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ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION



The Italian American Alliance, led by CEO Dom Amara and President Jim DiStefano, hosted the first annual Italian American Cultural Celebration on Monday, Oct. 10 at The Tall Ship East Boston, 1 East Pier Drive, Pier One, in East Boston. The event celebrated Italian-American culture and feature Italian food, fun activities for families, and musical entertainment. Top, the children were entertained during the day with songs and dancing, in the photo everyone was invited to Limbo on the walkway. Above left, residents are Checking out the jarred gravy. Above right, enjoying the festival, Kathy Castelli, Linda Barrett, Cathy Addonizio and Anna Spint. See Page 6 for more photos.

Wu announces results of digital equity assessment and shares next steps for a more connected Boston

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu shared the results of a comprehensive digital equity assessment which will inform the development of a plan to build a more connected Boston, expand digital services, and ensure all residents thrive with improved access to digital technologies. This digital equity plan will

drive Boston's work to connect every family to digital services and opportunity.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 32,000 Boston households did not have broadband access. The pandemic reinforced the importance of high speed internet, necessary for conferencing systems and other band-

width intensive services (currently measured on a federal level as 25 megabits for download and 3 megabits for upload). This digital divide reinforces inequalities across Boston as access to broadband is critical for residents to study or work remotely, access telehealth and government services, and stay connected with their com-

munities.

"Digital access to education, opportunity, healthcare, and government services enable our communities to thrive," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We must work to improve our understanding of the gaps that some of our neighbors experience, and bridge those gaps."

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TRAFFIC ADVISORY

City of Boston Traffic Advisory for Saturday, October 15, and Sunday, October 16.

Events happening in the City of Boston this week will bring some parking restrictions and street clo-

sures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information

on the MBTA may be found online. For a faster return trip, the MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket. Walking is also a great way to move around.

ANNA'S MONSTER DASH - Sunday, Oct. 16.

East Boston- Race begins at 9:15 a.m.

The following streets will have closures.

Byron Street
Coleridge Street

RECOGNIZING THE CLEAN WATER ACT



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joins members of the EPA and federal and state leaders, including Sen. Edward Markey (right) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act at Piers Park in East Boston last Friday.



Sen. Edward Markey talks with Mayor Michelle Wu and other leaders during the event.



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News in Brief

BOSTON COMMON FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the second annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, October 21, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of free, fun, and spooky family-friendly activities. Test your courage in our Haunted Zombie Maze and on the Spooky Mansion Slide, try the Jumpin' Pumpkin, test your skills at the bean bag toss, and enjoy nighttime fun on our LED cornhole, swings, and seesaws.

The Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Key sponsors are HP Hood LLC and Mission Realty Advisors team at Compass. Additional support is provided by the Boston Circus Guild, UMass Boston Baby Lab, and Renewal by Andersen.

A "monster mash" of activities will include music, giveaways, arts and crafts, rides on the trackless train, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a stilt walker, fresh water from the Boston Water and

Sewer Commission Water Truck, and field games, individual, and group play facilitated by Knucklebones.

For more information please go to boston.gov/falloween. To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/GetParksEmails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

CAMBRIDGE HALF MARATHON AT CAMBRIDGESIDE

Cambridge Half Marathon at CambridgeSide will take place on Sunday, November 6 (race begins 7:00 a.m. EST). The 13.1-mile USATF certified course starts and finishes at CambridgeSide. This beautiful and scenic course route features MIT, John W. Weeks Footbridge, Harvard Stadium, Charles River, Harvard Square and more. Registration is currently \$125 per person and includes a quarter zip pullover, a race bib with a timing chip and more. Team signups are encouraged. Register at CambridgeSide.com.

Cambridge Half Marathon race proceeds benefit Cambridge Camping (CambridgeCamping.org), City of Cambridge Scholarship Fund (Cambridgema.gov/Services/CityScholarship) and other local charities.

"CambridgeSide has been a gift to Cambridge Camping in so many ways. Their commitment to the community and helping others comes through in everything they do to bring people to Cambridge, to show off our fabulous City and give back; they always give back! We are honored to be a beneficiary of this annual event, their support will help hundreds of children attend summer camp, who otherwise would not have that opportunity," states Sharon Zimmerman, Co-Executive Director for Cambridge Camping.

"CambridgeSide is excited about the upcoming Cambridge Half Marathon and raising much needed funds for local Cambridge charities. The Cambridge Half Marathon features a flat and fast course with scenic views and is a great day for all involved," says Melissa LaVita, Regional Marketing Director for CambridgeSide.

The reimagined CambridgeSide is a place to shop, dine, work, indulge and relax in Cambridge, MA, just steps from downtown Boston. CambridgeSide features one great waterfront location with shops, restaurants and planned future office, lab, residential and additional retail, restaurants, and green spaces. CambridgeSide's mix of retailers includes Apple, Superdry, Sephora, T.J. Maxx and more. The diverse mix of restaurants includes The Cheesecake Factory, in addition to over 14 other eateries. GoPixelYourself is a new selfie museum featuring an immersive video experience. CambridgeSide is located near top tourism attractions including the Museum of Science and Charles Riverboat. CambridgeSide is handicapped and MBTA accessible (Green Line T to Lechmere Station or Red Line T to Kendall Square to the free CambridgeSide Shuttle Bus), and offers attached, covered parking. For directions and information, call 617-621-8666 or visit CambridgeSide.com. CambridgeSide is a New England Development shopping destination.

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"Having access to the internet and the knowledge of how to use digital resources are crucial for our residents, immigrant neighbors, Boston Housing Authority residents, and communities of color to engage in everyday life, and it is important that we ensure internet access and digital equity for everyone," said City Council President Ed Flynn. "I want to thank Mayor Wu and her Administration for their work in advancing digital equity. I'm committed to working with everyone on bridging the Digital Divide."

"I'm proud that the Boston City Council proactively funded this study and also recently dedicated \$2 million in American Rescue Plan funds to programs to improve digital equity across all our communities," said Councilor Kenzie Bok, chair of the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology. "Access to the internet is not an optional amenity that should be rationed by ability to pay: it is an essential utility for work, school, and civic participation for every Bostonian."

The digital equity assessment, Analysis of Broadband Availability, Digital Equity Programs, and Fiber Build Costs, prepared for the City by CTC Technology and Energy (CTC) identified that in the past decade Boston residents have gained increased access to different internet service providers. This increase in options has led to higher quality and lower costs given the same level of connectivity. The assessment also notes that affordability, quality of service, skills and attitudes continue to present gaps for some communities, especially households that already require housing support or face other barriers. This assessment has informed the City's current initiatives in the short term and will guide the City's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) next steps to improve data around existing digital gaps and needs. An executive summary of the report is available here.

Based on the findings of the assessment, the City will create a digital equity plan to identify digital needs and opportunities of Boston's communities, as well as grow existing programs and evaluate their impact Citywide. The plan will provide a crucial framework to remove barriers around digital access and help give all Boston residents the opportunity to thrive. The City will engage residents, service providers, and other key partners to develop the plan, which will guide the City's digital equity work across departments and be shared with the state as it develops its digital equity plan.

"At the beginning of the pandemic about 32,000 households did not have broadband access. Today 30,000 households in Boston have been enrolled in new federal broadband benefits available through the Affordable Connectivity Program," said Chief Information Officer Santiago Garces. "Since May of this year our team has worked to enroll almost 10,000 households through close partnership with service providers and community organizations. We have more work ahead, especially as we work to make digital access more resilient to changing circumstances as we saw during the pandemic."

The City intends to select a partner to develop a digital equity survey that will be used as a key mechanism moving forward to more consistently engage Boston residents around their digital access. The survey aims to identify areas of need in specific communities and serve as a foundation for the City to work collaboratively to address gaps with those groups. The survey will be designed and delivered throughout the next year.

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is focused on engaging residents around access to digital tools and connectivity, expanding existing programming, and launching new initiatives to boldly address digital gaps.

