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CONGRATULATIONS, EBHS CLASS OF 2023

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On Friday morning, June 16 at Sartori Stadium, East Boston High School held graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2023. See Pages 9 and 10 for more photos.

SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATES IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

PHOTO BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

Sacred Heart Parish of East Boston celebrated its 150th Anniversary at a Mass and later at a luncheon June 18 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield. Cardinal O'Malley delivered the homily. In his remarks, he recognized the 150th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church. See pages 5, 6 and 7 for more photos.

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The crowd in between sets on the track at Suffolk Downs during the inaugural concert of the Re:SET Boston Concert Series, held June 16 - 18. Shown inset, Phoebe Bridgers of boygenius, who closed out the event on Sunday, June 18.

DA Hayden presents $260k in grants to Suffolk County nonprofits

Special to the Times-Free Press

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the distribution of $260,000 in grants to Suffolk County nonprofit organizations dedicated to improving the health and safety of residents in Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop and Revere.

Hayden's Community Reinvestment Grant (CRG) program awarded 45 nonprofits with grants ranging from $4,000 to $7,500. This year's fund dispersal is the largest amount in Suffolk County CRG history.

"I am extremely proud our office has been able to provide the most funding ever from this important program. The mission-driven work undertaken by all of these organizations is inspiring and important. Throughout my career as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I have witnessed young people with promise veer onto dangerous paths due to lack of opportunity and guidance. We fail these children when our intervention starts in a courtroom. We achieve a more just and equitable legal system when we help communities provide interventions,

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East Boston Little League is winding down its season

Special to the Times-Free Press

The East Boston Little League Major Division playoff finalists were taking the field for Game 2 Tuesday night at Festa Field.

Manager Brendan O'Brien's Mariners were looking to lock up the title in their best-of-three series against Manager Nick Free's Athletics. Game 3 (if necessary) would be played today (Wednesday at 5:45 p.m.) at Festa Field.

Free, who is in his first season as EBLL president, said that 120 players, ages 5 to 12, participated in the 2023 season.

"That's an increase of

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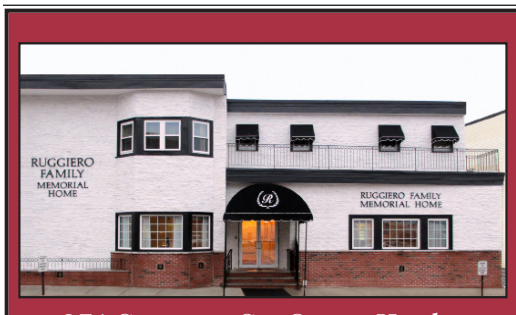

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Senate resoundingly approves bill for progressive tax relief and assistance

The Massachusetts Senate approved on Thursday a $590 million Tax Relief bill which delivers support to low- and middle-income earners and chips away at the headwinds that threaten Massachusetts' competitiveness. Focusing on providing relief to residents across Massachusetts while upholding fiscal responsibility, the Senate's tax relief package will provide relief to renters, seniors, and parents struggling with high early education costs while also increasing much-needed housing production. With the recent passage of the FY24 budget last month, the Commonwealth is now poised to secure and strengthen its economic foundation to weather future uncertainty.

"As I have said from the outset, tax relief should go to the workers, families, and elderly residents of the Commonwealth who need it most," stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Massachusetts doesn't need just any tax relief; we need permanent, progressive, smart, and sustainable tax relief. Too many families have been caught between the rising costs of healthcare, housing, education, and basic goods. While we advance reforms to lower these costs and shore up our social services, meaningful tax relief is another tool in our kit to encourage people to live and raise their families in Massachusetts. I want to thank each of my Senate colleagues who contributed to this proposal, especially Senator Rodrigues and Senator Moran for their leadership in developing this strong package."

"While there has been calls for the Senate to act more swiftly on tax relief, my colleagues and I took a deliberative and practical approach to tax relief, centering our proposal on what we saw as major areas of concern to individuals and working families of the Commonwealth. Namely, providing critical housing assistance to the demographic that is most affected by housing instability and unaffordability; the 25-40 age group who are being priced out of the Commonwealth at an alarming rate. We need this group to remain in Massachusetts, put down roots, and buy a home of their own." said Senator Michael J. Rodrigues, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means (D-Westport). "Consistent with the views of the Senate membership, our Senate tax package is forward-looking, fiscally sustainable, comprehensive, and progressive. It puts money back into the pockets of our residents, providing permanent tax cuts for low-income workers, families, renters, seniors, persons with disabilities, while focusing on the largest issue that is undercutting our Commonwealth's overall competitiveness – which is the affordability and availability of housing. Thank you to my colleagues in the Senate, especially my colleagues on the Committee, whose advocacy, collaboration, and dedication helped to inform and shape this comprehensive tax relief proposal. A sincere thanks to the Ways and Means staff, whose seamless transition from the budget to this tax relief bill was truly remarkable. Lastly, a very warm and genuine thank you to Senate President Spilka for her determined and compassionate leadership as we work together to rebuild our economy and bolster our state's long-term economic health."

"Working families aren't leaving the Commonwealth because of taxes on day-traders," said Senator Susan Moran, Chair of the Joint Committee on Revenue (D-Falmouth). "They are leaving because they can't find housing they can afford. This package aimed at growing housing will also grow our workforce and the Commonwealth's competitiveness."

"We gave the Choice to municipalities to reward the good behavior of landlords who make rent affordable. This is just one more tool in the toolbox to get people housed." said Senator Edwards, Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing (D-East Boston).

This package includes a variety of initiatives as tax relief for the residents of Massachusetts. The bill:

• increases the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which provides critical support to working families, from 30% to 40% of the federal credit

• merges existing credits into a new and enhanced Child and Dependent Tax Credit (CDTC), increases the amount of the credit from $180 to $310 per child/dependent, and eliminates the current cap of two children/dependents

• increases statewide cap for the Housing Development Incentive Program (HDIP) from $10 million to $57 million on a one-time basis and then to $30 million annually

• increases the cap on the rental deduction from $3,000 to $4,000

• raises annual authorization of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which directly supports the production of affordable housing units across the Commonwealth, from $40 million to $60 million

• doubles the maximum senior circuit breaker credit, which supports elderly residents who struggle with high housing costs, from $1,200 to $2,400

• excludes homes valued at under $2 million from the Estate Tax and eliminates the "cliff effect" by allowing a uniform credit of $99,600 for all estates

• triples the maximum credit under the Title V Tax Credit, which supports families who must replace failed septic systems, from $6,000 to $18,000, and lifts the amount claimable to $4,000 per year

• increases the statewide cap for the Dairy Tax credit from $6 million to $8 million

• expands eligible occupations for the Apprenticeship Tax Credit

• doubles the credit for lead paint abatement to $3,000 for full abatement and $1,000 for partial abatement

• expands the types of alcoholic drinks which qualify for a lower tax rate as part of the cider tax

Notably, this legislation ensures that student loan payment assistance offered by employers will not be treated as taxable compensation. The bill also adds regional transit fares and bike commuter expenses to the allowable commuter expenses eligible for favorable tax status.

