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The 10th annual Eastie Week was kicked off at the Zumix Firehouse with a concert performed by its esteemed students. Shown are Zumix students performing and showing their support for Eastie Week. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos. See Page 3 for Eastie Week schedule of activities.

Eastie Week begins with full slate of fun activities

By Cary Shuman

Eastie Week, a celebration of art, music, culture, and the vibrant Eastie neighborhood itself, is underway.

East Boston residents and other guests enjoyed the celebratory kickoff to Eastie Week at a summer concert Sunday at Zumix. Mayor Michelle Wu and City Councillor Gabriela

Coletta were among the dignitaries bringing the official greetings from the City of Boston.

Madeleine Steczynski, co-founder and executive director of the esteemed

Zumix organization, said that the opening day concert and Music Walk featured performances by Zumix alumna Pallaf Mahdia

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State officials encourage residents to take free transportation on the 'T'

As a way to mitigate traffic with tunnel closing

By Cary Shuman

With the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs until Aug. 31, state officials are encouraging area residents to use the MBTA's Blue Line, which is free of charge, along with other alternatives of public transportation.

State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, an East Boston resident, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Rep. Adrian Madaro appeared at a July 6 news conference outside Orient Heights 'T' station in East Boston, asking commuters to "ditch the drive" and take public transportation during the tunnel's closure to traffic.

"We really want people to know the best way [taking public transportation]

to get into Boston during the Sumner Tunnel closure is not only good for their wallet, but for the planet," said Driscoll.

Fiandaca said officials have been monitoring traffic patterns daily, including in the cities of Revere and Chelsea. "We know that a lot of folks will choose to take the Tobin Bridge, as opposed to the Ted Williams [Tunnel]," she said. "We think all of those alternatives are out there to help people plan their trip on the Mass511 App. If you do need to get to points south of the city, that App is also there to help you."

Driscoll said she usually takes public transportation at least once a week. "I think I'll be doing it

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MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

On July 6, Mayor Michelle Wu joined residents from across East Boston for the official opening of the BCYF Paris Street Pool in East Boston to kick off the Swim Safe initiative. In the top photo, Mayor Wu cuts the ribbon to officially open the newly renovated Paris Street Pool. Shown right, Mayor Wu is the first to jump in the after the ribbon cutting.



Swim Safe initiative announced at Paris Street Pool

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Office of Human Services (OHS), and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) announced investments in water safety with the Swim Safe

initiative and chose the newly renovated Paris Street Pool in East Boston to promote the swimming program.

The City, in partnership with local organizations, will be offering free swim lessons throughout the

summer at select pools in Boston operated by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston and the YMCA of Greater Boston. The BCYF Paris Street Pool in East Boston is open following a three year, \$10.2 million renovation. These

announcements build off the Mayor's commitment to ensure all Boston children learn to swim and can safely enjoy our City's coastline and pools.

"Every child growing

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Beach Commission addresses coastal climate change impact

By Adam Swift

State and local leaders discussed the impact of climate change on beaches from Hull to Lynn as part of the state's Metropolitan Beaches Commission's initial public hearing on Tuesday morning.

The meeting was expected to be the first of many to address flooding, sea level rise, and erosion along the metropolitan coastline.

"Our goal is to start the conversation from the goal of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission to prioritize the resilience and protection of metropolitan beaches from Nahant to Nantasket," said Chris Mancini, the Executive Director of Save the Harbor, Save the Bay.

Mancini said there are

three main questions that are the focus for the communities during the initial stages of the beach commission hearings. Those include actions that are working now in the communities to address climate issues at the beaches, what are the gaps that need to be addressed, and what the communities would most like to see preserved along their beach and waterfronts.

State Senator Brendan Crighton, who co-chairs the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, said that when he first came to the State House, climate change and climate resiliency was an issue but not one that was necessarily at the top of everyone's agenda.

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Boston Brakes campaign announced to increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities

Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston Disabilities Commission, and the Boston Streets Cabinet announced the launch of Boston Brakes, an outreach campaign designed to raise awareness and increase safety of pedestrians with disabilities. The Disabilities Commission created Boston Brakes to alert and educate members of the public that people with different types of disabilities are prevalent on Boston’s sidewalks, streets, and intersections every day, including those who have mobility, sensory, and intellectual disabilities.

“To be a more sustainable, healthy, and inclusive city, we must ensure that everyone can navigate our streets and sidewalks safely,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As our city continues to grow, we are launching the Boston Brakes campaign to ensure our streets are safe for everyone as they get around. We will continue to work alongside the disability community in both the design of our infrastructure and how we interact with each other on public rights of way.”

“The message of this campaign is really simple and straightforward,” said City of Boston Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. “Remember that everyone moves at a different pace, so let’s respect each other’s space. People with disabilities have unique needs when navigating public rights of way. Older adults and people with mobility impairments may not be able to step aside quickly when a

cyclist approaches; people who are blind or have low vision might not see a bicycle or an electric scooter coming; and those who are deaf or hard of hearing won’t necessarily hear a bell, a horn, or someone calling out a warning to move aside. Whether you trek Boston streets on wheels or feet, accessibility, sustainability, and safety are important to us all. That is why I am thrilled to announce Boston Brakes, a campaign to educate pedestrians about safety. This campaign aims to make sure that everyone is keeping an eye out for others and is ready to brake to keep people safe.”

As Boston moves toward becoming a healthier, greener, more resilient City, traditional uses of sidewalk curb zones have shifted to meet sustainability goals. New elements are being added along the curb, such as bike lanes, outdoor dining, and electric vehicle charging stations. With these changes to city infrastructure, Boston Brakes will raise awareness to residents, businesses and visitors that disabled residents and visitors still need clear access to sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, audi-

ble pedestrian signals, and on-street HP-DV parking spaces.

The Boston Brakes campaign will be featured as part of the City’s annual ADA Day Celebration on Boston City Hall Plaza on July 18, from 12 to 2 p.m. Every year, the Disabilities Commission honors an outstanding partner who has worked to increase accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities. This year, the Boston Streets Cabinet will be recognized for their partnership in building accessible sidewalks, curb ramps, audio pedestrian signals, and safer intersections.

“Our main goal at the Street Cabinet is to make streets safe and comfortable for all users,” said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. “We’re pleased to partner with the Disabilities Commission to increase awareness about the mobility needs of people with disabilities and promote safety for our bike infrastructure. We continue to ensure that their needs are prioritized as we make Boston a more inclusive place to live, work, and visit.”

“This campaign demonstrates that the city of Bos-

ton continues to prioritize safety and accessibility for all its pedestrians,” said Jerry Boyd, a member of the Boston Disability Commission Advisory Board. “As a city resident, I recognize the important role that bikes play within the city’s transportation network; and as a wheelchair user, I hope that this campaign will remind those in the cycling community and the disability community to pay attention to pedestrians around you. This will ensure that our city’s streets and sidewalks remain safe for all.”

Currently, there are about 80,000 Boston residents who identify as having at least one disability, which is about 12 percent of the city’s general population. This figure grows when you add in older adults, people with injuries or temporary disabilities, as well as visitors and tourists. The Disabilities Commission contracted with Aliste Marketing, a woman-owned small business, to design media assets for the Boston Brakes campaign.

For more information about Boston Brakes, including print and digital media, please visit boston.gov/boston-brakes.