In February, Mayor Wu and Senator Ed Markey announced an investment of over \$12 million to bring digital equity and inclusion to nearly 23,000 Boston public housing residents, library users, and school-age families through the Long Term Lending program. The program bridges the digital divide by providing free access to 6,200 Chromebook laptops and 3,000 Wi-Fi routers, supported through funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund. The Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, and over 20 community partners have distributed over 7,000 of these devices to Boston residents. BPL patrons can request a Chromebook at www.bpl.org/long-term-lending/.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program providing \$14.2 billion to expand broadband affordability. ACP provides eligible households with a subsidy for broadband service (\$30/month) and up to \$100 in a one-time discount for a digital device. The program was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA) in 2021, with the strong support of Senator Markey. Over 30,000 Boston households have signed up for broadband service and devices through ACP, including 10,000 that have been enrolled since May 2022 through close partnership with service providers and community organizations.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has cast a spotlight on inequities, and particularly on the digital divide that's impacting our young learners. The Emergency Connectivity Fund delivered a long-overdue investment for Boston families and their students so that all of the Commonwealth's kids have the opportunity to learn online and offline," said Senator Ed Markey. "Across the country, millions of broadband connections have been made to students who once lacked access to a reliable internet connection at home. As this funding begins to run dry, we must fight to preserve these hard-earned gains by finding a permanent solution to the Homework Gap and keeping Boston's students and their educators connected."

Additionally, DoIT and CTC will launch two broadband speed tests. The free Speed Survey will gauge the upload and download speeds of Boston households. This survey is available on the City website here. The long-term Speed Test will continuously sample every neighborhood's speed using a device that will be plugged into the routers of volunteer residents. Over the next several months, CTC will partner with the City and volunteers to monitor and collect data on the quality of broadband in every neighborhood and report those findings publicly. These tests will inform the City's advocacy for consistent and reliable broadband quality and availability.

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DEADLINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Grant Application Deadline will be Oct. 14, 2022

For more information contact Lorene Schettino for an application 617-561-6336 by email: lorene.schettino@gmail.com or apply online at: www.ebfoundation.org



Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: East Boston

Wednesday, October 19
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/PLANEastBostonNR
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 161 092 5565

Description:


Please join us for a community meeting to preview draft recommendations for Neighborhood Residential areas. This event is part of PLAN: East Boston, a long-range neighborhood-wide planning initiative that, when complete, will update neighborhood zoning, establish neighborhood design guidelines, and propose new capital improvements to public space, including near- and long-term improvements to the neighborhood's transportation network.

At this time, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) is continuing to host public meetings in a virtual setting for the health, safety, and accessibility of Boston residents. Spanish translation services will be available.

For more information, visit the project website bostonplans.org/planeastboston or email Jason.Ruggiero@Boston.gov.

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Boston announces preparations ahead of the 2022 State Election

Special to the Times-Free Press

The City of Boston’s Election Department today announced its preparations ahead of the State Election taking place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, including two weeks of early voting and ballot drop box locations.

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

The Elections Department has been conducting outreach to ensure that residents are aware of any change to their polling location ahead of the election. Voters can also check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s website to find their election day polling location.

In-Person Early Voting
Voters registered in Boston can vote during the early voting period starting Saturday, October 22 and lasting through Friday, November 4, 2022 at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for in-person early voting can be found here.

The Boston Red Sox have partnered with the City to make Fenway Park available as an early voting location on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters may ac-

cess the ballpark using the Gate A entrance located on Jersey Street. Voters will cast their ballots in the Third Base Concourse and will have an opportunity to view the field before exiting onto Lansdowne Street.

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

Accessible Voting
Massachusetts has implemented an Accessible Electronic Voting System. Boston voters may now request, receive, complete, and return their ballot electronically using a secure web portal. More information about voting for persons with disabilities is available here. Boston residents may also make re-

quests through the Boston Election Department. The deadline to make a request is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Vote By Mail
Applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out to every voter in Boston. To be eligible to vote by mail in the State Election, vote-by-mail applications must reach the Boston Election Department by Tuesday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail using the prepaid postcard, in person at the Boston Election Department (located at Boston City Hall, Room 241), or by emailing absenteevoter@boston.gov.

If a voter did not receive a vote-by-mail application or misplaced the application, they should apply directly on the Massachusetts online portal.

Voters should follow the instructions enclosed with their ballot package. Voters must sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected.

Ballot Drop Boxes
Voters are able to drop their mail-in ballot at any of the 21 ballot drop boxes the Elections Department has placed around the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours. To find a ballot drop box location, visit here. Voters can track their ballot through the state’s website.

Voters may drop their ballots into a drop box until 8 p.m. on November

8, 2022. Ballots that are returned by U.S. mail and are postmarked by November 8, 2022 must be received by the Election Department by November 12.

Voting on Election Day
Polling locations for the State Election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by interpreters at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department’s interpreters phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

For more information on how to participate in this year’s elections, please visit boston.gov/election.

MBTA to host recruitment fair at Boston City Hall Plaza Oct. 13

The MBTA today announced a Recruitment Fair at Boston City Hall Plaza on Thursday, October 13. Like many industries, transit employers across the country are rushing to hire workers as they try to fill critical vacancies and rebuild a workforce battered by the pandemic.

According to the American Public Transit Asso-

ciation, more than nine in ten public transit agencies are having difficulty hiring new employees, with bus operations positions being the most difficult to fill. Almost two-thirds of transit agencies indicate they are having difficulty retaining employees.

“At the T, we are facing a workforce shortage with employee attrition outpacing new hires,” said

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We are hiring across all departments and divisions including bus and train operators, administrative support, accounting and finance, legal, engineering, labor, IT, environmental, and safety, along with a host of other career opportunities.”

As the T looks to fill open positions, it is work-

ing closely with local and state career centers and community partners to recruit new individuals to join its team.

The T will have tents on City Hall Plaza from 10 AM to 2 PM to support its recruiters who will discuss job opportunities, provide information on careers, benefits, and directions on how to apply for a job. Recruiters from Keolis, The

Ride, and Block-by-Block will also be on hand to discuss career opportunities. The City of Boston will also have recruiters on-hand to discuss municipal career opportunities.

People interested in learning more about careers at the T should visit mbta.com/careers.

The MBTA is offering competitive salaries, signing bonuses for safety crit-

ical positions such as bus operator and dispatcher, increased its tuition reimbursement to \$10,000 annually, and paying nearly \$8,000 for bus drivers to earn their CDL license.

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

Housing // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Urbana, and private individuals who combined to provide over \$8 million of financial support. Additionally, the Barr Foundation provided the East Boston CDC with a grant to support the acquisition. The units are spread throughout East Boston, a neighborhood that has historically been an affordable place for immigrants and families to call home, but which has seen some of the highest percentage rent increases in the City over the last decade.

“East Boston CDC has been focused on acquiring multi-families because these houses are the source of affordable family housing and the backbone of our neighborhood,” said Al Caldarelli, Executive Director of the East Boston CDC. “But a new model was needed in order to combat displacement in a fast paced market with speculative investors. This new model brings in socially minded investors and philanthropic institutions, and wouldn’t have been possible without the Mayor’s Office of Housing’s unwavering support.”

“For many years, families in East Boston have been fighting to stay in their homes and live their lives in peace, without constant fear of displacement or deportation,” said Mike Leyba, Co-Executive Director of City Life / Vida Urbana. “All families deserve housing that is affordable, safe, and transit-accessible. This major acquisition and

preservation of affordable housing to the neighborhood is only possible because of the power and tenacity of local residents who continuously fight for community-wide stabilization, and the new East Boston Neighborhood Trust will be a core piece of that stabilization effort in East Boston for years to come.”

Nearly three quarters of the 114 units of housing have at least three bedrooms, addressing the need for family housing in a neighborhood that has traditionally boasted the City’s largest average household size. This affordable family housing will help ebb the displacement of families from this rapidly developing neighborhood. Of the 114 units, 28 units are restricted as low income units for households at 50% Area Median Income (AMI), 40 units will be restricted at 60% AMI, 26 units restricted at 80% AMI, and 20 units will be restricted at 100% AMI.

The acquisition was supported by \$9 million of federal ARPA funds as part of Mayor Wu’s un-

precedented investment in housing affordability throughout Boston’s communities. ARPA provides emergency funding to states and municipalities for the purpose of building a strong public health foundation and assisting the economy in bouncing back from COVID-19. In addition to the ARPA funds, the City invested funds from the Acquisition Opportunity Program (AOP). The goal of the AOP is to allow affordable housing developers and nonprofits to fight displacement by acquiring units in the private market and securing affordable rents for current and future residents for the long term. These investments were made in partnership with the City Council.

“I am proud that in Boston we are using our American Rescue Plan funds not only to protect family housing from displacement, but also to pilot new forms of community self-governance,” said Councilor Kenzie Bok, Chair of the Committee on Boston’s COVID-19 Recovery. “Housing justice means homes are for

people, not for profit, and this MINT is an example of how Boston can creatively use public capital to anchor our resident communities for the long term.”

