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EBH JETS 56-54 OVER LYNNFIELD



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The East Boston High boys basketball team advanced in the MIAA Tournament with a 56-54 victory over Lynnfield in a Division 3 preliminary round game. **JUST HANGING OUT** (above): Eastie's Isaiah Fisher stays airborne for a few moments, hanging from the rim after a slam-dunk. **UP AND OVER** (right): East Boston's Javon Wise Normil gets his shot above an attempted block by Lynnfield's Chris Daniels (14). See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.



East Boston man convicted in fatal 2019 OUI crash, receives 6-10 year prison sentence

Special to the Times-Free Press

A judge handed down a six-to-ten-year prison sentence for an East Boston man convicted of manslaughter in a 2019 drunk driving crash that killed one woman and seriously injured another, Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Suffolk Superior Court Judge Katie Rayburn sentenced Dylan Etheridge, 26, to six to ten years in prison on the charge of operating under the influence resulting in manslaughter,

plus concurrent two-and-a-half year sentences on operating under the influence resulting in serious bodily injury and leaving the scene of an accident resulting in death. Rayburn sentenced Etheridge to three years of probation following the completion of his prison term.

Etheridge was convicted by a jury on Dec. 9.

At about 1:05 a.m. on May 5, 2019, while traveling down Bennington Street in East Boston at a high rate of speed, Etheridge hit several parked

cars, causing his vehicle to flip and skid across the roadway, ultimately hitting a concrete barrier and leaving the occupants trapped inside. Etheridge fled the scene prior to the arrival of first responders. Approximately eight hours after the crash detectives learned Etheridge checked himself into Massachusetts General Hospital to seek treatment. The surviving victim spoke with detectives while receiving care at MGH and identified Etheridge as the driver. Blood collected from the steering wheel at the scene was later determined to belong to Etheridge.

Amber Pelletier, 20, of Central Falls, RI, died in the crash. A second female passenger was seriously injured but survived.

"This man's decision to drive so fast on the

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BPDA updates Eastie zoning recommendations

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At its Neighborhood Residential Workshop on Thursday, March 2, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) presented updates to its zoning recommendations initially revealed to residents in October.

The original zoning recommendations in October called for zoning to focus on the dimensions of a building rather than its use. The updated recommendations discussed at last week's meeting include setting unit density limits, reducing allowed building size, changing off-street parking requirements, and more.

These revised recommendations come from months of community engagement meetings with numerous neighborhood and civic associations to better gauge feedback re-

garding the initial draft proposal.

"It probably will not surprise you that what we heard in response really ran the gamut. From folks who strongly opposed any changes to how zoning works today to folks who actually felt like our recommendations did not go far enough in some ways," said BPDA Senior Planner Kristina Ricco.

"These are proposed changes to draft recommendations intended to directly address the feedback we've received."

Regarding the unit density limits, the BPDA proposes that for a majority of East Boston, most lots would allow no more than three units and an additional dwelling unit (ADU) inside a building. However, lots greater than 50 feet wide would allow for no more than six units and an ADU.

Additionally, elsewhere in East Boston, such as the top of Orient Heights Hill, parts of Bayswater, and a portion of Harborview, every lot would be limited to buildings with no more than two units and an ADU.

ADUs, which allow homeowners to create an extra unit in their homes by converting rooms like basements and attics, could potentially serve as a way to preserve existing housing. Especially considering the city offers to provide loans to build ADUs to those who qualify.

In conjunction with the unit density limits, the BPDA is proposing limits on allowed buildable area. These restrictions for lots themselves would include requirements on front, side, and rear yard set-

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FEMA awards over \$1.5 Million to Boston for COVID-19 school cleaning

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The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1.5 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the City of Boston for the cost of overtime to clean and disinfect public schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$1,539,097 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the City of Boston for the cost of paying 535

staff some 90,771 hours of overtime to clean and disinfect 130 school buildings during the 2020-2021 school year so that they could be safely opened and operated.

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the City of Boston with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical

to their success, and to our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.5 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

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It was not just the water that was the problem, it was the very, very, cold water. Mike Cataldo and the other plungers hurried out and grabbed a towel during last week's Rotary plunge at the East Boston Yacht Club. See Page 6 for more photos.

Life Planning Seminar!

Join us to learn more about pre-planning your funeral with us on
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SPRING FORWARD

THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 12, marks the start of Daylight Savings Time when we set our clocks ahead an hour.

Yes, we lose an hour of sleep, but the time for sunset magically will move from 5:46 PM on Saturday to 6:48 PM on Sunday, giving us an extra hour of daylight in the evening. (Conversely, we lose an hour of daylight in the morning because sunrise also moves up an hour, from 6:01 AM on Saturday to 6:59 AM on Sunday.)

Even though Daylight Savings Time has occurred in March for quite a few years, for those of us who grew up when Daylight Savings Time did not begin until mid-April, the earlier start to the Daylight Savings season is a bit jarring.

