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THE EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER'S LET'S GET MOVIN' 5K RUN



Participants of the Let's Get Movin' 5k range from young to old, some are running, others walking, but everyone is movin,' during the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Let's Get Movin' New Balance 5K run. See pages 7 and 8 for more photos.



Amanda Limo sprints triumphantly to the Finish Line.



Sylvia Hernandez with daughter Estephany and friend Gabrielle Witham

Lou Ricci celebrates 100th Birthday

Story and Photos by Marianne Salza

Life-long East Boston resident, Lou Ricci, celebrated his 100th birthday party with friends and family on June 4 at the Winthrop Arms Restaurant. He wished for 100 more years when he blew out the candles on his cake.

"He's fun-loving, sweet, and sociable," described Christine McNamee, Lou's daughter and only child.

Lou was born on June 6, 1923, and raised on Saratoga Street. He was the

second-youngest of seven children, and the only boy, and chuckled recalling how his sisters would cook and clean while he was playing baseball.

"Everyone looked after one another," commented Lou about growing up in East Boston during the Great Depression, when he shined shoes for 5ϕ every Sunday.

Lou served the US Navy in Puerto Rico during WWII, and married his late wife, Elena, on June 7, 1964.

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granddaughter, Katrina, celebrating his 100th birthday party at the Winthrop Arms on June 4.

HVNA votes on two projects

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Those in attendance at the Harbor View Neighborhood Association's (HVNA) monthly meeting on Monday, June 5, listened to the second presentation for two projects in the neighborhood and eventually voted on each supporting one and opposing the other.

The first project brought before meeting attendees on Monday was a proposal on 555 Bennington Street. The plan for this property is to change the occupancy of the existing building from a two-unit to a four-unit dwelling.

Moreover, Attorney Richard Lynds, who made the presentation, said, "We would also be erecting a third level addition and converting the lower level space to a habitable area." Lynds also mentioned that this project is intended for homeownership.

When Lynds wrapped up the presentation, there were no questions from the audience. However, HVNA Board Member Skip Marcella made some comments stemming from an abutters meeting that was held concerning the project.

One of Marcella's comments mentioned a concern from an abutter regarding a deck or porch that is part of the project. Though, according to Marcella, details about the porch or deck were clarified by Lynds.

Marcella also commented on the unit makeup of the project in that it includes three-bedroom units. "That was a positive thing that I think had been reported about because I think in the neighborhood, oftentimes we have either the single bedroom or the two-bedroom, which we know, that is not conducive to families."

Regarding the unit makeup, Lynds indicated that the lower level is a two-bedroom, with the rest of the units being three bedrooms.

With all that said, the 555 Bennington Street project just narrowly got support from those in attendance at Monday's meeting by a vote of 15-14

The final project meeting attendees voted on was at 5 Swift Terrace, a proposal that has gone through a few different it-

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Salesian Boys & Girls Club to host Summer Camp Scholarship Auction

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Salesian Boys & Girls Club will host their Annual Summer Camp Scholarship Auction and Fundraiser on Thursday evening, June 15, at 6:00 p.m. at Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston, 150 Byron St.

This event will be an evening with good friends, good food, great prizes, and much fun while raising funds for a fantastic cause, our kids.

This year's fundraiser will be an outdoor tented event. Representative Adrian Madaro and the Honorable Carlo Basile will be the Master of Ceremonies and Auctioneer.

The Community Award will be presented to Thomas N. O'Brien, CEO, of The HYM Investment Group, LLC, for his outstanding service and support of our community's youth.

The Don Bosco Award will be presented to Stanley DeMartinis, Sr. (Posthumous), for his dedication and generosity, which resonates with Don Bosco's passion for helping the young.

Also, attendees will celebrate Fr. John Nazzaro, SDB, on his 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.

The committee says, "please help us reach our goal of raising \$40,000 in Camp scholarships. Funds raised will go directly to scholarships for children to attend our summer camp and Club programs. No child will ever be denied because of financial reasons. Your gift will help to ensure our kids have a great summer experience."

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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST AT STONEHILL COLLEGE

The following local student was among nearly 1,000 students named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List at Stonehill College:

Anamarie DePaulo of East Boston

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must have a semester grade point average of 3.50 or better and must have successfully completed all courses for which they were registered.

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of learning, higher founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over

2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

REGIS STUDENT RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC **EXCELLENCE**

Regis College nounced a local student was named to the university's Dean's List for the spring 2023 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Regis sophomores, juniors, seniors, and professional studies students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Additional criteria can be found in Regis' Academic Catalog.

"This noteworthy achievement is one that requires perseverance, determination, and critical focus - skills that will encourage your continued progress in your undergraduate studies, career, and in life," said Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD.

Regis congratulates the following students named to the spring 2023 Dean's

Estefania Restrepo of East Boston

Regis College is a coed

university 12 miles west of Boston in Weston, Mass. founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. With over 3,200 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students enrolled on campus and in fully online graduate programs, Regis provides an academically rigorous education within the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, business and communication, and health sciences. In line with Regis' mission of providing innovative, industry-focused learning opportunities, the university offers academic partnerships with hospitals and local employers, a clinical dental center in Waltham, Mass., and bachelor's completion and accelerated nursing programs at its campus in Lawrence, Mass. The university's 20 NCAA Division III athletic teams compete within the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC). Regis educates the whole person, preparing our students to pursue excellence, to become change agents in their own communities, and to serve and lead as advocates for a more just and compassionate global society. Visit regiscollege. edu to learn more.

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4	2	750	\$2,340	100%	0	0

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# of bedrooms	60% AMI	100% AMI		Household size	60% AMI	100% AMI
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		-		2	\$67,300	\$112,200
1	37,333	52,000		3	\$75,700	\$126,200
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2	45,066	62,400		5	\$90,850	\$151,450
		62,400		6	\$97,600	\$162,650

Minimum Incomes Apply. Minimum incomes do not apply to households with housing assistance (Section 8, MRVP, VASH).

Applications are available during the application period for 21 days, from June 1, 2023 to June 22, 2023.

To request an online application or to have one sent by email visit https://bit.ly/WoodburyAppReqForm or call 617-567-7755.

After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at 617-567-7755, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

We will be holding 1 virtual informational meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 6 pm through the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81654447861?pwd=RUdMa3ZBZzhqTGpBNk9CZ3NQNlhxUT09

Meeting ID: 816 5444 7861 Passcode: 545249

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Renato Castelo named Director of the Office of Participatory Budgeting

Mayor Michelle Wu last week announced Renato Castelo as the inaugural Director of the Office of Participatory Budgeting. The office, created by an ordinance approved by the City Council in February 2023, will provide the structure necessary to enhance public engagement and direct involvement in the City's budget. Castelo will begin working in his role on June 20, 2023.

"Renato has a proven track record of engaging communities and working to ensure access to the resources they need to thrive," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I look forward to working with him in his new role as he leads our efforts to establish a process for direct civic engagement that will shape our budget."

"I'm thrilled to welcome Renato to our team and work with him to ensure our budget process includes Boston residents from across the City," said Chief Financial Officer Ashley Groffenberger. "I'm confident that his skills and experience will help us establish a fiscally responsible participatory budgeting process that will include resident voices in our budget."

Castelo has most recently served as Senior Manager of Strategic Initiatives in the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA). In his role, he has engaged residents, community organizations, City of Boston staff, the business community, and other relevant stakeholders to develop initiatives that support and empower immigrants to better integrate them into the civic, economic, and social fabric of Boston.

Prior to joining the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, Castelo worked for nonprofit, state government, and private sector institutions. During the past 14 years



his work has centered on advancing the rights and opportunities of immigrants and low-income residents through partnerships and coalition building, community engagement and civic education, and leadership development. Originally from Ecuador, Castelo holds a Masters in Education Policy and Management from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He lives in Packard's Corner, Allston and enjoys biking to City Hall.

"I'm honored by this new opportunity and eager to help advance Mayor Wu's vision of furthering democratic involvement in the City's budgeting process," said incoming Director of the Office of Participatory Budgeting Renato Castelo. "My priority will be to engage and partner with City residents, as well as members of the oversight board and community groups, to create the conditions for people to have a voice in the budgetary decisions that impact their lives."

The office will work in close partnership with an external oversight board to establish and manage a Participatory Budgeting process that will be an equitable and binding decision-making process open to all Boston residents and will create another opportunity for residents to both engage with the City's annual budget process and to recommendations

for projects to be included in the budget. The office will work across departments and agencies, external organizations, and with communities across Boston to ensure yearround public involvement and engagement in the City's budgeting.

