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ANNUAL ANNA'S MONSTER DASH



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Two hundred runners, including members of the Boston Police Department District A7, participated in the 3rd Annual Anna's Monster Dash at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston on October 1. Shown above is Luigi DiGregorio, age 8, in a riding bear costume, running up Byron Street. See pages 10 and 11 for more photos.

GSCA hosts BPDA to discuss PLAN: East Boston

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Staff from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) joined the Gove Street Citizens Association's (GSCA) monthly meeting last week to detail how PLAN: East Boston would impact the Gove Street area.

Kristina Ricco, a Senior Planner with the BPDA, highlighted the purpose of the planning initiative that kicked off in 2018 and had its complete draft released at the beginning of September.

"The purpose of PLAN: East Boston is really to update the neighborhood's zoning code and make short and long-term planning level recommendations for the neighborhood's public realm,

which is primarily streets and sidewalks," said Ricco.

In what Ricco referred to as most relevant for those in attendance at the meeting, the BPDA plans to make "modest changes" to the Gove Street area's zoning code.

One of the first proposed changes is a boundary update on Maverick Street to zone it in a temporary bucket subdistrict called MFR/LS (Multi-family Residential/Local Shopping).

Ricco explained that this designation would treat both sides of Maverick Street similarly to how Gove Street is today. Additionally, this subdistrict prefers developments to have retail on the ground

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64 Homer Street debate rages on

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Theresa Strachila, a Program Manager with GrowBoston – the Office of Urban Agriculture, again joined the Harbor View Neighborhood Association's (HVNA) monthly meeting on Monday to provide an update about the 64 Homer Street parcel.

In a process that has spanned several months, Strachila has been working to gather feedback concerning what residents would like to see at the city-owned 2,500-square-foot parcel that has been vacant for several years.

Back in April, Strachila joined an HVNA meeting and received split feedback, with some wanting the parcel to be used as public open space while others favored it being used as private open space.

In April, it was revealed that at the time, there was interest in the parcel from Eastie Farm, a local

non-profit that focuses on climate justice, food access, and education. There was also interest from an abutter who had been already taking care of the property for years.

Then, in June, Strachila went before the HVNA again and conducted a preliminary vote via raised hands, which revealed that attendees were in favor of the parcel being sold as private open space in a vote of 17-8.

However, in an update on Monday, Strachila explained she has received more testimony about the

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Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina open house and investment plan information session

Story and Photos
by Marianne Salza

Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina held an Open House and Investment Plan Information Session on September 28 to explain their proposed improvements for the aging 25-acre facility, and offer an opportunity for those interested to ask questions, as many Jeffries Point residents feel that their voices have been unheard, and their inquiries ignored during moderated

meetings.

"My biggest concern is for my family," said Bill Jennings, father of a toddler and infant. "The commercial building proposed for boat repair is big. They don't know how tall the roof will be. It's a significant building on the lowest part of the neighborhood. The Jeffries Point community is trying to understand, and is extremely concerned about communication."

The Marginal Street resident expressed his

worries about pollution, rats, and cancer-causing chemicals that could become airborne.

"There are a lot of people who are pro-development – including myself – but there is a laundry list of concerns," noted Jennings.

Neighbors in attendance emphasized their discontentment about the most recent design, sharing their opinions on graving docks, air quality, and sight lines.

"I know that it seems

like a long time between meetings, but we're working with engineers and architects all the time getting this together," explained Marshall Greenland, General Manager, Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina. "We can't put up an architectural mockup until it's a complete concept. Architecture will show what we intend the buildings to look like."

Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina has major infrastructure issues with flooding and plans to reconstruct buildings according to the City of Boston's environmental codes to protect the site from storms and rising sea levels.

According to Greenland, federal and climate resiliency funding has been directed into the state for raising headwalls and other improvements. Most of Boston's marine construction is based out of the Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina because there are no other facilities in the harbor that companies can operate out of.

"The type of infrastructure for larger boats is in high demand in Boston



Marshall Greenland, General Manager, Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, explaining proposed layout designs for improvements of the property.

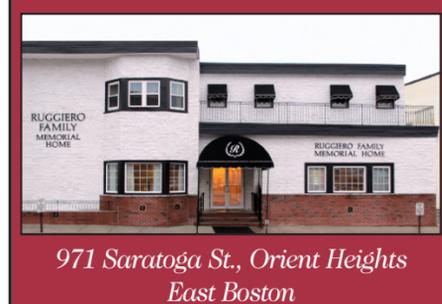
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Malden Catholic hires David Valdez as Varsity Baseball coach

Malden Catholic has hired former MLB coach David Valdez to head its Varsity Baseball program announced Malden Catholic Director of Athletics, William Raycraft.

Prior to joining Malden Catholic, David Valdez spent several years coaching in Major League Baseball as a hitting coach, international player's assistant and most recently as a player development coach in the Milwaukee Brewers system. In prior years, he was named Manager of the Year after his club finished as Division Champions in the Piedmont Collegiate Summer League in Richmond, VA and had a six-year stint as Manager for the Men's Baseball team at Bunker Hill Community College.

He was also a coach for



David Valdez.

the Dominican Summer League and US Heroes of the Diamond US Team and for fourteen years owned Valdez Baseball Academy, a successful instructional camp designed to train little league, high school, college and professional baseball players and provide athletes with

position-specific instruction. In addition, Valdez coached several AAU programs including National Champions in 2013 and 2014, runner-up in 2015 and he was selected as Most Influential Latin Person in Massachusetts.

Plus, David Valdez's career as a professional athlete included playing for the Seattle Mariners, Los Angeles Dodger systems as well as the Dominican Winter, Columbian Winter, Frontier and Northern Leagues.

"I have wanted to be a part of the MC baseball program for a long time and I'm extremely excited about having the opportunity to work with the Lancers," Valdez stated. "I am confident that we will make extraordinary things happen on the dia-

mond and bring back the baseball performance that MC enjoyed in its rich history to the Catholic Conference. I look forward to making the alumni base and greater school community proud," added Valdez.

Valdez emerged out of a strong pool of applicants with outstanding qualifications. According to William Raycraft, "Coach Valdez is considered to be one of the most respected minds in baseball and will be a great asset to our program on and off the field. His major league experience along with the ability to teach at all levels of baseball experience will significantly benefit our student-athletes and build an outstanding MC program." Raycraft added, "Valdez is an incredibly

passionate person who not only loves the game but knows how to inspire, listen, teach and win – all of these qualities will translate well to our students."

Since 1932, Malden Catholic has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts University, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern University, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross, just to name a few. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>.

Wu seeks project management firm to oversee Long Island Bridge reconstruction

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City's Public Works Department

is moving to the next stage in the effort to rebuild the Long Island Bridge by

seeking firms to provide construction oversight and contract assistance services for the bridge superstructure replacement project. The City aims to have an Outside Project Manager (OPM) in place by the time the City secures its final bridge replacement approvals so that construction work can begin immediately to restore access to the Long Island public health campus. Applications are due October 20, and the City will review and select a team before the end of the year.

"Families around the city and region deserve access to a comprehensive network of care as so many experience substance use and mental health challenges," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm excited to bring on a project management team to begin taking action in rebuilding a public health campus and coordinate with provider partners to bring these critical services online as quickly as possible."

"I want to thank Mayor Wu for prioritizing the needs of our communities and moving this project forward," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "In

the past there was a lot of innovative work happening on the Long Island campus. This new campus will be a hub for further innovation and create a supportive and stable environment for long-term recovery for generations of people."

The outside project manager will be crucial for supporting the City of Boston to rebuild the bridge. The City is awaiting its final two reviews required for the Long Island Bridge project: a federal consistency review by the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and a bridge permit from the United States Coast Guard. The Coast Guard has previously issued favorable preliminary determinations on the navigational and historic preservation elements of the City's bridge design.

"The reconstruction of the Long Island Bridge is a top priority for the City of Boston," said Julia Campbell, Deputy Chief of Infrastructure & Design for the City's Streets Cabinet. "We are seeking and expecting thoughtful and innovative responses from firms looking to help lead this signature construction project. This is a rare opportunity to help build a

single structure that will provide direct access to care that will improve many people's lives."

The City of Boston recently led a tour of the Long Island recovery campus with a group of healthcare providers. The purpose of the visit was to underscore the possibility of partnering with a variety of service providers to ensure a comprehensive continuum of care that best meets the needs of individuals facing substance use disorder and co-occurring mental health challenges. As the City continues to plan for rebuilding the bridge and stabilizing the buildings on the island, the City of Boston will engage the many organizations already a part of the care spectrum.

"BHCHP is heartened to see this next step in Mayor Wu's plan to rebuild the bridge and reimagine and restore the critical health services on Long Island—services that will be transformational for individuals suffering from substance use disorder and other health issues. We look forward to working once again with the city of Boston to provide the much-needed, separate health care spaces for these medically vulnerable individuals,

to promote healing for these individuals and for our Boston community at large," said Stephanie Sullivan, CEO of Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. "BHCHP is committed to the care of our patients, wherever they are, geographically or in their recovery journey, and continue to advocate for those who are impacted by the opioid crisis or homelessness."

Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced that the City of Boston secured its Chapter 91 License from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (Mass-DEP) to reconstruct the Long Island Bridge. With this long-awaited license in hand, the City announced its intent to move forward with pre-construction to rebuild the bridge and restore access to the 35-acre public health campus on Long Island. With \$81 million already available in the FY24 capital budget for the bridge, the City is accelerating progress on construction immediately and set a goal that in four years the bridge would be rebuilt to a campus with a first phase of buildings ready to reopen for programming.

Wu announces \$5 million in new grant funding

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the City of Boston has been awarded three grants totaling over \$5 million from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to boost digital equity efforts within the City. This funding will help ensure that residents within Boston Housing Authority (BHA) properties have access to affordable and dependable internet connectivity and will also be used to support ongoing efforts to enroll Boston residents

in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), strengthen telehealth programs in Boston, and establish workforce development programs through refurbishing distributed devices.

"Today, nearly every aspect of daily life, from work meetings and classes to healthcare and government services, relies on access to the Internet," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to announce that Boston has been awarded over \$5 million in grant funding that will help us expand initiatives

to ensure that all Bostonians have access to the technology, training, and equipment they need to thrive."

"This critical funding will allow the City to support the Boston Housing Authority, and community organizations to connect our residents with telehealth, access to jobs and learning resources, and to be able to talk to friends and loved ones," said Santi Garces, Chief Information Officer. "We're incredibly grateful to the state and federal partners that have provided these

grants to make sure every Bostonian is connected."

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 32,000 Boston households did not have broadband access. Through the City's efforts, that number has been reduced to approximately 14,000 households. The pandemic reinforced the importance of high speed internet, necessary for conferencing systems and other bandwidth intensive services (currently measured on a federal level as 25 megabits for download and 3 megabits for upload). This digital divide reinforces inequalities across Boston as access to broadband is critical for residents to study or work remotely, access telehealth and government services, and stay connected with their communities.

