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Shown above, Students in line and gathering at the face painting table, one of many popular activities during the Fall Festival on Oct. 20.

Shown to the right, Rodrigo Landaverde, Angel Canales, Justin Amaya, and Angel Salinas.

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## GSCA listens to presentation for Orleans Street building project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

A project at 91-93 Orleans Street, which would reconstruct a building lost in a fire, was presented at the Gove Street Citizens Association's (GSCA) monthly meeting last week.

As part of this proposal, a four-unit building would be reconstructed at the site where the previous building caught fire. According to Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented this

project to the GSCA, before the fire, the previous building was four units.

Further, Lynds explained that due to the recent filing of the project, it will likely come under new zoning, which is being proposed through the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: East Boston.

Under current zon-

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## Lendlease achieves full retail occupancy at Clippership Wharf

Special to The Times

Lendlease, a global integrated real estate group, announced the full completion and occupancy of retail space at Clippership Wharf, a mixed-use residential development in East Boston. Comprising approximately 8,000 square feet, the ground-floor, waterfront retail is now occupied by three renowned Boston dining establishments: Café Iterum, The Smoke Shop and Mida for Clippership resi-

dents and the Boston community to enjoy

"The addition of three acclaimed eateries further establishes Clippership as a destination for Bostonians while demonstrating our long-term commitment to enhancing the East Boston waterfront," said Monique Henley, Executive General Manager of East Coast Development at Lendlease. "Together with Clippership's existing public ameni-

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## City of Boston issues reminders ahead of municipal election

The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that the Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. The election will determine At-Large and District City Councilors for the City of Boston. Due to redistricting, the district that residents live in may

have changed. Residents can get information about which City Council district they live in and view a sample ballot. I

### In-person Early Voting

In-person Early Voting runs through Friday, November 3. City Hall

is Boston's primary early voting site, with voting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Voters are encouraged to enter City Hall through the Hanover Street entrance to access the early voting location on the second floor.

Neighborhood early voting locations will be available throughout the city on from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 2. All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Voters are

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## EBNHC President and CEO Wilmot named to Modern Healthcare's Top Diversity Leaders List

Special to the Times

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is proud to announce that President and CEO, Greg Wilmot, was recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of 2023's Top Diversity Leaders.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized by Modern Healthcare and want to thank my dedicated colleagues who work tirelessly to make EBNHC a leading provider of community healthcare," said Wilmot. "At the heart of our mission is the belief that every person deserves access to high-quality healthcare.



EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot.

This recognition demonstrates the importance of diversity and represen-

tation in our journey towards better health for all, and the belief that we are only able to unlock the full potential of our communities and organizations by embracing and celebrating our unique strengths and differences. In doing so, EBNHC is a stronger employer, health care provider, and community partner, better able to help our patients live healthier and happier lives."

The Top Diversity Leaders in Healthcare recognition program takes great pride in honoring the top diverse healthcare executives and organizations influencing the

policy and care delivery models across the country. In doing so, they are also highlighting the continued need to nurture diversity in their organizations.

"Modern Healthcare's 2023 Top Diversity Leaders and organizations exemplify a commitment to meaningful diversity, equity, and inclusion," said Modern Healthcare president Dan Peres.

"They have exceeded industry standards and continue to devote necessary resources to providing internal opportunities while advancing commu-

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### FALL-O-WEEN IN BOSTON



PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS

Hazel, 2, and Naomi Tolman, 4, of East Boston enjoy their trip to Boston Common for the October 20 Fall-O-Ween family festival hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with the Skating Club of Boston and sponsors College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving, HP Hood LLC, and Xfinity.

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## News in Brief

### HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on November 6, at 6 p.m. The meeting is In Person only but will be streamed via Facebook for archival purposes. Attendance on Facebook does not qualify for voting. The meeting will be held in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club cafeteria, across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. You can access the meeting from the front door on Byron Street or from the rear door on Wordsworth Street, which is the handicap entry, to avoid the stairs. Since we are indoors, masks are optional for those in attendance.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en seis de noviembre 2023 a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Facebook. La asistencia en Facebook no califica para vota. Llega a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado de Brooke Charter School. Pueda usar la entrada pricipal por la calle Byron o la entrada en calle de Wordsworth. La entrada de calle Wordsworth no tienne escaleras por personas con discapacidades. El cubre bocas sera opcional puesto que estaremos adentro.

#### Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction (5min)
- ONS Manuela (Mela) VillaGomez (5min)
- Neighborhood announcements.
- Announcements (5min)
- Greenway Council, Tree Eastie, Salesian Boys and Girls Club 17th Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser 11/9/23 6pm-8pm. Salesian Boys and Girls Club Helping Hands Club Food Drive for Grace Church Food Pantry ends 11/13/23. Plan EB revised draft to be posted 11/17/23. Plan EB Deadline for comments 12/1/23.
- Station 7 Police Re-

port (15min) Captain Bickerton, Sgt. Cintolo, Officers Mosley, Alvarez and Figueroa.

- Halloween House Decorating Contest (10min) The top three winners of the contest will be announced and presented their prize.

- 58 Wordsworth Street (30min) 2nd Presentation and VOTE, by Attorney and owner Jeff Drago. The proposal is to change the occupancy from a two-family to a three-family. Erect rear and third-story additions and rear decks. Renovate existing building.

- 41 Wordsworth Street (20min) 1st Presentation by Attorney Jeff Drago for owner Sharon Menninger, Stage LLC. Proposal to amend plans to add roof deck to existing structure and add egress stairs. (amending ALT1277234).

- Holiday Party (5min) HVNA will be having our annual potluck holiday party at the East Boston Yacht Club on Thursday, December 14, 2023, 6pm-8:30pm. Please save the date.

- 531 Bennington Street (30min) 1st Presentation by Attorney Richard Lynds for owner Sokol Enterprises, LLC. The proposal is to raze the existing 3 decker and erect a 5-unit residential dwelling.

- Stop Sign request (10min) Neighbors on Horace and Moore Street are asking to have a stop sign installed at the corner of Moore Street and Horace Street for safety reasons. Discussion and next steps in the process.

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on December 4, 2023. Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna> or check our website at [harborvieweastboston.com](http://harborvieweastboston.com)

### NOVEMBER SERVICE CHANGES AT THE MBTA

MBTA officials announced service changes in November on the Red, Orange, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve

service reliability across the system. Additional service changes may take place in November and will be announced when details are finalized.

#### On the Red Line:

- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between Alewife and Kendall/MIT Stations during the weekend of November 4-5. This service change allows crews to perform rail welding and track work in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between JFK/UMass and Park Street Stations beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Thursday on November 14-16 as well as during the weekend of November 18-19. This service change allows crews to perform track work between Broadway and South Station in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

#### On the Orange Line:

- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and Wellington Stations from the start of service until approximately 2 PM on Sunday, November 5. This service change is taking place to accommodate an emergency response learning exercise taking place near Malden Center. The exercise is an opportunity for public safety officials to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures.

- Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and North Station beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Friday on November 7-10 as well as during the weekend of November 11-12. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work at the Oak Grove crossover track area as well as in and around the tracks at Sullivan Square and Community College Stations.



Jim Canales, Raymond Liu, and Porsha Olayiwola, the latest Board Members appointed to the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees.

## Three named to BPL Board of Trustees

Special to the Times

The Boston Public Library (BPL) announced that Jim Canales, Raymond Liu, and Porsha Olayiwola have been appointed by Mayor Michelle Wu to serve on the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Trustees' mission is to preserve and provide access to historical records of our society, and to serve the cultural, educational, and informational needs of the city of Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"I'm thrilled to appoint Porsha, Jim, and Ray to the Boston Public Library Board, bringing their expertise and love for Boston to one of the most historic and impactful institutions in our city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to the outgoing Trustees for their careful stewardship of the Boston Public Library and look forward to more years of enrichment and education with BPL throughout our neighborhoods."