FRED O’BRIEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



The 2023 Fred O’Brien Scholarship recipients are pictured with East Boston Athletic Board members at the Banquet of Champions. Front row, from left, are Tom Tassinari, Nicole McCormack, Jim Kearney, and Sullivan (accepting on behalf of Billy Sullivan). Back row, from left, are O’Brien Scholarship recipients Emma Whitenact, Gabby Etheridge (accepting on behalf of Luke Etheridge), Cindy Alfaro, Michelle Guadalupe, Brandi Aguila, Sofia Lynds, Andrey Evora, Angelina Catino, Jeremy Ramos, Jhoneider Herrera, Jaden Pacitta, Julianna Troville, and Angel Franco.

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Healey recommends appointment of Everett, as new Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court

Governor Maura T. Healey announced that she is recommending Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. for appointment as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court. Everett is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency for the City of Boston and, through her legal career, has represented families with cases before the Probate and Family Court. She would be the first Black person to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court.

The Probate and Family Court Department handles court matters that involve families and children, such as adoption, divorce, child support, and wills. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor has the authority to appoint the Register of Probate and Family Court with the advice and counsel of

the Governor’s Council to serve out the remainder of the term, which currently goes through the end of the 2024.

“The Register of Probate and Family Court has a critical role to play in supporting families and children, particularly during the most challenging moments of their lives,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Stephanie Everett is uniquely qualified to step into this position as she has interacted with the court as both a young mother and an attorney, and she has built an incredible career advocating for justice and equity for her community of Boston. I’m proud to recommend her for Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and believe she has the experience, professionalism, determination and empathy needed to serve the families, lawyers and staff that rely on the Court.”

“Stephanie Everett has dedicated her career to serving the people of Boston, and the Governor and I are excited for her to take her service to the next level,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “Her voice, perspective and leadership will be invaluable in shaping the future of the Probate and Family Court. We look forward to working closely with our colleagues on the Governor’s Council to advance this appointment.”

“The Probate and Family Court is largely unknown to many Massachusetts residents – until they need it. That often comes at the most painful moments of their lives, when a marriage dissolves or they have a child at a young age or they experience the death of a loved one,” said Stephanie Everett. “As someone who has experienced the Court from both sides, as a young mother and as an attorney, I’m intimately familiar with the impact it can have on people’s lives, as well as the fear, frustration and confusion that families face far too often when interacting with the Court. I’d be honored to have the opportunity

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and to use my experience to guide other families through the system and leverage every resource at our disposal to better ensure the future success of every person who interacts with the Court.”

In 2021, Everett was appointed the City of Boston’s first Executive Director of the newly created Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, which is responsible for investigating complaints of police misconduct and ensuring that the Boston Police Department’s internal affairs review process is fair and thorough. In this role, she oversaw a budget of \$1.4 million and a staff of 11 full-time employees. As a member of Mayor Michelle Wu’s cabinet, she advised the mayor on public safety matters. Everett also successfully advocated for funding to create a yearlong internship program and youth advisory council to bridge the gap of youth access to government and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

“Stephanie Everett is a brilliant and effective attorney and public servant who has devoted her career to serving others, particularly our most vulnerable residents,” said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. “In our years working closely together, I’ve seen firsthand Stephanie’s deep commitment to transparent and accessible government, and I know she will bring her values and

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EASTIE WEEK CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY WITH TWO WEEKS OF ART, WELLNESS, AND FUN ALL AROUND EAST BOSTON

Boston Harbor Now has announced the return of Eastie Week, the annual multi-week event celebrating the community, culture, music, and art of East Boston. This year will mark the 10th anniversary of Eastie Week, which will take place throughout East Boston from July 8 - July 26.

Eastie Week was created in 2013 to bring awareness to the vibrant neighborhood of East Boston and celebrate the community of people who call East Boston its home. Thanks to help from a variety of local organizations like, ZUMIX, East Boston Social

The following are the events scheduled for Eastie Week. For details of each event, visit eastieweek.org. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, July 12

Storytime at the Library
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
This weekly storytime features books, songs, movement, and a craft. For ages 2-5.

Save the Harbor Youth Beach Bash & Splash
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is inviting youth groups and families to our Eastie Beach Bash at Constitution Beach! You can expect music and motion from A Trike Called Funk, incredible performances from the Boston Circus Guild, sea shanties, kayaking with Piers Park Sailing Center, food, face painting, swimming, touch tanks, crabbing, fishing, sports, beach games and more!

ReadBoston
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The ReadBoston summer Storymobile is coming to the East Boston Branch Public Library! Audiences will be treated to an interactive storytelling experience and every child gets a new book to take home. The program is best suited for kids ages 3-8 years old.

TeenPoster Illustration workshop
2:00 p.m.
Author and Illustrator, Kari Percival, will lead teens in a poster illustration workshop.

VROCC Annual Sounds Around Town (Musical Float)
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Find Veronica Robles Mariachi and friends on the Musical Float bringing music to the streets of Eastie!

East Boston Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Networking Event
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Network with local businesses. If you are interested in participating, contact at Shirley Fabbo contact@eastbostonchamber.com or Veronica Robles at eastbostonchamber-ofcommerce@gmail.com

East Boston Farmers Market
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
Organized and operated by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the East Boston Farmers Market is a convenient, affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables. Join us for our opening day of the market!

Community Healing Tent
3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
The Community Healing Center Project will be offering weekly wellness and healing activities such as reiki, yoga, qigong,

Center, Piers Park Sailing Center, Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), HarborArts, and more, the 2023 Eastie Week celebrations will be bigger and better than ever.

The 10th anniversary will feature returning free and low-cost programs such as the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Annual Sounds Around Town Musical Float, outdoor movie nights featuring Jaws and the Super Mario Bros. Movie, wellness classes like yoga and dance lessons, and more. An abundance of new programs, including Art in the

meditation and art at the East Boston Farmers Market. Join us for the opening day of our healing tent!

Sunset Yoga
7:30 p.m.
The Community Healing Center Project will be offering weekly wellness and healing activities such as reiki, yoga, qigong, meditation and art at the East Boston Farmers Market. Join us for the opening day of our healing tent!

Cinemarina: A Movie Night on the Harbor
7:30 p.m.
Grab your beach chairs and head down to the shipyard for a movie night under the Boston Skyline.

Thursday, July 13
ABCD Paint Night
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Youth Paint Night (14-21)

MLCS Community “Maker” Workshops
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Come through to Maverick Landing Community Services youth led makerspace and learn how to make journals and keychains using 3D printers and laser printers!

Sumner Garden Weekly Volunteer Work Party
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Join us at the garden for planting, harvesting, and maintenance of the site!

Coffee & Conversations @ The Well Coffee House
5:30 -7:00 P.m.
Come drink coffee with us and practice your English or Spanish in a comfortable setting.

Dalton & the Sheriffs
6:00 - 8:00p.m.
\$20
Live concert!

Family Yoga
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Family yoga for 90 minutes with Monica. Free Yoga Mat to first 25 Participants!

Eastie Week Street Art Tour and Mural Walk
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Dive deep into the world of Eastie’s growing street art scene with the creative producer behind HarborArts.

Bajucol - Zumba Class
7:30 p.m.
Latin Dance Zumba

Friday, July 14
Eastie Farm - Food Distribution and Greenhouse Volunteering
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Join us in the greenhouse to receive free produce and help us with taking care of our greenhouse! We will be distributing produce weekly, including what we grow in the greenhouse.

JPNA Movie Night
7:30 p.m.
Pajamas welcome! A

Park, Hip Hop Pop Up, and ABCD Paint Night, have been added to Eastie Week to make this year’s celebrations the largest ever and one to remember.