The funding includes two MBI grants through the state's Executive Office of Economic Development totaling over \$5 million, including \$4.55 million from the Digital Equity Partnerships Program and \$450,000 in support through the Municipal

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Star Prop Holdings LLC	Ciampa, Joseph F	132 Marginal St	\$1,800,000

NEWS IN BRIEF

FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS TO BOSTON COMMON OCTOBER 20

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the third annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, October 20, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston. Key sponsors are College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving, HP Hood LLC, and Xfinity. Additional support is provided by LEGO® Discovery Center Boston, One Boston Church, Celebrity Series of Boston, WBUR - Boston's NPR, and PLAY-Boston.

Adults and children are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and participate in a wide range of free, fun, and spooky family-friendly activities. Test your courage in our Funhouse Maze and on the Spooky Mansion Slide, try the Jumpin' Pumpkin, test your skills at the bean bag toss, and enjoy nighttime fun in our Glow in the Dark Park with LED swings, LED seesaw, and LED cornhole.

A "monster mash" of activities will include music, arts and crafts, treats, rides on the trackless train, field games, individual, and group play facilitated by Knucklebones, and LEGO® Discovery Center Boston will host giveaways and fun Halloween-themed LEGO building activities.

For more information please go to boston.gov/falloween. To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks, sign up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

DAN HOFSTADTER TO HOLD SOLO ART SHOW

This month, Dan Hofstadter offers a solo show of his freehand drawings at the Atlantic Works Gallery / A Collaborative Space For Art And Ideas on 80 Border Street, First Floor, East Boston.

The artist has always kept his sketchbook by his side, a constant companion to his work as an abstract painter and art-writer.



One of Dan Hofstadter's drawings that will be on display at the Atlantic Works Gallery starting Nov. 5.

er. His drawings are direct, perceptual, unmediated by tools (the straight-edge, the camera etc.), and tend to be rapidly executed. Shown at the gallery are landscapes - responses to wherever he was living at the time - along with portraits and figure studies.

Join Dan at the Gallery on November 5, 16, 24, and 25 when he will answer questions and possibly lead an open discussion on art making.

The Atlantic Works Gallery is situated in a marvelous 1893 brick building, built and originally owned by a major steamship boiler-and-engine company. Renovated in 2010, it has largely housed artist studios. Note that there is free street parking, as well as a small lot directly in front of the gallery's ground-floor entrance.

To arrange a private viewing, contact the artist directly at DH-works5012@gmail.com. For other inquiries or information, please visit Atlantic Works Gallery at www.atlanticworks.org, on Facebook, and on Instagram. The gallery's email address remains contact@atlanticworks.org.

TRUCK OR TREAT AT THE TRACK

The weather wasn't cooperating for our third annual Touch-a-Truck this September so we decided to add a Halloween spin on things! Join us for Truck or Treat on Sunday, October 29, from 10am - 2pm at Suffolk Downs in East Boston. Wear your costumes and come trick-or-treat at all your favorite trucks! Grab a hat and head into the kids construction zone, or hang out in the Paddock with face painting, games, giveaways, activities, food trucks and more!

This event is free to the public and all are welcome to attend. Registration is recommended so we can alert you of any event updates or weather cancellations.

TSA STOPPED OVER 1,800 FIREARMS AT AIRPORT CHECKPOINTS

During the first three quarters of 2023, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) intercepted 5,072 firearms at airport security checkpoints, and at the current rate, the agency will surpass last year's record 6,542 firearms prevented from getting on-board aircraft.

In the third quarter, which ended Sept. 30, Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) stopped 1,820 firearms at checkpoints. The total represents an average 19.8 firearms per day at TSA checkpoints of which more than 94% were loaded.

"Passengers may travel with a firearm, but it must be in their checked baggage," said TSA Administrator David Pekoske. "Firearms are only permitted in checked baggage, unloaded in a locked hard-sided case and must be declared to the airline when checking the bag at the ticket counter. Firearms are prohibited at security checkpoints, in the secure area of an airport or in the passenger cabin of an aircraft even if a passenger has a concealed carry permit or is in a constitutional carry jurisdiction."

If a passenger brings a firearm to the TSA checkpoint, the TSO will contact local law enforcement to safely unload and take possession of the firearm. The law enforcement officer may also arrest or cite the passenger, depending on local law. TSA may impose a civil penalty up to almost \$15,000, and passengers who present with a firearm at a security checkpoint will lose TSA PreCheck® eligibility for five years.

TSA recommends that passengers pack a carry-on bag that is empty to ensure no firearms are unintentionally left in their travel bag.

Massachusetts legislature passed comprehensive tax relief package

Senator Lydia Edwards announced that the Massachusetts Legislature proudly passed a bipartisan comprehensive tax relief package aimed at bolstering the state's economy and supporting long-term prosperity for all residents of the Commonwealth. "I am proud to support this well needed tax package to support working families in our Commonwealth," stated Senator Edwards (D-East Boston).

The bipartisan bill includes some of the following tax changes that impact a lot of working families and in the 3rd Suffolk District including:

Permission for Municipalities to offer tax relief to landlords that rent below market.

Sen. Edwards, proposed legislation early this year that incentivized landlords to lower rents or continue renting below market. The tax package incorporates her language and allows cities and towns to create the tax exemption based on local needs of afford-

ability. Working with Sen. Julian Cyr, the tax relief further incentivizes year-round rentals.

Provides for Seniors
- Allows cities and towns to increase the senior volunteer program to \$2000. This means seniors can reduce their property taxes up to \$2000 by volunteering.

- Doubles the maximum senior circuit breaker credit from \$1,200 to \$2,400.

This increase will make it easier for approximately 100,000 seniors who struggle with high housing costs to stay in their homes.

Commuter Tax Relief
Allows commuters by ferry and bike to participate in the commuter expense tax deduction. Sen. Edwards made it special point to assure ferry commuters would be included.

Child and Dependent Tax Credit:
Increases the tax credit for a dependent child, disabled adult, or seniors for the next two tax-years and gets rid off a cap on this

tax credit, making it the most generous universal child and dependent tax credit the United States.

Rental Deduction Tax
Increases the cap on how much a renter can receive in a tax credit. This change will support almost 800,000 renters in Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)
This bill increases the refundable Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30% to 40% of the federal credit. This increase will provide crucial support to working individuals and families, benefitting nearly 400,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$60,000.

"We know it's hard for many families to make it. We need to be pushing as much relief forward while still being able to pay for our public goods such as the MBTA. Still, I am very proud of what we got done overall for working families" stated Senator Edwards (D-East Boston).

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subject since that June meeting.

Strachila said she received emails or signatures from 43 people who wanted the parcel sold as public open space to only 18 emails or signatures who wanted the property sold privately for open space.

It should be noted that signatures and emails supporting a private sale accounted for at least 14 addresses in the area, and signatures and emails supporting a public sale accounted for 28 addresses.

"Also, we got letters from a couple of City Council members expressing support for making the parcel available for public open space," said Strachila.

Following Strachila's update, the floor was opened for those in attendance to make their voices heard.

One significant topic discussed concerned the property potentially going to Eastie Farm, and one resident seemed to be against it, calling what could go there a "victory garden."

However, HVNA Board Member Skip Marcella pushed back on the notion of the area becoming a "victory garden" if it were to go to Eastie Farm.

"I think what Eastie Farm operates is not a victory garden, okay. It's a well-organized operation that provides food to the neighborhood, so I think that some of the concerns that people might have with thinking of it as a victory garden and people just kind of coming and going on their own that's totally different than what I think we've heard here," said Marcella.

Another point of view made by a resident against Eastie Farm getting the property was that they did not want tax-payer-owned property given to a non-profit that does not pay taxes. However, another resident asserted that if the property were maintained as public open space, it would increase property values around the site.

Additionally, a representative from Eastie Farm spoke about the organization's interest, indicating that a garden area from the organization could provide learning opportunities for students, volunteer opportunities, and open space for residents who might not have it.

Moreover, there was a question about abutters having the first right of refusal on the parcel, but Strachila identified that, due to state law, they do not.

"Our land needs to be sold through a fair, open, and competitive process. We can't provide a preference," said Strachila.

Further, it should be noted that Strachila indicated that if the parcel is sold privately, it would be sold at the highest price. In contrast, it could be sold at a discount if the parcel is sold publicly and provides a substantial public benefit.

As of now, Strachila indicated that there has yet to be a firm decision made on what will happen to the parcel.

In terms of next steps, she said, "My plan going forward, given the significant community support for making the parcel available for public open space, is to continue conversations with those abutters as well as some other folks who live directly across the street who have expressed thoughts about the use of the parcel to see what a potential public open space could look like."

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GUEST OP-ED

Hell's fire – treat others the way you want to be treated

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Do you worry about going to hell? Will you burn there in hell's fire? Will you be in the hands of the Devil?

Hell may be a place where people are locked into a room with endless Presidential candidates hollering and speaking over each other to the point that nothing makes much sense and everybody ends up sounding crazier and crazier.

I accept what Jesus taught about heaven and hell. He actually talked more about hell than he did heaven. Hell is described as a very sad place of pain and suffering. I certainly do not want to leave my body and go somewhere worse. I have chosen to go to the better of the two places and I am trusting in Jesus to get me

there.

As you know there is plenty of hell on earth. Why would we want to leave the hell of earth and go to more hell?

A dear friend told me recently about his sweet wife being in Intensive Care in Alabama. She has battled multiple sclerosis for 20 years. All the medication she takes has impacted her heart. She recently had a heart attack and is now intubated. "MS sucks," my friend said.

Most of us have watched loved ones die from lung cancer, pulmonary fibrosis, dementia, diabetes, and various neurological diseases. It's hell for the person and hell for the loved ones. Most likely if we live long enough, we will all go through some form of severe suffering. You might die suddenly and escape the long

valley of suffering or you may not. Being intubated, struggling to breath, walk, talk, and eat is not a way any of us want to spend our days.

So where is hell? There's plenty of it on planet earth. Almost 2 billion people live in poverty. Many of these people have to walk somewhere every day for just a bucket of water. Every day, millions are desperate for medical care but have access to none. Millions of Americans are homeless. Six million more immigrants have entered our country over the last three years. So, there is more homelessness, poverty, misery, and hell in the streets of America than ever before.

Life and planet earth are great if you are relatively healthy, have a place to sleep, food to eat, and a little money to

spend. However, health can change fast and often does. The point is there are lots of suffering people and suffering caregivers. Do everything you can to be kind to people. Give them a smile. A good word. A good deed. Be helpful when you can. You will appreciate it when it's your turn to suffer.