"On behalf of my fellow trustees, we are delighted to welcome Jim, Ray, and Porsha to the Board," said Priscilla H. Douglas, Chair of the BPL Trustees. "Their unique talents, expertise, and community connections will ensure that the Boston Public Library continues to be a welcoming and equitable institution, even better positioned to offer enrichment and education -- free to all."

Incorporated in 1878, the Boston Public Library Board of Trustees establishes policies and sets the strategic goals of the library, oversees the general operating and administrative policies, and acts as an agent of public trust governing the library. The BPL Board of Trustees works together with the library president to carry out responsibilities that involve governance and policy-making, financial and development oversight,

and the work of strategic planning.

The Board also recognized outgoing Trustees Jabari Asim, Ben Bradlee Jr, and Linda Dorcena Forry for their service at the Board of Trustees meeting on September 26.

The Board of Trustees consists of 15 trustees, all residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and appointed by the Mayor of Boston. Trustees hold their office for a term of five years and until their successor is appointed.

#### Jim Canales

Jim Canales is president and a trustee of the Barr Foundation, which focuses on elevating the arts, advancing solutions for climate change, and helping all young people thrive in high school and beyond. In 2023, Barr's grantmaking is projected to be \$150 million.

Prior to Barr, Jim spent over two decades at The James Irvine Foundation, including service as president and CEO from 2003 through 2014. Before working in philanthropy, Jim was a high school English teacher, after earning a bachelor's in English and a master's in education from Stanford University.

Jim currently serves as vice chair of the Kaiser Family Foundation and a trustee of both the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Eastern Bank Foundation. Jim's prior board involvement includes a ten-year term as a Stanford University trustee. He has also served as chair of the boards of the College Futures Foundation, KQED Public Broadcasting, the Stanford Alumni Association, and Larkin Street Youth Services, and as vice chair of the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

#### Raymond Liu

Dr. Ray Liu is the Vice President of Mass General Brigham Global Advisory,

serving as the leader of the system wide international advisory services team, with direct responsibility for strategy, operations, and financial performance of Global Advisory. Global Advisory collaborates with governments, international institutions, healthcare systems, and investors to drive transformative, sustainable change that delivers best in class local and community health care. Global Advisory leads enterprise-wide international advisory efforts, focusing on strategy, system coordination, business development, and project delivery on behalf of Mass General Brigham healthcare system and its member hospitals.

Dr. Liu brings over a decade of experience and leadership in clinical and hospital operations through his previous roles at Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Liu previously served as the Associate Chair for Business Strategy and Analytics for the Department of Radiology, the Director of the Radiology Consulting Group, and the Service Chief for Operational Redesign. His portfolio includes extensive work in operational efficiency, data analytics, and new business development, building upon his experience as a healthcare consultant for McKinsey & Co. Nationally, Dr. Liu serves on the Board of Directors for the Society of Interventional Radiology, where he is a Fellow, Treasurer, and former Chair of the Health Policy & Economics Division.

Dr. Liu graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Medical School and went on to complete dual residencies in pediatrics and diagnostic radiology at New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University. Dr. Liu returned to Boston to complete his fellowship in interventional radiology at Brigham

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TO BID

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The WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Roof & Selective Gutter Replacement at State Aided Development: Viking Gardens (667-1) in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by REVERSE ARCHITECTURE. The Project consists of but not limited to: The complete roof replacement, Insulation and ventilation improvements, and selective gutter and downspout repair and replacement on three (3) residential buildings and the Community building of Viking Gardens (667-1). Portions of the roof sheathing will be removed and replaced to facilitate the installation of attic insulation. Winter conditions may affect the starting date of construction. The work is estimated to cost \$361,000.00. All bidding Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted online by 11/10/2023 at 2:00PM EST for general bids. THIS PROJECT IS BEING ELEC-

TRONICALLY BID AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Please review the instructions in the bid documents on how to register as an electronic bidder. All Bids shall be submitted online at biddocs.com and received no later than the date and time specified. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the following category of work, Roofing, and must submit a current DCAMM Certificate of Eligibility and signed DCAMM Prime/General Contractor Update Statement. General Bids will be received until 16 November 2023 at 2:00 PM EST and publicly opened online, forthwith. General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (including all alternates) and made payable to the WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY. Note: A bid deposit is not required for Projects advertised under \$50,000. Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for review at biddocs.com (may

be viewed and downloaded electronically at no cost). General bidders must agree to contract with minority and women business enterprises as certified by the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO), formerly known as SOMWBA. The combined participation benchmark reserved for such enterprises shall not be less than 13% of the final contract price including accepted alternates. Request for waivers must be sent to EOHLIC (david.mcclave@mass.gov) 5 calendar days prior to the General Bid date. NO WAIVERS WILL BE GRANTED AFTER THE GENERAL BIDS ARE OPENED. PRE-BID CONFERENCE / SITE VISIT: Date and Time: 11/01/2023 at 10:00AM EDT Address: 107 Putnam St, Winthrop, MA 02152 Instructions: MEET AT VIKING GARDENS COMMUNITY BUILDING. The hard copy Contract Documents may be seen at: Nashoba Blue Inc. 433 Main Street Hudson, MA 01749 978-568-1167 Winthrop Housing Authority 9 Golden Drive Winthrop, MA 02152

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advised that state-issued identifications are optional for quicker "check in," but are not required. Early voting locations are well staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

#### Vote-by-Mail

Vote-by-mail ballots may be returned using one of 21 drop boxes located throughout the City; in-person at the Boston Election Department located at City Hall Room 241; at an early voting voting location during the prescribed hours for voting; or via U.S. Mail.

Voters are asked to return all signed ballot packages, whether using a drop box or the US Mail in the white postage paid return envelope included with their vote by mail ballot.

Ballots must reach the Boston Election Department or a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7 to be counted. Ballots cannot be delivered to a polling location on Election Day.

#### Accessible Voting

The Accessible Electronic Voting System allows voters who are unable to independently read, write, hold, or physically manipulate or mark ballots to submit their ballot via a secure electronic delivery system.

Please note: To get access to the electronic ballot, you will need to provide your email address.

#### Voting on Election Day

Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. A list of poll-

ing locations can be found here. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish. Chinese and Vietnamese ballots will be available where required. Language interpreters will also be available upon request. All voting locations are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal for voters with visual or hearing impairments.

#### Unofficial Results

After polls close at 8:00 p.m., the Election Department will receive and upload unofficial results of ballots counted at polling places as they are returned from each precinct.

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# Lindsey Santana named Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Lindsey Santana as a new Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS). The Office of Neighborhood Services plays an integral role in connecting residents to City services and resources, facilitating resident input in all aspects of local government, ensuring the appropriate City departments respond to constituent service requests, attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to emergencies such as fires to help displaced residents.

“I’m thrilled these two accomplished leaders are joining our Office of Neighborhood Services. Lindsey knows every corner of City Hall and leads with compassion and expertise,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Lydia has a proven track record of advocating on behalf of South Boston families and building community. I look forward to working with both of them to better address the daily concerns of our residents.”

Santana started her career in City Hall as a Com-



Lindsey Santana.

munity Project and Marketing Coordinator for the Office of Public Service, which is now known as the Mayor’s Office of Civic Organizing. She later became the Jamaica Plain liaison in ONS and served in that role for two years. Santana has also served as Community Engagement Manager for the Environment Department and most recently served as the Chief of Staff for City Councilor Brian Worrell.

“Lindsey’s return to the Office of Neighborhood Services is a win for the team,” said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. “Her background as a for-

mer neighborhood liaison and her experience in local government makes her fit to be an effective leader to support our neighborhood liaisons in delivering impactful constituent services.”