Working with the office, the external oversight board will be tasked with submitting participatory budgeting project proposals to the Mayor for inclusion in the City's budget. The board will also assist in the creation of a participatory budgeting rule book, which will outline the policies and procedures for the participatory budgeting process. The board will be composed of nine Boston residents with varied experience and expertise, including community investment and development, public finance, open space, urban planning, community organization and outreach, affordable housing, public education, public health, environmental protection, and historic preservation. The Mayor will appoint five individuals directly to the oversight board, as well as appoint four individuals to the oversight board from a pool of eight applicants provided to the Mayor by the City Council. Board members will

have two-year terms. In the 2021 Municipal Election, Boston's voters approved a ballot measure to create an Office of Participatory Budgeting charged with furthering public engagement on how the City's budget is created and how tax dollars are spent. The direct feedback was aimed to empower constituents in working alongside the City, and allowed the City to further evaluate where resources might be most equitable and valuable. More information about the budget is available on

VROCC to hold end of the season showcase

The Verónica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC) invites the community to enjoy the cultural showcase entitled "Viva Latinoamerica ". The event will take place at the Excel Academy 375 de Bremen Street, East Boston from 5 to 8 PM.

The entire VROCC family will come together to share with the com-

munity the work they have been doing during the February - June 2023 course. During this showcase you will have the opportunity to enjoy the final work of VROCC Mariachi program held at Umana Academy after school, an art exhibit by the art students, the ballet class and lively dances and music from several countries of

boston.gov/budget.

In addition to the general showcase on Saturday, June 17th, there will be a Piano recital on June 20, 7:30 PM; the Premiere of the Spanish Play will be held on Saturday, July 15th. The last two events will take place at Veronica Robles Cultural Center.

A contribution of \$5 per adult is suggested to support fundraising efforts to purchase clothing and materials needed for performances at community events during the summer and fall.

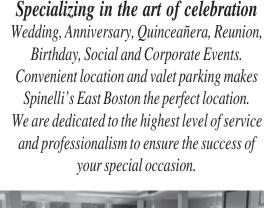
VROCC currently provides culturally responprogramming to more than 200 children and youth between the ages of 3 and 19; programs for adults include the Spanish-language theater group "Teatreros de Maskachusetts", meets on Thursdays from 6 to 8 PM at the police station; Zumba classes are offered on Fridays at 7:30PM. VROCC also employs 15 community members that include art, music, and dance teachers, administrative staff, and youth from the community. During the summer VROCC offers a cultural camp from Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:30

PM and extended cultural programming until 3 PM. VROCC also offers

a youth leadership and

entrepreneurship program

for youth.





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EBCCS HOLDS LEGACY GALA AT SPINELLI'S FUNCTION HALL

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) celebrated Brother Bob Frazzetta OFM, Father Michael Duffy OFM, and early childcare teacher, Kathleen Summa, during the Legacy Gala on April 27 at Spinelli's Function Hall.

"This 5th annual gala provides the perfect back-

drop to honor three exceptional individuals who have taught each of us that some of the greatest lessons in life – personal leadership, dedicated service, and selfless commitment – can influence and uplift a community," said Joseph Ruggiero, Gala Chair.



Principal Emeritus Maryann Manfredonia and Brother Bob Frazzetta.



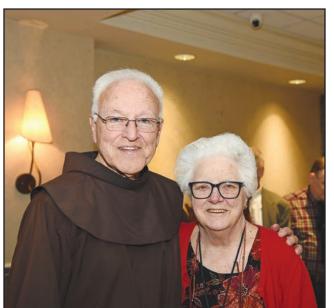
Marlene Berganti, Dean, Sandra, and Richelle Mazzone.



Guests placing chances in raffle prizes.



Sanaa and Sam Souri, parents.



Father Michael Duffy and Mary "The Mouth" MacAbee, Holy Reedemer Women's Guild.



Principal Robert Casaletto and his family, Bobby, Toni, Ashley, and Courtney.



Kathleen Summa with her family, Will Carbine, Bobby and Nick Summa.

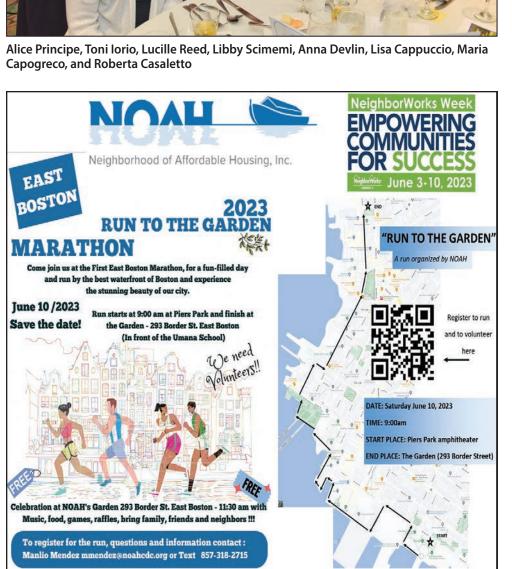


Parent volunteers: Beth Novak, Sandra Gaviria, Louis Me-



Joe Ruggiero, Gala Chair, and John Zirpolo, Vice Chair.









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JUNE IS A MONTH OF **FREEDOM**

June marks the first month of the summer season, the period on the calendar when we take vacations from school and work to travel and enjoy the company of our friends and family members. It's our personal time, that sweet spot each year when we break free from the humdrum of our daily schedules and we have the freedom to do whatever we want,

But June also uniquely celebrates a number of events that brought true freedom to Americans who had been unable to experience the promise of America -- "all men are created equal" -- that we take for granted today.

June 12 is known as Loving Day. It was on that day in 1967 that the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a Virginia law that forbade interracial marriage and made it a criminal offense to do so. The Lovings, an interracial couple, were convicted under that Virginia law and, to avoid jail, they agreed to leave the state. Similar laws existed throughout all of the Southern states until the Supreme Court's ruling.

June is observed as Pride Month by the LGBTQIA+ community to mark the date of June 28, 1969, when gays prtoested the arrests at the Stonewall Inn (a gay bar in New York City's Greenwich Village) at a time when police routinely made arrests of gay men on phony morals charges.

The riots, that lasted for a number of days, are widely-recognized as the beginning of the modern gay rights movement that culminated more than 50 years later with the Supreme Court decision of Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015 that struck down state laws forbidding same-sex marriage.

Juneteenth, which is now a national holiday, marks the day when the Union army entered the city of Galveston, Texas on June 19, 1865, and freed the slaves in Texas -- the last state to be occupied by Union forces and where slavery still existed -- pursuant to President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which had gone into effect more than two years earlier on January 1,

Finally, June 14 is Flag Day, marking the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day and on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Although it undeniably is true that America has fallen far short of the ideal that "all men are created equal," it also is undeniably true that the flag of the United States has been the world's greatest symbol of freedom since our nation's founding.

Nations, like people, are far from perfect. But hopefully, the many holidays of freedom we observe in June attest to the truth of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," that ultimately will fulfill the promise of America.

HAPPY NOT TO BE A **BOSTON SPORTS FAN**

When we were younger, we lived and died by our Boston sports teams. Yes, the late Bill Russell and the Celtics provided more than a decade of joy and, for a short time, so too did Bobby Orr and the Bruins. But overall, being a Boston sports fan meant that there was more agony of defeat than thrill of victory. Those big, bad Bruins are remembered as much for

their 1971 loss to the hated and heavily-underdog Canadiens in Game Seven in the Garden as they are for Bobby Orr's joyous Superman flight after his goal that won the Stanley Cup in 1970.

The Impossible Dream Red Sox of 1967 raised our spirits, only to break our hearts with a Game 7 World Series loss (yes, we were in Fenway), which was repeated in 1975 (we were in Fenway for that one too), and again in 1986.

As for the Patriots, we suffered through more than 40 years of frustration -- at the old Braves Field, Fenway Park, Harvard Stadium, and then Schaefer Stadium -until Tom Brady came along and began a magnificent and magical run of almost 20 years of excellence. And yes, the Sox finally did come through for us in 2004,

"07, "13, and "18, literally bringing tears to our eyes." But despite those successes in the 21st century, all of those earlier years of heartbreak and defeat during our youth created their own form of post-traumatic stress (and for the record, the last Pats' game we've watched

in its entirety was the 2008 Super Bowl game). For those of us who have followed Boston sports for six decades, the early exit from the playoffs of the "best-team-ever" Bruins and the Celts' collapse last week in Game 7 were all-too-predictable. As for the Red Sox and the Pats, it is clear that they are destined to be consigned to the realm of mediocrity for the fore-

seeable future. So we're happy that we're no longer followers of Boston's sports teams. To those who are, we can offer

only this advice, "Be prepared for a lifetime of hurt."



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GUEST OP-ED

Blue Carbon and Belle Isle Marsh

By Ana Tavares Leary and Julie Conroy

Climate change is currently the most pressing environmental crisis of our time. However, there is a largely overlooked solution to this problem; carbon sequestration (storage) that is provided by wetlands.