Many people are suffering in hell every day. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

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

AID TO UKRAINE MUST BE APPROVED FORTHWITH

The entire country (with the exception of those whose goal is to cause anarchy and chaos) breathed a sigh of relief thanks to the last-minute passage by the House and Senate of a bill to fund the government for 45 days this past weekend. However, there was a glaring omission in the bill's 71 pages: The lack of funding earmarked for additional military aid for Ukraine to assist in its fight against the barbaric invasion of that country by the sociopathic dictator of Russia, Vladimir Putin.

Although substantial majorities of both parties in both the House and the Senate favor our continued and future financial support for the Ukrainians in their struggle for freedom, the funding proposed by the Pentagon for more weaponry and other aid did not make it into the final bill that was signed by President Biden. The small minority of legislators who almost crashed the government this weekend also are opposed to providing the Ukrainians with further aid for reasons known only to themselves and it was to this small group that legislative leaders kow-towed in the final bill by excluding financial assistance to Ukraine.

The news footage each and every night reveals the ongoing atrocities being committed by Putin against the Ukrainian people. Right now, they and they alone are standing up to the sociopathic Putin, demonstrating to the world that their freedom is worth fighting and dying for.

In addition, the united front of America and its Western allies against Putin's invasion is signaling to the Chinese that they should not expect that the U.S. and its Pacific allies will stand by if they decide to invade Taiwan or continue to control the South China Sea with outlandish claims about their "territorial waters."

Anyone who asserts that it is time for a "peaceful resolution" to the war in Ukraine is playing into Putin's hands. Putin wants to swallow Ukraine whole. He already had annexed a large chunk of eastern Ukraine and the Crimea when he undertook his invasion. There is no reason to think that Putin would come to the peace table now and even if he did, does anyone seriously believe that he would honor any peace deal?

We live in a world where people expect everything to be done fast and patience is not a virtue. But the simple reality is that Putin is playing a waiting game, all the while destroying and killing as much as possible, hoping that support for Ukraine by the free world will wane and eventually his tanks will roll into Kyiv. The only means by which Putin can succeed is if Ukraine's allies throw in the towel -- a move that not only would be devastating for the Ukrainians, but that would prove to have significant adverse consequences for our own foreign policy.

We urge our members of Congress to work to support a new package of aid to Ukraine ASAP. America needs to show potential dictators that the free world will stand united against their tyrannical impulses.

TIM WAKEFIELD

We just wish to say a few words to acknowledge the passing this week of Tim Wakefield, the former Red Sox pitcher, who passed away suddenly this week from brain cancer. Beyond his remarkable success as a Major League pitcher for 20 years, 17 of which were with the Red Sox (during which time he became the all-time winningest pitcher in Red Sox history with 186 victories), Tim Wakefield was acknowledged by everyone who knew him to be the ultimate team player.

For many athletes, that is a mere cliché, but Tim Wakefield truly exemplified the meaning of that term both on and off the field. He embraced his work with the Jimmy Fund and the Dana Farber Institute in a quiet way, touching the lives of countless children, their families, and their caregivers, with his empathy and support.

Yes, Tim Wakefield will be celebrated as a famous athlete, but, in the words of the poet Wordsworth, his lasting legacy will be this:

"That best portion of a good man's life;

"His little, nameless, unremembered

"Acts of kindness and of love."

Your opinions, please

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floor.

"We think that Maverick Street is essentially very different than the top of Jeffries Point or even really the core of the Gove Street area, and we are proposing to make that official with a zoning designation," said Ricco.

Another proposed change is to retire the corridor enhancement sub-district in the area. Ricco identified that this area contains parcels owned by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC). With this retirement, most of the sub-district would be turned over for open space.

However, South of Porter Street, a "special" sub-district boundary containing sites like those owned by the EBNHC would be retained.

Ricco also pointed out another proposed zoning change in the area. The draft plan details that the residential fabric of the Gove Street area is currently governed by an MFR sub-district that allows heights up to three stories.

However, the plan proposes to zone this area in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-3 sub-district, allowing heights up to four stories.

Describing the change in allowed height in the area, Ricco said, "We found through our analysis that there was a lot of nonconformity and that structures — many, many

structures — were actually three and a half stories already."

"So we felt like infill development, which is really the kind of target of our zoning changes, could reasonably accommodate a four-story building without seeming much taller than its neighbors," she added.

Ricco also explained that most of the area is in a Coastal Resilience Zoning Overlay District, which indicates a high vulnerability to future flooding.

This means properties that voluntarily raise the ground floor out of the flood zone would have their heights measured from the ground floor rather than the sidewalk.

"In some cases, people are going to need to raise their ground floor maybe five or six or seven feet to get it up out of the flood zone, and so a building could conceivably be 45, 46 or 47 feet, but that's not how their height would actually be calculated," said Ricco.

Regarding public realm improvements, Ricco highlighted recommendations to upgrade the Maverick and Sumner Street bus stops, create welcoming entrances to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway at the Gove Street and Orleans Street intersection, and more.

When the floor was opened to questions and comments, a topic touched

on several times concerned building height.

Previously in the meeting, Ricco explained that the BPDA is trying to move from foot height limits to story height limits. However, one resident asked how tall a story could be and if there were limits; out of concern, developers could game the system and build vertically.

Ricco explained that the thought is for most stories to be between 10 and 12 feet, and there is an ongoing conversation within the BPDA on limiting story height dependent on use.

Another resident brought up how he thought the predominant existing form in the sub-district, which is proposed to allow four stories, is actually three stories. He wanted to know how many parcels could add a fourth story without a zoning variance.

In response to the variance question, Ricco explained that she felt modification of most existing buildings could not go forward without needing a variance, citing off-street parking requirements,

which some buildings do not meet.

There were also comments about the MFR/LS sub-district along Maverick Street and concerns from a few residents about parking becoming worse due to potential retail coming to the area.

Lastly, there was a discussion about the enforcement of the zoning code. A GSCA Board Member made the point that with the variances granted now by the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), what is stopping developers from asking to erect buildings that are five stories, especially since the height limit is proposed to increase to four stories in the area.

"It is our hope that updating 30-year-old zoning to more accurately reflect what exists in the community will be a signal to the ZBA about those things that we're very serious about enforcing," said Ricco in response.

To learn more about the plan, you can view the complete draft at <https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/plan-east-boston> and leave feedback until October 27.

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15th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living to be held on October 15

Steve Saling and Patrick O'Brien were given 2-5 years to live after each was diagnosed with ALS. Defying all odds, they have been living at the Leonard Florence Center for Living for the past 13 years since the Center opened its doors. Both are living full, productive lives; Steve has traveled throughout the country speaking about ALS and Patrick produced Transfatty Lives, a documentary about ALS which won the Tribeca Film Festival Audience Award. The Leonard Florence Center for Living takes care of more individuals living with ALS than any place else in the world.

In support of these inspiring residents at the Center, Former Governor Charlie Baker and his wife Lauren Baker will act as walk ambassadors at the 15th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living on Sunday, October 15. The short two-mile walk enables the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) and MS (multiple sclerosis) residents as



A team shown from a recent ALS & MS Walk for Living event.

well as other attendees to participate in wheelchairs, ventilators or by foot.

"We are thrilled to have Governor Baker and Mrs. Baker on board as our ambassadors for this year's Walk for Living," said Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, the nonprofit that operates the award-winning Center. "Mrs. Baker visited the

Center and met the residents. It was obvious how moved she was by the experience. We are grateful for the Baker's support and participation in our major fundraising initiative of the year."

"I am in awe of the spirit, determination, and passion of these residents," said Lauren Baker. "Charlie and I are proud to act

as the ambassadors for the ALS & MS Walk for Living. The residents are truly an inspiration to us all."

As the country's first urban model Green House® skilled nursing facility, the Leonard Florence Center provides a level of independence not typically found in other skilled nursing facilities. Residents, many who are com-

pletely immobilized, control lights, turn on the TV, call for the elevator, and open doors with help of a computer and sensor that tracks head and eye movements. The Stein Family Center for Well-Being, the only Green House® ventilator program in the country, opened within the Center in 2020.

The 2023 Walk for Living will take place at 10am on Sunday, October 15 at 165 Captains Row on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea. Every single dollar raised goes directly back to patient care and programs for ALS and MS residents. To register, go to the Walk for Living website and click on register. To join Governor Baker and Lauren Baker's team, please go Team Baker and make a donation to their team.

Following the dog friendly walk, there will be a BBQ hosted by Chili's, face painting, live dance performances, a petting zoo and more. The \$20 donation fee includes a Walk for Living tee shirt as well as all food and ac-

tivities.

Platinum level sponsors include M&T Banks and Wilmington Trust; Gold Level A.H.O.H.; Independent Newspaper Group is the media sponsor. For more information or to make a much-appreciated donation, please visit www.walkforliving.org or contact Walk Director Maura Graham at mgraham@chelseajewish.org or 617-409-8973. All donations are tax deductible.

Chelsea Jewish Life care is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The elder-care community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

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Digital Equity Planning Program. The MBI Planning grant will fund a survey that will inform a city-wide Digital Equity Plan, and includes establishing internet wiring standards for affordable housing. The MBI Partnership grant will invest over \$1 million for BHA's onsite Digital Literacy Programming and over \$684,000 to expand the City's Wicked Free public WiFi network. The third grant from the FCC totals \$250,000 for the Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program. The "B-Online Initiative" will fund ongoing community outreach to enroll residents in the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

"We congratulate Mayor Wu and the City of Boston on these critical awards, which are a testament to the work the city has done to ensure residents not only have access to affordable high-speed internet, but

also the tools and training needed to access online resources," said Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development Undersecretary of Economic Foundations Ashley Stolba. "On behalf of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, we are honored to support these important projects and to see how they expand opportunities for residents across Boston."

"MBI's digital equity programs are investing federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to close the digital divide across the Commonwealth by increasing access to affordable and reliable broadband service, internet-connected devices, and digital literacy training," said Michael Baldino, Director of the Mass. Broadband Institute at MassTech (MBI). "Congratulations to the City of Boston on this important award,

which will help us ensure that vulnerable Bostonians have access to the digital tools and resources that are so critical to our ability to succeed and thrive in the 21st Century."

The ACP is a federal program providing \$14.2 billion to expand broadband affordability. ACP provides eligible households with a subsidy for broadband service (\$30/month) and up to \$100 in a one-time discount for a digital device. The program was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA) in 2021, with the strong support of Senator Ed Markey. Nearly 45,000 Boston households have signed up for broadband service and devices through ACP, including nearly 20,000 that have been enrolled since May 2022 through close partnership with service providers and community organizations.

These grants will empower the City to make investments totaling \$2.44 million in community organizations across Boston neighborhoods through the next round of the City's

Digital Equity Fund, which is launching on October 2, 2023. The City's Digital Equity Fund began in 2018 with an award of \$35,000 to a community-based organization (CBO). In

2019, the fund expanded to \$100,000 which was distributed to three CBOs. In the last iteration of the fund, just under \$500,000 was distributed to 19 organizations.