“36 buildings, 114 units of deeply affordable housing designed to preserve the long-term life, health and vibrancy of our neighborhoods— This is exactly the kind of project that the city of Boston should be investing in,” said Councilor Kendra Lara, Chair of the Committee on Housing and Community Development. “While we unfortunately cannot turn back the clock of time and displacement, this project offers a rare glimpse of what is possible when our city responds to a community’s vision for its own future. I’m honored to have been a part of bringing this vision to life and thrilled to know the community will benefit from this vision for generations to come.”

“This large-scale acquisition of 114 privately-owned units in East Boston is necessary to preserve naturally-occurring affordable housing

and ultimately fight back against displacement,” said Councilor Gabriela Coletta. “I am grateful to Mayor Wu for helping to close the financing gap, the East Boston Community Development Corporation, City Life / Vida Urbana, and all those who worked hard to get this deal done. The trust will serve as a model for incorporating community ownership and governance into housing in gentrifying neighborhoods.”

The seller, a joint venture between The Grossman Companies and Hodara Real Estate Group, was represented in the sale by JLL Capital Markets.

“We are excited to have sold this portfolio to the East Boston CDC and the other members of the East Boston Neighborhood Trust and are ecstatic that they will preserve affordable family-sized housing in the East Boston com-



munity for the long term,” said David Grossman, principal at The Grossman Companies.

The announcement builds on Mayor Wu’s initiatives to address Boston’s housing affordability, including investing \$380 million in housing affordability through the City’s Operating budget, the Capital budget, and federal recovery funds, filing a Home Rule Petition relative to real estate transfer fees and senior property tax relief, signing an Executive Order relative to affirmatively furthering fair housing, convening a Rent Stabilization Advisory Committee to inform future legislative proposals, hiring the City’s first Chief of Planning, announcing the results of the Citywide land audit, and signing an Executive Order to streamline the approval process for affordable housing.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE STATE ELECTION IS OCTOBER 29

We wish to remind all of our readers that the deadline for registering to vote for the upcoming state election is October 29.

Citizens of Massachusetts have three ways to register to vote: on-line, by mail, or in-person at your local city or town clerk's office.

To register in Massachusetts you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be at least 16 years old (must be 18 years old to vote on Election Day)
- not currently be incarcerated for a felony conviction

The web site for the Secretary of State's office has the necessary forms and instructions for those wishing to register to vote on-line or by mail.

The upcoming election on November 8 has the potential for far-reaching consequences for our state.

Never before in our history have the Democrat and Republican candidates for two major offices, Governor and Secretary of State, presented such divergent choices for voters.

We urge all residents to register to vote for this important election.

THE END OF AN ERA IN MASS. POLITICS IS AT HAND

The decision by Gov. Charlie Baker not to seek re-election effectively has brought to an end an era in Massachusetts politics.

Although Massachusetts voters typically have split our legislature and governorship between Democrats and Republicans for much of the past 80 years -- with Democrats controlling the legislature and Republicans the governorship -- the basic differences between the two parties were fairly minimal.

Republican governors typically were seen as fiscally more conservative than their Democratic counterparts, but there was general agreement between them on social and other issues.

Most importantly, Republican governors and Democratic legislators were able to work together to achieve far-reaching goals.

For example, it was Republican Gov. John Volpe who fought for a sales tax in the early 1960s in order to support city and town governments that were unable to meet the huge increases in the costs of local education because of the influx of students during the Baby Boom era.

Gov. Volpe previously had served as the State Commissioner of Public Works and oversaw the expansion of the state highway system during the 1950s that allowed our state to expand beyond Greater Boston, most notably the Route 128 Belt that became known as America's technology highway in that era and that fueled Massachusetts' growth into the last half of the 20th century.

Forty years later, Republican Gov. Mitt Romney joined with the Democratic legislature to craft the Mass. health insurance law that became the model for Obamacare, making health insurance affordable for all residents.

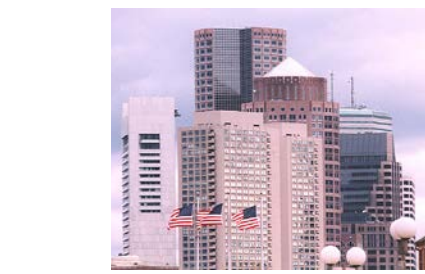
In the 1990s, the weekly breakfast meetings between Republican Governors Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci with the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate were instrumental in creating an atmosphere of collegiality on Beacon Hill.

These Republican governors understood the essential role that government must play in order to move our society forward.

By no means did they agree on everything with their Democratic counterparts, but they were able to disagree without being disagreeable. Moreover, Democratic and Republican leaders shared a common vision for our state. We realize that everyone loves to complain and gripe about everything, but the bottom line is that Massachusetts ranks among the best in the nation in just about every meaningful category, from education to health care.

However, that era is over. Those who lead the Republican party today have views that are far beyond the mainstream of our state's residents, whether on social issues such as a woman's right to choose or political matters -- the GOP's candidates for Governor and Secretary of State openly have voiced their support for the idea that the outcome of the 2020 presidential election was not legitimate and are avid supporters of Donald Trump.

The virus that has infected the politics of the rest of the country has made its way here. It would be nice to think that this change in the political climate in Massachusetts is temporary. But unlike the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no vaccine on the horizon.



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GUEST OP-ED

Rising prices – one thing you can do

By Glenn Mollette

Reports are pointing to an 8.9% raise for Social Security recipients. While it won't feel like enough, it may buy you a sack of groceries or a tank of gasoline. This is a big maybe on the gasoline as California reports prices of over \$8 per gallon.

Some of our government leadership is crying because Saudi Arabia is cutting their oil production by 2 million barrels a day. This means less oil for everyone in the grand oil supply pool. I don't understand why anyone in our government would want to do business with the Saudis.

Buying oil from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela or any foreign entity is crazy. Why don't we use our own oil? I'm all for green energy but we aren't quite there yet. Make electric cars and drive them. Utilize solar energy and else

anything that we can to help preserve this planet and its resources. Regardless, our country still needs oil. As long as we need oil, it would be wiser and much more cost effective to use our own oil. Put Americans back to work drilling our oil and selling it to foreign countries.

Our government has been draining our own oil reserve to try to keep the price of gasoline down. This doesn't seem to be working very well. Plus, it puts our country at risk. When China and Russia decide to attack us, we need to be able to put fuel in our jets and ships. That would not be a good time to have to go back to Saudi Arabia and beg for oil.

We should utilize a full arsenal of energy from electric cars and a grid to supply the power. Utilize our oil, wind, natural gas and coal. Once our country can do everything without oil or coal, then we can

move on from those resources. Being dependent on getting them from foreign nations doesn't make sense, especially when we have the resources.

A loaf of bread will eventually cost Americans their 8.9% Social Security increase. Ukraine has been one of the world's leading providers of wheat. Having Russia in control of Ukraine, a major source of the bread supply, along with their major supply of natural gas is bad news for the world.

The Crimea bridge that was recently bombed between Russia and Ukraine should have been bombed on day one by Ukrainians. Ukraine must do whatever it takes to thwart Russia's ongoing destruction of their country. The news has been filled with fear that Russia will go nuclear in their efforts. When the nations start hurling nuclear bombs you won't need to worry about gas,

groceries and cost of living adjustments because this planet can only take so much.

Keep in mind there is still something you can do to make a difference -- vote. Clear your calendar for voting. If you don't vote then don't complain about our government, inflation, rising interest rates, gasoline prices and more. I know it doesn't feel like your one vote matters, but it truly counts. The only way you can bring about change is to clear your schedule, take the time, and vote.

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September revenue collections total \$4.187 billion

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder announced that preliminary revenue collections for September totaled \$4.187 billion, \$194 million or 4.9% more than the actual collections in September 2021, and \$224 million or 5.7% more than benchmark.[1] September 2022 revenue collections were impacted by the elective pass-through entity (PTE) excise. After adjusting for PTE excise, September 2022 collections are \$30 million or 0.7% below actual collections in September 2021, but \$165 million or 4.3% more than benchmark.

FY2023 year-to-date collections totaled approximately \$9.194 billion, which is \$443 million or 5.1% more than collections in the same period of FY2022 and \$224 million or 2.5% more than year-to-date benchmark. After adjusting for PTE excise, FY2023 year-to-date collections are \$231 million or 2.6% more than collections in the same period of FY2022 and \$169 million

or 1.9% more than benchmark.