Attending Eastie Week celebrations will be more convenient than ever this year. From July 5 until August 31, the MBTA Blue Line and harbor ferry service will be free for all riders. Additionally, the MBTA is providing discounted fares for the commuter rail, as well as discounts on parking at both MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages.

Everyone is welcome to

free family friendly movie showing in Brophy Park. Activities at 7:30, with the movie starting 8 ISH.

Paint Night @ The Well Coffee House
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Instructor and materials included. Ages 12-18. RSVP required.

Saturday, July 15
East Boston Transitions: A Walking Tour of the Jeffries Point Waterfront
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Walk along with the Friends of the Boston Harborwalk to see examples of the dramatic evolution of the East Boston waterfront.

Eastie Farm Volunteer Garden Party
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Join us at Our Garden at 293 Border Street to work on planting, site maintenance, and harvesting!

Library Fun Day
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Outdoor chalk and games, a visit from Operation Hoodsie and activities for all ages!

Bilingual Island Day Festival (NOAH)
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
NOAH is bringing families to Spectacle Island for a day of food, music, and fun! Enjoy Hawaiian-style decorations, food & drinks, live music being spun by a DJ music, kite flying, and more!

Our Harbor: Climate Day of Action - Free Sailing and Kayaking at Piers Park
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Engage in climate advocacy and enjoy free community sailing and kayaking!

VROCC Latino Dance
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Latino dance classes and performances!

East Boston Fair Market
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Located at Central Square - North

Tertulia Teatral (Spanish Theater group Teatros de Maskachusetts)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
\$5

Enjoy the premiere of the original play written by the community theater group “Teatros de Maskachusetts”

Sunday, July 16
Eastie Week Street Art Tour and Mural Walk
10:00 a.m.
Join Matt Pollock, Eastie resident and director of HarborArts and Sea Walls Boston, for a guided eco street art tour of a massive series of public artworks.

Art in the Park
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bring your camera, paints or art supplies!

celebrate the East Boston community!

Special free and low-cost programming crafted by and for the East Boston community. Enjoy family-friendly activities and events ranging from live concerts to fitness and dance classes to kayaking and sailing on the Harbor.

Eastie Week will conclude on Tuesday, July 25, with the East Boston Main Street’s Taste of Eastie event at the Tall Ship of East Boston closing out the celebrations.

In April of 2016, Boston Harbor Now launched as a new nonprofit civic orga-

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Create art inspired by the Navy Fuel Pier Park.

Watershed Healing Workshop: Latin American Dance
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the health benefits of Latin American dance in this introductory class led by Arteterapia, a collective of dancers and siblings from the Taborda family and members of the East Boston Community Healing Center Project.

ZUMIX Summer Concerts: Toussaint the Liberator
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Enjoy live music in this beautiful park, featuring Porque Puma? (ZUMIX’s Latin Ensemble) and original soul and R&B with Toussaint the Liberator!

Monday, July 17
BACHATA Dance/ Workout
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Bachata workout to Latin Music with Monica!

Tuesday, July 18
Baby Lapsit
10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Join us for bounces, rhymes, stories, songs and activities. For children 0-24 months

Eastie Farm Volunteer Garden Party at the Greenhouse!
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Learn how to grow your own food while getting to know Eastie Farm’s geothermal greenhouse!

Hip Hop Pop Up
6:00 p.m.
Fitness/Dance Class

Tango Workshop
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
\$10
Basic Tango workshop

Wednesday, July 19
Storytime at the Library
10:30 a.m.
This weekly storytime features books, songs, movement, and a craft. For ages 2-5.

Read Boston
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
The ReadBoston summer Storymobile is coming to the East Boston Branch Public Library!

East Boston Farmers Market
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Organized and operated by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the East Boston Farmers Market is a convenient, affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Colombian Folklore Workshop
7:00 - 8:30 P.m.
Learn Colombian folklore dance and music.

Sunset Yoga
7:30 p.m.
End your day in beautiful East Boston for an all-levels sunset yoga class!

nization with a bold mission: to ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for Boston’s harbor, waterfront, and islands. Boston Harbor Now works with public and private partners to expand access to open space and recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities harbor-wide, plan for and build an integrated and expanded water transportation system, and to foster economic development and growth that is resilient to sea-level rise and the effects of climate change. Boston Harbor Now plays a unique role as the non-profit partner

Thursday, July 20
Eastie Farm Volunteer Garden Party
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
\$5
Join us at the garden for planting, harvesting, and maintenance of the site!

Coffee & Conversations @ The Well Coffee House
5:30 -7:00 p.m.
Come drink coffee with us and practice your English or Spanish in a comfortable setting.

Ice Crea.m. Social
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Opening Reception for our 20th Anniversary show, “20 Years on The Edge,” featuring work by both current and past members of the Gallery.

Tito Puente Latin Music Series: The Timba Messengers
7:00 P.m.
Created in honor of Latin music icon Tito Puente, this series celebrates 16 years of bringing live Latin music with a strong salsa influence to Boston parks.

“NOAH Movie Night
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Enjoy a family movie night with popcorn!

Friday, July 21
Puppet Show
3:00 - 4:00 P.m.
Tom Knight Puppet Show at EB Library. Original, Interactive, Musical Puppet Show featuring hand made puppets and catchy songs.

ABCD Paint Night
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
\$5
Community Paint Night (21-55)

Tango Workshop
9:00 - 9:30 p.m.
\$10
Basic and intermediate dance class.

Saturday, July 22
Waterfront on Wheels
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Ride along the Greenway with The Friends of Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and The Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative to learn about the history of East Boston, and about the future Piers Park III. Join us in whatever form of wheels you wish to bring, including but not limited to: a wheelchair, scooter, skateboard, etc.

Zumba Class
10:00 a.m.
Dance and have fun with a workout zumba class!

East Boston’s Evolving Waterfront Walking Tour
10:00 - 11:30 A.m.
Explore how the East Boston waterfront has changed dramatically from 1600’s to the present along a stretch of the Boston Harborwalk that includes locations where maritime history was made and in-

of the Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park raising funds to help the National Park Service, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the City of Boston, and hundreds of youth and community organizations to build visitor amenities and recreational infrastructures like campsites and trail networks, to provide interpretive, educational and cultural programs and volunteer opportunities and to provide free access for children and families from low-income communities.

dustries that powered the New England economy for a century were established.

Eastie Farm Volunteer Garden Party
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Join us at Our Garden at 293 Border Street to work on planting, site maintenance, and harvesting!

The Trustees “Sabores de Nuestra Cultura Family Festival”
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Come join us for our 3rd annual Family Festival, as we celebrate food, culture and family, at Piers Park in East Boston.

Sunday, July 23
JPNA Curbside FREE STUFF Day
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
All residents will be able to put out unwanted items for the day and let others come out and pick up for free.

Art in the Park
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bring your camera, paints or art supplies! Create art inspired by the Navy Fuel Pier Park.

ZUMIX Summer Concerts: Amplify Our Youth
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Enjoy live music in this beautiful park, featuring: Women in Music

Tuesday, July 25

VROCC Annual Sounds Around Town (Musical Float)
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Find Veronica Robles Mariachi and friends on the Musical Float bringing music to the streets of Eastie!

East Boston Chamber of Commerce Business to Business Networking Event
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Network with local businesses.

Taste of Eastie
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
\$50
For 27 years, Taste of Eastie has been East Boston’s largest charity dining event, featuring nearly 30 local restaurants including Italian, Latin American, Asian & American Cuisine!