To encourage affordable housing, the bill gives municipalities the option of adopting a local property tax exemption for real estate that is rented to a person below a certain area-dependent income level.

Additionally, the bill also directs the following studies:

• A study by the Executive Office of Administration and Finance on the feasibility of making advance quarterly payments of the Child and Dependent Tax Credit

• A study by the Department of Revenue on the efficacy of an additional, elective entity-level tax of up to 4 percent on a portion of qualified taxable income in the Commonwealth, coupled with a refundable credit, for eligible pass-through entities

As different versions of this legislation have passed the Senate and the House of Representatives, a conference committee will now be appointed to resolve differences between the two bills.

BPL receives $1,000,000 to expand LGBTQ+ resources, collections, and programming

The Boston Public Library (BPL) is proud to announce that it has received a $1,000,000 bequest from the late Howard Cooper to dramatically expand its LGBTQ+ resources, collections, and programming.

Cooper, who resided in San Francisco, CA as an adult, grew up in Dorchester and attended Boston Public Schools. He visited the Central Library in Copley Square regularly as a teenager in the 1950s. Cooper named the Boston Public Library Fund as a beneficiary in his estate plans and passed away at the age of 82 in 2022.

COURTESY PHOTO

The Boston Public Library receives $1,000,000 to expand its LGBTQ+ presence.

To recognize and celebrate Howard's gift to the Library, family and friends will gather in the Central Library on June 23. The Library will unveil a plaque, installed in the Boylston Street Building lobby, to publicly recognize Cooper's contribution to creating a safe and welcoming space for individuals of all identities.

"With his generous gift, Howard Cooper's legacy reflects the essential founding principle of the Boston Public Library—free to all—and further positions the BPL as a cornerstone of democracy," says BPL President David Leonard. "In these times of increasing challenges to books and information, this gift sends a powerful message that LGBTQ+ individuals and their stories play an essential role in our society and that the BPL will always be an inclusive space that proudly reflects and celebrates the LGBTQ+ community for generations to come."

The bequest provides immediate-use funding for the Library to expand its current LGBTQ+ circulating collection, hire a researcher to review the Library's historic collections for LGBTQ+ materials, and hire an intern to work specifically on LGBTQ+ community history as part of the Boston Community History Project.

Most significantly, the bequest establishes The Howard Cooper LGBTQ+ Endowment Fund to provide a long-term funding stream for initiatives and programs, including:

• Annual publication of We Are Pride booklist

• Interactive programming for youth

• Resources for teens, building upon the gender and sexual orientation resources already in place

Boston Public Library Fund Executive Director Paula Sakey added, "We are incredibly grateful to Howard for his insight, compassion, and generosity in naming the Boston Public Library Fund in his estate plans. By establishing an endowment fund, Howard's gift will have a significant impact in safeguarding and expanding public access to the BPL's LGBTQ+ materials and programs far into the future."

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services and opportunities necessary for youth to succeed," Hayden said.

The program draws from cash and assets seized from drug distribution cases to support organizations preventing youth violence or providing substance abuse prevention or treatment. State auditors have praised the Suffolk County process for turning "the profits of crime into something positive for the community," while carefully documenting all forfeiture-related income and expenditures.

This year's grant recipients include:

· Charlestown Coalition – Turn It Around, Charlestown

· Charlestown Mothers Association, Charlestown

· Community Action Program Inter-City – CAPIC, Revere, Chelsea

· Dreamcatcher Initiative, Inc., Suffolk County

· HarborCOV, Chelsea, Revere, East Boston, Charlestown, Winthrop

· Health Story Collaborative, East Boston

· Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Inc., East Boston

· Playworks New England, Boston

· Rehearsal for Life, Dorchester, Chelsea

· Silver Lining Mentoring, Suffolk County

· Suffolk University – Center for Entrepreneurship, Boston, Revere

"I look forward to meeting with each of these partners to thank them for their commitment and invaluable work on behalf of Suffolk County. Public safety is more than just the law; it relies on equity, engagement, and dedication to our youth. We can accomplish far more together than we can alone. These organizations all do great work and have life changing impacts on the communities they serve," Hayden said.

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REVISED 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 27, 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 23, 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 lmm5@verizon.net no later than June 20, 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.
By: Louise Montanino, President

CONVOCATORIA REVISADA 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 **27 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 23 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 lmm5@verizon.net a más tardar el 20 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

Boston Fire Commissioner and Cadets visit the Boston Athenaeum Great Fire Exhibit

Special to the Times-Free Press

On Wednesday June 14, the Boston Fire Commissioner and Chief of Boston Fire Department Paul F. Burke, along with other Boston Fire Officials and the members of the Inaugural Boston Fire Cadet class, visited the Athenaeum to commemorate the Boston Fire of 1872, by viewing and learning about the Fire through the special exhibit, Revisiting the Ruins: The Great Boston Fire of 1872.

The firefighters were treated to the VIP status that they deserved for their service to the City with a special welcome by Leah Rosovsky, Director of the Boston Athenaeum and a private tour of the exhibit with a talk on the history of the Fire and the curation of the special exhibit by Christina Michelon, Associate Curator at the Athenaeum and Exhibit Coordinator for the fire exhibit. Michelon was well positioned to curate the exhibit as the daughter of a retired firefighter from Chicago, whose own Great Fire just two years prior to Boston's served as a warning that the same tragedy could happen here.

