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East Boston Neighborhood Health Center to rebrand as NeighborHealth

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During an announcement to its nearly 2,000 employees, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) outlined plans to rebrand its health system, which serves more than 120,000 people and has an operating budget of \$270 million. The largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts announced it will become Neighbor-Health in June 2024, taking on a new name and visual identity.

"For over 55 years, we've proudly served the East Boston community. In recent decades, our thriving and growing health system is serving many more families, in many more communities through a comprehensive and diverse set of services, programs, and clinical locations. Now, as our state's largest provider of community-based primary care services, we have an opportunity to unify



A rendering of Neighborhood Health's Maverick location with the updated signage.

our health system under one name that is inclusive of all our clinical locations and reflective of the diverse communities we serve," said EBNHC's President and CEO Greg Wilmot. "As Neighbor-Health, we will remain as committed as ever to our mission and patient promise to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to all who live and work in our communities."

EBNHC was founded in 1970 during the Civil Rights Movement to meet a gap in healthcare services for East Boston's working class and predominantly Italian immigrant population, serving as a relief station for Boston City Hospital in the early 1900s. As its patient community grew beyond East Boston, EBNHC followed with new sites and services to provide more convenient care. Today, EBNHC operates nearly a dozen clinical sites throughout Greater Boston including East Boston, Winthrop, Everett, Revere, and Boston's South End. Providing high-quality primary care services to the largest Health Safety Net population as well as the largest Latino population in the Commonwealth, NeighborHealth will remain committed to eliminating barriers to care due to disparities associated with race, cultural background, and economic status.

"Five decades ago, community leaders of East Boston planted a seed of love in the heart of our community that grew to become the East Neighborhood Boston Health Center. Joined together with the South End Community Health Center, we will become NeighborHealth, serving many thousands of families in several communities. Along with our entire Board of Directors, I'm brimming with pride," said Rita Sorrento, EBNHC's long-time Chairwoman of its Board of Directors.

"I am proud to see how East Boston Neighborhood Health Center continues to expand to meet the needs of our communities and remains committed to its founding mission of serving all who walk through our doors," said EBNHC's CEO Emeritus Jack Cradock. "Under the name NeighborHealth, I am excited to see the next chapter unfold and the positive impact it will undoubtedly bring to communities throughout Greater Boston."

Acquired by EBNHC in 2020, the South End Community Health Center, with an equally rich legacy, will also embrace the new name, NeighborHealth, in June of this year.

"In the 1960s, I saw firsthand the urgent need for community-based primary care in the South End and was fortunate to join forces with an incredible group of people who shared my vision for justice in healthcare. For me, NeighborHealth symbolizes a renewed dedication to serve our communities with compassion and sensitivity, something we need now more than ever," said Dr. Gerald Hass,

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EBHS JETS 51-24 OVER HANOVER

Christian Sanders racked up 27 points and the East Boston defense dominated as the Jets rolled to a 51-24 win over Hanover Thursday, February 29 at East Boston High.



Residents hear about Geneva St. project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last week, several residents attended a meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to provide comments and learn more about a project at 9 Geneva Street. The project, presented by Attorney Richard Lynds, involves the combination of seven parcels for a total of nearly 15,000 square feet of land. As part of the proposal, the existing structures at the site, which include a single-family home and auto repair shop, would be demolished, and a five-story, 28-unit rental building would be built in their place. Regarding the unit mix for the building, there are plans for four one-bedrooms, 20 two-bedrooms, and four three-bedrooms. Additionally, the project, which is subject to the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP), will contain five affordable units at 70% area median income (AMI). Lastly, in terms of parking, there are slated to be up to 28 parking spaces, along with at-grade bike parking.

After Lynds provided an overview of the project, he spoke about a process the project team had gone through with the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) in its review of the proposal and how it led to some changes. "We had an opportunity, a very robust community process with the Gove Street Citizens Association. We had offered two alternatives when the Gove Street Citizens Association was voting on its project," said Lynds. Through this community process, the developer committed to modifying the fifth level by pushing it back, adding parking stackers to get the total number of spots up to 28, and maintaining the IDP units at five units at 70% AMI. Lynds Later, went through the zoning relief that would be necessary for the project. Under current zoning, the site sits in the MFR (multi-family residential) subdistrict and would require variances for the side yard, floor area ratio, height, open space, and parking.

See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.

DOMINANT: Christian Sanders (photo right) took charge of the game, pouring in 27 points, two of them coming here as he drove past Hanover's Sebastian Brown.

QUICK HANDS: Eastie's Xander Boutros deflects a pass from James Ritchie

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CLEAR SHOT: Draggo Tejeda Feliz soars above the defense and takes aim at two points.

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FIRE, FIRE EVERYWHERE

The fires that have been burning out of control this past week in Texas and Oklahoma -- and which are continuing to rage as this is being written -- are yet another harbinger of what awaits us thanks to the ever-increasing rate of climate change that is affecting every corner of the earth.