When Daylight Savings began in April, it was a sure sign that spring was in the air and that summer was around the corner. It also coincided with the start of the Little League season, another harbinger of summer.

But with Daylight Savings now coming in mid-March, when the weather is still chilly, Daylight Savings occurs when the weather is not even remotely spring-like.

Still, we’re happy to have that extra hour of daylight in our evenings. The weather may not be great, but at least it’s bright at 7:00 PM -- a signal that although spring may not quite have arrived, winter surely is fading fast.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS --

THE REVERE BEACH

SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

IS JULY 28-30

Speaking of the coming summer season of 2023, the Revere Beach Partnership, in coordination with the City of Revere and the Department of Conservation and Recreation, recently announced that the 19th Annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, one of the premier events of the summer season in Greater Boston, will take place from July 28-30.

The theme for this year’s event will be “Celebrating 90 Years of Kong” and will feature a centerpiece sand sculpture highlighting an epic King Kong battle. The event’s signature master sand sculpting competition will feature 15 master sand sculptors, three days of live entertainment, gourmet food trucks, specialty food vendors, exhibitors, and amusement rides, as well as some special King Kong-themed surprises that will be announced closer to the event.

As always, the festival promises to be fun for everyone, regardless of age, and will be a family-friendly event.

Revere Beach proudly is America’s oldest public beach and has been undergoing a new Renaissance-era in the past decade and the festival will give long-time residents of the Boston area an opportunity to see firsthand the transformation that has occurred in recent years.

With good weather, the festival could attract up to a million people. Fortunately, the Blue Line has a stop at Revere Beach (and at Wonderland) and offers the best means of transportation for visitors.

So mark your calendars now to be sure to check out what has become one of the most-anticipated events of the summer season in the Greater Boston (and beyond) area.

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GUEST OP-ED

Working together, an essential for every family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

I was not quite five years old when I stood, looking up the steps to our upstairs, yelling “Mommy hurry, Mamaw is dying.” My grandmother Ina Hinkle and aunt Maude Hinkle were in the room trying to comfort my Mamaw Mollette. Throughout the morning she had been sick. She had complained about pain and Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude were constantly rubbing her arms trying to comfort her.

Life was different back in that day. My dad had driven our only car to West Virginia to work his shift in the coal mine. We didn’t have a hospital in our county and Doc Ford was the lone medical doctor. He routinely had 10 to 20 people waiting to see him.

We didn’t have a paramedic unit in Martin County. Our local funeral home would take people to the hospital in their hearse but there was no medical care rendered on the way. I got that ride twice. Once, when I split my head open playing with a first cousin. The second time was after a bad car wreck while driving my first old Chev-elle to high school.

We didn’t have a telephone at that time. We didn’t have a telephone

until I was nine years old and then it was an eight-family party line. Thus, there was no way my mother could call for help or drive to ask for help for my Mamaw.

Racing down the steps to my plea and the calls of Grandma Hinkle and Aunt Maude, who were now calling in unison with me to my mother Eula, “Come Eula, she is dying!” As we gathered around Mamaw’s bed we stood as she breathed her last few breaths and departed her body to be with Jesus. There wasn’t anything else we could do but cry as we held to her lifeless body.

The words of those Sainly women standing in the room that day were “She is now with the Lord.”

My sister Wanda recalls she was a junior in high school at that time. There were semester tests that particular day at school. “Mamaw asked me not to go to school that day saying, ‘Don’t go, I’m going to die today.’” As many of us would probably reply, she said “Mamaw, you aren’t going to die. You’re going to be fine.” As we age, we know our bodies and we know when things have changed. Mamaw knew it was her last day.

When my dad came home from the coal mine,

he went into Mamaw’s room where her body lay and bent over and hugged her. A little later the funeral home came for her body.

The funeral home brought her body back to our house where her casket and flowers were placed in a bedroom just off from our living room. Many family members and friends visited our house the next couple of days.

Mamaw Mollette’s husband, my grandfather Lafe, whom I never met, died about a year or so before my dad and mom married. For the next 19 to 20 years, I don’t know the exact number, Mamaw Mollette lived with Mom and Dad and our family. She visited for weeks with her other sons who lived in West Virginia but most of her time was spent with us. I got less than five years with Mamaw but my two sisters and two brothers spent many years with her.

We grew up in a small house with one bathroom. There were eight of us living in the house. We only had four small bedrooms and a hallway with a twin bed. We had guests all the time. Very often other family members were visiting and my mother worked nonstop to feed and take care of ev-

erybody. Looking back, I wonder how Mom and Dad were able to keep it all together. I was on the tail end of the family so being worried about access to the bathroom and space wasn’t much of a concern at that stage.

My hat is off to my dad and mom for making a place for Mamaw all those years. They worked together. Life was not always easy but it was all we knew and we did the best we could. Mom and Dad stayed together for over 60 years and both are now buried in the garden where they worked together for most of their lives.

