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## BPDA suggests new guidelines for zoning here

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As part of the PLAN: East Boston initiative, which looks to shape the future development of East Boston, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) unveiled a draft for updated zoning guidelines in residential areas during a Neighborhood Residential Workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The proposed zoning updates would fundamentally change the building approval process in neighborhoods. Rather than zoning focusing on the use of a particular building as it is now, such as a one-family or three-fami-

ly building, zoning would concentrate on the dimensions of the building itself. In the recommendation, there would be maximum limits for buildings' height, depth, and width and guidelines on the front, side, and rear yard setbacks, lot coverage, and permeable surface area. These maximums and guidelines, however, would be determined by the buildings that already inhabit East Boston. The density of each neighborhood, coupled with the proximity of buildings to the street, would also help determine zoning restrictions.

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### COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE EASTIE YMCA



Shown above, residents, officials and community members gathered in great numbers on Oct. 14 for the first East Boston YMCA Breakfast since before the Pandemic in 2020. Shown to the left, retiring Greater Boston YMCA President and CEO James Morton thanked everyone for having him be a part of the team and noting that the dream of the YMCA is "to make sure that everyone in East Boston has what they need to be successful in life".



James Morton hands to his successor David Shapiro a symbolic baton, highlighting the teamwork in leadership. See more photos on Pages 5 and 6.



Shown above include former Senate President, Robert Travaglini, former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo, former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, City Councilor Gabriella Coletta, Regional Superintendent of Boston Public Schools Tommy Welch and State Rep. Adrian Madaro during the Hometown Heroes event by EBSC.

## East Boston Social Centers hosted their Joy:Us Event!

Special to the Times

East Boston Social Centers held their first in-person event in three years, celebrating Our Hometown Heroes. The event took place on Sunday, October 16, at the New England Aquarium Harbor View Terrace & Tent with a jazz brunch. Individuals were honored who have given of themselves to the Social Centers and the East Boston community were Joe Tozza, the owner of the now-closed Marty's Furniture chain and longtime Board Director; Debbi White, former director of the East Boston So-

cial Centers camp; and Chris and Danisse Marroquin, two rising stars at the Social Centers along with their young son, Jaxon. With the Stefano Marchese Jazz Band performing beautifully in the background, everyone had the opportunity to share food and create heartfelt memories while enjoying a spectacular view. It was beautiful to see so many people come together to honor the honorees' years of outstanding community service, which continues to reward and inspire. The event would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and love of every-

one involved, from planning to fundraising to attending. Thanks to the expert guidance of LPA Event Planners Liz Page, Melanie Oliveira, and Joannie Jaxtimer, the East Boston Social Centers staff went above and beyond with their planning, preparation, and execution of the event. Our Joy:Us event was a huge success, and we thank you all for inspiring joy, and reminding When All Give, All Gain! "We reminded everyone how much we can do when we come together at the social centers.

See EBSC Page 8

## Project at 20 Waldemar up for debate

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

The Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) kicked off its first Design Review Committee (DRC) meeting of the season on Tuesday, Oct. 18. There was a review of three potential projects in the area – none more controversial than the project at 20 Waldemar Avenue that was presented at the end of the meeting. The proposed development would erect a six-unit building in an area currently zoned for one-family units. This de-

velopment is not necessarily new, as some changes were made to the plans since it was presented at an abutter meeting back in July. These changes include dropping the unit size from nine to six by scaling down the front of the building and moving the remaining portion of the building forward. Initially, there were concerns about the shadows a building like this would cast on abutting buildings, but the new size of the building seeks to quell those concerns. Privacy screens on

the rear balconies of the building were also added to ease concerns about the ability to look into abutting buildings. Overall, the reaction to the updated project was mixed, as some Waldemar residents still had apprehensions. One of those residents who voiced their concerns was Daniel Todesca, who lives at 24 Waldemar Avenue directly next to the proposed development. Todesca outlined issues he has with the project

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## Eastie's Planet Fitness ribbon cutting

Special to the Times

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Planet Fitness East Boston Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate the business in East Boston and highlight the newest updates and renovations at the beautiful facility at 175 McClellan Highway. The event was kicked off by the owners and partners of Planet Fitness along with their partners at Alders. The ribbon cutting was attended by members and staff of the facility along with family members including radio

and press who enjoyed refreshments, giveaways, and prizes. The East Boston Chamber of Commerce is proud to have participated in such a successful event and to celebrate this East Boston gem in our business community. --- La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston celebró el evento Planet Fitness East Boston Ribbon Cutting para celebrar el negocio aquí en East Boston y destacar las últimas actualizaciones y renovaciones en las hermosas in-

stalaciones. El evento fue inaugurado por los propietarios y socios de Planet Fitness junto con sus socios en Alders. Al corte de cinta asistieron los miembros y el personal de la instalación junto con miembros de la familia, incluidos la radio y la prensa, quienes disfrutaron de refrigerios, obsequios y premios. La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston se enorgullece de haber participado en un evento tan exitoso y de celebrar esta joya de East Boston en nuestra comunidad empresarial.



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# MBTA expands Pay- Per-Use Limited Fare Program to local employers

Staff Report

The MBTA announced partnerships with Kendall Square Association (KSA) members Google and Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers in Assembly Row to provide employees of those organizations with local bus and subway passes through the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program. During this program, a select number of employees from Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at Assembly Row will have unlimited access to subway and local bus services with their trips fully funded by their employers or for Assembly Row retail employees funded by Assembly Connect for the

duration of the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative. Since 2016, the MBTA has partnered with MIT to operationalize a post-paid institutional fare program that charges the institution based on usage of their employees’ transit passes. The MBTA is excited to extend the fare program to Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at Assembly Row this fall. The Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative is expected to run for 24 months, whereupon the MBTA will evaluate expanding it further as we transition to the new fare collection system. “We’ve been so excited to partner with the MBTA and expand on the prov-