Wednesday, July 26
East Boston Farmers Market
3:00 - 6:30 p.m.
\$20
Organized and operated by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the East Boston Farmers Market is a convenient, affordable source of fresh fruit and vegetables. Children’s Bike Raffle at 5 p.m. (entries accepted from 3-5 p.m.) and Boston Children’s Hospital will distribute free helmets for kids during market hours.

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PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET REAL

The opposition by some progressive Democrats to President Joe Biden's decision to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another indication of how out-of-touch with reality they can be on certain issues.

To be sure, the use of cluster bombs can have many drawbacks, the most significant being that a certain percentage of the bomblets remain unexploded on the battlefield, thereby creating a hazard that remains long after the fighting is over. However, when compared to the horrors being wrought upon the Ukrainian people by the Russian invaders, the potential negative impacts of cluster munitions by the Ukrainian military are miniscule. Moreover, let's not forget that the Ukrainians are using these weapons in their own country and will be targeting Russian troops at the front lines, thereby limiting the effect of these weapons upon their own civilian population, unlike the Russians, who indiscriminately have been dropping cluster bombs on Ukrainian civilians from the day they invaded.

In an ideal world, no nation would use cluster bombs -- though in an ideal world, there wouldn't be any war. The simple fact is that the Ukrainians will be using these weapons in their own defense on their own land and they should be the ones to decide what are the acceptable risks. The knee-jerk reaction of some Democratic politicians ignores the reality of what is happening in Ukraine each and every day.

Moreover, these Democrats who oppose the White House on this issue offer no solution to the imminent problem of the Ukrainians running out of artillery shells in their effort to dislodge the Russian invaders. In addition, these Democrats are playing into the hands of Putin, giving him some hope that American politicians will hamstring the Ukrainians in the defense of their country.

While it may be generally true that two wrongs do not make a right, that is not the case in Ukraine. If these cluster bombs help drive out the Russians, they will have been well worth it.

And to use another metaphor, we can't allow the Ukrainians to bring a knife to a gunfight.

WHERE IS THAT RUSSIAN “REBEL” ARMY?

Two weeks ago, the news headlines were all about the supposed attempted coup by Yevgheny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner group, who reportedly was marching his 8000 man army to Moscow. But since then, both he and his army have all but disappeared.

Well, maybe we've been watching too many of those mini-series shows on Netflix and the other streaming channels, but we hope that U.S. intelligence agencies are tracking this guy and his army -- because it wouldn't surprise us if Putin and he have planned some sort of subterfuge, a ruse, by which they will launch a surprise attack on Ukraine from Belarus or somewhere else in the north of Ukraine.

And if they do, the U.S. and NATO will need to be ready to send in our air support to bomb the Wagner advance (technically, they'll be bombing the private Wagner group, not the Russian army), because if the Ukrainians are caught flat-footed, Prigozhin could be in Kyiv within hours.

RFK JR. IS A DISGRACE TO HIS FAMILY NAME

Those who follow politics from a distance may be perplexed by the candidacy of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. for the Democratic nomination for president. However, anyone who has been aware of the trajectory of Kennedy's life for the past 40 years should not be surprised at all.

As with many members of his family, Kennedy dealt with substance abuse issues at a young age. However, he overcame those challenges, earned a law degree, and became a staunch environmentalist, dedicating his time and lending his name to many worthy causes.

However, at some point he went off the rails and veered onto the path of the anti-vaccination movement. Over the past 15 years, he has become one of the most recognizable and outspoken members among the anti-vax crowd. For example, he told Louisiana lawmakers in 2021 that the COVID-19 vaccine was the “deadliest vaccine ever made.”

In addition to his outrageous falsehoods about vaccines, Kennedy has asserted that the CIA conspired to assassinate his uncle, President John F. Kennedy; in interviews he has suggested that chemicals present in water lead to gender identity issues in boys; he has suggested there is a link between the use of antidepressants and mass shootings; and he has asserted that the 2004 presidential election was stolen from John Kerry in Ohio.

In short, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has used his name recognition to espouse every sort of conspiracy theory imaginable. His family members in unanimity have distanced themselves from every one of his claims and are not supporting his candidacy.

But we suspect there is something else at play here, namely, that Bobby Kennedy Jr. is on an ego trip that is the old-man equivalent of a mid-life crisis: At 69 years old, he's parlaying his name to make one last stab at grabbing the spotlight that has eluded him his whole life and to which he feels he is entitled simply because he is a Kennedy.

Hopefully, the “presidential candidacy” of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will amount to nothing more than a footnote. On the other hand, the candidacies of Ralph Nader in 2000 and Jill Stein in 2016 -- both of whom siphoned off just enough votes to defeat Al Gore and Hilary Clinton -- are a warning that even fringe candidates can have profound consequences for our democracy.



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Mass Humanities announces \$1.2 million in recovery grants

Mass Humanities, the Commonwealth's leading funder of humanities programs, announced that 35 organizations from Cape Cod to the Berkshires will receive grants totaling over \$1.2 million, marking the largest single grant line in the history of the organization.

The 2023 Staffing Recovery Grants deliver funding to non-profit organizations to sustain and expand the hours of current staff or to hire new staff in order to create, restore and grow humanities programs across the state. Awards ranged between \$16,000 and \$40,000 and benefit organizations with budgets of \$500,000 or less and five or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Among the local organizations are: In Boston/Greater Boston, the League of Women for Community Service, Roxbury Cultural District, History Cambridge, Network for Social Justice, Gibson House Museum, Slave Legacy History Coalition and Partnership

of the Historic Bostons received grants.

Back in February, Mass Cultural Council announced a \$2.5 million grant to Mass Humanities as part of the state agency's Cultural Sector Pandemic Recovery Grants. Mass Humanities immediately began soliciting grant applications from organizations through the newly launched Staffing Recovery Grant initiative.

“Grassroots humanities organizations drive positive change and a sense of belonging in Massachusetts communities,” said Brian Boyles, Executive Director of Mass Humanities. “We are grateful to our partners at MCC for making these grants possible. This funding provides an influx of support for jobs and programs at a crucial point in our recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to celebrating the successes of these museums, cultural centers, and education providers.”

On December 13, 2021, then-Governor Charlie Baker signed An

Act Relative to Immediate COVID-19 Recovery Needs into law. This multi-billion-dollar pandemic recovery spending plan invests both federal ARPA and state surplus revenue dollars into key economic sectors to spur activity and growth.

The Act provided \$60.1 million to Mass Cultural Council and directed the state arts agency to develop and implement new, one-time grant programs to assist Massachusetts creative and cultural organizations with their pandemic recovery.

“Last year Mass Cultural Council designed and implemented two historic, one-time recovery grants to assist Massachusetts artists, creatives, cultural workers, and cultural organizations with their ongoing efforts to economically rebound from the pandemic,” said Michael J. Bobbitt, Executive Director, Mass Cultural Council. “A major priority of the Agency was to ensure these funds were distributed equitably and throughout

the entire creative and cultural sector. We were pleased to partner with Mass Humanities, who has a proven track record of stewarding programs for the Commonwealth's humanities-based organizations, and direct \$2.5 million for regrantee purposes to ensure recovery in every corner of our field. Congratulations to today's grant recipients, we look forward to watching your new initiatives develop!”

Grant dollars reached every region of the state. Mass Humanities reports that 46 percent were first-time grantees, while 43 percent of organizations are led by people of color. The foundation targeted communities with high levels of poverty, providing 48 percent of funds to these areas.

Since the outset of the pandemic, Mass Humanities has awarded more than \$4 million in grants to non-profits, including \$2 million in funding made possible by the CARES Act and ARPA.

