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National Grid launches the winter customer program to provide options to manage costs

National Grid recognizes that their customers are facing challenging economic times and that no one wants to see their energy bill rise. This winter heating season, National Grid is launching the Winter Customer Savings Initiative to help customers reduce their energy use and save money, better manage their bills, and secure available energy assistance.

The initiative brings together and expands National Grid's many customer resources, including numerous payment assistance programs for income-eligible customers, extensive residential and business energy efficiency programs and incentives, low-cost and no-cost bill management solutions, and flexible payment programs.

"We want to do everything we can to help our customers manage through the months ahead through our Winter Customer Savings Initiative, while maintaining high levels of service to meet their energy needs this winter season," said Helen Burt, National Grid's Chief Customer Officer. "This includes informing customers that they can 'shop' or choose from different energy suppliers, in addition to taking advantage of energy saving programs, including those supported by Mass Save. We believe helping customers take more control over how and what energy they use creates a more equitable and affordable energy future."

With energy costs rising due to global conflict, inflationary pressures, and high demand as the winter heating season approaches, National Grid understands the impact this increased financial burden can have on our customers and communities, especially when we are all experiencing increased costs for

other goods and services. National Grid buys energy on behalf of our customers from the wholesale market and passes through those costs without any markup or profit, so customers pay what National Grid pays for that energy.

National Grid is reaching out to customers to inform them of the Winter Customer Savings Initiative using multiple communications channels and through in-person Customer Energy Savings events being held across Massachusetts. These events will raise awareness of the choices and options customers have to reduce and manage their energy costs, including through National Grid's many energy and cost saving programs and payment options, such as Balanced/Budget Billing, and other assistance programs. We are going into communities and meeting customers where they live, work and go about their daily activities to provide a convenient and timely way to speak directly to a National Grid representative and other assistance providers, providing a "one-stop-shop" to sign up for money saving programs, enroll in energy assistance, and learn about all available options.

"We know winter isn't far away, so we're encouraging and making it easier for our customers to take action now and letting them know that we are here to help," said Burt.

In addition to the extensive energy efficiency programs and payment options, National Grid will continue to provide much-needed financial support to our community partners and organizations that help customers meet their energy and other basic needs during these difficult heating months.

"We want to help customers every way we can and ensure they have the opportunity to manage their bills this winter, save money and get the assistance they need," added Burt.

Residential Electric Forecast

With prices for natural gas, which drive electricity costs, significantly higher this winter due to global conflict, inflation and high demand, electricity rates for National Grid customers that take Basic Service will increase starting November 1.

In total, the monthly bill of a typical residential electric customer using 600 kWh will increase from \$179 in the winter 2021-2022 season, to approximately \$293 for the winter 2022-2023 season, or a 64 percent increase, driven by higher electric supply prices. National Grid moves from summer to winter rates November 1st of each year, per our regulatory schedule. Winter rates are traditionally higher than summer rates, due to the high demand for natural gas. To help minimize bill impacts this winter season, National Grid worked to keep the delivery portion of the bill essentially flat, which is the portion of the bill that pays for the infrastructure to safely and reliably deliver electricity to our 1.3 million customers.

"National Grid buys electricity on behalf of its customers from the wholesale power market

through a regulatory approved process established 20 years ago. That process has served customers well over the years and provides flexibility for unforeseen events, like limited supplier response to solicitations. But things have fundamentally changed," said Burt. "Today, under a sustained, high market price environment, it is challenging to maintain affordable prices. Given that, we think it's a good time to work with our regulators and other stakeholders to review the process and electricity supply dynamics in the region, with an eye toward reducing price volatility and maintaining a secure, reliable and resilient energy system for the future."

Residential Natural Gas Forecast

As with electricity, National Grid adjusts its natural gas rates November 1st and May 1st to reflect seasonal differences in the cost of natural gas. Similar to electric, National Grid does not profit from gas supply costs; instead, customers pay what we pay for natural gas supply. The company has a pending proposal with the Department of Public Utilities that would result in a monthly bill for an average Boston Gas residential heating customer using 115 therms per month of \$278, an increase of \$50, or 22 percent, compared to rates last winter. For an average Colonial Gas residential heating customer using 107 therms per month, the typical bill would be \$241, an increase of \$47, or 24 percent, compared to rates last winter.

Puopolo // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Korea returned remains reportedly recovered from Pyoktong, also known as Prisoner of War Camp #5, to the United Nations Command. None were associated with Puopolo.

One set of remains disinterred from Camp #5 returned during Operation Glory was designated Unknown X-14430 and buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In July 2018, the DPAA proposed a plan to disinter 652 Korean War Unknowns from the Punchbowl. In December 2019, the DPAA disinterred Unknown X-14430 as part of Phase Two of the Korean War Disinterment Plan and sent the remains to the DPAA laboratory at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, for analysis.

To identify Puopolo's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological analysis, as well as circumstantial evidence. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Puopolo's name is recorded on the American Battle Monuments Commission's Courts of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are still missing from the Korean War. A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Puopolo will be buried in Malden, Massachusetts, at a date yet to be determined.

For family and funeral information, contact the Army Casualty Office at (800) 892-2490.

Parties // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

issued complaints against them," said Domenico. "If there are any abandoned buildings, just watch out for the squatters, because they seem to find them pretty quick."

In other recent police activity in the neighborhood, Domenico said police stopped a driver going 71 miles per hour on Bennington Street.

"When we stopped the car, the driver couldn't produce a license and he told the officer he had been here for 10 years and driving without a license," said Domenico.

Domenico also warned against a phone scam, noting a case on Sept. 18 where a victim got a call from a person in Mexico who said there was something wrong with one of the victim's relatives and demanded \$4,800, which the victim paid.

"If you get any calls like that, please don't send any money, checks, or store cards," Domenico said. "They do this for a living. Just be careful with phone calls."

Summit // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

execution of critical plans involving the active collaboration among community agencies/small businesses/churches/elected officials, and first responders -- and personally caring for one another's well-being, particularly the most vulnerable among us.

NOAH will be a presenter and 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



A man stands on a retaining wall at the corner of Marginal and South Bremen Streets during the January 2018 flood.

will also begin to explore a variety of additional challenging issues which affect resiliency, such as dealing with extreme heat,

flood prevention, critical infrastructure, evacuation preparations, air quality, food insecurity, pandemic planning, housing issues, youth concerns -- all underlined with equity considerations.

In order to become fully-resilient, the goal is to establish a collaborative Resiliency Network to alert and involve our vulnerable community members.

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. The organizers of the summit are encouraging every resident to work together to make all this happen for each other and for our neighborhoods.

Sign-up is strongly suggested and can be found at: <https://forms.gle/QBsJYRFCVXdVn-wHm6>.

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The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, October 03, 2022 through Monday, October 17, 2022 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV00011420

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Monday, October 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about Monday, November 07, 2022 and will end on June 30, 2023.

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HURRICANE FIONA IS A WAKE-UP CALL

We're all aware by now that climate change is dramatically impacting our weather, particularly by increasing the intensity of major weather events such as hurricanes. In our little corner of the world, significant weather events have been few and far between over most of the past century -- the 1938 Hurricane (hurricanes did not receive names then), the Blizzard of '78, and the 1991 No-Name storm.

However, to the extent that the lack of a major catastrophic weather event in 31 years has lulled us into complacency, the devastation wrought by Hurricane Fiona this past week in the Canadian Maritimes -- the most-powerful storm ever to strike that area -- should snap us back to reality.

This week, the impending havoc that potentially awaits the residents of the Tampa Bay area (which incredibly has not had a direct hit by a major hurricane in more than 100 years) should make us aware that it's only a matter of time before our turn comes due.

The consequences of the damage we have caused to the environment in the name of progress are far-reaching and complex -- and will only get worse unless we take drastic measures to reverse direction and prepare for catastrophic events.

Members of the East Boston community will be conducting a Resiliency Summit focusing on preparing to mitigate local flooding and damage to property following a natural disaster this Thursday evening, September 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Spinelli's, 282 Bennington Street.

We urge all concerned residents to attend this important gathering to obtain an understanding of the consequences of climate change in East Boston.

ALCOHOL IGNITION INTERLOCKS WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA

The National Highway Transportation Board (NTSB) recently made the recommendation that automobile manufacturers should be required to install ignition interlock devices (IID) into all new motor vehicles to prevent those who drink alcohol from operating a motor vehicle.