en success of the Access MIT model to provide this service to two more of our KSA members—Sanofi and Google,” said Beth O’Neill Maloney, Executive Director of the Kendall Square Association. “Our members are innovating around their commuter culture, parking assets, and carbon footprint as a part of their commitment to sustainability.” “Mayor Wu is deeply committed to advancing reliable, affordable, and sustainable transportation across the City of Boston,” said City of Boston Chief People Officer Alex Lawrence. “This work includes making multimodal options accessible to our workforce. Through this

pilot program, we will gain valuable insight about MBTA usage that will help us make transit related decisions in the future. We are so excited to partner with the MBTA in early 2023.” “By subsidizing transit passes for retail employees we’re helping retailers attract and retain essential workers for whom the costs of parking and transportation are often prohibitive,” said David Webster, Federal Realty Investment Trust, President Assembly Connect. “The benefits and policies that employers offer their employees play a key role in what mobility choices their employees make,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We are

thrilled to partner with the City of Boston, Google, Sanofi, and Assembly Connect to support their employees’ use of transit. By studying this limited expansion of the program that Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) helped pioneer, we aim to guide further development of flexible fare programs for employers as we transition to the new fare collection system.” Many employers in the greater Boston area provide their employees with transit benefits through the MBTA’s Perq for Work program, offering pre-taxed (sometimes fully or partially) funded transit passes to employees. This Limited Pay-Per-Use fare program works with employers and

TMA’s such as Assembly Connect that want to fully subsidize their employees’ transit trips to incentivize employee use of transit when commuting to work. Participating employees at Google, Sanofi, the City of Boston, and retailers at Assembly Row will have unlimited access to MBTA Subway and Local Bus services with their trips fully funded by their employers or by Assembly Connect for the duration of the Pay-Per-Use limited fare program initiative. For more information, please visit mbta.com, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA\_CR, on Facebook /TheMBTA, or on Instagram @theMBTA.

# El dia De los Muertos festival planned for East Boston this week

Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), El Dia de los Muertos is New England’s largest Day of the Dead Festival and Parade. Now in its ninth year, this annual, intergenerational arts and culture festival supports community cohesion and local businesses in the Central Square and Liberty Square districts of East Boston. This year the event will include a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic and Hepatitis testing onsite. A range of programming takes place from October 25-November 2.

This event is part of the Youth Entrepreneurship program “Dancing Elotes” that integrates arts and culture with business ed-

ucation and practical entrepreneurial experience, as youth learn the skills needed to run a business and produce events like El Dia de los Muertos. Altar installation and activities, workshops, and conversations are facilitated by local artists. The origins of the Day of the Dead tradition predate the arrival of the Spanish conquerors. In different cultures, particularly among the Mexica, it was believed that there was a process to be born and another to die: when the soul leaves the physical body, it must go through a series of tests or dimensions, to reach the desired rest. La Catrina or La Calavera

Catrina is one of the most recognizable symbols of the Dia de los Muertos holiday today, and was created by artist and journalist Jose Guadalupe Posada in 1910. Participants for the event will include Hot tamale Brass Band, Grover’s Afro Brazilian Band, Grupo de danza Torogoz, Estrellitas Tropicales, Corazon Chileno, Fraternidad Folklorica y Cultural Caporales Universitarios de San Simón Cochabamba - Filial New England; Estrellitas VROCC, lead by Diana Melgar and Melissa Lopez, Ballet Folklorico VROCC led by Dance program director Estuardo Alvarez and Donaxi Madrigal; VROCC music and

chorus ensembles led by instructors Carlos Mario Yepes and Monica Henao assisted by Marcelo Yepes; Calpulli Coyoxochilt, Danza Mexica; Alejandra Ramos Gómez, Mexican poet; Fiona Phie, artist; Flor Delgadillo, multidisciplinary artists; Ethan Vogt multimedia producer; Roberto Gomez, community activist; Nicolas Acuña, Jucamart. MAPS (MASS alliance of portuguese speakers) providing Hepatitis testing, and Boston Medical Center will be providing COVID19 Vaccine shots in collaboration with Lawyers for Civil rights and Greater Boston Latino Network.

The following events are scheduled:

**Tuesday, October 25th from 7:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Lecture:** Origins and Meanings of Dia De Los Muertos by Dr. Raquel Urroz.

VROCC, 282 Meridian St. Use the AlleyWay Door between Meridian and Border St.

Presented in collaboration with Universidad Autonoma de Mexico in Boston.

Learn the origins and meaning of this beautiful Mexican tradition. Pan de Muerto (Traditional bread made for the occasion) and hot chocolate will be served.

**Friday, October 28th from 6 to 9PM**

**Help create the Ofrenda (Altar) for the Festival**

Where: Central Square Park - Saratoga St. between Border and Me-

ridian. Support local artists in creating an Ofrenda that will include photos of community members’ loved ones who have passed away to honor and remember them including pets.

**Sunday, October 30th 1:00 to 2:30**

**Join the Parade!**

Starts at Central Square Park, and ends at Shaw’s (circled on the map)

Parade rules: Only people in Catrina or Catrine Costumes will be allowed, Cars must be decorated with El Dia de los Muertos theme and must be registered prior to the event. Cars must register by Thursday, October 27 by midnight.

There will be two parade floats with music and music bands along the parade.

**Sunday, October 30th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM**

**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL**

Central Sq. Park Between Meridian St. and

Border St Local artists, entrepreneurs, children’s music and dance performances. Activities will include creating elements for the altar and Catrina dresses.

**Tuesday, November 1st. from 6 to 8 PM**

**Community Gathering**

VROCC 282 Meridian St. Use the AlleyWay Door between Meridian and Border St. Conversations on how we as a community can support each other in the process of healing to overcome grief, loss, and resiliency.

**Wednesday, November 2nd from 6 to 8 PM**

**Community Gathering**

Altar on Central Square Park if weather permits. Rain site VROCC

Dia de los muertos observance will include community conversations around loss, mourning and resiliency focused on adults, and death in tragic circumstances (breaking down the altar). Building Community.

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THOSE 30 HOUSE DEMOCRATS:  
DID YOU SEND YOUR  
LETTER TO PUTIN TOO?