BMOP begins its 26th season at at New England Conservatory

The Boston Modern Orchestra Project (BMOP), the nation's premier orchestra dedicated exclusively to commissioning, performing, and recording new orchestral music, begins its 26th season at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, October 7 at 8:00 p.m. The ambitious program celebrates three world premieres and one East Coast premiere all commissioned by BMOP and written during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Orchestras and musicians all around the world stopped performing during the pandemic," says Gil Rose, Conductor and Artistic Director of BMOP. "Conversely, composers did not stop writing during the pandemic! We are fortunate to have a plethora of new works composed for us over the past few years just waiting for listeners to enjoy. Not surprisingly, all the pieces on this program are musical explorations of introspection, empathy, mortality (and immortality), and time— notions that resonate with most of us."

The evening begins with Eternal Return (2022), by Worcester-based John Aylward (b.1980), "a composer of

wide intellectual curiosity (The Boston Globe)." He describes his new work as "a contemplation on Nietzsche's idea of the after-life which he first brought up in the Gay Science and then was later expanded upon by Giles Deleuze. I heard about the idea first from reading Deleuze but later found the Nietzsche thread, which compelled me even more to explore the idea."

Eric Moe (b.1954), composer of what The New York Times has called "music of winning exuberance," has a winning spirit that is represented in this new clever, skillfully constructed piece. Featuring himself on piano, The Sweetness of Despair, the Necessity of Hope (2021) is Moe's personal reflection our current ecological predicament. "I am intrigued by the thinking of writer-activist Rebecca Solnit," says Moe, "who points out that many people seem to prefer a predictable apocalypse – the consequence of passive inaction – to the less catastrophic but also less predictable future that would result from drastic action spurred by hopefulness about the future."

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MassDOT to develop and evaluate options for eventual replacement of the Tobin Bridge

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) announced that it has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure a transportation planning and engineering consultant team to develop and evaluate options for the eventual replacement of the Maurice J. Tobin Bridge.

The Tobin Bridge carries Route 1 over the Mystic River, directly connects Boston and Chelsea, and provides connectivity to the regional transportation network. With Annual Average Daily Traffic across the bridge at approximately 87,000 vehicles, (as of September 2023), the Route 1 corridor is regularly congested in the peak hours and operates at or near capacity. The RFP will procure a team to assist MassDOT's Office of Transportation Planning with a study to best position MassDOT in the project development process once the determination is made for the Tobin Bridge to be replaced.

"The time is now to start taking the steps needed with planning and engineering decisions about the future of the Tobin Bridge," said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica

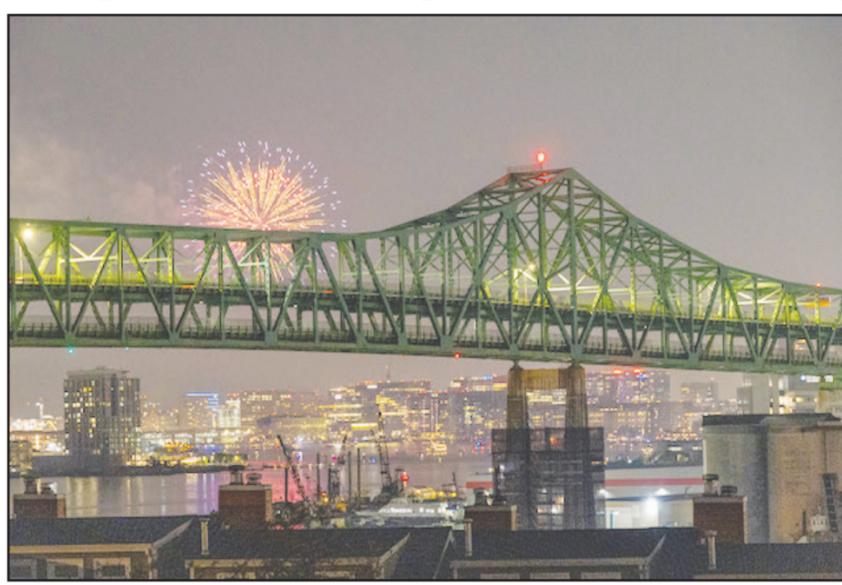


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The Tobin Bridge as seen from Admiral's Hill in Chelsea during the July 4th celebration in Boston.

Tibbits-Nutt. "Before the Tobin Bridge reaches the end of its useful life, we're initiating a long-term strategic planning study to guide us on what type of facility should be built to replace it. This will also allow us to address any other deficiencies, and to think about opportunities we may have to improve future transit priority and multimodal travel over the Mystic River."

"This study is an investment in our future as it will not only prepare us to

replace the Tobin Bridge but to also modernize the connection with a deep focus on climate resiliency and how to incorporate multimodal transportation options," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver.

Environmental review within the study's scope of work, will encompass, but will not be limited to, impacts on ecosystems/habitats, overall environment, including air quality and greenhouse gas impacts,

environmental justice areas, navigable waterways, and designated Port Areas and Chapter 91 boundaries. In accordance with evaluating these impacts, this study will examine greenhouse gas emissions, flooding, urban heat islands, and climate change mitigation measures and metrics.

Given the number and variety of stakeholders in the Tobin Bridge area, the study's scope of work proposes a robust public engagement process. This

will include, but not be limited to, the formation of a Working Group that will invite key stakeholders to participate, such as the City of Chelsea, the City of Boston, Massport, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, advocacy groups and community organizations. Public engagement will include in-person public meetings, stakeholder meetings, briefings, a study website, and outreach workshops. The Working Group will work with the selected consultant team at the outset of the study process to develop an appropriate public involvement plan with a focus on equity, multi-modal travel, community impacts, and socioeconomic factors.

The Tobin Bridge is currently maintained in a "State of Good Repair," with preventative measures and maintenance projects programmed annually to ensure safe operating conditions. On Wednesday, September 20, members of the MassDOT Board of Directors approved a contract for approximately \$128 million for Tobin Bridge repairs while the bridge's replacement is being evaluated. The scope of work

includes:

- Cleaning existing steel and removing old paint on the Chelsea approach lower level mainline (northbound), Beacon Street ramp, upper level mainline (southbound) and Everett Avenue ramp.

- Performing repairs to the existing Chelsea approach steel superstructure elements, and safety walk elements at the lower level mainline, Beacon Street ramp, upper level mainline and Everett Avenue ramp

- Upon completion of steel repairs, painting the existing steel.

- Performing repairs to substructure elements.

- Repairs to concrete substructure elements.

Construction for the Tobin Bridge's immediate maintenance repairs will be conducted in ways that minimize impacts on the local neighborhoods and to the traveling public. No permanent lane closures on the bridge are anticipated during construction and no impacts are expected to adjacent roadways.

Previously, in 2019, MassDOT launched the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project.

Healey-Driscoll administration awards \$5.2 million to support recycling and waste reduction

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has announced nearly \$5.2 million in grant funding to 283 municipalities and regional solid waste districts across Massachusetts. The grants, made available by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) through the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program (SMRP), will help communities bol-

ster their recycling, composting, and waste reduction programs. The full list of awards is available here.

"Some of the most important environmental protection work happens every day in communities across our state," said Governor Maura Healey. "These grants help further our collective efforts to meet our aggressive goal of 90 percent waste reduction by

2050, while also boosting local economies by investing in the waste reduction industry."

"Residents partner with their communities to help protect the environment by recycling and reusing as much as possible," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "This important funding will help municipalities implement innovative programs and policies

that are proven to maximize reuse, recycling, and waste reduction."

The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program provides funding for recycling, composting, reuse, and source reduction activities that will reduce the amount of waste disposed of in landfills and incinerators. Waste prevention and recycling reduces greenhouse gas emissions by capturing

the embodied energy in everyday product and packaging waste and converting it into new products. More than \$50 million has been awarded through the Program since 2010.

"Recycling programs play a vital role in limiting our dependence on landfills and incinerators, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and supporting economic activity across our state,"

said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "These grants help communities cycle resources back into our economy and support local businesses throughout the collection, processing, and manufacturing chain."

Funds have been awarded in several categories, including start-up incentives

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EBNHC and Boston Public Health Commission join together to host 'Health of Boston: East Boston' with the Boston CHNA – CHIP Collaborative

The Boston Public Health Commission, in partnership with East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) and the Boston Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) – Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Collaborative recently held 'The Health of Boston: East Boston' event to report data from BPHC's Health of Boston report, share findings from the 2022 community health needs assessment, and connect residents with community health resources.

At the event, Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, shared East-Boston-specific data from the Health of Boston report on life expectancy, as well as rates of asthma, diabetes, and heart disease. In her presentation, Dr. Ojikutu explained that social determinants of health, such as violence, the built environment, and family income, play a major role in the health trends we see.

"As we continue to visit Boston neighborhoods and share this rich data, we're thrilled to work with partners like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center who are so invested in the health of community," said Dr. Ojikutu. "The data shows us a lot of good news coming out of East Boston which we know is a testament to high-quality healthcare, as well as the work of so many local organizations who lift up and care for the East Boston community. This Health of Boston: East Boston discussion illuminated these successes, while also acknowledging the work that lies ahead for our city."

During the event, Greg Wilmot, President and CEO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center shared an overview of the health center's programs and services. EB-NHC's Hollis Graham, Assistant Vice President, Strategy, Innovation, and Transformation and Mary Ellen McIntyre, Senior Vice President of Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers provided an update from the Boston CHNA – CHIP Collaborative.

"The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is proud to part-



Greg Wilmot, CEO and President, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center.

ner with the Boston Public Health Commission to share this important data on the health of our city as a whole and on this side of the tunnel. We know that the health of our community is not just about high-quality, compassionate healthcare, but about the many factors that shape the health of our communities, such as food, housing, and economic stability," said Greg Wilmot, CEO and President of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. "We are honored that Dr. Ojikutu and her team selected EB-NHC to co-host a discussion on these critically important topics with leaders and neighbors equally committed to improving the health of East Boston."

The event, held on September 14th at the Paris Street Community Center, was attended by dozens of East Boston families and residents, as well as representatives from Rep. Madaro, Councilor Colletta and Sen. Edwards offices. Numerous community organizations, including the BPHC's Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, the Mayor's Health Line, Maverick Landing Community Services, the Eastie Coalition, Mutal Aid Eastie, as well as East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Recovery Services and Community Engagement teams all attended to share resources.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Qual-



Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

ity Leader. For more than 50 years, EB-NHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston's South End. EB-NHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services, including primary care, 24/7 emergency care, behavioral health care, specialty care, and various other health and wellness programs, to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org



The Boston Public Health Commission team who helped organize and staff the event.



The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center team who helped staff and share resources at the event.

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ANNUAL ANNA'S MONSTER DASH

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Two hundred runners, including members of the Boston Police Department District A7, participated in the 3rd Annual Anna's Monster Dash at

the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston on October 1. Twins, Maria Coviello and Antonietta Coviello O'Toole, hosted the 5k and 1 mile kids

fun run in memory of their sister, Anna, who lost her battle with cancer three years ago, at the age of 41. Proceeds from the event benefit the Anna Covi-

ello Noviello Memorial Foundation, which awards tuition scholarships to deserving high school students receiving a Catholic education.