According to the official description of an IID, it is a small, handheld breathalyzer, about the size of a TV remote, for car ignitions that's installed to prevent users from being able to start their vehicle after drinking alcohol. Sometimes they're referred to as car breathalyzers.

The devices already are in widespread use by courts who order them for persons who have been convicted of operating under the influence as a condition for being allowed to drive while on probation.

The NTSB made the recommendation because despite improvements in recent years in auto safety, advances in medical technology, and stricter drunk-driving laws, fatalities caused by drunk drivers have been increasing across the U.S. Drunk driving accidents have risen to more than 11,000 deaths annually, of whom 1000 are children.

In addition, a whopping 290,000 Americans are injured by drunk drivers each year. The mass media tends to focus on deaths when reporting on auto accidents (or mass shootings), but ignores the often traumatic and life-changing injuries to bodies and brains suffered by victims of drunk drivers.

Those statistics cover only drivers who exceed the legal blood alcohol limit of .08. But the reality is that many accidents occur when people drink and drive, even if they are under the legal limit.

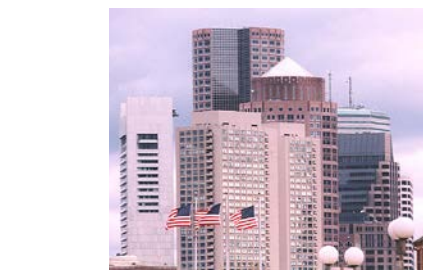
An IID would be a relatively inexpensive device -- somewhere in the neighborhood of about \$500 (or less) if installed at the factory. When multiplied by the 15 million new vehicles sold each year in the U.S., the total cost to consumers would be about \$7.5 billion.

However, that is a small fraction compared to the estimated \$44 billion annually that drunk driving accidents directly cost the U.S. economy, including costs for medical and emergency services, lost wages and productivity, higher auto insurance rates, and damage to property.

In addition, when one considers the indirect costs of drunk driving accidents -- such as when someone suffers a brain injury or a physical injury that affects them for the rest of their lives -- the estimated cost of drunk-driving accidents exceeds \$200 billion annually.

Polls and surveys routinely show that the biggest fear of Americans on our roadways is a drunk driver. No one has the right to drink and drive -- even one drink impairs motor skills and judgment.

Until self-driving automobiles become the norm, ignition interlock devices are an inexpensive way to reduce the carnage on our roadways caused by drunk drivers.



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GUEST OP-ED

Make today a good day

by the oceanside. Maybe you would want to spend your day eating ice cream, hamburgers and pizza. If it's your last day then why not?

I like ice cream, hamburgers and pizza but my doctor doesn't recommend them as a daily diet because of the hopes of tomorrow. There are ways that we can shorten our days and too much of what we enjoy is not always very good for us.

Since life is one day at a time, we can't go back and repeat yesterday. All the good you did is in the past. All the mistakes you made are in the past. You can spend the rest of your life wishing you could repeat high school, college or an old relationship. Actually, you are better off if you don't sit around and

think about it all the time. It's good to remember the good memories of family, friends, life's successes and joys but they are in the past. This often makes us sad because we know we can't relive some of those great moments of life. It's best to give thanks for them and move forward.

Today is a good day to make some more memories -- good ones. Living your life today regardless of what you are doing is the life you have. Make the best of it by enjoying your life. Do what you enjoy. Be good to yourself. Don't beat up on yourself. Don't live your life fighting with others. Do your work. Find joy in your work or move on to a work that you do enjoy. Find ways to reduce stress and to be happy.

Keep in mind that you can't make everyone else happy and don't take on everyone else's problems. You probably have enough of your own.

Be patient. All good things take time if they are worthwhile.

Finally, just in case you do live a bunch more years, live today in such a way, that you can look back to today and remember it as a good day.

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LETTER to the Editor

WHEN IS ENOUGH, ENOUGH?

To the Editor,
As I read the page 1 news story on the proposed development for 135 Bremen Street, I felt angry that once again the issue of overdevelopment is never really addressed by city agencies. Kudos for the Grove Street Citizens Association and to Carlos J. Munoz- Cadilla, a board member of the neighborhood group. His letter to BPDA points out quite clearly why the most recent changes made to the project by the developers only makes this new housing so negative to the neighborhood surrounding it.

As I looked at the architect's image of what

it all would look like when completed shows two vehicles in the artist rendering. Have anyone from the development team seen this intersection at Porter and Bremen streets when it turns into a morning zoo? There are six streets that would meet at this condo site, five stop signs and good luck if you are a pedestrian trying to cross over this area dodging vehicles from several different directions. Does this sound like a high rise with some but not enough surface level parking. The building itself requires it be graded into the downslope that heads inches from the Greenway behind this proposed structure. Ninety- four residential units with 47 off-street parking

spots seems unacceptable to me and apparently to the Grove Street Citizens Association..

East Boston is a great liveable community of diverse folks who appreciate what their neighborhood affords them but this need by developers to keep building and building anywhere they can is destroying all that makes this neighborhood such a desirable place to call home.

As a Jeffries Point resident, I also have noticed - how could I not- the constant development around the point, on Sumner, Webster, Cottage Streets. Also look down at Orleans and Maverick Streets. Everywhere one looks, we see more and more market-rate or luxury housing

It reminds me of someone trying to put on a Size 10 shoe onto a Size 12 foot. How much squeezing can a neighborhood get? Apparently, developers don't care about our plight and neither does City Hall. Or somebody would do something.

One more problem to throw out by those who live in either the Jeffries Point or Gove Street area. What about the proposed new housing for the former Mt. Carmel Church and adjacent property as well as the new residential housing going up on Bremen Street, the old Royal Auto Body site?

When is enough, enough?

Sal Giarratani

Latest seasonally unadjusted unemployment and job estimates for local labor markets in Massachusetts

Local unemployment rates increased in eighteen labor market areas and remained unchanged in six areas in the state during the month of August compared to July, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported.

Compared to August 2021, the rates were down in twenty-four labor market areas.

Of the fifteen areas for which estimates are published, four areas gained jobs. The largest increases occurred in the Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem MA-NH (+1.1%), Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town MA-NH (+0.6%), and Brockton-Bridgewater-Easton (+0.4%) areas.

From August 2021 to August 2022, fourteen areas gained jobs with the largest percentage increases seen in the Boston-Cambridge-Newton (+5.6), Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem MA-NH

(+4.7), and Springfield MA-CT (+4.3) areas.

In order to compare the statewide rate to local unemployment rates, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the statewide unadjusted unemployment rate for August 2022 was 3.5 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the revised July estimate.

Last week, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development reported the statewide seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the month of August 2022 was 3.6 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the July 2022 estimate of 3.5 percent.

The statewide seasonally adjusted preliminary jobs estimate showed an increase of 6,400 jobs in August, and an over-the-year gain of 126,400 jobs.

The unadjusted unemployment rates and job estimates for the labor market areas reflect seasonal

fluctuations and therefore may show different levels and trends than the statewide seasonally adjusted estimates.

The estimates for labor force, unemployment

rates, and jobs for Massachusetts are based on different statistical methodology specified by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

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Wu appoints new members to the ZBA

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a slate of appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA). The appointees live across the City and represent the diversity of Boston, including members who are multilingual, renters in income-restricted housing, homeowners, building trades members, first generation immigrants, and multigenerational Bostonians. Their collective training and experience includes city and transportation planning, community development, affordable housing creation, sustainable development and architectural design, and construction.

As the City’s zoning code has failed to keep up with Boston’s growth, the majority of development proposals in Boston require zoning relief and must be reviewed and approved by the ZBA. These new ZBA members will work closely with Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison to help advance the Mayor’s goal of rebuilding trust with communities through planning-led development while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the City’s development review process.

“This outstanding slate of community members will play a key role in Boston’s growth as we work to build more housing and address the regional affordability crisis, support equitable and resilient neighborhoods, and shift to planning-led development,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “These appointees represent the diversity, talent, and ex-

pertise of our communities that will connect Boston’s growth to addressing our greatest challenges.”

