Planning, and b) continue to work on and promote Green/Gray infrastructure possibilities, especially focusing on Liberty Plaza, Border St and the Maverick Sq area.

This Resiliency Summit will also begin to explore a variety of additional challenging issues which affect resilience such as dealing with Extreme heat, Flood prevention and Critical infrastructure, Evacuation preparations, Air Quality & Food insecurity, Pandemic planning, Housing issues, Youth concerns - all underlined with Equity considerations. To be most resilient, we actually need a collaborative Resiliency Network to alert and involve our vulnerable community.

Overall, climate resilience efforts improve the economic competitiveness of a city. This makes it more attractive for businesses and communities to settle there, increasing jobs, tax revenue, and services. In addition, it saves the local government money by reducing the damage from climate events. Collaborative community planning also improves community resilience to climate change. Let's work together to make all this happen for each other, for our neighborhood.

We hope to see you on the 29th. Here is the link to sign up for the Summit: https://forms.gle/QBsJYRFCVXdVnwHm6

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GET THE NEW COVID SHOT NOW!

We realize that after two and one-half years of dealing with COVID-19, all of us just want to be done with

But the unfortunate reality is that COVID-19 is not done with us, despite what President Biden suggested in his interview on Sunday with 60 Minutes. The number of Americans who still are contracting --

and dying from -- COVID each and every day continues to be staggering: The daily average of new COVID cases in the U.S. is more than 60,000 and the daily average for new deaths is almost 500. More Americans are dying from COVID every week than died on 9/11.

The toll that so-called long-COVID is wreaking on our population also is enormous. By some estimates, 20 percent of those who contract COVID, even if they have mild cases, will suffer from the effects of long-COVID, including many that are physically and mentally debilitating over the long term.

However, the availability of the new COVID-19 vaccine marks a huge step forward in our ability to reduce the ravages of the COVID pandemic. The new vaccine, which became available two weeks ago for all adults, is the only type of vaccine that can protect against the most dominant Omicron strains of COVID-19 in the US. The new booster is bivalent, which means it provides better protection against both the original strain of COVID-19 and the Omicron variants that are currently causing most infections (BA.4 and BA.5).

In addition, preliminary research suggests that the new vaccine offers significant protection not only against serious illness and death, but also against contracting long-COVID.

Health professionals are recommending that even if you have had COVID, you should get the new vaccine as soon as a month after your illness, and for those who have received all of the previous boosters, you should get the new vaccine two months after your last shot.

Those with compromised immune systems should consult with their doctor about getting the new vaccine.

We urge all of our readers not to walk, but to run, to a health care provider to get the new vaccine ASAP.

AMERICA NEEDS **IMMIGRANTS MORE** THAN EVER

For the first time in the history of the world, there are more people on the planet over the age of 65 than under

For industrial nations such as the U.S., this is a profound change from what has been the norm for the past 75 years, when the arrival of the Baby Boomer generation marked the beginning of just the opposite trend.

But with the Baby Boomers leaving the workforce in unprecedented numbers, we're seeing some of the effects of this new change in demographics. There simply are not enough Americans to fill jobs of all kinds -- reportedly there is just one worker for every two job openings -- and no matter how much the Fed raises interest rates, that is not going to change.

Moreover, as the majority of Baby Boomers begin to hit their 70s, the demand for service employees, ranging from healthcare professionals (doctors, nurses, home health aides) to the travel industry (flight crews, airline ground staff) is going to increase exponentially.

Whether going to a hospital emergency room or an airport these days, it's already a nightmare, with the consequences ranging from life-and-death to inconvenience.

Japan has been the canary in the coal mine of this demographic shift. Its economy has been stagnant for a decade and even shrinking in comparison to other nations because of the decline in its birth rate and its aging

The industrialized world is facing the reality of simple arithmetic: There are fewer young people to take care of a lot more old people.

In 1970, the median age of the U.S. population was 28.1. Today it is 38.6. In other words, our population today is almost a full generation older (if you count a generation as being 15-20 years) than it has been in the past.

With the U.S. government stuck in gridlock, it is obvious that we as a nation are not going to be able to do anything to address this impending seismic shift in demographics over the long term.

America's greatness always has stemmed from those who have immigrated from other countries. Immigrants come to America to make a better life for themselves and their families. They work hard and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. In addition, they bring a diversity that

has created the wonder that is the American melting pot. More than ever, America needs immigrants to fill the jobs and pay the taxes that will support our aging pop-

ulation. We realize that a lot of people may not want to hear that -- but that is the reality.



Forum

GUEST OP-ED

The call of our common humanity

By Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley

Immigration policies and practices stand as an abiding moral, legal and political challenge to our Commonwealth and our country. We have delayed far too long in developing an effective response to immigrants, migrants, and refugees at a moment when the movement of men, women, children, and families surpasses any other known example in our history.

Our common humanity is the lens through which our response to immigrants and refugees must be judged. Pope Francis has made the plight of immigrants and refugees a constant theme of his pontificate. The Holy Father's witness, in word and deed, has been based on understanding immigrants

and refugees as pilgrims forced by socio-economic conditions, human rights abuses, and the climate crisis to leave their homes in search of safety, security and stability for themselves and their families.

Last week the humanity and vulnerability which immigrants and refugees share has come home to us in Massachusetts. The Venezuelan refugees have come from a situation of enormous oppression and suffering in their own country.

As is often the case, human tragedy evokes moral goodness. The citizens of Martha's Vineyard have shown us all how common humanity motivates generosity and effective kindness. I commend young and old for their example and effective response.

The need for a system-

atic longer-term response is required. I thank Governor Baker for his promise of providing shelter and security for those who have come to us in Massachusetts without either. An effective strategy inevitably requires the leadership and assistance of state and city government. Within that basic framework other organizations can then make their skilled response.

Catholic Charities of Boston has informed me of their readiness to cooperate with civil authorities in welcoming those who come to our Commonwealth in need of assistance. Not only Venezuelans, but Haitians and other Latin Americans are caught up in the crushing emergency of the U.S. southern border. When non-profit agencies can

partner with civil authorities, people at risk will find welcome, support and space to organize their lives.

In a globalized world, immigration challenges will continue. In our country a broken immigration system requires immediate reform. From the Dreamers who still seek legal stability in their lives, to those fleeing war in Ukraine, poverty in Latin America and Africa, or crises in the Middle East. the call of our common humanity will be with us for years to come. I pray we will be equal to the challenge.

Seán Patrick O'Malley OFM Cap GCIH is an American cardinal of the Catholic Church serving as the archbishop of Bos-

Orange Line, Green Line extension service resume on schedule

Special to the Times-Free Press

On Monday, September 19, both the Orange Line service and Green Line Union Square service resumed.

The MBTA initiated the 30-day full closure of the Orange Line on August 19 to complete five years of improvements in 30 days and bring track and signal infrastructure into a state of good repair, while also addressing safety actions identified by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Orange Line track replacement work addresses FTA Special Directive 22-4 which mandates that the MBTA take actions related to maintenance of way. In Directive 22-4, the FTA noted that defective track conditions had forced the MBTA to implement slow zones where trains had to operate at restricted speeds. By replacing thousands of feet of rail during the Orange Line closure, the MBTA is eliminating the slow zones, and providing riders with faster and more reliable service.

"A tremendous amount of choreography, coordination, and hard work has been accomplished during these 30 days, including over a dozen projects to replace rail, track, signals, rail fasteners, and more that would have taken the T five years of nights and weekends to accomplish," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We've also met our goal of eliminating six slow zones along the Orange Line, which creates faster and more reliable commutes for customers, and surpassed our goal for new vehicles with 72 new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders. Thank you to all of our partner municipalities along the Orange Line for collaborating with us throughout the entirety of these 30 days; to the MBTA workforce, contractor crews, shuttle bus operators, Transit Ambassadors, in-station personnel, and more for their dedicated work, skill, and service; and especially to our Orange Line riders we're excited to welcome

you back to a faster, safer,

more reliable ride tomor-



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JOHN WILCOX

Mayor Michelle Wu passes through the turnstile to ride the newly re-opened Orange Line on Monday.

row on a line comprised of

predominantly new cars." "The 30-day Orange Line shutdown was a monumental opportunity which allowed the MBTA to conduct critical maintenance operations aggressively to help ensure travel on the MBTA is safe, accessible, smooth, and convenient," said MassDOT Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. "This historical undertaking would not have been possible without thorough and thoughtful multi-level coordination and collaboration, and I would like to thank Mass-DOT's Highway Division for all their support, everyone who worked hard and spent countless hours helping to bring this project to fruition, and members of the public for all of their continued patience."

"The MBTA's Capital Transformation program has successfully applied its experience and lessons learned from previous surges as we brought together multiple other MBTA departments to continue the transformation of the Orange Line," said MBTA Chief of Capital Transformation Angel Peña. "Our work during the Orange Line shutdown was rooted in our devotion to riders and their safety.