“September collections were above monthly benchmarks and above collections from the same period last year,” said Commissioner Snyder. “September revenue included increases in most major tax types relative to September 2021 collections, including increases in withholding, non-withholding income tax, and sales, and partially offset by a decrease in corporate and business tax. The increase in withholding is likely related to strong labor market conditions. The increase in sales tax reflects continued strength in retail sales”.

In general, September is a significant month for revenues because many individuals and corporations are required to make estimated payments. Historically, roughly 10% of annual revenue, on average, has been received during September.

Given the brief period covered in the report, September results should not be used as a predictor for

the rest of the fiscal year.

[1] With the recent enactment of the FY2023 budget, monthly revenue benchmarks were developed for the September 2022 through June 2023 period only.

Details:

- Income tax collections for September totaled \$2.195 billion, \$131 million or 6.4% above benchmark, and \$152 million or 7.4% more than September 2021.
- Withholding tax collections for September totaled \$1.280 billion, \$36 million or 2.9% above benchmark, and \$90 million or 7.6% more than September 2021.
- Income tax estimated payments for September totaled \$871 million, \$107 million or 13.9% more than benchmark, and \$65 million or 8.1% more than September 2021.
- Income tax returns and bills for September totaled \$166 million, \$46 million or 21.8% less than benchmark, but \$78 million or 88.0% more than September 2021.
- Income tax cash re-

funds for September totaled \$122 million in outflows, \$35 million or 22.3% below benchmark, but \$81 million or 196.4% more than September 2021.

- Sales and use tax collections for September totaled \$766 million, \$81 million or 11.8% above benchmark, and \$70 million or 10.0% more than September 2021.
- Meals tax collections, a sub-set of sales and use tax, for September totaled \$131 million, \$18 million or 16.4% above benchmark, and \$11 million or 9.6% more than September 2021.
- Corporate and business tax collections for September totaled \$973 million, \$28 million or 3.0% above benchmark, but \$30 million or 3.0% less than September 2021.
- “All other” tax collections for September totaled \$254 million, \$16 million or 6.1% below benchmark, but \$2 million or 0.9% more than September 2021.

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GUITANO “DANNY” FESTA HONORED AS AN OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AND US ARMY VETERAN

On Saturday afternoon, lifelong East Boston Princeton Street resident, Guitano “Danny” Festa was honored for his service to his country, community and his family by having a square dedication in his name. Family and friends gathered on Princeton Street, along with East Boston Councillor Gabriella Coletta and Veterans Commissioner Robert Santiago to unveil the newest sign in Festa’s name.



The Festa Family with Guitano, daughter Denise and Michael Viscardi, Granddaughter Deanna Festa, Great Granddaughter Sofia Finau, and sister Karyn and Michael Russo.



Boston Veteran's Affairs Commissioner Robert Santiago talks to Mr. Festa about his enlistment in the Army at 16 years of age.



Guitano Festa’s daughter Denise Viscardi addressed the gathering, and his great granddaughter Sofia Finau gets a big kiss from her great grandfather.



Guitano Festa takes a long look at the newly erected sign bearing his name on Princeton Street.



Guitano Festa, Councillor Coletta, the Festa family and friends all turned out to honor this veteran of life and WWII, as a lifelong resident of East Boston’s Princeton Street.

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION EAST BOSTON'S PIER ONE

The Italian American Alliance, led by CEO Dom Amara and President Jim DiStefano, hosted the first annual Italian American Cultural Celebration on Monday, Oct. 10 at The Tall Ship East Boston, 1 East Pier Drive, Pier One, in East Boston.

The event celebrated Italian-American culture and feature Italian food, fun activities for families,

and musical entertainment. A selection of entertainment was also on the venue, Dr. Wu performed the Italian Anthem, Children performers Anna and Elsa, Street Magic and Ray Cavicchio and Cory Pesaturo (accordionists). Local Italia Unita was on hand and author Andy Giggio (ITAM) promoted his book, "The Rifle."



Tony Sestito and Dottie D'Onofrio.



Adrian Fandos as Super Mario.



Wega and Angelo Firenze check out the delicious rice balls for sale by Stephano Salimbemi.



Checking in VIP's, Shauni Tumer and Carmelina D'Alleva.



Justin Fantasia and Janice Fantasia dockside at Pier 1.



Picking out a tattoo is very stressful, just ask Abigail Murray and Chloe Calder.



.The Giardina family, Jeff, James, Leah and Arthur.



Dot D'Onofrio with event Co-Chair Carol Rossi.



State Senator Sal DiDomenico and State Representative Jeff Turco were the VIP's at the Italian Festival at Pier 1 with Jim DiStefano President of the Italian American Association and Dominic Amora Chairman of the IAA.



Celebrating having a great time, Ben, Connor and Clair Zeitler.

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Alex Whitney enjoyed having his picture taken at the festival.



Emilia Mehrez with Maria Hanelin and Amanda Imparato.



Italian veterans, Harvey Abrahams, Rocco Calese and Tom Capobianco.

Women construction workers make ‘herstory’ at first-ever Women Build Boston conference

Special to the Times-Free Press

Women in the building trades came together for the first-ever Women Build Boston conference on Saturday, October 8, highlighting Boston’s leadership in making the construction industry more inclusive and diverse. The conference, dedicated to celebrating and uplifting women’s role in building trades unions, convened over 700 women across the trades. The event was attended by women of all skill levels who work in the building trades across New England, as well as allies.

“This is the labor movement at its best and what happens when a group of determined workers fights for their rights,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh. “[The women of Women Build Boston] have grown into a powerful force in this industry. You are united and ready to smash down the doors for the next generation of women. And I’m here to tell you—the Biden-Harris administration has your back because you’re leading the way.”

The conference, organized by the Greater Boston Building Trades

Unions, took place at Encore Boston Harbor — a landmark site for the advancement of women in the building trades. Under a project labor agreement, the greatest tool for promoting equity in the construction industry, nearly 500 tradeswomen were part of Encore’s construction crew, the largest number of women workers on any construction project in U.S. history.

“As the proud daughter of a union school nurse — a single mom who raised all five of us on her own — I am forever in awe of the strength and resilience of women in labor,” said Maura Healey, Attorney General of Massachusetts and the Democratic nominee for Governor of Massachusetts. “We’ve worked closely together to diversify the trades and bring more women into these high-paying, rewarding, and in-demand fields. As Governor, I want to build on this work to create and expand career paths for women in the trades and meet the urgent infrastructure needs of our state.”

“Today, we came together to build up our labor movement,” said Jenaya Nelson, a 25-year

member of Laborers Local 223. “What started as a small group of us has grown into a sisterhood of solidarity for thousands of Boston tradeswomen. It’s time to double down on our progress and bring thousands more women into our ranks.”

“Whenever I look at

construction sites, I see women stepping up and paving the way for Boston’s future. I’m honored to be part of the surge in women’s participation and leadership in building trades unions,” said Renee Dozier, Business Agent of IBEW Local 103. “We’re creating not just a better

Boston, but a better future for women workers.”

The day kicked off with a tribute to four Massachusetts women trailblazers in the building trades: Susan Eisenberg of IBEW Local 103, Deb Gilcoine of Painters and Allied Tradesmen District Council 35, Maura Russell of

Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, and Gayann Wilkinson of Iron Workers Local 7. Attendees also participated in breakout sessions that helped them build financial literacy, develop their leadership skills, know their worker rights, and protect their mental health.



Darlene Lambos of the Greater Boston Labor Council.



Attorney General Maura Healey.

PHOTOS BY KATY ROGERS



Nancy Luc of Building Pathways and Desalia Gomes.



Nancy Luc of Building Pathways and Desalia Gomes from the International Union of Elevator Constructors emcee the Women Build Boston Conference.



Chanté Carney and Ayesca Machado.



Susan Moir of the Labor Resource Center at UMass.



Mariama White-Hammond provides the invocation at the Women Build Boston Conference.



Shamaiah Turner of Sheet Metal Workers Local 17.



US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh with crowd at the Women Build Boston Conference at Encore Boston Harbor.



US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh.



Chrissy Lynch, Massachusetts AFL-CIO.