In her new role within the Office of Neighborhood Services, Santana will build on the Office’s work to provide essential services to constituents and work towards deepening the City’s relationship with local businesses, organizations, and residents. She currently resides in Brighton and is pursuing her Master’s in Public Relations at Boston University.

“I am excited to contribute my knowledge and expertise to make the Office of Neighborhood Services stronger than it has ever been,” said Office of Neighborhood Services Deputy Director Lindsey Santana. “As the deputy director, I will empower liaisons to continue to be motivated leaders that deliver excellent constituent services for our neighborhoods.”

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and Women's Hospital, including training at Children's Hospital of Boston.

Dr. Liu focuses his clinical interests in the fields of interventional oncology and pediatric interventions with a special interest in Hereditary Hemorrhagic Telangiectasia and the treatment of pulmonary arteriovenous malformations. His research interests are focused on the economics of interventional radiology, operational efficiency, and cost-effectiveness. Dr. Liu lives in Brookline, MA with his wife and three children.

native of Chicago, IL who writes, lives, and organizes in Boston, MA. Olayiwola is a writer, performer, educator, and curator who uses Afrofuturism and surrealism to examine historical and current issues in the Black, woman and queer diasporas. She is an individual World Poetry Slam Champion and the founder of the Roxbury Poetry Festival.

Olayiwola is the 2021 Artist-In-Residence at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum as well as a 2020 Poet Laureate Fellow with the Academy of American Poets. Olayiwola is currently teaching in her role as the Jacob Ziskind Poet-In-Residence at

Brandeis University. She is the author of i shimmer sometimes, too. Olayiwola is the current poet laureate for the City of Boston.

Her work can be found in or forthcoming from TriQuarterly Magazine, Black Warrior Review, The Boston Globe, Essence Magazine, Redivider, Split This Rock, The Academy of American Poets, Netflix, Wildness Press, The Museum of Fine Arts, and elsewhere.

Olayiwola is the co-founder of the literary gathering space Words as Worlds and just Book-ish, opening in 2024 in Fields Corner.

# Wilmot // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

nity health equity, setting a great example for others."

As President and CEO, Wilmot leads the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, with 71% of patients identifying as Hispanic, the majority of whom are immigrants with low income, language and cultural barriers to overcome. As CEO, Wilmot has expanded EBNHC’s diverse workforce, with more than 45% of staff identifying as Latino/a/x. Greg has also increased diverse talent at the organization’s highest levels – people of color now represent 40% of the health center’s leadership

team.

The profiles of all the winners are featured in the October 16, 2023 print issue of Modern Healthcare and on their website.

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 Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive care for the

underserved populations of Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Everett and Boston’s South End. EBNHC 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](http://www.ebnhc.org)

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ties, which encompass everything from art installations to a fully programmed living shoreline, the new businesses enrich the sense of community we’ve cultivated at this highly visible site overlooking the inner harbor and downtown Boston.”

Developed and constructed by Lendlease, Clippership Wharf occupies a 7-acre site overlooking Boston’s inner harbor and includes 284 apartments and 194 condominiums. These new eateries complement Clippership’s robust public amenities, which include a 1,400-foot stretch of the 40-mile Harborwalk, an amphitheater, dog park and seasonal kayaking, and boating activities. Clippership Wharf also regularly hosts public programming for the neighborhood to enjoy, ranging from outdoor movies and summer concert series to workout classes, in addition to its dining establishments.

Marking its third location, Italian restaurant Mida was recently recognized as one of Boston’s best restaurants in 2023 and Williams was honored by Food & Wine as one of the top 10 Best New Chefs in America in 2020.

The Smoke Shop, an award-winning barbecue restaurant, unveiled its fifth full-service location in a 4,000-square-foot space at Clippership earlier this summer. Led by chef, owner and pitmaster Andy Husbands, with interiors also designed by Sousa Design Architects, The Smoke Shop offers award-winning BBQ alongside one of Massachusetts’ largest Ameri-



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Mida at Clippership Wharf Interior: Italian restaurant Mida opened its third location at Clippership Wharf in August.

can whiskey collections. Three separate outdoor patios add an additional 2,000 square feet of dining space.

Café Iterum, spearheaded by renowned Boston chef Matt McPherson, opened in late 2021 and occupies a 1,100-square-foot space in which it serves refined coffee and modern American cuisine to East Boston residents and visitors alike. An expansive 1,400-square-foot patio with outdoor fire pits provides additional seating.

In line with Lendlease’s climate-resilient efforts at Clippership, Café Iterum is committed to becoming a zero-waste, sustainable café and has partnered with Eastie Farm to responsibly source local food.

Supporting East Boston’s local arts community, Clippership is home to the ClipArt Gallery, a contemporary art space open to the public on Saturdays offering rotating exhibits curated by Atlantic Works Gallery. In addition, two public sculptures were commissioned from local artists, paying homage to the area’s rich history. “Pillar,” a conceptual work inspired

by East Boston’s ship-building industry, stands in the courtyard, while “Islands,” located on the Harborwalk, is a sculptural work inspired by the historic transition of five islands into the peninsula known today as East Boston. For more information about art installation and public events, visit: [www.ClippershipWharf.com](http://www.ClippershipWharf.com)

Aligned with Lendlease’s industry-leading sustainability commitment, Mission Zero, which aims to achieve absolute zero carbon by 2040, Clippership incorporates numerous environmental innovations. The community’s living shoreline utilizes natural plantings, salt marshes, rocky beaches and wildlife habitats to enhance the site’s climate resilience, while its rooftop solar array can generate enough energy to power the equivalent of up to 40 homes per year. Other sustainability features at Clippership Wharf, which has achieved LEED Platinum certification for its residential units, include a new pilot program with Mill, a novel composting system that transforms food waste destined for landfills into chicken feed.



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### GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We've always found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections. Local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than what happens in Washington. Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, etc., etc., etc.

Local governments are holding elections across the state this Tuesday, November 7. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and goals for ourselves and our families.

### HOUSE DEMOCRATS: TOTAL FAILURES

It is clear that the decision by the Democrats in the House of Representatives to allow a small band of narcissistic and anarchistic Republicans, led by the odious Matt Gaetz of Florida, to throw the Congress (as well as the country and the world) into chaos when they sided with Gaetz's small band of fellow GOP anarchists to remove former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has completely backfired.

It is axiomatic in politics that you always should have a plan (with a desired end result) before embarking on a course of action. But with the unanimous election last week by the Republicans of little-known Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson to the speakership after three weeks of dysfunction, it is obvious that House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and his team had no plan or strategy of any kind.

Sure, they were able to gloat for a few weeks while the Republicans stumbled and fumbled, but in the final analysis, the Democrats ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes: The Republicans now are completely united and Congress has a Speaker (a position that is second in line to become president) who is so far right-wing, that he is somewhere out in the proverbial left field on just about every issue imaginable. In addition, Johnson was a staunch supporter of Donald Trump's efforts to undermine the election and has gone on record as opposing further military aid to Ukraine.

Sometimes -- SOMETIMES — politicians have to put the good of the country above their party's perceived short-term political gain. Yes, Kevin McCarthy was a sniveling snake, but he did do the right thing in June to craft a compromise with Joe Biden to raise the debt ceiling and then again in September to pass a short term budget deal that averted a government shutdown.

Democrats complained that McCarthy could not be trusted and that he's a liar (all of which is true) — but really? All politicians are less-than-truthful to some extent, from Joe Biden on down — do they think the people don't know that?

In short, the Democrats "strategy" of just standing by and allowing McCarthy to fall has turned out to be a total disaster, with the immediate beneficiaries of their inaction and their miscalculations being Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

The Democrats forgot a cardinal rule of politics: The enemy of my enemy is my friend, as well as a cardinal rule of life: The devil you know is better than the devil you don't.