“I want to thank the prior members for their service to the city. These ZBA appointees have a variety of experiences in development and community advocacy work in Boston’s neighborhoods, and they represent the diversity of our City,” said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. “The BPDA is focused on furthering planning and development work that addresses Boston’s greatest challenges: resiliency, affordability, and equity. I am looking forward to a collaborative working relationship with the ZBA. Together, we can aim to reduce reliance on variances as the BPDA prioritizes planning-lead development.”

The ZBA totals 14 members – seven primary members and seven alternates with a range of experience as required by state law – who serve three-year terms. Alternates serve if primary members are unable to attend a ZBA hearing. All members currently serving on the ZBA were appointed by previous administrations. In addition to 10 new members, Mayor Wu is reappointing Jeanne Pinado, Sherry Dong, and Hansy Better Barraza. Kerry Walsh Logue, a representative of

the Building Trades Employers Association from South Boston, is an active member whose term expires in November. The nominees will now need to be confirmed by the Boston City Council.

Zoning Board of Appeal Appointees
At-Large
Giovanni Valencia, West Roxbury (primary seat)

Alaa Mukahaal, Mission Hill (alternate seat)
Neighborhood Organization Seats

Norm Stembridge, Roxbury (primary seat)
Shavel’le Olivier, Mattapan (alternate seat)

Sherry Dong, Dorchester (primary seat)
David Aiken, East Boston (alternate seat)

Greater Boston Real Estate Board

Jeanne Pinado, Jamaica Plain (primary seat)

Katie Whewell, West End (alternate seat)

Boston Society of Architecture

Hansy Better Barraza, Roslindale (primary seat)

Thea Massouh, Brighton (alternate seat)


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EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1977 CELEBRATES 45TH REUNION

PHOTOS BY CARY SHUMAN

The East Boston High School Class of 1977 celebrated its 45th Reunion Saturday night at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner and musical entertainment. Classmates reminisced about growing up in Eastie and attending East Boston High School.

Many guests thanked the reunion committee for organizing the celebration.



Classmates and cousins Cathy Pardi and Lori DeFronzo, with Judy Cochrane.



Reunion Committee member Mike LaMarca and Mary Ann Orlando.



Louie Manzo and Al Saunders.



Camille Martino, Danny Del Carpio, Judy Cochrane, and Billy Andrews.



Mary Ann Orlando, who was an excellent pitcher for the East Boston High School softball team, and Ronnie Carrillo, who was a fire-balling right-hander for the East Boston High School baseball team who began his outstanding career in the East Boston Little League.



Joyce Ristaino, Karen Daley, Lorna Pilcher, and Debbie Bouvier.



Steven Burri and Robert DeLeo.



Renee Bartholomew, Maryann Cavaleri, Cammy Caggiano Green, and Connie Oliviero.



Seated, Kevin Finn, Mary Ann Orlando, Sheila Thompson, and Mike McCormack. Standing, Steve Tarquinio, Ken Bradley, Bobby DiStefano, Richie Wood, Al Saunders, Al Pecora, and Louie Manzo.



The East Boston High School Class of 1977 Reunion Committee did an outstanding job organizing the 45th Reunion. From left, are Al Saunders, Judy Cochrane, Mary Ann Orlando, Mike LaMarca, Marianne Imbruglio, and Karen Daley.

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EAST BOSTON BOYS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST WINTHROP

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

Neighboring rivals East Boston and Winthrop battled on the soccer pitch on a windy Saturday morning at East Boston Memorial Park, with the Jets topping the Vikings 5-0.



HIGH STEPPIN': Steven Salmeron Pache (8) gets plenty of air as he leaps for a bouncing ball.



CROSSED PATHS: East Boston's Santiago Velez (7) and Winthrop's Giorgio Stante are tied up as they compete for possession.



HIPSTER MOVE: East Boston's Illyas Rebbai (11) moves in as Winthrop's (29)



THE CHASE: Santiago Velez (7) chases down Winthrop's (24)



STYLIN' MOVE: Illyas Rebbai shows off his moves as he gets around Winthrop's Dan Nunes.



GETTING HIS KICKS: Heilo Spinola hops as he gets a pass past Winthrop's Eron Muja.



OUT OF MY WAY: Illyas Rebbai (11) tries to get away from Winthrop's Eron Muja.



MIDFIELD FOOTRACE: Adriano Gomez Garcia (6) and Winthrop's (25) are neck-and-neck in pursuit of a ball.

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Wu announces next SPARK Boston Council

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the newly-selected 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council. The diverse, 40-member group will spend the next 12 months working to connect young adults to leaders in City government, City services, and one another. The SPARK Boston Council will advise Mayor Wu on City policies and programs affecting 20- to 35-year-olds.

“The future of Boston depends on having a well-informed and connected community of leaders in every generation,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This year’s SPARK Boston Council spans many cultures, languages, and corners of our city—all united by a passion for

civic engagement. I look forward to collaborating with the new members as we work to make Boston a city for everyone.”

The 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council members live in neighborhoods throughout Boston and come from a wide variety of cultural and professional backgrounds. One fifth of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far away as Syria, Venezuela, and Jamaica. The new members come from a wide range of work industries, including public service, higher education, and scientific research. Sixteen members are multilingual.

“This is a pivotal moment for SPARK Boston, as Boston’s first millennial Mayor appoints her first council,” said SPARK

Boston Director Audrey Seraphin. “I am delighted to work with these bright young minds to bring Boston’s largest age group together again, both virtually and in-person, after a difficult two and half years for our community.”

For the first time, new SPARK Council members will be supported by eight returning SPARK captains, who will provide mentorship and organizational assistance critical to the program’s continued growth and success.

“I am excited to enter this next year on SPARK as one of the new captains,” said returning council member Dianna Bronchuk of Roslindale. “I’ve learned about and engaged with so many new opportunities in Boston through SPARK, and I



Members poised to inspire civic leadership among Boston’s young adults.

am looking forward to bringing those to the new council members in this role.”

“It’s such an honor to continue working to better our City, especially now as a captain,” said Anthony Nguyen, a lifelong resident of Dorchester. “I’m excited to help lead the new council to reach our potential as a talented, diverse family dedicated to civic engagement.”

SPARK Boston, housed in the Mayor’s Community Engagement Cabinet, is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The Council meets monthly with City Hall leaders and creates free programming for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City’s on-going initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston’s many neighborhoods.

Over 34 percent of Boston residents are between the ages of 20 and 34 according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency’s Boston at

a Glance 2022.

“I’m honored and excited to be a part of SPARK council, where I feel that our voices and lived experiences will make a difference in what public services and policies are prioritized by the city,” said new council member Ki-Wan Sim from East Boston.

“I’m so grateful to be offered the opportunity to serve on the 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council,” said Kennedy Avery, new member from Beacon Hill. “Enthusiastic and innovative young people have long been committed to improving the City, and I can’t wait to work with my peers to connect the innovation and energy of young people in the City to the levers of power within City Hall.”

This year, the SPARK Boston program received 110 applications for the 2022-2023 Council, showing continued robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for the 2021-2022 SPARK Boston Council included the creation of the Allston-Brighton Renters’ Garden Contest, the on-going Pint with a Planner series, the Haitian Migrant Household

Goods Drive with IFSI, the 2021 Living & Learning Debt Survey, Rat City Arts Fest, and countless voter registration pop-ups and neighborhood social events.

The 2022-2023 Council includes:

- 1 Sydney Neugebauer, Allston
- 2 Anthony O’Neil, Allston
- 3 Bianca Beltran, Back Bay
- 4 Kennedy Avery, Beacon Hill
- 5 Janine Jay, Beacon Hill
- 6 Olivia S. Harris, Brighton
- 7 Cristen Mathews, Brighton
- 8 Steven Murnane, Jr., Brighton
- 9 Christopher Rockwell, Charlestown
- 10 Liza Perry, Charlestown
- 11 Abby Jamiel, Dorchester
- 12 Brenna Galvin, Dorchester
- 13 Alexa Monfort, Dorchester
- 14 Yakeisha L. Gray Sinclair, Dorchester
- 15 Tania Jaime Lopez, Dorchester
- 16 Taufiq Dhanani, Dorchester

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Upcoming photography exhibition ‘Portraits of Pride Boston’ celebrates local LGBTQ+ leaders

To celebrate the beginning of LGBT History Month, “Portraits of Pride,” a new public photography exhibition, will be on display at the Boston Common beginning October 1, running through October 29. The installation will feature 8-foot portraits of local LGBTQ+ leaders from a variety of backgrounds and industries, shot by world-renowned photographer John Huet (Vogue, Olympics, Nike), and curated by area LGBTQ advocate and community organizer Jean E. Dolin.

