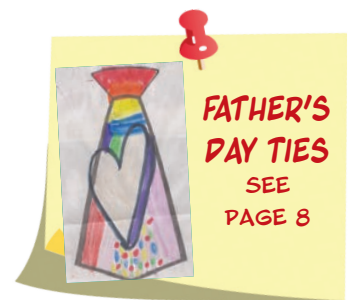


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'KIDS IN BOATING' EVENT

"Kids in Boating," event was held at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, located on Marginal Street in East Boston, on Sunday. The event is held during Massachusetts Kids in Boating and Fishing Week, and is intended to introduce the next generation to boating and teach children and families how to stay safe and have fun while on the water.

During the event, there was boating and ocean related activities and educational materials, and even



organized a "Touch-A-Boat" on the docks to invite guests to come aboard and learn more about the

vessels they see on Boston Harbor. This year's lineup of vessels included a Boston Harbor City Cruises

Water Taxi, a Fire Boat, a Sea Tow vessel, a Boston Harbor Police boat, and the Nantucket Lightship.



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Substation protests continue with picnic

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Those opposing the construction of an Ever-source substation on Condor Street gathered together last Wednesday, June 7, for a community picnic protesting the substation, emphasizing that they will not let it be fully built without a fight.

In a fight that has spanned many years, protests ramped up in January, coinciding with the beginning of construction. Notably, there were multi-

ple arrests after a demonstration on Tuesday, January 17, in which activists attempted to block the entrance to the construction site.

One of the main reasons that there is opposition to this electrical substation is due to safety concerns from potential flooding of the site, a site that is across the street from a playground.

"We know in all the future forecasts in the de-

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John Walkey, GreenRoots' Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives, addresses the crowd.

MassDOT announces alternative travel options ahead of Sumner Tunnel closure

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) today announced a comprehensive mitigation plan to address travel impacts and provide cost effective alternative transportation options for residents and visitors ahead of the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel from Wednesday, July 5, through Thursday, August 31, 2023. The tunnel will be fully closed for approximately two months to facilitate work on the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel

points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the duration of the tunnel's closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for

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TRASH DELAY
Due to the Juneteenth Holiday observed on Monday, June 19, 2022
Trash will be delayed by one day.
Capitol Waste Services, Inc.

Madaro honored with 'Making a Difference Award'

Special to the Times-Free Press

Rep. Adrian Madaro was humbled to accept the Michael V. Dalton Making a Difference Award from the Thinking of Michael (TOM) Foundation on Friday, May 19 at the foundation's 4th annual Trivia Night at the Four Points by Sheraton Wakefield Boston Hotel & Conference Center.

The Thinking of Michael Foundation was established by Dick Dalton and his wife, TOM President Carmela Dalton; their son Jamie Dalton; and daughter, Stacey Dalton Cook, after Dick and Carmela Dalton's son Michael Dalton, a hockey and football standout at St. Sebastian's School who went on to star at Colby College, died in 2018 at the age of 39 from an opiate overdose while in outpatient treatment.

"I feel in my heart that through Michael's death,



Rep. Adrian Madaro.

something good has come out of it and we are helping so many people. It's a good feeling," said Carmela Dalton. "It's sad on one hand, but it's also so very meaningful. We couldn't do this without the help of our friends and family and the board, which is fabulous."

Carmela Dalton said Representative Madaro, who serves as the House Chair of the legislature's

Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery is "so worthy of this award for his exceptional work and contributions to the foundation's mission and the impact he has had in the community. He's been a tireless advocate for legislation and funding that is making a difference."

Representative Adrian Madaro said he's privileged to partner with "some amazing individuals and advocates across the state who are doing transformative work in behavioral health care and this is such a beautiful way to honor Michael's memory."

"The Think of Michael Foundation is doing amazing work not only raising money to make sure that folks have opportunities for scholarships to get into sober homes, but also doing the work each and every day of breaking barriers that those in recovery and those with substance

use disorders have to deal with as well as combating the stigma of addiction that's still very alive and well," said Representative Madaro. "Thank you for what you do."

Dick Dalton said the Making a Difference Award is for "great people doing great things."

"We felt it's so important to give them credit for the good things they are doing, so that people know there are so many people who are working to make a difference helping those in recovery succeed," he said.

The foundation provides financial aid in the form of scholarships to recovering addicts to help defray the cost of living at sober houses as they transition from rehabilitation to the real world, and also provides scholarships to high school students. The foundation has since expanded its mission to other endeavors, including job assistance.



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Jeffries Point Neighborhood Associatio glides through monthly meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

In what the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association’s (JPNA) Treasurer Andrew Pike described as “Probably the fastest JPNA meeting that we’ve ever had,” on Monday, residents in attendance heard some announcements, Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) project updates, and more.

The meeting, which lasted only about a half hour, was cut short due to a postponement of a presentation on the revised shipyard project from Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina.

“The reason for the postponement is that Massport had some changes to their project — so it hasn’t been approved by Massport yet. We didn’t feel like it was

worth spending time discussing something that may or may not be moving forward depending upon what changes Massport has for them,” said Pike.

The JPNA also pushed back board elections which contributed to the brief meeting. “We initially were going to have our elections today with JPNA Board Member candidates talking, and then obviously we would have a vote,” said Pike.

“Originally, we had decided to postpone that because of the shipyard — we wanted to give more time for people to speak. Even though the shipyard isn’t going to be here, we’ve decided that we are going to push that [elections] to August.”

Even with the election postponement, one new candidate for a Board

Member position got to introduce themselves, Karolina Chorvath, an East Boston resident for about eight years who is a writer and a chronic illness and disability advocate.

“My whole heart is in East Boston, and I’m just really looking forward for an opportunity to help represent some of the voices in our great neighborhood,” said Chorvath.

In terms of announcements, JPNA-sponsored events that will be a part of Eastie Week — which according to Pike, is slated to run from July 9 to July 26 — were revealed.

Some of these events include a movie night, art in the park, and a curbside free stuff day. “The final calendar will be provided in the next few weeks,” said Pike.

Further, the JPNA will

be holding a summer potluck on July 10 in lieu of its monthly meeting at the Golden Stairs Terrace Park at 6:30 p.m. with raffle tickets and prizes to be announced.

As for upcoming meetings, residents should be aware that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) will be holding a meeting at Mario Umana Academy from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday to discuss the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project and the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) will be hosting the 9 McKay Place development team on June 26.

Later on in the meeting, attendees heard from Ryan Shea, the Acting Director of Construction for the BWSC, who provided a quick update about ongoing

and upcoming projects in the area.

“Happy to report the project is 85-90 percent complete. We have two streets left on the job — Sumner Street and Maverick Street,” said Shea.

Shea explained that the BWSC is working on Sumner Street between Clipper Ship Lane and Maverick Square, which just has water work to be done, which is projected to go through the end of July.

The second area of ongoing work on Sumner Street between Orleans and Lamson Court involves a drain relay and other water work projected to go through Mid-August.

“That’s the update of the ongoing work that we have right now. Once Sumner Street is complete,

we’re going to transition over to Maverick Street, where we have one remaining piece of work between Orleans and Cottage,” said Shea.

In response to a question about paving, Shea said, “We’re going to try and pave as much of this project as we possibly can without sacrificing potential quality in the future, but to answer your question, Water and Sewer will be responsible for paving over our trenches on the streets that we have affected in the project.”

Although the JPNA had a briefer meeting than usual, it clearly provided attendees with information to keep in mind for the coming days and weeks.

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decades to come we can expect flooding in that area, and in fact, Condor Street gets flooded now when we have severe storms,” said John Walkey, GreenRoots’ Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives.

“So, in 2018, Condor Street was closed like two or three times, so we know that this area’s not a good area for electrical infrastructure.”