Carbon sequestration is the process of capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, measured as a rate of carbon uptake per year. Carbon storage is the long-term confinement of carbon in plant materials and sediment, measured as a total weight of carbon stored.

Fresh and saltwater wetlands hold a disproportionate amount of the earth's total carbon emissions within their soil; approximately 20 to 30% of the estimated 1,500 petagrams of global soil carbon (one "pg" is equal to one billion tons), despite occupying only 5% to 8% of the Earth's land surfaces. Wetlands in the conterminous United States store a total of 11.52pg.

Salt marshes are coastal ecosystems that are flood-

ed and drained by salt water brought in by the tides and are dominated by salt-tolerant plants. Belle Isle Marsh is one of the last remaining salt marshes within Boston Harbor. It provides a myriad of benefits including reducing the impact of storms to developed areas, filtering pollutants from water and air, supporting healthy fisheries, providing habitat for over 271 species of birds, improving public health and well-being, and mitigating climate change impacts by storing significant amounts of carbon emissions. Salt marshes also play a critical role in protecting development investments and the regional economies. According to a study conducted by the University of California, San Diego in 2020, salt marshes provide storm protection services averaging \$36 million per km2 over a 30year period.

marshes Salt have been found to be one of the most effective carbon sinks on the planet, able to sequester carbon up to 10 times faster than tropical rainforests. This carbon storage is known as "blue carbon." Globally, it is estimated that coastal ecosystems—salt marshes, mangroves, and seagrass meadows-are responsible for sequestering up to 1.4 billion tons of carbon per year. This is equivalent to the annual emissions of 553 million cars. Salt marshes can sequester about 1,940 pounds of carbon per acre per year. Belle Isle Marsh, therefore, sequesters approximately 350 tons of carbon per year, or the equivalent of emissions from 319,000 miles of air travel.

Despite the many benefits that salt marshes provide, they face many threats including their elimination and degradation by development and polluted waterways from stormwater runoff and industrial waste. The destruction of salt marshes also releases stored carbon back into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change (instead of fighting it).

The most important way to protect these critical ecosystems, and all

the benefits they offer, is to implement policies that protect these ecosystems from destruction by adjacent development. Additionally, if wetlands are degraded, it is important to restore them by whatever method is needed. There are also several market-based approaches that can be used to incentivize the protection and preservation of salt marsh ecosystems, such as carbon credits and payments for wetland protection and restoration.

The protection and restoration of all wetlands should be an essential part of any comprehensive climate change mitigation strategy. By recognizing the value of wetlands and promoting their protection and restoration, we can work towards a healthier and more sustainable future for ourselves and future generations. For further information, please visit our website: www. friendsofbelleislemarsh.

Ana Tavares Leary and Julie Conroy are with the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh

Fenway Health's annual AIDS Walk Boston becomes Strides for Action

Fenway Health nounced that its annual fundraiser, AIDS Walk Boston, has been renamed Strides for Action, reflecting a broadened focus that recognizes and supports the significant unmet needs of the LGBTQIA+ community. Strides for Action will continue to support people living with HIV/AIDS and HIV prevention and research. will also support gender-affirming mental and behavioral health services, teens and young adults experiencing homelessness, and aging LGBTQIA+ adults.

Started in 1986, the event has drawn thousands of participants over the last 37 years who walk to remember those lost to HIV/AIDS and support those living with the disease. While there is still no cure, tremendous strides have been made in the treatment and prevention of HIV, due in part to funds raised via events like the AIDS Walk.

At the same time, the demand for programs and services addressing the broader needs of the LGBTQIA+ community —including disparities that affect BIPOC communities —continues to increase, as does the need for additional funding.

"We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and generous support that has come from literally thousands of walkers and community partners over nearly four decades," said Fenway Health CEO Ellen LaPointe. "The money raised at Strides for Action will allow us to positively impact the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS and LGBTQIA+ people in our communities right here in Massachusetts who rely on Fenway Health's care and services. It will also support critical research and advocacy to fight rising hatred and legislative assaults on LGBTQIA+ people which threatens the health and wellbeing of millions throughout the United States. We know that stigma and discrimination are taking a toll on our community, and so it feels right to broaden the Walk's focus in this way."

At least 45 states currently have at least one anti-LGBTQIA+ bill on their legislative agenda. Human Rights Campaign reports that 150 of those are anti-trans bills seeking to criminalize access to gender affirming care and/ or participation in school sports or restrict the discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity in

Strides for Action will take place at 8 AM on Sunday, October 1 at Carson Beach, Boston, MA. Participants can register to walk or fundraise for the event at stridesforaction. org. The walk is being held one week after this year's Harbor to the Bay

Ride, a one-day bike ride from Boston to Provincetown that supports local HIV/AIDS organizations, including Fenway Health.

This year, Fenway Health has set a Strides for Action fundraising goal of \$700,000 to support lifesaving care and services for the community. Presenting sponsors include Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Beth Israel Lahey Health (BILH), Moderna, and Point32 Health.

"At BILH, health equity is woven into every aspect of what we do and how we deliver care—it's in our DNA," said Juan Fernando Lopera, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer at Beth Israel Lahev Health. "We are taking concrete steps to address health justice for all and dismantle barriers to equitable health outcomes across our diverse patient population. We have a strong connection to Fenway Health as one of our affiliated community health centers and a deep commitment to supporting care for the LGBTQIA+ community across our healthcare system. I am proud to serve as a co-chair for the Strides for Action Executive Committee to continue the work to support HIV/AIDS patients and eradicate HIV through re-

search and innovation." For more information about Strides for Action,

visit stridesforaction.org. To become a corporate sponsor and celebrate a commitment to LGBTQIA+ inclusion please contact Jonathan Potvin, Manager of Corporate Sponsorship, at 857.313.6733 or jpotvin@

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East Boston Social Centers awarded \$90,000 in Cummings Grant

East Boston Social Centers has been selected as one of 150 recipients to share in \$30 million of funding from Cummings Foundation's annual grants program. This award will fund expansion of our Welcome Baby program, which provides year-long education and support to families with newborns in East Boston teaching practices to foster their child's development. We also help parents find resources and welcome their child with a bag of baby supplies including blankets crocheted by seniors in our Active Adults programs. With this support from the Cummings Foundation, we will more than triple the number of families we can serve each year. Services provided through the Welcome Baby program are the first stage in our vision to ensure all Eastie children enter kindergarten be joyful, thriving, and ready

"My role is to help families lives better" says Lisa Melara the Welcome Baby & ASQ Coordinator of the Welcome Baby Program. "With this award we will be able to reach more families and provide additional resources to new parents, ultimately helping them feel more prepared and making a joyful impact on the East Boston community. We are incredibly grateful for this grant and the essential support provided by the Cummings Foundation."

Gloria DeVine, the Director of the East Boston Family Engagement Network which runs Welcome Baby, agrees, stating: "Becoming a new parent can be both a wonderful and challenging experience. These funds will enable us to provide families with high-touch concentrated support and strengthen their connections to social services agencies, the Welcome Baby program and other resources."

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,



The grant to East Boston Social Centers will fund expansion of its Welcome Baby program.

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 about us at ebsocialcenters.org

The Cummings \$30 Million Grant Program primarily supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties.

Through this placebased initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the areas where it owns commercial property. Its buildings are all managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate, Cummings Properties. This Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 11 million square feet of debt-free space, the majority of which exclusive-

ly benefits the Foundation. "The way the local nonprofit sector perseveres, steps up, and pivots to meet the shifting needs of the community is most impressive," said Cummings Foundation executive director Joyce Vyriotes. "We are incredibly grateful for these tireless efforts to support people in the community and to increase equity and access

to opportunities." The majority of the grant decisions were made by about 90 volunteers. They worked across a variety of committees to review and discuss the proposals and then, together, determine which requests would be funded. Among these community volunteers were business and nonprofit leaders, mayors, college presidents, and experts in areas such as finance and DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion).

"It would not be possible for the Foundation to hire the diversity and depth of expertise and insights that our volunteers bring to the process," said Vyriotes. "We so appreciate the substantial time and thought they dedicated toward ensuring that our democratized version of philanthropy results in equitable outcomes that will really move the needle on important issues in local communities."

The Foundation and volunteers first identified 150 organizations to receive three-year grants of up to \$225,000 each. The winners included firsttime recipients as well as nonprofits that had previously received Cummings grants. Twenty-five of this latter group of repeat recipients were then selected by a volunteer panel to have their grants elevated to 10-year awards ranging from \$300,000 to \$1 mil-

This year's grant recipients represent a wide variety of causes, including housing and food insecurity, workforce development, immigrant services, social justice, education, and mental health services. The nonprofits are spread across 46 different cities and towns.