Henry Santana endorsed by local officials for City Council

Henry Santana, candidate for Boston City Council At-Large, has been endorsed by State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former City Councilor Matt O'Malley.

“Henry is the public servant we need right now. He is a professional, trustworthy, independent thinker. He is a coalition builder who is effective and kind,” said Lydia Edwards. “He can work with anybody and will fight for everybody.”

State Senator Edwards represents the 3rd Suffolk District, serves as Housing Chair in the State Senate, and is an East Boston resident. Prior to her election in 2021, she served as Boston City Councilor representing Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End. Santana has also received an endorsement from current District One Councilor, Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta.

“I am proud to endorse Henry Santana for Boston City Councilor At-Large,” said Coletta. “Henry is a son of Boston. He grew up in public housing, attended Boston Public Schools, and spent years in city government serving the residents of Boston. He is well prepared for this role, both in his lived and professional experience, and the City will be better with his empathetic and effective leadership.”

Santana has also been

endorsed by former City Council President Pro Tempore and District Six Boston City Councilor, Matt O'Malley.

“Henry Santana has the experience, drive, and passion to be an exceptional City Councilor. He is running to bring this city together and will work tirelessly for each neighborhood and every resident,” said O'Malley. “He'll focus on the big issues like climate, housing, and the economy, while never losing sight of the importance of delivering top notch constituent service. I am proud to endorse his candidacy.”

“It's an honor to have support from proven leaders State Senator Lydia Edwards, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and former Councilor Matt O'Malley. Their support reflects a broad coalition that shares my vision for a better Boston,” said Henry Santana, candidate for City Council At-Large. “Senator Edwards' commitment to advocating for residents at City Hall and in the State House is an inspiration. I'm honored to receive her endorsement and to fight alongside her. Councilor Coletta's endorsement is particularly meaningful as she understands the needs and dreams of our neighborhoods firsthand. I am grateful for her trust in my ability to be an empathetic and effective leader,” said Santana. “Likewise, I'm

grateful to have the support of former Councilor Matt O'Malley, a trusted community leader and a longtime advocate for our neighborhoods and our environment. Together, we can prioritize community, listen to residents, and forge a united path forward for Boston.”

Santana's campaign centers community and a commitment to listen to residents, prioritize quality city services, and move Boston forward together. He has also received endorsement from former Boston City Councilor Kenzie Bok and the Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club. To learn more, please visit henrysantana.com and follow the campaign on social media at @Santana4Boston.

Henry Santana's campaign for City Councilor At-Large will host a Day of Action canvassing in Roxbury following the Roxbury Unity Parade on Sunday, July 16. Sign up at henrysantana.com/volunteer.

Henry Santana has dedicated his career to serving the Boston community.

Born in Bani, Dominican Republic, Santana moved to Mission Hill as a child where he grew up in public housing and was a Boston Public Schools student. Santana began his career in public service as a counselor and later the Program Director of the Mission Hill Summer Program, an academic summer enrichment program for youth in his neighborhood. Santana stayed involved in local politics, eventually joining the campaign of Kenzie Bok to organize Mission Hill residents and run her field operations. He then served as Bok's Mission Hill/Fenway Liaison, where he worked to improve community processes and advocate for residents at every turn. Most recently, Henry served as the City of Boston's first Director of Civic Organizing, working on behalf of Mayor Wu to empower residents to get involved in their neighborhoods through civic engagement and service. Henry is running for City Council At-Large to bring a new perspective to the Council and lead Boston forward.

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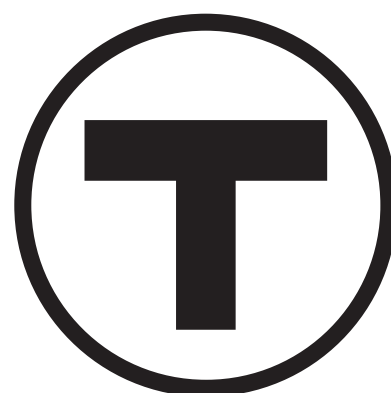
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Eastie Week//

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Tully Carr, who performed her own original songs in the opening act, the Zumix AIM Pickup Band, The Hot Tamale Brass Band, and A Trike Called Funk. Also performing were ZuKix and Eastie's own Don't Be Denied Band.

"We're going to be doing concerts at Piers Park every Sunday, from 6 to 8 p.m., through the end of August," noted Steczynski. "Our next two concerts (July 16 and July 23) will be a part of Eastie Week."

Rebecca Smerling, director of programs at Boston Harbor Now, co-ordinator of Eastie Week, said the event is a collaboration of organizations and businesses across the

neighborhood.

"We've been doing this for 10 years, and even during the pandemic, we were able to do an online version of Eastie Week," related Smerling. "It started with just one week, and now it's grown. We have so many programs that we extended it to more than two-and-a-half weeks long. We welcome everyone from across the City to attend our events."

Eastie Week will hold its Taste of Eastie celebration of food July 25 at the Tall Ships. Another much-anticipated event is the Tito Puente Latino Music Series July 20 at LoPresti Park.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta declares her neighborhood: "Eastie's the best..."



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu speaks with Kathleen, Ricardo, and Rafael Patrón.



Jason Sosa with Kathleen and Rafael Patrón.



One of the vocalists at Zumix Nathalie Fitzpatrick with some of her fans Carl Stevens and Brooke McCarthy.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune and Boston Harbor Now staff member Jaye Meakem.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune noted he early legal work in East Boston combating displacement and that it was "a privilege and an honor to be one of your At-Large City Councilors."



Cesar and Luna Lopez with Ruby Britto and Samean Rodriguez.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune with the Pan-debono team.



Zumix students Mary and James Connelly show their Zumix spirit.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was excited to hear the musical work of Zumix students and be kicking off Eastie Week "Give a shout if you love East Boston, give a shout if you love the City Of Boston."



Boston City Council President Ed Flynn was "honored to be with you tonight."



Zumix co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski speaks of the mission of her organization that "music and community all powered by youth."



Catherine Martin and candidate for Boston City Council At-Large Henry Santana, who is the brother of a Zumix alumn.



Supporters of Eastie Week: Boston Harbor Now Community Engagement Specialist Jaye Meakem, Director of Programming Rebecca Smerling, and Director of Communications Christian Merfeld with Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Secretary Josh Schmidt (2nd from right).

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Boston Harbor Now Program Director Rebecca Smerling, City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu (3rd from right), City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, and President Ed Flynn (2nd from right), Zumix co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski, and Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Secretary Josh Schmidt.

EASTIE PRIDE WEEK KICKS OFF WITH CONCERT AT ZUMIX FIREHOUSE

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Zumix co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski introduces Boston Mayor Michelle Wu to speak.



Zumix Program Director Corey DePina announced that the fundraising goal of \$80,000 was met.



Zumix student Maya Rodriguez sings.



Zumix students Layla Rodriguez plays piano.



Zumix student Luz Juliana Maquez sings the ACDC song “Back In Black.”



Zumix students Coral Colon on bass and Kenson Germain on guitar.



Zumix student Kiana Angulo Lezama sings.



Zumix student Kenny Germain performs on drums.



Zumix students preform and show their support for Eastie Week to a packed house.

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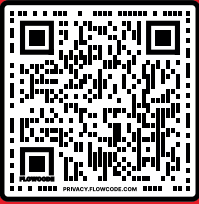
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Mariners capture East Boston Little League championship

Armani Cruz strikes out 10 batters in title-clincher

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Mariners, led by coach and team sponsor Brandon O'Brien, carried the momentum of a first-place regular season finish into the finals and proceeded to sweep the East Boston Little League Major Division playoff championship series against coach Nick Free's Athletics.