# Forum

## Iconic Boston-Area landmarks to light the world in teal for Alzheimer’s Awareness Nov. 2

Special to the Times

Landmarks across the Boston area, including Boston City Hall and the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge, together with more than 1,000 buildings and landmarks around the world, will be lighting up teal on November 2 to raise Alzheimer’s awareness as part of the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America’s (AFA) Light the World in Teal program.

The annual program, held in November as part of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month, aims to literally shine a spotlight on Alzheimer’s disease and show support for the millions of people affected by it. Teal is AFA’s Alzheimer’s awareness color.

Participating Boston area landmarks include:

- Boston City Hall
- Gillette Stadium (Foxborough)
- Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial

- Bridge
- One International Place
- Two International Place
- Atlantic Wharf
- Monarch Place (outdoor marquee signs)
- Boston Museum of Science
- Boston Harbor Hotel
- Rose Kennedy Greenway
- W Hotel
- MassMutual Center (Springfield)
- Leader Bank Pavilion
- Government Center Station
- Cambridge City Hall
- Longfellow Bridge (Cambridge)
- Chelsea City Hall Clock Tower
- Fore River Bridge (Quincy)
- Medford City Hall
- Bertram House of Swampscott
- Sunrise of Braintree
- Sunrise of Burlington
- Sunrise of Gardner Park

- Sunrise of Lynnfield
  - Sunrise of Newton
  - Sunrise of Norwood
  - Sunrise of Wayland
- “It’s wonderful to see some of the Boston area’s most well-known and world renowned sites helping to raise Alzheimer’s awareness and show support for the millions of Americans impacted by the disease,” said Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., AFA’s President & CEO. “. “By ‘Going Teal,’ these sites are literally highlighting the issue of Alzheimer’s and the need to continue doing more for the 6.7 million Americans currently living with it. We thank them for supporting this program and all those affected by Alzheimer’s disease.”

The Boston area landmarks are among more than 1,000 sites worldwide “going teal” for Alzheimer’s awareness on November 2. This is the tenth year of AFA’s Light

the World in Teal campaign.

Individuals can also participate in raising Alzheimer’s awareness by “going teal” on their own November 2. You can wear teal or even use social media to raise awareness.

More than 6.7 million Americans, including 130,000 Massachusetts residents, are currently living with Alzheimer’s disease. The number of people with Alzheimer’s is projected to more than double by 2060, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information about AFA’s Light the World in Teal program, including a list of participating landmarks, visit [www.lighttheworldinteal.com](http://www.lighttheworldinteal.com). Families looking for additional information about Alzheimer’s disease or support services can contact AFA at 866-232-8484 or [www.alzfdn.org](http://www.alzfdn.org).

## Ready to fall back? When you change your clocks, check your alarms

Special to the Times

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 5, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and change the batteries when you change your clocks.

“Working smoke and CO alarms are crucial home safety tools,” said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. “As we ‘fall back’ this weekend, be sure you have the best protection by putting fresh alkaline batteries in alarms that use them and replacing alarms that are out of date.”

Today’s smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced when they’re 10 years old, and CO alarms should be replaced when they’re five to seven years old, depending on the model. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is also a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms. And remember to test your smoke and CO alarms once a month to be sure they’re working properly.

### Heating Season brings Carbon Monoxide hazards

Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

“Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home,” Chief Burke said. “We can’t see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this invisible killer.”

### Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

Replacing your old smoke alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. This makes it less likely that someone in the home will use the batteries for another device, forget to change them twice a year, or remove them

when cooking causes smoke in the kitchen.

“Disabling a smoke alarm puts you, your loved ones, and everyone in the building at risk,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm except when putting fresh ones in.”

### Alarms Should Be Listed by an Independent Lab

Massachusetts requires that all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Listed devices will have the laboratory’s mark on the back. In recent years, fire officials have seen numerous smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that were purchased online and either have counterfeit marks or no mark at all.

“If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is,” said Chief Burke. “Smoke and CO alarms can be the difference between life and death, but only if they work properly. If you’re purchasing a new alarm, choose one from a well-known, national brand.”

### Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

“In the average house fire, you could have less than three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm activates,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible.”

### Senior SAFE

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of dying in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with alarm installation and testing. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfs> or contact your local fire department.

## GSCA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing, the area is zoned as a 3F-2,000, so the use of four units would be considered non-conforming. However, under the new proposed zoning, according to Lynds, “We would be proposing to put back what will ultimately be a conforming use for this site.”

“Dimensionally, there may be some challenges with respect to proposed new zoning, but I understand, based upon my conversations with the BPDA, a lot of the similar exceptions that we do have under our current zoning code for corner lot conditions will likely apply under new zoning as well,” he added.

In terms of the unit makeup, there are plans

for all two-bedroom units about 850 square feet in size. Moreover, this proposed building is a bit taller than the one that stood previously in that it is now 43 feet and 10 inches tall. Lynds said the old building was around 37 feet.

Regarding parking, there does not seem to be plans for any spaces, which is consistent with what was at the building before it succumbed to a fire.

In part, Lynds said, “So, because the original building did not have parking, by replacing this in kind with four units, we feel that the impact is quite minimal.”

He also explained that the site is close to the Maverick and Airport

MBTA stations, later adding, “The parking for this property would not make a lot of sense, and even if we could incorporate it into the site, it would be probably a difficult task to have the parking located at the grade level of this building.”

Lynds also went through some neighborhood context, and the project received some compliments for keeping a similar size and scope of surrounding buildings.

“I definitely want to say I like this overall and appreciate you keeping it in scale with what’s around it,” said one resident.

There were also a few comments from those in attendance in regard to the rendering shown at the

meeting, which depicted the bottom of the building as gray. Some wanted the project team to come up with other options for colors.

Both Lynds and Project Architect Eric Zachrisson indicated their flexibility with the color. “[I’m] always happy to hear comments and take that back and kind of rework the aesthetic a little bit,” said Zachrisson.

Since this was the first presentation of the project to the GSCA, it will have to be presented to the association again in the future for a vote to be held. The GSCA is scheduled to meet again the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 27.

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THE BELLE ISLE ROTARY CLUB HOSTS COMEDY NIGHT AT THE PRINCE HOUSE OF PIZZA IN SAUGUS



Comic Headliner and Master of Ceremonies, Johnny Pizzi starts the show off with.



Joe Stefano greets Kempton Flemming and Linda Kupstis.

Last Wednesday evening members of the Belle Isle Rotary Club hosted a comedy night as their annual fundraiser. There were many auctioned items, a silent auction, and a live Bruins ticket auctions too. All bring much needed funds to continue works throughout three communities.

Master of Ceremonies Johnny Pizzi had a terrific line-up, featuring Jimmy Cash, Tony V and Artie Januario, all brought the A Game and made the evening a complete success. The Belle Ise Rotary Club is a combined organization, covering Revere, Winthrop, and East Boston.



Belle Isle Rotary President Stephen Miliotis welcomes everyone and gets the live auction under way.



Massport support as always. Anthony Guerriero, Brenda Enos, Tim Johnson, Julie Segalla, Steven Bolton, Paige Lombard and Nick Baldassarre.



Ready for the show, Glen Acquaviva and Monica Cecconi.



Enjoying the evening, Juliana Simons, Leah Toto, Nola Wiswall and Kristina Simons.



Joe Stefano with Rob Hurley, Pat Capogreco and Raquel Hazel, enjoying the pizza at the Prince House of Pizza.



Ferruccio and Joanne Romeo and Pat Panzini.



Raffle ticket for the lottery twins sold by Damian Salgado.



Ready for the show, Toni Amore, Ann Faro and Donna Flowers.



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PATRICK J. KENNEDY SCHOOL FALL FESTIVAL

Photos by Marianne Salza

Families enjoyed snacking on popcorn, hot dogs, and caramel apples during the Patrick J. Kennedy School's Fall Festival on October 20. Students enjoyed bowling, spider ring toss, and corn hole games. Little ones decorated magic scratch paper masks, had their faces painted, and glided down a bouncy house slide.