Since construction began in January, fighting back against the substation has been frustrating, according to Devin MacGoy, GreenRoots’ Energy Democracy Community Organizer.

“To be frank, it’s been frustrating over the past few months because we’ve been fighting this substation, like I said, for a very long time, and we’ve pursued every avenue available,” said MacGoy.

He mentioned a couple of legal avenues and emphasized the need for action from Governor Maura Healey.

“Since January, we’ve been trying to put some additional pressure on Governor Healey to do something about this, like she said she would. She did say when she was Attorney General that this was an environmental injustice and that it should not be happening,” said MacGoy.

“She has the ability to do something about this, and that is our message here today, is that she needs to be doing something to fight the substation more than she currently is.”



Signs (above and below) put up in protest of the substation.



Walkey echoed the sentiment about needing action from Healey, referencing the actions the late Mayor Thomas Menino took, which included a land swap with Eversource that essentially pushed the substation to its current location.

“We would like to see the Governor flex some political muscle in the same way that was done in the past to move them over here, to move them out of here,” said Walkey.

Currently, the project has been appealed in the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, and Walkey indicated that a ruling could be coming up

before the end of the year. However, he maintained that the fight against this project will continue in the meantime.

“It potentially could go forward. It won’t go forward without a fight, and we’re going to be pushing back on the project as much as we can. There has been, and will be, civil disobedience; there will probably be more arrests,” said Walkey.

“We’re going to make it very uncomfortable for both Eversource and the Administration because this is really not acceptable; this should not be allowed to happen.”



Activists gather at a community picnic protesting the substation.



The Red Rebel Brigade, a group connected with Extinction Rebellion (XR) makes an appearance.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the extension of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 as amended to permit virtual hearings.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before **June 16, 2023**.

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

REGULAR MEETING

a. Attendance 6:30 pm

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

New Business

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

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

Old Business

Anticipated Adjournment – 8:00 pm

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED

AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –

English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom – please email the President at lm5@verizon.net no later than March 17, 2023 to request translation.

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

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.

By: Louise Montanino, President

CONVOCATORIA DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Por la presente se notifica que el **martes 20 de junio de 2023, a las 6:30 p.m.**, se llevará a cabo una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) de forma remota a través de Zoom de acuerdo con la extensión del Capítulo 22 de las Leyes de 2022 para permitir audiencias virtuales.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el **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

b. Aprobación del Acta 27 de diciembre 2022, 21 de marzo 2023, 6:35 pm

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

Negocio antiguo

Aplazamiento anticipado – 8:00 pm

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

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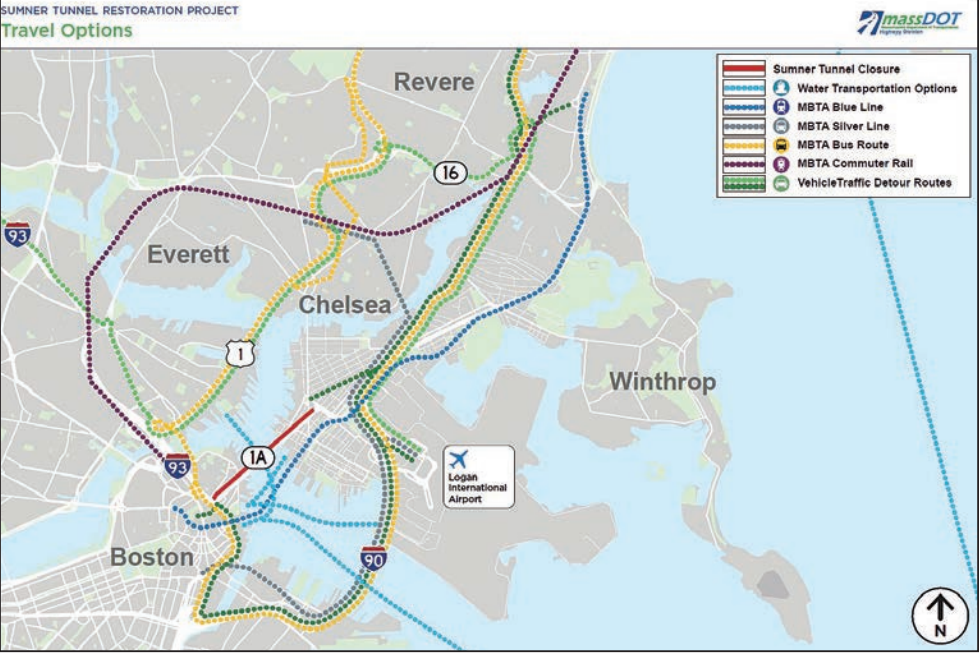
Traducción del inglés al español disponible a pedido a través de Zoom: envíe un correo electrónico al Presidente a lm5@verizon.net a más tardar el 17 de junio de 2023 para solicitar la traducción

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.

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Mitigation options include free MBTA Blue Line trips, free and discounted ferry service, new ferry service to and from Lynn, reduced Commuter Rail fares, toll discounts, and additional options for Logan Airport.

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travelers to and from Logan Airport.

In addition to providing the East Boston Ferry as a free transit option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

These are preliminary measures and MassDOT and the MBTA will continue to consider additional mitigation options as well as new and innovative approaches to modes of transportation.

“We know the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will be a daily impact to those living, working, and traveling in this region,” said Transportation Secretary and CEO Gina Fiandaca. “The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a crucial investment in transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth, and we are working hard to provide as many mitigation measures as possible to those impacted. I want to thank our partners for their efforts in creating mitigation options while this work is ongoing, and our residents and travelers for their willingness to explore alternative travel options over the next two months.”

“Since launching the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project last year, we have been working closely with our partners to identify any and all mitigation measures we can put in place,” said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “Our message to residents and those traveling is when moving through this area, if possible, leave your car at home and explore the MBTA’s transit options, including the Blue Line, Commuter Rail, and ferry service options available to you.”

“I’m pleased that together with MassDOT, the MBTA is able to offer free Blue Line service to those impacted by the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer,” said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. “The MBTA has been working hard to reduce travel times on the Blue Line in anticipation of this project. We have the capacity needed on the Blue Line to serve our existing and new customers on this line, and I encourage those who can to take advantage of this free service in July and August.”

Additional details on mitigation options are below:

Travel To/From East Boston And North End MBTA Blue Line and Parking

The entire Blue Line in both directions will be free to riders. Gates will be open at all Blue Line stations from Wonderland to Bowdoin.

An additional train will be added to the Blue Line

in the midday period to help support more riders riding the line.

All MBTA parking lots and garages on the Blue Line will be reduced to \$2/day. Additional free parking is available near Wood Island Station.

Visit [mbta.com/Sumner](https://www.mbta.com/Sumner) for additional information.

Discounted Tolls

Discounted tolls will be provided for the Tobin Bridge and Ted Williams Tunnel for those registered in the Resident Discount Program.

Real Time Traffic monitoring will be available at 13 local intersections.

East Boston Ferry

The East Boston ferry will be free during the tunnel’s closure.

The East Boston ferry service project operates between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf. East Boston ferry service schedules are available online with all ferry service schedules available at [mbta.com/ferry](https://www.mbta.com/ferry).

Travel To/From The North Shore Commuter Rail and Parking

Zone 1A (\$2.40) fares from Salem and Swampscott Commuter Rail. Parking at Salem and Swampscott is just \$2 per day.

Free parking at lots north of Salem, including Beverly, Gloucester, Hamilton/Wenham, Newburyport, North Beverly, Monserat, Rowley, and West Gloucester.

Blue Line benefits also apply. Travelers are encouraged to utilize the Wonderland Station parking lot if coming from the North Shore.

Lynn Ferry

The Lynn Ferry will operate between the Blossom St. dock in Lynn to Central Wharf in Boston (near Aquarium).