Cummings Foundation has now awarded \$480 million to greater Boston nonprofits. The complete list of this year's 150 grant winners, plus nearly 1,500 previous recipients, is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

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"She was a kind girl," said Lou about his wife of 56 years. "I met her at

a picnic." He retired from Citizens Bank, where he was employed as a bank manager and president.

"Always stay busy, and have something to look

forward to," advised Lou, whose hobbies included painting, carpentry, plumbing, and other home improvements. "I was never idle. I had all kinds of businesses. I owned a summer resort on Beaver Lake in Derry, New Hampshire."

Now Lou lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Joe, in Orient Heights, and enjoys watching Western movies. Lou loves spending time with his dog, Winston, conversations with visiting friends and family, and growing tomatoes in his garden.



Lou Ricci and his great-nieces and nephews, Chris, Tammi, Steve, Lori, Donna, Bob, Lisa,

Susan, Shelly, Pete, Rich, and Suzanne.

Fresh and Local

Kitchen tips

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

People once learned to cook by watching family members and helping with kitchen tasks. The older generation shared their tips, and how-to advice in person, or suggestions were found on old recipe cards or handwritten notes in inherited cookbooks. In this column, we'll share some of our favorite kitchen tips.

Total Time Counts

The next time you pull out your food processor to make something like salsa, time how long it takes to gather the ingredients, set up a cutting board and knife to chop them to the right size for the machine. transfer the salad to a serving bowl, clean up and put everything away.

The next time you make salsa, make it with a cutting board, sharp knife, and bowl and compare the results and the time it takes. With simpler tools, we get faster results and a more exciting texture to

Prepping Vegetables

If you watch prep cooks in a restaurant prepare vegetables, you'll notice that they often use an assembly line system. Let's say you're chopping carrots and celery for soup. The pro will wash and scrub all the vegetables. Next, everything gets peeled, and then the chopping is done step-by-step on each ingredient.

Avoiding steps entirely is even more efficient. Peeling is often optional. Consider replacing it with a good scrub with a firm brush. We tend to cook potatoes, squash, sweet potatoes, and carrots with their skin in place. Not only to save time but also to increase nutrition. Or, use a frozen vegetable if it will work in the recipe.

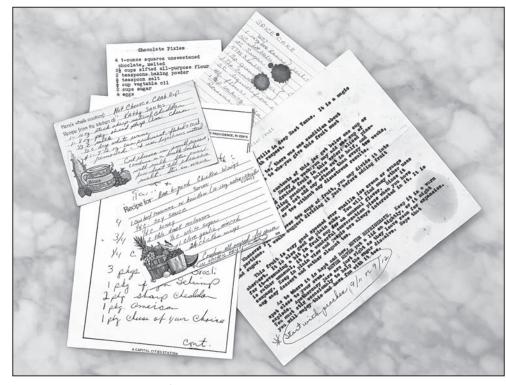
As frequent avocado eaters and people who avoid the emergency

room, we are thankful for Sara Moulton's tip on cutting avocados. The Washington Post described her method, "... place the avocado on its side on a cutting board. With the knife parallel to the board, make a horizontal cut through to the pit as you rotate the fruit. With the knife perpendicular to the board, cut the top side of the avocado from stem to bottom, then turn it and repeat on the far side."

You end up with four sections that are easy to peel, and the pit pops right

Work Safe

Sharp knives are essential, as are safe knife skills. We nearly always use a cutting board with nonslip feet or a damp towel under it. We wash and dry our knives by hand and return them to their spot on our magnetic wall rack. Knives lying on the counter or in a sink full of sudsy water are dangerous.



Once upon a time, tips were found on recipe cards or handwritten notes in inherited cookbooks.

Penny hones her knives before she begins working. Newly sharpened knives have a blue tape tag on the handle to remind everyone that the blade is razor-like.

Blue Tape

Our final tips are about that blue tape. We keep a dispenser of blue painter's tape on our counter. We use it to write the identity and date of any item we put into the freezer. Every bowl of leftovers is marked with the day it was made.

A small tape tag on a bowl of tomatoes tells us which to use first. A piece on the refrigerator door tells the person putting out the trash that something inside needs to be includ-

If an item has a tiny ex-

piration date, we put a big use-by date on it with blue tape. We use it to label our glass jars of pantry items. We don't call it blue painter's tape. We call it blue cook's tape!

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

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Fiorentini

Generous to a fault to anyone in need, she lived a long and remarkable life

Elizabeth (Puopolo) Fiorentini of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on June 2 shortly before her 100th birthday.

Elizabeth lived a long and remarkable life and was truly beloved by all who knew her. She was generous to a fault to anyone in need. She found joy in hosting her loved ones in the sunlit kitchen of her Bennington Street home before moving to Winthrop where she enjoyed many happy days at the Parc at Harbor View Senior Living. Many of the best memories in Betty's life were made at the family lake house in Amherst, New Hampshire, where she relished in watching her loved ones share the summer months together on Baboosic Lake. In the year that preceded her passing, Elizabeth and her family were miraculously returned the remains of her long lost brother Cpl.

Born in East Boston, the cherished daughter of the late Alessio and Anna Puopolo, Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late Eugene A. Fiorentini, the devoted mother of Roseanne Graham and her husband, Alan, Jean Lewis and her husband, Arthur, all of Winthrop and her late cherished son Joseph Fiorentini. She was the adored grandmother of Gina DeNunzio of Win-

Joseph J. Puopolo, a Kore-

an War POW.



throp, Mia Lombardi of Melrose, Richard Graham and Alan Graham II, both of Needham and the loving great-grandmother of Francesca and Gabriela DeNunzio of Winthrop, Avery Swinton of Melrose and Charles, William, Elizabeth, Desmond, Fio-

Imogen Graham, all of Needham; the dear sister of the late Corporal Joseph J. Puopolo, Mary Mosca, Rose Vecchia, Emilio Puopolo and Nicholas Puopolo. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their appreciation to the Pace Program, The Parc at Harbor View Senior Living and Hospice Care Dimensions for the care they provided. At the request of the

family, Elizabeth's funeral service will be private. Funeral arrangements by Maurice W. Kirby Funeral Home 210 Winthrop St.

To sign Elizabeth's guestbook, please visit: www.mauricekirbyfh.

To place a memoriam in the Times Free Press,



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Anthony "Desi" DeSimone

Devoted husband, father and grandfather

Anthony J. "Desi" DeSimone, 81, of North Reading and formerly of East Boston, passed away on Saturday, June 3 at Winchester Hospital.

Born in Winthrop on April 26, 1942, the son of the late Fiore and Concetta (Presutti) DeSimone, he was raised and attended school in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School. He later attended Wentworth Institute.

Desi worked as a Ground Agent for Massport for many years and was a member of Local 25. He has been a resident of North Reading for the past 56 years and a member of St. Theresa's Church and the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 4544 for many years.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He had a great sense of humor and had a love for horror movies. He had a great love for his family, a kind nature and always had a positive attitude. He loved to dance, loved animals, woodworking, food and his greatest pleasure was cooking for his family. He attended many Karate Tournaments with his daughter Kristen. He was a mentor to his grandson, enjoying fishing and sports tournaments.



Family members include his loving wife of 56 years, Cecelia (Di-Pasquale) DeSimone; his daughter, Kristen Juliano; his grandson, Anthony Juliano; and many loving nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was the brother of the late Elizabeth Mazzarini and her late husband, Louis Mazzarini. Visitation will be held

on Saturday, June 10 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading followed by an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading. Interment will be in Riverside Cemetery in North Reading. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to the American Lung Association (www. lung.org) or to St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading, MA 01864. www.croswellfuneralhome.com.

Joseph DeSantis

Led the Revere/Everett/Malden Youth Hockey Program for 27 years

Our beloved father, Joseph A. DeSantis, 67, of Revere, passed away peacefully in his home on June 2 surrounded by family and friends.

Joe dedicated 27 years of his life to leading the Revere/Everett/Malden Youth Hockey program, where he would help form the bonds between countless boys and girls. Many of those players are now giving back to the city of Revere, serving on the Revere Fire and Police Department.

Joe also spent 40 years in office supply sales, where during the majority of those years, he would accomplish being #1 in the country for his international company Kyocera Document Solutions/ Duplitron.

Joe lived his life in kindness and service to every person he encountered and will be missed immensely.

Born in Boston on September 4, 1955 to Joseph A. DeSantis Sr. and the late Frances DePaolo De-Santis, he was the adored father of Joey DeSantis and his wife, Erin DeSantis, Jack DeSantis and his fiancé, Gennara Romano, Jenae DeSantis and Joe's beloved longtime companion, Africa Graham.

He is survived by his dear sister, Janice De-Santis of Chelsea and he was the brother of the late brother, James DeSantis and his niece Rachael De-Santis. He was the cher-

ished grandfather to Lola, Francesca and Alessi De-Santis. He is also survived by his friend and mother of his children, Donna De-Santis, and her longtime

companion, Eric Cardone.