The event stage was set for the Cadets by an address by Commissioner Burke who highlighted that the Great Fire, while devastating, managed to be curtailed by yeoman's efforts of the Boston firefighters, assisted by fire teams from most of New England. In fact, the team from Portsmouth, NH was credited with containing the fire just short of Old South Meeting House. Burke pointed out that more manpower was required at the Fire as there was coincidentally an equine epidemic at the same time. Horsepower was so limited, manpower was required to pull the fire trucks. Burke's focus was the importance of the strict fire codes in place in Boston today, because of lessons learned from the Great Boston Fire, as well as the Great Molasses Disaster of 1919 and the Cocoanut Grove Nightclub Fire of 1942. Director Rosovsky presented Burke with a framed reproduction of one of the exhibit art works, which Burke commented he would proudly hang in his office.

Boston Fire Department Commissioner Paul Burke (left) is presented a reprint of "The Boston Fire" oil painting by artist F. Shaw as a gift from Boston Atheneum director, Leah Rosovsky (center); and associate curator, Christina Michelon, Ph.D. (right).

BFD cadets tour the Boston Athenaeum's exhibits of prints, photographs, and written accounts that documented the aftermath and romanticization of the blaze that ravaged Boston's central commercial district.

The Exhibit tour focused on three key areas: how the national, even global, news of the Fire was publicized in 1872, the romanticization of the fire ruins, as well as the artifacts retrieved from the fire. Photographs taken during the fire were important, not because they were published directly, but because they were copied into pen and ink drawings. At the time, newspaper technology could not reproduce photos, so drawings were required. As history has proven, tragic ruins do get romanticized in art, as with art displaying Pompei, so was the Great Fire.

The Exhibit also has a few artifacts from the Fire, primarily retail and industrial items. At the time the Fire raged, in what is now primarily the Financial District and Downtown Crossing, it was home to industrial, warehouse, and retail structures, with few residences. While the Fire did not reach the Athenaeum itself, the library did lose a storage facility, but it was insured.

Revisiting the Ruins: the Great Boston Fire of 1872 is on exhibit through July 29, 2023, open to the public, with tickets available online at www.bostonathenaeum.org. The exhibit displays very local and worth viewing scenes of an important chapter in our city's history.

Associate Curator, Christina Michelon, Ph.D. points out the fire location on a wall map.

Wu announces applications are now open for block party grants

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Community Engagement Cabinet announced applications are now open for block party grants to purchase food, party supplies, lawn games, and other items for summer block parties to make it easier and more affordable for neighborhoods to hold community gatherings. Residents and community groups who apply for the mini-grants can receive up to $750 for their gathering. Applicants should fill out this form with their contact information, date of the block party, and requested use of funds. Additionally, the City will again be offering block party kits this summer for community members to borrow and use at their gatherings. Today's announcement builds on Mayor Michelle Wu's commitment to fostering a fun, safe, and family-friendly summer in Boston.

"Boston is a City of neighborhoods, and summer block parties give our residents a chance to get to know one another and enjoy the beauty of our communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year we're trying to make it easier than ever to host a party by removing financial barriers. I encourage anyone interested to apply and help make this summer a safe, enjoyable season in Boston."

"This grant program is such an exciting opportunity for community members to get financial assistance for the wonderful work they do each summer to create fun events to connect with their neighbors," said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. "I want to encourage as many residents to apply for this funding opportunity to help them create joyful parties in their neighborhood."

Residents must apply at least four weeks prior to their proposed event. To be eligible, all block parties seeking funding must be free and open to the public. Grant applications will be approved on a rolling basis through August 2023 to support block parties all summer.

Residents must also apply for a block party permit before submitting their grant application, as this can take 15 business days to approve. The Office of Civic Organizing will provide permitting support for interested residents.

"A major piece of effective community engagement and collaboration is providing our neighbors with financial tools to bring our communities together," said Gabriela Coletta, District 1 Boston City Councilor. "Thank you to Mayor Wu for securing these Block Party grants, which ensure our neighborhoods maintain their vibrancy and that resources are brought out of City Hall and into our streets."

Additionally, this year the City is again distributing block party kits for residents to borrow games and supplies for neighborhood events. New this year, residents can pick up a block party kit at their local BCYF community center. There are two different types of block party kits, with supplies including chalk, sports balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, water balloons, bubbles, a splash tower, and more. The block party kits were first launched as a pilot program last year with a partnership between the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics (MONUM) and Office of Civic Organizing (OCO).

"The new block party grants build off of our work last year to encourage residents to come together and build community block by block," said Amy Mahler, MONUM Applied Policy Fellow. "Thanks to the enthusiastic feedback we heard regarding our block party kit pilot program last season, we brought it back this summer while making it easier for residents to pick up the kits at their neighborhood BCYF community center."

"Block parties really bring out the best of the city and are more important than ever as new neighbors move into our communities," said Brian Gannon, who hosted a block party last year in his neighborhood of East Boston. "These events can bridge the gap between older residents, longtime residents and families and newcomers. A tight knit community that looks out for each other is essential for a rich vibrant community and dancing in the streets together, playing games, street chalk art and sharing food really brings us together."

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35 players from last season," said Free, who succeeded president Chucky Cassaro, who excelled as the longtime leader of Eastie's youth baseball organization.

Free said the league will begin its fall season during the first week of September. The awards banquet is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 21 at Spinelli's, East Boston.

The league will present individual trophies to all players at the banquet. Sweatshirts will be presented to the league's championship team. The graduating 12-year-old players will also receive awards.

Free said he will be returning as president for the 2024 season. Parents have lauded Free for his rebuilding of the organization following the pandemic.

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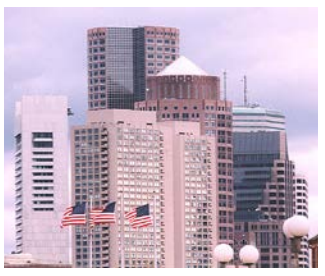

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YES, WE'RE IN HOT WATER

It's a cliche that modern man is out-of-touch with the natural world (what's left of it). Whereas our long-ago ancestors had a deep sense of the change of seasons, migrations of animals, and so forth, we know nothing. Compared to their innate knowledge of the natural world, we are illiterates.

People the world over have been captivated by the recent news story about the survival of the four, Indigenous, young children in the Amazon rainforest for 40 days after their small plane crashed (and all the adults died). Their tale of survival prompted this comment by an expert: "Westerners would have been long dead," and no one disputed it.

However, there is one thing that we ourselves have noted this spring, namely, that the ocean temperature along our coast is much warmer than it typically is at this time of year.