Free parking at the City of Lynn-owned lot will be available near the Blossom St. dock. Bicycles are allowed on the ferry.

Riders may use a Zone 1A fare (\$2.40).

The Lynn Ferry will operate five days/week on weekdays only, with 10 trips per day. Schedules are being finalized and will be released as soon as they’re available.

Travel To/From Logan Airport Logan Express

There will be a 25% discount when you buy tickets online, and children under 17 ride free.

Adding additional parking capacity at Braintree Logan Express.

MBTA Silver Line (SL1 & SL3) buses can use the I-90 EB Emergency Ramp.

“Skip the Security Line” at Logan will be available for all water transportation users (must show ticket).

Added stop at Logan Airport by the Winthrop Ferry.

MassDOT also has a working partnership with public safety agencies and Boston EMS to support public safety during the Sumner Tunnel closure. There will be two dedicated ambulances for East Boston, two rotating ambulances to support the day shift, two rotating ambulances to support the evening shift, and one rotating ambulance to support the overnight shift.

As part of the public outreach process, over the last five years MassDOT has engaged with a wide range of community stakeholders, large employers, advocates, trade organizations, and community groups. A hands-on approach has been undertaken to inform as many people as possible about the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project – including pop-up information sessions at various little league fields, community events, food pantries, and neighborhood associations. For a list of upcoming public information events this month, click here.

Built in the 1930s, the Sumner Tunnel is the first traffic tunnel in Massachusetts and one of the oldest in the nation. The Sumner Tunnel is one of four ways into the City of Boston and processes over 39,000 vehicles per day and is the main connection for East Boston, Logan Airport, and a main entry point for the North Shore.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a \$160 million investment in the Commonwealth’s infrastructure. The project’s scope includes removing and replacing the tunnel ceiling and repairing the overhead arch; demolishing and replacing the tunnel deck and roadway surface; repairing tunnel walls and installing fireproof panels; installing new LED lights inside the tunnel; upgrading CCTV and fire alarm systems; installing new utility conduits and cables under the bridge deck; and focusing on environmental resiliency with new equipment that will reduce air pollution and improve storm readiness.

This period between July 5 and Labor Day historically has the lowest traffic volumes of the year and is outside of the school year making it much more manageable for traffic management. A second full closure of the Sumner Tunnel will then occur in the summer of 2024, for approximately two months during a similar period between July and August.

For additional details on the Sumner Tunnel, please visit mass.gov/sumner-tunnel and sign up for email updates at MassDOT.

Boston Logan International Airport 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS & PLANNING REPORT (ESPR) INFORMATION SESSION 2023

Massport will host a hybrid information session (in-person and virtually) to provide an overview of the topics that will be included in the upcoming 2022 Boston Logan International Airport ESPR. These topics include: ground transportation, activity levels/forecasting, aircraft noise, air quality, regional transportation, and airport planning. This information session will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The hybrid information session will take place:

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport’s Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit:

www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/

*Limited parking is available at the front parking lot of the Rental Car Center; Access also available via the MBTA Blue Line Airport Station and Massport bus.

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Boston Logan International Airport Environmental Status and Planning Report will be available upon request; requests for additional languages are due by Thursday, June 22, 2023.
For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

Pueden solicitarse servicios de interpretación en otros idiomas para la sesión informativa pública sobre el Informe de Estado Medioambiental y Planificación del Aeropuerto Internacional de Boston Logan; las solicitudes de otros idiomas deben enviarse antes del jueves 22 de junio de 2023. **Para obtener más información o para solicitar servicios de interpretación, escriba a community@massport.com.**

Lang adisyonèl pou Sesyon Enfòmasyon Piblik sou Planifikasyon ak Rapò Sitiyasyon Anviwònman Ayewopò Entènasyonal Boston Logan pou ane 2022 a ap disponib sou demann, ou dwe fè demann pou lòt lang yo anvan jedi 22 jen 2023. **Pou plis enfòmasyon oswa pou mande sèvis tradiksyon, tanpri, kontakte community@massport.com.**

Outros idiomas para a Sessão de Informação ao Público sobre o Relatório do Planejamento e Situação Ambiental de 2022 do Aeroporto Internacional de Logan em Boston serão disponibilizados mediante solicitação. O prazo para o pedido de idiomas adicionais terminará na quinta-feira, dia 22 de junho de 2023.
Para obter mais informações ou solicitar serviços de tradução, contate community@massport.com.

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LETTER to the Editor

I FULLY SUPPORT THE MITIGATION PROGRAM

To the Editor,

As the former Superintendent of the Sumner/Callahan Tunnels and Boston Transportation Commissioner I fully support the MassDOT mitigation program for the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project. This extensive infrastructure investment project is vitally needed to assure the continued structural integrity of the nearly 100-year-old tunnel whose

structural failure would have devastating consequences for East Boston as well as the region's transportation network. I remember my first day in 1990 in charge of the Tunnels when I discovered that the Sumner Tunnel ceiling was on the verge of collapse from corroded hanger rods, a potential calamity especially during rush hour. I immediately closed the tunnel and initiated a complete ceiling replacement project. To MassDOT's great credit the current Sumner Tun-

nel Restoration project is designed to avoid such an event which would be a calamity for East Boston.

The two-month Project mitigation program includes free Blue Line service for the entire route plus an additional daily train, a free Eastie ferry service, additional ferry service between Boston and the North Shore, discounted Tobin Bridge tolls for East Boston EZ pass residents, and other Measures. MassDOT's decision to change the Restoration project schedule so

that it will occur during the traditionally slowest traffic period of the year is also a significant mitigation commitment.

All in all, the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is absolutely required for public safety and continuity of essential transportation programs serving the region, including East Boston. The comprehensive mitigation program ought to continue to evolve.

Thank you,
John Vitagliano

Boston 10th in 2023 ParkScore rankings

Boston has landed near the top of the 2023 ParkScore list, compiled by The Trust for Public Land, that ranks public access residents and visitors have to parks and park amenities. The annual report uses mapping technology and demographic data to determine how well the largest cities in the United States are meeting the need for parks. Boston tied for tenth place on the 2023 ParkScore index, climbing two spots from its 2022 finish and rejoining the ParkScore top ten for the first time since 2020. Boston shares tenth position with New York City.

"We're thrilled that Boston has moved up from twelfth place in 2022 to tenth place in this year's ParkScore list," said Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. "This recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing our residents with acces-

sible, high-quality parks and park amenities. We will continue prioritizing services and investment in our parks, ensuring that Boston remains a vibrant, family-friendly, and green city for all residents and visitors."

Boston and San Francisco are the only ParkScore cities to provide 100 percent of residents with access to a local park within a 10-minute walk of their homes. Boston repeated its perfect park access rating this year despite strong population growth—an impressive accomplishment.

Boston also lifted its ParkScore with solid access for park acreage. Boston reserves 17.7 percent of the city's area for parks, among the country's best and far above the national ParkScore average of 9.8 percent. Boston earned top marks for splash pads and other water features, St. Paul received top marks for basketball hoops, and

Las Vegas scored best for playgrounds.

ParkScore ratings are based equally on three factors: park access, which measures the percentage of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park (approximately ½-mile); park size, based on a city's median park size and the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks; and services and investment, which combines the number of playgrounds per 10,000 city residents and per capita park spending.

Boston is among the national leaders working to promote community health at local parks. For example, the West of Washington Coalition, a neighborhood group in Dorchester, seeks to provide access to parks by sponsoring community events that welcome neighbors to its newly established WOW Family Park. The park offers access to the outdoors by

providing free, non-competitive programming for adults, children, and families to play, exercise, and socialize.