Zoilá Carolina Posada, Jefferson Pinto, and Brayan Ventura, 1st grade.



Emely Linares Flores sliding down the bouncy house,



Ezequias Aldana playing spider ring toss,



Adam El Abbassi bowling,



Alana Franca and Melany Rodriguez, 1st grade,



Saray, 3rd grade, and her mother, Rufina,



Kim Martinez, Elizabeth Cartagena, and Anthony Portillo, K-1.



Pattyann Woods and Mrs. Hamwey passing out popcorn.

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William Rodriguez and Sanyia Hector, 3rd grade.

CITY PAWS

Leaky Dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Having had two dogs who lived to a ripe old age, dogs with urinary tract infections, and fostered dogs with house training issues, we’ve had experience with leaky dogs. Don’t be dismayed if your canine pal begins to have signs of urinary incontinence.

Off to the Vet

Any sudden change in house training or signs of leaking urine are reasons for a visit to your veterinarian to find a cause. Washington State University’s School of Veterinary Medicine notes that urinary incontinence is the involuntary passing of urine. This leak differs from diseases and infections that cause a pet to urinate frequently. However, these possible causes should be eliminated and treated before you consider a dog incontinent.

Causes of Incontinence  
The WSU Veterinary

Teaching Hospital identifies many conditions that might cause incontinence in dogs. “... including abnormalities in parts of the brain and spinal cord that control bladder function, birth defects, and disease. As pets age, they may become incontinent because muscles that hold urine in the bladder weaken.”

Your veterinarian may order tests to determine

the cause of your dog’s problem. They will most likely want a urine sample to look for bacteria. Blood tests can give them information on kidney function or disease. Ultrasound and X-ray views may be needed to examine the urinary tract. Once they narrow in on a cause, your veterinary team may suggest

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There are many styles of diapers and belly bands for those who live with a leaky dog.







## SEN. LYDIA EDWARDS SWORN IN AS JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL IN MASSACHUSETTS ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Cary Shuman Photos

Sen. Lydia Edwards was sworn in as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard during an impressive commissioning ceremony in Boston Monday.

Following the ceremony, Edwards attended a reception in her honor at the USS Constitution Museum. A congratulatory gathering was also held

Monday night at Kelley Square Pub in East Boston.

Sen. Edwards' mother, Bridgett Edwards, a retired master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and sister, Erika Edwards, an esteemed professor at the University of Texas El Paso, proudly joined the senator's colleagues in military service and government and constituents at the celebratory events.



From left, BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok, Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Winthrop Town Councilor Hannah Belcher, guest of honor, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Rep. Jay Livingstone, Boston City Councilor Frank Baker, Sheriff Steve Tomkins, and Rep. Jeff Turco.



U.S. Air Force Ret. Master Sergeant Bridgett Edwards is pictured with her two outstanding daughters, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and UTEP Professor Erika Edwards.



House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz (left) and Rep. Adrian Madaro (right) congratulate their colleague in state government, Sen. Lydia Edwards, at her commissioning ceremony as Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Jesse Purvis, Allison Eng, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Pat Capogreco, and Mary Berninger.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, pictured at the reception following her commissioning ceremony as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, pictured at the reception with her senatorial staff, from left, Chief of Staff Eduardo Moreno, District Director Ben Tayag, Legislative Director Christiana Golden, Legislative Aide Eric Reidister, and Legislative Aide Yamina Lachmi.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta congratulates Sen. Lydia Edwards on her prestigious position as Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Sen. Lydia Edwards is pictured with family and friends at a congratulatory reception Monday at Kelley Square Pub, East Boston.

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a medication or surgical procedure to correct the problem.

### Living with a Leaky Dog

If your dog has a leaking condition that you will live with, there are many products to prevent damage to your home. For a mild leaker, washable, waterproof blankets or throws can cover your furniture and the space you share with your dog in your bed. We've relied on the Mambe brand of products for years and love them. They come in many sizes and colors.

You can use the small square, washable incontinence pads (made for people to put on the seat of chairs) when the dog is sitting on someone's lap or as a spot for the dog to sit when you visit someone's home, business, or

in a car, bus or train. As our Maggie Mae aged, she leaked quite a bit. We used diapers on her. It took a little while for her to adjust to them, but she soon did. When we took in a foster whom we named Cooper, he had a severe urinary tract infection and was not housetrained. We used bellybands with pads to keep him from damaging the house each time he raised his leg. Diapers for dogs come in many styles and sizes. Some are washable and reusable with disposable liners. Others are entirely disposable. We kept trying different types until we found the ones that worked best. A dermatologist discovered our Poppy's slow leak when looking for a cause of a skin infection. The medications we tried

didn't work or had side effects. By logging the details of her leaks, we found that she leaked when she waited too long to urinate. Fortunately, she uses puppy pads inside. We continue to log her urinary details and set reminders to have her go on her pads more often. Finally, contact with urine can cause problems for your dog's skin. If you use a diaper or bellyband, check and change the pad often and clean the skin with a mild soap or chlorhexidine wipe. Ask your vet to examine the dog's skin on every visit.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

## EBHS JETS GIRLS SOCCER CAPTAINS HONORED



The East Boston High girls soccer team captains, Diana Melgar and Anahi Vasquez and coaches Rich LaCara and Christian Orlando are presented the runner up plaque after losing the city league soccer championship to Latin Academy on Saturday, Oct. 28 by a score of 5-0. The game was played at noon on Madison Park in Roxbury. Previously, on Thursday, Oct. 26, the Jets beat O'Bryant 2-0 to advance to the final game. Despite the tough loss, the girls had a successful season ending at 12-4-1 and await the state tournament pairings to be announced this week.



# Project Bread hosts another successful Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger

Special to the Times

On Sunday, Oct. 22, over 75 participants of different faiths united both in person and virtually for the annual Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger. Together, they raised \$15,000 to support Project Bread’s year-round efforts to prevent and combat food insecurity statewide and are continuing to accept donations in the coming weeks. The 3-mile family friendly walk started and ended

at Temple Beth David in Westwood. As in previous years, Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus from surrounding towns participated. However, the walkers did not need to be members of a house of worship to participate. Project Bread is the leading statewide anti-hunger organization in Massachusetts. As 1 in 5 households through the state struggle with food insecurity, the nonprofit connects people and com-

munities to reliable food sources and advocates for policies that make food more accessible for all. “When people come together to fight for something, it unites them for a common purpose,” says Alexa Drolette, Senior Director of Development at Project Bread. “The fundraising efforts from this Walk will go toward ensuring that everyone in Massachusetts has reliable access to healthy food.” During the event, remarks were shared by the clergy members, along with Dr. Jeffrey Greenwald for Temple Beth David, co-chair of the Walk, Alexa Drolette from Project Bread, and Trish Tucke from the Westwood Food Pantry. Walkers brought over 20 bags of non-perishable food items to donate to the food pantry and live music was played by Larry and Kyra Kramer of the Route 109 Band. The Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger received major support from their Gold Sponsors: Wegmans and Dedham Savings Bank. Roche Bros donated snacks and drinks for the day, as well as pantry supplies.



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Temple Beth David Rabbi Karen Citrin leading a benediction before The Walk for Hunger. Pictured L to R: Rev. Michael Bousquet, St. John’s Episcopal Church in Westwood; Rev. Catherine Miller, First Baptist Church of Westwood; Rev. Dave Egan, First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Medfield; Imam Abdelrahman, Islamic Center of New England; Rev. JT Hills, First Parish of Westwood.