Earlier this week, a group of 30 House Democrats sent a letter to President Joe Biden urging him to seek a diplomatic solution with Russia to end the war in Ukraine. “In conclusion, we urge you to make vigorous diplomatic efforts in support of a negotiated settlement and ceasefire, engage in direct talks with Russia, explore prospects for a new European security arrangement acceptable to all parties that will allow for a sovereign and independent Ukraine, and, in coordination with our Ukrainian partners, seek a rapid end to the conflict and reiterate this goal as America’s chief priority.” Really? What planet are they living on?

There has been NO hint from Russian President Vladimir Putin that he is even remotely willing to negotiate an end to the war in Ukraine. To the contrary, he repeatedly has reaffirmed his commitment to “de-Nazify Ukraine,” which is code for eliminating it from the map as a sovereign nation.

He continues to engage in nothing less than the genocide of the Ukrainian people, whether by directly murdering and raping innocent civilians and deporting women and children to Russia, or indirectly through the bombing of civilian housing, hospitals, and infrastructure.

Other world leaders have tried to talk to Putin, most notably presidents Macron of France and Erdogan of Turkey, but all to no avail. If Putin were willing to negotiate an end to the war, why would he be sending an additional 300,000 troops into Ukraine?

The letter from these 30 members of Congress has been applauded by one group in our country who call themselves CODEPINK, whose position on the war in Ukraine is as follows, “As a leading peace and anti-war organization, CODEPINK also asks that all members of Congress, regardless of political party, vote against future weapons and military dollars for Ukraine.”

Essentially, organizations such as these are willing to give carte blanche to Putin to commit further atrocities in Ukraine. Theirs is precisely the sort of thinking that allowed Hitler to engage in his genocide that ultimately resulted in the Holocaust.

Just as it takes two to tango, so too, it takes two to negotiate at the peace table.

Until Putin gives some indication of being willing to end the war that he started, any hint of a lack of solidarity by our members of Congress with the Ukrainian people will serve only to prolong the war and encourage Putin to expand his aggression even more dangerously.

If these 30 Democrats are serious about ending the war in Ukraine (as opposed to just scoring points with random groups like CODEPINK), we assume that they also sent their letter to Putin.

We’ll be eager to hear what he says to them.

ENJOY A HAPPY — AND  
SAFE — HALLOWEEN

With the Halloween holiday on Monday, and with many celebrating it over the weekend, we urge all of our readers to take part in the holiday festivities in a safe manner.

Motorists should be extra cautious — by which we mean drive VERY slowly — for the safety of children who will be trick-or-treating in our streets.

Adults also need to be extra careful when “celebrating.” Halloween has become a huge excuse for an adult party night (not that there’s anything wrong with that), but unfortunately, far too many will have too much to drink and then will drive.

We urge all party hosts to ensure that their guests are not inebriated. Parents have to be extra vigilant to make sure that their high school children and friends are not drinking or behaving in a rowdy manner.

We wish all of our readers a happy — and safe — Halloween.

Your opinions, please

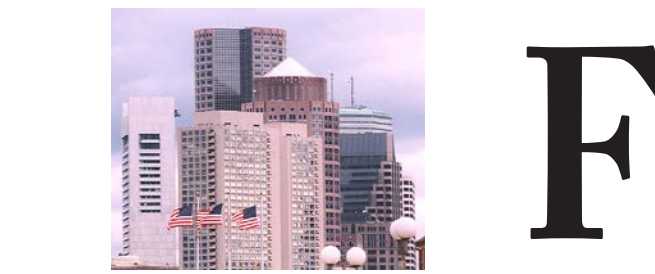
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YES ON 4: Practical, Safe, Economic Policy

By East Boston’s Delegation  
Senator Lydia Edwards,  
Representative Adrian Madaro and  
City Councilor Gabriela Coletta

In East Boston, we represent one of the most diverse populations in the state. We are not only proud of diversity but we know that, but for immigrants from all over the world, East Boston would not be the vibrant beautiful community that we know and love. We know that for our community to thrive, we must be safe, we must have policies that treat people equally, and we must be practical. That is why we hope you will join us in voting YES on Question 4. Question 4 is a ballot question concerning driver’s licenses in Massachusetts. A yes vote assures keeping the law we (the legislature) just passed. A no vote would repeal the law. The law allows for residents of Massachusetts to apply for and earn a driver’s license. You have to be tested and insured. A test includes the road test, and of course proof that you can read and understand the signs. It makes sense.

Assuring that all drivers are tested, licensed, and insured creates safer roads for all of us. That’s why the majority of sher-

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November 8th Trick or Treat? Election Midterms

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is coming but the real trick or treat may be November 8, the mid-term election. November 8 may feel more like Halloween this year than the traditional October date.

Who knows what will happen. Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania all have Senate races that could tilt the balance of Congressional power depending on who is elected. All three races are going down to the wire. In probably each state it will most likely be the next day before a winner is determined – if not longer.

The 2022 midterm election is shaping up to be one for the history books.

According to a new analysis from pollster Echelon Insights, an estimated 125.6 million Americans are expected to turn out in November’s midterm contests. Such a figure would shatter the record set in 2018’s midterms, which saw 53.4% of the eligible voting-age population cast their ballots, according to the Census Bureau.

Already voters are starting to come out in full force: As of Tuesday, Oct. 18, at least 2.8 million people already cast their ballots in the midterms, according to the United States Elections Project.

That includes the more than 131,000 Georgia voters who cast their ballots early on the first day of early voting on Monday, Oct. 17, handily beating the previous first-day record for a midterm of 72,000, per state election official Gabriel Sterling. (Spectrum News NY)

Issues are driving Americans to the polls. Pewresearch.org found the following to be priority concerns of registered Americans. The numbers with each issue represent a percent of primary concern of those surveyed

Economy. 79, Healthcare 68, Supreme court appointments 64, The coronavirus outbreak 62, Violent crime 59, Foreign policy 57, Gun policy 55, Race and ethnic inequality 52, Immigration 52, Economic inequality 49, Climate change 42, Abortion 40. Of course, you could conduct a poll in your community and the level of interest on any of these issues would probably be in a slightly different order. In almost every scenario the economy and inflation are paramount with voters.