This one-of-a-kind exhibit honors the rich history of Boston’s LGBTQ+ community and the many contributions the area’s LGBTQ+ leaders have made to the advancement of LGBTQ+ rights in Massachusetts and beyond.

“Now more than ever, it is essential to tell the stories of LGBTQ+ people and celebrate how far we’ve come. ‘Portraits of Pride’ uplifts our community’s many, many

achievements in an artistic, intentional, and public way,” said Jean Dolin, the exhibit’s curator. “I am so proud to pay this tribute to my hometown and amplify the diverse, exceptional voices that make up Boston’s LGBTQ+ community. Massachusetts has consistently been setting the example of championing LGBTQ+ rights - not just for the country, but for the world - with many of those rights being the results of decades of hard work and advocacy. Through this exhibit, I want the public to get to know these champions and the collective history that exists in each of them.”

The exhibition will showcase portraits of Massachusetts’ top leaders in public service, entrepreneurship, business, law, and more, alongside a statement of what pride means to them.

“Boston’s LGBTQ+ community has always been full of trailblazing minds and pioneering spirits. I am so honored to

participate in and support ‘Portraits of Pride’ as we commemorate Boston’s rich LGBTQ+ history,” said Elyse Cherry, CEO of BlueHub Capital, whose portrait will be on display. “Supporting communities that are too often ignored or left behind is central to my work leading BlueHub Capital and the Boston Foundation’s Advisory Committee for the Equality Fund. Once again, we are seeing LGBTQ+ rights under attack across our country. It’s important to showcase the many successes of our local LGBTQ+ community and bring our stories out of the margins and into the spotlight.”

The honorees who will be featured are:

- Jonathan Allen, Leadership Brainery
- Michael Bobbitt, Mass Cultural Council
- Mary Bonauto, GLAD
- Shaplaie Brooks, Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ Youth
- Beth Chandler, YW Boston

- Elyse Cherry, BlueHub Capital
- Alia Cusolito, Queer Youth Assemble
- Senator Julian Cyr, Massachusetts Legislature
- Charles Evans, LGBTQ Elders of Color
- John Ferguson, Webster Bank
- Paul Glass, LGBTQ Elders of Color
- Dominic Glaude, Independent Musician
- Arline Isaacson, Massachusetts GLBTQ Political Caucus
- Cheryl Katon, Fenway

- Health
 - David Leonard, Boston Public Library
 - Grace Moreno, Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
 - Ashton Mota, Youth Activist
 - Quincey J. Roberts Sr, The Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement
 - Connor Schoen, Breaktime
 - Grace Stowell, BAGLY, inc.
 - Derrick Young, Leadership Brainery
- Portraits of Pride will

be on view for the public at the Boston Common at the corner of Charles Street and Beacon Street from October 1-29. The exhibition is fiscally sponsored by Nonprofit Incubator and supported by the Boston Foundation, State Street, Eastern Bank, and Leadership Brainery. Orange Barrel Media, a media sponsor, will be promoting the exhibit on its digital outdoor signage across the city

NEWS IN BRIEF

MAVERICK ST. MOTHER’S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

Sen. Lydia Edwards wants to remind residents that Maverick St. Mother’s Scholarship Application is approaching. The scholarship is aimed to benefit local parents who are active in the community and are currently seeking secondary degrees at Boston-area colleges. Recipients will be shining examples of what it means to be involved and engaged community members. They are individuals who continue the work of the original mothers by advocating for a better East Boston.

All applicants must be a resident of East Boston; have at least part-time custody of minor child/children, or guardianship of children/adult child, demonstrated hardship, and have demonstrated dedication to the community in the spirit of the Maverick Street Mothers

i.e attending PTA or civic association meetings, fundraisers, volunteering, and attend any accredited institution. The committee will make a case-by-case determination to prevent predatory institutions from benefiting from aid.

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on October 31.

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT OLD NORTH CHURCH

Calling all Boston area pet owners! On Sunday, Oct. 2, Old North Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals. The North End celebration draws people

of diverse faiths and backgrounds and is an opportunity to find joy and honor our faithful companions who are a source of comfort for so many.

This year’s event, in partnership with RUFF, the North End Dog Group, will include a ceremony led by Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell, Old North’s Vicar-in-Charge, and assisted

by Rev. Dr. Jaimie Crumley, the new Research Fellow for the Old North Foundation. All animals, photographs of pets that do not travel, as well as children’s stuffed animals are welcome. Each animal will receive a special blessing. Pets must be on leash

or in appropriate carriers. For the safety of all, attendees must refrain from petting others’ animals.

Local canine celebrity, Oscar, an eight-year-old yellow Labrador who works as an Explosive Detection K9 for the

National Park Service in Boston, will be onsite to receive a blessing.

Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell, Vicar-in-Charge at Old North Church, is available for interviews and can speak to the significance of St. Francis to Old North Church and the North End community, as well as Old North’s community engagement activities.

Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 1:00 p.m.

MWRA Board of Directors approves waiver to join MWRA water system

At its meeting last week, the MWRA Board of Directors voted to adopt the recommendation of the MWRA Advisory Board to temporarily waive the entrance fee new communities pay to join the MWRA water system. Citing the challenges communities face – stressed river basins requiring water restrictions, rising concerns about PFAS (the so-called “forever chemicals”), and constrained economic development – the vote of the MWRA Board of Directors removed one hurdle communities must clear to join the MWRA system.

“Ensuring the availability of clean, safe drinking water is critical to public health, safety, and protecting our environmental resources,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card, who chairs the MWRA’s Board of Directors. “The MWRA’s water supply system is a tremendous resource and by waiving the entrance fee for new communities, interested municipalities will be able to better assess their own communities’ needs and the hurdles that may impact them, such as ongoing drought conditions, PFAS, and aging infrastructure.”

While the majority of the Commonwealth remains under significant or critical drought status, the Quabbin Reservoir, which

supplies the MWRA’s system, remains over 90% full placing it well within normal operating conditions for this time of year. According to the MWRA, even if the drought continued for several years, there would be adequate supply to fully meet the needs of MWRA’s existing water communities and, if needed, to augment the supplies of adjacent stressed communities.

“The MWRA has excess water to sell, and many communities near our system need water,” explained Lou Taverna, Chairman of the MWRA Advisory Board. “The benefit for existing communities is a reduction in their assessments each time a new member joins. That’s why the Advisory Board began exploring the option of temporarily waiving the entrance fee.”

Selling an additional five million gallons per day would reduce MWRA water communities’ assessments by over \$205 million over twenty-five years.

Following months of discussion and debate, the Advisory Board voted in June to recommend that the MWRA Board of Directors approve a five-year waiver of the entrance fee, subject to certain conditions.

“We’ve always been interested in responsibly growing the system,” said Fred Laskey, MWRA Executive Director. “Thanks

to water conservation and system improvements, MWRA is now 100 million gallons per day below its safe yield,” he added. “That’s 100 MGD that communities in need could use if they joined the system, and this vote by the Board of Directors will make it easier for them to do so.”

Though the MWRA removed one barrier for entry, many others remain. The admissions process includes a robust environmental review, pipes must be built to connect the nearby communities to the MWRA’s system, and in some cases modifications to the MWRA’s infrastructure must be made to meet the requested demand.

“We have a unique opportunity given unprecedented levels of federal and state funding that could potentially be used help pay for these infrastructure costs,” explained Joe Favaloro, MWRA Advisory Board Executive Director. “If all of the stars align, this could be a “win-win” situation. Communities with water challenges can meet their needs and safeguard their residents’ health with the best drinking water in the country, and MWRA communities receive some much-needed rate relief.”

If you would like more information about this topic, please contact the MWRA Advisory Board at matthew.romero@mwraadvisoryboard.com.