The family would also like to acknowledge Joe's loving care team and close friends who never left his side, Steven Schepici, Bobby Venezia, Brian Aucella and Trisha and Robert Romano.

His Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere today, Wednesday, June 7 at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere at 12 noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Joseph's name to the Everett Revere Youth Hockey, One Sprague St, Revere, MA 02151. For guest book please visit www. buonfiglio.com.

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THE EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER'S LET'S GET MOVIN' 5K RUN

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Let's Get Movin' New Balance Initiative is a program promoting healthy living for the people of East Boston. They held their annual 5K For Fitness, encouraging all to participate by running or walking the East Boston Greenway.



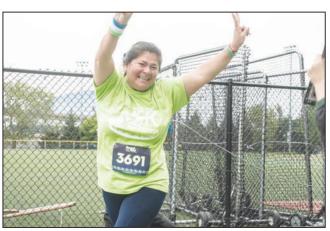
EBNHC worker Dorothy Chen runs with her sister Lillian.



Allyson and Angie Perez who are cheering their aunt Abi Martinez on.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Greg Wilmot with his daughters Rowmina and Eva.



Abi Martinez gets triumphant in her run as she passes by.



Ashley Doyle, Will Hunt, and Bradley Spence take a breather after crossing the Finish Line.



Beatriz Meza-Valencia runs with her teammate Lusa.



John Dunn Jr (center) ran with help from his parents John and Kristen.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Program Coordinator Cristina Weddle, Clerk of the Board Of Directors Jennifer Blanco and her husband Tony with Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta.



Ruth Hanno gets excited as she nears the Finish Line.



Beatriz Meza-Valencia runs with her teammate Lusa.



Dalton Caudill was the first to cross the finish line.

Volunteer running buddy Clare Ryan (right), talks to Lola and Valentina Castro with their mom Elia, an EBNHC employee.



A HOT **NUTRITIOUS MEAL**



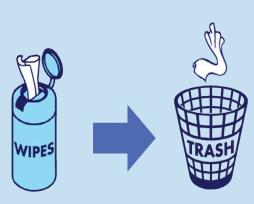
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THE EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER'S LET'S GET MOVIN' 5K RUN



EBNHC Sports and Fitness Coordinator Kevin Sinatra gets everyone ready for the start of the 5K.



Sarah and Kailia Castro, who is putting her training wheels to action.



Aylin Santos makes it to the finish line.



Daisy Aguilar is happy to finish the 5K.



Lizette Rodriguez (right) hands a medal to Jean Sinatra as she finishes the 5K.



A young girl rides her bike through the finish line.



East Boston Neigborhood Health Center Health Coordinator Isabela Portugal perches up on a lamppost at the Start Line.



Kailany, Aldany, and Anna Chavez finished the 5K together as a family.



Denny Chavez with his son Danny nearing the finish line.



Participants of the Let's Get Movin' 5K range from young to old, some are running, others walking, but everyone is movin'.





And they're off...



Let's Get Movin' 5K participants weave their way through Memorial Park.





Everyone is a winner with Let's Get Movin.'

Andrea Gayle-Bennett appointed as the first Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services

Secretary Jon Santiago announced the appointment of Dr. Andrea Gayle-Bennett as the first-ever Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services (EOVS). Dr. Gayle-Bennett, a retired Brigadier General in the Massachusetts National Guard and a distinguished healthcare professional, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this vital role. The Deputy Secretary will serve as a strategic partner to Secretary Santiago and lead important initiatives related to EOVS services and programming.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Andrea Gayle-Bennett to the Healey-Driscoll Administration as Deputy Secretary of the Executive Office of Veterans' Services," said

Governor Maura Healey. "Dr. Gayle-Bennett's distinguished career in medicine and military service make her uniquely qualified to take on this important role and support Secretary Santiago and our entire administration in our efforts to advance the health and well-being of Massachusetts' veterans." "Dr. Gayle-Bennett's

exceptional qualifications and remarkable dedication to both health care and military service make her the ideal candidate for the position of Deputy Secretary," said Secretary Jon Santiago. "I have full confidence that she will enhance our efforts in serving the Massachusetts veteran community through her leadership and passion for supporting veterans."

"Sheryl Sandberg, the author of 'Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead,' wisely remarked, 'If you're offered a seat on a rocket ship...get on.' Drawing inspiration from these words, I am embracing this opportunity with immense gratitude," said Andrea Gayle-Bennett. "I am thrilled to have the chance to make a positive contribution on behalf of veterans in the Commonwealth and to collaborate with this esteemed team as part of the Healey-Driscoll administration."

Dr. Gayle-Bennett holds a Doctor of Medical Science (DMSc) degree from the University of Lynchburg, a Master of Education degree from Lesley College, and a Bachelor of Science in allied health Davies Sophie

School of Medicine. She has a distinguished career spanning over three decades, including 37 years as a Physician Assistant at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates in Boston, where she demonstrated exceptional skills delivering comprehensive medical care.

Joining the Massachusetts National Guard in 1983, Dr. Gayle-Bennett rose through the ranks and held positions such as State Surgeon, Deputy Commander, and Chief Physician Assistant. In 2019, she earned the Brigadier General (MA) rank due to her dedication and leadership.

In 2022, the Massachusetts Legislature passed significant legislation reforming veterans' governance, structure, and care



Andrea Gayle-Bennett.

at the two Massachusetts Veterans' Homes in Holyoke and Chelsea. As part of these reforms, the Executive Office of Veterans'

Services was created, with the Deputy Secretary being appointed by the Sec-



update on the Belle Isle **Marsh Climate Change Project: Evaluating Nature Based Solutions**

The project focuses on working with the marsh to reduce the impact of flooding to surrounding communities while preserving marsh health.

When: June 14, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting:

https://tnc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwpcOGvrTkpH9xJEy5Gp1InXlquTF1l-jww

For a full description of the project go to: https://www.friendsofbelleislemarsh







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The Boston Public Library announced the 2023 Concerts in the Courtyard series • Dakota, July 12

Boston Library announced the 2023 Concerts in the Courtyard series, fered in partnership with Berklee College of Music and sponsored by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

Concerts performed by local musicians and Berklee College of Music musicians.

By showcasing a diverse range of musical talents from the local community, the BPL continues to support its patrons and visitors with programs that enrich their cultural experiences, that entertain and educate, and are free to all.

Friday and Every Wednesday through August 30. Performances will be held at 12:30pm



Shown is one of the shows from last year's series.

on Fridays and 6:00pm on Wednesdays.

Where: The Courtyard of the Central Library in Copley Square (inclement weather location: Rabb Hall at Central Library).

Scheduled performers are listed below.

• Violet Nox, June 9

- chrysalis, June 14
- Tolieth, June 16 • The Jabalis, June 21
- Lupo Città, June 23
- Tyler Christian, June
- Annie and the Fur Trappers, June 30
- Vesuvio, July 5 • Ari & Mia, July 7

- · Henry Patterson, July
- Raley Beggs, July 14
- Jamaica Plain Saxophone Quartet, July 21
- Yağmur Soydemir,
- Il Contrapposto, July
- Cesare Panizzi, Au-
- Josaphat Contreras, August 4
 - Keana, August 9
 - Ben Cosgrove, August
- Kristalis Sotomayor,
- August 16 • Ezekiel's Wheels
- Klezmer Band, August 18 Mercedes Escobar, August 23
- Boston Lyric Opera, August 25
- Mia Walz, August 30



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DCR announces summer programs for the North Region Coastal District

Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) from June to August.

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities available upon request. Please dress for the weather. Programs are cancelled during inclement weather, including high winds. For more information call (781) 656-1485 or email matthew.nash@mass.gov

A Storied History Of Revere Beach

Fridays, June 16 & 30, July 7 & 21, August 4 &

Saturday, July 29

10:15-11:45 am-drop in

Listen to a captivating short story (3-5 min) accompanied by compelling photos about the cultural history of Revere Beach, the program changes each week. For example, a story about the amusements or death-defying acts at Revere Beach in thrilling details. MBTA accessible.

Drop in any time. Cancelled during inclement weather including high

Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with an adult chaper-

Meet at: Revere Beach Reservation, on the lawn at Eliot Circle.

Shorebird & Seabird Discovery

Saturdays, June 3 & 17, July 1, & 15, August 5 &

10:15-11:45 am-drop in anytime.

Listen to a captivating short lesson (3-5 min) accompanied by compelling photos about the fascinating shorebirds and seabirds that make Revere Beach their home. A spotting scope will be available for viewing birds but bring binoculars if you have them. Drop in anytime. Cancelled during inclement weather including high winds.