The fires in Texas, which have killed two persons, destroyed 500 homes, and caused entire towns to be evacuated, come on the heels of the recent fires in Chile, which destroyed entire communities and claimed 131 lives, more than the tragic fire a few months back that occurred in Hawaii.

Fire in other parts of the globe in recent years have charred millions of acres of land and wiped out entire communities, from Australia, to California, to Canada, and the Siberian tundra.

The out-of-control wildfire fires not only have caused loss of life and brought economic devastation to communities and individuals, but they also have sent acrid smoke that enveloped large swathes of neighboring countries, as happened in the Midwest and East Coast last summer when the fires in eastern Canada raised our air quality to extremely unhealthy levels for days at a time.

But these fires are only part of the equation of climate change. Ocean temperatures reached record highs this year, threatening coral reefs and marine life across the globe. What had seemed as inconceivable -- that the world's oceans could turn into dead zones -- no longer is in the realm of science fiction. It's a reality that could occur within a few short years.

In addition, with the hot oceans providing the fuel for tropical storms, hurricanes promise to be ever-stronger and more devastating.

Air temperatures have set records month-after-month and year-after-year for the past five years, with each successive year exceeding the one before. The record warmth in the continental U.S. this winter has resulted in the least snow cover on record and has prevented the usual lakes from freezing. Glaciers are disappearing everywhere, from the polar regions, to Greenland, to the Alps in Europe.

In short, everything that is climate related is off-thecharts -- and not in a good way. If what climate scientists tell us is true -- that we are in a race against time to change our ways and that we must stop burning fossil fuels in order to save the environment as we know it -- then it is becoming increasingly clear that our feet are stuck in the mud.



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Spring forward in safety: When you change your clocks, check your alarms

With daylight saving time beginning on March 10, Massachusetts fire officials are reminding residents to check their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when they change their clocks.

"We've seen too many tragedies in homes without working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms." said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Most fires and CO incidents take place at home, and these alarms are your first line of defense. As we spring forward this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Be sure they're present on every level of your home. And unless you have newer alarms with sealed, long-life batteries, this is a great time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms."

Most Fatal Fires Occur in One- and Two-Family Homes

Of 45 fire deaths in Massachusetts last year, 31 – nearly 70% – took place at home. Nearly 75% of these residential fire deaths took place in oneand two-family homes. Investigators found working smoke alarms at just onethird of those dwellings.

Replace Expired Alarms

"Smoke and CO alarms are like any other appliance – they don't last forever," said Hyannis Fire Chief Peter Burke, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachu-



setts. "An alarm's manufacturing date is printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms need to be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years, depending on the make and model. If your alarm is out of date, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it."

Replacing an out-ofdate 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, longlife batteries and a hush feature. These alarms are easier to maintain and less likely to be disabled while cooking or by someone using the batteries for other household appliances.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you and everyone in your building at risk," said Chief Burke. "Test your alarms once a month to be sure you and the people you care for are protected."

Fire officials recommend that you choose alarms from a wellknown, national brand. Look for the mark of an independent testing laboratory such as UL or Intertek. Many Massachusetts fire departments have found alarms purchased on Amazon and other online retailers that do not meet the Fire Code – and may not perform when they're needed most.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said State Fire Marshal Davine.

Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"We have less time than ever before to escape a fire at home," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "You could have three minutes to escape safely. 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."

"Working smoke alarms and a practiced home escape plan are among the most fundamental and important tools for surviving a fire," said Chief Burke. "Be sure everyone in the home knows what to do and where to go when the alarm sounds, including young children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Always keep doorways, stairways, and windows clear of furniture and other obstructions so you can leave quickly and safely."

Older Adults at Greatest Risk

More than half of last year's fire deaths involved

adults aged 65 and older. In FY23, the Department of Fire Services' Senior SAFE grant program awarded more than \$575,000 to hundreds of fire departments across Massachusetts to support assistance with alarm installation and testing. Older adults who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department, council on aging, or senior center for assistance.

Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide at home, State Fire Marshal Davine said, but winter isn't over yet and CO remains a hazard even in warmer weather. While many carbon monoxide incidents involve furnaces and other heating appliances, CO is also produced by stoves, grills, and vehicles, as well as generators put into use during a power outage.

"Firefighters detect carbon monoxide at about 5,000 calls each year in Massachusetts, and we've already seen cases of fatal carbon monoxide poisoning in 2024," said Chief Burke. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this silent, invisible killer. If you hear you CO alarms sounding, get out to fresh air and call 9-1-1 right away."

Project Bread recognized as leading White House partner to end hunger

PLEASE: NO PUBLIC DRINKING ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY

With the St. Patrick's Day holiday and traditional South Boston parade approaching on Sunday, March 17, we urge our public safety officials to plan for enforcing the laws which prohibit drinking in public, especially by underage drinkers.