We have belonged to a local ocean-rowing club for a few years. We launch our boats (which accommodate a crew of four with a coxswain) by lifting them off a trailer and walking them into the water.

Our season starts in early May and our ankles and feet usually become numb within minutes of stepping into the water during the first few weeks before Memorial Day.

But this season, we noticed something different, something amiss: There was no numbness in our feet. Sure, the water was cold, but not numbingly so. In fact, the water felt pleasant, especially after a long row.,

Similarly, swimming in our wetsuit (in preparation for a local triathlon in late June which we have been doing for 16 years) typically is a chilly experience at this time of year, but it has not been so this spring.

A recent report from the government agency NOAA revealed that ocean water temperatures world-wide are the warmest that EVER have been recorded. In addition, the first 10 days of June were the hottest-ever recorded on the planet for that 10-day time period (although we would never know it here!).

So for those of us who venture into the ocean in May and June, the good news is that the water has been far more pleasant than usual.

But the bad news is that our planet, both on land and sea, is warming faster and faster -- and we fear the implications for our environment will only be more and more furious.

We can't escape feeling that we're like the proverbial frog in the soon-to-be boiling pot of water. But unlike the frog, which does have the ability to jump out, we have nowhere to go.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, RACIAL HATRED CAME TO OUR AREA

It was two years ago this coming week when an unspeakable act of violence, motivated by racial hatred, befell the nearby peaceful community of Winthrop.

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer, Saturday afternoon in that seaside community was shattered when a 28 year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 year-old Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St., for no other reason than the color of their skin.

Thanks to the quick response of Winthrop police and the heroism of Sgt. Nicholas Bettano, the suspect himself was shot in the street when he refused to put down his weapons (he was armed with two handguns). It is believed that the shooter, whose belongings later were found to contain white supremacist and anti-Semitic literature, was en route to the nearby local temple and synagogue with the intent of perpetrating a mass shooting incident before he was stopped by Sgt. Bettano.

To be sure, both Ramona Cooper and David Green happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. However, given that the shooter did not fire his weapon at white passers-by, his intent to shoot them solely because they were Black is undeniable.

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Defamation League recently reported that acts of anti-Semtiism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past two years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America is immune from the virus of prejudice.

For those of us who have called this area our home for many years, we still shudder whenever we visit Winthrop and drive down Shirley St. toward Cross St. -- the events of June 26, 2021, are just too terrible to contemplate.

However, the best way that we can honor the memories of Ramona Cooper and David Green is never to forget that tragic and horrible day and resolve to do whatever we can to end the evils of racism and all other forms of prejudice that are far too prevalent throughout our society.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that (1) inflation is too high and (2) there is a shortage of housing in this country.

However, solving both of those problems seems to have become a classic Catch-22 scenario: Higher interest rates may tame inflation by lessening the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but it also serves to put a lid on new home construction.

But with fewer homes on the market (both new and existing) at a time of ever-increasing demand for homes (because of the coming of age of millennials), the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. In other words, by continuing to reduce the supply of new housing by means of higher interest dates, policy makers are ensuring that prices will remain high.

It is estimated that with new home construction at its lowest level in 20 years (despite a larger population), the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single family homes and rentals, by more than two million units for each of the past few years, thus creating the housing crisis we have today.

But with interest rates now at their highest levels in 20 years, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low interest rates), which decreases the number of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In other words, our housing crisis is the result of what physicists refer to as a positive feedback loop. And just as In climate science, where feedback loops are creating dire consequences for the future of the planet, so too, the housing crisis only promises to worsen with no end in sight.

Climate change affects everyone through water - even in Massachusetts

By Julia Blatt, Executive Director, Massachusetts Rivers Alliance

When we think of climate change, the first images that come to mind are of hot temperatures, melting ice caps, and greenhouse gases clogging the atmosphere. A recent report by the United Nations, however, warns that most people will actually experience the impacts of climate change through their interactions with water.

The U.N. found: "The science is clear: the global climate change crisis is increasing variability in the water cycle, thus reducing the predictability of water availability and demand, affecting water quality, exacerbating water scarcity, and threatening sustainable development worldwide." That's certainly true in Massachusetts. It's not simply a matter of whether we can ski during the winter or go kayaking in the summer.

Drought in Massachusetts has become more frequent and more severe due to climate change. Scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration predict that droughts in our state will become worse. The 2016 drought had severe impacts: six public water suppliers petitioned the MassDEP for water emergency declarations, the Quabbin Reservoir decreased by over 20%, and groundwater that supplies many towns' drinking water declined.

The state's economy is adversely affected. This winter highlighted the loss of snow cover for winter recreation facilities in the state. Additionally, in 2016 it is estimated that cranberry growers lost about one-third of their harvest due to the drought. Our aquatics industries also suffer, as rising water temperatures can lower oxygen levels and alter freshwater and marine ecosystems. Key ocean fisheries, such as cod and lobster south of Cape Code, are expected to decline. The EPA warns that climate change may also pose challenges for the state's agriculture. Some farms may be harmed if more hot days and drought reduce crop yield, or if more flooding and wetter springs delay planting dates.

Less water available for agriculture affects the rest of us as well. According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts farmers are irrigating crops more due to decreased precipitation, higher temperatures, and lower soil moisture. This need for more water not only increases consumer costs at local stores – it costs farmers more to run pumps and sprinklers, and further depletes groundwater used for our water supplies.

Most people think of California and the arid West when picturing wildfires. In Massachusetts, however, fires are becoming more widespread and severe. During the 2022 drought, for example, approximately 905 wildfires were reported through August, according to the state's Department of Fire Services, burning an estimated 1,485 acres. The month of August saw 137 wildfires across the state, a nearly six-fold increase over the prior year. The resulting destruction of vegetation and tree cover exacerbates soil erosion and reduces groundwater recharge, increasing water scarcity and food insecurity.

The impact of climate change on the state's rivers is dramatic. In the summer of 2022, many rivers, including parts of the Blackstone in Central Massachusetts and the Ipswich on the North Shore, were transformed from flowing water into disconnected puddles, unfit places for fish or turtles to live and virtually impossible for canoes and kayaks to navigate. Streams flowing into the Charles and Neponset rivers were the driest on record, and other rivers dried up entirely.