Ace pitcher Armani Cruz led the way in the Game 2 clincher for the Mariners with 10 strikeouts. Cruz was also 3-for-3 with two RBI, including a run-scoring double in the first inning on the way to the Mariners' 9-0 victory.

Matias Costa was also a big contributor at the plate for the Mariners, going 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

The Mariners' season-long, excellent defense was also on display in the playoffs. Mariners' catcher Ryan Nee and shortstop AJ Santiago combined to deny the A's on three attempted steals at second base. Cruz also fielded his position well, gloving three ground balls hit back to the mound for outs.

The Mariners claimed their first EBLL title since coach Brandon O'Brien, who raised a trophy with his Mariners in 1998, re-established the team name.

The playoffs wrapped up an outstanding spring/summer season for the league under the leadership of Nick Free and a dedicated board of directors.



Starting pitcher for the Mariners Armani Cruz and catching, Ryan Nee.



The Mariners players and coaches stand proudly with the East Boston Little League championship trophy after winning the regular season and playoff titles.



Head Coach Nick Free and the 2023 Major League A's at Al Festa Field.



East Boston Little League President and Head Coach for the A's, Nick Free with his boys Holden and Catcher Free.



Starting pitcher and catcher, sharing dual roles for each position, for the A's, brothers Oliver and Simon Kros.

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Wu announces that 110 Boston Summer Eats meal sites are open

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office of Food Justice (OFJ) announced that 110 Boston Summer Eats meal sites are open and will run throughout the summer until September 1. Boston Summer Eats is an effort to close the summer food gap by making available community-based meal sites at locations such as libraries, health centers, community centers, and farmers markets that are open to all youth 18 and under. The program launched in 2017 with the goal of expanding access to free and healthy meals for youth and teens in Boston.

As food insecurity persists- with over 50 percent of Black and Latinx Massachusetts residents experiencing food insecurity, according to a recent report from the Greater Boston Food Bank– Mayor Wu has allocated \$400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to continue the citywide Farmers Market Coupon Program this summer. These funds will help families in communities with high rates of food insecurity access fresh food. The citywide program began July 1, making fresh food available to low-income residents at farmers markets throughout the City until the end of October. OFJ partners with the Age Strong Commission and 24 community

health centers and community-based organizations to distribute coupon booklets to low-income residents experiencing food insecurity. These coupons can be used for fresh food at 22 farmers markets and farm stands around the City. The program complements state and federal initiatives like SNAP, HIP, WIC, and Senior Farmers Market Coupons and specifically ensures access for households who may not be eligible for other benefit programs due to documentation status.

“Both our Boston Eats program and the Farmers Market Coupon Program support families to access nutritious, healthy and locally produced foods right in their communities with their neighbors,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “By partnering with 110 community meal sites and 22 farmers markets and farm stands, the City is working to build vibrant food access points in every neighborhood to ensure no family is left without a meal to eat.”

Residents who wish to access free meals for youth aged 18 and under can find sites at boston.gov/summer-eats or find additional locations across Massachusetts by calling Project Bread’s Food-Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333. Hours of operation at summer meal sites vary depending on the site,

and most meal sites will offer breakfast and lunch, while some also provide snacks. No registration or identification is required. This year, there will be no “grab and go” options available at sites. Youth will be strongly encouraged to eat on site.

“We are proud to partner with the City and with many sites across Boston to ensure fun and safe places for youth of all ages to enjoy healthy food together,” said Eilisha Manandhar, Senior Director of Hunger Prevention of the YMCA of Greater Boston. “YMCA sites and the community partners we support are ready to welcome youth across the City to provide nutritious, culturally appropriate meals. Many sites will provide fun activities that educate our young people on the importance of eating healthy.”

“Just as we ensure that learning continues throughout the summer, we are committed to supporting students who face food insecurity year round by providing access to meals at Boston Public Schools throughout the summer,” said Boston Public Schools Superintendent, Mary Skipper.

The Boston Summer Eats program is a partnership of the Mayor’s Office of Food Justice (OFJ), Boston Public Schools, the Greater Boston YMCA

and Project Bread, which supports the statewide program in partnership with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and hundreds of meal providers, in Massachusetts. City of Boston sites include select Boston Public Library (BPL), Boston Housing Authority (BHA), and Boston Public Schools (BPS) locations, as well as farmers markets and community organizations.

“Project Bread is proud to partner with the City of Boston’s Office of Food Justice, the Greater Boston YMCA, and Boston Public Schools on Summer Eats because it means that kids and teens can eat for free all summer long. These meals bring our young people together to enjoy healthy food and keep our communities connected when school is out,” said Erin McAleer, President and CEO of Project Bread. “There are free meals at Summer Eats locations throughout the Commonwealth. No registration or ID is needed so it is a resource every family can use to keep their kids and teens healthy and having fun throughout the summer. That is good for all of us!”

Additionally, farmers market season launched in June, open through October. The Office of Food Justice encourages residents who receive SNAP,

P-EBT, and WIC benefits to access programs available at farmers markets, especially the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP), where each SNAP dollar spent on fresh produce provides access to \$2 worth of food for the household. In addition, the City’s Farmers Market coupons are available for food insecure households from 25 community based organizations and community health centers in Boston, including Allston-Brignton, Charlestown, Chinatown, Dorchester, East Boston, Fenway, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, and South Boston. The goal of the Farmers Markets Coupon Program is to support households who do not qualify for federal and state programs, including but not limited to immigrants and refugees. OFJ partners with 25 organizations which distribute coupons to their local communities. Distribution partners have limited coupons available. More information, including how to contact coupon distribution partners, is available at boston.gov/farmersmarkets.

The recent end to emergency COVID SNAP benefits reduced SNAP benefits for Boston residents by an estimated \$13 million per month, reducing the relief provided to eligible families. Massachusetts

will be providing Summer Pandemic-EBT benefits to households with children in Boston Public Schools. A one-time payment of \$120 will be available on July 25. More information about Pandemic-EBT is available at map-ebt.org. Summer Eats and the Farmers Market Coupon Program are part of a strategy that sustains Boston residents while stimulating the local food economy.

A list of all farmers markets-with food access programs available- can be found here.

“Across Boston, families are struggling to afford healthy food as emergency SNAP benefits have ended and food insecurity rates remain high. Food access programs at farmers markets and summer meal programs are two critical ways that communities come together to provide access and address food insecurity to Boston neighborhoods. Through these programs, the City and our partners fill immediate food security needs, ensure community members have opportunities to choose culturally relevant food, and stimulate the local economy by working with local farmers and vendors,” said Aliza Wasserman, Director of the Office of Food Justice.

Wu announces steps to expand availability of electric vehicle charging stations

Mayor Michelle Wu announced two opportunities to help increase the availability of publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Through the release of two Requests for Proposals (RFP), the City is seeking to evaluate the market for businesses to partner with Boston to bolster the number of public, curbside charging stations equitably distributed citywide for individuals without driveways. While the City continues to build EV charging stations in municipal parking lots, the demand for public access chargers is much greater than what can be provided from off-street publicly owned parking lot locations alone. Through the RFPs, the City will examine how the private market can supplement the City’s stock with creating accessible public charging as well as contracting with partners to install and service city-owned chargers.

“With rapidly advancing technology and subsidies from federal and state sources, electric vehicles

can be affordable for families looking for a cleaner, greener alternative, but we must develop the public charging infrastructure to ensure accessibility across all our communities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As we work to improve multimodal transportation access across walking, biking, and public transit, we also strive to make the transition to electric vehicles possible and create jobs building the infrastructure necessary for our city.”