This devotion will continue to drive our focus on quality, accessibility, modernization, and ser-

vice for years to come."

Work

during the 30-day Orange Line closure includes:

• Elimination of six

accomplished

slow zones to allow for faster service at Jackson Square and Stony Brook, Downtown State and Crossing, Tufts Medical Center and Back Bay, Community College and North Station, and two slow zones between Assembly and Wellington along Dana Bridge.

- Replacement 14,000 feet of rail and more than 2,800 rail ties.
- Replaced 3,500 feet of
- Installation of 400 rail fasteners called "Cologne Eggs," which dampen vibrations and noise for a more comfortable ride.
- Upgraded signals at Oak Grove and Malden Center from analog to digital to reduce time and maintenance.
- A total of 48,000 feet of new signal cable laid, including 45,000 feet of signal cable within

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Robin's Nest wins top honors as Northshore Magazine's Best Gift Shop

Robin's Nest in Winthrop was recently chosen by the Editors at 'Northshore Magazine' as the BONS 2022 Winner for Best Gift Shop on the Northshore!

The Editor's shared this about Robin's Nest: "A perennial BONS winner, Robin's Nest consistently delivers fresh and fun gift ideas. The inventory is constantly being updated and refreshed, so there's always something new to find. A Mariposa frame for the newlyweds? Plush toys for your new baby niece? Playful beach totes for your bestie? They've got you covered. And it's all backed by impeccable customer service."

"The BONS Awards celebrate the magazine's editors' and readers' picks for the North Shore's best burger, pizza, steak, cocktails, brew-



Robin Gerolamo, owner of Robin's Nest, shown holding her award for the Best of the Northshore 2022.

ery, alfresco dining, massage, boot camp, tourist attraction, beaches, and so much more. Each year, local businesses are nominated and voted on by the BONS committee, editors, and readers of Northshore." as told by Northshore Magazine.

Robin's Nest was voted as the Reader's Choice for Best Gift Shop in 2020 and has received multiple BONS Awards in the magazine's Bridal and Home editions.

Robin's Nest celebrated their big win with a weekend Celebration Sale coupled with Tax Free weekend. Customers enjoyed a special sale, raffles, giveaways, and more.

This year Robin's Nest was also a top three finalist countrywide for a National REA Award (Retailers Excellence Award) by 'Gifts & Decorative Accessories' Magazine for their efforts with Social Media.

You can find Robin's Nest at 79 Jefferson Street in Winthrop Center, 617-207-3505, or online at vwww.robinsnest-winthrop.com.



The Team at Robin's Nest. Pictured left to right, Deborah Carbone, Tina Aravena, Robin Gerolamo, Diane Carbone, Hannah Stewart.

Cambridge Health Alliance launches state-of-the-art robotic surgery program

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston's metro-north communities, launched its robotic surgery program with the da Vinci® Xi surgical robot. CHA now offers many patients the most cutting-edge technology in surgeries ranging from hernia to lung cancer. This is a significant step in CHA's efforts to offer the finest specialty care for its patients and communities conveniently offered closer to home.

The da Vinci Xi allows highly trained surgeons to use tiny instruments mounted on robotic arms to do complex surgeries with a high degree of precision. It enables CHA to offer more minimally invasive procedures which often result in less pain and quicker recovery times.

Siva Vithiananthan, MD, CHA's chief of surgery, has extensive experience with robotic surgery. During his time as chief of minimally invasive surgery and bariatric surgery at Miriam Hos-



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pital in Providence, R.I., he performed hundreds of cases on the da Vinci system and believes this modern technology "has the opportunity to revolutionize surgical care, not only for CHA patients, but for patients throughout the country."

CHA is now using its da Vinci robot in general surgery and thoracic surgery, with the first procedures completed at CHA Cambridge Hospital on August 22. CHA plans to use the da Vinci robot for urology and OB/GYN surgeries in

the near future.

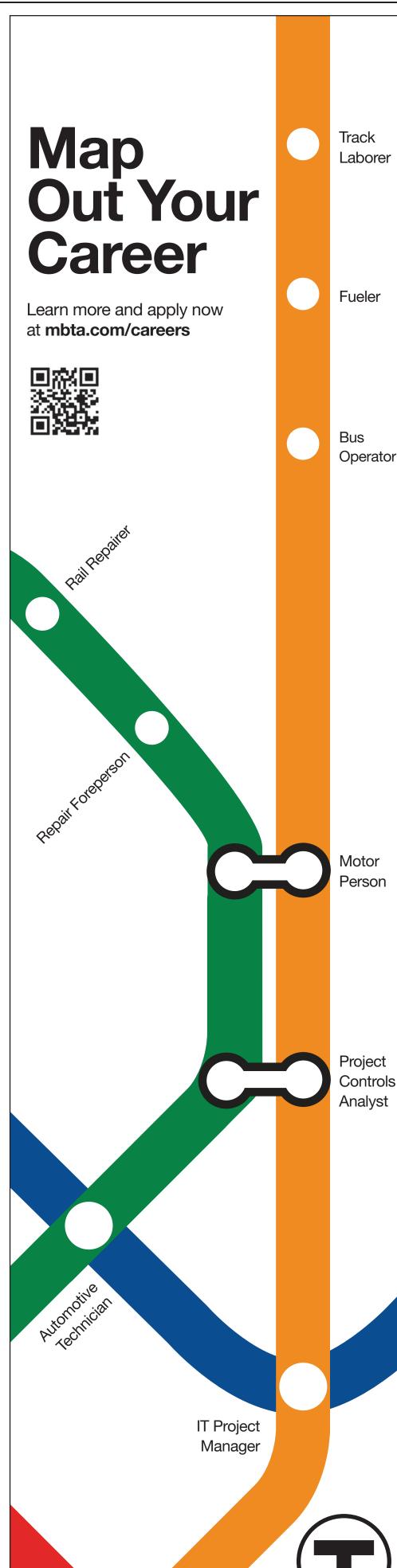
"We know that surgery is a team sport," said Dr. Vithiananthan. "Each robotic surgery relies on colleagues from surgery, anesthesiology, nursing, sterile processing, materials management, and others to be successful. I am thrilled that we have an excellent team in place at CHA in all these areas, and I cannot wait to offer surgical options for patients seeking up to date technology and high quality care in our patient-centered tradition at CHA."

Your opinions, please

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Governor Charlie Baker has declared September 18-24 as Forensic Science Week in Massachusetts. This week marks the 10th anniversary of National Forensic Science Week, which recognizes the public service of forensic science professionals within the criminal justice system. The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to recognize the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory (MSPCL) and its team of forensic practitioners for supporting public safety and advancing criminal investigations through impartial and reli-

able scientific examination of physical evidence.

"Forensic science, and the highly-skilled individuals who work in labs conducting these investigations and analyses, play a vital role in the criminal justice system," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are proud to recognize the forensic science community for their contributions to this critically important field, and their commitment to discovery, integrity and innovation."

"In recognition of forensic science professionals and their important role in the criminal justice system, our administration commends the nationally accredited MSPCL and its practitioners for their public service and wide-ranging technical expertise in areas such as DNA, ballistics, drugs and toxicology, trace evidence and fingerprint analysis," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Their efforts help support the delivery of justice for victims of violent crimes, and we are grateful for their service."

"We are proud of the dedication and expertise consistently demonstrated by the highly skilled team at the Massachusetts State

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mother of Marty and his

wife, Amanda Nastasia

and Gara Nastasia; dear

sister of Joan Merino,

Lona Ruggiero and her

husband, George and the

late Theresa Mastrangelo

and her surviving spouse,

Tom; cherished grand-

mother of Dylan Emman-

uelle, Gabriella Nastasia,

Julianna Nastasia and

Lyla Nastasia and adored

aunt of five nieces and

nephews: Renee Lamothe,

Prayer To The Holy Spirit

The loving daughter of

by many.

ro) Nastasia of Winthrop passed away on SeptemPolice Crime Lab," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Forensic Science Week offers an important opportunity to recognize the important contribution of the Commonwealth's forensic investigators and scientists and their critical role in providing unbiased scientific evidence to advance criminal investigations and support the administration of justice."

"I'm extremely proud of the professionals in our Forensic Services Group for their outstanding work in gathering and analyzing evidence across a range of disciplines," said Colonel Christopher S. Ma-Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police. "Their dedication, skills, and training ensure that scientific evidence is examined and presented according to the highest standards of their field, allowing for the fair and unbiased application of such evidence to the criminal justice process."

The Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory is a full-service laboratory system with nine locations across the Commonwealth, including a new state-of-the-art evi-

dence storage facility. The highly trained scientists at the Laboratory respond to crime scenes, perform laboratory testing, and provide expert testimony. The lab's scientists conduct forensic analysis in various disciplines, including Criminalistics, DNA, Trace/Arson and Explosives, Drug Chemistry, Ante and Post-Mortem Toxicology, Latent Print and Impression Evidence, and Firearms. Additionally, the Laboratory performs Breath Alcohol Instrument calibrations and collects and processes DNA database samples.

OBITUARIES

Ann Marie Nastasia

Past employee of Massport known for her quick wit and love of Barry Manilow

Thomas Philbin, Jr.

Of East Boston

Thomas J. Philbin, Jr. died unexpectedly in East Boston on September

The beloved son of the late Elsie (Duca) and Thomas J. Philbin Sr., he was the brother of Joseph Philbin of Virginia, Steven Philbin of Winchester and Christine Philbin Rossi and her husband, Thomas of Hawaii and the late Robert S. Philbin, Stanley T. Philbin and his surviving wife, Nancy Philbin. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visiting will be on Tuesday, September 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Magrath Funeral Home,



336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] ,East Boston. Relatives and friends invited. Private interment at the convenience of the family will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden

Please leave messages of condolence for his family on his Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com.



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Holy spirit, you who gives meaning to and shines the light on my path so that I may reach my goals. You who gives me the divine grace to forgive and forget the evil done unto me and which is with me at every moment in my life. I want in this short dialogue to reassure you one more time I do not ever want to be separated from you, no matter how grand the worldly possessions may be, my desire to be with you and my brothers in perpetual glory will not be lessened. (One should say this prayer 3 days the divine shall be granted no matter how unattainable it may be.) Publications must be promised.

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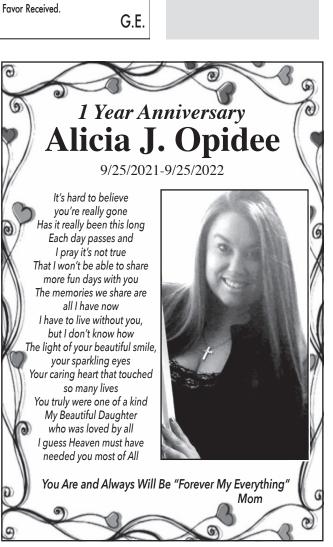


Anissa Catinazzo, Jeff Mastrangelo, Eric Mastrangelo and Rena Ruggi-

Family and friends will honor Ann's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston on Thursday, September 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass.

To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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Mary Goddard

Former East Boston resident

Mary A. (Raffo) Goddard of Malden, formerly of East Boston and Chelsea, passed away on September 16.

The beloved wife of the late Joseph Goddard who passed away on July 6, 2022, she was the devoted and loving mother of Joseph Goddard and his partner, Nicole O'Leary and Tracey Goddard; adored grandmother of Brittany Grimmer, Joshua Horgan and Ashelley O'Leary and is also survived by her loving cousins.

Family and friends will honor Mary's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home North Shore Chapel, 10 Chestnut Street, Peabody, today, Wednesday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. followed by a 12



Noon prayer service in our serenity chapel. Services will conclude with Mary being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Joseph in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, in Peabody. May they rest in peace.

To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Anthony Albano

June 4, 1943 - September 13, 2022

Anthony L. Albano of Revere passed away on Sep 13, 2022 at the age of

After proudly serving in Vietnam, Tony returned home to Revere where he worked in the Insurance business. He provided insurance for the Big Dig project in Boston and also worked for Prescott Insurance. Tony loved to travel, enjoyed going down to the beach and always liked watching football on Sundays with Santos. Most of all, he loved being a grandfather.

"Tony" was born June 4, 1943 to the late Joseph and Antonetta (Mazzerella). He was the cherished father of Christine Albano-Martorelli of Revere and the late Anthony F. Albano, loving grandfather of Michael Martorelli and his fiancé, Jacqueline Noel, Matthew Martorelli and Dalayna Albano; dear brother of Carmen Albano



and father-in-law of Mark Martorelli and Dyanna Albano. He also leaves behind many loving nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

A Visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Tuesday, September 20 followed by a Prayer Service. Interment was at Puritan Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Tunnel To Towers Foundation in Anthony's name.

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THE EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen held its Annual Fundraiser Sept. 16.

The guests enjoyed a buffet and live musical entertainment by the talented Don't Be Denied Band.

Madaro served as the masspeaking program. State City of Boston to the en-Sen. Lydia Edwards and joyable event. District 1 City Councilor

Gabriela Coletta brought State Rep. Adrian the official greetings of the Commonwealth of ter of ceremonies for the Massachusetts and the

> Executive Director

Sandra Nijjar thanked the many guests for their continued support of the organization.



Karla Torres-Welch and Tommy Welch.



Steve Snyder (above) and the Don't Be Denied band provided the live musical entertainment at the fund-



John Walkey, John Antonellis, and Lila Greiner.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro and the many volunteers and staff at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen who do so much good work to help residents in need of assistance.



East Boston Community Soup Kitchen officers and board members, from left, David Clancy, Xanthra Dufrane, founder and executive director Sandra Nijjar, State Rep. Adrian Madaro, Jo Ann Fitzgerald, and Daniel Moreno.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen founder and director Sandra Hijjar, and District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, pictured at the Annual Fundraiser held Sept. 16.



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TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT AT SUFFOLK DOWNS

The Racetrack at Suffolk Downs was the setting for Touch A Truck, an event sponsored by Next Stop Revere. Construction equipment, police vehicles, and other machines of labor that captivate the imagination of many, young and old, were on hand to be viewed up close and touched.



Carolina Ramirez (center) with her daughters Aurora and Luciana Cordoba after they had a visit to the face painting station.



Who would tow a Massachusetts State Trooper patrol car? Mechanic for the State Police Marko Anticevic, a civilian worker, would.



Rafael Heredia wanted to join his siblings but was finding it hard to get on board.



Joshua, Pamela, Erick, and Gabriella Rys take a family moment together outside the Suffolk Downs Grandstand.



Alicia and Juan Francisco Heredia check out some construction equipment



Though Annalee Builes was enchanted with the Metro North SWAT team of the Revere Police, she'd rather be a partner with her mom Raisa, a proud Revere Police patrol officer.



Yafei and Ava Sui fulfill one of the dreams that many hockey lovers have yearned for, a perch on a zamboni machine.



A line forms to get a closer look at a Revere Police car, without being a "special guest."



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Kayon and Aaliyah Andino explored the domain of one of the many construction equipment exhibits available to be touched.

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT AT SUFFOLK DOWNS



Nathan Masow exits the school bus.



Niall and Daniel Horgan check out a John Deere tractor.



The J Derenzo excavator drew a lot of attention.



Aurora and Luciana Cordoba Ramirez with their furry friend Cody The Doggie.



Evander Ward from East Boston is seemingly scooped up in the bucket of the J Derenzo Co excavator.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SUPPORT STRONG FOR BIKE LANE ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - The One-Way Broadway, which includes one lane of vehicular traffic and a shared bus and bike lane on Broadway between Fifth Street and Everett Avenue, will continue for now.

Prior to the City Council's summer recess, Council President Roy Avellaneda introduced two competing orders - one to end One-Way Broadway and one to make the changes permanent - as a way to further discussion and have the council make a decision on the program.

Monday night, the council held a subcommittee meeting to discuss the program with City Manager Thomas Ambrosino and Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train.

During the regular council meeting, the council put both motions on the table. According to Avellandeda, if the council wants to make One-Way Broadway permanent at a future date, a councilor can ask to have it taken off the table for a vote.

During the public speaking portion of Monday's meeting, the majority of residents who addressed the council spoke in favor of continuing the bus/bike lane and one lane of vehicular traffic along the stretch of Broadway.

"Living in this community, I have seen a lot of change over the last 10 years, and I had a lot of doubts when the bike lane was put in ... as someone who does not use a bicycle or ride the buses," said Marnie MacAlpine. "But I can tell you that it has actually eased the congestion downton. I drive through downtown now without a problem, and before, it was constant gridlock from all of the double parked cars."

With the bus lane, drivers can now more easily maneuver around double parked cars and drivers can pull onto Broadway more safely, said MacAlpine.

"Anyone who says that

bus lane causes congestion, I can tell you they do not regularly drive down Broadway," she added.

Jacqueline Fuentes said she takes the 111 bus to work, and since the bus lane was put in, she gets to work on time every day.

Fuentes said she took the 117 bus to City Hall Monday night, and she asked the driver what he thought of the bus lane on Broadway.

"He said, 'I think it is very important, a lot of the community, they don't have time, they have to get somewhere," Fuentes said. "They take that bus just to get to Boston, and then take another bus, and then take a train, and maybe take a taxi, just to get to where they need to be."

Sara Arman has a Master's in urban planning, and she said over the past few years she has studied transportation and urban housing and community development.