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, comprised of 87 groups across the state protecting our rivers and streams, joins the United Nations in warning that "the global climate change crisis is inextricably linked to water." We in Massachusetts are also now experiencing this crisis, and this week the state's environmental secretary announced that parts of the state are now officially in drought. "Business as usual" is no longer an option and, whether at the local, state, national, or international level, water management must be scrutinized through a climate lens.

Julia Blatt is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance." The Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization with 87 member groups and over 1,000 individual supporting members.

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SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATES IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

PHOTOS BY PATRICK O'CONNOR

Sacred Heart Parish of East Boston celebrated its 150th Anniversary at a Mass and later at a luncheon June 18 at Spinelli's, Lynnfield.

His Emience, Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley was the main celebrant at the Mass and was joined by Fr. Paolo Cumin, administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Fr. Luis Hernandez, Fr. Michele Benetti, Fr. Luca Bracolini, Fr. Wayne Belschner (former pastor of Sacred Heart Parish), Fr. Ignatius Mushauko, administrator of Our Lady of the Assumption, and Fr. Gianni former deacon of Sacred Heart Parish. AJ Constantino participated as well and read the gospel.

Cardinal O'Malley delivered the homily. In his remarks, he recognized the 150th anniversary of Sacred Heart Church.

The music was provided by Ming Wilson, music director of Sacred Heart Church. The Sacred Heart Church Choir, and Ronald Pardi and the East Boston Central Catholic school Choir also performed.

Peggy Hunter and Kathy Hughes conducted readings at the Mass.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley also blessed Sacred Heart prayer cards that were distributed at the luncheon and also gave a special blessing to all fathers for Father's Day.

Close to 200 guests attended the luncheon.

There was a slideshow of parishioners' memories of Sacred Heart.

Marie and Bruno DeFeo were recognized for celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary the day before on June 17.

Father Paolo received a proclamation from Rep. Adrian Madaro that was read by Tom Briand and presented by his wife, Patricia Briand, who is Rep. Madaro's legislative aide.

Music was provided by Alan LaBella, former parishioner who also shared some memories of Sacred Heart.

Fr. Paolo, chairperson of the event planning committee, thanked Peggy Hinter, Maryann Zaluski, Peter Colwell, Lorraine Curry, Richard Alm, Cyndi Forina, Fran Riley and Theresa Malionek, for their efforts in making the 150th anniversary celebration a success.

Everyone had a great time from the moment they walked into the venue until they left. It was a perfect day.

Scenes of the 150th Anniversary at a Mass (above and below) with Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley as the main celebrant.

SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATES IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

His Emience, Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley greets parishioners after the mass.

Cardinal O'Malley hands the Communion wafer to parishioners.

St Anthony Feast Day celebration. A procession around the block with the Statue of St. Anthony (right and below) followed Mass.

SACRED HEART PARISH CELEBRATES IT'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

COURTESY PHOTOS

Shown (left and below) are scenes of the luncheon held at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. There was a slideshow of parishioners memories of Sacred Heart.

PATRICK J. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLDS FAMILY CULTURE NIGHT

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

The Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School (PJK) celebrated community and the conclusion of the school year during its Family Culture Night on June 13. Families prepared traditional, homemade foods from the 26 countries represented at the school, and HarborArts provided treats from the Frozen Hoegies ice cream truck.

Mohamed, 4th grade, and his sister, Hajer, 3rd grade, with Ruby.

The Cruz and Daniel families.

Sixth grade students, Kimberly, Susan, and Valeria with Mrs. Hamwey, 4th grade teacher.

Valery, 2nd grade, with her parents, Luis, and Leddy.

Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary School staff serving homemade food prepared by parents during its June 13 Family Culture Night.

Kari Portillo, 4th grade, holding her Stitch stuffed animal while waiting in the food line.

Children dancing to "I Like to Move It."

Naomie, K-2, with her mom, Elsa, enjoying ice cream.

Allison, 3rd grade, and Kimberly, 2nd grade.

Vinicius Pedrete Jr., Vinicius Pedrete, Frann Pedrete , Joaquina Luiza Silva, and Vitoria.

Friends, Natalie, Camilla, Leah, Brandon, and Genesis.

Kyla McCartney, 4th grade teacher, and her daughter, Wren, 1 ½-years old, eating a cookies and cream ice cream.

Reading teacher, Jee Sun Yoo, and her son, Paul.

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EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

Amid warm sunshine on Friday morning, June 16 at Sartori Stadium, East Boston High School held graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2023. At 11 a.m., the graduates, boys in blue and girls in yellow filed into the stadium, taking their seats along the lower section. Welcoming all and serving as Master of Ceremonies was David Arinella '70 as he announced the playing of the National Anthem and led the Pledge of Allegiance as a Junior ROTC contingent looked on.

Addressing the graduates was headmaster Philip R. Brangiforte and State Senator Lydia Edwards. Delivering the salutatory address was Cindy Alfaro and delivering the valedictory was Jailey Chavarria Gutierrez. Invited guests on the platform included Boston City Councilor Cabriela Coletta, Michael O'Neil of the Boston School Committee, Dr. Tommy Welch, school superintendent for District 1 and headmaster-emeritus Michael Rubin.

The seniors in this years' class were freshmen when the Covid-19 pandemic led to schools closing in March, 2020. Yet they persevered in continuing on to earn their diplomas. After receiving their diplomas, teachers and staff lined up to greet the graduates with smiles, handshakes and hugs. The Class of 2023 then gathered at mid field for a final class photo and turning their tassels from left to right. Diplomas were presented to 203 graduates.

Valedictorian Jailey Chavarria Gutierrez

State Senator Lydia Edwards

Headmaster Philip R. Brangiforte

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Valedictorian Jailey Chavarria Gutierrez and Salutatorian Cindy Alfaro.

Graduates line up to receive their high school diplomas at Sartori Stadium.

The East Boston High School Class of 2023 took one last group photo before proceeding into the stadium.

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Agencies partner to host Elder Abuse Investigations Training session

In recognition of Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) last week partnered with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, the Belmont Police Department, and Springwell, a community-based service provider, to deliver a comprehensive Elder Abuse Investigations Training at the MPTC Lynnfield Academy. Recognizing the complexity of addressing this often-silent problem, state and local experts developed this training to equip 46 Massachusetts law enforcement officers with the necessary knowledge, tools, and strategies to effectively identify, investigate and respond appropriately to cases of elder abuse.