WOW Family Park will soon be part of the planned Fairmount Greenway, a 9-mile urban trail through Boston's Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Readville neighborhoods connecting to multiple park options. Trust for Public Land is a partner in this effort and assists with various facets of the project by providing funding opportunities and planning expertise.

For more information and to stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, call (617) 635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

THE MIRACLE IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE

The news this week of the rescue of the four children, ages 13, 9, 4, and 11 months, who survived in the depths of the Amazon jungle for 40 days after their small airplane crashed (killing the pilot, their mother, and another adult passenger) is nothing less than miraculous.

This part of the Amazon in Colombia is so remote that it took two weeks for rescuers just to locate their plane and then five more weeks to track down the children.

The children are members of an indigenous tribe who teach their children about the wonders -- and the dangers -- of the jungle. According to a statement from the Organization of the Indigenous Peoples of the Colombian Amazon, the children's survival was "a sign of the knowledge and relationship with the natural environment of life, which is taught and learned from the mother's womb and is practiced from a very early age."

The childrens' maternal grandmother said that the eldest child, a 13-year-old girl, had a "warrior"-like nature and their grandfather said the 9- and 4-year-old brothers were very "skilled" at walking through the forest.

They knew what fruits and seeds they could eat and which ones to avoid, how to capture water, and were aware of the many types of venomous snakes that live in the jungle. During the night, they slept in tree trunks to avoid predators.

Needless to say, as one expert noted, "Four Western kids of the same age would have died" there. In fact, we'd add that everyone reading this column would have died in the jungle, save perhaps for someone who has undergone wilderness training in the military.

The childrens' story of their survival illustrates how far removed we in the so-called "civilized world" are from nature -- most of us can't even avoid poison ivy or ticks in our own backyards. It also should make us ask this question: Are we better off with the life we have created, or have we sown the seeds of our own demise by our intentional destruction of the natural environment?

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2023 Governor’s Awards in the Humanities Honorees Named

In partnership with Governor Maura Healey, Mass Humanities announces the recipients of the 2023 Governor’s Awards in the Humanities. The foundation will honor four individuals for their commitments to education, civil and human rights, community development and philanthropy on September 28 at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

Mass Humanities will recognize Margaret Burnham, Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, Kumble Subbaswamy and Elizabeth Bacon for their contributions to the humanities and improving public life in Massachusetts.

“Massachusetts is home to a thriving humanities sector that makes our state more enlightened, innovative and inclusive,” said



Margaret Burnham



Vanessa Calderón-Rosado



Kumble Subbaswamy



Elizabeth Bacon

fit the organizations and programs that Mass Humanities supports each year including Expand Massachusetts Stories, The Clemente Course in the Humanities, Reading Frederick Douglass Together and the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit.

In 2022, Mass Humanities provided over \$1 million in direct funding to more than 100 organizations across the commonwealth. Read our 2022 Annual Report here.

To support the 2023 Governor’s Awards, contact Jill Brevik, Manager of Annual Giving, at jbrevik@masshumanities.org.

Mass Humanities, a non-profit foundation based in Northampton, creates opportunities for the people of Massachusetts to transform their lives and build a more equitable Commonwealth through the humanities. Since its founding in 1974, the organization has provided millions of dollars to support thousands of humanities projects across Massachusetts. Established as the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Mass Humanities is an independent programming and grant-making organization that receives support from the NEH and the Massachusetts Cultural Council and private sources. For more information, visit www.masshumanities.org or connect on social media at: [Facebook.com/masshumanities](https://www.facebook.com/masshumanities), [Twitter.com/masshumanities](https://twitter.com/masshumanities), and [Instagram.com/masshumanities](https://www.instagram.com/masshumanities).

Governor Healey. “I’m proud to present the Governor’s Awards in the Humanities to these four leaders in recognition of the exceptional contributions they have made in education, history, community development, philanthropy, civil rights and more. I’m also grateful to the Mass Humanities Board for their partnership and the incredible work they do to expand opportunities across our state.”

About the awardees:

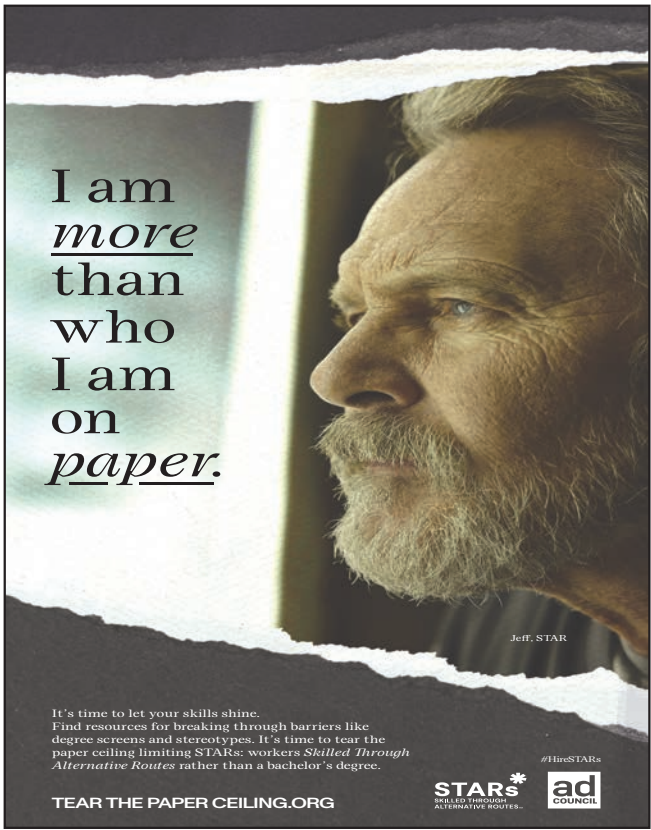
- Margaret Burnham, of Boston, is an internationally recognized expert on civil and human rights, comparative constitutional rights, and international criminal law. As a Distinguished Professor of Law at Northeastern University, she is the founder and director of the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project at Northeastern and the first African American Judge in Massachusetts. Burnham is being honored for her dedication to exploring history, illuminating truth and confronting injustice in order to protect civil and human rights locally, nationally and internationally.

- Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, of Boston, is the CEO of Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Boston. She has had a long and multifaceted career demonstrating a commitment to the humanities within education, community development, and philanthropy in Boston and across the state. Calderón-Rosado is being honored for her work that actively promotes Latinx culture and builds community through the arts in Boston’s South End and

for her contributions to shaping a more equitable philanthropic ecosystem in Massachusetts.

- Kumble Subbaswamy, of Amherst, is the retiring Chancellor of UMass Amherst and a committed public education advocate. Subbaswamy is being honored for his commitment to education and transformative work at UMass Amherst. His work building a campus culture centered on social responsibility and inclusiveness are essential elements in the humanities.

- Elizabeth Bacon, of Worcester, is the coordinator of the Clemente Course in the Humanities, Worcester. She has been a long-time leader, on-the-ground coordinator, and advocate in the humanities. Her extensive contributions to the humanities includes her work at This is MYCity! and Worcester’s Blackstone Canal Horse and Wagon Tours. Bacon is being honored for her excellence in using history as a tool for community development and economic empowerment and tirelessly advocating for the humanities in her home city and across the state.



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for the

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Tuesday, June 20

virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-June20

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-June21

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to discuss the upcoming full closure of the Sumner Tunnel. The closure will begin July 5, 2023 and end August 31, 2023. A second closure will occur next summer from July 2024 to August 2024. These meetings will discuss steps the public can take to reduce the closure’s impact on their commute.

This tunnel restoration project will impact abutters and regional traffic. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone’s schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at the meeting.