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- 28 Daniel Semeniuta, Roslindale

- 29 Melissa Beltran, Roxbury
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- 34 Kyle Miller, Roxbury/Jamaica Plain
- 35 Rafael Trujillo, Seaport
- 36 Sarah Ballinger, South Boston
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- 39 Zachary Kinnaird, West End
- 40 Eduardo Sanchez, West Roxbury

The SPARK Council captains for the 2022-2023 term are:

- 1 Alessandra Panares, Allston-Brighton
- 2 Richard Meinke, Allston-Brighton
- 3 Anthony Nguyen, Dorchester
- 4 Kristyn Berry, Dorchester
- 5 Mia Healy-Waldron, East Boston
- 6 Thomas Pelkey, Jamaica Plain
- 7 Dianna Bronchuk, Roslindale
- 8 Caitlin Zeytoonian, South Boston

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OBITUARIES

Edward Boyan, Jr.

Retired electrician

Edward J. Boyan, Jr. died at home in East Boston on September 24 surrounded by family.

Ed was born and raised in East Boston and entered the US Coast Guard in 1964, serving during the Vietnam Era. He was a retired electrician and a member of the Jeffries Point Yacht Club.

The beloved husband of Mary A. (Genovitch) Boyan, he was the loving father of Kelly Schacht and her husband, Albert, Edward J. Boyan III and the late Jody Phillips; grandfather of Stephanie Quinn and Erick Schacht and great-grandfather of Alani and Elijah. He is also survived by many cousins and extended



family.

Visiting will be in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston today, Wednesday, September 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. and will conclude with a Prayer Service and Military Honors. Relatives and friends are invited.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Vincent Fiore

He most cherished time spent with his family

Vincent R. Fiore of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Wednesday, September 21 surrounded by the comfort and love of his family.

Vincent was a sports enthusiast who especially loved the Boston Red Sox. Most of all, Vincent cherished time spent with his family.

The cherished son of the late Salvatore “Pee Wee” and Madeline (Fiorillo) Fiore, he was the devoted husband of Marianne (D’Ortona) Fiore with whom he shared 57 wonderful years of marriage, loving father of Christine Fiore and James “Jim” and his wife, Joanne, all of Revere; adored grandfather of Ricky Cioffi of Saugus, Bianca Fiore of Revere and granddoggie, Milo; caring brother of Ronald Fiore and his wife, Gail of Avon and Doreen Federico and her husband, Anthony of Revere. He is also survived by many



loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Vincent’s memory to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692 or by going online to www.heart.org

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

Sebastian “Benny” Zappulla

Formerly of East Boston

Sebastian “Benny” Zappulla, formerly of Winthrop and East Boston, the husband of the late Yolanda Zappulla, passed away Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 93 years of age from Dementia.

He was the father of a loving son, James of Middleboro and his wife,

Margaret. The grandfather to his pride and joys, Catherine and Alice. Benny served as a Marine in WWII in Guam as a runner. After returning home he met his love of his life, Yolanda and they married in 1950. He enjoyed music and had his own orchestra in the 1950’s. He played guitar, organ, and his all time favorite instrument saxophone, until he wasn’t able to play anymore. He attended Berklee School of Music and later taught guitar to children as a side job. He worked as a presser at Picarello and Singer, upon leaving he went to work for the Federal Government as a printer until his retirement in 1990. He did painting and wallpapering as a side job when James was growing up. Benny loved cars and took pride in his car even at 93 he was still outside tending to his car. He passed that love of cars onto his songs and granddaughters. Two of his son’s favorite memories were going to the slot cars races with his dad and spending the day racing his slot cars. He would help his son set his trains up in the living room and they would play them for weeks until they were told to take them down so they could have the living



room back again. Besides his son and his family, Benny is survived by his loving sister-in-law, Mary Zappulla of Winthrop, brother-in-law, Joseph DiMartino of Revere, several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Vincenzo and Rose Zappulla and his brother, Salvatore Zappulla. He will be missed by all those who knew him and loved him. Family and friends will honor Benny’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Friday, September 30th from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. before leaving in procession to Saint John’s Church, Winthrop, for a funeral Mass celebrating Benny’s life at 11:30 A.M. Services will conclude with Benny being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May he rest in peace. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 for research for dementia and Alzheimer’s. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Anna Ciano

Longtime devoted parishioner of Saint Joseph – Saint Lazarus Church

Anna Ciano of East Boston passed away surrounded by her loving family at the age 94.

A longtime devoted parishioner of Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church in East Boston, she was the beloved wife of the late John Ciano, devoted mother of Paul Ciano and his wife, Theresa, Barbara Milnick and her husband, Kent and Edward Ciano; dear sister of the late Filomena Cioffi and Frank Gazzero; cherished grandmother of John, Gino, Christopher, Anthony and Caitlyn and adored great-grandmother of Jackson and Ava.

Family and friends will honor Anna’s life by gathering for a Funeral



Mass at Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church on Thursday, September 29 at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Anna being laid to rest with her beloved husband, John at St. Michael’s Cemetery in Roslindale. May they rest in peace.

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

Lucy “Babes” Clifford

Longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston and member of the Sons of Italy

Lucy “Babes” (Cavaleri) Clifford of Winthrop passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 20 at 85 years of age.

Babes was a longtime parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, an avid bingo player and a member of the Sons of Italy.

The beloved wife of John Clifford, she was the devoted mother of John Clifford Jr. and his late wife, Patricia, Leonard Clifford and long-time partner, Brian Viarella, Mary Lou Clifford and partner, Michael Dalli and Lisa Clifford; dear sister of the late Josie Mirasolo, Gina Blackwood, Tina Polsonetti, Lewis Cavaleri, Frank “Chubby” Cavaleri, Joseph Cavaleri and Salvi Cavaleri; cherished grandmother of John Clifford III and spouse, Shannon, Patrick Clifford and spouse, Amanda, Richard Morton



and spouse, Diana and Gina Clifford and partner, Mike Robles and adored great-grandmother of Jackson.

Family and friends honored Babe’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Orient Heights) East Boston on Monday, September 26 and again on Tuesday morning, September 27 followed by a prayer service in our Serenity Chapel at 11 a.m. Services concluded with Babes being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May she rest in peace.



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Boston Public Health Commission hosting mass vaccination clinic Saturday

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) announced that it will hold a large scale COVID-19 vaccination clinic for families this Saturday at White Stadium in Franklin Park from 10am to 5pm. As an incentive to encourage residents to stay up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations, BPHC will be giving out \$75 gift cards to individuals 18 and under who get vaccinated or boosted and to one caregiver who gets vaccinated or boosted with them at the event, while supplies last.

Saturday’s event is part of BPHC’s ongoing efforts to increase COVID-19 vaccine and booster uptake in Boston, especially among younger residents. Vaccination rates for children ages 6-months to 4-years-old and ages 5 to 11-years old are still low, 11% and 46.6% respectively. There are also persistent racial inequities in pediatric vaccine uptake. Mass vaccination events are one of the many ways BPHC is working to foster greater accessibility to COVID-19 vaccinations to ensure an equitable recovery from the pandemic.

First and second doses of the primary COVID-19 vaccine series will be available for everyone ages 6-months and old-

er at Saturday’s clinic. Booster doses will also be available, including the new bivalent booster, which provide the broadest level of protection from COVID-19 and the Omicron variant. Bivalent boosters are only available for eligible individuals ages 12 and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech monovalent booster approved for children ages 5-11 will be available, as well.

BPHC administered more than 700 COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses during a recent family-friendly event at White Stadium. In response to the overwhelming turnout at the last vaccination event, BPHC has extended hours, increased staffing, improved accommodations, and designated lines for registered guests at the October 1 event.

Individuals can register ahead of the event here, however, it is not required to get vaccinated. Please note that registering in advance does not guarantee an individual a gift card. Walk-ins are also welcome, but space is limited.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are widely available throughout Boston. For a full list of clinics in and around the city, visit boston.gov/covid19-vaccine or <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov>.

BLO Board of Directors appoints Bradley Vernatter as General Director and CEO

The Boston Lyric Opera Board of Directors, led by Michael J. Puzo, voted this week to appoint Bradley Vernatter as the Stanford Calderwood General Director and CEO, the company’s highest leadership position. The appointment follows Vernatter’s term as Acting General and Artistic Director. At Vernatter’s suggestion to expand the company’s leadership team, the Board moved to split the previous role into two positions and open a search for a new Artistic Director.