Children, ages 13 and under, participating in the 1 mile kids fun run.



Michaela O'Toole, Antonietta Coviello O'Toole, and Luigi Noviello, 9, first place winner of the 1 mile kids fun run.



Maria Coviello and her son, Dominick Provenzano, 12.



Anna's Monster Dash 5K participants running along Byron Street towards Constitution Beach.



Julia and Maria Polito with Sofia Coviello.



Luke Ferreira and his daughter, Sloane, 6.



Evie, 9, and Ethan Hamilton, 12.



Jonathan and Jory Lepore, 5.



Members of the Boston Police Department District A7, supporters of the Anna Coviello Noviello Memorial Foundation.

ANNUAL ANNA'S MONSTER DASH



East Boston resident, Carlos Carrera, winner of the Anna's Monster Dash 5K.



Runners, attired in costumes, Matthew Doyle and Michael Murphy, participating in Anna's Monster Dash on October 1.



Skylar Page, Maria Coviello, Bella Provenzano, Sydney Page, Alison Rae, Olivia Brown, Caroline Baxley, Campbell Hoy, Delaney Link, and Antonietta Coviello O'Toole.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P12107EA Estate of: Adelina Marano Date of Death: 05/17/2011 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Alphonse Marano of Revere, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Alphonse Marano of Revere, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/31/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 26, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 10/04/23 EB

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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 to serve upon: Maurucio DaConceicao Alves 91 Moore St. #01 East Boston, MA 02128-1010, your answer, if any, on or before 11/14/23. 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. Date: September 11, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 10/04/23 EB

Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Loraine a/k/a Lorraine J. DiPietro of Fort Myers, FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Loraine a/k/a Lorraine J. DiPietro of Fort Myers, FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/08/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 27, 2023 Vincent Procopio, Register of Probate 10/04/23 EB

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LEGAL NOTICE Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU21D1061DR Mauricio DaConceicao Alves vs. Wanda Barboza To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P2113EA Estate of: Lawrence G. DiPietro Date of Death: 08/16/2023 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with

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OBITUARIES

Renaldo Agostinelli Sr.

Retired educator and member of Sons of Italy and Winthrop Lodge of Elks

Funeral Services were conducted on Tuesday, October 3, in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals for Renaldo G. "Rennie" Agostinelli, Sr. who died on Tuesday, September 26th at the Massachusetts General Hospital following a long hard-fought battle with Alzheimer's Disease. He was 72 years old.

Rennie was born in Winthrop Hospital on April 30, 1951 to the late Ralph "Skippy" and Elda T. (Catone) Agostinelli. He was one of three children raised in East Boston. Rennie was a graduate of Boston Tech, Class of 1969 and Bridgewater State College, Class of 1973. He happily pursued a career as a Special Education Teacher and proudly taught in the City of Boston for over 25 years. During this time, Rennie married his best friend Catherine "Cathy" (Connors) on July 10, 1977. Rennie and Cathy began their life together and started their family. He was a very proud father of three children and moved from East Boston in 1989 to settle in Winthrop.

When Renaldo retired as a teacher, he pursued his other passion of carpentry. He worked for several construction companies, before going on his own. He especially focused on furniture making, which he thoroughly enjoyed doing. Rennie enjoyed music and playing his guitar.

He was a member at the Sons of Italy Lodge #2057 & Winthrop Lodge of Elks



Lodge #1078. Rennie was forced to stop working due to his declining health. He was loved and cared for by his wife and family.

He leaves behind his beloved wife of 45 years, Catherine A. (Connors) Agostinelli of Winthrop. He was the loving father of Leona Agostinelli of St. Johns, FL., Renaldo G. Agostinelli Jr. and his wife, Nicole of Stoughton and Daniel Agostinelli and his wife, Michelle of East Boston; cherished grandfather of Anastasia, Dominic, Lexi, Renaldo III and Martin; dear brother of Ralph Agostinelli Jr. and his wife, MaryBeth of Dedham and Ronald Agostinelli and his wife, Ellen of West Roxbury. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grand nephews.

Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuciosmithvazza.com.

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

John Joseph La Voie

Retired educator

John Joseph La Voie, 91, of Franklin died peacefully September 25, at the Chelsea Veterans' Home.

He was the husband for 67 years of the late Anna Carmella (Minichiello) La Voie.

Born in East Boston on July 31, 1932, the son of the late Norbert James and Alice Mabel (King) La Voie of East Boston, John was raised in East Boston and lived in Franklin for the past 64 years.

John was a graduate of East Boston High School and also graduated from Fitchburg State College as an educator.

John served in the United States Navy from June 1951 until June 1955 as an Electrician's Mate 2 (EM2) aboard the Chester T. O'Brien destroyer escort ship.

John worked at the Charlestown Navy Yard and then worked as a schoolteacher at Bedford High School and Nipmuc Regional High School in Mendon until his retirement.

John and his wife used to spend the winters in Palm Springs, California. He enjoyed golf, fishing, sailing, woodworking, traveling, music and especially spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his

children: Kathi Wyatt and her husband, John of Winthrop, Paul La Voie and his wife, Karen Marie of Franklin, John La Voie and his wife, Janice of Franklin and James La Voie and his fiancée, Robin Carpus of Yorktown Heights, New York. He is also survived by his siblings: Paul Nelson La Voie and his wife, Susan of North Andover and Charles La Voie and his wife, Barbara of Deerfield, Florida. He was predeceased by his brothers: Norbert La Voie and his late wife, Blanche, George La Voie and his wife, Chris and by his sisters: Frances Genevieve La Voie, Alice Mary Bayer and her late husband, Francis, Rose Madeline Bernstein and her late husband, Robert.

He is also survived by his grandchildren: Shaun and his fiancée, Jill, Michael and his wife, Daniela, Matthew and his fiancée, Jaclyn, John, Katherine, and James and by his great-grandson, Jack.

At his request, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Chelsea Veterans' Home, 91 Crest Ave, Chelsea, MA 02150. Attn: Recreation - John Davis. Arrangements are under the care of the Ginley Funeral Home of Franklin (www.ginleyfuneralhomes.com).

James Licari

Retiree of Local 25 Teamsters United Parcel Services

James G. Licari, 64, passed suddenly in California on August 22.

James worked many years for Air Freight Cargo Services at Logan International Airport and a retiree of Local 25 Teamsters United Parcel Services. He was an avid football fan, especially the Miami Dolphins.

The son of the late Mary V. (Hennesy) and A. Leonard Licari of East Boston, he leaves behind his loving children: Dorese M. and James L. Licari and his wife, Charlotte E. Deveney of Wakefield. He was the beloved brother of Rick, Stephen, Michael and Robert Licari. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 9 at Sacred Heart



Church in East Boston at 10 a.m. and colation at Kelly's Pub in East Boston will immediately follow. The burial will be private.

Please welcome us in celebrating his life on that day. Life is not forever. Love is. We only ask for your presence at this very sad and difficult time.

Recycling // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

for Pay-As-You-Throw programs, containers for the collection of mattresses, wheeled carts for curbside collection of food waste, equipment for the collection of mercury-bearing items, regional small-scale initiatives, and the Recycling Dividends Program.

This year, 278 communities qualified for the Recycling Dividends Program and will receive funding totaling \$3.65 million. This program recognizes municipalities that have implemented policies and programs proven to maximize materials reuse and recycling, as well as waste reduction. Communities receiving funding must reinvest in their own municipal recycling efforts. Under the program, 15 municipalities have been awarded Recycling Dividends Program payments of more than \$50,000: Arlington, Attleboro, Boston, Brockton, Cambridge, Chicopee, Framingham, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, New Bedford, Newton, Quincy, Springfield, and Worcester.

"Recycling Dividends Program awards give communities the opportunity to make critical investments in their recycling programs – ultimately capturing more materials that can be recycled or reused, and helping them to reduce their waste disposal costs," said MassDEP Commissioner Bonnie Heiple. "This is another example of MassDEP's commitment to building strategic partnerships with our local communities to build a more sustainable future."

Pay-As-You-Throw, a program where residents purchase pre-printed bags, stickers, or tags for trash disposal to pay directly for the amount of waste generated, is a proven waste reduction strategy that continues to be a priority for MassDEP. Funds were awarded to five municipalities and totaled more than \$1 million. This includes awards between \$150,000 and \$300,000 each for Arlington, Marshfield, North Attleborough, and Westborough.

Funding for Universal Waste Sheds were awarded to eight communities for their drop-off facilities for the collection of mercury-bearing items; \$5,000 was awarded to each municipality. MassDEP also awarded \$110,000 to 11 municipalities for mattress collection containers to facilitate residential mattress recycling at their drop-off facilities; \$10,000 was awarded to each municipality.

Wheeled-cart grants for the curbside collection of food waste were awarded to the City of Medford in the amount of \$105,000 for a new town-wide collection program. The towns of Nahant and Norwood also received funding for a curbside food waste collection pilot program, at \$2,100 and \$10,500, respectively.

Finally, a grant for

\$250,000 was awarded to the South Shore Recycling Cooperative – representing 12 South Shore towns – for the establishment of a permanent household hazardous waste facility based in Hanover.

"We have big climate goals in Massachusetts and achieving those goals will take a continued partnership between state government and our municipal partners throughout the Commonwealth, which is exactly what we see with these grants," said State Senator Becca Rausch (D-Needham). "As the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and through collaboration with my Small Business Advisory Council, I've heard that towns and businesses need these financial supports to implement green infrastructure upgrades, including today's \$5.2 million in SMRP grant funds, the 'Green the Garbage' composting pilot program I secured in this year's budget, and more. Congratulations to the 283 municipalities and regional solid waste districts receiving grant awards, including most towns throughout my district, and thank you for furthering the Commonwealth's collective effort to reduce waste through recycling, composting, and other mechanisms."

"The Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grants increase and support local recycling efforts, composting, reuse, source reduction, program development, and enforcement activities that increase diversion from our landfills and reduce disposal," said State Representative Daniel Cahill (D-Lynn), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. "This funding helps us in our efforts to mitigate and reduce the amount of waste disposed in landfills and incinerators. Waste prevention initiatives also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by capturing the embodied energy in products and packaging waste and converts it into new sustainable products. These initiatives are vitally important to our communities and future."

More information about the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program can be seen here.

MassDEP's mission is to protect and enhance the Commonwealth's natural resources – air, water and land – to provide for the health, safety and welfare of all people, and to ensure a clean and safe environment for future generations. In carrying out this mission, MassDEP commits to address and advance environmental justice and equity for all people of the Commonwealth; to provide meaningful, inclusive opportunities for people to participate in agency decisions that affect their lives; and to ensure a diverse workforce that reflects the communities we serve.