Inflation has knocked on every American’s door and has not been satisfied by a treat. Inflation at the rate of 8.2 percent, has been one hungry monster that has devoured American paychecks and pushed seniors

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Other states that issue these types of licenses have seen a significant reduction in hit-and-run accidents. The District of Columbia and 16 other states have taken the steps toward safer roads for their citizens by passing laws that allow people without status to obtain state driver’s licenses.

Studies show that the number of uninsured drivers drops dramatically when all drivers can acquire licenses. Drivers generally feel more comfortable knowing they are less likely to foot the bill for damage stemming from an accident. This is because the probability of a hit-and-run is reduced when more people are covered. Licensing all qualified state residents with a Massachusetts driver’s license or ID, regardless of their immigration status, is a common sense proposal that allows the 78% of workers in the Commonwealth, who rely on vehicles to get to their jobs, to travel the roads as licensed, registered, and insured drivers. Safety is the lowest common denominator. At the base level, the removal of the barrier to licensing ensures consistency. Licensing for all provides uniformity in the learned rules of the road and the road test required to obtain that license.

Additionally, Massachusetts gains an economic benefit from issuing more licenses. More revenue is generated through biennial registration fees, title certification, and inspection costs. Not to mention, the issuing of licenses brings economic stimulation for small businesses not easily accessible by public transit. Having permission to drive should not be conflated with immigration authority, citizenship status, collection agencies, or the numerous arguments used to distract voters from ultimately having safer roads and a uniform understanding of the rules of the road. Non-citizens have a wide range of rights and privileges that do not require documentation status, and moving about the state should be added to the list.

When November 8th arrives and you’re confronted with the choice of yes or no on Question 4, consider how voting YES on 4 will make our roads safer, make identification processes easier for police officers, and will provide economic stimulus to the Commonwealth.

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November 8th Trick or Treat? Election Midterms

back into the workforce. Available part time jobs are now being sought by seniors who need the money.

A recent poll shows a dead heat between Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) and Republican candidate Adam Laxalt in the Nevada Senate race. In In Pennsylvania, it’s Lt. Governor John Fetterman and R. Mehmet Oz who are now very close. In Georgia the Senate race has Raphael Warnock leading Herschel Walker but the Governor race between Governor Brian Kemp and Stacey Abrams remains close according to a Quinnipiac University Georgia poll.

Save some of your leftover Halloween candy for November 8. Have a bowl of popcorn for a real evening of trick or treat.

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East Boston YMCA Aquatics Program Director Patrick Kearns, Lauren Wapshare, Executive Director Joseph Gaeta, Health And Wellness Director Bridget Ridlon, and Joseph Ferino.

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East Boston YMCA was established in 1999. Since then it has been an invaluable resource for the East Boston community offering education, activities, and assistance. The last Breakfast was

held 30 months ago before the Covid Pandemic, and now this year's Breakfast was the "passing of the baton" as Greater Boston YMCA CEO and President James Morton retires and incoming CEO and President David Shapiro is welcomed.



YMCA Board Members Jim Buckley and Attorney AJ Moscone with Estela Melendez from New York Life, a proud donor.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta speaks of the importance of the East Boston YMCA in the community: "We should all be proud of what happens at The Y because it is emblematic of what makes East Boston so great".

Speaking on his passion for relay running, retiring Greater Boston YMCA President and CEO James Morton presents a baton to be handed off to his successor David Shapiro.



Joanne Gomes and retiring Greater Boston YMCA President and CEO James Morton.



Greater Boston YMCA Senior Association Director Of Community Development Kathryn Saunders, incoming President and CEO David Shapiro (center), and CFO Paul Falvey (far right) with founding Executive Director of East Boston YMCA Wendy Zinn and Dan O'Brien.



Pat Gotham Kathryn Saunders, and Andrew Crossley.



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Friday, November 4 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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COMING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE THE GREATER BOSTON YMCA



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu offers remarks. She remembered learning to swim at The Y growing up in the Midwest. She called the YMCA programs “a treasure chest that brings opportunity, education, safety, and a sense of relief for family’s at a time when we need every bit of confidence, comfort and support we can get.” Mayor Wu noted that the East Boston YMCA is “Supported by every single person in the community. This is the event you come to to catch up with the whole legacy of folks who have shaped this neighborhood and community...” “That is the kind of pride that this neighborhood and community has for the East Boston Y and it’s truly reflected in the programs and the work that touches every part of our community.”



PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

YMCA pre-schoolers sing “The More We Get Together”



East Boston YMCA Aquatics Program Director Patrick Kearns speaks of the impact of the YMCA swimming program noting that the East Boston Y has the only Spanish language class in the city.



Swimming instructor Emily Delgado speaks of connecting with the community and building confidence through her swim classes.



CEO of El Planeta Javier Marin speaks with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



CCS Fundraising Pat Gotham and YMCA Tom Myers.



EBNHC CEO Greg Wilmut with Executive Assistant Diana Gallego.



Boston Community HUB Schools, coordinators who help bring resources to kids and families.



Olivia and Kozeta Durishti.



Chelsea Chamber Of Commerce President Jennifer Hassell (right) with Executive Assistant Carolina Bonilla.

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Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro, served on the board before his election.



# Sports

## EASTIE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM IS ON A ROLL WITH FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN

Photos by Bob Marra

East Boston's girls soccer team won their fourth straight match with a 4-0 win over Fontbonne at City Yards Park on Friday October 21. The win improved the Jets record to 12-3-1 and solidified their spot in the MIAA Division 4 post season playoffs.



Shown above, East Boston's Daniella Lemus (13) fights off her opposing number 13 and gets off a clearing shot.

Shown to the right, Anahi Vasquez (6) puts her full force into a shot.



Jessica Mejia is all smiles as she is greeted by teammate Raquel Rico (24) and fellow Jets Valeria Nunez (19) Kenia Mendoza (15) after scoring East Boston's first goal.



Joanna Miranda gets above the defense to get control of the ball.



Goalkeeper Diana Melgar stretches to make sure a Fontbonne kick stays out of the East Boston net.



Anahi Vasquez (6) surveys the field as she makes her move into the attack zone.



East Boston's Brandy Aguilar (5) reacts as she gets an ankle in front of a Fontbonne shot.