Peter Campot and Jacqui Krum speak at the Women Build Boston Conference.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

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

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

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

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Sports

EAST BOSTON HIGH AND EXCEL ACADEMY IN SOCCER ACTION AT MEMORIAL PARK

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ANGLE OF ATTACK: Jeremy Ramos (10) and Jaime Cortez (3) lean into their effort.



FIND THE BALL: Excel's Mateo Morales (30) and East Boston's Ilyas Rebbal fight for the ball.



UNDERMINED: East Boston's Ilyas Rebbai (11) is upended by a sliding Outtman Eddahbi (33).

East Boston's two high schools had it out on the soccer pitch, and Excel Academy Charter won the turf war as the Wolves parlayed a pair of first-half goals and tenacious defense to take a 2-1 win over the East Boston High Jets Thursday, October 6 at Memorial Park.



AIR ROUTE: East Boston's Heilo Spinola goes over the defensive effort of Excel's Abdellah Eddahbi (5).



PITCHED BATTLE: East Boston's Julio Perez (17) and Excel's Abdellah Eddahbi (5) have the same objective: get the ball.



SNAGGED: Excel goalkeeper Matthew Escaffi gets the jump on East Boston's Heilo Spinola (14) and Steven Pache (hidden) as teammate Outtman Eddahbi (33) moves in to help.



GROUND GAME: Excel's Youssef Fadi (12) slides to get the ball away from East Boston's Edgar Orellana.

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KICK OFF: Excel's Abdellah Eddahbi (5) and East Boston's Oscar Martinez (15) are in pursuit of a bouncing ball.



SNEAK ATTACK: East Boston's Edgar Orellana (12) ties up Excel's Jaime Cortez (3).



CRASH LANDING: East Boston's Adriano Gomez Garcia and Excel's Abdellah Eddahbi (5) collide in midair.

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Do you hate anchovies?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We use anchovies to add depth of flavor, umami, and salinity to our food. We understand that many people think they don't like anchovies. Read on and consider that you may already be enjoying the benefits of this pantry staple without knowing it. Anchovies have been prepared and used for thousands of years worldwide. Salting and pickling fish was an early form of food preservation. Today, they are available dry-salted, brined, and as a paste in tubes.

**Quality Is Key**

Taste tests by the food experts at Serious Eats and America's Test Kitchen made it clear that there is a vast difference between the best and the worst quality anchovies. If your experience with these little fish has been at the bottom of the quality scale, you have a good reason for not liking them. The tasters say those versions

are not good examples of their kind, and simply trying a better quality product might change your mind. The taste testers on Serious Eats concluded, "Straight to the Point. Our favorite anchovies are the jarred Ortiz Anchovies. They're tender and have a mild, clean flavor."

In deciding what form of anchovies to use, we'll follow the guidance offered by Kenji Alt-Lopes who writes "As someone who cooks with anchovies on a very regular basis, to me the answer is pretty clear: I'll stick with the oil-packed filets, but also keep a jar of the salted whole anchovies on-hand for when I really want that anchovy flavor to come forward. The paste can stay on the shelf."

**Hidden Anchovies**

We bet you've enjoyed anchovies without knowing it. You are already eating anchovies in dishes like puttanesca, caesar salad, caponata, tapenade, and condiments like

Worcestershire and fish sauces.

Whole anchovy lovers will find those on the french tart pissaladiere and salad nicoise. They may also be the reason you love specific restaurant preparations.

In the 2022 taste test on Serious Eats, Niki Achitoff-Gray wrote, "Talk to almost any chef or experienced home cook, and they'll tell you that anchovies are one of the industry's favorite not-so-secret secret weapons. Because they're a concentrated source of glutamic and inosinic acid—two molecules responsible for triggering our sensation of savoriness—they're irreplaceable for adding depth of flavor and a meaty backbone to, well, pretty much anything."

Recipe developers often say that anchovies are optional. But - when you leave out anchovies, you won't enjoy the same result as the author.



Experience with anchovies at the bottom of the quality scale is a good reason for not liking them. Trying a better quality product might change your mind. (Photo: iStockphoto.com)

**Cooking with Anchovies**

A recipe may tell you to rinse dry-salted anchovies for half an hour or give the brined ones a quick rinse. That's a guideline. Your anchovies may need a longer rinse or none at all. We suggest you taste along the way when using this high-sodium ingredient.

Anchovies disappear in a dish like Ed's favorite pasta puttanesca. One of the first steps is to warm

olive oil in the pan and add garlic, anchovies and hot pepper flakes, then stir until the anchovies melt into a paste and become part of the oil.

**Allergy Alert!**

The possibility of an allergic reaction is our final thought on anchovies. If you have a seafood allergy, discuss that every time you are about to eat food prepared by someone else.

Since anchovies are a secret ingredient beloved by so many chefs and great cooks (and are present in many traditional food preparations), you should always assume there might be anchovies in what you are about to eat.

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

Boston Public Health Commission provides update on City's COVID-19 trends

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provided the following updates on the latest COVID-19 trends for the City of Boston as of October 6, 2022:

- The concentration of virus in local wastewater has increased by 3.1% over the past seven days, and by 99.9% over the past 14 days (data as of October 3).
- There are now 874 RNA copies of COVID-19 per mL in the wastewater.
- New COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 0.5% over the past seven days and increased by 1.1% over the past 14 days (Data as of October 3).
- These data do not include at-home testing results.

- Boston hospitals had 170 new COVID-19 related hospital admissions this week (data as of October 6).
- This rate was stable over the past 7 days increasing by 0.3%, but represents a 13.7% increase over the past 14 days.
- Suffolk county remains at medium community risk for transmission, according to the CDC.

"The elevated concentration of COVID-19 in our wastewater is very concerning," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "Combined with flu season, increases in COVID-19 related hospitalizations will

cause major strain on Boston's health care system. It's important we get ahead of this by getting boosted, obtaining a flu shot, wearing masks indoors, testing for COVID, and isolating if positive to help reduce transmission."

BPHC alerted residents about the elevated levels on September 30 and encouraged proper COVID-19 safety measures. BPHC continues to closely monitor all metrics and is working with Boston's hospitals and provider networks to ensure they are prepared for such a scenario. Improving uptake of the new bivalent COVID-19 boosters, which provide the broadest protection and immunity against the original COVID-19 strain

and the omicron variant, is critical to this goal. BPHC reminds residents that staying up to date on vaccinations by getting boosted is the most effective way to reduce the risk of severe infection that can result in hospitalization.

As part of its prevention efforts, BPHC administered 783 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine during a free vaccination clinic at White Stadium in Franklin Park this past Saturday. These large-scale vaccination clinics have proved highly successful at increasing vaccine uptake and equity. A total of 1,450 COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses were administered during the events on September 17 and October 1. Of those doses, 42%, or 609 doses,

were administered to children and teens under the age of 18. BPHC will continue to provide residents with opportunities to get vaccinated against COVID-19 by bringing care directly to their communities.

Based on the latest data, BPHC recommends the following strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

- Test for COVID-19 before and after attending large gatherings, especially if you know you will be around high-risk individuals, such as seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and those who are unvaccinated.
- Wear masks indoors, especially in crowded indoor settings like public transportation.
- Stay home and isolate if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19. If you test positive, be sure to contact a health care provider about oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody therapy.

- Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to reduce your risk of severe illness.
  - o COVID-19 vaccines are now recommended for everyone ages 6-months and up.
  - o Booster doses are available for everyone ages 5 and older.
  - o Second boosters are recommended for individuals ages 50 and older, as well as those who are 12 or older and moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- Gather outside and choose outdoor activities as often as possible.
  - o Open windows and doors to ensure good indoor ventilation.

Vaccine and booster trends:

- 78.7% of Boston residents are now fully vaccinated.
- 47.0% of Boston children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated.
- 12.3% of Boston children ages 6-months to 4-years old are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free and widely available throughout Boston. For more information, or to find a vaccination clinic in your community, please visit [boston.gov/covid19-vaccine](https://boston.gov/covid19-vaccine).