“We were so pleased to be joined by the greatest number of houses of faith in the Walk’s history, all coming together in solidarity, showing that addressing hunger in our community is an issue that transcends all differences in faith, culture, background, and politics,” says Dr. Jeffrey Greenwald, one of the organizers from Temple Beth David. Money raised from the annual Interfaith Mini Walk for Hunger will fund

statewide hunger prevention efforts, advocacy for permanent policies that solve hunger, and local partnerships with organizations and people with lived experience with hunger to develop community-driven solutions. People experiencing food insecurity should call into Project Bread’s toll-free FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential assistance to connect with food resources, including

SNAP benefits, in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org/get-help](http://www.projectbread.org/get-help). Project Bread, the leading statewide anti-hunger nonprofit, connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible—so that no one goes hungry. For more information, visit: [www.projectbread.org](http://www.projectbread.org).

## BPHC encourages vaccination during upper respiratory virus season

Special to the Times

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) recommends all residents ages 6 months and older protect themselves and their loved ones by getting the updated COVID-19 and flu vaccines as we prepare for colder temperatures and increased transmission of upper respiratory illnesses.

On September 12, the CDC recommended a singular dose of the updated COVID-19 vaccine for everyone ages 6 months and older to protect against the latest variants of the COVID-19 virus. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is formulated to target the Omicron subvariants that were the most common cause of infection from November 2021 through early 2023. The updated vaccine will also be effective against the variants that are currently circulating.

Staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccination is an important strategy to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalization, especially as the holiday season approaches and more people gather indoors.

BPHC and City of Boston vaccination sites at the Bruce C. Bolling Building and City Hall will begin providing the updated COVID-19 vaccines on

November 1, 2023. Flu vaccinations are also available at both sites.

- Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building, 2300 Washington St., Roxbury
- Open Thursdays - Saturdays from 12 pm - 6 pm
- City Hall, Haymarket Room (2nd Floor) 1 City Hall Square, Boston
- Open Mondays from 7 am - 1 pm and Wednesdays from 12 pm - 5 pm

Walk-ins are welcome at both sites, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged to ensure BPHC and its clinical vendor, LCG, can efficiently manage vaccination appointments in the event of high demand. Visit <https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/lcgboston> to register. Due to supply limitations, BPHC cannot guarantee that both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be offered on a given day.

Vaccines are free and available at both standing sites, regardless of insurance coverage, but residents will be asked if they have insurance coverage solely for record keeping and inventory purposes and insurance will not be billed. Both COVID-19 and flu vaccines are available throughout the city and are often covered by in-

surance, including MassHealth. If you do not have health insurance, are unsure about your coverage, or if co-pays are a barrier, call the Mayor’s Health Line at 617-534-5050.

The updated vaccines are also available at local pharmacies, community health centers, and through primary care providers. To find a COVID-19 or flu vaccine site near you, visit the CDC’s Vaccine Finder.

"Staying vaccinated protects the health of our City. In our drive to support residents with affordable, accessible healthcare, Boston will be offering free COVID-19 vaccines to residents regardless of insurance status," said Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu. "I encourage residents to take advantage of this resource and help keep our communities safe and healthy."

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body ache, headache, new loss or taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting. (This list does not include all possible symptoms). Older adults and people who have underlying chronic medical conditions are at a higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

“COVID-19 remains a significant cause of severe respiratory illness. Getting the updated vaccine is the best way to prevent serious illness and hospitalization associated with new variants,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston.

“I encourage all residents, especially those who are elderly, pregnant, have underlying chronic diseases or are immunocompromised, to get the updated vaccine to avoid potentially severe outcomes due to COVID-19.”

BPHC also reminds residents to take precautions to reduce their risk of flu transmission. The most common symptoms of the flu are fever, chills, cough, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, fatigue, and in some cases, vomiting and diarrhea. Flu is highly infectious and can lead to severe illness, hospitalization, and death, especially among higher risk groups, including children younger than 5 years old, adults aged 65 and older, pregnant people, and people with chronic medical conditions.

## OBITUARIES

### Rosa Corso

Beloved matriarch

Rosa (Valente) Corso, a beloved matriarch, passed away on October 29 at the age of 101.

She was born on December 21, 1921 in Italy. Her life journey led her to East Boston in the 1960’s, where she touched the lives of many with her warmth, grace and resilience.

Rosa was the loving wife of the late Enrico Corso, and together they created a life filled with love and cherished memories. She was a dedicated mother to Gilda DiCenso, Antonette Cardello, Yvonne Edgar and the late Angelo Corso. Rosa’s family was her greatest joy and her love for them knew no bounds.

She was the sister of Antonietta Danieli and was preceded in death by her sister, Maria Grazia. Rosa leaves behind a beautiful legacy through her grandchildren: Ubaldo DiCenso, Antonietta DiCenso, Paul DiCenso, Angela Malinowski, Michelle D’Ambrosio, John Cardello, Danielle Cataldo, James Donovan, Jonathan Edgar, and Jason Edgar. Her love also extended to 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, who brought endless joy into her life. Remarkably, Rosa lived independently until the age of 99, a testament to her strength and determination. Her home was always open to family and friends, and her kitchen was a place where cherished recipes were passed down from generation to generation. Rosa’s love for cooking was a true labor of love and her dishes brought comfort and delight to all who had the privilege of tasting them.

In addition to her culinary talents, Rosa had a green thumb that transformed her garden into a vibrant and colorful oasis.



Her love for tending to her flowers and vegetables was a reflection of the beauty and life she nurtured in those around her.

Family and friends will come together to celebrate Rosa’s life. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 3 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. Following the visitation, a funeral procession will lead to Sacred Heart Church on Brooks Street, East Boston, where an 11 a.m. funeral mass will be celebrated in honor of Rosa’s life. Services will conclude with Rosa being laid to rest beside her beloved husband at the Woodlawn Mausoleum in Everett.

Rosa Corso will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched with her love, kindness and wisdom. Her legacy of family, food and flowers will continue to bloom as a beautiful reminder of the remarkable woman she was. Though she may be gone from our sight, her spirit lives on in the memories and the lives she enriched. Rosa’s love will be cherished and remembered for generations to come.

To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Leonard Rutledge, Sr.

Retired commercial printer

Leonard K. Rutledge Sr. of East Boston entered into eternal rest in the Brigham & Women's Hospital on Tuesday, October 24. He was 86 years old.

Born in Boston, Lenny was a graduate of Don Bosco Technical High School and worked for many years as a commercial printer. He served proudly in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged.

The devoted son of the late Arthur Rutledge and Nora Connolly and the beloved husband of Joan Y. (Doucette) Rutledge for over 67 years, he was the dear and devoted father of Doreen Constantine and her husband, John of Haverhill, Leonard K. Rutledge, Jr. of Southern NH and Holly Gandolfo and her husband, James of Charlestown and the dear brother of Ann Nazzaro of Malden and was predeceased by seven siblings. He was the loving grandfather of Nicole Neveu and her husband, Raymond, Alexandra Gandolfo and her husband, Adolfo Feuchter, Jamie Constantine and her partner, Ashley Paris, Shannon Zimmerman and her husband, Bobby, and Sa-



mantha Gandolfo and loving great-grandfather of Oliver Neveu, Olivia Zimmerman and Orion Neveu. He is also survived by his dearest friends, Kevin and Lynn Leonard.

Family and friends honored Lenny's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Sunday, October 29th and a Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St., East Boston at 10 a.m. His services concluded with Military Honors presented by the U.S. Marine Corps at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Contributions in Leonard's memory to the American Heart Association, 93 Worcester St., Wellesley, MA 02481 would be sincerely appreciated.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA  
RECEIVES MORE  
GRANTS

CHELSEA - There’s been good news on the grant front in Chelsea over the past several weeks, with money coming into the city that will help with transportation, affordable housing, and social services programs.

“We just secured a \$1.6-million Community Development Block Grant for a two-year term that is going to encompass a series of streetscape improvements, including streetscape measures in Addison Street in the Addison-Orange neighborhood and Clinton Street in order to connect Broad-

way to the new waterfront park at 88 Clinton Street,” said Alex Train, the Director of Housing and Community Development.