"I know some people are talking about their personal experiences with the buses and why it is important, and I value that, but there are also two main reasons why a bus lane is important in a community like Chelsea," said Arman. "The first one is that it helps standardize your commute time, so you know what time you will be able to get to work, you can coordinate your class schedule, childcare for your kids, it helps to standardize that even if it's not reducing the time."

The second reason why a bus lane is important is because it helps with business development.

"Broadway is a really important business corridor in Chelsea," Arman said. "Having a bus lane allows people to get on and off the bus a lot more easily, and they are walking up and down Broadway more easily and spending money at the local businesses."

School Commitmember Roberto tee Jimenez-Rivera also said he supported extending the bus lane on Broadway.

"Over the past five months, I have spoken to so many people in our city, and public transit is one of those issues that regularly came up, especially after the fire on the Orange Line and the subsequent shutdown of that line," he said. "Many of the people in our city don't have the luxury of owning a car, and many others may have a car, but are unable to afford parking in Boston so they rely on our buses to get to work, to doctor's appointments, and to anywhere else they might need. In a world that is so car-centric, it has been a breath of fresh air to see the city commit to put our bus riders at the same level of priority as our drivers."

Not everyone spoke in favor of the bus lane. One Congress Street resident said he has to go in and out of Boston several times a day for business and that the bus lane slows down vehicle traffic.

COUNCIL HEARS OF SCHOOL **OVERCROWDING** -**AGAIN**

EVERETT - School overcrowding once again reared its head at Monday night's City Council meet-

Several speakers during the public participation expressed concerns about the overcrowding situation at several of the city's schools.

Former City Councilor Fred Capone noted that many of the schools are far exceeding the student capacity for which they were designed: the high school by 400, the Whittier by 150, the Parlin by 250, and the Lafayette by 150.

An appropriation order of several items that totaled \$4,014,000 had included a \$2 million request for modular units to alleviate overcrowding at the George Keverian that would be placed in front of the school. Superintendent Priya

Tahiliani had explained that the Keverian is overcrowded by about 200 students and needs to have the modular classrooms. She noted that the modular classrooms would not be ready before September, 2023, at the earliest. She also noted that other schools would need to have modular classrooms added to their structures.

However, the line item was removed from the appropriation by the councilors, who all agreed that the the future use of both the old high school and the former Pope John XXIII site should be explored before approving appropriations for modular classrooms.

The councilors voted to retain the following appropriations, which included many items for the schools: School Alarm Panels, \$200,000; Keverian School Heat Units, \$56,000; Fire Ladder Truck, \$76,000; High School Boiler Burners, \$40,000; Keverian School Heaters, \$12,000; Keverian School Cooling Units, \$730,000; and Maddy English Cooling Unit, \$900,000.

City Chief Financial Officer Eric Demas noted these amounts were the

result of added costs because of inflation from the original time that the money for these projects was appropriated.

Councilors also heard from both Tahiliani and Erin Deveney, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, about both the drawbacks and the positives for using the former Pope John building as a school, rather than for affordable housing.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria has retained an architectural firm to evaluate the Pope John building for school use. The findings should be ready later in the

"A quick fix is not good for students," said Deveney.

Tahiliani added, "Pope John will not fix all the problems."

"We need to get the facts here ... we have a lot of questions that need to be answered," said Councilor Richard Dell Isola, reflecting the sentiments of both his fellow councillors and the city's taxpayers.

RED SOX HONOR JAZZY SPORTS

LYNN - On Wednesday, September 14, the Red Sox honored Jazzy Sportswear for over 25 years of service to the Boston Red Rox at the Sox-Yankees game at Fenway Park. The Red Sox franchise has been supporting local small businesses, like Jazzy Sports, as a demonstration of their support of a diverse community supply chain.

"It is an honor to be awarded by the Boston Red Sox for my service for over 25 years. Twenty-six years ago, Ron Burton Jr. gave me an opportunity to provide branded products for Red Sox Community Relations," says founder of Jazzy Sportswear, Vincent Williams.

A relationship beginning in 1996 has survived to present day, and later resulted in Williams' volunteering for Ron Burton Training Village, an enrichment camp that has served over 9,000 young men and women over the last 33 years in their spiritual, physical and educational growth. The Leadership and STEM Journey programs train villagers over a seven year period, preparing them with skills, mentorship and leadership opportunities.

Jazzy Sportswear is located at 110 Broad Street in Lynn, and has been a member of the Lynn Chamber of Commerce since 1990. Vincent Williams modestly accepts this honor and looks forward to supporting the Boston Red Sox and their fans for years to come.

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Permanent street changes following Orange Line shutdown announced

Mayor Michelle Wu and Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge announced several street changes made to mitigate impacts from the MBTA's Orange Line shutdown will be made permanent following the reopening of the Orange Line Monday. The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) took unprecedented steps to quickly install priority bus lanes, pop-up bike lanes, and change parking restrictions along the Orange Line route. Certain infrastructure changes that improved traffic flow or public safety will remain in place. The Mayor also announced street changes that will be temporarily removed and then reinstalled permanently. All other changes made during the Orange Line shutdown will be re-

moved. "Over the last 30 days, our City teams have been focused on measuring what's working so we could ensure continual improvement during a stressful time of the Orange Line shutdown," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We're keeping in place some of the changes that have helped with traffic flow and transit access, so that commuters will see lasting benefit above ground even as the subway comes back online. I'm so proud of the Boston Transportation Department for their hard work during this unprecedented event, and grateful to commuters across the region for their patience and input."

"The past 30 days provided an opportunity to create new ways to use our public spaces to ease how residents move within the City," said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "We look forward to working with the community to take the lessons learned and apply them to future infrastructure projects that will enhance public space and improve mobility for pedestrians, people on bikes, and transit riders."

The following street infrastructure changes will remain in place:

- Chinatown MBTA SL5 bus stop: This newly added bus stop creates a vital link for Chinatown residents to the SL5.
- Copley Square area bus lanes: These bus lanes include Boylston Street (Ring Road to Clarendon Street); Clarendon Street (Boylston Street to Columbus Ave.); St. James Street (west of Berkeley Street to Dartmouth Street). These bus lanes support the 39, 9, and 10 bus routes, which together serve more than 10,000 riders per weekday.
- South End loading zones and drop-off zones: Changes to parking restrictions in this area will remain in place for improved curbside management and reduced double parking in the unprotected bike lane.
- Jamaica Plain pavement marking and signage: This includes traffic safety elements such as "Don't Block the Box" and parking restrictions at corners to improve visibility. These changes have shown to improve traffic safety and management.
- Boylston Street oneway for vehicles: Closing part of Boylston Street (between Amory & Lamartine) to traffic throughout the shutdown has improved safety (collisions and near-misses) along the Southwest Corridor. Reopening this stretch as a one-way street from Amory to Lamartine for vehicles will support long-term bike connectivity plans, improve safety for all modes, and reduce conflict at the high crash intersection of Boylston and Lamartine Streets.
- Huntington Avenue bus & bike priority lane: The priority bus and bike lane that was added to Huntington Avenue from Brigham Circle to improved speed for the Route 39 bus. As a permanent lane, it will continue

to support the thousands of people who ride the Route 39 bus and will improve safety for those on

- Columbus Avenue pop-up bike lane: This will remain until early December and then be removed for the season. BTD Active Transportation will continue to monitor and move barrels daily to enable street sweeping. Long-term planning is underway for a potential permanent facility. This is one of the busiest corridors for biking. Improving conditions, even on just a few blocks, can make the overall trip safer and more enjoyable.
- Bluebikes parking: The City will retain Bluebikes docks added during the shutdown, with minor modifications as needed, to keep up with record-breaking ridership numbers. The City is also exploring options to provide free or low-cost bike share service.

The Boylston Street pop-up bike lane will be removed as the City works to design the recently announced permanent facility. Boylston Street is an important link in the bike network, and improved infrastructure here will make a safer ride for people biking from Brookline, Mission Hill, the LMA, and Back Bay to Downtown. The pop-up Boylston Street bike lane will be in place through September 26. The permanent Boylston Street bike lane will be prioritized for installation in the spring.

The Boston Transportation Department is also evaluating potential designs for additional protected bike lanes, pedestrian zones, bus lanes, and safety improvements informed by the changes that were temporarily in place during the Orange Line shutdown. These changes will undergo evaluation Gainsborough Street has and engagement and be publicly announced before any implementation.

Commuter Rail announces service changes as Orange Line service returns

Keolis and the MBTA announced several changes to Commuter Rail operations as the Orange Line returned to service on Monday. Oak Grove station, which was reopened to support passengers during the Orange Line service disruption, will remain in service, becoming a regular stop on the Haverhill Line in Zone 1A. Additionally, some of the service that was added at Forest Hills Station will remain, ensuring two trains an hour in the weekmorning inbound peak at that station. All passengers are reminded that regular fare collection will resume for Zones 2, 1A and 1. The amended schedules can be found athttps://www. online mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail.