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The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, October 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka **PIERPAC**) will be held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the extension of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 to permit virtual hearings.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website ([ebpierpac.org](https://ebpierpac.org)) on or before **October 14, 2022.**

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**New Business**

a. 6:45 pm – Remarks by Representative Adrian Madaro regarding legislation to reform Board makeup  
b. 7:15 pm - Phase II updates (*with public comment*)  
c. 7:30 pm – Review and acceptance of Board resignations  
d. 7:40 pm – Nominations for Officers to be voted on at November 2022 Meeting  
e. 7:50 pm – Review of proposed operating budget 2023

**Old Business** 7:45 pm

a. Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)  
b. Job Description – Board executive secretary – (continued from May 17, 2022 meeting)  
c. Scheduling of Diversity and Inclusion Training for Board members

**Anticipated Adjournment – 8:00 pm**

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

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –**  
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A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the organization's website at: [www.EBPierPAC.org](https://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**

Por la presente se notifica que el martes 18 de octubre de 2022, a las 6:30 p.m., se llevará a cabo una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) de forma remota a través de Zoom de acuerdo con la extensión del Capítulo 22 de las Leyes de 2022 para permitir audiencias virtuales.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización ([ebpierpac.org](https://ebpierpac.org)) a más tardar el 14 de octubre de 2022.

El Comité tiene la intención de examinar en sesión pública los siguientes asuntos:

**REUNIÓN REGULAR**

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

**NUEVO NEGOCIO**

a. 6:45 pm - Comentarios del Representante Adrian Madaro sobre la legislación para reformar la composición de la Junta  
b. 7:15 pm - Fase II update (*con comentario público*)  
c. 7:30 pm - Revisión y aceptación de renuncias a la Junta Directiva  
d. 7:40 pm - Las nominaciones para los oficiales se votarán en la reunión de noviembre de 2022  
e. 7:50 pm - Examen del proyecto de presupuesto operativo para 2023

**VEJE NEGOCIO 7:45 pm**

a. Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua)  
b. Descripción del puesto – Secretario ejecutivo de la Junta – (continuación de la reunión del 17 de mayo de 2022)  
c. Programación de capacitación en diversidad e inclusión para miembros de la Junta

**APLAZAMIENTO ANTICIPADO - 8:00 pm**

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](https://www.EBPierPAC.org) y también ha sido puesto en expediente ante la División de Reglamentos del Secretario de la Commonwealth por correo electrónico a través de correo de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

Comité Asesor de Proyectos del Este de Boston, Inc.


Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta



## OBITUARIES

### George Mucci

Above all else, his love for his family is how he will be best remembered

 Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Saturday, October 15 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere for George C. Mucci, who died on Wednesday, October 5 at the Rose Monahan Hospice Facility in Worcester following a long illness. He was 85 years old. A funeral will be celebrated following the visitation at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Interment will immediately follow in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park with Military Honors.

George was born on January 2, 1937 to his late parents, Carmen and Laura A. (Gaglini) Mucci. One of five children, he was raised and educated in East Boston and was a graduate of Boston English High School, Class of 1955.

George enlisted in the United States Army in 1955 and proudly served his country until 1957. While serving in the U.S. Army, he graduated first in his class at radio school and was stationed in Japan as a Radio Operator.

George returned home and began to work at Retail Credit, for several years. He later began a career for Logan Equipment Corp. that spanned 30 years. George proudly retired as the Treasurer and CFO of the firm.

George married his wife, Joan (MacKenzie) on September 11, 1965. The couple lived in East Boston, Revere, Shrewsbury and then settling back in Revere in 1999.

George was a loving and devoted family man and worked hard to provide for them. He attended Wentworth Institute for Plan Reading and Estimating and Bentley College for Accounting, with honors, while working full



time. George was also a member of Progressive Club, St. Vincent De Paul Society and East Boston Rotary, serving two terms as Rotary President. He volunteered and served as President of Noddle Island Multi-Service Agency (NIMSA), a Drug Rehabilitation Program in East Boston. When NIMSA was threatened with closure, he negotiated a merger with North Suffolk Mental Health in order to continue operations. During Governor King's Administration, he served as Chairman of the South Essex Sewerage District. Above all else his love for his family is how he will be best remembered.

The devoted husband of 57 years to Joan C. Mucci of Revere, he was the loving father of David P. Mucci and his wife, Sharon M. of Pepperell and the late George Christopher Mucci; the cherished and proud papa to Christopher J. Mucci and Emily R. Mucci, both of Pepperell; the treasured brother of Camille Selvitella of Winthrop, Joseph Mucci and his wife, Elaine of Lacomia, NH and late Marie Mucci - O'Shea and Rev. Fr. Flavian, O.F.M. He is also lovingly survived by several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Agape c/o David P. Mucci, 3 Deerfield Dr. Peperell, MA 01463.

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### Mary "May May" Carrozza

A true East Bostonian who never met someone she didn't try to help

Mary "May May" (Pignato) Carrozza of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness on Monday, October 10 at 73 years of age.

May May was born in Boston on July 30, 1949. She grew up on Princeton Street before moving to St. Andrew Road in Orient Heights. After losing her mother at a young age, May May developed a strong bond with her sisters, Patty and JoJo.

At the age of 36, May May's life forever changed with the birth of her daughter, Margaret. May and Margaret were inseparable. Recently, May May had that same dedication to her grandchildren and loved being a Nonni. Family meant everything to May.

May May owned and operated Margaret's Place and Coiffeurs by May May for many years. She was a longtime employee at Massport working as an information attendant providing thousands of visitors to Boston with helpful tips and secrets of the city in which she lived.

A true East Bostonian, May May loved being involved in Eastie. She was a long time member of East Boston Land Use Council, a regular at Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meetings and a faithful volunteer at Eastie Pride Day.

May May never met someone she didn't try to help. Everyone who met May May made a new friend immediately. She will be missed by all. May she rest in peace.

The beloved wife of



Robert "Bob" Carrozza Sr., she was the devoted mother of Margaret Arlauskas and her husband, John of Winthrop, Robert Carrozza Jr. and his wife, Paula and the late Eric Carrozza; adored Nonni of John, Robert, Eric and Patricia Arlauskas; loving daughter of the late Pasquale and Margaret (Grane) Pignato; dear sister of Josephine Ruggiero and the late Chickie Parisi, Patricia Pignato, and Damiano Pignato and doted aunt of Joseph Ruggiero Jr. and the late Michael Ruggiero.

Family and friends will honor May May's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Sunday, October 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop, for a Funeral Mass celebrating May May's life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with May May being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

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

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### AVELLANEDA TO LEAVE CITY COUNCIL

CHELSEA - Nearing the end of last week's City Council president, during the time allotted for announcements, Council President Roy Avellaneda dropped a bombshell.

"This is my last City Council meeting, and I appreciate that my family was here tonight, and that my brother received an award and recognition, but it is something that I knew was coming," said Avellaneda.

Earlier in the evening, firefighters Christian Avellaneda, Stephen Waxman, and fire Captain Michael Gerska were presented department commendations for their roles in helping rescue a resident during a recent fire on Cottage Street.

Avellaneda noted that even some of his family members were likely taken by surprise by his announcement.

"Quite frankly, I have just been overwhelmed with the number of responsibilities that I have been taking on, both as a business owner and taking care of the presidency," said Avellaneda, who was first elected to the council about 25 years ago.

With the responsibilities he faces, Avellaneda said he saw the council position as the only part of his life that he could cut out for now.

"But I am happy with the decision, and I think we did a lot of work," said Avellaneda. "I say we, and I know I proposed a lot of stuff, I am happy with the history here of 25 years: the CPA, increasing the residential tax exemption, plenty of zoning changes, wage theft, the nip ban, keeping the 5th Street on-ramp open, having the senior bus program."

With his resignation, Avellaneda said District 8 Councilor and Vice President Calvin Brown will now assume the council presidency. He said it will also be up to the council to decide if it wants to fill his at-large seat for the remainder of his term, which runs through 2023.

"To the public, I imagine the council would start taking applications for this position to fill it, because it is a decent amount of time, too long I think, but again, I will leave it up to my colleagues," said Avellaneda. "It is now your court to decide whether or not to fill the position for the unfulfilled year, nearly 14 months."

Avellaneda thanked his family members for their support over the years, and also noted that he recorded a separate video aimed at thanking the residents and his supporters in Chelsea.

He also had some parting words for long-time clerk to the council Paul Casino, who is retiring at the end of the calendar year.

"I want to say I beat you Paul, I got out of here before you did," said Avellaneda. "This man has been incredible, he truly has, just to know your way up here and to get things done. He is a

straight shooter with no biases, and that is really hard to do with so many characters and personalities up here."

Several of the councilors praised Avellaneda for his leadership at the helm of the council and expressed surprise that he was stepping down.

"I have served here since I was 23 years old, and you were the only president who gave me an opportunity to lead in some of the most important positions in this body and this government," said District 5 Councilor Judith Garcia.