"Our Administration remains committed to safeguarding the rights and well-being of our most vulnerable residents." Governor Maura Healey said. "By leveraging the collective expertise of both state and community service agencies, trainings like this contribute to strengthening a safer environment for seniors and facilitating a swift, victim-centered response when needed."

"Elder Abuse can affect anyone, including those who are healthy, ailing, or living with a disability," Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll said. "Together, we ensure the safety, dignity and well-being of our neighbors and loved ones by raising

Elder Abuse Investigations Training held at the MPTC Lynnfield Academy.

awareness and providing officers with tools to address predatory behaviors."

This Elder Abuse Investigations Training provides awareness about services for older adults and resources for officers, including law enforcement best practices around investigating abuse, neglect, and exploitation. The training also included an in-depth panel discussion on relevant topics related to elder abuse, fostering a greater understanding of the challenges faced by both victims and investigators. The National Council on Aging (NCOA) estimates that 10% of Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse totaling at least $36.5 billion of annual financial abuse loss. One study also estimates that only one in 24 cases of abuse are reported to authorities.

"Yesterday's elder abuse program responds to the growing number of dangerous, predatory behaviors targeting seniors in our communities," Secretary of Public Safety and Security Terrence Reidy said. "Advanced law enforcement training and strong community partnerships are instrumental to enhancing investigations, working effectively with older victims and holding perpetrators accountable. I commend the participating officers as well as our partners at Springwell and the Attorney General's Office for their dedication to the important work of protecting vulnerable residents."

"We are thrilled to collaborate with both state and community partners to deliver critical training to officers across the Commonwealth." MPTC Executive Director Robert Ferullo (Ret. Police Chief) said. "By equipping law enforcement with the latest knowledge, skills and community resources necessary to respond and combat elder abuse, we can make a profound impact on the lives of our most vulnerable community members."

"Elder abuse is a problem that not only impacts the health, safety, and dignity of elders, but all of us," Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell said. "We owe our seniors more than just our respect. With partnerships and trainings like these, we have an opportunity to share best practices and take action to address the mistreatment, abuse, exploitation, and neglect seniors face."

"Springwell's Protective Services Program is there to respond whenever a report of elder abuse is made, and we are committed to the goal of alleviating the risk to the elder and supporting their safety, health, and independence. Our team is on the ground, working directly with the older adult, and often their family, as well as our partner organizations, to achieve the best possible outcome. We bring understanding to complex situations, working to respect the elder's decisions and meet them where they are at, and that often gets us to the goal of safety." Springwell Protective Services Program Manager Elisa Espinal said.

"The best way to combat Elder Abuse is through a unified effort." Belmont Police Department Lieutenant Kristin Daley said.

In addition to elder abuse, MPTC provides specialized training in a variety of topics to equip officers with a as well as tools to respond swiftly and professionally.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Surette

Topsfield Fair Prize Winner and long time Masconomet Regional School "Ice Cream Lady"

Dorothy F. (Lane) Surette, 90, wife of the late Jeremiah L. Surette, died Friday afternoon, June 16 in the Port Healthcare Center in Newburyport.

Born in Boston on February 23, 1933, the daughter of the late Frank L. and Dorothy M. (Patterson) Lane, Dorothy was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1951.

She and her husband, Jeremiah moved to Ipswich in 1959. She was employed at the Masconomet Regional Middle/High School in Topsfield in the lunchroom where she was affectionately known as the "Ice Cream Lady."

One of Dorothy's favorite things to do with her husband and family was boating. She was an avid bowler and truly enjoyed her aquatic exercises. She loved to travel. Dorothy was also an avid knitter and sewer and won a first place with her knitting and a second place with her sewing at the Topsfield Fair.

She was predeceased by her husband, Jeremiah on March 5, 2015. Dorothy is survived by her four children: Karen Miele and her husband, David of Kingston, NH, Lynne DeMarquez and her husband, Ray and Dorothy Calandra and her husband, Michael, all of Ipswich and Kevin Surette and his wife, Cathy of Newton, NH. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews including her niece, Claudette Moore of Colorado. Dorothy was also predeceased by her two brothers: Frank Lane and Fred Lane.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, 54 Linebrook Road, Ipswich. Burial will follow in the Cowles Memorial Cemetery, 29 Town Farm Road, Ipswich. Visiting hours will be Wednesday, June 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Morris Funeral Home, 45 North Main Street, Ipswich, to which relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Dorothy's name to: the Ipswich Dinner Bell, P.O. Box 259, Ipswich, MA 01938. To send a letter of condolence to the Surette family please go to: MorrisFH.com

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THE JAMES ROSATTO WALK ON WATER FUNDRAISER A GREAT SUCCESS

The James Rosatto Walk on Water took place June 10, and was a great success according to organizer Stacy Egan VanPutten.

The walk was part of the family's healing journey after losing James, an East Boston resident, to liver cancer only a few weeks after diagnosis.

The purpose was to honor James by doing something he did every day while at the same time raising funds for Dana Farber Cancer Institute Liver Cancer Early Detection and Screening.

In a statement from Dr. Abrams, the doctor in charge of the initiative stated, "My research efforts are focused on liver cancer early detection, prevention, and surveillance. In partnership with a muti-disciplinary team, we are working on numerous studies, including the world's largest liver cancer prevention study, which aims to better understand who is at greatest risk for developing liver cancer and why. Philanthropic support enables us to follow patients longitudinally, collecting blood, stool, antigen, and biomarker samples. These patient samples provide important clues as to who is at greatest risk for developing liver cancer and the best ways to screen for it in the future. For patients and families who are waiting for the next breakthrough, we look to the partnership between medical science and philanthropy to help shape the future of care. Thank you for your commitment to this important work in memory James."

As a first-year fundraiser the team did an amazing job exceeding their goal of $5,000 for Dana Farber Cancer Institute, rounding up over 75 participants. "It brought a tear to my eye looking down the beach to a "sea of green", the color to represent liver cancer, said Stacy VanPutten. "I know my dad did not want for much in terms of material things. This was the perfect birthday gift, to see his family and friends walking his walk. I think he would have been really touched". James' wife Isabel Rosatto added comment to the rain holding out making the walk a comfortable temperature for all who participated. "It started out as a damp morning, not really a beach day that turned into a perfect walking morning"

The organizers hope to bring the community together every year to support this important cause. "Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves walking their own pace and distance. It's a great way to spend a Saturday morning in June. For me, the finish line is always a greatest moment. This year pizza was sponsored in part by Bianchis. That helped me pick up the pace a bit," said Stacy. She also wanted to thank the numerous sponsors and people who participated. "Two years ago this cause was not at all on my radar. Now it is my commitment of service. Organizing the walk also helps me keep my dad present every day. I am eternally grateful to you all."