Ages: Adults and Kids 8+ with an adult chaper-

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

Slow Birding Revere Beach

Wednesdays, June 14, July 12, August 16 7:30-8:45 am

Discover how you can enliven and enrich your experience of nature by slowly and carefully observing the fine aesthetic details and behavior of birds that may include the piping plover, manx shearwater, gulls, terns, and various other shorebirds. During the last half hour of this program, you will have the option to participate in accompanying guided mindfulness practices. Be prepared for sitting, standing, and walking short distances. Bring a chair to sit on. Parking restrictions are strictly enforced (please contact Matthew Nash for more information). MBTA accessible. C0-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.

Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with an adult chaper-

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

A Mindful Nature Connection

Wednesdays, June 28, July 26, August 2 & 30 10:15-11:45 am

Use your senses to enliven and enrich your experience of nature and discover how these invitations can amplify your peace, creativity, health. Be prepared for sitting, standing, and walking short distances. Bring a small chair, blanket, and pillow or pad to sit on. If you arrive late look for us on the beach. MBTA Accessible.

Ages: adults and teens with an adult chaperone.

Meet At: Revere Beach Reservation, on the lawn at Eliot Circle.

Tidepool Discovery

At Short Beach Saturdays, June 10:30-11:30 am, June 24 10:00-11:00 am

July 8 9:30-10:30 am, July 22 8:30-9:30 am Tuesdays, August 8 11:00 am-12:00 pm, August 22 9:30-10:30 am

Discover and learn about the fascinating plants and animals of the tidepool and why we should care for both these fragile creatures and the tidepool that represents their home. Nets will be provided for brief capture and release of the tidepool creatures. Be prepared for slippery rocks and for getting your feet wet. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh and Save the Harbor Save the Bay. MBTA accessible.

Ages: Kids 4+ with an adult chaperone.

Meet Short at: Beach, on the beach adjacent to the ramp at 1199 Winthrop Ave, Revere, MA on the border between the City of Revere and Town of Winthrop. Although we encourage you to arrive on time, if you arrive late look for us at the tidepools on the right.

An Oasis For Birds

Saturdays, June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, August 5 &

7:30 am - 8:30 am

We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for birds at this birding hotspot and state park where about 271 species visit each year. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. If it has been wet in recent days, boots are recommended. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle

Marsh. Ages: Adults and kids

8+ with adult chaperone. Meet at: Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, Main Entrance 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.

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. Led by DCR Commissioner Brain Arrigo, 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.

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The term of the contract shall be for two (2) years starting July 1, 2023 ending June 30, 2025

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to M.G.L. c.30, s. 5 and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, June 12, 2023 by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will **commence on or about Monday**, July 3, 2023.

> Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner (May 29, June 05, 2023)

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erations over time.

Initially, this project was slated to be nine units, then dropped to seven as recently as April, and is now down to five. Moreover, the building is 13% smaller, and setbacks have been increased, among several other changes.

Also, as part of this proposal, there would be five parking spaces, the planting of at least two street trees, and the construction of two roof decks, one fewer roof deck than what was previously presented.

Not only was there a reduction of units, but changes were also made to the makeup of units based on community feedback.

During the last presentation, all of the units were one or two bedrooms; now, there are two three-bedroom units, two two-bedroom units, and one ADA one-bedroom unit.

Unlike the 555 Bennington Street project, there were quite a few questions and comments from residents after David, and Evan Lank of Sharpe Venture Group finished their presentation. One resident seemed

happy about the duo's efforts to make changes to the proposal, saying, "I really appreciate the effort to incorporate the feedback from the abutters; it's awesome."

Although that resident complimented the efforts, they also asked if there would be any affordable units as part of the project, to which the answer

"It's impossible at four or five units to incorporate it given market conditions," said Evan Lank.

David Lank followed that up by saying, "What we will say is developers can incorporate more affordable housing with more density. What we decided to do is prioritize lessening the density;

that's what we heard from our neighbors."

Another resident raised a concern about the number of parking spaces in that there might not be enough to accommodate multiple-bedroom units causing more people to park on the street.

"You're going to have three bedrooms and three cars, so five parking spots for five units is really not this great giveaway that you think it is," said the resident. While the Lank's ap-

peared to do their best to make changes based on feedback they heard from residents throughout this process, it was not enough to win support from those in attendance. A vote of 19-12 opposed the 5 Swift Terrace proposal.

Overall, the HVNA had a busy meeting on its hands and will enjoy a bit of a break as they are not scheduled to meet again until August.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE Commonwealth of

Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN FOR** INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT

TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU23P1013GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Denis A. Martinez Of: East Boston, MA **RESPONDENT Alleged** Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Deysi M. Torres of East Boston, MA and Doualas O. Torres of East Boston, MA in the above captioned

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A. Martinez is in need of a

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that Deysi M. Torres of East

Boston, MA (or some other

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person's right to make deci-

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND **FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate** And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 **SETTLEMENT** Docket No. SU23P0320PM Estate of:

Murray Denofsky

plete Settlement has been filed by Brian McLaughlin of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 07/05/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a timely written appearance and objection

A Petition for Order of Com-

if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (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.

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Boston Public Schools celebrates valedictorians at 25th annual luncheon

Superintendent Mary Skipper, Mayor Michelle Wu, and Boston School Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson honored the outstanding accomplishments of the 2023 Boston Public Schools valedictorians yesterday at Fenway Park. The ceremony brought together a diverse group of high-achieving students, their families, and esteemed members of the community.

Mayor Wu, the Boston School Committee, and Superintendent Mary Skipper honored 33 seniors who are graduating at the top of their class. The students were accompanied by their school leaders and two loved ones. Each valedictorian received a \$100 Amazon e-gift card, a citation from the Boston School Committee and Superintendent, and four free tickets to see the Boston Red Sox, presented by Red Sox

President Sam Kennedy. "It is such a privilege to honor so many talented and hard-working young people today at the 2023

Valedictory Luncheon," said Superintendent Mary Skipper. "Every year, so many wonderful students graduate from the Boston Public Schools and each has so much to offer the world. Despite all of the trauma and hardship caused by the pandemic, our valedictorians strove for greatness and we are so proud of them and their accomplishments."

The first event of this kind was held at the Parkman House in 1999. Its' success has enabled the event to grow to a larger venue to include families, BPS staff, and partners from Boston's higher education, business, and philanthropic community. Any proceeds from the event will benefit the City of Boston Scholarship

"Our Boston Public Schools students are an inspiration, and I'm so proud of these valedictorians who worked incredibly hard to earn this honor," said Mayor Michelle Wu. We are grateful for all that these students do

to inspire, mobilize, and enrich their communities, and are excited to see all that they accomplish as leaders!"

The success of the event was made possible through the generous support of major sponsors, including The Boston Red Sox, Eastern Bank Foundation, and Wentworth Institute of Technology are the major sponsors of this year's event.

This event will showcase the accomplishments of 33 valedictorians, representing 32 schools. Over one-third of these young people will be the first in their families to attend college and 11 are students who have spent their entire education career at BPS. This diverse class also includes 11 students who were born outside the United States, hailing from China, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, and Jamai-

"These young people have accomplished so much," said Boston School Committee Chairperson

Bob Bolognese

East Boston's Jailey Chavarria Gutierrez (second from right) will be going to Northeastern University, Jailey is shown with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (left) Superintendent Mary Skipper, and Boston Chair of the Boston public School School Committee Jeri Robinson (right).

Jeri Robinson. "Each and every one of our valedictorians has worked hard and earned this despite the unprecedented challenges from the past few years. Congratulations to all of our valedictorians. Good luck and thank you for the

impact you have left on BPS."

The BPS Valedictorians Luncheon has grown to accommodate a larger venue, including BPS families, staff, and partners from Boston's higher education, business, and philanthropic communities. This annual celebration of academic excellence serves as a testament to the commitment and dedication of Boston Public Schools to provide the highest quality education possible.





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THROUGH THE YEARS

Sacred Heart Parish 150th Anniversary

Luncheon for Fr. Joseph Wilson 1985







Sacred Heart Rectory before renovations 1989



Pictures of the Sacred Heart Rectory before it was renovated. The building was the former convent for the nuns who taught at Sacred Heart School. Photo taken in 1989





Cardinal Law visits Sacred Heart, June 1989

Cardinal Law celebrated Mass for the 125th anniversary of the parish June, 1998. Former pastors Sallassa and Piscatelli attended







Trip to Italy 2015



In 2015 Fr. Wayne Belschner, former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, led a group of parishioners on a trip to Italy.

THROUGH THE YEARS

Sacred Heart Parish 150th Anniversary

Peter Colwell earns Eagle Scout by beautifying the parish grounds

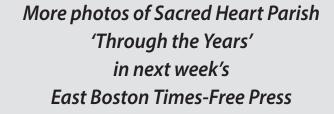
Peter Colwell, was an Eagle Scout in 1990 and he needed to do a community service project as part of his requirements to become an Eagle Scout. He chose to beautify the parish grounds at Sacred Heart Church. Peter enlisted the help of his parents, Marjorie and Peter Colwell and his friends. The priest in the photos is Fr. Al Sallese













Memory ~ submitted by Peter Gillen Colwell

In 1990 Rev. Albert Sallese became Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. Fr. Al was very outgoing and made several innovations to the parish both materially and spiritually.