The point of all this is that families can make it if they will work hard, love each other, and be very patient. Every family has ups and downs. No family is perfect. No one lives life without problems and troubles. Treating each other with love and respect, and everyone working together are essentials for every family.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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street—in this case, a busy city street—was senseless and perilous and ultimately deadly. It’s a decision that led to unending pain and anguish for everyone involved, especially for the family of Amber Pelletier, a young woman just starting out in life,” Hayden said.

All charged individu-

als are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden’s office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys

in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes

in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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backs and the introduction of a maximum lot coverage.

As for the building’s restrictions, they include the height and would introduce limits on width, depth, and a maximum floorplate.

“Limits on buildable area plus the unit density restriction work together to create the sort of – not only the form, but the density that I think are familiar to people,” said Ricco.

For example, Ricco explained that for most parcels in the neighborhood, new buildings would be similar to three-deckers that are prevalent in East Boston. As for larger lots, they would contain buildings similar to a paired three-decker.

“It’s the intention that we really focus on a building form that is very familiar to people,” said Ricco.

Similarly to the unit density restrictions, the area at the top of Orient Heights Hill, parts of Bay-swater, and a portion of Harborview differ from

the rest of East Boston. The new proposal limits the height for buildings in this area to 2.5 stories rather than three and reduces the allowed building footprint.

In addition to the unit density and building area restrictions, the BPDA is also proposing to waive the off-street parking requirement for buildings with three units or fewer. This recommendation is in an effort to “retain and expand tree canopy, preserve on-street parking, and reduce impervious surfaces.”

For those residents who gave feedback during the question and answer portion of the meeting, it seemed like the updates left much to be desired.

One of the main issues residents had, especially those from Orient Heights, was with the plan’s ability to preserve single and two-family homes.

“I think a lot of what you heard was that we would like to preserve our single and two-fami-

ly housing, and I did not see that listed as anything that you’ve heard, but I’ve been copied on at least 40 emails that I know have been sent to you – so I know you’ve seen it maybe you haven’t heard it, and I think its time that you start to hear it,” said resident John Casamassima.

“If you look at the objective of this plan, it was to preserve, enhance, and grow, and all I’m seeing is grow, grow, grow.”

Several residents also had a problem with the proposal to remove the off-street parking requirement for certain buildings.

“For those people who think – as a planner – that two cars in front of one of these buildings will more than satisfy the need for parking – to me, that’s laughable,” said resident Mary Berninger.

“We want to be able to use our cars the way that we want to use them, and that means they should continue to require on-site parking for anything

that gets built or gets changed.”

Another big issue that was brought up was the lack of trust in the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and its actual enforcement of the potential zoning changes in terms of granting variances.

One resident said, “There’s nothing that says that they [the ZBA] won’t provide variances like they have been doing for the last 10 to 15 years. There’s no guarantee that you can provide us for that, and that’s why a lot of us are angry because we’ve had to deal with these, and you’re making it sound like it’s a guarantee.”

As there will surely be more feedback on this newest draft for zoning in East Boston, the following steps for this planning endeavor include a Spanish-language community meeting in April. Also, a final draft of the recommendations is slated to come sometime in May.

Your opinions, please

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Ethos Celebrates 50 Years Of Supporting Older Adults In Boston

On March 27, 2023, Ethos, the Jamaica Plain-based nonprofit, will celebrate 50 years of providing vital services to older adults in the Boston community.

Founded in 1973 as Southwest Boston Senior Services, Ethos has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for seniors throughout Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, Hyde Park, Mattapan, West Roxbury, and beyond. Over the past five decades, Ethos has grown from a small organization with a handful of volunteers to a multifaceted agency that provides a wide range of services and programs to thousands of older adults each year.

Ethos has been an integral part of the southwest Boston community for 50 years, providing a range of services including Meals on Wheels for the entire city of Boston, home care, case management, health and wellness workshops, social activities, mental

health counseling, and support for caregivers, to name a few. With the support of its dedicated staff, volunteers, and community partners, Ethos has been able to make a difference in the lives of countless older adults over the years.

In 2022 alone, Ethos served 2.5 million+ meals to approximately 10,000 older adults at home and across 40 community dining sites throughout every neighborhood in Boston. In addition, Ethos provided more than 650,000 hours of home health aide and homemaker services to more than 1300 older adults in Boston. Ethos' nursing team completed 1000+ health screenings to determine eligibility for services. Additionally, Ethos assisted more than 3,000 disabled Boston residents through its Personal Care Attendant (PCA) program.