Garcia said it's important to recognize leaders who paved the way for others.

District 2 Councilor Melinda Vega Maldonado also praised Avellaneda for helping her to establish her place in politics.

"It has been an honor and a pleasure to work side by side with you, and you have been a tremendous mentor and coach," Maldonado said.

Brown remembered when he and Avellaneda ran against each other for the same seat and butted heads in their early days on the council.

"But throughout the years, not only have I grown to have a great respect for your integrity, your workmanship, your willingness and dedication to serve and give, it's been an honor working with and beside you," said Brown. "Throughout the last few years, we've worked terrifically together and worked tirelessly in support of bringing this city together."

Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson, the longest serving member of the council, said he was a little shocked that Avellaneda was stepping down, but understood his priorities.

"You have been a good leader for the city, and you have stepped up and introduced a lot of legislation that has benefitted the city," Robinson said

### SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN REVERE FOR GENERAL ELECTION

REVERE - Revere Election Commissioner Paul Fahey said there has been "an increased level of interest" among Revere voters for the Nov. 8 general election.

"A lot of people signed up for vote-by-mail ballots for both (primary and general) elections, but we've been getting many applications from people who want to vote in the general election."

Attorney General Maura Healey and Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll are competing for the governor and lieutenant governor's positions respectively against Geoff Diehl and Leah Allen, who have both previously served in the Mass. House of Representatives. Elections for the other state constitutional officers are also on the ballot. Congresswoman Katherine Clark, who is the assistant speaker of the U.S. House of Representative,



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is being challenged by Caroline Colarusso in the Fifth Congressional District that includes Revere and Winthrop.

State Reps. Jessica Giannino and Jeff Turco and State Sen. Lydia Edwards are unopposed in their bids for re-election.

RHS students are signing up to vote

Supt. of Schools Dr. Di-  
anne Kelly can be proud that many civic-minded Revere High School students registered to vote in the 2022 election.

“We had a voter registration drive at the high school in the spring and we have another one next week (Thursday, Oct. 14),” reported Fahey. “There is a group of students working with one of the [RHS] teachers, and their efforts have increased student registration numbers for the election.”

Fahey said that 16-and-17-year-old students can pre-register to vote, “and once they become 18, they automatically go on the registration rolls.”

Fahey said the voter registration process only takes a few minutes.

Ballot questions driving up the vote

Commissioner Fahey said that two of the four ballot questions are also bringing out the vote.

“One (Question 1) is the increase in the tax rate for people making over a million dollars,” said Fahey. “That seems to be generating some interest. Question 4 is the referendum about driver’s licenses for undocumented immigrants.”

Jack Satter House residents will vote at Point of Pines Yacht Club

Fahey affirmed that residents of the Jack Satter House will again cast their ballots at the Point of Pines Yacht Club (POPYC) in the Nov. 8 election. The Satter House had been a poll location in the past, but the site was changed to POPYC for the state primary in September.

“The City Council approved a home-rule petition and Mayor Arrigo signed the petition to create a sub-precinct for Satter House, but that has to be approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor, so that won’t get done in time for this election, but our hope is that will be in place for the 2023 municipal election,” said Fahey.

There will be early-voting sessions at the Jack Satter House.

DEVELOPER  
LEAVES POPE  
JOHN PROJECT

EVERETT - The only designated developer selected to build affordable housing at the former Pope John XXIII High School notified city officials on Monday night that it is withdrawing its proposal.

“This just isn’t the right time or place for it,” said Rafael Mares, the Executive Director of The Neighborhood Developers (TND).

City officials purchased the property in 2019 from the Archdiocese of Boston for more than \$10M after the school closed following financial difficulties in May, 2019. City councilors initially believed that the razing of the school for 138 units of affordable housing for the elderly, veterans, and families was the right course of action in December, 2019, when they authorized city officials to purchase the former school.

In the fall of 2020, the city put out a Request for Proposals to develop the site. The only bidder to apply was TND, the developer of many units of affordable housing in the communities of Chelsea and Revere and the St. Therese project on Broadway in Everett.

The bid was accepted and TND partnered with Hebrew Senior Life in the spring of 2021 to provide

services to the senior citizens in the project. In the bid, the city would donate the building to TND and TND would pay real estate taxes that would eventually exceed the \$10M that was paid.

However, the city’s priorities have changed following the acceptance of the bid.

Student overcrowding, a problem in local schools for years, exploded on the public radar screen in recent months.

School officials tried to maximize the existing space in local schools by refurbishing storage rooms and suggesting the addition of modular classrooms at the George Keverian School to ease the overcrowding.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria set in motion the steps to get on approved project list at the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Program to build a new high school with a site to be determined. However, a proposed new high school could take up to 10 years to open.

Parents and residents became publicly upset and city councilors started their process to look at a solution for school overcrowding. To many councilors, the Pope John site became the answer. In August, the council ordered three public meetings to be held at the site to get feedback on the TND project that had started to generate opposition from parents of students, as well as neighborhood residents because of the demolition and new construction in their neighborhood.

In September, Superintendent Priya Tahiliani and the school committee started looking at the Pope John school as a potential 7th and 8th grade middle school. Tahiliani presented three proposals to eliminate overcrowding in the K-8 schools at the September 19 meeting of the school board.

However, the high school would still remain

a problem, with more than 400 students over the capacity of the building.

School Committee members and city councilors all took tours of the Pope John site, and made note of the extensive work that needs to be done to bring the building, which was constructed in the 1960s, up to present-day standards.

According to Tahiliani, a renovation could cost up to \$40M.

The City Council and School Committee have scheduled a Joint Convention on Tuesday, October 4, to review the Pope John site for the use by Everett students.

The following is the letter that was sent by Mares of TND about withdrawing as developer of the Pope John site:

“Over the past weeks, I have been approached by many Everett residents. They each made a point of telling me that they appreciate the details of The Neighborhood Developers’ (TND) proposal to build affordable homes at the closed Pope John School, but that it just isn’t the right time or place for it.

“Overcrowded classrooms call for a school to remain a school. And while it unfortunately may not be as easy as opening the doors and letting the students in, we at TND appreciate the call for the Pope John School to be renovated so that it can service public school students in Everett.

“In 2019, the City Council and administration saw the closed Pope John School site as an opportunity to address another crisis Everett is facing, the desperate need for affordable homes. When in the Fall of 2020 the City issued a request for proposals to convert the Pope John School into affordable housing, we responded. We were the only team that did. No one else wanted to take on the challenge. Our proposal included afford-

able rental homes for seniors, veterans, and families with the strongest possible preference for Everett residents.

“We proposed a new building that would provide an attractive buffer for neighbors on Cameron, Lafayette, and Shute Streets and be better connected with Broadway and Wehner Park. Putting together a financially viable proposal was not an easy thing to do at a time when construction costs alone are too expensive to make any new home affordable without some type of subsidy.

“In June 2021, we were selected as the developer for the site. While the pandemic may have pulled all of us in different directions, our team at TND continued to refine the concept.

“When in June 2022 the City Council considered the next step, the land disposition from the City to TND, the City Councilors astutely observed that the circumstances may have changed over the last few years. I admit, it was painful for us to watch after all the work we had invested and with the knowledge that the need for affordable homes in Everett has only escalated, but it was reasonable.

“The City Council therefore asked us to convene a community meeting to get feedback on the proposal; so we organized three events to make sure as many of the neighbors and other residents of the city could make it. What we learned, in part, was that another problem, the shortage of classrooms, was more pressing. While Pope John may not solve the whole space problem for Everett Public Schools, it could be one of the quicker ways to alleviate some of the pressure. We are honored to unwittingly have played a catalyst role to make that happen. To be clear, we are no longer working on the vision to transform the closed Pope

John School into affordable homes.

“ ‘Why?’ “, you might ask. TND, despite the D in our name standing for ‘developers,’ isn’t really a developer in the common sense of the word. As the N for ‘neighborhood’ in our name suggests, our focus is broader. We develop affordable homes in Chelsea, Revere, and Everett so that residents can stay in their communities. We are a nonprofit, mission-based organization. We do more than build real estate. Our goal is to counter displacement, to create beautiful homes for residents of our communities, and to support them after they move in. Our mission is to create strong neighborhoods enabling community members to secure a stable home, achieve economic mobility, and determine their own future. I encourage you to check out our website (www.theneighborhooddevelopers.org).