"We're pleased to add Oak Grove as a permanent regular stop on the Haverhill Line and to make additional stops at Forest Hills going forward," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "This is an exciting development that came about following the Orange Line shutdown that we hadn't previously planned. Thank you to our partners at Keolis for

their teamwork during the

and collaboration on these station and schedule improvements."

"During the Orange Line service disruption, we welcomed many new riders to the Commuter Rail," said Abdellah Chajai CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. "We hope that they found their trips to be reliable and convenient and that they will continue to see the Commuter Rail as a great option for their transportation needs."

Ahead of the Orange Line service disruption, Oak Grove Station was recommissioned to offer a service alternative for Orange Line riders. As part of recommissioning, repairs were made to the Commuter Rail platform, including installation of new a new platform edge tactile and updated signage. Additional upgrades to the lighting will be made now that the station is being permanently re-

turned to the schedule. During the Orange Line service disruption, in preparation for the post Labor Day return to work and school, Commuter Rail service at Forest Hills

station was expanded, of-

fering a 5 inbound trains

Orange Line diversion in the 7:00 a.m. hour and 4 trains an hour for the remainder of the weekday peak. With the Orange Line returning to service, the Commuter Rail will maintain some of that additional service, ensuring two trains an hour inbound during the weekday morning peak.

When the Orange Line returned to service on September 19, the Commuter Rail returned to it's normal fare collection practices, requiring visual validation of a ticket purchased for the appropriate zone. Passengers will no longer be able simply show a CharlieCard to ride trains within Zone 2. Passengers are reminded that Commuter Rail tickets can be purchased on the mTicket mobile app, at fare vending machines, and at ticket windows at North, South and Back Bay stations. For more information about Commuter Rail fares visitwww. mbta.com/fares/commuter-rail-fares Passengers can stay

connected with Commuter Rail by calling customer service at 617-222-3200, following @MBTA_CR on Twitter or signing up for T-Alerts at www.mbta.

com/alerts.

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the Southwest Corridor, which will be activated in 2023 as part of the Signal Upgrades project when the new system is placed in service.

- · Repaired and weatherproofed Sullivan Square station's roof and canopy to protect it from the elements and the roadway
- Forest Hills station is now fully accessible from both the Washington Street and Banks Place entrances. New granite tiles have also been installed at station entrances along with a new skylight. Additional improvements include the polishing and sealing of the terrazzo, painting lobby ceilings, and completing construction of the redundant lobby elevator.
- Upgraded two Crossovers at Ruggles and Jackson Square so trains can seamlessly move between • Updated Oak Grove's
- accessibility by replacing the roof, doors, windows, stairs, granite, pavers, terrazzo flooring, and eleva-
- Readied 72 new Orange Line cars, an increase from 30 cars when the Orange Line shutdown first started.
- Riders should be aware that slow zones will remain in place for about a week after service resumes. This is because it takes time for the new track and ballast to settle as trains repeatedly run over the areas where the slow zone removal work was done.

The Orange Line provides approximately 101,000 trips each day with ridership approximately 49% of pre-pandemic ridership.

With the reopening of the Orange Line, the CharlieCard Store located within Downtown Crossing will increase its business hours to better serve MBTA customers. On Mondays, the CharlieCard Store will be open by appointment, and Tuesday through Friday it will be open 8:30 AM to 5 PM, serving all transactions. **Commuter Rail Updates**

Effective September 19

Because many Orange Line riders chose the Commuter Rail during the Orange Line closure, the T will add Oak Grove station to the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line schedule as a Zone 1A stop to offer riders an additional choice to their daily commute. Nine train stops at For-



Mayor Michelle Wu talks with a commuter on the newly re-opened Orange Line on Monday.

est Hills station that were added during the Orange Line shutdown will also continue on the Franklin and Providence/Stoughton Commuter Rail Lines, ensuring two trains an hour in the weekday morning inbound peak at that station. Passengers are reminded that regular fare collection will resume for Zones 1A, 1, and 2. Amended schedules can be found online at mbta. com/CR.

Green Line Extension Service

Green Line service between Union Square and Government Center stations will also resume at the start of service tomorrow. The T suspended service last month to facilitate the opening of the Medford Branch of the Green Line Extension in late November 2022 and to allow for continued work at the Government Center Garage project.

Completed work on the Green Line Extension includes:

 Adjustments to the overhead wire on the East

Cambridge Viaduct that eliminated a temporary slow zone, allowing trolleys to operate at the system's designed speed of 25 mph on a permanent

- Final testing and integration of track switches, power lines, signal equipment, and digital communications between the Green Line's Union Branch, the soon-to-be-operational Medford Branch, and the MBTA's Operations and Control Center.
- Installation of the last remaining sound wall panels along the Union Branch and additional work items along the Union and Medford Branches' including track, stations, and rights

As with the Orange Line, Green Line riders should note that slow zones will continue to be in place temporarily for about one week where the work was performed.

Commemoration of St. Padre Pio at Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine



The Devotees of St. Padre Pio and the Don Orione Fathers invite you and your family to a Holy Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio Pietrelcina. The celebration will be open-air, at the altar beside the statue of St. Padre, at 150 Orient Avenue, East Boston.

Date: Friday, Sept. 23, 2022 Place: Madonna Queen of the Universe Shrine, 150 Orient Avenue, East Boston Holy Rosary: 5:00 p.m. Holy Mass: 5:30 p.m.

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Gov. Baker signs landmark Judiciary IT bond bill into law

Following action by House and Senate lawmakers, An Act to Improve and Modernize the Information Technology Systems and Capacities of the Judiciary was signed into law this week. The legislation makes a once in 25-year investment in modernizing the technology and security of court houses across Massachusetts. Additionally, this bill responds to the controversial U.S. Supreme Court New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen decision by tightening Massachusetts safety standards to comply with the decision while ensuring that local police chiefs personally interview each applicant for a license to

"The Commonwealth's gun laws are some of the strongest in the nation, helping Massachusetts to achieve one of the lowest gun death rates in the country. This legislation takes imperative steps to ensure that our gun laws comply with the Supreme Court's ruling in the New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen case," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "I'm proud that this legislation will also ensure that the Commonwealth's court system's virtual operations can occur more efficiently, a function that continues to be increasingly important. I want to thank my colleagues in the House, our partners in the Senate, and Governor Baker for supporting these vital changes and improve-

ments.' "I'm proud of the Commonwealth's strong gun laws, which save our residents' lives, and I'm proud that the Legislature has taken quick action to defend them," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Our courts do invaluable work. In an increasingly virtual and hybrid world, this legislation will support this work and allow our courts to continue to operate without interruption. I want to thank my colleagues in the Senate, especially Senate President Pro Tempore Brownsberger, Majority Leader Creem and Minority Leader Tarr, for their work on these issues, and our partners in the House for their work to help pass this important legislation."

"I'm proud the House has moved to uphold the strength of the Commonwealth's gun laws, which have proven effective in making us one of the lowest gun crime states across the country," said Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston). "And by modernizing the technological capabilities of courthouses we ensure that the judicial system can better and more efficiently serve Massachusetts residents."

"When courts do not have proper communication systems, let alone access to a reliable internet connection, it limits the Judiciary's ability to serve the people. I am proud to have advanced this bill which promises to enhance the courts efficiency. This will improve our residents' access to justice by providing a more equitable approach to the law," said Representative Michael S. Day (D-Stoneham), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Judiciary. "In addition to this historic investment, we also take

gun safety measures, so the Commonwealth can continue to be one of the safest places in America."

"We got a good bill done that responds directly to the challenge raised by the recent Supreme Court decision on guns," said Senate President Pro Tempore William N. Brownsberger (D-Belmont). "It was a good collaborative process and we were able to get to yes relatively quickly."

"An Act to improve and modernize the information technology systems and capacities of the judiciary" (H.5076) includes the following:

Establishing Digital Courthouses and Courtrooms:

\$95 million will allow courts to go digital along with the safety features required to securely store information. A court management system will allow for electronic filing systems, a workflow engine to manage court operations, and enable system wide real-time docketing and data access. Courthouses and courtrooms will be empowered to provide wireless internet access in courthouses for court staff and court users, as well as to install digital signage. Additionally, parole boards of the Department of Correction will be able to record and securely store audio recordings of parole board hearings.

Firearm Licensing

The recent New York State Rifle & Pistol Association, Inc. v. Bruen Supreme Court decision stripped local police chiefs of significant discretion regarding who may possess and carry a firearm. In the wake of this decision, this bill amends Massachusetts law to bring gun licensing provisions into compliance with the Supreme Court decision and to ensure that individuals seeking a license to carry are first interviewed personally by their local police chief.