BMOP // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

The two movements of the concerto split the title; the first movement, The Sweetness of Despair, begins and ends with sweetly despairing music while the second movement, The Necessity of Hope, evokes weather-related phenomena with references to storm music of the past. BMOP's long-stand-

ing relationship with Moe includes a 2011 BMOP/sound recording of three of his vivid orchestrations. WQXR Radio hailed Eric Moe: Kick and Ride (#1021): "At times primal and ritualistic and others sophisticated and smoky, this unbridled trio will fuel whatever flames you're currently fanning."

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Holy spirit, you who gives meaning to and shines the light on my path so that I may reach my goals. You who gives me the divine grace to forgive and forget the evil done unto me and which is with me at every moment in my life. I want in this short dialogue to reassure you one more time I do not ever want to be separated from you, no matter how grand the worldly possessions may be, my desire to be with you and my brothers in perpetual glory will not be lessened. (One should say this prayer 3 days the divine shall be granted no matter how unattainable it may be.) Publications must be promised.

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NSCS to honor three for impact on creating stigma-free workplaces

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS), a nonprofit provider of services for individuals of all ages needing mental health and/or addiction treatment, recovery support and those with developmental disabilities, announced that it will honor three individuals at its 64th Anniversary Connection Celebration Oct. 19 for their significant contributions to creating an inclusive and stigma-free workforce in Massachusetts.

Former Massachusetts Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta will receive a Public Service Award; author, educator and advocate Dr. Donna Hicks of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University will receive a Humanitarian Award; and Michael Weekes, the outgoing president and CEO of the Providers' Council, will be presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

"We have seen the devastating effects of mental health and substance use disorders on families and in our communities espe-



Rosalin Acosta.

cially communities of color, immigrant communities, and residents of low resourced neighborhoods, but the effects on the business community are equally profound," said NSCS President and CEO Damien Cabezas. "A 2021 report suggests that lost productivity due to opioid use alone cost the U.S. some \$92 billion. If we are going to end stigma around behavioral health issues, we need cross-sector collaboration and discussion between business leaders, the public, and the non-profit sector."

Acosta is currently the Managing Director, Government and Public Sector practice, at Ernst & Young (EY), where she works



Dr. Donna Hicks.

with labor and workforce development leaders to solve some of the most difficult obstacles facing state government officials.

She will receive a Public Service Award for her work from 2017 to 2023 as Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Gov. Charlie Baker. Acosta was responsible for leading the operations of seven complex agencies and for shepherding the Department of Unemployment Assistance through the most significant challenge in its history during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Hicks will receive the Humanitarian Award for her most recent book



Michael Weekes.

"Leading with Dignity: How to Create a Culture that Brings Out the Best in People," as well as her peace work. She has worked on conflict resolution in the Middle East, Sri Lanka, Northern Ireland and Columbia, and has taught courses in the subject at Harvard, Clark, and Columbia universities. She conducts trainings and educational seminars in the U.S. and abroad on the role dignity plays in healing and reconciling relationships in conflict as well as dignity leadership training. She consults to corporations, schools, churches and non-governmental organizations.

Weekes is being honored with the Lifetime

Achievement Award for his dedication to serving nonprofits statewide and nationally and his lifelong dedication to public service. He has led the Providers' Council, the largest community-based human service membership organization in Massachusetts, for more than 25 years. Under his guidance, the Council has supported the growth and well-being of hundreds of nonprofit health and human services providers.

Weekes also served as Deputy Commissioner for the former Massachusetts Department of Social Services and as Assistant Executive Director of the Center for Human Development in Springfield. He has served on many boards, including those of the United Way of Pioneer Valley, Amherst A Better Chance, NonprofitVOTE, National Council of Nonprofits, and Springfield Technical Community College Foundation. He was a founding board member of Massachusetts Nonprofit Network and served as its vice chair of the board from 2007-2014.

The 64th Anniversary Connection Celebration will take place on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor Hotel, 101 Harborside Drive, East Boston.

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Community Services, formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association, touches the lives of nearly 15,000 people annually in more than 75 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown and Boston. NSCS supports adults, children and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavioral health, substance use disorders and/or have developmental disabilities. The organization employs over 1,000 talented individuals who provide services in nine languages, including ASL, through four outpatient clinics; 39 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit north-suffolk.org.

Significant improvements to child care financial assistance program announced

The Healey-Driscoll Administration has announced significant improvements to Child Care Financial Assistance programs in Massachusetts. Updated regulations and policies will simplify the application process for parents, reduce paperwork for families and early education programs, and better support homeless families, families with disabilities and families facing domestic violence who take advantage of this program. With these changes, the Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) is making it easier for young, working, low-income families to access the subsidies available for child care and "out of school time" education programs.

"One of the top priorities of our administration is making child care more affordable and accessible. These regulation and policy changes will help break down barriers for our low-income families and early education programs, making government services more user friendly and equitable," said Governor Maura Healey. "We're proud to take this important step forward that we know will lead to increased labor market participation and economic mobility for families, and support children's school and life success."

"In Massachusetts, we are investing in child care so that regardless of zip code or economic background, our youngest learners can access the high-quality education they need to succeed in school and life. Access to affordable child care is also an engine of the state's economy, enabling families to participate in our workforce," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "I am excited to see the impact these significant changes will bring to our state, making Massachusetts a more affordable place to live, learn and work."

EEC has been working over the past year and a half with key stakeholders to make these significant child care financial

assistance regulation changes. From the outset, EEC took on these regulation changes with the goals of centering the family voice and restructuring the agency's operations, policies, and procedures to modernize and improve the experience for parents and providers.

Some of the key regulation and policy changes include:

- Improving and simplifying communication with families, such as launching email and texting campaigns to reach them directly and support them throughout the process of accessing child care financial assistance;
- Reducing and eliminating unnecessary and duplicative paperwork and reporting requirements that create an undue burden for parents;
- Updating the provider employment definitions and requirements to reflect the changing nature of work, including more flexibility for hourly wage earners and those working from home;
- Waiving fees for homeless families and easing reporting requirements for individuals with disabilities or those participating in treatment for substance abuse;
- Better aligning with partner agencies like the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and Department of Children and Families (DCF) to streamline processes and reduce administrative burdens for families;
- Incorporating more inclusive language that supports the dignity of receiving child care financial assistance, and is inclusive of LGBTQ+ families and families with disabilities; and
- Shifting policies to be more accessible, meaning they are written in plain language and will eventually be available in up to 14 languages.

"Our administration believes that expanding access to more affordable, high-quality early education and care is the first step to ensuring every Bay State child has access to the education they deserve, regardless of their

circumstances or background," said Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler. "Here in Massachusetts, we don't just want to get 'back' to how things were before the pandemic--the new and updated regulation and policy changes will bring the state's child care financial assistance program forward. With a focused intentionality on centering parents and simplifying the processes for providers, we are creating the child care financial assistance system that students and families deserve."

"I am grateful for the significant changes we are making to our child care financial assistance programs in Massachusetts. Through regulations and policy, we are shifting the programs to be easier and more accessible to enable families to work and support their children's school success. Using technology enhancements and eliminating barriers, we are creating a more modern, flexible and dignified system," said Early Education and Care Commissioner Amy Kershaw. "I want to thank the Early Education and Care Board, our early education and care programs and partners, and sister agencies who have worked collaboratively and intentionally with us to make changes that center families' experiences and will bring greater equity and inclusion for the children and families participating in our child care financial assistance programs."

EEC's willingness to bring together state policy leaders and early education and out of school time providers through ongoing working sessions has demonstrated the agency's commitment to ensuring an inclusive, equitable and family-friendly subsidy system. For Kids Only Afterschool is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with EEC staff and statewide colleagues on the future direction of subsidy policies and procedures. We are excited for the upcoming changes and to provide greater access to high quality early educa-

tion and out of school time programming for children and families across the state," said Briana Flannery, Deputy Director of For Kids Only Afterschool.

"Horizons has been excited to participate in the collaborative process with the EEC and other child care providers to simplify, modernize and expand access to child care financial assistance. These changes will particularly have a positive impact on child care access and affordability for families experiencing homelessness. The culture shift currently taking place at EEC, creating more family centric solutions which accommodate the reality and complexity of working family's lives, is a welcome change," said Kate Barrand, President & CEO of Horizons for Homeless Children.

The state's Child Care Financial Assistance programs are funded federally through the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) and by the state level through multiple EEC line items. This year, the Healey-Driscoll administration and the legislature delivered \$778 million towards child care financial assistance, an increase of \$60 million over FY23. Currently, 58,000 children and their families access child care with the support of state financial assistance. Nearly 4,500 early education and child care centers partner with the Commonwealth to provide care to low-income or subsidized students, which is 56% of the licensed early education and care programs in the state.

"The Board of Early Education and Care was proud to vote to adopt these updated child care financial assistance program regulations. These significantly improved regulations will serve as the foundation for the programs and set the tone for what we know these programs can and will be -- equitably supporting families to afford and access high-quality early education and care across the Commonwealth. I am grateful for the Board, the Healey-Driscoll Administration, and our partners

efforts and the direction that Massachusetts is moving in," said Paul Bel-sito, Chair of the Board of Early Education and Care.

"For some families who rely on child care while they work, finding appropriate, high-quality care can be difficult. I am grateful to EEC for their efforts to support families and eliminating administrative barriers to a service that can make such a difference for chil-

dren and their parents. By streamlining this process through the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Transitional Assistance, we are reducing the burden placed on people to provide information to apply for services for which they are already qualified, expediting their access to the child care they need," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Kate Walsh.

MBTA; ferry services will be extended this fall

Due to popular demand, the MBTA announced that East Boston, Winthrop, and Lynn ferry services will be extended through the fall. East Boston and Winthrop ferries are extended until November 30 and Lynn ferries are extended to October 31. Ferry service schedules are available at mbta.com/ferry.

"This summer we were able to expand our water transportation network and the public response has been so positive that we have decided to now extend these ferry services into October and November," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "Safe and reliable multi modal transportation including water transportation is a priority. I'm proud that the MBTA team can continue to offer this to the public."

The East Boston ferry operates on weekdays and weekends between East Boston at Lewis Mall Wharf and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf (North). A one-way fare on the East Boston ferry is \$2.40 (or \$1.10 for Reduced Fare riders), which is the same as taking the subway. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted. MBTA Student CharlieCards that are pre-loaded

with monthly passes for the school year for middle and high schoolers. East Boston ferry service is funded through the Commonwealth.

The Winthrop ferry operates on weekdays between Winthrop Landing, Quincy, and the downtown Boston area at Central Wharf (South). A one-way fare on the Winthrop ferry is \$6.50. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

The Lynn Ferry operates on weekdays between the Blossom Street Pier and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf (North). A one-way fare on the Lynn Ferry is currently \$7. Tickets can be purchased on the mTicket app or with cash. Printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7s are also accepted.