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

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1	37,333	52,000	3	\$75,700	\$126,200
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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=RUdMa3ZBZzhqTGpBNk9CZ3N0NlhxUT09>
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ZUMIX to host 2023 Walk for Music

On Sunday, July 9, ZUMIX will host its annual Walk for Music. ZUMIX community members and other participants will walk through East Boston’s parks to support ZUMIX’s award-winning music and youth empowerment programs. The event will begin at 260 Sumner Street in East Boston, and will run from 3-6 p.m., including registration at the ZUMIX Firehouse and the walk itself, starting at 4 p.m. Festivities will continue with the kickoff of ZUMIX’s Summer Concert Series in Piers Park, also a part of the annual Eastie Week celebration spearheaded by Boston Harbor Now.

Created as a response to the need for high-quality music programming in Boston’s schools and communities, the Walk for Music has historically been an afternoon of music, celebration, and community for local music

organizations. This year’s event will highlight the neighborhoods and green spaces of East Boston, including Piers Park, Bremen Street Park, and the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Walkers can sign up to walk or fundraiser in advance on the event page at <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/zumix-inc/walk-for-music-2023>.

“We’re so thrilled to come out and celebrate with our community at Walk for Music,” said Madeleine Steczynski, co-founder and executive director of ZUMIX. “It’s always such a joyful day of creativity, connection, and the support that keeps us going.”

Walk for Music is one of ZUMIX’s largest annual fundraisers, allowing the organization to keep its creative programs free and low-cost and serve more than 1,000 youth each year. ZUMIX offers pro-

grams for young people ages 7-18 in songwriting and performance, creative media and technology, musical theater, private lesson instruction, and instrumental ensembles.

On Sunday, July 9 at 3 p.m., walkers will gather at the ZUMIX Firehouse at 260 Sumner Street for registration and begin the walk. In the case of inclement weather, the concert and celebration after the walk will take place at the ZUMIX Firehouse.

To donate, please visit <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/zumix-inc/walk-for-music-2023>, text WALKFORMUSIC to 44-321, or send a check made out to ZUMIX to 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA, 02128. To sign up to walk, visit the GiveLively page above or sign up in person at ZUMIX.

ZUMIX’s mission is to empower young people to build successful futures



A large number of residents turned out during last year’s walk.

for themselves – transforming lives and community through music, technology, and creative employment. ZUMIX works with more than 1,000 young people ages 7-18 each year. Free and low-cost programs are offered out-of-school in instrumental music, songwriting, performance, radio, audio engineering, and audio and video storytelling. ZUMIX also partners with local schools to bring arts education opportunities to Boston’s youth. In addition to youth programs, ZUMIX offers free concerts and events for all ages. For more information, visit www.zumix.org.

THE NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL BOSTON FROGMAN SWIM FUNDRAISER

The Navy SEAL Foundation is hosting its 5th Annual Boston Frogman Swim fundraiser event on Sunday, June 18, from the Piers Park Sailing Center.

Established in 2019 with only 28 swimmers, this year’s event features 90 swimmers, 50 kayakers and over 30 Gold Star Surviving Family members attending. Not only that, but the foundation has already raised near-

ly \$150,000 through this swim.

The Boston Frogman Swim is a symbolic and physically demanding event inspired by the Navy SEALs’ legacy of courage and commitment to service. Participants will gather at the Boston Harbor, where they will dive into the waters and complete a challenging swim, emulating the tenacity and determination embodied by our nation’s elite spe-

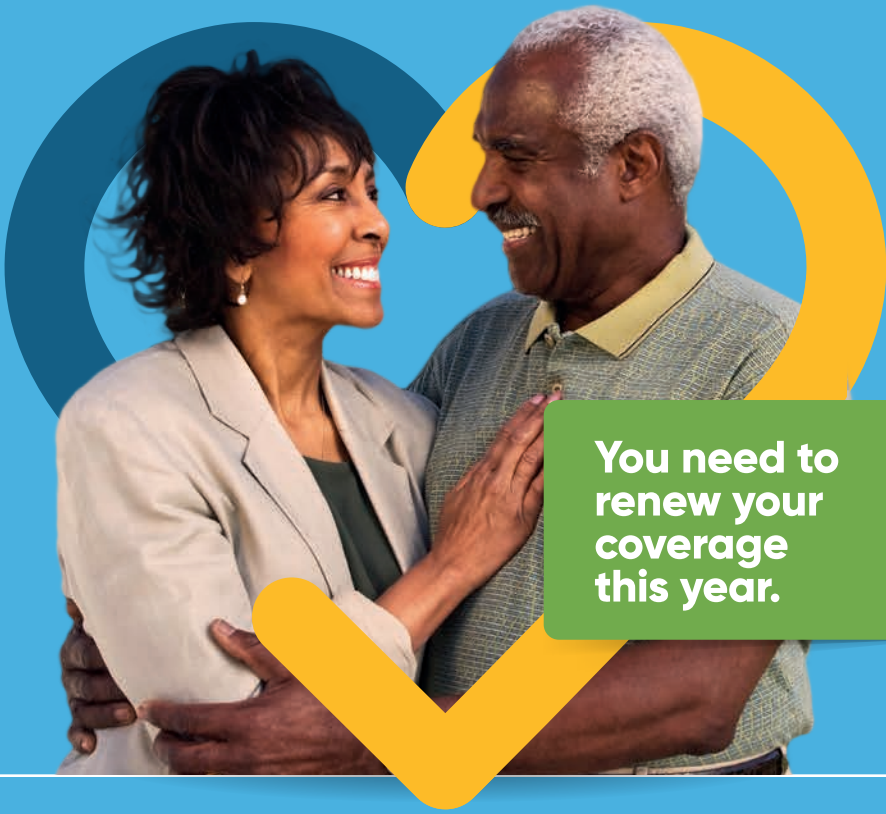
cial operations forces. This is a 5k open water swim and fundraiser that supports the Navy SEAL Foundation (a non-profit organization committed to providing vital support to Naval Special Warfare families), which has earned a coveted four-star rating by Charity Navigator. 100% of the net proceeds will go directly to support the mission of the Navy SEAL Foundation.



The annual Boston Frogman Swim fundraiser event is set for Sunday, June 18.

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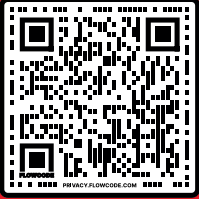
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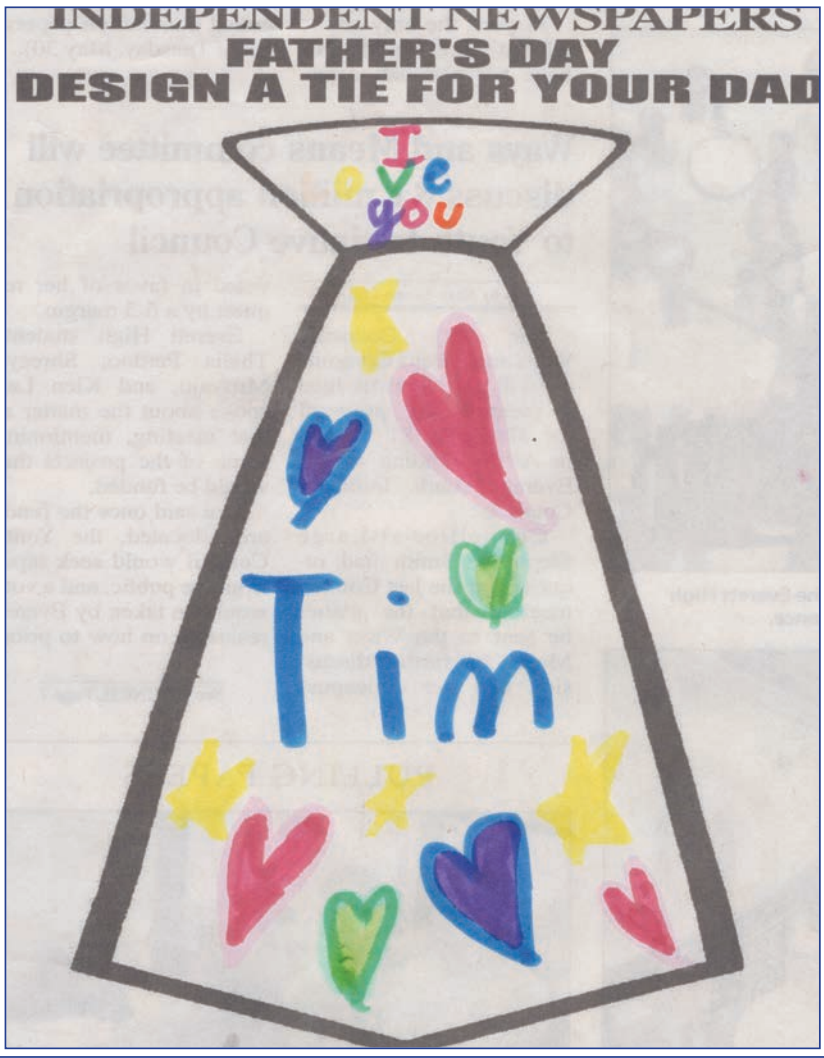