Diana Melgar (2) moves in to disrupt a pass attempt by a Fontbonne forward.

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Rob's video tributes were heartwarming: Chris and Danisse's adorable Jaxon waving to the crowd; Joe's grandkids explaining what his decades of dedication meant to them; and the cheers of "Debbi White is Dyn-o-mite!!" went from echoing in the mess hall to reverberating across Boston Harbor" said Fabricio Paes, Vice President of the East Boston Social Centers board. Board Member Debra Cave was left in awe and conveyed her admiration for this year's event, "It was a truly amazing event with so much positive energy in the room. Our staff, board, and community stepped up to make Joy:us a resounding success! Thanks to all!"

The East Boston Social Centers, a multi-service agency and community center that cultivates community, belonging, and joy, has been in the business of changing lives for 104 years, providing

East Boston (and Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere) residents with critical high-quality services that support community health and well-being and joy, especially during the pandemic. The programs offered by the Social Centers are designed to meet people's educational, social, and recreational needs and to build community and strengthen families. As reflected in its motto, "When all give, all gain," the Social Centers seek to create a welcoming and supportive environment, characterized by a spirit of goodwill and caring, in which members of the community are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives.

Learn more at <https://www.ebsocialcenters.org/joyusevent>

View joyful moments of the event in our events page: <https://www.ebsocialcenters.org/events/joyuseventhometownheroes>



\_\_\_\_\_, former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo and State Rep. Adrian Madaro.



**EBSC's Michelle D'Ambrosio and honoree Chris Marroquin.**



Members of East Boston Social Centers and event attendees gather for a photo.



**Honoree Joseph Tozza shown with family and friends.**



Honoree Debbi White shown with family and friends.

## Protect the blood supply by donating this fall

Staff Report

The American Red Cross urges blood donors of all types and those who have never given before to book a time to give blood or platelets now and help keep the blood supply from dropping ahead of the holidays.

People of all blood types are needed, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood – blood products that are critical to keeping hospitals ready to help patients depending on transfusions in the weeks ahead.

Book now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCross-Blood.org](http://RedCross-Blood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you for taking the time to give this fall, all who come to give Nov.1-22 will receive a \$10 e-gift card by email to a merchant of choice. Details are available at [redblood.org/perks](http://redblood.org/perks).

**Upcoming blood  
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## How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least

110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and

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# Ukrainian refugees and other students in crisis to receive \$200,000 in scholarship support

Special to the Independent

In collaboration with the Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF), the Mosakowski Family Foundation has made a \$100,000 gift to students displaced by the war in Ukraine to enroll in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Boston. This gift was made in response to the number of Ukrainian refugees seeking quality education and support provided by Catholic schools increases and scholarship funding for the year from both schools and the Catholic Schools Foundation has already been committed.

In addition to the \$100,000 gift, the Mosakowski Family Foundation pledged an additional \$50K to serve as a match to encourage others to support CSF's emergency fund. The emergency fund will be used to support the Ukrainian students as well as provide tuition assistance for families of K-12 students enrolled in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Boston who are experiencing unforeseen circumstances. These combined efforts will provide \$200,000 to those displaced by the war in Ukraine and other families in crisis.

The pain and stress of fleeing from one's own home as a refugee is something most people could never imagine. For Max, 15, this is a reality. He and his family were forced to flee from their home in Ukraine at the start of the war. After a period of living in Spain, Max's family was taken in by another family of once-refugees in Boston who had fled from Eastern Europe in the early 90s. Despite the challenges he faced this year, Max will now be attending Catholic Memorial in West Roxbury as a 10th grader after being connected with the school and receiving tuition assistance from the Catholic Schools Foundation and the Mosakowski Family Foundation. Thanks to the support he has received from Catholic Memorial and the community, and the Catholic Schools Max now can grow and learn in a high-quality academic and supportive environment.

In addition to Max, eight additional students from Ukraine are receiving scholarship support from the Catholic Schools Foundation and the Mosakowski Family Foundation to enroll in CSF-sponsored schools including Saint Mary's High School in Lynn, Sacred Heart School in Lynn

and Saint Joseph Preparatory High School in Brighton. There are more students like Max and additional need is anticipated. Through the month of October, a gift to CSF will be doubled up to \$50K from the Mosakowski Family Foundation, whose leadership giving is pivotal to responding to this urgent situation.

When asked about the need for support, the Mosakowski Family Foundation told us "The Mosakowski Family Foundation strongly believes education is an essential ingredient for those seeking a better life. Ukrainian families and especially children have faced the worst conflict in Europe since the 1940's. They have become refugees in their own nation and throughout the world. As these families arrive in greater Boston they seek the stability, support and education which Catholic schools have long provided to other disadvantaged populations. The Catholic Schools Foundation will ensure these funds will support this recent wave of dislocated students and families. Our family currently supports schools in Poland to address the surge of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian students throughout the country. As many families from Ukraine

now reach our own shores, we knew it was time to do the same in the Boston area. We are grateful to have CSF lead this initiative."

"The impact and leadership of the Mosakowski Family Foundation will have a direct and meaningful impact on these students and families in crisis." Says Mike Reardon, Executive Director of the Catholic Schools Foundation. "Catholic schools provide a place of stability and support for families in need.

Unfortunately, as the Ukrainian crisis has unfolded and economic challenges persist, CSF has not been able to fully meet the demand for support. This gift will allow CSF to respond to these needs better and on a larger scale. We're optimistic donors will respond to this gift positively and take it as an opportunity to join in supporting in-need students."

The campaign to support Ukrainian students and CSF's emergency fund is ongoing until the end of October. Those interested in supporting CSF and The Mosakowski Family Foundation are encouraged to visit [www.csfboston.org/ukraine](http://www.csfboston.org/ukraine).

# OBITUARIES

## Deanna Marie Rauseo

She will be missed by many

Deanna Marie Rauseo of Winthrop, formerly of Saugus and East Boston, passed away on October 22.

Deanna worked for nearly 50 years at Pace-Spataro & Bellino Insurance Agency in East Boston.

She will be missed by many.