It was during Fr. Al's tenure that my son Peter Genn Colwell attained the rank of Eagle Scout. To become an Eagle Scout, he needed to work on a community project. Peter's project was the beautification of the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish.

Peter organized a crew made up of at least a dozen friends, plus his mother and father, who went to work each day, to pull up weeds, and plant plants on the side and the front of the Church. Countless wheelbarrows full of boulders from the Morris Street side of the Church were removed also.

This all happened in June 1991 and the end result was breathtaking. In November 1991 thanks to Fr. Al, Peter's Eagle Scout ceremony was held in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, at which approximately 150 people attended.









Wu announces beer garden on City Hall Plaza reopening

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the opening of the beer garden on City Hall Plaza, in partnership with the Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion (OEOI) and the Property Management Department. The City has selected D&D Beer Garden, a collaboration between local breweries Democracy Brewing and Distraction Brewing, to partner with Jimmies Cafe of Roslindale to provide food and beverages for all ages. The beer garden will open June 7.

"City Hall Plaza is a wonderful space for community members to come together," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to D&D Beer Garden, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and the Property Management Department for their work on this opportunity to liven up City Hall Plaza and help revitalize Downtown with a new destination."

The City's partnership with D&D Beer Garden is part of the administration's efforts to revitalize Downtown Boston with social and economic opportunities. D&D's hours of operation will be from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Beginning in mid-late June, D&D's

hours will expand daily. The beer garden will also feature an array of programming including live music, entertainment, art classes and showcases, and yoga classes to build community and enhance the space.

"Democracy Brewing and Distraction Brewing are proud to join forces to open a join beer garden located in City Hall Plaza," said Michael Estey, co-owner of Distraction Brewing Company. "Just in time to kick off the summer, there will be 12 tap lines flowing with beers from both breweries, events hosted all summer long and a great space for all ages to enjoy in the

heart of Boston.'

"City Hall Plaza continues to be a vibrant convening space for residents, workers, and visitors in the heart of downtown Boston," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "This season's Beer Garden, in partnership with D&D and Jimmies Cafe, will create a unique attraction, bringing a taste of local Boston small businesses to our patrons, and lifting up an economic opportunity for local business growth.

"I'm so excited for us to open up the beer garden on City Hall Plaza just in time for the summer season," said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. "This contin-

ues to be an amazing opportunity to use City property as a place for residents to come together and support local businesses."

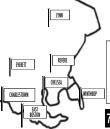
"Democracy Brewing has run a first-rate business in Downtown Crossing for many years and we are thrilled that their expansion alongside Distraction Brewing to City Hall Plaza will offer a broader audience of downtown visitors an opportunity to enjoy their offerings," said Michael Nichols, President of the Downtown Boston Improvement Business District.

Founded in 2019, Distraction Brewing Company is a family-owned brewery located in Ros-

Eastie's Professional

lindale. Democracy Brewing, founded in 2018, is worker-owned and based in Downtown Crossing. D&D Beer Garden participated in a competitive application process to identify a vendor that would activate City Hall Plaza for workers, residents, and tourists. The contract will last until at least December 31, 2024. D&D Beer Garden's commitment to community engagement and partnerships with local restaurants, artists, and organizations stood out in its proposal to partner with the City of Boston to reopen this welcoming space in Downtown Boston on City Hall Plaza.





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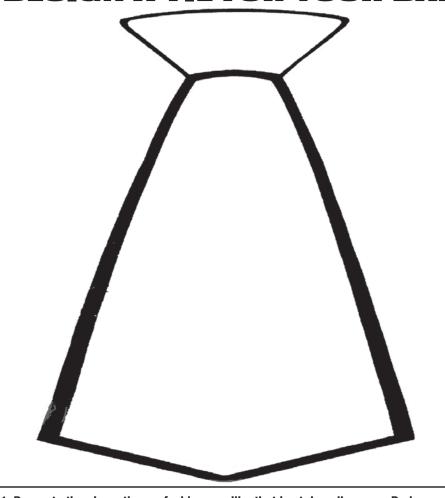
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Wu launches PRIDE programming and other summer events on City Hall Plaza

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Offices of Arts & Culture and Tourism, Sports & Entertainment announced the City of Boston will be kicking off its first season of community arts and cultural programming on City Hall Plaza, launching with the City of Boston's PRIDE Kickoff last week.

"The renovation of City Hall Plaza has transformed it into a welcoming, accessible civic space for all, and we are so excited to usher in a new series of programming by starting with a celebration of Boston's LGBTQ+ community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We look forward to seeing residents and visitors gather together on the Plaza and experience the space in a new, joyful

As part of this season of programming, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture is working in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement to support several events celebrating Boston's LGBTQ+ community, including:

Boston Urban Pride's Music and Arts Festival -July 2, 2023 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

This event organized by Boston Lesbigay Urban Foundation in collaboration with

Diggity Dom is a showcase of local QTBIPOC emerging artists who are launching into the Boston music scene. Hosted by Amanda Shea the festival will include performances, a variety of LGBTQ+ vendors, and several resource tables for community members.

BBG Fest - July 8, 2023 from 12-10 p.m.

The inaugural BBG Fest produced by Beats by Girlz Boston will bring together girls, women, and gender-expansive people in a celebration of live music and the arts, with the mission of addressing the systems of inequity within the music industry through education, networking, performances, opportunities, and community. BBG Fest aims to uplift the incredible and underrepresented performers in our city, featuring a diverse and unique lineup, including Brandie Blaze, Bad Snacks and Mint Green. BBG Fest will also be partnering with Boston Women's Market to curate a space for local makers and artists of all kinds to showcase their work. This free, one-day event is open to the public, welcoming everyone of all ages in

In addition to the above programming, City Hall Plaza will host the following lineup of events:

Greater Boston.

D&D Beer Garden on City Hall Plaza

Opening June 7, the new D&D Beer Garden is a partnership between two Boston-born and Boston-owned breweries, Distraction Brewing of Roslindale and Democracy Brewing of Downtown Crossing. More details will be announced in the coming days.

Donna Summer Disco Party

This annual summer disco party honoring five-Grammy and Boston native Donna Summer is coming back to City Hall Plaza with a roller skating rink on June 16. O'Mega Red will be performing his hit song " Angel" featuring Donna Summer and there will be a special tribute performance by Mary Gaines Bernard, Donna Summer's sister and longtime backing vocalist. family-friendly event is free and open to the public and will take place between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00

Open Your Heart: Immigrant Stories and Music from Boston and Beyond

This live staged event on June 30 from 6-8 p.m. will feature stories about several youths' journeys as immigrants or children of immigrants who came to the U.S. and ultimately landed in East Boston. The event is produced by Hoopla Productions in collaboration with the youth nonprofit ZUMIX.

5 Days of Chess, a series of four free chess workshops led by JP Chess on July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 23 from 2-5 p.m., followed by a chess tournament on August 6.

Summer Dance Party Series (More details to come)

This annual family-friendly event series will feature a variety of music genres including Salsa on July 20, R&B on August 10, Country Line Dancing on August 24, Afro Beats on September 14, and House Music on September 22. The series will be held from 5-8 p.m. on the main plaza.

Activating Art: A Movement for Social Change (More details to come)

Activating Art is a series hosted by Boston Music Award winner Amanda Shea that centers art as a vehicle for social change. Some of the topics throughout the series will include reproductive justice, free speech, reparations and more. They will also choose a local nonprofit to honor and highlight with each session. The sessions will be held on August 17, August 24, August 31, and September 7 from 5-8 p.m., and September 10 from 12-6 p.m.

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture invested a total of \$136,700 in City Hall Plaza events as part of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Additional programming will be added within the coming months.

"Having a variety of new performance and gathering spaces on the Plaza opens up so many opportunities for innovative arts and cultural programming, and we're so grateful to have our City Hall Plaza Engagement Manager Billy Dean Thomas on board to lead us in curating this programming," said Chief of Arts & Culture Kara Elliott-Ortega. "We're happy to help bring these events to the Plaza, and look forward to continuing to support artists, creatives, and cultural organizations in bringing their work downtown."

"Activating City Hall

Plaza this summer is an amazing opportunity to bring residents, families and visitors together. We want everyone to take advantage of all Boston has to offer as we support our organizations from so many different communities," said John Borders IV, Director of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. "As we approach the start of the summer, we are excited to create space for people of all ages across the city and region to gather and be together."