The city also recently secured a \$350,000 grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the National Parks Service for the Clinton Street park itself.

The Clinton Street park will provide both passive and active recreation opportunities for residents and provide waterfront access to Mill Creek.

Train said design work is continuing on the park, and he expects it to go out to bid at the end of the year. Construction would then begin next March and continue through the end

ANNUAL REVERE PUMPKIN DASH AND 5K



As the clock strikes 11 a.m., the kids are off and running during the annual Pumpkin Dash and 5K held on the Boulevard at Revere Beach in Revere on Sunday, Oct. 22.

of 2024, he said.

On the affordable housing side, the Community Development Block Grant will provide financing for development of 66 affordable housing units at 170 Cottage St. and allow the city to complete its strategic housing plan, Train

said.

The social services aspect of the block grant includes the continued operation of some existing services, as well as a new senior citizens home meal delivery program that the community development department is expanding in conjunction with the Chelsea Senior Center.

“This is allowing us to expand our infrastructure work in order to beautify neighborhoods, promote roadway safety, and increase the quality of life for residents, as well as to meaningfully tackle the affordable housing shortage in Chelsea,” Train said of the grant funding. “On the social service side, we are going to continue our support for an at-risk youth program at Chelsea High School, citizenship

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USPS, Inspection Service continue nationwide effort to crack down on postal crimes

Special to the Times

The U.S Postal Service (USPS) and U.S. Postal Inspection Service (Inspection Service) provided an update on their Project Safe Delivery campaign to crack down on postal crimes, including attacks against postal employees. Announced in May 2023, Project Safe Delivery is a USPS initiative to combat the recent rise in threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail theft incidents by protecting Postal employees and the security of the nation’s mail and packages. Multiple departments within USPS, including the Inspection Service, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Office of the Chief Retail and Delivery Officer are working together to support the ongoing campaign. To help strengthen this effort, the Inspection Service has also significantly increased monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of a perpetrator of postal crimes.

“As our nation continues to address a sustained crime wave, our targeted focus to crack down on postal crime is progressing,” said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. “The safety of our letter carriers — and all postal employees — is our top priority. We will continue to work steadfastly with our law enforcement partners to increase the safety of our employees and protect the sanctity of the nation’s mail.”

“We have effectively focused our efforts with USPS on hardening both physical and digital targets to combat threats to postal employees and secure the mail. We continue to turn up the pressure and put potential perpetrators on notice; If you attack Postal employees, steal the mail, or commit other postal crimes, Postal Inspectors will bring you to justice,” said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale. “We ask that the public assist us with our mission. Our rewards for information have increased substantially, highlighting the importance of the safety and security of our employees and the mail. If you see something, say something, and help us bring to justice those that cause harm to postal employees, steal mail, or commit other postal crimes.”

**Project Safe Delivery Progress To Date**

Since the launch of Project Safe Delivery in May 2023, the Postal Service and Inspection Ser-

vice have taken the following actions to address postal crime nationwide:

- Law Enforcement Surges Completed In Chicago, San Francisco, Ohio; More than 600 Individuals Arrested for Postal Crimes. Postal inspectors completed a series of targeted law enforcement surges in Chicago, San Francisco, and cities across Ohio, major metropolitan regions facing significant threats from organized postal crime. Each operation used wide-ranging law enforcement partnerships including with the Department of Justice, Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, other federal agencies, and local law enforcement. Postal Inspectors conducted more than 700 investigative actions, including the execution of arrests and other court authorized law enforcement activities and more than 375 prevention activities, including presentations to postal employees on employee safety and mail theft prevention.
- Since May, the Inspection Service has made 109 arrests for robberies and more than 530 arrests for mail theft. The Inspection Service will continue to collaborate with local, state, and federal law enforcement and conduct targeted surge operations focusing on those high postal crime areas.
- 10,000 High-Security Blue Collection Boxes Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is installing high-security blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. Since May, over 10,000 high-security blue boxes have been deployed in high-security risk areas.
- The Postal Service will continue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes and anticipates installing several thousand more boxes in the near future. In specific locations where a blue box is a repeated crime target and/or mail density is very low, collection boxes may have to be removed entirely when access is not meaningfully diminished due to nearby access points.
- Ongoing Replacement of Antiquated Arrow Locks with 49,000 Electronic Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial

crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Arrow Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service has replaced more than 6,500 antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks in select cities. In coming months, the Postal Service plans to deploy an additional 42,500 electronic locks nationwide. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.

- 99.3% Reduction In Fraudulent Change of Address Submissions After Implementation of Electronic- and In-Person Authentication Procedures. The Postal Service processed more than 29 million change of address (COA) transactions in Fiscal Year 2023. Across the globe identity theft is on the rise driven by a financial motive. The Postal Service is not the intended target, however implicated due to the fraudster intercepting financially oriented mail such as credit cards or checks. To combat the rise in fraudulent submissions, the Postal Service has strengthened authentication processes for all methods of COA submissions, electronic and hardcopy submitted in person or through the mail stream.
- Since expanding enhanced in-person change of address protocols and implementing additional identity verification services for online change of addresses, fraudulent sub-

missions have decreased by more than 99.3% compared to the same period last year.

- 50% Reduction in Counterfeit Package Postage In Postal Network Due to Increased Controls and Enforcement. The Postal Service is committed to protecting the integrity and security of the mail system and ensuring that customers receive the service they pay for. Customers are urged to use only authorized and legitimate labels for their packages, and to report any suspicious or fraudulent labels to the USPS or the Inspection Service. Customers who use counterfeit or hijacked labels may face legal consequences and lose their mailing privileges.
- The USPS has developed a sophisticated system to identify, intercept and retain counterfeit or hijacked labels on packages, using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analysis. Since the start of the interception program, counterfeit package postage in the postal network has significantly reduced by more than 50%.
- In May, analysis conducted by the Inspection Service led to the arrest of a Chinese-national in Los Angeles for running an alleged counterfeit postage scheme and shipping more than 9 million pieces of mail with \$60 million in counterfeit postage.
- The Inspection Service continues to expand actions to crack down on fraudulent postage including:

- Interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed
- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration

**Increased Monetary Rewards**

The Inspection Service is authorized to issue monetary rewards for certain types of offenses against the United States Postal Service. The agency along with its partners has enacted regulatory changes to reflect increased monetary reward amounts for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. Relevant criminal behavior includes homicide, assault, mail fraud, mail theft, counterfeiting and forgery, and destroying, obstructing, or limiting the passage of mail.

In August, the Inspection Service increased monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. See the inset chart for examples of some of the increased monetary rewards.

**Action the American Public Can Take To Help Prevent Mail Theft**

Customers can take several steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- Don’t let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox. You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.
- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.

Customers are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at [www.uspis.gov/report](http://www.uspis.gov/report) or calling 877-876-2455. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to report allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct, including attempts to corrupt a Postal Service employee, to the USPS OIG at 1-888-877-7644 or [www.uspsig.gov](http://www.uspsig.gov).

USPS MONETARY REWARDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF A PERPETRATOR OF MAIL CRIME* (Effective August 21, 2023)		
Offenses Against USPS Employees/Contractors		
Murder or Manslaughter of a Postal Service Employee or Contractor	\$250,000	The unlawful killing of any officer, employee, or contractor of the Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties.
Assault on Postal Employees	\$150,000	Forcibly assaulting any officer or employee of the Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties.
Robbery	\$150,000	Robbery or attempted robbery of any custodian of any mail, money, or other property of the United States under the control and jurisdiction of the Postal Service.
Offenses Involving Theft of Mail or USPS Property		
Burglary Of Post Office	\$100,000	Breaking into, or attempting to break into, a Post Office, station, branch, a building used wholly or partly as a Post Office, or any building or area in a building where the business of the Postal Service is conducted, with intent to commit a larceny or other depredation therein.
Theft Of Mail Or Postal Service Property	\$100,000	Theft or attempted theft of any mail, or the contents thereof, or the theft of money or any other property of USPS under the custody and control of the Postal Service from any custodian, postal vehicle, railroad depot, airport, or other transfer point, Post Office, or station, receptacle, or depository established, approved, or designated by the Postmaster General for the receipt of mail; possession of any item above which was stolen from Postal Service custody; or destroying, obstructing, or retarding the passage of mail, or any carrier or conveyance carrying the mail.
Postage Or Meter Tampering	\$100,000	The unlawful use, reuse, or forgery of postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or the use, sale, or possession with intent to use or sell any used, forged, or counterfeited postage stamp or other postage.
* Reflects select rewards. Read the full list of increased monetary rewards online at the USPS website.		