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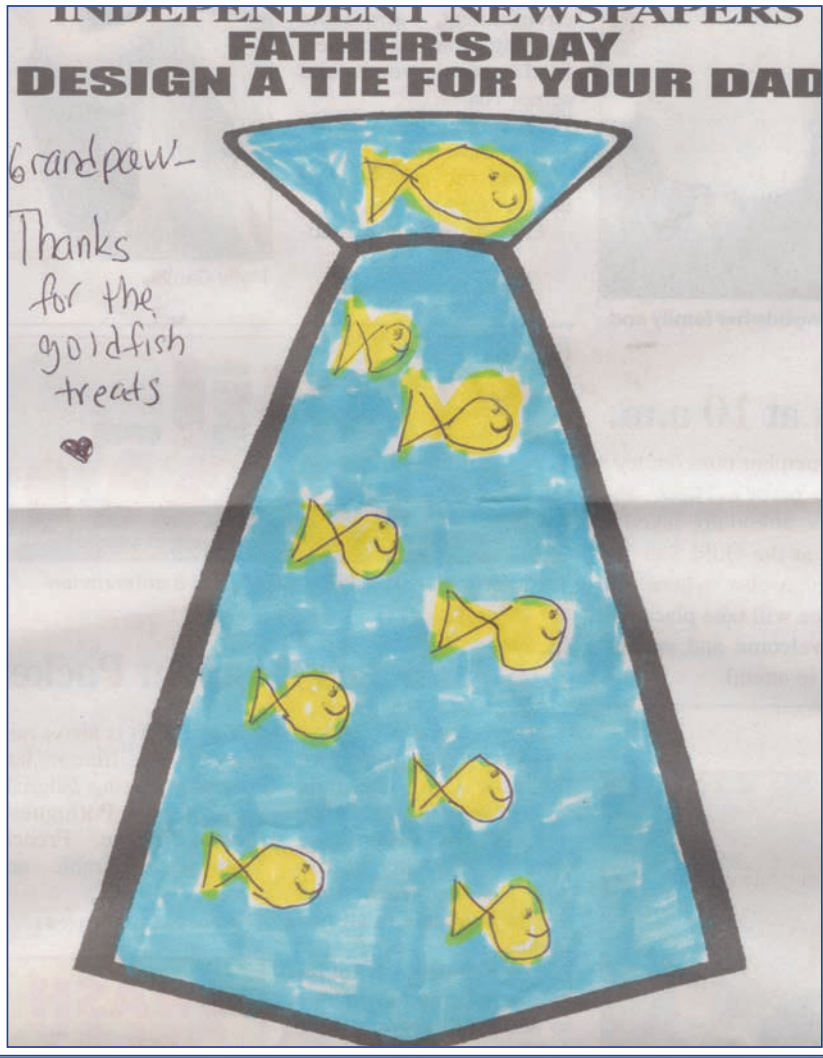
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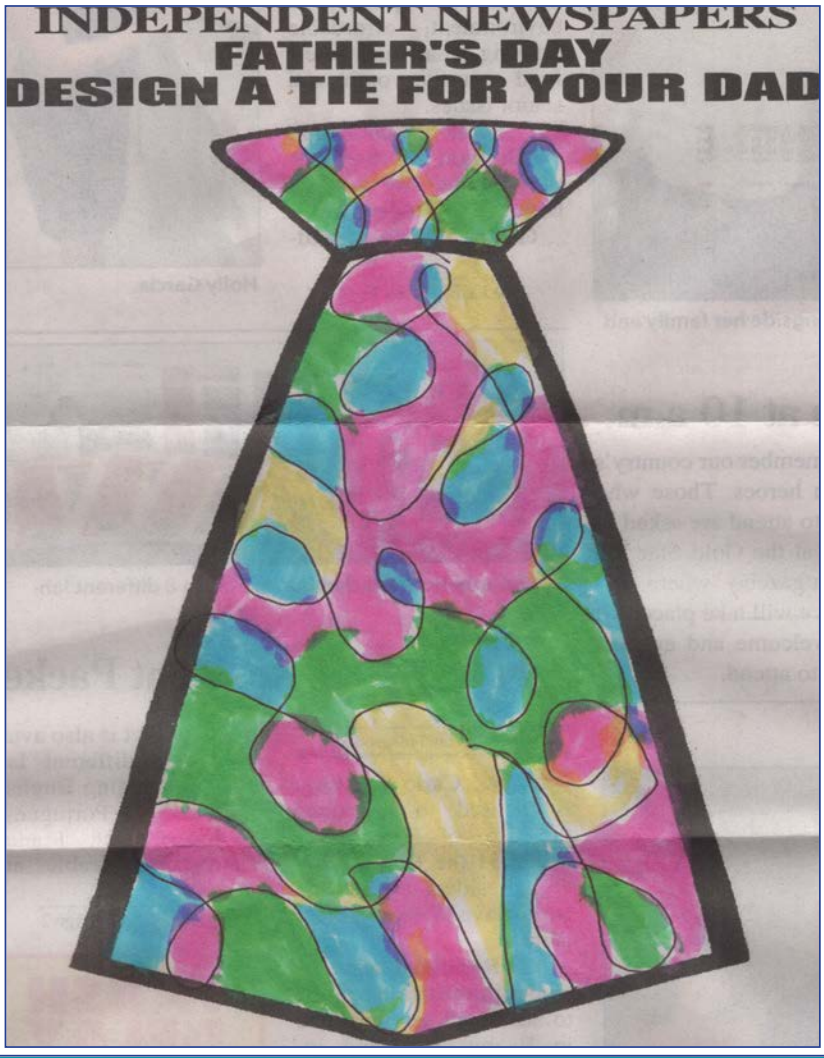
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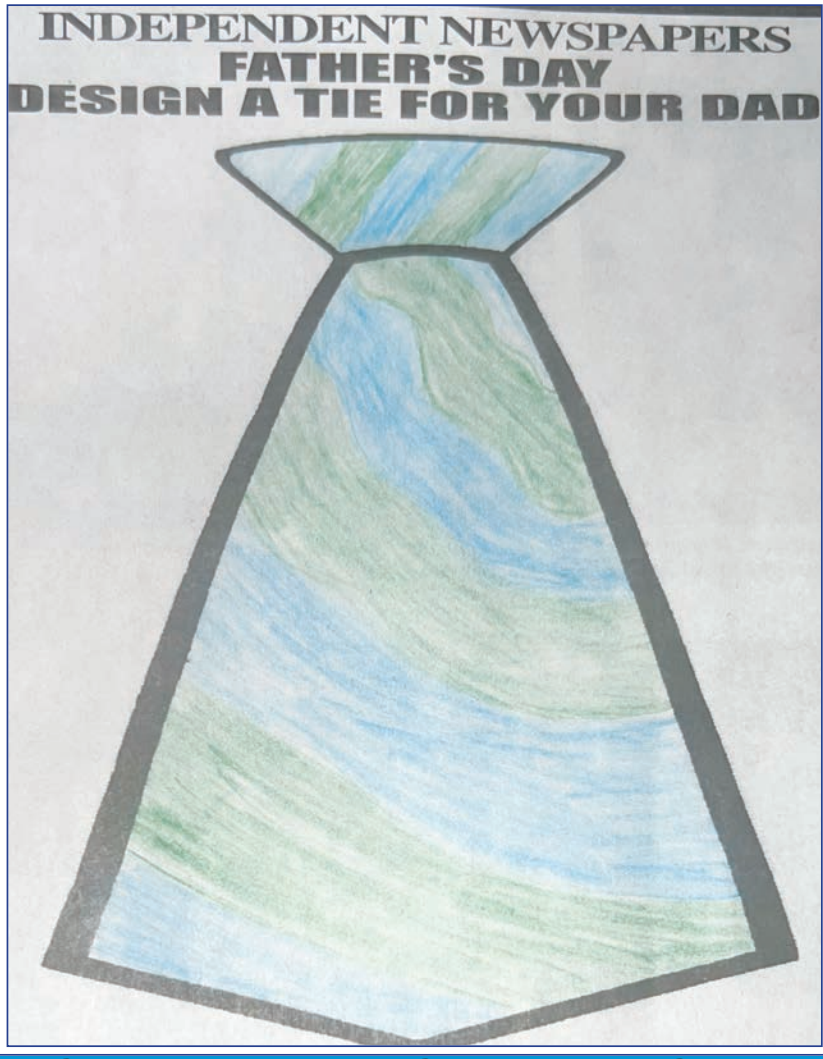
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EAST BOSTON CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL LACROSSE CLUB