City Hall Plaza reopened to the public last fall after a renovation that transformed it into a civic space for all residents, with universal accessibility, new communal spaces, increased environmental sustainability, and critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure the plaza is safe and accessible for generations to come The renovation included creating seven new "plug and play" locations for community groups to utilize, with space for 10,000 to 12,0000 visitors on the main plaza and room for a 20,000 to 25,000 person gathering on the entire plaza. The new design also includes three smaller event and gathering places, and a new civic building on Congress Street equipped with a bathroom and other facilities to support public gatherings.

Last year, the City of Boston released a Call to Artists for public art to complement the renovation of City Hall Plaza There were two separate opportunities outlined in the call. The first was a short-term artwork for the north entrance to the building. The second was for a graphics display for the exterior of City Hall. These commissions are envisioned as the first of a series of artworks for this site that will recognize and celebrate the stories of Boston and City Hall

The City selected Rhea Vedro to create the short-term artwork, which will be a sculptural installation on the planting bed at the north entrance. Yuke Li was commissioned to create 2D graphics for the new display system on the west exterior wall of City Hall and the wall panels near the new civic pavilion. The graphics have been installed, and the sculpture is expected to be

installed this year.

To learn more about upcoming events on City Hall Plaza and how to host events on the Plaza, visit boston.gov/cityhallplaza.

Councillors to hold hearing to discuss increasing emergency services

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta and Councilor-At-Large Erin Murphy introduced a hearing to discuss increasing emergency services such as fire and emergency services with anticipated population growth of 150,000 residents.

"As Boston's population grows, we must ensure that we grow responsibly. We need to invest in city services and resources to support all of our residents, especially when they are in moments of distress, and minimize any impact on the quality of life," said Councilor Coletta. "Recently, my district has seen an uptick in delayed medical emergency assistance. We cannot allow this to become a norm. Planning for our city's growth must coincide with planning for increased emergency services so every resident can have access to lifesaving care within minutes."

The Councilors understand the urgency of increasing emergency services throughout the city as its population expands in the upcoming years to ensure that city emergency services are adequately provided given the critical nature of these incidents. Additionally, it is essential that the city is providing EMS with the resources they need to deliver high-quality care.

"A swift and timely response from medical personnel is crucial and, in some instances, lifesaving. Our EMS work tirelessly every day to respond to the medical needs of all of the residents in Boston, but they are not always able to respond as quickly as they need to across the City. By properly funding

our Emergency Medical Services, and responding properly to growth in different areas of the City, this will ensure response times within minutes, which will save lives." said Councilor Murphy.

The Councilors seek to bring together the Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Wu administration to discuss increasing Boston's emergency services and ensure a collaborative and coordinated plan, while also thanking first responders for their incredible commitment to service.

Highlights of the Order Include:

"WHEREAS, In January 2023, Mayor Wu shared a vision for Boston to sustainably reach its peak population of 800,000 residents with the housing, schools, parks, and public transit to sup-

port that growth; and

WHEREAS, The current population of the City of Boston is more than 650,000, which would mean growing in population by 150,000 new residents; and

WHEREAS, Yet, there has been less focus on a plan to ensure there are adequate city services and infrastructure to absorb this growth responsibly. It is incumbent upon the City to review and analyze how this anticipated growth will impact our ability to provide basic city services such as public safety responses under fire, police, and emergency services.; and

WHEREAS, B o s ton Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is the City of Boston's municipal ambulance service, caring for patients with clinical proficiency, pro-

fessionalism and compassion. Member's of Boston EMS answered the call for over 134,000 medical emergencies in 2022, serving residents across every neighborhood of the city. Our EMS responders also served admirably as frontline workers during the pandemic and deserve adequate support from the City; and WHEREAS, On Fri-

day, May 19th, a Charlestown elderly woman was in need of assistance following a medical emergency. While Boston Fire services arrived around 15 minutes after an emergency call was made, Boston EMS arrived about an hour after they were dispatched. The delay resulted in delay of care; and

WHEREAS, The resident later found out EMS transport was coming from a different neighborhood

because Charlestown's ambulance was occupied with a different call. This incident highlights the necessity in assessing city service needs in tandem with investments in city growth; and

WHEREAS, Effective growth requires a holistic approach in how the city will invest in more resources to successfully support its growing number of citizens, particularly in instances of distress. We must ensure that we have the appropriate ratio EMS cars, equipment, and personnel to provide residents with appropriate, life-saving response

The Boston City Council has yet to schedule a date for this hearing. Members of the public are encouraged to provide written or oral comments once a date is established.

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Annual Deer Island Stroll Stepping Out to cure Scleroderma walk set

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, June 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East

b. Approval of Minutes December 27, 2022/March 21, 2023 - 6:35 pm

b. 7:30 pm - Update legislative changes to PierPAC

a. 6:45 pm - Phase II construction update and review (w/public

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 as amended to permit virtual

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the

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

organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before June 16, 2023.

a. Attendance 6:30 pm

Individuals living with and affected by scleroderma will join together at 9:00 a.m., on June 10, at Deer Island, 190 Taft Avenue, Winthrop, MA, to take part in the annual Deer Island Stroll - Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma walk. Scleroderma is a rare rheumatic disease affects connective tissue and the vascular system, producing excessive collagen that causes fibrosis in the skin (localized) or in internal organs (systemic sclerosis). The disease can cause disfigurement and disability. For some, it's life-threatening. There is no known cause or cure. More than 300,000 Americans live

with the disease.

This year marks a special occasion for the organization. The National Scleroderma Foundation is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Founded in

1998, the Foundation has

been advancing medical research, promoting disease awareness, and providing support to people with scleroderma, their families and support networks for 25 years. For the last 20 of those years, walks have taken place across the country to bring awareness to the disease and raise funds to support the National Scleroderma Foundation's mission.

"The scope of our work is nationwide" said Mary

Foundation's mission.

"The scope of our work is nationwide," said Mary Wheatley, CEO of the National Scleroderma Foundation. "And we are grateful to our supporters across the country who are leading the fight against this disease. Our Deer Island Stroll is a special one with walkers, organizers, and volunteers who are

with walkers, organizers, and volunteers who are incredibly committed and passionate."

Our local New England

Chapter makes a differ-

ence in the lives of those

living with and affected by

scleroderma. The work to help individuals find their best path is happening

REGULAR MEETING

Anticipated Adjournment - 8:00 pm

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scleroderma and available resources at scleroderma.

CONVOCATORIA DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

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

Por la presente se notifica que el martes 20 de junio de 2023, a las 6:30 p.m., se llevará a cabo

Foi la presente se nutifica que el mantes 20 de junio de 2023, a las 0.50 p.m., se nevaria a caror 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 16 de junio de 2023.

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

REGULAR MEETING

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm

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Nuevos negocios

a. 6:45 pm - Actualización y revisión de la construcción de la Fase II (con comentario público) b. 7:30 pm — Actualizar los cambios legislativos en PierPAC

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Aplazamiento anticipado – 8:00 pm

o – 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 junio 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.

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

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 –

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a

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

A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the

organization's website at: www.EBPierPAC.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.

EBCCS HOLDS ITS SPRING SHOW

East Boston Central Catholic School presented its spring show, "Sounds of the 70s" on May 26.



Grade 8 performing "Turn the Beat Around."



Grade 7 singing "How Deep is Your Love."





The Massachusetts Department of Transportation invites you to attend

East Boston In-Person Open House

for the

Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project

Thursday, June 15

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mario Umana Academy Gymnasium 312 Border Street Boston, MA 02128

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting an in-person open house to update East Boston residents on the first of two full closures of the Sumner Tunnel. This will also be an opportunity for residents to ask questions for the project team. The first closure will take place from July 5, 2023, to August 31, 2023. The second closure will take place next summer from July 2024 to August 2024.

The open house will provide information on project goals, construction activities and travel options for the public during the closure. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Open house attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions. This open house is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone's schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available.

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 possibl e prior to the meeting, and for more difficult to arrange services including sign-language, CART or language translation or interpret ation, requests should be made at least ten business days before the meeting.

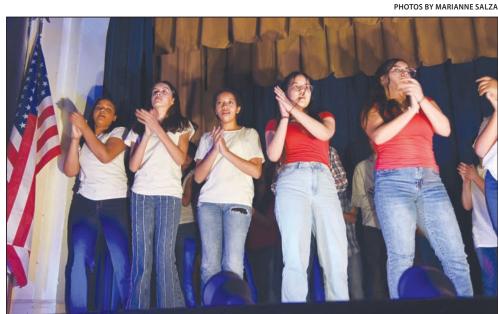
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EBCCS Choir performing "Night Fever."



Students singing the final song "Would You Be My Girl."



Grade 5 singing, "Tie a Ribbon."



Adriana Puerta, Dishawn Newton, and Kayla Gomes, performing "You're the One

That I Want."



Sebastian Salmoran, grade 6, singing "YMCA."

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