Increasing Equitable Access to Resources

Funding will also go toward promoting equitable access for low-income residents to virtual filing and appearance services, court services, and public safety services. These provisions will also include technology for direct electronic video conferencing with registrars' and magistrates' offices of the trial court during hours of operation for attorneys and members of the public.

Physical Security Systems

\$35 million will be allocated to ensuring the safety of the Court's employees and guests. This will include costs associated with establishing a digital security system to protect court systems, networks and data. It will allow for the replacement of physical security hardware such as video surveillance systems, duress systems, security scanning systems and interpersonal communications equipment. State funds will also go toward projects to support the safety of victims and witnesses while in court-system facilities and to improve centralized law enforcement commu-

Court Modernization

nication systems.

The legislation also provides an additional \$35 million investment in the technological modernization of court administrative operations. Projects that will receive funding from this investment include upgraded data storage systems, secure virtual private networks for employees, and projects to increase internet bandwidth capacity in courts. Additionally, the bill includes changes to encourage courts' utilization of information technology. The bill allows courts to electronically imprint their seal and to have certain documents be signed and stored electronically. **Licensed Mental Health**

Counselor

Along with adding physical security and protections, this bill expands the definition of sexual assault counselor to include a person who is under the supervision of a licensed mental health counselor. This expansion will expand protections for survivors of sexual violence.

"Our current judicial system is difficult for people of color to engage in when they don't have access to technology and resources," said Representative Chynah Tyler (D-Boston), House Vice Chair, Joint Committee on the Judiciary. "The passing of this legislation will make it easier for residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to navigate our judicial system bet-

ter.' "Outdated gy makes navigating the court system frustrating for everyone, from criminal defendants to lawyers and litigants. The IT investments we authorize in this bill will improve the administration of justice by ensuring that the Commonwealth's courts operate more efficiently," said Senate Majority Leader Cynthia Creem (D-Newton). "The bill also makes sure that Massachusetts' gun licensing scheme is not vulnerable to constitutional challenge following a recent decision of the Supreme Court. Thanks to our strong gun laws, the Commonwealth has one of the lowest rates of firearm deaths in the nation. This bill demonstrates the Legislature's firm commitment to maintaining and improving our successful approach to preventing gun violence."

"The judicial IT bond bill makes a significant financial investment in critical technology upgrades that are needed to help modernize our state's court system," said Representative Todd M. Smola (R-Warren). "Providing for digital document management and the electronic filing of legal documents and signatures will help streamline administrative operations and ensure that the courts are more user-friendly, open and accessible to the public."

"We must always strive to make our judicial system well-managed, efficient, and accessible, and this legislation authorizes spending to advance those goals by funding modern information technology, security, and communications infrastructure," said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R- Gloucester). "I am thankful that it also prioritizes safety for victims and witnesses, by including an amendment I offered to direct funding to creating and improving safe spaces for these individuals, whose participation is critical to the administration of justice in

Text of An Act to Improve and Modernize the Information Technology Systems and Capacities of the Judiciary can be found at malegislature.gov.

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Baker-Polito administration announces availability of \$100 million for public schools

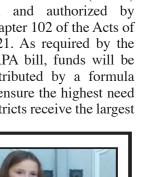
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2021. As required by the ARPA bill, funds will be distributed by a formula to ensure the highest need districts receive the largest





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portion of funding. More than 20 school districts are eligible for up to \$1 milqualify for several million dollars, with Boston Public Schools eligible to receive up to \$15 million and Worcester Public Schools eligible for up to \$7 million.

School districts are strongly encouraged to focus on efficient, environmentally friendly HVAC and air quality technologies when planning upgrades, consistent with Governor Charlie Baker's 2050 net zero pledge. "This grant funding

will address the needs of school facilities and will support important repairs to improve ventilation and indoor air quality, particularly in schools and communities significantly impacted by COVID-19," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Additionally, this funding offers an opportunity for schools to align their buildings with the Commonwealth's net-zero goal and to make more environmentally-conscious infrastructure upgrades." "With these grants, we

can direct more resources to school districts with economically disadvantaged student populations that have a greater number of buildings with HVAC systems in need of moderate repairs, major repairs or complete replacement," said. Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "These grants will allow us to improve air quality for tens of thousands of students and ed-

school buildings across the Commonwealth."

idence-based recovery that helps deal with the present impacts of COVID-19, while also preparing for the future," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "By providing funding for HVACs through 2027, our hope is to support public health and education initiatives by giving schools the state-of-the-art air fil-

tration systems they need

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and deserve."

schools in the Commonwealth are equipped with quality ventilation systems, especially schools in communities that have disproportionately been impacted by the pandemic, is critical for supporting student well-being and success" said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano. "I'm proud of the work that was done in the House to initiate this funding to improve air-quality in our school buildings and provide healthy learning environments for students, educators and staff. I want to thank my colleagues in the legislature for prioritizing these vital investments." School districts can ap-

ply for the grants to make HVAC systems and indoor air quality improvements, which could include: • Needs assessments of

- existing school environments, HVAC systems, and indoor air quality to establish a baseline of a
- school's existing condiucators in hundreds of • Feasibility studies to develop long-term indoor

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 - els • Design, bidding assistance and construction phase services for projects to upgrade or replace existing HVAC systems
 - Implementation of indoor air quality improvement plans, securing outsourced services, establishing in-house HVAC maintenance positions, and securing equipment to maintain, repair or install new HVAC systems
 - Implementation of indoor air quality improvement plans, securing services and materials to ensure operability of windows and doors "We are very pleased

to be able to provide this funding to school districts to improve HVAC systems and air quality in classrooms for students and staff. This grant program will give schools the flexibility to make improvements that best suit their needs. For example, upgrades and replacement of windows and doors is allowable if they are inoperable and prevent fresh air from flowing into the building," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "These investments

will benefit students, educators, and everyone in the community who uses school buildings," said Elementary and Secondary **Education Commissioner** Jeffrey C. Riley. "I hope districts will seize this opportunity to improve the health and comfort of their schools where needed."

Wu announces next steps for municipal energy efficiency upgrades

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston will begin an inventory of all its exterior lights as a part of Renew Boston Trust (RBT), a self-funding finance mechanism that uses the cost savings from efficiency projects to pay for themselves. The City of Boston plans to convert all electric lighting to efficient LED fixtures in alignment with its carbon neutrality goals. The City released a request for qualifications in July 2021 and selected the contractor Ameresco, Inc to move forward with the audit. Ameresco will be charged with auditing exterior lighting as well as recording its location, technology, condition, and other relevant data over the next six months.

The initial audit of the exterior lighting is being conducted as the first step in the process. Using the collected data, the City will develop energy conservation measures designed to reduce the amount of electricity and natural gas used by the City's streetlights, traffic

lights, athletic field and park lights, and school department security lighting. The work to improve the efficiency of the fixtures will be implemented in stages over several years. This stage of the Renew Boston Trust project has already been allocated \$10.0 million in capital

announcement

This

builds off the progress of the RBT building energy efficiency program, including the most recent work on Phase III. This phase of the program is the most ambitious yet, conducting lighting improvements, water conservation, building envelope improvements, and pipe insulation upgrades in nine Boston Public Schools, one police station, and one property management facility. The selected properties include the Parkman House, the C-6 Police Station, City Hall, and the JFK Elementary, Condon K-8, Taylor Elementary, Russell Elementary, Tynan Elementary, Murphy K-8, Ohrenberger School (3-8), Otis Elementary, and the Boston Latin Academy schools. The schools were selected based on the Opportunity Index with schools prioritized that were not already scheduled for Capital improvements over the next five years. Mayor Wu's FY23 budget contains \$65 million in City capital funds for the continuation of Phase III of the RBT program.

"We have a unique opportunity to update our municipal buildings and exterior lighting in a way that preserves Boston's character and aligns with our broader environmental goals," said Mayor Wu. "I am excited to work on ensuring our city is saving energy and the associated costs while bringing us closer to our net zero goals."

"We're thrilled partner with the City on their forward progress to become more energy efficient through LED lighting retrofits," Pete Christakis, Senior Vice President, Ameresco. "This retrofit will not only reduce energy spend for the City but also result in a significant reduction of carbon emissions. We commend the City leadership for championing this project as another piece of the decarbonization puzzle."

The initial phase of exterior lighting retrofits is expected to focus on replacing electric streetlights that use conventional technology with LED technology. It is estimated that of the 80,000 streetlights, 14,000 are conventional. There are also 2,800 natural gas street lamps that account for 4 percent of streetlights across the city, but account for 37 percent of the emissions from all streetlights. The retrofit of these gas lamps will occur in stages, after community engagement opportunities and input.

"We know that the Renew Boston Trust mechanism works for reducing our energy expenses and our carbon emissions," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "The first two phases of RBT

have saved significant greenhouse gas emissions and nearly \$1.1 million in debt service. We are particularly excited that this phase has a green jobs component with a portion of our spending supporting residents flowing into the City's green transformation."