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and immigration services, as well as ESOL programs – all of which we see as critical to promoting upward economic mobility for residents.”

Also on the grant front, last week the police department received \$60,000 through the state’s FY24 Municipal Road Safety Grant Program.

Nearly \$5.5 million was invested across 186 cities and towns in the state to support traffic safety enforcement and outreach programming.

The annual program provides funding to municipal police departments who propose traffic safety projects in their community, including high visibility enforcement patrols, equipment to enhance road safety such as digital speed signs, pedestrian and bicyclist safety initiatives and public outreach campaigns intended to educate community members and youth about roadway safety.

“Whether by vehicle, bicycle or foot, everyone has the right to travel safely through our communities,” stated Governor Maura Healey. “Through this program, we were able to award grants to every community that requested funding. The education, enforcement and outreach initiatives supported through these grants will help ensure safer roads for all.”

PUSH FOR BEACHMONT FIRE ARTS CENTER

REVERE - The city’s Public Art Commission is continuing its efforts to help transform the vacant Beachmont Fire station into a community arts center.

At last week’s commission meeting, Elle Baker from the city’s planning and community development department said the city should soon be releasing a draft report on the visioning process for the facility.

The report is being prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council’s Arts and Culture Department.

“The report looks great and I think everybody is going to be really happy with it,” said Baker, adding the draft could be posted on the city’s website this week.

The report takes in input from a number of community planning sessions as well as a community survey.

“Everything has been incorporated, and there are also case studies that are really interesting,” said Baker.

City Councillor and Public Art Commission Chair Joanne McKenna has pushed for the creation

of a community arts center at the Beachmont fire station for several years.

Commission and community input have included using the fire station as a place for studio space, community art exhibitions, and other uses.

At some of the visioning sessions earlier in the year, commission members noted The Public Arts Commission members who attended last week’s forum noted that there is a need across the board for performance and exhibition space in the city, as well as spaces where residents can create art.

McKenna has noted that there could be a combination of performance and exhibition space on the first floor alongside artist loft and creator spaces on the second floor.

The Public Art Commission and the city are working out details to secure some funding to make the public art space a reality.

Initially, the city was looking to use \$450,000 in Community Improvement Trust Fund money for the project.

Baker said the money will be available, but looks like it will be through a different source that will need the approval from the City Council.

FHBC HOLDS PUBLIC FORUM

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Fire House Building Committee held another public forum at Town Hall last week, fielding questions about the location of the proposed new fire station and whether the current stations in the town could be renovated.

A debt exclusion vote will be on the Nov. 7 town election ballot asking residents to approve funding for a new fire station at the location of the Wadsworth Building and Kirby Funeral Home. The total cost of the project is expected to fall between \$36-\$40 million.

That total includes the acquisition of land and the relocation of existing businesses on the properties, according to Town Council President Jim Letterie.

On Monday night, Fire Chief Scott Wiley was questioned about response times to Point Shirley if the Shirley Avenue fire station is closed.

Both the current fire stations on Shirley Avenue and Pauline Street were built well over a century ago and designed for horse-drawn fire apparatus.

Wiley said the fire department has to abide by National Fire Protection Association standards, which state that a professional fire department

must be able to respond to a call in less than five minutes and 20 seconds from an alarm 90 percent of the time.

The fire chief said that the department can get anywhere in the town in under the required time. Wiley also noted that there are multiple times during the day when there are multiple calls in town, and Engine 2 from Pauline Street has to respond to Point Shirley calls.

“The Shirley Street station, as far as increasing the footprint ... there is really nowhere to increase that footprint,” said Wiley, noting there was a new development on one side.

If that station was expanded, it would require the taking of multiple properties.

Letterie said that the town did previously look at using the current Pauline Street site as the location of a one central station, but that would include the taking of seven to nine properties, four of which are single-family homes.

Wiley said it would be more efficient for the department to operate out of a single station than multiple stations, adding that any projects at the current stations would require numerous safety and code upgrades.

Wiley and Letterie also discussed the possibility of the fire department operating its own ambulance service out of the new fire station at some point in the future. Designs for the new stations include a double parking bay for ambulances.

Currently, Action Ambulance provides both BLS ambulance service (with EMTs) and ALS service (with paramedics) to the town.

Town Manager Tony Marino is looking at a plan where the fire department would provide the EMT-level BLS service while Action Ambulance would provide the advanced life support service.

There would be initial start-up costs for the plan, but it would bring revenue into the town, said Letterie.

The committee was also asked why the town did not consider the old middle school site for the new fire station location. Wiley noted that going back for several town councils and town managers, the site has always been earmarked for economic development opportunities.

Scott Mahoney-Wright said he has heard questions from residents about the layers of cost for the project, including what the short- and long-term costs will be of relocating the businesses in the Wadsworth Building.

Letterie said there will be more information on the project website at www.winthropfirestation.com providing more detailed financial numbers.

“Not exact numbers, but when you look at relocation costs, we are not paying rent for six months, but we would be relocating,” said Letterie. “Some businesses just literally have an office and a chair that it might cost five grand to move them or whatever, some of them might cost fifty grand to move them. But some of these costs will be absorbed in the acquisition costs.”

Mahoney-Wright also noted that while there have been numerous ques-

tions and concerns raised on social media, those people have not addressed them to the people who can provide answers.

“The questions I hear from people, I feel like they are talking amongst themselves and not you,” he said. “I ask them if they have called Jim Letterie and they say no, and they are obviously not here (at the public forum. As a resident, I am frustrated because I keep seeing all these conversations that make no sense at all.”

Over the weekend, former Fire House Study Committee member Frank Constantino sent an email to the committee members outlining some of the reasons why he resigned

from the committee.

Constantino stated that he believes there is another feasible site in the town, not including the middle school site, which should be assessed as a possible choice. He also said the destruction of a historic quality building in the Wadsworth building, as well as the cost for the purchase of the Wadsworth and Kirby buildings were issues for him.

Constantino also raised issues with what he characterized as the rudimentary architectural design plans, as well as the increased taxes from the project that could be a financial burden to residents.

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EAST BOSTON WARD 1 DEMOCRATS SOCIAL



Residents gathering at Angela's for the East Boston Ward 1 Democrats Social on October 24.

Photos by Marianne Salza

An East Boston Ward 1 Democrats Social was held on October 24 at Angela's: A Taste of Pueblo. The networking event was an opportunity for locals – especially new residents—to gather with elected officials and active members of the Democratic Party. Activists also collected registered

voter signatures for ballot initiatives.

“It’s a good opportunity for us to see who is interested in being involved in the Ward Committee,” said long-time East Boston resident, Margaret Farmer, member of the Ward 1 Democratic Committee. “It’s a relaxed way for people to get together. We’re thrilled to be here.”



Heather O'Brien, Vice Chair, Ward 1, and Jesse Purvis, Policy Director for City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune.



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Friends gathering at Angela's for a Democrats Social on October 24.



Kennan Thiruvengadam speaking with fellow residents.



Tanya Del Rio, Ward Committee member, and Ella Perea.

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