Photos and Story
by Marianne Salza

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) held its final lacrosse game of the season followed by an ice cream party on June 8 at LoPresti Park. The club began in March by Father Dan Zinger, Parochial Vicar, Most Holy Redeemer Parish, who has been coaching the two teams that consist of 15 girls and 19 boys.

“They absolutely love it,” exclaimed Father Dan. “They have grown tremendously.”

Father Dan is grateful for the parishioners and friends who have provided donations for the club’s equipment. Students

learned how to cradle their stick, play offense and defense, and shoot.

“It’s a sport that uses all the gifts that you have, your body, as well as your intelligence, voice, and communication skills,” explained Father Dan, who has been playing lacrosse for over a decade.

East Boston Central Catholic School Lacrosse practiced one day a week, competing against each other; but Father Dan shared that other schools have shown interest in opposing them next year.

“Before and after every practice, we say a prayer,” added Father Dan. “I love lacrosse. It’s been an opportunity to give back to the community.”



Steven Lombard, Lusiantonio Rivero, and Brandy O'Connor.



Father Dan Zinger reviewing a faceoff technique with 4th grade midfielder, Steven Lombard



Carlos Hincapie.



Joshua Tritto and Sebastian Salmoran celebrating a goal.



Alyson Rozzi cheering for her brother's team.



Shown (Front) Kayla Gomes, Ibelis Diaz, Fatima Rivas, Aura Alfaro, (back) Luciana Malpica, Rosamaria Rivero, and Nathalia Lopez.



EBCCS boys lacrosse club playing their final game in LoPresti Park on June 8.



GianLuca D'Antona passing the ball while being blocked by Santiago Ruiz.



Santiago Ruiz throwing a ball.



Julian Correa, Diego Garcia, GianLuca D'Antona, and Nico D'Antona.

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8TH ANNUAL EVENING ON THE CREEK

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

GreenRoots, Inc. held its 8th Annual Evening on the Creek fundraiser on June 6 in Port Park, along Chelsea Creek. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing to live music performed by Clave and Blues while raising money for environmental justice initiatives and community improvements.

“Last year, we were displaced from our waterfront office,” recalled Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director. “We will never let the residents of Chelsea and East Boston be displaced from our

waterfront. We will always be here.”

Funds will benefit the launching of Chelsea’s first teaching kitchen and expansion of urban agriculture, the creation of a new waterfront park, and

the securing of 17 acres of waterfront land at the Forbes Site.

“Over just the last seven days, our team has participated in a day-long workshop on boating safety so we are ready to

bring community members on Chelsea Creek this summer,” Bongiovanni shared. “We collaborated

with 14 other powerful justice and equity-focused organizations to carry out the annual fundraiser that

collected over a quarter of a million dollars to be shared among these organizations.”



Carlos Godoy and his grandmother Stacy Amaral.



Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director, sharing fundraising efforts with guests.



John Montes, Jennifer Hassell, Elena Gonzalez, Irma Mazzoni, Carlos Godoy, Stacy Amaral, Cara Cogliano, and Karthik Kandaswamy.



Natalia Bayona, Mariangeli Echevarria, Patrick and Emily Herron, of the Mystic River Watershed Association.



Al Vega and Francisca Sepulveda, of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health.



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Roseann Bongiovanni, Executive Director, speaking with Abdi Ali.



Tsega Gebrehiwot, Mitikiei Chengerei, Outreach Organizer, Nebyati Tekleab, and Lydia Tsega.



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U.S. Postal Service releases dog bite national rankings

More than 5,300 Postal Service employees were attacked by dogs while delivering the mail last year. Aggressive dog behavior is a common safety concern USPS employees face. To keep its workers safe, the organization is providing important information on how dog owners can be good stewards for safe mail delivery as part of its annual National Dog Bite Awareness public service campaign.

“When letter carriers deliver mail in our communities, dogs that are not secured or leashed can become a nemesis and unpredictable and attack,” said Leeann Theriault, USPS employee safety and health awareness manager. “Help us deliver your mail safely by keeping your dog secure and out of the way before your carrier arrives.”

Pet Owners Can Help Support Safe Mail Delivery

Mail carriers know all dogs can bite, even those perceived as nonaggressive. Dogs are generally protective of their turf and dog owners have an important responsibility to control them to ensure safe mail delivery.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any potentially dangerous interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat to the child.

Inform Yourself, See the Mail Before It Arrives

By using Informed Delivery, a free USPS service, customers can digitally preview incoming mail and packages from a computer, tablet or mobile device. More than 52 million customers have enrolled since it was launched in 2017. Sign up is at informedelivery.usps.com. This service can help dog owners anticipate when their carrier will arrive.

“When our mail carriers are bitten, it is usually a ‘good dog’ that had not previously behaved in a menacing way,” said USPS Occupational Safety and Health Senior Director Linda DeCarlo. “In 2022, too many aggressive dogs impacted the lives of our employees while delivering the mail. Please help us reduce that number by being a responsible pet owner who secures their dog as we deliver the mail.”

The Victims

Many attacks reported by letter carriers came from dogs whose owners regularly stated, “My dog won’t bite.” Dog bites are entirely preventable. One bite is one too many.

Being Attentive While Delivering

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for po-

tentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog’s territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Not startle a dog;
- Keep their eyes on any dog;
- Never assume a dog will not bite;
- Make some noise or rattle a fence to alert a dog if entering a yard;
- Never attempt to pet or feed a dog; and
- place their foot against an outward swinging door to prevent a dog from escaping.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something between them and the dog — such as a mail satchel — and to use dog repellent, if necessary.

Even though postal officials ask customers to control their dogs, bites still happen and may result in injuries to carriers and costly medical expenses for dog owners. Please heed the above best practices to help stop dog bites and protect your mail carrier.