“There is clear enthusiasm on the board for Brad’s leadership and his artistic vision during the past two seasons, which brought the company new artistic triumphs and



PHOTO BY GARY HIGGINS
Bradley Vernatter.

growth while navigating unexpectedly troubled waters,” Puzo says. He noted the Board recognizes Vernatter’s accomplishments, including:

- Stewarding company operations, fundraising, and finances to continue producing throughout the

pandemic and beyond;

- Producing BLO’s return to live opera following the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, from Cavalleria Rusticana in fall 2021, its free performance of Romeo & Juliet on the Boston Common this summer and its upcoming production of La bohème;
- Expanding the Company’s relationships with notable artists including Rhiannon Giddens, Michael Abels, Stephanie Blythe, Ellen Reid, Nico Muhly, Isabel Leonard, Talise Trevigne and others;
- Developing the Company’s streaming platform, operabox.tv and producing critically acclaimed films and series

such as the animated film of Philip Glass’ The Fall of the House of Usher, the cinematic adaptation of Ana Sokolovic’s Svadba, and the genre-leading eight-part opera miniseries desert in;

- Launching BLO Street Stage, the Company’s mobile performance stage to bring opera to the region;
 - Conducting an assessment of inequity and social justice at the company, and in the opera field; and
 - Leading a planning process that resulted in a five-year Strategic Plan and revamped mission and vision statements for the Company.
- “With an ambitious plan for BLO’s future in place,” Puzo says, “we

look forward to expanding the leadership team and to welcoming a new Artistic Director to the company and the city.” The Artistic Director position will report to the General Director and CEO, and will be a partner with Vernatter and Music Director David Angus in planning artistic programs for the company.

Boston Lyric Opera completed its Strategic Planning process earlier this year, resulting in a comprehensive, forward-thinking plan to guide the artistic and administrative direction of the company over the next five years. The BLO Board of Directors adopted the plan, which revises the company’s mission

and vision statements, and centers on: expanding the breadth of artistic programs; strengthening ties to regional and national communities; developing new leaders for the industry; and centering values of diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility.

“I am grateful for the leaders, artists and supporters who have contributed to BLO’s tremendous legacy and I am motivated by our new five-year plan,” says Vernatter. “We have the opportunity to put a stronger emphasis on being part of Boston’s civic and cultural fabric while producing the best of opera that inspires us and connects us.”

The Museum of Science announces its tenth season of the Museum’s SubSpace lineup

The Museum of Science, Boston, announced its tenth season of the Museum’s SubSpace lineup for Fall 2022, headlined by an esteemed panel of leading team members and astronomers for NASA’s James Webb Telescope, Women of the Webb: A Look at the James Webb Space Telescope and a virtual reality gaming experience exploring Alzheimer’s. The lineup kicks off on Thursday, October 6, with Rainbow Tales, an evening of storytelling celebrating the LGBTQIA+ community of Boston followed by a season of unique and groundbreaking speakers that transformed their respective fields and experimental, immersive performances that take over the Museum’s theater spaces. Tickets are available now for Members and the public at mos.org/adults.

SubSpace is the Museum’s experiential playground for developing fresh, original, social experiences for adults. The Fall 2022 season will offer new, captivating evening events, including a live celebration for A Beautiful Resistance from Jeneé Osterheldt and The Boston Globe, and will also bring back audience favorites including Coleslaw’s Corner: Return to the Dome and Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys Halloween Happening in the Charles Hayden Planetarium.

“The programming for the Fall season was inspired by the groundbreaking people and science happening locally, globally and in the distant universe,” said James Monroe, senior producer of adult programs and theater experiences at the Museum of Science. “For the 2022 season, we are looking forward to showcasing brilliant minds, performances and organizations that amplify artists, shared lived experiences, and scientific achievement to fill the Museum’s theater spaces with events that fuse together art, STEM and community through a captivating lineup of programming.”

The full lineup of featured events is below. For more information and to buy tickets, visit mos.org/adults.

October: Rainbow Tales, October 6, 7:00 p.m.: Celebrate LGBTQ History Month at the Museum with Rainbow Tales – an evening of storytelling and community in the Mugar Omni Theater, led by local leaders Jonathan L. Allen, Beth Chandler, Derek Young, Dr. Carl Streed Jr and Chief of Equity and Inclusion for

Boston, Mariangely Solid Cervera. This event is free with pre-registration

Doppelgänger, October 11, 7:00 p.m.: A one-night-only staging from the NUUM Collective and Media Art Xploration that explores isolation and connection through an AI-powered duet between a performer and herself. Following the performance, leading public interest technologist Afua Bruce, author of The Tech That Comes Next: How changemakers, technologists, and philanthropists can build an equitable world, joins the creative team for a conversation at the intersection of art, movement, and artificial technology. This program is free with pre-registration.

A Bailar! The Intersection of Afro-Latin Dance, Mental Health, and the Hispanic and Latinx Community, October 12, 7:00 p.m.: Join the Museum for an evening at the intersection of artistic movement and mental health within the Hispanic and Latinx communities, highlighting some of New England’s leading artmakers, dancers and musicians. This event is free with pre-registration.

The Innovation Mindset, October 26, 7:00 p.m.: The Museum welcomes Lorraine Marchand, a seasoned practitioner who has guided Fortune 500 companies and start-ups on developing and launching new ideas, to celebrate her new release, The Innovation Mindset, where she lays out a step-by-step

framework for spurring success. The event will feature a panel of female innovators highlighted in her new book. This event is free with pre-registration.

Walter Sickert & The Army of Broken Toys Halloween Happening, October 27, 7:30 p.m.: Kick off Halloween weekend in the Charles Hayden Planetarium with Walter Sickert & the Army of Broken Toys for their annual unforgettable evening of masquerade, music and mayhem. \$20 in advance with pre-registration, \$25 day-of.

November: The Technion: Powering the Future of Israel, Boston and Beyond, November 1, 7:00 p.m.: Israel’s Technion joins the Museum for an innovative conversation illuminating the power of international scientific collaboration and some of the ways they continue to safeguard our future to create a greener world. Professor Marcelle Machluf discusses the groundbreaking food tech research at the new Carasso Food Innovation Center, and associate professor Matthew Suss shares methods for purifying drinking water and accelerating the transition to renewable energy. This event is free with pre-registration.

Coleslaw’s Corner: Return to the Dome, November 3, 7:30 p.m.: Coleslaw’s Corner, the HUB-week Art Award-winning collaboration with one of Boston’s favorite Drag performers, Coleslaw, is back in the immersive dome of

the Charles Hayden Planetarium. Coleslaw is bringing along a lineup of her favorite Drag friends and performers to take over the dome. \$20 with registration.

A Lee and Nile Albright Annual Symposium: Digitizing Dementia: VR, Gaming and Alzheimer’s Disease, November 7, 7:00 p.m.: Presented in collaboration with the Harvard Brain Science Initiative, join MGH researcher Ted Zwang as he guides you through virtual reality and digitized brains that are being used to better understand dementia, highlighting the bright future research teams envision for video games in medicine. This event is free with pre-registration.

Fitness for All: Inclusivity in Fitness and Movement Spaces, November 9, 7:00 p.m.: Join the Museum for a one-night-only celebration of inclusive self-care and empowerment. The event features a discussion with Johnny Blazes, teacher and multidisciplinary performer; Erin Ball, director of Kingston Circus Arts; Ellice Patterson, executive director of Abilities Dance Boston; Justice Roe Williams, founder of Queer Gym Pop Up and executive director of Fitness4AllBodies; and Roz the Diva, personal fitness trainer, that will illuminate and showcase the power and necessity of fitness for all. This event is free with pre-registration.

Red and Blue, Bitter and Sweet presented by SYREN Modern Dance,

November 16, 7:00 p.m.: Red and Blue, Bitter and Sweet is an exploration of quantum mechanics theories including entanglement, wave/particle duality, uncertainty principle and superposition performed by SYREN Modern Dance. This event is free with pre-registration.

Living a Triggered Life Podcast, November 17, 7:00 p.m.: The Museum welcomes back The Triggered Project for a live production of Living a Triggered Life podcast created and hosted by Keith and Roxann Mascoll, a Black couple who have their own trauma histories, exploring how mental health, love, family dynamics, and more impact their long-term marriage. This event is free with pre-registration.