Nearly 1400 older adults attended 400 individual health and wellness classes and

events throughout 2022, totaling 500 hours of programming. Ethos also hosts the largest Pride event for LGBTQ+ older adults in New England, attracting over 300 attendees from across the Commonwealth.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, Ethos will be hosting a series of events throughout the year to honor its history and the individuals who have made its work possible. These events will include a cornerstone event, hosting a 50th Anniversary Gala, "Where the Heart is" on September 28th, at the 521 Overlook at Fenway Park, where supporters will come together to celebrate the achievements of Ethos and its contributions to the community. This year will also mark the return of their annual Senior Prom on Thursday, May 25th, at the Irish Social Club of Boston in West Roxbury, where older adults will dance, be treated to a special luncheon, and enjoy a special afternoon with

their friends.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating 50 years of serving older and disabled adults in Boston and surrounding cities and towns," said Valerie Frias, CEO of Ethos. "We are proud of the work that we have done over the past five decades, and we are grateful to the individuals and organizations who have supported us along the way. As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission of empowering older adults to age in community with dignity and independence, having meaningful lives and engagement as a part of the tapestry of their communities."

For more information on Ethos and its 50th anniversary celebration, please contact Raymond Santos, Chief Development & Community Relations Officer at 617-477-6638, email rsantos@ethocare.org, or visit www.ethocare.org.

Retiring the Right Way

Smart financial planning starts early and never stops

More than a third of us don't have enough saved for our golden years, according to the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors. That will force many to keep working past the point where they'd like to retire.

Here's how to get organized, overcome common issues and hire a professional to make sure you're set to retire the right way.

ORGANIZING IT ALL

Regularly re-evaluate your future in the years leading to retirement, then be prepared to keep a close eye on market-connected sources of income. It's admittedly a lot to manage, since most people leave the workplace with a stack of retirement-related investments to sort through. Begin by taking a close look at your various mutual funds or stocks, pensions or other benefit programs, and various savings accounts. Consolidating all of it into one neat package will give you a new perspective on where you stand going forward. You'll also be more prepared to react to market changes that often have such a huge impact 401(k) benefits in the future.

SETTING GOALS

Obviously, you're trying to amass enough savings and income to live comfortably outside of the daily work environment. But life has a way of surprising us. So after you've determined what you'll need to cover regular expenses, add a contingency on top of that in case of emergencies. Be aware of the tax implications if you decide to continue working, or elect to return to work, in order to continue building your nest egg. Contact a financial advisor who you can trust to help guide the way.


FINDING A PROFESSIONAL

Ask family and friends for recommendations before partnering with an investment pro, and pay close attention to online reviews.

The National Association of Personal Financial Advisors also provides a search function to expand the vetting process. Consider discussing your retirement with several potential candidates, and don't be afraid to ask probing questions — beginning with their credentials. Your advisor should be a certified public accountant or certified financial planner. Determine how long they've been involved with financial

services, while asking for personal references. Discuss their compensation, which may be fee- or commission-based — or both. Keep searching until you find someone whose experience, skill set, pricing and approach match your goals.

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Sports

EAST BOSTON BOYS BASKETBALL IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST LYNNFIELD

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

Sophomore Xander Boutros swished two free throws with five seconds on the clock, and then the Gods smiled on his East Boston Jets when a buzzer-beater three-point attempt by Lynnfield's Chris Daniels swirled into--and then out of--the basket to give East Boston a 56-54 victory in the MIAA Division 3 preliminary round on March 1 at East Boston High School. The Jets journey in the tournament was grounded, however, Friday night when they fell 81-52 to the No. 2 seed St. Mary's of Lynn. The Jets finished the season with a satisfying 14-8 record.



REACHING OUT: Xander Boutros and Lynnfield's Alex Gentile (5) go after a loose ball.



NOT IN MY HOUSE: East Boston's Christian Sanders blocks a shot attempt by Lynnfield's Cam Marengi (11).



ROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD: Lynnfield's Iain Mccathy absorbs the brunt of Isaiah Fisher's effort to grab a defensive rebound.



WE WIN: East Boston fans erupt in joy after a last-second three-point attempt by Lynnfield rolled out of the basket, giving the Jets a 56-54 win in the preliminary round of the MIAA Division 3 basketball championship tournament on Wednesday, March 1 at East Boston High School.

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EAST BOSTON BOYS BASKETBALL IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST LYNNFIELD

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ROAD CLOSED: Robin Cartegena's (22) shot is blocked by Lynnfield's Gavin Deluties.



MAKING HIS MOVE: Eastie's Leroy Martin gears up for a drive to the basket.



WATCH YOUR BACK: East Boston's Angel Franco eyes the basket as a Lynnfield defender looms from behind.



COUNT IT: East Boston sophomore Xander Boutros follows through and calmly watches his first of two free throws drop through the basket with five seconds on the clock. The Jets prevailed, 56-54 after Lynnfield's last second attempt at a three-point shot missed.



PATRICK O'CONNOR PHOTO

Cheers to the East Boston High School boys basketball team ending the season at 14-8. The Jets qualified for the state tournament and beat Lynnfield in the first round at home on Wednesday, March 1 by a score of 56-54. In the second round on Friday, March 3, St. Mary's in Lynn, the defending Division 3 title champions triumphed over the Jets by a score of 81-52.