Passengers should note that some schedule adjustments may be made due to weather this season. Service information will be available at mbta.com/alerts.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LOW TURNOUT IN CHELSEA PRIMARY

CHELSEA - The city saw exceedingly low turnout for Tuesday's preliminary election for District 4 City Councilor and District 7 School Committee member.

Overall, only 144 ballots were cast between the two races.

In the District 4 Council race, current District 7 Councilor Tanairi Garcia topped the ballot with 55 votes. Current Licensing Commission Chair Marnie MacAlpine came in second with 25 votes and will join Garcia on the Nov. 7 general election ballot. Adriel Adonis Rodriguez finished out of the running with nine votes.

Garcia is the current councilor for District 7, but due to redistricting, much of what was District 7 is now in District 4.

The District 7 School Committee race saw Lucia Henriquez coming out on top with 26 votes and Loren Sokol earning a spot on the Nov. 7 ballot with 16 votes. Celeste Williams finished out of the running with 12 votes.

Turnout for the preliminary election hovered between 2.24 percent and 5 percent depending upon the precinct.

In addition to the District 4 City Council and District 7 School Committee seats, the general election also looks to have contested elections for Councilor-at-Large, District 2 Councilor, and the School Committee seats in Districts 3 and 4.

COUNCILORS QUESTION FLORENCE ST. PARK CONDITIONS

EVERETT - City councilors registered concerns about the physical condition of Florence Street during Director of Engineering Erik Swanson's update on the city's parks at Monday's Council meeting.

During a question-and-answer period that followed Swanson's update, Ward 3 Councilor Darren Costa asked about "a specific organization that was trying to use Florence Street Park for a baseball program, and they had mentioned that it can't be used."

Swanson responded, "To my knowledge, I thought there was baseball played early this summer. I'm not aware of any restrictions."

Then came the straight-on question from Costa that certainly reverberated across the city, especially among recent visitors to the Florence Street Park.

"What's the status of the contamination there, then?" Costa asked Swanson directly. "From what I understood, the feedback I've gotten was that it was too contaminated to be able to hold a program there."

Calling it a tough question to answer, Swanson said, "The contamination that is there does not present any harm to kids who use it."

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Matewsky was incredulous in his tone upon the mere mention of the word "contamination."

"Maybe it's me, we're talking Florence Street Park, where the tot lot was just done over - there are two parts to that park (Upper Florence and Lower Florence)," began Matewsky.

"I've been the councilman for that area for over

40 years. Kids have been playing at that park for 40 years. What does this contamination thing come from? That's the first I'm hearing about it. Who said it's contaminated?" Matewsky said to Swanson.

"I was not part of the development for the remediation nor the design of the surface of the park, so I can't tell you how it got to be in its current state," said Swanson.

"This is all news to me," said Matewsky, asking Council President Michael Marchese if he knew the answer to why the park might be contaminated.

Marchese offered a plausible, scientific explanation.

"A couple of years ago, during the storm, they piled about 100 feet of dirty snow there from all over the place, and that [may have] led to the contamination," said Marchese.

Matewsky seemed perturbed that no one had informed him about the possible contamination at the park.

"But if they're going to dump snow there that was contaminated, that's news to me," said Matewsky.

Swanson told the councilor that he will do some research and determine exactly "what the extent of the contamination is."

"And I will say that when the word 'contamination' is thrown around, it doesn't necessary mean imminent threat of life," said Swanson.

"Well, I should hope not - imminent threat of life? It [contamination] is a scary term," responded Matewsky.

The Council voted unanimously to request that Swanson provide an update on Florence Street Park by the first Council meeting in December.

ONHC OPPOSE LEYDEN ST. PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - The Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) opposed a project at 36 Leyden Street during its monthly meeting on September 18.

The project proposes demolishing the existing building on the site to erect a new eight-unit residential building with eight parking spaces. Of the eight condominium units, there will be one accessible and affordable unit, three two-bedrooms, and four three-bedrooms.

This project was initially presented to the OHNC earlier in the summer. Since then, there have been some changes, according to Attorney Jeff Drago, who presented the project along with the Developer David Gradus and the Architect David Choi.

Since the team's last presentation, the project's unit count has dropped from nine to eight, the floor area ratio (FAR) has gone from 2.25 to 2.24, and the building's height has decreased from 37.66 feet to 35 feet.

Additionally, the front yard setback has increased from zero to four feet, there are additional landscape plans, and the fourth floor of the building has been pulled back.

Drago also gave some context about how this building could fit into the area, saying, "The proposal isn't the only multi-family residential in this area. There's four-story across the street, there's multi-family at the corner, and as you go up and down

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Parishioners enjoying the bouncy house during St. Michael the Archangel's Parish Picnic on Sept. 24.

it, there's also townhouse, there's also two-family and some ones."

After Choi went through floor plans and some renders, Gradus took the floor and talked about a concern that residents voiced at the last presentation - parking.

In speaking about parking, Gradus said, "At my end of Leyden Street, we actually have a ton of parking; it's not so densely packed."

After that statement, Gradus went through slides that displayed what he called an "amateur parking study." In this study, Gradus seemingly took images from Google Maps showing the parking situation on the street during different years and designated open spots with black rectangles.

While the slides shown seemed to indicate that spots were available, some residents were not fond of the study, with the central question concerning the time the pictures were taken. To which Gradus said he did not know what time Google Satellite took its images.

Even with some push-back from residents about the study, Gradus maintained his position about there being available parking in the area.

"I'm there at all hours of the day, and again, at that end of the street, there's always parking available," said Gradus.

One resident, who has lived in East Boston for 11 years and Orient Heights for the last five years, backed up Gradus, saying, "I drive through that street every day, and out of all the streets here, that's probably the easiest one for parking."

In addition to the parking study, Gradus also spoke about the need for housing in the area, calling Boston "severely under-housed" and said, "I think that we just cannot build a single or a two-family on a lot this large; we have to have families that want to live in the area."

When the floor was opened for comments and questions, several topics were covered, including the cost of the condos, which Gradus said would be between \$500,000-\$600,000.

There was a comment commending the project for having an affordable unit. There was also a comment from an attendee that they were happy that the units were condos, but they also asked if they would actually end up being built as condos.

"The 100% goal is to build condominiums to add housing to the area,

not apartments," said Gradus.

Other comments about the project concerned the building's height, the proposed roof decks, and more.

In the end, there were not enough votes from those in attendance for the project to gain the support of the OHNC, and the project was opposed 23-5, with one voter abstaining. The OHNC will meet again at its regular time on October 16.

BOH REVIEWS BIOSAFETY REGULATIONS

REVERE - The Revere Board of Health held its regular monthly meeting last Thursday evening, September 22, at Revere City Hall in the City Council Chambers.

On hand for the meeting were chairperson Dr. Drew Bunker; board members Dr. Craig Costanza and Nezha Louaddi; Lauren Buck, the Director of Public Health; Michael Wells, the city's Health Agent/Director of Inspectional Services; and Paula Sepulveda, the Board of Health Clerk.

The meeting was a brief one with the main piece of business pertaining to the Introduction to Biosafety Regulations that was presented by Buck by means of a powerpoint presentation.

Buck started her discussion with a review of the city ordinance that was adopted by the City Council a few weeks ago that made revisions to the previous ordinance defining Research and Development Facilities.

The principal change in the new ordinance is that it will allow only Level 1 and Level 2 Biomedical Safety Facilities to be permitted in the city.

The previous ordinance allowed Level 3 facilities, which along with Level 4 labs, work on the most dangerous infectious agents or toxins.

In addition to the general ordinance, there also is a specific ordinance pertaining to the Suffolk Downs Overlay District which emphasizes that Level 3 and 4 facilities are not permitted and that testing on certain animal species (cats, dogs, rabbits, moneys, chimpanzees, and other related primates) is not allowed.

In addition, the new ordinance states there is to be no allowance for the granting of a special permit for any facility beyond what is allowed by the ordinance.

All potential biomedical research companies will

have to apply to the Board of Health for a license for which the applicant must meet a host of complex requirements.

The licensee also will have to comply with requirements set forth by the city's public safety departments.

Buck showed charts displaying the framework for regulations that other municipalities in the Greater Boston area have adopted as a reference for the scope of regulations that the Revere board may want to include in its upcoming regulations.

In other business: Buck presented the Public Health Communicable Disease monthly report. She said that there were three cases of influenza in the city in the past month.

"This is a fall and winter illness, so we should expect the numbers to increase in the months ahead," she said.

Buck also noted that a recent study revealed that the availability of regular telehealth visits during the pandemic resulted in individuals staying in substance abuse treatment longer and in fewer deaths from medically-treated overdoses.

She also made note of another study that revealed that 80 percent of pregnancy-related maternal deaths were preventable. The vast majority of maternal mortality is attributable to mental health issues, excessive bleeding, and cardiac conditions.

As for COVID-19, there has been a total of 24,946 cases and 192 deaths in the city since the start of the pandemic.

In September, the daily average of new cases was 14.6 with a 14-day positivity rate of 8.64, a slight decrease from the previous month.

Wells presented the Inspectional Services Dept. monthly report.

"This was another busy month for Inspectional Services," said Wells.

Among the work performed by the ISD in the past month, there were 60 new certificates of fitness for habitability and 13 re-inspections.

Regarding food-related inspections: There were 26 new food inspections and 12 re-inspections; four complaint inspections; two opening inspections; 14 rodent control inspections; and one establishment closure.

As for exterior sanitation, ISD issued 41 citations for accumulations of trash, litter, and garbage, 50 citations for improper placements of bulky items, and 252 citations for improper placements

of trash.

The ISD issued two citations for improper signage on public property; four for improper storage of garbage and trash; four for junk heaps (motor vehicles), 34 for unclean or overgrown land; three for unpermitted dumpsters, and two for water flow from sump pumps.

The board members also signed the amendments to the city's Regulations Restricting the Sale of Tobacco and Vape Products.

The board had held a public hearing on the new regulations two months ago and voted to adopt the new regulations last month. The new regulations were put into final form by the board's staff, with the board members affixing their signatures on the document Thursday evening.

BUILDING COMMITTEE DISCUSSES CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR POLICE STATION UPGRADE

WINTHROP - Architects from Kaestle Boos discussed conceptual plans for the second phase of a public safety building project at a public hearing held by the Fire House Building Committee last week.

Voters will be asked to approve a debt exclusion for the first phase of the project, a new fire station on Winthrop Street next to the existing police station, on Nov. 7.

If that vote is successful, the town could consider moving forward with the second phase of a public safety project several years down the line. That project would include the major renovation of the existing police station, which would include a bridge connecting the new fire station to the police station.

The renovated police station would include a new second floor as well as an outside addition, as well as a major overhaul of the existing property.

The police department would have to relocate during the renovation/construction project, according to Larry Trim of Kaestle Boos.

Once completed, the newly redone police station would be about 33,000 square feet, or about the same size as the proposed new fire station, according to Trim. There would also be parking included, most likely for staff, underneath the building, according to Trim.