A Beautiful Resistance: Live!, November 18, 8:00 p.m.: The Boston Globe’s culture columnist and creator and author of A Beautiful Resistance, Jeneé Osterheldt, joins the Museum for a live event celebrating the groundbreaking project which aims to continue the tradition of Black artists and Black journalists in reclaiming the truth of Black folk. This event is free with pre-registration.

A Reno Family Foundation Symposium Presents Women of the Webb: A Look at the James Webb Space Telescope, November 21, 7:00 p.m.: Join the Museum in welcoming Dr. Heidi B. Hammel, an interdisciplinary scientist on the James Webb Telescope Project, Dr. Stefanie Milam, a planetary scien-

tist at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and serves as the James Webb Space Telescope Deputy Project Scientist for Planetary Science and Dr. Be-goña Vila, an Instrument Systems Engineer for the James Webb Telescope at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center for a panel conversation. Led by Radiolab’s Molly Webster, about how their work will forever change the way we look at the universe above us. This event is \$15 with pre-registration.

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 math (STEM) each year through interactive exhibits, community programs, Planetarium productions, and preK – 8 EIE® STEM curricula through the 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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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MEETING GETS CANCELLED

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Conservation Commission was canceled due to some technical issues last week.

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place by Zoom Tuesday, but due to IT issues at City Hall, had to be rescheduled, according to Director of Land Use Planning John DePriest. As of Wednesday morning, a new date had not been selected.

Topping the agenda was the public hearing for the notice of intent for the proposed light industrial and warehouse building at 295 Eastern Avenue.

Developers appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals last week for an initial public hearing on plans to build a 114,000 light manufacturing and warehouse facility on the property. In addition to the single-story building with 17 loading docks, the developers also plan to provide public access to Chelsea Creek and to wildlife areas on the property. Other local stops along the way for the project include the Planning Board later this month for its recommendations before heading back before the ZBA on Oct. 11 for a potential vote on a special permit.

Plans for the building call for three warehouse or light manufacturing spaces with office space of about 38,000 square feet each. Developers have stated that it will not be a freight forwarding facility like some of the larger Amazon facilities, but will be catered to smaller companies in need of warehouse space that have been pushed out of the market by some of the larger players.

Also on the Conserva-

tion Commission agenda was a public hearing for the notice of intent for La Colaborativa's plans for the demolition of an existing building at 63 6th St. and 244 Arlington St. and construction of a 3,655 square foot office building and the repaving of 6,845 square foot driveway and parking area. The site will be the home of La Colaborativa's new Chelsea Survival Center, which is slated to open to the community later this year.

The agenda also included a public hearing on a notice of intent for open space and parking at 1690 Revere Beach Parkway and confirmation of an emergency order issuance at 257 Marginal St.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE HEARS ABOUT MORE OPTIONS

EVERETT - Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani outlined three options, including using the former Pope John XXIII High School as a middle school for grades 7 and 8, at Monday night's School Committee meeting in order to alleviate the overcrowding situation in the Everett school system.

With the schools operating at 1,200 students over capacity, many elected city leaders, school officials, and residents view the problem as the overriding issue on the political agenda.

"To use Pope John for 7th and 8th grade students makes the most sense," Tahiliani told School Committee members, who noted that additional classroom space has been needed for years in the Everett schools.

Tahiliani said that this move would alleviate the overcrowding at the five K-8 schools, with no need

for modular classrooms as has been suggested for the George Keverian School. The estimated cost for 10 modular classrooms at the Keverian had a price tag of \$2 million, but this amount could increase by 50% or more because the \$2 million figure did not include the cost for utilities to be brought in or for the installation of pads that the modulars would be built upon.

Tahiliani noted that she had a walk-through of the Pope John site with architects and contractors, and it "looked good." However, she did point out that repairs would have to be made to the building, most notably for asbestos removal, the installation of a sprinkler system, and removing some non load-bearing walls.

"Much has to be done," to make the school, which was built in the 1960s, usable today, she said.

Tahiliani said that there are 46 classrooms at the former school, including a gymnasium, cafeteria, elevators, and science labs. "This would be a school that Everett can be proud of," she added.

Presently, the combined 7th and 8th grade classes in the Everett schools have a total of 1,068 students, a figure that is projected to increase next year to 1,082.

Tahiliani pointed out that under this model of a junior high, a curriculum of special classes geared to this age group can be accommodated and that there would be space for after-school clubs.

New employees would have to be added, such as nurses, custodians, and cafeteria workers, as well as school administrators. Tahiliani estimated that it would take \$30-\$40 million to re-open the school.

The other two options that were mentioned were

using the old high school on Broadway as a school for grades K-8. The building is currently being used by about 600 students.

The third option would be the construction of a freshman building and campus on the land on Elm Street that would take the pool, the park, the police station, and skating rink.

These last two options were discussed in 2018 and 2019 with the estimated costs at that time of \$145 million to repair the old high school and \$67 million for the freshman building.

During the discussion of the three options, it was noted that while using Pope John as a junior high would end overcrowding at all of the K-8 schools, the problem of overcrowding would not be addressed at the present high school.

The discussion then moved to how to pay for one of these options. Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who is an ex-officio member of the School Committee, said that he has already submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Program a proposal for a new high school, possibly at the River Green Park where there already are many school-related facilities in place, such as tennis courts and access to the waterfront for crew and sailing.

DeMaria touched on the fact that the funds that the city currently has under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) might be able to be spent on repairs to the Pope John site.

However, he noted that this one project could drain all of those funds, leaving many other local organizations that are seeking to increase their outreach into the community without any funding.

But the mayor then added that if the ARPA funds were not to be used, then taxpayers would have to foot the expenditure for the Pope John renovation, as well as \$100 million for a new high school, on their tax bills.

"I am open to everything," DeMaria added.

But DeMaria also went on to explain the need for affordable housing in the city. There has been an ongoing proposal to demolish the Pope John school and convert the site into an affordable housing complex, but that has been put on hold pending whether the city, which owns the building, decides to use the former school for new school space.

DeMaria said he has seen children sleeping in the stairwells of residential units and that affordable housing is also a major concern among many city residents. He highlighted this point by noting that there were 560 applicants for just 77 units of affordable housing at the recent St. Therese's apartment project on Broadway.

The mayor concluded his remarks by saying that he supported the superintendent in her efforts and added, "Let's try to resolve this together."

The committee voted to send a letter to the mayor's officer to seek a tour of the Pope John site. DeMaria said that they should coordinate this effort with this office and he would make sure that the members received a tour.

LYNN COMMUTER RAIL STATION TO CLOSE

LYNN - Lynn Commuter Rail station on the Newburyport/Rockport Line will close on October 1, to address potential station deterioration issues. Seeking to take proactive measures to advance rider and employee safety, the MBTA is completely rebuilding the station as part of the Lynn Commuter Rail Station Improvements Project. Following discussions with stakeholders and members of the community, alternate travel options during the station closure will include a free shuttle bus from Lynn to Swampscott station until a temporary platform is built.

"During the closure of Lynn station, I want to assure riders that alternate travel options will be available. Bus Routes 441/442 and 455 connect to Wonderland for Blue Line subway service. Additionally, a shuttle bus will operate between Lynn and Swampscott for riders who would like to board at Swampscott until a temporary platform is built," said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofkak. "I want to thank our Lynn riders and the Lynn community for their continued patience as we make these critical upgrades, investments, and improvements at the station."

The MBTA's Capital Programs team will continue public outreach and public engagement efforts as the MBTA moves toward the goal of safety improvements with the rebuilding of Lynn station. The MBTA will also host a virtual public meeting to discuss the work to be accomplished and details of the station closure. Details regarding the public meeting will be posted at mbta.com/events soon.

During the station closure, riders may use Bus Routes 441/442 and 455

from Lynn to connect to Wonderland station for continued Blue Line subway service into Boston. Riders may also use free shuttle bus service from Lynn station to Swampscott station. Although Swampscott is a Zone 3 station, Lynn riders who board at Swampscott may purchase Zone 2 tickets and passes. A temporary platform will also be constructed at Lynn and will serve Lynn station riders until station construction is complete. While buses will continue to operate at the station during the closure, bus stop areas may be moved to accommodate construction. Riders are encouraged to checkmbta.com/Alerts for full information on service alternatives.