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Last Saturday morning was a little snowy, slushy, and around 35 degrees, perfect for a dip into the Atlantic Ocean. Hearty and game for anything, members of local Rotary clubs joined in the festivities at the East Boston Yacht Club. A buffet of local cuisine was offered to the group gathering for the event.

The Belle Isle Rotary Club consists of members from Winthrop, Revere and East Boston and the co-sponsoring Parkway Rotary Club has members from West Roxbury, Roslindale and Jamaica Plain, the clubs combined to host the first annual

plunge. As a precaution a Boston EMT was on hand in case of any unexpected emergencies, so with everyone game for a dip, the weather was perfect and the ramp into the ocean was cleared for take-off.

There were no emergencies, all enjoyed a robust swim in the cold Atlantic in March. All retired to the club house and continued the day celebrating the day in fellowship and making plans for future events. The clubs would like to thank the East Boston Yacht Club for their generosity and all those who came to make the event a very successful one.



A hotel somewhere is looking for their robe, John Douglas had it on Saturday morning.



Hitting the raffle table are Skip and Emilia Marcella.



Commodore Larry Venezia of the East Boston Yacht Club was on hand to welcome his guests.



Working the crowd is the future District Governor Tom Hankard, shown with PDG Terry Curren from the Parkway Rotary Club.



Amy Miliotis with incoming President Stephen Miliotis and Lawrence Bailey selling raffle tickets.



Plunging support, Felicia Puopolo (center) is getting ready to plunge and brought supporters with her, Sabina DeCiccio and Janis Woodman.



Joseph Steffano Jr. is slickered out, coming in from clearing the ramp for the plungers, shown with Mike and Gianni Falzone.



Bella and Danielle Lamphear at the EBYC enjoying the day.



The very best the East Boston Yacht Club had to offer, Mike Cataldo stepped up, one flipper and ready to go.



Revere Rotarian and City Councillor Tony Zambuto and his friend Peter Scolaro cheer on the plungers.



President of Belle Rotary Club Isle Vera Carducci with Boston EMT at the water's edge.



It was cold, it was snowy, and it was a lot of fun.



Participants in the Rotary Plunge are pictured in the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean.



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DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh, Revere Beach Reservations, Constitution Beach programs announced

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If you would like to receive regular emails about our current program schedule, please send an email message to Matthew.Nash@mass.gov.

AN OASIS FOR BIRDS

7:30 am–8:30 am
Saturdays, March 18, April 1, 15, May 6 and 20
Explore DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh and vicinity, known birding hotspots with a total yearly bird count of about 265 species. We will search for raptors and other specialty birds. Expect to move to different locations by car or on foot. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with an adult chaperone. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle

Marsh.

Meet at DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

Note that this program meets every month of the year on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month except when the Saturday is a state or national holiday.

WILDLIFE TRACKING

9:00 am—10:00 am
Saturday, March 11

We will explore the trails of the meadow searching for signs (tracks, scat and chews) left by wild creatures. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. Ages: Adults and kids 5 + with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Meet at DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

THE SKYDANCE OF THE TIMBERDOODLE

7:00– 8:00 pm
Tuesday, March 21
Come witness a special live performance of one

of the most remarkable courtship rituals in the natural world of the male American Woodcock, aka “Timberdoodle.” This odd-looking shorebird struts, sings and sky dances for his prospective mate in a performance that you won’t want to miss! If you have a flashlight, you may bring it for our short walk back after viewing. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Meet at DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston.

8th ANNUAL FIRE AND ICE CAMPFIRE FESTIVAL

4:00-6:00 pm
Saturday, March 25 (Rain Date April 1)

The MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, FMC Ice Sports and Harborkeepers are hosting the 8th annual community campfire and public skating event that will include roasting marshmallows, skating, and music. Please note that access to the ice of the skating arena is free

if you bring your own skates. Skate rentals are subject to a \$6.00 charge.

Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. For more information, please contact Enzo.polcaro@mass.gov

Meet at: DCR’s Constitution Beach, Porrazzo Skating Rink-FMC Ice Sports, 199 Coleridge Street, East Boston.

SPRING NATURE SENSATION

9:00 –10:00 am
Thursday, April 20

The salt marsh and meadow come to life every spring with new grasses, returning herons, egrets and swallows. You will learn about the creatures of the marsh and meadow and why these habitats are so important. Ages: Kids 8 + with adult chaperone. Binoculars are recommended. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Meet at DCR’s Belle Isle Marsh Reservation parking lot, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston

SHOREBIRD & SEABIRD DISCOVERY STATION

9:00-11:30 AM-Drop in
Wednesdays March 15

& 29, April 5, 12, 19 & 26

Listen to a short lesson (3-5 min) about the fascinating shorebirds and seabirds that make Revere Beach their home at this station. A spotting scope will be available for viewing birds but bring binoculars if you have them. Drop in anytime. Dress for the weather including possible ice on the ground. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather. Appropriate for Kids 8+ and adults. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Meet at: Revere Beach Reservation, under the tree and on the beach across from 21 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA

SLOW BIRDING

9:00 –10:30 am
Fridays March 24 and April 21

Discover how you can enliven and enrich your experience of birds through slow & careful birdwatching including observing the fine aesthetic details and behavior of birds. Birds we may observe include piping plover, manx shearwater, gulls and terns. During the last half hour of this program, you will have the option to leave early or to participate in guided mindfulness practices for the benefit of amplifying

your peace, creativity and health. Be prepared for sitting, standing and walking short distances. Bring a chair, blanket or pillow to sit on. Binoculars recommended. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Meet at: Revere Beach Reservation, on the beach across from 21 Revere Beach Blvd., Revere, MA

If you would like to receive regular emails about our current program schedule, please send a message to Matthew.Nash@mass.gov

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees nearly 500,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. The agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FEMA AWARDS OVER \$2 MILLION TO CITY OF BOSTON FOR COVID-19 SUPPLIES

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$2 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse the City of Boston for the cost of purchasing emergency supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$2,006,134 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the Boston Public Health Commission for

the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies distributed to both its staff and community partners to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

The PPE and supplies purchased between March and December 2020 included masks, gloves, safety glasses, face shields, N95 masks, disinfecting wipes and sanitizer.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the Boston Public Health Commission with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator

Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided more than \$1.5 billion in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

Wu and LGBTQ+ advancement announce launch of AmplifyGSA

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement announced the launch of AmplifyGSA, a new initiative to promote, support, and protect Genders and Sexualities Alliances (GSA) in Boston Public schools. This program will officially launch tonight with support from the Boston Celtics and TD Bank at the “Celtics Pride Night” game. The Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement will host the AmplifyGSA Youth Summit on May 21, 2023 at Boston Arts Academy.

“In Boston, we’re committed to protecting and promoting our LGBTQ+ communities and the rights, dignity, and humanity of all our residents,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Currently only a handful of our schools have a Genders and Sexualities Alliance, so we’re launching our new program, AmplifyGSA.”

“It is our duty to provide a safe space for all of our young people and having GSAs in our schools is a proven holistic way to create the spaces needed to help our youth not just survive, but thrive.” said Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement

Executive Director Quincy Roberts Sr. “With many parts of this country telling our kids they are not enough, here in Boston we have to show they are MORE than enough!”

Through AmplifyGSA, Mayor’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, in partnership with Boston Public Schools, is developing relationships with school communities across the city to learn about what LGBTQ+ students need in order to feel more supported in their school. This program will highlight Genders and Sexualities Alliances, student-run school groups that unite LGBTQ+ and allied youth to build community and organize around issues important to them, in Boston schools. AmplifyGSA builds connections across differences by engaging with LGBTQ+ youth and their allies, teachers, school administrators, and families.

“We are proud to expand our partnership with the Boston Celtics, under Mayor Wu’s leadership, and the City’s Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement to launch AmplifyGSA, endeavoring to increase the number of GSAs across our schools,” said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper.

“Every student, family, and staff member should be celebrated and fully accepted for who they are and their unique contributions to our classrooms and district. Every aspect of each person’s identity, experiences, culture, and talents enriches our learning community and we are committed to making every effort to welcome and affirm each individual and group, particularly members of groups that have

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

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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) on or before **March 17, 2023**.

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 December 27, 2022 - 6:35 pm

New Business

a. 6:45 pm - Phase II construction update and review (*w/public comment*)
b. 7:15 pm - Semi Annual Security and Maintenance update (*w/public comment*)
c. 7:30 pm - Nick Black - Phase III update (*w/public comment*)
d. 7:45 pm - Update legislative changes to PierPAC

Old Business

a. 7:55 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)

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, may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –

English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom – please email the President at lmm5@verizon.net no later than March 17, 2023 to request translation.

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

CONVOCATORIA DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA
Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20
The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Por la presente se notifica que el **martes 21 de marzo de 2023, 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) a más tardar el **17 de marzo de 2022**.

El Comité tiene la intención de examinar en sesión pública la(s) cuestión(es) siguiente(s):

REGULAR MEETING

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
b. Aprobación del Acta 27 de diciembre 2022 6:35 pm

Nuevos negocios

a. 6:45 pm - Actualización y revisión de la construcción de la Fase II (con comentario público)
b. 7:15 pm - Actualización semestral de seguridad y mantenimiento (con comentarios públicos)
c. 7:30 pm - Nick Black - Actualización de la Fase III (con comentario público)
d. 7:45 pm - Actualizar los cambios legislativos en PierPAC

Negocio antiguo

a. 7:55 pm - Enmienda al Acuerdo de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (continuación del debate)

Aplazamiento anticipado – 8:00 pm

Al concluir su reunión ordinaria de trabajo y antes de levantar la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente hecha y secundada, puede celebrar una Sesión Ejecutiva de conformidad con G. L. 30A.s.21 al concluir la cual, la Junta no reanudará su reunión pública.