Remy Indrisano, Carys Donovan, Quinn Donovan, Tatum Donovan, Lyra Indrisano, and Isla Donovan.

Nancy Morelli makes it to the finish line.

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Wu cuts ribbon on City of Boston's new exhibit, "Slavery in Boston"

Mayor Michelle Wu last week cut the ribbon on the City of Boston's new exhibit, "Slavery in Boston." This exhibit – located in Faneuil Hall – provides an opportunity to discuss Boston's role in enslavement and shares the stories of the enslaved and freed people in Boston through research and archaeological artifacts found under Faneuil Hall. The development of the exhibit was led by the City of Boston's Archaeology Department within the Office of Historic Preservation. Mayor Wu was joined by Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space Rev. Mariama White-Hammond; Elizabeth Solomon, Massachusett Tribe; City of Boston Archaeologist Joe Bagley; Former State Representative Byron Rushing; members of the City's Reparations Task Force; and community partners. This exhibit is one part of the City of Boston's work to deliberately confront Boston's history of slavery, to take accountability, and educate residents and visitors of slavery's multilayered and painful past, which still has impacts today.

"This exhibit lays a crucial foundation for Boston to address our legacy of enslavement and support the healing process for our descendant communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am also grateful to have Murray Miller join the City of Boston and bring his decades worth of expertise to help foster an intersectional approach to historic preservation that helps uplift all of our communities, particularly those who have had their histories suppressed."

The "Slavery in Boston" exhibit was funded by a Community Preservation Act grant in addition to support from Humanities Collections and Reference Resources (HCRR) administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Throughout the exhibit's development and curation process, the Archaeology team gathered community feedback from over 200 residents through community meetings and a digital survey to garner suggestions and feedback. The project is co-curated by the City Archaeologist Joe Bagley, Historian Dr. Jared Ross Hardesty, and Kyera Singleton, the Executive Director of the Royall House and Slave Quarters, supported by a Community Advisory Board of nine community leaders and experts on Boston's history. This robust community engagement process tailored the refinement and cultural competency of this exhibit to ensure it included content that the community wanted to uplift and learn.

"As we continue our work to combat racial and economic inequity, it is essential to address our past in ways that create space to process grief, uplift resilience, and repair the harm," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "Today and every day moving forward, we must lift up the unheralded layers of Boston's history and memorialize the enslaved people who contributed to the building of our city."

"Everything you see in this exhibit is a direct response to the ideas and requests we heard from the community," said Joe Bagley, Archaeologist for the City of Boston. "I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude for all of the community members who participated in this process and helped to turn the idea of this exhibit into a reality."

The first step in the exhibit development included the digitization of over 42,000 artifacts found during archaeological surveys at Faneuil Hall in 1991 and 2010 through the project contractor, AECOM. The City of Boston has made these digital artifacts accessible online through a searchable online catalog with artifact photos and details. Several of these artifacts that can tell the story of enslavement in Boston are featured in the exhibit.

Key highlights of the "Slavery in Boston" exhibit include text from the Massachusetts Body of Liberties, the 1641 document that legalized slavery, making Massachusetts the first English colony in North America to make slavery legal. Legalized enslavement in Boston would continue for nearly 150 years. Additionally, the exhibit discusses the enslavement of Tribal communities and features 16 stories of enslaved people in Boston, which focuses on their efforts to resist enslavement while being catalysts for change. Faneuil Hall was built with funds from Peter Faneuil, who profited from the sale of enslaved people. The "Slavery in Boston" exhibit lists over 1,300 enslaved people in Boston with a link to a digital list.

"Boston has not one, but three founding histories," said former State Representative Byron Rushing, Community Advisory Board Member and Director of the Museum of African American History. "The histories of the indigenous peoples who arrived here tens of thousands of years ago, the imperial Puritans who attacked and invaded these lands, and the Africans whom the Europeans stole and brought here as property, chattel, to supply and supplement the labor for the Europeans to exploit the vast resources of these lands. What is both unique and exciting about this exhibit is that the stories of all three are told factually and honestly."

In addition to the ribbon cutting of the new exhibit, Mayor Wu also announced Murray Miller as the first-ever Director of the Office of Historic Preservation which was created last summer. Murray joins the City of Boston with over three decades of experience in historic preservation with a recent focus on uplifting marginalized histories to share a more holistic and intersectional story. In Miller's work, he has developed a reflective, responsive and forward-thinking vision for historic preservation that supports economic development, environmental sustainability, and affordable housing objectives through an equity lens.

The Office of Historic Preservation works to ensure that Boston's history is inclusive, honest and elevates every community to have the tools and resources to research, preserve, acknowledge, and celebrate their history. The office includes the Boston Landmarks Commission, the City Archaeology Program and the Commemoration Commission.

"I am thrilled to join the City of Boston and support the ongoing efforts to preserve and uplift Boston's history through an intersectional lens," said Murray Miller, Director of the Office of Historic Preservation. "I am grateful to Mayor Wu and Chief White-Hammond for their support and I look forward to working with the Boston community to elevate its rich and multifaceted history."

Last year, Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council designated Highland Park as Boston's newest Architectural Conservation District. Additionally, the Boston Landmarks Commission designated seven local landmarks, the most in a single year since 1983. Any ten registered Boston voters can petition the Boston Landmarks Commission to designate a historic neighborhood, building, landscape or object as a protected Boston Landmark or District. Local historic districts carry the ability to regulate change in historic neighborhoods, unlike National Register districts, which advocate for their protection. Individuals can learn more about designating a landmark in Boston by emailing BLC@boston.gov.

Boston Logan International Airport

2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS & PLANNING REPORT (ESPR)

INFORMATION SESSION 2023

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The hybrid information session will take place:

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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.**

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Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded $37,000 to several East Boston organizations

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded $37,000 to several East Boston organizations to fund free beach events as part of Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. This year's Eastie grant recipients include the East Boston YMCA, The Harborkeepers, Piers Park Sailing Centers, Mutual Aid Eastie, and the New Leaders Council Boston.