“We know that to eliminate climate change and environmental pollution residents, commuters and visitors cannot rely on personal vehicles, but if they need a car it should be electric,” said Green New Deal Director Oliver Sellers-Garcia. “As we implement a Green New Deal for Boston, we are looking for ways to make the inevitable EV transition work best for our city. We’re focusing on strategies that address the needs of drivers who can’t charge at home, and we’re seeking

to create a market that can bring more workers into the business of decarbonization.”

“As we continue to make changes to our streets to better serve all modes of transportation, we also want to make it more viable to choose to drive electric by supporting the expansion of charging infrastructure at the curb and in our municipal lots,” said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. “These investments will create a more accessible and equitable charging network which will expand the options our residents have in how they choose to travel.”

Public/Private Partnership to Deploy Electric Vehicle Charging at Curbside Locations

Through this RFP, the City will examine how the private market can support in making public charging accessible. The City is seeking proposals that increase curbside chargers equitably in the public right-of-way – along city sidewalks – at no cost to

the City. If awarded, the City will provide the curb space for free to the contractor.

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Related Services

To complement the public-private model, the City also seeks to expand City-owned EV chargers beyond municipal lots. The City is looking to contract with a partner to install and service City-owned charging stations on curb sides in the right-of-way.

Proposals for each request are due by July 26, 2023. The City’s goal is to ensure that every household is within a 10 minute walk of a publicly accessible EV charger by 2030.

To supplement these electric vehicle charging efforts, the City is taking a number of other steps to increase access and availability to charging stations. The City’s investment in EV charging equipment has increased with the Fiscal Year 2024 budget for the Streets Cabinet including an additional \$700,000 in funds for EVs, bringing

the total amount to \$1.35 million. The City is also currently working with Eversource through the Make Ready program to install 16 LV II charging ports and 8 DCFC ports in municipal parking lots. The goal is to have these installed in 6-12 months.

The City is also installing projects for curbside charging at 15 sites. Each site will contain a minimum of 4 LV II charging ports, for a total minimum of 60 LV II charging ports. The goal is to have these installed and operational within 6-12 months. The City also applied for CFI funds for \$15 million. With a local match of 20 percent, the nearly \$19 million project will install 40 DCFC and 260 LV II charging ports in municipal parking lots, at expanded GoHub! locations, and near dense residential, Main Streets, and neighborhood commercial districts.

In May, Mayor Wu announced Safety Surge, a new street safety program designed to curb speeding, reduce crashes, and make neighborhoods more comfortable and safer for walking, biking, and driving. The Safety Surge invests in the installation of zones of speed humps on eligible neighborhood streets, the redesign of intersections for safety, and new guidelines for the City’s traffic signals to slow down traffic on residential streets and reduce conflicts between drivers, pedestrians, and bike riders. This builds on Mayor Wu’s commitment to ensure all modes of transportation are safe on Boston’s streets and to make Boston the best City in the country to raise a family. The plan for speed hump implementation was first announced last fall with an expansion of the City’s bike network.

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more. This is a great way to get into Boston. If you have not taken the ferry into Boston - either from Lynn, Salem, Winthrop, or East Boston – there’s no better way, and we hope that people will do even after the Tunnel is [re-opened].”

Rep. Adrian Madaro said, “With the Sumner closed for the next several weeks, traffic is as bad as it’s ever been, and it won’t


get better unless we limit the number of cars on the road. As Eastie residents, this is the time to take advantage of the free Blue Line and Ferry whenever possible. The tunnel clo-


sure comes with certain unavoidable paints, but together, we can reduce congestion on our streets. Ditch the drive and choose public transit when you can.”

Following the news conference, Driscoll, Fiandaca, Edwards, and Madaro boarded the Blue Line train for the ride to the Government Center ‘T’ stop.

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Tubbritt, Damien J	Fung, Gordon C	156 Porter St #422	\$665,000
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OBITUARIES

Charles Cambria

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him

Charles Cambria, 86, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, July 2.

He was a longtime employee of Eastern, Northwest and Delta Airlines. He loved the Boston Red Sox. Ted Williams and Bill Russell were his idols. Charles also enjoyed half ball and loved travelling with his family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

The beloved husband of Alice (Lindstrom) Cambria and the loving son of the late Frank and Tina (Lacascia) Cambria, he was the devoted father of Michael Cambria and the late Kristine, Mark Cambria and Charles M. Cambria; dear brother of the late Beatrice Fox and cherished grandfather of Olivia, Stephanie and Alexander. He is also survived by many loving



nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Charles's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston today, Wednesday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Committal services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Charles's name to a charity of your choice. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

David Dioguardi

Known for his warm smile, loyalty and devotion to family

David Dioguardi, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Friday, July 7th after a hard fought battle with cancer. He was 67 years old.

Born and raised in East Boston, David's unwavering commitment to his family was the cornerstone of his life. He was known for his warm smile, loyalty and devotion to family.

The loving son of Anna Marie Dioguardi of Newton, formerly of East Boston, and the late Nicholas, he was the devoted husband of 42 years to the love of his life, Lu (Catizone) Dioguardi; dear brother of Marian Dioguardi of Newton, Glenn Dioguardi of East Boston and the late Virginia Casaletto; cherished uncle of Bobby Casaletto of Brookline and Tim Casaletto and his spouse, Melissa Casaletto of Boston. He is also survived by numerous loving family members and friends.

Family and friends will honor David's life by gathering for a memorial visitation at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, July 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in David's name to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place, W 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445. To leave an online condolence please visit: www.ruggieromh.com.



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DeMartinis brothers continue to give back

Alder Partners LLC, which is an independent franchise group of Planet Fitness in East Boston and Revere, owned and operated by the DeMartinis brothers, continues to give back to the communities it serves.

On June 3 they donated over 100 Planet Fitness duffel bags to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, which they handed out to participants who signed up for their Let's Get Movin' 5k that was held at Memorial Park in East Boston. This initiative is a lifestyle-change program for children and teens that promotes physical activity, teaches proper nutrition, and helps young people make healthier lifestyle choices.

On June 14, Alder Partners Franchise group donated over 10 pieces of cardio equipment to the Revere School Department, which will allow them to upgrade their current weight room at Revere High School.

On June 15 they helped keep students at the Garfield School in Revere hydrated by donating a pallet a Planet Fitness waters to their field day.

On June 15, scholarship checks were presented to the very 1st two recipients of the Stanley DeMartinis Sr. Scholarship Fund through the Salesians Boys & Girls Club. This scholarship will be handed out annually to members of the Boys & Girls Club, who are moving on to further their education,

in any form in any form, to help defray the cost of education for them and their families.

At the event, the DeMartinis Family accepted the Don Bosco Award, which was presented in memory of Stanley DeMartinis Sr. for his dedication and generosity, which resonates with Don Bosco's passion for helping the young.

Starting July 17 – August 11 members and nonmembers can donate school supplies at the club for the Boys & Girls Club! Planet Fitness is proud to partner with Boys & Girls Clubs of America as part of the brand's national philanthropic initiative, The Judgment Free Generation®, which aims to prevent bullying and promote kindness. Since 2016, together with its franchisees, members and partners, Planet Fitness has contributed more than \$8 million to support anti-bullying, pro-kindness initiatives.

Happening now through August 31, teens between the ages of 14-19 can work out for free all summer long at Planet Fitness! If one is under 18, sign up with a parent guardian either online or in-club. Plus, Planet Fitness is giving \$200,000 to high schools and students! Teens who register can help win a grant for their school and participate in a video contest for a chance to win a scholarship.