The loving daughter of the late Frank and Mary (Buonopane) Rauseo, she was the dear sister of Anthony Rauseo of Winthrop and her late twin brother, Michael Rauseo. Deanna was always surrounded and cherished by her many adored cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Deanna's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Thursday, Oc-



tober 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday at 10 a.m. for a prayer service in our serenity chapel. Services will conclude with Deanna being laid to rest in Winthrop Cemetery in Winthrop. Flowers are appreciated or memorial donations can be made in Deanna's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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

## Victoria "Vicky" Wilshusen

Employee of The Home for Little Wanderers and Massachusetts Department of Children and Families for over 20 years

Victoria "Vicky" (Laezza) Wilshusen of Revere, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 19 at 80 years of age.

Vicky loved the beach. She also loved crocheting, reading and cooking in her spare time.

The devoted mother of Eric Wilshusen and his wife, Kelly, Krista Santiago and her husband, Antonio, Kathryn Somme and her husband, Michael, Michele Wilshusen, Lauren Wilshusen and her husband, Matthew Lindblom, she was the loving daughter of the late Giovanni and Vittoria (DiMarino) Laezza; dear sister of Nicholas Laezza and the late Peter Leizza, John Laezza, Josephine Kennedy, Rose Piazza and Antonette Laezza; cherished grandmother of twins, Brian and Mark Wilshusen and triplets Carter, Julia and Tyler Somme and is also survived by family in Italy, many cousins, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Family and friends honored Vicky's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Saturday, October 22 followed by a prayer service in our chapel. Services concluded with Vicky being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Victoria was a past employee for over 20 years for The Home for Little Wanderers and Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. In giving back to the program, she cherished so much and in lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation in Victoria's name to The Home for Little Wanderers, c/o Development Department, 10 Guest St. Fl 3, Boston, MA 02135.

May she rest in peace.

# Mass. High schools invited to participate in GBH's High School Quiz Show qualifying event

Special to the Independent

High School Quiz Show®, the academic tournament for Massachusetts high school students from Boston public media producer GBH, has opened registration for its qualifying event called Super Sunday.

Following two years of virtual Super Sunday events, High School Quiz Show will welcome teams from across the Commonwealth in-person to GBH's studios in Brighton, Massachusetts for Super Sunday on November 6, 2022. The highest-scoring teams will move on to compete in Season 14 of the televised academic tournament; the final bracket will have 16 teams. The deadline to submit a team for participation in the Super Sunday event is November 1. Additional information and registration information can be found at <https://www.wgbh.org/quiz-show/register>.

"High School Quiz Show is excited to welcome students back to GBH's studios for Super Sunday," said Executive



High School students with Liz Friar on High School Quiz Show.

Producer Hillary Wells. "This highly anticipated annual event is a wonderful opportunity for Massachusetts students and coaches to meet counterparts from across the state and be acknowledged and celebrated for their academic prowess. The High School Quiz Show team, from producers to sponsors, look forward to supporting the hard work and dedication of these students."

All Massachusetts high schools, including public, private, parochial and

home schools are eligible to take part in Super Sunday. Each team must include at least one adult coach, four student team members and two student alternates. Gameplay has been adapted for Season 14 to enhance the team aspect of the competition.

Season 14 of High School Quiz Show will premiere on February 4, 2023 on GBH 2 and will be available to stream on the High School Quiz Show YouTube channel and at [highschoolquizshow.org](http://highschoolquizshow.org). High School Quiz Show is endorsed

by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education and the Massachusetts PTA. Major funding for High School Quiz Show is provided by Safety Insurance. Additional funding is provided by the Museum of Science, Massachusetts Teachers Association, Xfinity, UMass Amherst, Eastern Bank and Subaru of New England.

For more information, visit [highschoolquizshow.org](http://highschoolquizshow.org) and follow the show on YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at [RedCross-Blood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCross-Blood.org/RapidPass) or use the Blood Donor App.

## Amplify Your Impact – Volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

SEARCHING FOR CANDIDATES TO FILL VACANCY

CHELSEA - The Chelsea City Council has put out the help wanted shingle. The council is now accepting letters of interest or resumes for a replacement for Councilor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda, who resigned from the council earlier this month. “Pursuant to section 2-4 of the city charter, the remaining councilors shall, not more than 30 days after the date on which that vacancy is declared to exist, act to fill the vacancy,” City Clerk Jeannette Cintron White stated in a letter to the council. “Furthermore, I reviewed the ballots cast for council-at-large for the Nov. 2, 2021 municipal election, and I have determined that the defeated candidate did not receive the 30 percent of total ballots cast for the seat being vacated.” Under the charter, if a defeated candidate reached the 30 percent threshold, that candidate would fill out the remainder of the vacated term. In the 2021 municipal election, former councilor Joseph Perlatonda got 428 of the 1,800 total votes cast in the election. The letters of interest or resumes can be filed at the City Council office by Nov. 4. Following that date, the council will hold a subcommittee on conference meeting to begin interviewing applicants for the open seat.

“The only requirements are that you are a Chelsea resident, because it is an at-large councilor seat (candidates) can live anywhere in the city to fill that seat,” said Councilor-At-Large Damali Vidot. “The candidate will also have to have been a registered voter on the day of the last election we had in November of 2021.” Avellaneda, who also served as Council President, announced at the Oct. 4 meeting that he was stepping down. He said he was overwhelmed with the number of responsibilities that he had been taking on, both as a business owner and taking care of the presidency. 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.

NEW REGULATIONS DISCUSSED TO PROVE RESIDENCY

EVERETT - With student overcrowding in the Everett public schools increasing at an alarming rate, Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani announced the preliminary regulations are being drafted for the verification of residency for public school students. Tahiliani told committee members that she will have a more detailed policy with regulations for their review by their next meeting, adding that many of the surrounding communities have already implemented residency policies. Some of the items to verify residency of families could be two of the following: parents must supply proof of current utility bills, current bank account information, W-2 forms, letters from landlords verifying that they are current occupants, a

current Massachusetts driver’s license, and other forms of identification.