Events this year will include free movie nights, DJ sets, circus performances, bike rides, Asian, Latin-American, and Afro-Arabian cultural nights, physical and mental wellness workshops, beach parties for kids and teens, beach wheelchairs, mobility mats, and grants to organizations that promote racial justice, access for people with disabilities, language accessibility, public safety and swimming safety.

"It's going to be a terrific summer, with more free events and programs than ever before," said Executive Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Chris Mancini. "Working with our program partners, we intend to highlight the racial and cultural diversity of our region and amplify our core messages of public safety, inclusion and fun. Above all, we want our beaches to be safe and healthy places for everyone to enjoy. Diverse and welcoming programming is a key piece of that effort."

The Better Beaches Program has been improving beach access for everyone since 2008, bringing our beaches to life, connecting kids and families from across our diverse community to each other and Boston Harbor," said MBC Senate Co-Chair Sen. Brendan Crighton of Lynn. "I'm proud to see participation increase and become more diverse each year thanks to the efforts of Save the Harbor's dedicated staff."

This follows the recommendation from the recently released report by the Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC). "Equity, inclusion, and diversity are critically important to our communities," said MBC House Co-Chair Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston. "We heard loud and clear from residents, visitors and neighbors alike that investing in free, culturally relevant programming is one of the best ways to support everyone in our community, so that's what we'll continue to do."

"More free events that bring people of every age and race to our beaches means a safer summer for kids, teens and families who want to experience these spectacular urban natural resources that truly belong to them and their community," said Senator Lydia Edwards, MBC Vice Chair.

Funds to support the program came from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash, which was held on March 12 at Constitution Beach.

"DCR is committed to working with our partners like Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to ensure that our beautiful beaches are welcoming and inclusive places for residents of all abilities, races, incomes, and language capabilities," said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. "We are looking forward to another great summer of free events and programs for our families on our DCR beaches from Nahant to Nantasket."

Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini, Donnie Todd from JetBlue, and Better Beaches Grant Recipients Triangle, Inc., The Harborkeepers, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, Piers Park Sailing Center, East Boston YMCA, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing, Mutual Aid Eastie, Massachusetts Network of Foster Care Alumni (MassNFCA), Charlestown YMCA, and New Leaders Council Boston.

Some of the events scheduled in East Boston this summer include:

July 7: Maritime Beach Festival

July 12: Eastie Beach Bash

August 12: Beach:Ability

In total, the Better Beaches Program is awarding $317,500 in grants to 92 organizations from Nahant to Nantasket.

"Thanks to all of our partners and event sponsors for making the Better Beaches Program possible, especially the DCR and the Healey/Driscoll Administration," said Mancini. "Thanks to the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn, and Representative Adrian Madaro of East Boston and the legislative and community members of the Commission as well as Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano for their support for our beaches and our communities. We couldn't do this our sponsors JetBlue, Harpoon Brewery, FMC Ice Sports, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Coast Cannabis, the Daily Catch, Comcast, and the hundreds of people who take part in the annual JetBlue Shamrock Splash."

This year's events include Beach Ability, the Maritime Festival, and Vamos a la Playa.

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the great work they do to restore, protect and Share Boston Harbor, the waterfront, islands, and the region's public beaches with all Bostonians and the region's residents, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

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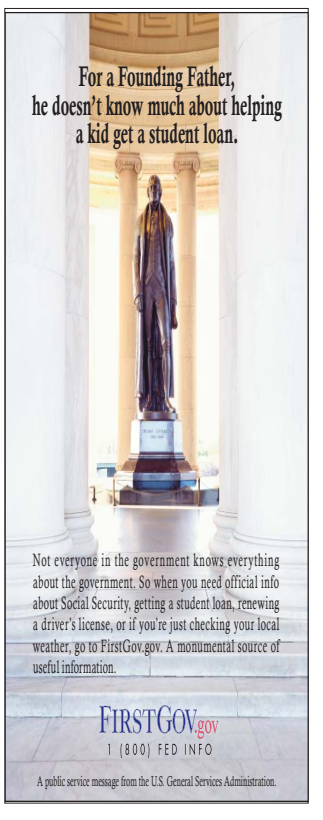

LOCAL STUDENT *EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS*

ABDALLA NAMED TO SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY'S DEAN'S LIST

South Dakota State University announces Amel Abdalla of East Boston, has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester.

Abdalla is a student in SDSU's College of Natural Sciences.

More than 3,000 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2023 semester at SDSU.

To earn Dean's List distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Students with F, I, U, RI or RU grades are not eligible regardless of system term GPA attained. Note that this report includes courses that were taken at other South Dakota institutions this term. A minimum of 12 credits within the 100-699 course range must be taken. A student who passes pregeneral education courses may still qualify, if the student has 12 other credits that do fall within the 100-699 range.

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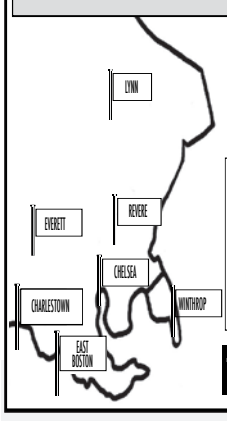

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OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS TAKE TO THE BOSTON HARBOR FOR FIFTH ANNUAL BOSTON FROGMAN SWIM TO SUPPORT NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION

The fifth annual Boston Frogman Swim fundraiser took place in Boston Harbor and raised over $215,000 for the Navy SEAL Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support for active, reserve, and veteran SEALs, SWCCs, support personnel, and their families.

The 5K swim, which left from the Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston, featured nearly 100 swimmers. The group was comprised of former SEALs, special operations veterans, military family members, and supporters, including Gold Star family members of current Navy SEALs. The swimmers were joined by more than 60 kayakers. 100-year-old Navy Veteran and Boston native Frank Bellotti, who also served as the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1963 to 1965, was in attendance for this year's swim.

PHOTOS COURTESY PATRICK QUINN-PAQUET

Boston Police Department Gaelic Column Pipes & Drums performing during the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

Boston Frogman Swim participants lining up for start of swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

Boston Frogman Swim keynote speaker and Gold Star mother, Nancy Marston (left), alongside Gold Star mother Dotti Nickerson (right), addressing guests at the event benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

Participants celebrate at the start of the Boston Frogman Swim.

Safety kayakers and swimmers at the annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

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Swimmers preparing for the start of the 5K course in Boston Harbor as part of the annual Boston Frogman Swim to benefit the Navy SEAL Foundation.

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