“As to the other challenge, there undoubtedly is still a housing crisis in Everett. Did you know that according to the 2020 Census over 50% of Everett residents spend more than 30% of their income on housing? Were you aware over 27% spend more than 50% of their income to have a roof over their head? That’s not sustainable. Eleven percent of Everett’s residents are 65 or older and almost 2.3% are veterans. There is a real risk of displacement for many Everett residents. TND remains ready to work with the City, residents, and non-profit partners to counter displacement, including through the creation of affordable homes. “Feel free to email me with ideas, I’m all ears.

Rafael Mares,  
Executive Director,  
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This week marks the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15

Fire Prevention Week will mark its 100th anniversary that will run through October 15 with a theme that reflects a major challenge in modern fire safety: “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.”

“Modern residential fires burn much faster than they did in past decades,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “Changes in building construction, manufacturing, and furnishing mean you could have less than three minutes to escape a fire at home today, compared to 15 minutes or more in the 1970s. That’s why it’s so important to have working smoke alarms and a practiced escape plan that includes two ways out.”

**Smoke Alarms**

“Over 60% of Massachusetts fire deaths last year took place in the overnight hours,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “Smoke alarms are your first line of defense, so be sure they’re on every level of your home and working properly. When you hear that alarm, everyone at home should know it’s time to get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1.”

Smoke alarms should have a manufacturing date printed on the back. Alarms older than 10 years old should be replaced with new alarms that have a sealed, long-life battery. When choosing an alarm, select one from a well-known national brand that’s listed by an independent lab such as UL or Intertek/ETL. Test alarms monthly to be sure they’re working properly.

**Home Escape Planning**

“No matter how big or small your household is, every home needs an escape plan,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Consider any special needs you or your loved ones might have, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities.”

When creating your escape plan, look for two ways out of every room – and remember that one of them may be a window. Keep those escape routes clear of furniture, clutter, and other obstructions. If you have security fittings on doors or windows, be sure they can be removed or disengaged quickly from inside.

Pick a family meeting place out front a safe distance away from the house. The meeting place should be permanent, like a tree, mailbox, or light pole, and located where firefighters can easily find you.

Once you’ve planned your escape route, practice it at least twice a year. Try it during the day and at night so everyone is familiar with it – even if they’re tired or groggy. Remember that you may have to “get low and go” in the event of smoke.

**100 Years of Fire Prevention Week**

Fire Prevention Week is observed annually in the week that contains Oct. 9 – the date on which Great Chicago Fire of 1871 caused most devastation. The National Fire Protection Association has sponsored and promoted Fire Prevention Week annually since 1922, making it the longest-running public health observance on record.

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Docket No. SU22P1982EA

Estate of: Peter William Millerick

Date of Death: June 21, 2022

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Peter D. Millerick of East Boston, MA

Peter D. Millerick of East Boston, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts

Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU22P1990EA

Estate of: Rae Frances Sedel

Date of Death: 08/18/2021

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Kevin Duncan of New York, NY requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Kevin Duncan of New York, NY 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 11/17/2022.

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 timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: October 07, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

DOCKET NUMBER: SU21D1158DR

Kathrine Carlotto Ramirez Plaintiff VS. Edgar Ramirez Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

Then Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are summoned and required to serve upon: Kathrine Carlotto Ramirez, 3610 Mystic Valley Parkway, Unit 1511 Medford, MA 02155, your answer, if any, on or before 11/23/2022.

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 6, 2022

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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CITATION G.L. c. 210, § 6

Docket No. SU22A0262AD

In the matter of: Valentina Londono

To: Jonathan Alvarez

any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by: William Lopez-Lopez of Boston, MA

Sandra Elena Londono of Boston, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to Valentina Lopez-Londono.

If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10.

The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 A.M.) ON: 11/14/2022

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 13, 2022

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EAST BOSTON HIGH IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

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RIGHT BEHIND YOU: Running back Chris Testa follows the lead of guard Mychell DeSouza (65).



TAKE AND GO: East Boston quarterback Alex Valencia hands off to his trusted runner Jaye Kincaid (3).



WALK THIS WAY: Offensive guard Myuchell DeSouza (65) provides and escort for East Boston tailback Christian Martinez.

Neighboring rivals East Boston and Chelsea put on an offensive show recently at Chelsea Stadium and when all was said and done the Red Devils notched their first win of the year with a 34-24 victory.



SACK-MINDED: Defensive end Ed Kinney (37) fights off a block by Chelsea's Segendi Michael and pressures Red Devil qb Duane Davis.



GROUND DOWN: Chelsea's Herman Esquivel Mendez takes down East Boston's Christian Martinez during first half action of Chelsea's 34-24 win over East Boston Friday night September 30 at Chelsea Stadium.



HEAVY LOAD: Eastie's offensive workhorse Jay Kincaid (6; 245 lb) rumbles for yardage on one of his frequent carries that sparked the East Boston offense.

October is Long-Term Planning Month

October is Long-Term Care Planning Month. Questions around how to afford the rising cost of assisted living and other levels of senior living come into special focus. As Americans grapple with inflation and increased costs, Assisted Living Locators Boston, a local senior placement and referral service, is giving tips on how to pay less for assisted living.

“Long-term care expenses at assisted living facilities and nursing homes are climbing, as the industry copes with inflation,” said John Moniz, Assisted Living Locators Boston Senior Care Advisor. “I have seen move-in fees at assisted living facilities jump from \$5,000 to \$10,000, or monthly rental fees increase by an unprecedented 10%.”

Assisted Living Locators offers these tips to choose the right community and stretch your dollar.

1 Get The Right Amount Of Space. Assisted living communities offer residents a choice of room size. Remember your se-

nior will be socializing in common areas and eating in large dining rooms. Reduce costs by opting for the smallest, most livable space for their personal room.

2 Consider A Roommate. In many senior living communities, a shared space is more cost-effective than a single room or apartment. Sharing a room can be safer and prevent loneliness, a common problem among the elderly.

3 Go Small On Community Size. Smaller assisted living residences tend to be less expensive than the larger communities and offer the same quality of care.

4 Look Nearby. Sometimes the cost of assisted living communities is driven by the cost of real estate. Look in neighborhoods where the cost of living is less expensive. Traveling an extra 30 minutes to a rural or suburban area can result in a meaningful reduction in rent and care costs.

5 Time Your Move-In. Assisted living communities, especially larger

ones, have financial pressures the same as other businesses. They are often willing to give price breaks at the end of month or their financial quarter.

6 Get Only What You Need. Many assisted living communities will offer an all-inclusive services package. Instead, review the a la cart offerings and only select those services your senior really needs.

7 Have More Than One Option. Potential residents should always have more than one option for assisted living to increase bargaining power and likelihood of getting incentives, as well as minimizing items such as community fee. It also provides a client with a Plan B should the assessment of the senior not go well.

“Paying for senior care can quickly become a financial burden to seniors and families who may not know their options” explained Moniz. “It’s important to seek senior living advice. I personally work with families to help save money and reduce costs of long-term care.”

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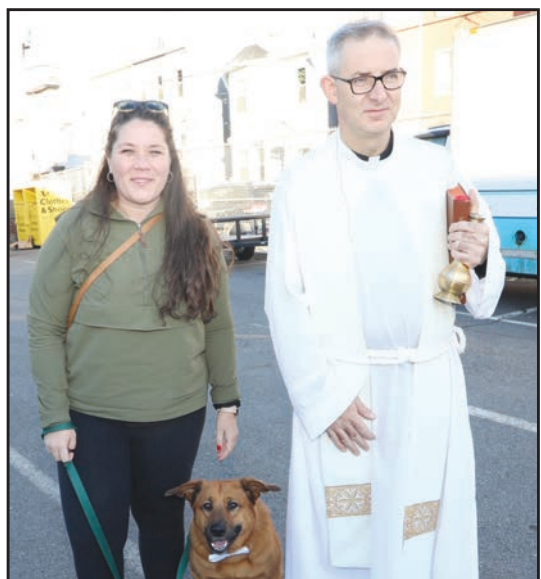
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An illustration of a diverse group of people representing a family or community. On the left, an elderly man with white hair and a cane sits on a grey armchair. Next to him, a woman with dark curly hair sits on the floor holding a young girl. In the center, a man with dark hair sits on the floor. To his right, an elderly woman with white hair sits on a grey armchair. In the foreground, a young boy lies on the floor. They are all dressed in casual clothing, with some wearing red shirts. The background is a solid blue color.

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