SE INVITA AL PÚBLICO Y BIENVENIDO A ASISTIR

Traducción del inglés al español disponible a pedido a través de Zoom: envíe un correo electrónico al Presidente a lmm5@verizon.net a más tardar el 17 de marzo de 2023 para solicitar la traducción

Una copia de este aviso e instrucciones para la participación remota también se publicarán en el sitio web de la organización en: www.EBPierPAC.org y también se ha archivado en la División de Regulaciones del Secretario del Commonwealth por correo postal de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

OBITUARIES

Kevin O’Hara, Sr.
Formerly of East Boston

Kevin P. O’Hara, Sr. of Portsmouth, NH, formerly of East Boston, was called home by his Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday, February 8, following a brief illness. He was 67 years old.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a memorial visitation today, Wednesday, March 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Vertuccio, Smith & Vazza Beachwood Funeral Home, Revere. A funeral will be conducted from Vertuccio, Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Funeral Home, on Thursday, March 9 at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael The Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop Street in Winthrop. Interment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

He is the father of Officer Kevin P. O’Hara, Jr. and Shannon Taylor O’Hara, both of Revere and the beloved companion of 13 years to Wendy Perkins of Portsmouth, NH. He was an adored son to his late parents, Det. James E. O’Hara, Sr. and Dorothy M. (Breault), the loving and treasured brother of Carol L. Pepi and husband Gerald of Winthrop, Leona M. Orlando & husband John of Revere, Patricia A. D’Addario of Newmarket, NH., and the late Dorothy M. McGrath, James E. O’Hara, Jr. & Richard F. O’Hara Sr. Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Kevin was born & raised in the Harbor View area of East Boston. He was one of seven children. He attended St. Mary Star of the Sea School and was



an alumnus of East Boston High School, Class of 1973. Kevin was a dedicated, hard worker and worked various jobs throughout his life. As a young man, he worked for Massport for several years, then at Bethlehem Steel as a pipefitter. His happiest moments were at his last position at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portsmouth, NH, where he worked as a sexton. This job was very special to Kevin because of his deep-rooted Catholic faith, and it allowed him to be around the Church daily.

At St. Catherine’s, he made many friends and acquaintances. Kevin was a very humble man; he loved sports but was especially devoted to his Boston Teams.

Kevin was known to many as K.P. He cherished the time that he spent with his family and friends.

For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, to support cancer research. For an online guestbook, please visit www.vertucciosmith-vazza.com.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood, Home for Funerals.

Alan James Snider
Retired Shriners Hospitals Material Manager

Alan James Snider, 71, of Sun City Center, FL, passed away on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 after a long battle of fighting cancer.

He was born to his parents, Almond Snider and Lucy Formicola on December 12, 1951 in Boston.

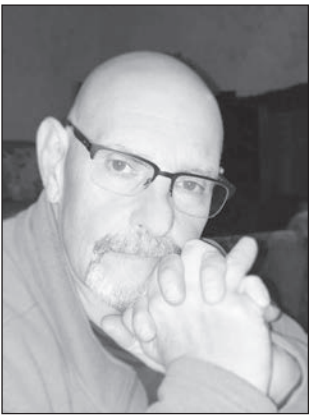
Alan spent many happy years living in Sun City Center with his partner, Rose Mary Buch.

He worked as a Material Manager for over 20 years at Shriners Hospitals of Children where he retired. He was widely known as a compassionate and dedicated man committed to helping others. He frequently volunteered at the Youth Activity commission, the Counselor for Teens Organization Hospice in Boston.

He was passionate about and affecting the most positive change in people.

Alan was a Master Mason and then became a 32nd Degree Freemason.

He was an American patriot. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and enjoyed hockey, blues music, politics and who



faithfully read his favorite daily comics.

Most importantly Alan loved his family and friends. He is survived by his sister, Maryellen Snider O’Donnell, his nephews, Tim O’Donnell, Scott O’Donnell and Brett O’Donnell; great nieces, Shayna and Alexis O’Donnell and great nephew, Gavin O’Donnell. He was preceded in death by his late wife, Katherine Snider and his parents, Almond and Lucy Snider.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation, P.O. Box 23827, Tampa, FL 33623-3827, or visit www.Moffitt.org.

Retired Boston legends,
Brady, Ortiz, Garnett, and
Rask have unclaimed property

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners, and fortunately for you this is one shot that Tuukka Rask can’t stop.

Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars belong to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth including Tom Brady, David Ortiz, Kevin Garnett, and Tuuuuuuukka Rask.

This is no Hail Mary pass; it is more of a slam dunk when you visit find-massmoney.com. One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. And unlike athletes that retire, your unclaimed property is always on the roster.

“As Tom Brady likes to say, let’s go!” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “And to quote Kevin Garnett after winning the 2008 NBA Championship, anything is possible…… especially when you visit find-massmoney.com.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the

contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. These accounts have had too much hang time and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100.

All new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 5th and will be in the Boston Herald on March 12th. In addition, the names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers.