"In addition to substantial energy savings, upgrading our streetlights to LED will reduce maintenance costs, increase reliability, and allow our Street Lighting Division to optimize their operations planning," stated Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. excited this initiative will reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and serve as an important component of Mayor Wu's Green New Deal."

Phase I of the program completed energy conservation measures at 14 municipal sites including community centers, libraries, parks, and police and fire stations across the city. Phase II is nearly complete and includes \$20 million of energy conservation measures for 31 City-owned buildings. Renew Boston Trust uses performance contracts that ensure the City's Capital Budget allocations are repaid by the energy sav-

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This announcement exemplifies the Wu administration's commitment to a Green New Deal and retrofitting municipal properties to align with the City's carbon neutrality goals. Mayor Wu's FY23 Budget includes investments that further support these objectives, including \$20 million of ARPA funding towards deep energy retrofits for affordable housing, \$2.5 million of ARPA funds to electrify Boston Public School buses, and \$2.5 million of Capital funding for a Climate Ready Streets initiative to support green infrastructure. Additionally, Mayor Wu recently filed legislation to give Boston the local option to set building standards eliminating the use of fossil fuels for new developments and major renovations in Boston.

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The Museum of Science, Boston(MOS), one of the world's largest science centers, announced the opening of its newest exhibition, Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible. Created by the Museum of Science, the exhibition invites visitors to explore how artificial intelligence technologies are opening opportunities for some of humanity's greatest achievements as well as how these technologies impact our daily lives. The exhibition will feature a full-scale model of NASA's Perseverance Mars rover and an obstacle course for Boston Dynamic's agile mobile robot, Spot, along with over three dozen components and interactive experiences that demystify how AI is already being used. Exploring AI: Making the In-

visible Visible is present-

ed in English and Spanish and opens to the public on Tuesday, September 27. Tickets are available at mos.org.

"With Exploring AI: the Invisible Making Visible, the Museum of Science is inviting the public to gain a deeper perspective of this rapidly developing technology that increasingly impacts our daily lives," said Tim Ritchie, president of the Museum of Science. "This exhibition, informed by partners and leaders at the edge of AI development, aims to shed light on how we benefit from AI right now and how the process of building AI systems is, at its core, a human endeavor. All of us should have a working knowledge of AI so that we can play a role in ensuring it is deployed for the benefit of everyone."

Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible aims to reveal the breadth of AI in our lives through specially curated exhibit pieces and custom installations that highlight AI's capabilities, potential and its current limitations. Features of the exhibition

Spot® Residency at the Museum: The globally recognizable and innovative Spot, the agile mobile robot from Boston Dynamics, will move into a new home in the exhibit. Visitors will be able to see Spot use its AI technology to traverse uneven terrains through a unique obstacle course that will showcase its autonomous mobility.

NASA's Perseverance Rover: On loan from NA-SA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California, a full-scale model of the Perseverance Mars rover will be on display for visitors to learn about how AI is extending human capabilities well beyond our home here on

Data Choreographics: This installation by the Boston-based transdisciplinary arts collective MASARY Studios is an interactive work that uses body movement to show how AI systems process "neural data through pathways" in response to visitors showing off their dance moves.

Toyota Research Institute: The exhibition will feature a cutting-edge example of automated vehicle navigation assistance from Toyota Research Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Train an AI program: In a pair of interactive experiences, visitors will learn about the importance of

selecting a data set when training an AI system. By observing and comparing data sets composed of images and sounds, visitors explore how the choice of a data set can hold the potential for biased out-

Exploring AI: Making the Invisible Visible opens Tuesday, September 27, and is included with Exhibit Hall admission. For more information about the Museum's work exploring Artificial Intelligence, visit mos.org/artificial-intelligence.

About the Museum of Science, Boston

Among the world's largest science centers and one of New England's most attended cultural institutions, the Museum of Science engages millions of people around the world in science, technology, engineering, and

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math (STEM) each year through interactive exhibits, community programs, Planetarium productions, and preK - 8 EiE® STEM curricula through William and Charlotte Bloomberg Science Education Center. Established in 1830, the Museum, at Science Park, is home to such iconic experiences as the Theater of Electricity, the Charles Hayden Planetarium, and the Mugar Omni Theater. The Museum influences formal and informal STEM education through local and national advocacy, as a strong community partner and loyal educator resource, and as a leader in universal design, developing exhibits and programming accessible to all. Learn more at mos.org.

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LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT** Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL **ADJUDICATION** Docket No. SU22P1902EA Estate of: Carmella Puopolo Date of Death 01/01/2014 To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/ or Appointment has been filed by Denise Puopolo of Lynn, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition The Petitioner requests that: Denise Puopolo of Lynn, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve. Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised

administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection

at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/10/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you

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matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Date: August 26, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 9/21/22

LEGAL NOTICE

ZONING HEARING The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accordance with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a virtual public hearing will be held on October 12, 2022, at 9:15 A.M., in connection with Text Amendment Application No. 506 and Map Amendment Application

No. 747, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency. Said applications would extend to November 11, 2023, the period of time that Article 27T, governing the East Boston Interim Planning Overlay District ("IPOD"), remains in effect. This meeting will only be held virtually and not in person. You can participate in this meeting by going to https://bit.ly/BZC_October 2022. Copies of the petitions, the IPOD, and a map of the area involved may be obtained from the Zoning Commission electronically, and you may also submit written comments or questions to zoningcommission@boston.gov. Interpreting services are available to communicate information at this hearing. If you require interpreting services, please contact the following: zoningcommission@boston.gov or 617-918-4308. The meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022. Please request interpreting services no later than October 7, 2022. For the Commission Jeffrey M. Hampton

Executive Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division** 24 New Chardon St.

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(617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT Docket No. SU22P0284PM Estate of: Susan Frady A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq. of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, Temporary of the 1st and other such relief as may be requested in then Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 10/20/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Date: August 25, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 9/21/22

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

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at the Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Lower level of the Logan Airport Consolidated Rental Car Facility). The meeting will also be live

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before September 30, 2022.

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

REGULAR MEETING a. Attendance 6:30 pm

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

New Business

Old Business

- a. 6:45 pm Phase II updates (w/public comment) b. 7:15 pm - Review and acceptance of Board resignations c. 7:30 pm - Job Description - Board executive secretary - (continued
- from May 17, 2022 meeting) e. 7:45 pm - Scheduling of Diversity and Inclusion Training for Board

members (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)

- Agreement (continued discussion)
- a. Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) b. Nominations for Open Board seats (tabled from May 17, 2022)

8:00 pm - Anticipated adjournment

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

> MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND -English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom

A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the organization's website at: www.EBPierPAC.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

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

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado

Se da aviso de que el lunes **4 de octubre de 2022 a las 6:30 pm**, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) se llevará a cabo en el Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Nivel inferior de las instalaciones consolidadas de alquiler de automóviles del aeropuerto de Logan). Allí la reunión también se transmitirá en vivo a través de zoom.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el 30 de septiembre de 2022.

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

REUNIÓN REGULAR

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

NUEVO NEGOCIO

- 6:45 pm Phase II update (con comentario público) 7:15 pm - Revisión y aceptación de renuncias a la Junta Directiva
- 7:30 pm Descripción del puesto Secretario ejecutivo de la Junta (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)
- 7:45 pm- Programación de capacitación en diversidad e inclusión para miembros de la Junta (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)

- Actualización Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión
- Nominaciones para puestos en la Junta Abierta (presentadas a partir del 17 de mayo de 2022) 8:45 pm - Aplazamiento anticipado

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

La traducción del inglés al español estará disponible en Zoom

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

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Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta

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Details listed for return of \$2.941 billion in excess tax revenue to taxpayers

Following the State Auditor's certification that Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) net state tax revenues exceeded allowable revenues per Chapter 62F by \$2.941 billion, the Baker-Polito Administration has announced details regarding the return of this excess revenue to taxpay-

"Stronger-than expected state tax revenues have led to a major surplus for Fiscal Year 2022, and we are pleased to be able to return nearly \$3 billion in excess revenue to the taxpayers," said Governor Charlie Baker. "With families facing continued pressure from high prices and inflation, these returns will provide some needed relief. Even with nearly \$3 billion going back to taxpayers, significant state and federal resources remain, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest this funding into our economy, year – Tax Year 2021. In communities and families."

"Strong economic growth throughout our Commonwealth, combined with careful management of state tax dollars, has resulted in a significant surplus this past fiscal year," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "In the coming months, our administration will work diligently to distribute these funds back to taxpayers, and we look forward to working with the Legislature to invest additional surplus dollars in local economies across our state."