The truancy staff already has been expanded from one person to three and Tahiliani noted that she favors not using the police in helping to enforce the new regulations if approved by the School Committee.

School Committee members were very receptive about the new policy being formulated, with School Committeeman Anthony Barros saying what has been proposed is “excellent.” However, he cautioned that any new regulations should not be made so arduous such that they could violate a child’s rights.

He also noted that many school-age children have just arrived from the Ukraine and some of the documentation that is needed may not be in their possession.

Several committee members proposed adding passports as another means to verify residency.

On this point, School Committee member Millie Cardillo said, “I totally agree on passports, since a lot of people do not drive.”

During the course of discussion on the proposed new policy, it was noted that the staff at the Parent Information Center would bear the brunt of compiling the identification information and that its staff consists of only four people, who might not be able to adequately handle the volume of work.

This fact prompted discussion on using interns from colleges to help with the administrative task. However, Barros noted that privacy laws may prohibit the use of interns to help process the needed information.

Committee member Samantha Lambert made an impassioned plea, asking residents not to become zealous in trying to implement the new policy wrongfully. Lambert said she hopes the new policies will not lead to “stalking our kids.”

She said that she has heard from some residents who have alleged that they have seen some students get on public transportation buses and either arrive in Everett in the morning or leave the city at night. However, she noted that there could be many legitimate reasons for students coming and going.

She pointed out that students use buses to go to after-school jobs in Somerville or Boston, and that many students take extra classes at Bunker Hill Community College.

Toward the end of the discussion, Tahiliani noted that while there could be students from outside the district attending Everett schools, there could be Everett students attending schools in other districts.

After all is said and done, “This could be a zero sum game,” of trying to reduce the overcrowding in local schools, she said.

While the current student overcapacity stands at 1,204 students, Tahiliani noted at a recent meeting of the City Council that last year only 100 students were expelled from local schools for not being Everett residents.

**MCGEE HONORED BY CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE**  
LYNN - Camp Fire

North Shore presented its Community Partner Award to former state senator and mayor Tom McGee at “An Evening at the Lynn Museum” fundraising event on Oct. 13.

McGee was honored for his outstanding contributions to the community and his impressive record of public service as a state representative, state senator, and mayor of Lynn.

Hamill delivers welcoming address

In her opening remarks, Executive Director Laurie Hamill said that “2022 has been a rebound year for Camp Fire North Shore.”

“Like so many other organizations and businesses, the pandemic has created enormous challenges for us for throughout the last two-and-a-half years,” said Hamill. “However, I am proud to say that Camp Fire North Shore has persevered. Our staff has been dedicated to providing the services so desperately needed to the youth in our community and throughout the North Shore.”

Hamill said that the summer camp is thriving, and enrollment is back to full capacity in its after-school programs.

“Almost 70 percent of our campers this past summer attended tuition free,” said Hamill. “We’re really proud of that. And our greatest accomplishment in the last couple of years is investing in Phase 1 infrastructure improvements at 2 Cain Road in Salem.”

Hamill praised her staff, stating, “Thank you for your hard work every single day. Your commitment to the children in our community truly makes a difference.”

Drew Russo lauds award recipient Tom McGee

Drew Russo, vice president of the Camp Fire North Shore Board of Directors, lauded McGee before presenting the Community Partner Award to the former Lynn mayor.

“There’s so much that you can say about Tom - his commitment to public service is unparalleled, 27 years in elected office as a representative, as a state senator, and our mayor. He’s been a leader in his political party. He’s been a champion and an advocate of good, solid public policy. He’s a mayor who led us with steadfast determination and quiet resolve during the most trying days of this pandemic.”

Russo also noted McGee’s support of increasing out-of-school and after-school educational opportunities for children.

“If there were three issues that Tom McGee was going to talk about, out-of-school and after-school time programming for kids and the importance of that for kids in our communities was always on top of the list,” said Russo.

A warm ovation for the honoree

Tom McGee received a prolonged ovation from the guests as he walked to the podium to accept the prestigious award.

It’s a family that has served Lynn well for many years, with Tom McGee carrying on the great legacy of his father, the esteemed Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives, the late Thomas W. McGee.

As expected, Tom McGee’s acceptance speech was humble and gracious.

KITE TIME IS FAMILY TIME



Sontigie Carew, 7-years-old, and his sister, Sumi Carew, 16-years-old, flying kites during the Kite Time is Family Time event, sponsored by the Friends of Mary O’Malley Park.

McGee began by commending Laurie Hamill for the positive impact that Camp Fire North Shore has had in the community and for making a difference in young people’s lives.

He spoke about how he was inspired by his parents and grandparents.

“The inspiration that they brought to me and to my brothers and my sister was about public service and learning that each one of us can make a difference, particularly in young people’s lives,” said McGee. “We all have a role in making our community a better place. So that inspiration that I got from my parents and my grandparents, and hopefully spread to my family and my children, is that we can make a difference. We can make our lives better and our communities better by working together to make sure that everyone has those opportunities and young people have those opportunities.”

COUNCIL STOPS PURCHASE OF SCHOOL SITE

REVERE - In a move that dramatically affects the advancement of the new high school project for now, the Council deferred to a subcommittee a request for a loan order of \$29.5 million for the acquisition of the former Wonderland Greyhound Park property.

Wonderland was the No. 1 choice by the Revere High School Building Committee for a new high school following a lengthy process consisting of many public meetings.

But some councillors expressed their opposition to Wonderland as the site and their concern about the substantial cost of a new high school at a public hearing Monday night.

Revere CFO Richard Viscay, a member of the School Building Committee brought the bond authorization request to the Council’s public hearing.

“After vetting through all the options, Wonderland seemed like the most advantageous for the City,” said Viscay. “It does come with a price tag, but I’m here to speak in favor of the acquisition.”

Supt. of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly spoke as a proponent of the Wonderland property acquisition.

“I also want to speak on behalf of the children of Revere and the teachers at Revere School and their administrative staff who are in desperate need of a new facility,” said Kelly. “It’s exciting to be at a point in time where we’re going to have a space identified and be able to really start to explore that property and the soils and other things that we need to approve before we can actually start building.”