So, if you are looking to hit “one out of the pakhk”, remember that Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. Last year, Treasury processed over 151,000 claims of over \$176 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www.find-massmoney.com or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

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been historically marginalized.”

Research states that the presence of a GSA in a school can have a positive and lasting effect on student health, wellness, and academic performance. Additionally, they can protect students from bullying and harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The presence of a GSA also can create and support more welcoming, inclusive school environments for all students in

the long-term.

“As a former educator, I’m thrilled to see the community come together in this way to create space for queer youth and those who support them,” said Chief of Equity & Inclusion Mariangely Solis Cervera. “AmplifyGSA is creating the opportunity to develop young people into tomorrow’s leaders.”

To learn more information about this newly launched program, please visit boston.gov/amplify-gsa.

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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 03/23/2023.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 27, 2023
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
3/8/23 EB

LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU23C0084CA
In the matter of: Kaylee Milagros Damasio
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Kaylee Milagros Damasio of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Kaylee Milagros Socop Damasio
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/23/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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CITY PAWS

Including your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

You must consider many factors to decide if you will include your dog in a specific social event or activity. We’ve had three dogs and have learned first-hand that what is comfortable and fun for a dog and us depends on both our needs and those of the dog.

Our Three-Dog Experience!

Westie, number one, Sassy, was a great traveler. She loved the car and was good around adults but avoided children. She was not good with other dogs. She had spent most of her life in a suburb with a big yard and lacked city smarts and canine companionship until we moved to Boston.

Dog number two, Maggie Mae, was a social butterfly. She loved people, dogs, and city life. We took her to outdoor concerts and meals at dog-friendly restaurants. We could trust her to walk on busy streets. However, she suffered from motion

sickness and was very unhappy whenever we put her in a car.

Our current canine family member is a special-needs dog who is noise-averse and very unhappy outside. She ignores most dogs, but she’s good in a car or on the MBTA. She is only interested in a few special human friends.

Expert Advice

A recent article by certified dog trainer Kathy Callahan, CPDT-KA, in The Whole Dog Journal, offered some great advice on deciding to include your dog in a social situation.

After asking that we not expect every dog to be able to handle every situation, she wrote, “Instead, with your dog’s specific skills and limitations in mind, take the time to think through situations ahead of time, and make adult decisions about whether and how to safely include the dog.”

Practice Is Important

To expand the number

of places and activities you and your dog can enjoy together, begin with training. We recommend preparing for The American Kennel Club’s Canine Good Citizen test (CGC.) Once you know if your dog can pass or will fail the test’s requirements, you’ll make better decisions about when and where you can safely include your dog.

For a CGC certificate, your dog should be able to greet a friendly stranger; sit politely for petting, welcome being groomed; allow paws and ears to be handled; walk as directed on a loose leash; move politely through a crowd; sit, lie down, and stay in place on command; come when called; behave politely around other dogs; react with confidence to distractions and can be left with a trusted person.

Considerate Decisions

Anytime we planned an outing, we had to decide if including one of our dogs was a good idea. We omitted Sassy when we visited people with dogs or when



While perfect for this beagle, a hike in the woods might not be suitable for your dog.

other dogs would be at an event. We left Maggie at home to go on hikes with one of her favorite doggie companions and his people. We knew she would be miserable and probably sick in their car on the ride. Poppy is better off at home when we’re going to any place where there will

be trucks or loud noises.

Once your dog is reliable with a skill, start with a small outing. Try having a coffee at a cafe instead of a long meal on a patio. Take a day trip with another dog family before you decide to share a vacation week at the beach. Test how you and your dog re-

act to a minor challenge before you take on a big one. Then practice until you are both comfortable.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE UMASS AMHERST FALL 2022 DEAN’S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean’s list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2022 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

EAST BOSTON
Maxwell Shane
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Jiacheng Mei
Arlette Vanessa Ordonez
Evelyn Dayana Rodriguez-Galvis
Cameron Alexander Shepherd
Cristina Lisseth Vasquez
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SMITH NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Denise M. Smith, of East Boston, was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean’s List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2022 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for

second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

LOCAL EMERSON COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN DEAN’S LIST

The following students are named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Fall 2022 semester. The requirement to make Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Sebastian Ospina of East Boston is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of 2023.

Amy Tsourmas of East Boston is majoring in Media Arts Production and is a member of the Class of

2023.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161 undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

invites you to attend

Virtual Public Information Meetings

for the

Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project

Tuesday, March 14

virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-Mar-14
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15

virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-Mar-15
6:00 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to discuss changes to Phase 2 of the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. The previous version of Phase 2 included a four-month full closure of the tunnel beginning in May of 2023. Phase 2 will now consist of two separate two-month full closures during the summers of 2023 and 2024.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone’s schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both meetings.

Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us at: sumner100@dot.state.ma.us.

Note: This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as appropriate. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT’s Chief Diversity & Civil Rights Officer by phone at (857) 368-8580, Relay Service at 7-1-1, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpretation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

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