Trim noted that any de-

Boston Public Schools and Success Boston celebrate Career Month

Every October, Boston Public Schools facilitates College & Career Month to help each and every BPS student navigate the fast-changing post-secondary landscape. In partnership with Success Boston and The Boston Foundation, College and Career Month features events, activities, and resources specifically designed to encourage and empower all students and their families in the education and career planning process.

To date, the Success Boston program has had remarkable success raising the college completion rate for BPS graduates from 35 percent for the BPS Class of 2000 to 52 percent for the BPS Class of 2015, an almost 20 percentage point increase.

With large changes to the higher education landscape in the Com-

monwealth, including the launch of MassReconnect, the expansion of the City of Boston's Tuition-Free Community College (TFCC) Plan for all Boston residents regardless of age and immigration status, the Tuition Equity bill signed into law guaranteeing in-state tuition rates to undocumented and DACA-status residents, and the success of Early College and Innovation Pathways, it's more important than ever before that Boston's students and families understand the wide variety of resources and opportunities available to them.

"Our mission is to focus on the well-being of the whole child and accelerate our students' academic performance," said Superintendent Mary Skipper. "This month, BPS will be focusing on college and career exploration,

through events like the Citywide College, Career, and STEM Fair, to help prepare our young people for college, careers, and beyond. Engaging our students and advising them about college and career opportunities will set them up for success throughout the rest of their journey in education, in career, and in life after they leave Boston Public Schools."

The goal of College & Career Month is to showcase all of the city's varied and helpful resources designed to get students prepared for, enrolled in, and successfully complete a postsecondary pathway. The project directly supports the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's statewide effort to help prepare students for Success after High School.

"It is important that we educate the 21st-century

student in ways that will set them up for success in the 21st century," said Boston School Committee Chairperson Jeri Robinson. "That is what College and Career Month is all about: Educating the leaders of tomorrow by fostering the skills they need to succeed."

Finally, for the third year in a row, BPS is partnering with a group of social media-savvy student ambassadors to promote events and resources throughout the month.

Engaging with students through near-peer advocacy is important as they gain perspective about career possibilities and experiences.

"College & Career Month gives students from across grade levels opportunities to advance their post-high school plans and learn about potential paths to fulfilling futures," said M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of the Boston Foundation. "We are pleased once again to partner with BPS through

Success Boston for this important effort."

College & Career Month highlights a weekly theme, with students across elementary, middle, and high schools participating in age-appropriate college and career awareness activities. The 2023-themed weeks are Exploring Skills and Interests; College and Career Readiness and Entrepreneurship; STEAM; and College Affordability and Financial Literacy.

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sign plans for the updated police station are in the very preliminary stages.

"There is plenty of time to decide the final configuration of the police department," said Trim.

Trim said the current plans show an expanded detention and sallyport area on the lower level, along with a slightly expanded firing range. There would be public access and meeting rooms on the main floor, and the second floor would likely contain administrative space, as well as facilities for the patrol division.

None of the potential plans for the second phase

of the project would affect the proposed cost or plans for the new fire station, Trim said. However, he said the new fire station would be constructed so that it could easily connect to an updated police station.

In addition to discussing the police station plans, Trim said his firm met recently with the police and fire chiefs and made some adjustments to the plans for the new fire station.

Those changes include raising the height of the second floor to be able to put the dormitories for firefighters over the appa-

ratus bay and on the same level as the command staff. Trim said this also would open up more space in the administrative wing so the town's health department could have more space on an upper level of the building.

"I think it's really important to conceptually take a look at this to give people an idea of where we are going and where we are looking in the future," said Town Council President Jim Letterie. "It also gave us an opportunity to make a few adjustments on the fire side."

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East Boston Reach Out For Youth Breakfast set for Oct. 13

Special to the Times-Free Press

Each year the East Boston YMCA calls to the community to help raise funds to offset the cost of the numerous programs they offer to ensure no one is turned away due to inability to pay. In 2022 the Y distributed over \$380,000 directly back into the community. Aid was provided in scholarship amounts that covered up to 100% of programs like after school care, health and wellness memberships, swim lessons to mention a few. Since the start of COVID the Y has seen an increase in need for assistance to ensure the community has access to life-sustaining and life-changing programs. “We are still seeing the need come in more the ever, says Joe Gaeta, Executive Director, even more

so at the tail end of COVID due to inflation and the increase of the cost of living in East Boston.” Massport is back again as the event’s Presenting Sponsor helping kick off the Y’s goal to raise \$400,000 for the year. It takes the support of many for the Y to meet its lofty goal. Community business’ like Cargo Ventures stepped up with a \$15,000 donation to the Y to the Breakfast. Cargo has also been a steadfast supporter of the East Boston Y by covering the location cost of the “Hunger Prevention Warehouse” on McClellan highway for the past 3 years and directly funding of the Y’s successful Culinary Arts Work Force Development that has produced over 50 skilled chefs with new well-paying jobs. “Cargo Ventures is proud to



Shown are Joe Gaeta East Boston YMCA Executive Director, Pat Capogreco Community Relations Cargo Ventures, Oscar Cruz, East Boston YMCA Healthy Living Director and the East Boston Y’s Preschool Room 4 Class.

support the East Boston YMCA and the incredible work they do for Eastie youth and families says Pat Capogreco of Cargo Ventures. We admire the Y’s unwavering dedication and

commitment to this community, and the profound impact they’ve left on the lives of countless individuals.”

State Representative Adrian Madaro is set to

lead the morning again as the Y celebrates what builds us as a community. New community Aquatics initiatives will be announced; so do not miss this event!

Tickets and Event Sponsorships are still available at <https://ymcaboston.org/reachoutbreakfast>, for more information reach out to Joe Gaeta, Executive Director @ 617-418-8320.

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Harbor. There really is nowhere else in the harbor that does it,” Greenland pointed out. “We’re losing our ability to do it because of sink holes, and the conditions of the piers and headwalls.”

The investment project is anticipated to cost a minimum of \$12 million to repair and build new piers and headwalls, add travel lifts, and update and maintain the existing facility to be able to service the industry. Greenland explained that new revenue streams must be generated in addition to sustaining current ones to meet the demands of today’s mar-

ket. “This site was built to meet the demands of the 1940s. In the 1850s it was wooden clipper ships and graving docks. They services war-era military ships,” said Greenland. “In the late 1980s, when Massport bought the site, it started becoming more mixed-use with multiple tenants across the yard. We still do ship repairs, but now we have a marina and boat storage, and do a lot of commercial berthing.”

Although Massport owns the property, Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina has been the long-term

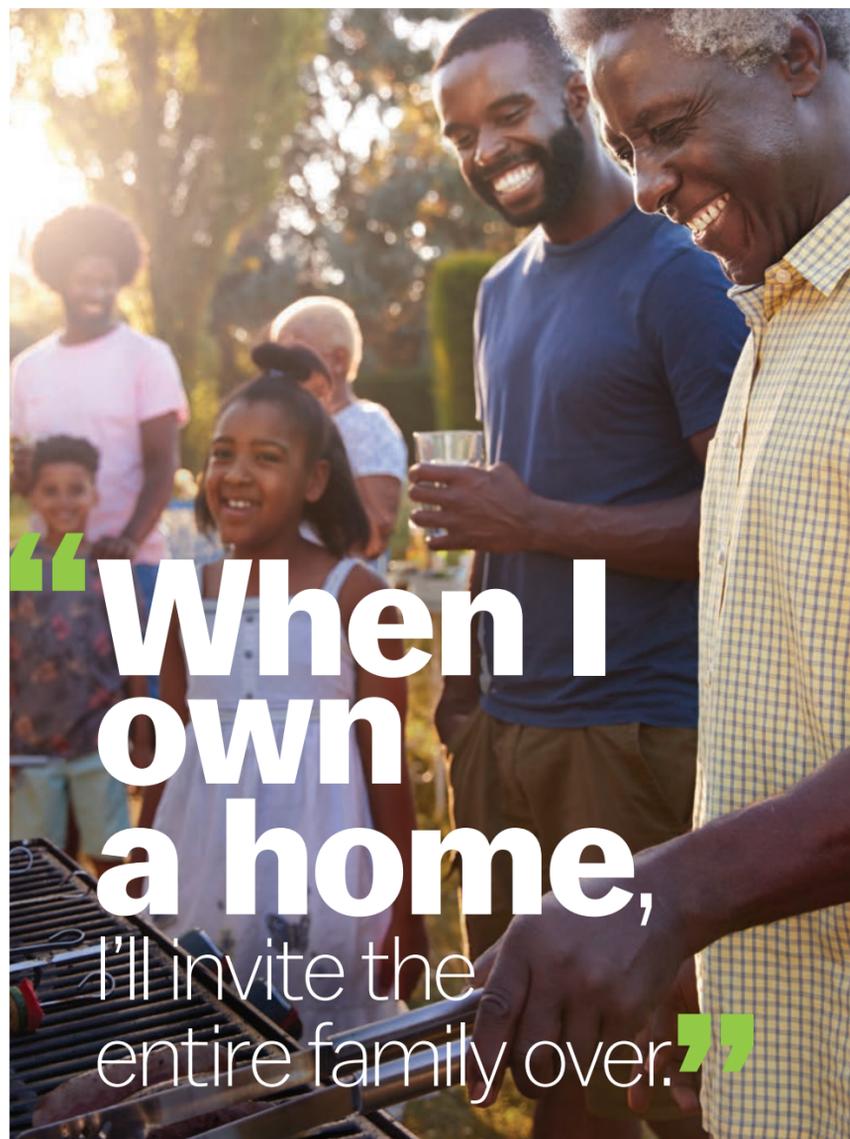
ground lease owner since 2018, and is responsible for controlling and maintaining the site.

“What people don’t see is the business – the marine industrial operations. Because of the nature of activities, the back is a restricted area,” described Greenland. “We want to walk people back there, and explain the improvements we want to do, and the conditions that need to be fixed.”

Learn more about Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina’s investment plan by visiting www.BHSMarina.com/investment-plan.



Marshall Greenland, General Manager, Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, holding a public information session on September 28.



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Join the MBTA for a Red Blue Connector Community Meeting



The MBTA is hosting two in-person community meetings in October. At these meetings, the team will present an overview of the preliminary engineering and upcoming state and federal environmental review milestones. Following the presentation, the project team will be available to take comments and questions.

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Downtown Boston | Paul S. Russell, MD Museum at MGH 2 North Grove Street

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:00 PM

East Boston | East Boston Branch of the Boston Public Library 365 Bremen Street

The same information will be shared at both meetings to allow the public to attend the most convenient location.

The Red Blue Connector project would connect the Red and Blue lines by extending the Blue Line beyond its current terminus at Bowdoin station through a new tunnel under Cambridge Street to Charles/MGH station on the Red Line.

More information is available at MBTA.com/projects/red-blue-connector

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