School Committee member Stacey Bronsdon-Rizzo also stated her support for a new high school. “Like you all, I want nothing but what is best for our students, and I know each and every one of you do,” Rizzo told the Council.

Charger Street resident Christine Robertson said, “If we don’t invest in the future of America, which is our students, we will be lost. This is a very wise investment and long overdue.”

Rizzo opposes location of school

Councillor-at-Large Dan Rizzo, who was a councillor when five new schools were built in the city and Revere’s mayor when the Hill Elementary School was built, said,

“We definitely need a new high school.”

But Rizzo questioned the finances of the high school project and its proposed location at Wonderland.

“The problem that I have right now is I think we’re not all looking at the finances correctly,” said Rizzo. Citing the recent purchase of the Global Oil and Fed Ex properties, Rizzo added, “Anyone that thinks we’re going to get this land for \$29 million – I think is either being misled, or just making a huge miscalculation. We’re going to find ourselves in court because they will never settle on \$29 million. It’s happened either other eminent domain takings.”

Rizzo then aired his concerns about the location.

“I think it [Wonderland] is a horrible location. I think our transportation costs are going to go through the roof to have 2,000 students descending upon Butler Circle during rush hours. It’s going to be a very dangerous and troublesome situation for the city going forward.”

Zambuto reiterates his opposition to the site

Councillor-at-Large Anthony Zambuto, who was vehemently against Wonderland throughout the site selection process projected the cost of the land at \$100 million.

“I just want to say for the record that I am absolutely for our high school,” said Zambuto. Just because I don’t agree with the site selection, what the school is going to cost and how we’re going to afford it, doesn’t mean I don’t want to build a school. But it is my dream

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and my hope that we will reconsider this site selection. This is the biggest fiscal mistake in the history of the city. We're going to take a piece of property off the tax rolls, and a conservative estimate in my mind is one billion dollars in lost revenue, based on a 50-year revenue of \$22.5 million a year."

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers, who is in favor of building a new high school, cited some flooding problems on the Wonderland property. "Is this something we should look at more closely on that property?"

Powers estimated the cost of building a new high school at "around \$400 million." "With 70-75 percent [in reimbursement], we're going to be spending in the area of \$100 million to build this high school, which is going to be on the backs of the taxpayers."

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe, a member of the School Building Construction Committee, questioned why the Wonderland site hasn't been developed yet.

"We're going to have to make a decision," said Keefe, who spoke of the initial opposition to the Newton North High School project. "You build a high school ten years, they go, 'Wow, imagine they only paid \$200 million. When it comes to these huge quality-of-life issues that make a city really a great place to live and a great place to raise their family, we figure it out.'"

In her remarks, Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna praised former Supt. Dr. Paul Dakin and current Supt. Dr. Dianne Kelly for "changing the whole concept of education and more kids came to [Revere schools]. When I left [my position as a Revere teacher] in 2015, there

were 2,200 kids."

"But I am concerned about the money [for a new school]. I don't want the taxpayers to take the brunt of this."

Council President Gerry Visconti referred the issue to the Ways and Means Subcommittee for its Oct. 24 meeting.

## TOWN OFFICIALS LOOKING TO HIRE CFO

WINTHROP - The town is looking to hire a Chief Financial Officer who will split duties with the municipal and school sides of the government.

The Town Council and School Committee actually approved a consolidation of some school and town finance oversight in 2014, but the town has not enacted that consolidation over the past several years, according to Town Council President James Letterie.

At Monday night's School Committee meeting, Town Manager Tony Marino updated the committee on the process and timeline for hiring a CFO.

"We are going into budget season again, and as the board probably knows, we are looking for a town CFO as one of the positions on the school side and on the town side," said Marino. "Finding good finance people is getting harder and harder and there aren't a lot of good people out there."

Marino noted that there is already a lot of collaboration between the school department and the municipal government, especially when it comes to facilities and human resources.

"It just makes sense that we look for a town CFO slash school business manager," said Marino. "It would be a dual report to (superintendent of schools) Lisa (Howard)

and I. The budgets, while not combined, certainly all come from the same source of funds, so it just made a lot of sense."

Marino said the position would not replace any positions on the school or town sides, and that school business officer manager Noel Velez and assistant CFO Robert Powers would both report to the new position.

While the CFO would oversee some of the big picture items, such as end of the year reports, Howard said the business office would still oversee the day to day financial concerns of the school department.

"I was originally going to post this as an assistant town manager/CFO, but doing this allows us to do a couple of things," said Marino. "This allows us to advertise a salary at a little higher rate ... and it also creates more efficiencies for us."

Marino said the town is working on a final job description for the posting and is bringing in a search firm to help find candidates. He added that it is likely that the difference in salary between the original assistant town manager posting and the new hybrid position would come out of the school budget, but that the figures were negotiable.

"The town has \$150,000 earmarked right now, so if we advertise the position at a little higher rate, \$170,000, we are thinking the schools would pick up that delta of \$20,000 for this year and go from there."

Letterie said the consolidation was approved for HR, facilities, and finance in 2014, but that the finance portion has fallen off in recent years.

"So now we are just reinstating something that has already been approved," he said.

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An Italian Heritage Day celebration was held on Sunday, October 9. Steve Scire and Barbara Puopolo led the local effort

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The bouncy-slide and rock wall were a hit amongst the little ones.



The Italian Heritage Day celebration was a family affair.

The weather was perfect. Participants were entertained by Ross Zagami Entertainment playing Italian music, Eddie Palladino playing the accordion and four dance numbers courtesy of Jessica Gordon Academy of Performing Arts.

There was plenty to do for the children. A blow up rock climbing wall/slide, Games, toys and face painting. Food included pretzels, fried dough, sausage, pepper and onion, pizza, Italian sandwiches, cannoli, whoopie pies, and so much more.



Ross Zagami serenades the crowd.



Face painting was also popular with the kids.



There was plenty to smile about during the celebration.



BPD was on hand for the celebration.



Eddie Palladino on the accordion.



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Steve Scire mans the food station.



Two residents enjoying the festivities.



Friends enjoying the festivities.



Friends pose for a photo during the Italian Heritage celebration.



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