Healey proclaims Hurricane Preparedness Week

Governor Maura Healey has declared July 9-15, to be "Hurricane Preparedness Week," recognizing the importance of preparing for the impact of extreme weather. As part of the Administration's commitment to strengthening community readiness and resiliency, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will highlight the Commonwealth's ongoing hurricane mitigation efforts and offer resources for residents and municipalities to learn what they can do before, during, and after a powerful storm to stay safe and protect property from hurricane-related hazards.

"As climate change fuels extreme weather across the country, every Massachusetts community must plan and prepare for the potential impact of tropical storms and hurricanes," said Governor Healey. "During Hurricane Preparedness Week, I encourage residents of coastal and inland areas alike to visit MEMA's website for preparedness information, make a plan, and stay informed about how to take care of yourself and your loved ones before, during and after a storm."

"Severe tropical storms can have a devastating impact on communities. All Massachusetts residents are urged to learn about and prepare for the dangers of these storms," said Lieutenant Governor Kimberley Driscoll. "Taking steps in advance to prepare and practice an

emergency plan will help individuals and families to stay safe during a storm and recover more quickly when it is over."

"Hurricane Preparedness Week provides all of us with an opportunity to better prepare for the tropical storms that historically visit Massachusetts in August and September," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "The significant impact of these weather events – from storm surges on the coast to inland flooding in Western Massachusetts – pose a significant risk that requires thoughtful community planning. I commend MEMA Acting Director Brantley and her team for their commitment to delivering important resources to residents and the communities they call home."

As part of MEMA's whole-community approach to hurricane preparedness, the Agency has convened meetings to discuss logistics, operational plans, and capabilities; facilitated numerous local & state tabletop exercises; and will host a Statewide Hurricane Preparedness Symposium in late July to bring together over 250 local, state, federal, private sector and voluntary agency emergency management partners to address topics related to hurricane preparedness, response and recovery.

"Inclusivity remains a top priority in everything we do at MEMA, especially when it comes to preparedness," said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. "Whether it's providing technical assistance to communities seeking to create evacuation or transportation plans for individuals with disabilities, or offering culturally appropriate tips in multiple languages on how individuals can be better prepared – our goal is to ensure that we are ready to support all individuals equally and equitably before, during, and after disasters."

How Residents Can Prepare

Know Your Evacuation Zone – Visit www.mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials to make them aware of your needs.

Make an Emergency Plan – A plan should address how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place, if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an Emergency Kit – Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. For tips on what to include, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay Informed – Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts and is encouraged to reach out to their local officials for preparedness and emergency information specific to their community, including available local emergency notification systems. The Commonwealth's 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in more than 150 languages and can be accessed via video relay services. To learn more about additional ways to receive alerts and information, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts

MEMA will share preparedness and safety information throughout hurricane season. For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, multi-lingual social media toolkits and flyers, preparedness tips, videos, and more, visit MEMA's Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

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her many talents to this important role. I applaud Governor Healey and her team for this nomination and urge Attorney Everett's swift confirmation. We will miss her in our

administration, but are grateful that the families of Suffolk County will be well served under her leadership."

Prior to her work with the city, Everett was a solo

law practitioner for eight years. She served as the lead counsel on jury and bench trials before Criminal and Juvenile Sessions and as a member of the Norfolk County Bar Advocate Program, accepting indigent clients facing criminal charges and families involved with the Department of Children and Families. She also served as a legal expert for various panel groups seeking to inform underserved and underrepresented communities with information about their rights and

changes in law.

Everett has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Manager of Public Safety for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
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DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
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Docket No. SU23D1216DR
Aracelly Arango VS. Eduardo Palacios Patino
To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Aracelly Arango 111 Everett St. Apt. 3 Boston, MA 02128 your answer, if any, on or before 08/22/2023. If you

fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Suffolk Division INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE
Docket No. SU23P1382EA
Estate of: Michael Joseph Perruccio
Also Known As: Michael J. Perruccio
Date of Death: March 5, 2023
To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Salvatore J. Perruccio of Pelham, NH

Salvatore J. Perruccio of Pelham, NH has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU23C0336CA
In the matter of: Naima Miriam Ragmani
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Naima Miriam Ragmani of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Naima Miriam Bonouni
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Commonwealth Shakespeare Company announces the cast and creative team of Macbeth

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) and Steven Maler, Artistic Director, announce the complete cast and creative team for this summer's production of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth on the Boston Common. Performances begin on July 19 and run through Sunday, August 6 at the Parkman Bandstand. The production will be available for press viewing from Wednesday, July 26 and is presented in partnership with the City of Boston, Mayor Michelle Wu, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, and Boston Chief of Arts and Culture, Kara Elliott-Ortega.

In Shakespeare's classic tragedy, an unexpected prophecy sends Macbeth on a quest to become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and prompted to action by his wife, Macbeth's desire for power unleashes his unbridled hunger for power. This murderous tale explores the consequences of our choices when we lose our moral compass.

Actor, writer, director, and producer Faran Tahir* returns to CSC to play the title role. He received enthusiastic media and audience reception in the title role of Richard III on the CSC stage in 2019 and has recently completed the much-acclaimed run of The Kite Runner on Broadway.

The role of Lady Macbeth will be performed by stage, TV, and film actor Joanne Kelly* in her CSC debut, previously seen in Boston as Inge Morath in Fall at the Huntington Theatre. She recently starred in the Matt Damon/Ben Affleck set-in-Boston television show



The set design of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth on the Boston Common.

City on a Hill and was a cast member playing Juliet in the famed Canadian series Slings and Arrows.

The complete cast includes Marianna Bassham* as Malcolm, Jesse Hinson* as First Witch, Nael Nacer* as Macduff, Omar Robinson* as Banquo, Joe Penczak* as Duncan/Siward, Daniel Rios, Jr.* as Ross, Fred Sullivan Jr.* as Sergeant/Porter/Doctor, and Eviva Rose as Young Macduff. The ensemble roles are played by Lily Ayotte, Nick Baum, John Blair, Elijah Brown, Annika Burley, Alexa Cadete, Jack Greenberg, Jessica Golden, Bella Grace Harris, Cleveland Nicoll, and Xander Viera.

The creative team includes Direction by Steven Maler^, Scenic Design by Riw Rakkulchon**, Costume Design by Nancy Leary**, Lighting Design by Eric Southern** and Maximo Grano De Oro, Sound Design by Dewey Dellay** and David Remedios**, Fight Direction by Robert Walsh, Intimacy Consultation by Jessica Scout Malone, Assistant Director Nikta Sabouri,

Production Management by Jenna Worden, Stage Management by Brian Robillard*.

Performances of Macbeth will take place at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common and are FREE of charge. Audience members can bring blankets or chairs or can rent chairs in advance or on-site for \$10 and are permitted to bring modest food items to consume at the show. Seats in the CSC Friends section will be available for reservation in late May along with your donation. Dinner-and-a-Show Packages will be available in partnership with Boston Chops Downtown Crossing.

CSC provides a range of accessibility services, including open captioning, assistive listening devices, and large print programs at every performance, and ASL interpretation and audio description at selected performances.

All performances will be Open Captioned as part of our new Access Infrastructure Initiative, made possible through the generous support of the Rich-

ard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Audio Description and ASL Interpretation will be offered Saturday, July 29, 2023, at 8:00 p.m. and ASL Interpretation on Friday, August 4, 2023 at 8:00 p.m., with a Rain Date for Audio Description and ASL Interpretation at Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

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