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

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

For more information, visit mbta.com/LynnStation, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

ZAMBUTO RETURNS TO COUNCIL

REVERE - City Clerk Ashley Melnik administered the oath of office last week to Anthony Zambuto, marking the former city councillor's return to a position he had previously held for two decades on the 11-member board.

Melnik told the Council that the city's ordinances state that as the first runner-up in the 2021 councillor-at-large election, Zambuto was next in line under the rules about succession.

Zambuto succeeds Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo, who died on Sept. 11, 2022.

Zambuto addressed the Council following the swearing-in ceremony, noting Mr. Rotondo's service in city government and his career as a nurse.

"This is certainly a mixed-emotions, bittersweet," said Zambuto. "First of all, I want to say a few words about my friend and colleague,

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George Rotondo. “We sat next to each other for a long time. He was a friend and colleague. We didn’t always agree. We certainly had our differences.”

Zambuto spoke about the recount following last November’s election when Mr. Rotondo finished in fifth place and Zambuto finished in sixth place.

“We said, ‘whatever happens, we’re going into this as friends, and we’re coming out as friends, and that’s exactly what happened,’” said Zambuto. “George was someone who cared about people his whole life. He was a home health aide, an EMT, a nurse, a registered nurse, a cardio-care nurse – always helping seniors with their issues, so he did a lot of good. He did a lot for the City of Revere, and he was a good man and I’ll miss him, and may God bless his soul.”

Zambuto said he will work hard for the residents of Revere.

“Every decision I make up here is based in science and in fact,” said Zambuto. “Any position that

I take is a position that’s reasoned. A lot of people don’t agree with some of my positions, but the bottom line is I do what’s best for the city and I’m going to continue to do that. I’m grateful to be back [on the Council]. I’m happy to be able to contribute to the betterment of the City of Revere.”

TOWN MANAGER
UPDATES COUNCIL
ON CONTRACTS,
VOTING

WINTHROP - Winthrop Town Manager Tony Marino updated the Town Council on contract negotiations with the town’s municipal unions at last week’s meeting.

Chief among the news was the retroactive settling of the police union’s previous three-year contract, which ran through June of this year.

At its next meeting in October, the council is expected to vote on transferring \$241,000 from salary reserve to the police department budget to pay for the retroactive contract settlement.

Tuesday night, the council also voted to approve transferring \$195,000 from salary reserve to cover the retroactive costs of the recently settled firefighters union contract. That contract runs through 2024.

Marino said there are also tentative contract agreements in place with the town’s public works and clerical unions.

“They need to take those back to their groups to get ratification,” said Marino.

The Town Manager added that negotiations are also moving along with the library union and that that contract could be settled after another two or three meetings.

“Other than the police, we will be set for the next two years with fire and three years with everyone else,” said Marino.

Once the retroactive contract with the police union is paid out, Marino said work will begin to see if the town can get an agreement on a current contract with that union.

In other business, Marino updated the council on

the impressive early voting totals in the town for the Sept. 6 state primary election.

“I’d like to thank (Town Clerk) Denise (Quist) and her staff for the state primary on Sept. 6,” said Marino.

During the primary, Marino said two polling locations changed, with every precinct but precinct 4 voting at the old middle school, and it worked out well.

“I think in last November’s town election, there were roughly 2,200 voters, and we had roughly 2,800 voters in the Sept. 6 primary,” said Marino. “Of those 2,800 voters, 1,750 of them voted early at Town Hall in person, and then we had 58 absentee ballots and 990 people who voted in person on Tuesday, Sept. That’s 66 percent of the voters who were early voters.”


Marino said those numbers make it viable for at least the next election in November to keep with the current polling locations.

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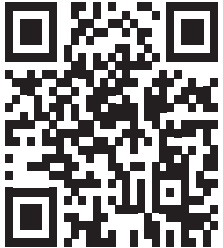


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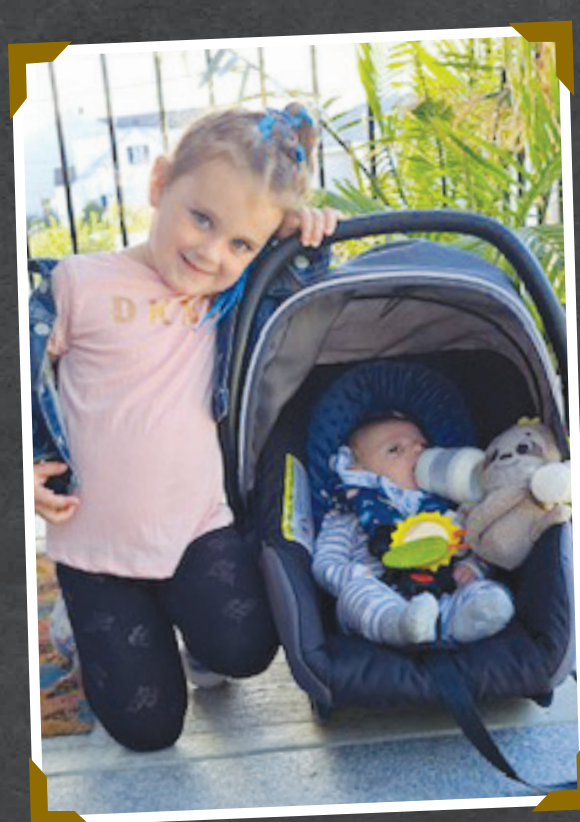
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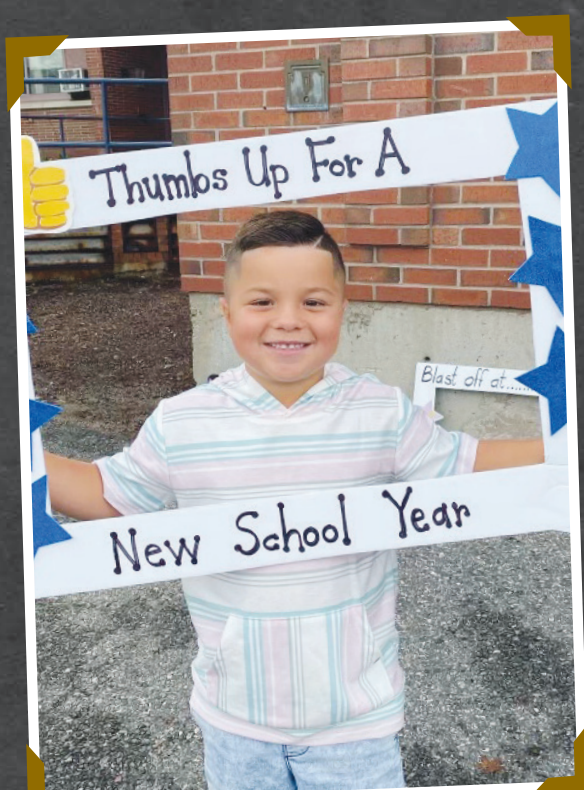
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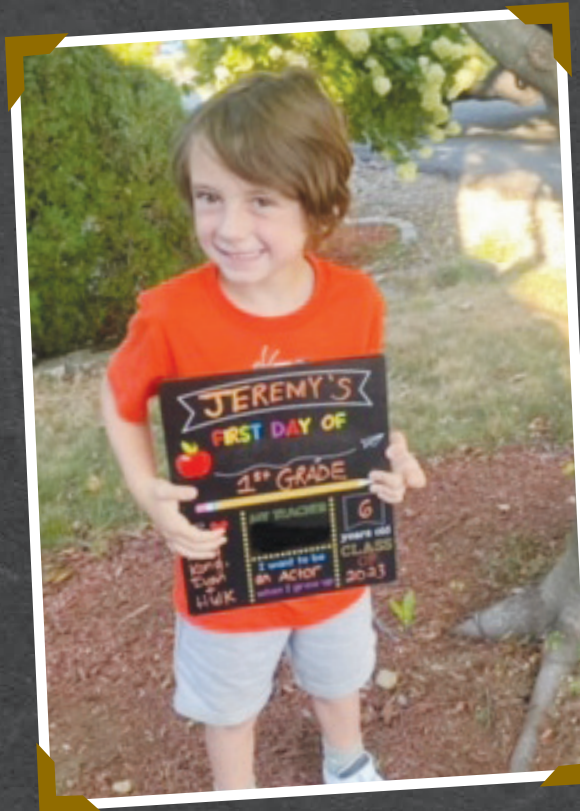
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