In accordance with the statute, the \$2.941 billion will be returned to eligible taxpayers by the Department of Revenue in proportion to personal income tax liability in Massachusetts incurred by taxpayers in the immediately preceding taxable

general, eligible taxpayers will receive a credit in the form of a refund that is approximately 13% of their Massachusetts Tax Year 2021 personal income tax liability. This percentage is a preliminary estimate and will be finalized in late October, after all 2021 tax returns are filed. To be eligible, individuals must have filed a 2021 state tax return on or before October 17, 2022. An individual's credit may be reduced due to refund intercepts, including for unpaid taxes, unpaid child support, and certain other debts.

Individuals eligible for a refund will receive it automatically as a check sent through the mail or through direct deposit. Distribution of refunds is expected to begin in November 2022.

"While the exceptionally high tax collections we saw in FY22 are a testament to the strength and resilience of the Massachusetts economy, we are pleased to be in a position to return a substantial portion of this revenue back to taxpayers," said Administration and Finance Secretary Michael J. Heffernan. "With many feeling the strain of rising prices, these refunds will be a welcome source of relief for more than three million hardworking individuals across the state, and we look forward to executing on the delivery of the refunds in the coming months."

In total, \$41.812 billion was collected in FY22, representing overall revenue growth of more than 20% above Fiscal Year 2021. After accounting for the Chapter 62F refunds and the recently filed \$840 million final FY22 supplemental budget, a surplus of \$1.5 billion remains available to support permanent tax relief measures and other critical investments pending in the FORWARD/economic development bill, in combination with \$2.2 billion in remaining American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Additional information about Chapter 62F taxpayer refunds, including Frequently Asked Questions and a refund estimator, is available at www.mass. gov/62frefunds. website will be updated as additional information becomes available in the coming months. A call center will also be available to answer questions about 62F refunds beginning Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 877-677-9727 and will be open Monday through Friday, 9am-4pm. The call center will not be able to provide exact refund amounts – however, the estimator on the FAQs

Chapter 62F is a Massachusetts law enacted by voters in 1986 via a ballot question that requires the Department of Revenue to issue a credit to taxpayers if total tax revenues in a given fiscal year exceed an annual cap tied to wage and salary growth in the

Commonwealth. The law requires that the Department of Revenue submit a report to the State Auditor on the net state tax revenues and the allowable state tax revenues for each fiscal year by September 1st. The State Auditor then makes determination whether net state tax revenues exceed allowable state tax revenues – and, if so, by what amount – on or before the third Tuesday of September.

The Chapter 62F process has been triggered once before, in 1987.

Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk set for October 2

Registration is now open for the 2022 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, October 2, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation's premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer
- Institute) • 10K Walk (6.2 miles
- Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Welles-

from Newton)

• Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton).

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients - Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes - displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities. Participants can also join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials will be available.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33year history. For additional information please email JimmyFundWalk@ DFCI.Harvard.edu or call 866-531-9255.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#Jimmy-FundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

JPNA HOSTS A "GREAT SWAP"

Jeffries Point The Neighborhood Association (JPNA) is organizing a "Great Swap" on Sunday, September 25 for the whole day. Residents in the JPNA area are encouraged to put items in good condition in front of their homes, labeled "free" all day for others to take

JPNA Co-Chair Margaret Farmer explained we are doing this event to reduce the amount of waste coming from the neighborhood and make it easier for mature residents and those without cars to dispose of usable items". Residents must NOT block sidewalks, walkways or driveways or you will be ticketed.

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All participants are asked to be respectful of private property. The JPNA did make a formal request to the Mayor's office that the city refrain from ticketing items left out until the Wednesday trash day, but this has NOT been guaranteed, any items left out-

side risk being ticketed.

The JPNA covers Marginal, Webster, Sumner, Everett and Maverick Streets, as well as the cross streets of Cottage and Orleans. The JPNA will post on Facebook the week before the event, participating neighbors are encouraged to post their address and a description of items online if they wish. This is not required to participate.

People throughout East Boston, Chelsea and Revere are encouraged to visit the area to take free items away. Please be

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GSCA AGENDA

News in Brief

The following is the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) Agenda for Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom for this meeting: https://www. govestreet.org/meetings

This meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. All speakers will be available to answer questions from the community.

- 135 Bremen Street development project - Q&A with community (30 min)
- The proponent is seeking to reduce the number of off-street, below-ground parking spaces from 110 spaces to 47 spaces to create more clearance between parking garage and MBTA train tunnel.

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- Announcements (5 min)
- Vote on 229 Maverick Street roof deck has been suspended until requests from the board have been met by the developer.
- · Community updates (15 min)
- BPD update from Sgt. East Boston liaison -
- Nathalia Benitez EBNHC development
- Construction update on Loftel project (175 Orleans Street on the cor-
- ner of Orleans and Porter Streets) (10 min)
- VOTE: 24 Geneva Street (20 min)
- VOTE: 169 Maverick Street (20 min)

Our meetings take place on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30p. All meetings are currently being held on Zoom.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts sponsors free **Bluebikes Adventure Passes**

In recognition of World Car Free Day, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts ("Blue Cross") is sponsoring free Bluebikes Adventure Passes on Thursday, September 22. Unlimited two-hour Adventure Passes, for a 24-hour period, will be available across the Bluebikes system's 11 municipalities: Arlington, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Newton, Revere, Salem, Somerville, and Watertown. Blue Cross is the title sponsor of Bluebikes, a publicly-owned bike share managed by municipal staff and operated by Lyft.

The state's largest health plan remains committed to actively improving the environmental health of its communities while expanding public bike sharing as a sustainable and healthy transportation option. Blue Cross is sponsoring free Adventure Passes all day long in hopes that residents will travel via Bluebikes for the day rather than rely on passenger vehicles, helping to reduce emissions, air pollution and road congestion. Riders can take advan-

tage of complimentary Adventure Passes by downloading and opening the Bluebikes App on a mobile device and entering code "BLUECAR-FREE", which unlocks unlimited two-hour Adventure Passes for a 24hour period. A map of all stations in Metro Boston can also be found here. Blue Cross has been the

title sponsor of Bluebikes since 2018. By partnering with the municipal owners of Bluebikes, Blue Cross continues to support system growth and accessibility, including station expansions, upgrades and additional bikes.



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COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA'S 30TH BIRTHDAY

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta celebrated her 30th birthday with her first fundraising event since being elected into office in May 2022. Loved ones and supporters gathered on September 14 on the Nantucket Lightship to commemorate her achievements, raise awareness about Coletta's goals, and enjoy smoky sangrias and cake.

"The two of us get to fight for the community that raised us and our families. It's incredibly special," declared State Representative Adrian Madaro when he introduced Coletta. "I am honored to work with Gigi every day on behalf of this community."

Madaro is a lifelong friend of Coletta's, having grown up together on Eagle Hill. They learned about community activism from their parents, attending protests about airport expansion in their youth. Now Representative Madaro is proud to have Coletta beside him as a colleague in office.

"It is a privilege having my dear friend partnering with me," continued Madaro. "Gigi shares our values, and is exactly the person we need in City Hall. She loves the community and wears her heart on her sleeve."

Coletta expressed her love of being a city councilor, defending the interests of the people of East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End. Over the last four months, she has obtained investments in her district to finance litter clean-ups, tree canopy maintenance, and 311 reform.

"In addition, I have been leaning into education work," announced Coletta. "Boston Public Schools are going through a lot of challenges, and I look forward to working with teachers, parents, and the new superintendent, Mary Skipper, to help develop pipelines to college and vocational schools. We need to start investing in kids who want to build our community."

Coletta prioritizes food justice, playground infrastructure, affordable housing, and environmental justice; and promises to always be accessible and responsive to her constit-

"I lead with my heart. I have tried to lead with integrity, compassion, and empathy," Coletta stressed. "I love to lead with joy. A joyful life is a healthy life. Joyful representation will ultimately yield healthy outcomes. That is how I approach this role."



Councilor Gigi Coletta and her fiancé, Sebastian Zapata.



Councilor Gigi Coletta greeting her friend, Rick Musiol, Jr., Vice President, **External Relations, New England Aquarium.**



Councilor Gigi Coletta celebrating after blowing out her 30th birthday candles.



Councilor Gigi Coletta with former city councilors, Diane Modica and Paul Scapicchio



Councilor Gigi Coletta posing with James Sutherland and



Lauren Hunter-Dyson.

Lizzie Torres drinking a

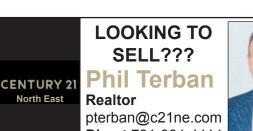


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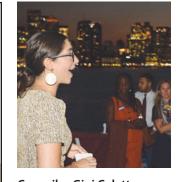
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Councilor Gigi Coletta expressing her goals for District 1.



Friends gathering on the Nantucket Lightship for Councilor Gigi Coletta's 30th Birthday celebration on September 14.

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