“Recently, I was delivering to a customer’s mailbox and was nearly bitten by their large aggressive dog,” said Swain Lowe, a letter carrier in Manassas, Virginia. “Despite the dog being behind a fence, it still managed to jump over and charge me. Thankfully, I was aware of it and remembered not to run but to turn and use my satchel as a shield to prevent what could have been a terrible bite.”

Carriers have tools to alert them to dogs on their routes. A dog alert fea-

ture on carriers’ handheld scanners can remind them of a possible dog hazard, and dog warning cards may be used during mail sorting to alert carriers to routes where a dog may interfere with delivery.

Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be halted — not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Office. Service will not be restored until the aggressive dog is properly restrained.



Gaithersburg, MD, letter carrier Hugues Pointe Jour takes a protective stance against an approaching dog.

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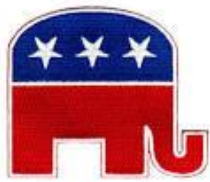
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Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, June 26, 2023** by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will **commence on or about Monday, July 10, 2023.**

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner
(June 12, June 19, 2023)

THROUGH THE YEARS

Sacred Heart Parish 150th Anniversary

Holy Communion May 11, 2013

Photo submitted by Nancy Flyer. She writes: My family and I love this parish and love the memories we have of coming here and all the special moments we have had coming to Sacred Heart.



Jonathan Flores(left)and Angel Bonilla.



Vietnamese New Year's Mass and celebration 2016

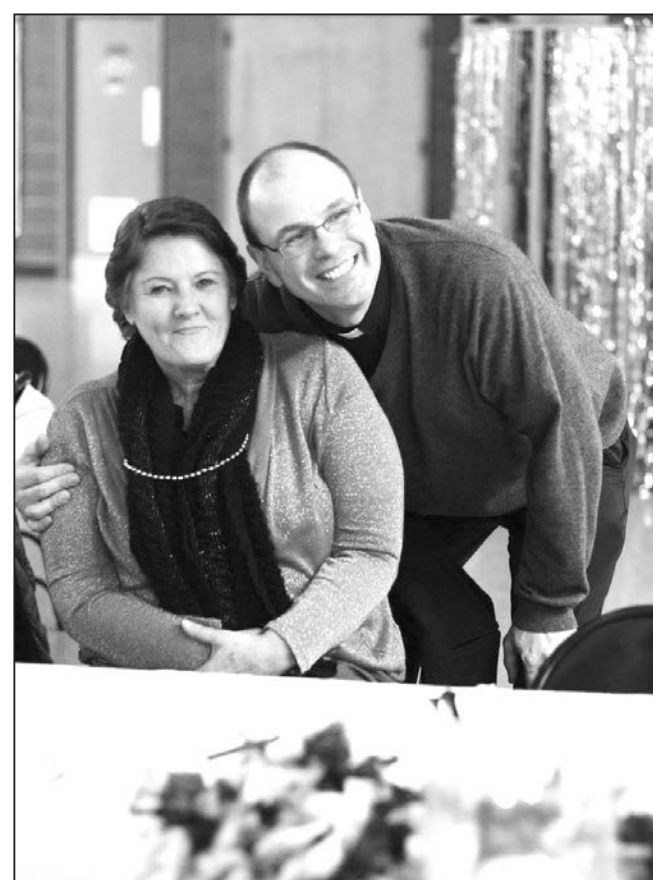
For over 15 years, the Vietnamese community resides at Sacred Heart Parish in East Boston. The pictures are from a Vietnamese New Year's Mass and celebration that took place on 2016.



THROUGH THE YEARS

Sacred Heart Parish 150th Anniversary

Carnivale Dinner Dance 2016



Leave fireworks to the professionals

After a record-setting number of fireworks-related fires in 2020 and a sharp decline in 2021, fireworks incidents in Massachusetts rebounded last year. Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey and State Police Colonel John E. Mawn, Jr. are reminding residents to leave fireworks to the professionals this summer.

Fireworks-related fires and explosions in Massachusetts skyrocketed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, jumping from 57 in 2019 to 189 in 2020. These numbers declined significantly in 2021, when 80 incidents were reported statewide.

In 2022, however, Massachusetts fire departments reported 106 fires and explosions attributed to fireworks, an increase of nearly a third over the prior year. More than half of these incidents took place in the week of July 4, 2022. All told, the fireworks-related incidents last year caused 38 injuries and \$414,279 in damages – more than double the property loss caused by fireworks in 2020.

“Every single year in Massachusetts, people are hurt and property is destroyed by illegal fireworks,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “As we count down to the weeks when most of these incidents occur, we’re reminding everyone that fireworks are illegal because they are dangerous. There will be plenty of permitted fireworks displays this summer, so stay

safe and leave fireworks to the professionals.”

Last year, joint enforcement efforts by the Massachusetts State Police and Department of Fire Services led to about 40 criminal summonses for violating the state’s fireworks laws. They also took off the streets nearly 3,000 packages of aerial shells, cakes, fountains, bottle rockets, large rockets, Roman candles, sparklers, and other dangerous, illegal devices worth upward of \$46,000. Those enforcement efforts will resume this year.

“The unlicensed possession, use, and sale of fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts,” said Colonel Mawn. “Massachusetts law requires the confiscation of any illegal fireworks we encounter, even if legally purchased elsewhere. Massachusetts State Police will seize any illegal fireworks that we discover during routine traffic stops and other activity. And with our local and state partners, State Police will be conducting targeted enforcement efforts to intercept illegal fireworks coming in from out of state.”

Officials emphasized that fireworks, including sparklers, are especially unsafe around children. Sparklers burn at temperatures of over 1,800° Fahrenheit – hotter than the melting point of glass and aluminum. According to a 2021 report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, “there were an estimated

1,600 emergency department-treated injuries associated with firecrackers and 900 with sparklers” in 2020. This accounted for almost 10% of all fireworks-related injuries that year. Of those 900 injuries from sparklers, 44% were to children under the age of 5. Sparklers burn at such high temperatures that they can easily ignite combustible materials even after they are extinguished: in Dracut last summer, nine people were displaced after careless disposal of sparklers started a three-alarm fire in their home.

Unfortunately, fires, explosions, and injuries caused by fireworks are not a new phenomenon. Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 1,000 fires related to illegal fireworks between 2013 and 2022, officials said. In addition to the 42 fire service injuries, five civilian injuries, and \$2.5 million in damages attributed to these fires, Massachusetts medical facilities reported about 30 severe burn injuries extending to 5% or more of the victims’ bodies that were caused by illegal fireworks.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted municipal fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.



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Angiolina Pizzicannella

Of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston



Angiolina (LaVita) Pizzicannella of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on June 13 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Mirabella, Italy and was the wife of the late Remo Pizzicannella., loving mother of Maria Pizzicannella, Luigi Pizzicannella and his wife, Christine and Valentina "Tina" Pizzicannella, all of Winthrop; cherished Nonni of Kristina Pizzicannella-Murphy and her husband, Daniel of Winthrop; "Old Nonna" of Dominic and Giuliana Pizzicannella-Murphy of Winthrop; dear sister of Josie Cimildoro and her late husband, Frank of Milton, Michael LaVita of New Hampshire and his late former wife, Carol, the late Janice Scalcione and her surviving husband, Jack of East Boston, and Luigi LaVita and his surviving wife, Kathy of Peabody. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family will receive visitors on Friday, June 16

from 4 to 8 p.m. in the J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston. Complimentary valet parking attendants at front door.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, June 17 at 10 a.m. in St. John The Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St, Winthrop. Services will conclude with interment in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Donations in Angiolina's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 313 Washington St., Suite 310, Newton, MA 02458.

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