Last year in the aftermath of the South Boston parade, we found ourselves in the unfortunate position of riding the Red Line to the South Shore. The trains were packed with highly-inebriated, rowdy, under-age drinkers who were drinking openly on the trains and then flinging their empties around the train cars, striking other passengers. The platforms resembled war zones, with large-scale fights and scores of youths who were passed out left-and-right.

We realize that everyone wants to relax and have a good time on St. Patrick's Day, but that is no excuse for our public safety officials to turn a blind eye to underage drinking and drinking in public. In addition, for those of us of Irish descent, the perception that being "Irish for a day" means drinking heavily is highly-insulting.

It is inevitable that with the high degree of public intoxication that is tacitly permitted by our public safety officials, there will be a tragedy. We urge our public officials to take steps ahead of time to stop this annual reign of dangerous mass chaos.

Your opinions, please

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The White House recognized statewide food security organization Project Bread of 145 Border Street, East Boston as a leading partner in the White House Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities. The Challenge, which was announced in March 2023 by the Biden-Harris Administration, is a nationwide call-to-action to stakeholders across all of society to make bold commitments to advance President Biden's goal to end hunger and reduce diet-related diseases by 2030-all while reducing disparities.

"Project Bread is honored that the White House has recognized the collective effort underway among Massachusetts' strong, innovative, and diverse anti-hunger community to permanently solve hunger today in the national Challenge to End Hunger and Build Healthy Communities," says Erin McAleer, CEO of Project Bread, which works yearround across policy initiatives, programs, and hunger prevention measures to ensure Massachusetts residents of all ages have reliable access to nutrition resources. "We are proud to partner with organizations, policy makers, people and communities, across the Commonwealth to build the movement that will make Massachusetts the first state in the nation to eliminate the injustice of hunger."

The Challenge built on the historic White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health hosted by President Biden in in September 2022 where the President released a National Strategy and announced over \$8 billion of external commitments to achieve his bold goal.

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March is Massachusetts Maple Month

To celebrate a new agricultural season in Massachusetts, Governor Maura Healey is declaring March as Massachusetts Maple Month. Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) Commissioner Ashley Randle joined state and local officials and representatives from the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association today at Severance Maple Products in Northfield to raise awareness of the state's maple sugar industry and to encourage residents to visit their local sugar house and purchase locally made maple products.

In a recent visit to Severance Maple Products included a tour of their operations and retail store, along with a reading of a Governor's Proclamation and ceremonial tapping of a maple tree to commemorate the official start of the sugaring season. Owners Milt and Robin Severance have been sugaring since 1976. Their first year yielded a couple of gallons of maple syrup, but today, they produce a couple thousand gallons annually. All of their products are produced locally in Northfield at their sugarhouse kitchen, with availability online, in local stores, and at craft and agricultural fairs in the area.

Massachusetts is one of the top maple-producing states in the country, home to over 300 maple producers that produce more than 70,000 gallons per year. The sector employs over a thousand people, contributing over \$15 million to the local economy. Maple sugaring profits allow many Massachusetts farms to stay in business

year-round by diversifying their offerings, serving as a supplemental source of income to their other crops.

"We are tapping into this maple month with more support and appreciation for our sugarmakers than ever. The maple industry is not only economically, culturally, and historically important for the region but also plays a vital role in our environmental and climate resilience efforts," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "The industry maintains and preserves more than 15,000 acres of land and is working to modernize equipment and install renewable energy sources. We are proud to see this the sector transition to one of the state's most energy efficient and sustainable in agriculture."

Since 2018, MDAR has awarded over half a million dollars in Climate Smart Agriculture Program Grants to maple producers throughout the state. These grants have been used to offset the costs of installing updated, environmentally friendly equipment, including high-efficiency evaporators, heat recovery and reverse osmosis equipment, and photovoltaic solar arrays, lowering carbon footprints and environmental impacts.

"Our farming community had an enormously challenging year in 2023, so it's with great optimism that we usher in a new growing season and celebrate our maple producers with the first agricultural crop of the year," said MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle. "While the maple sugaring season may be brief in Massachusetts, our maple producers work hard year-round to bring us this naturally sweet and nutritionally dense crop that is versatile and universally enjoyed by all. We're proud to support them, and I can't wait to enjoy a pancake breakfast topped with fresh maple syrup at a local sugarhouse this month."

All month long, maple sugarhouses around the state will open their doors to host visitors with fun, family-friendly interactive activities, as well as serving stacks of pancakes, waffles, and French toast covered in local maple syrup. Maple sugaring is one of the few agritourism activities available during the early months of the year. Over 60,000 visitors spend more than \$2 million during the sugaring season. Farms, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, country inns, and other tourist businesses share in this income, which primarily flows into small towns and farm communities.

"Sugarhouses and local farms across Massachusetts provide memorable and immersive experiences for visitors of all ages," said Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Executive Director Kate Fox. "We encourage visitors and residents alike to check out Massachusetts sugarhouses during Maple Month, where they can experience a behind-thescenes tour, sample delicious treats, and purchase local maple syrup and maple products from these unique small businesses."

"I'm so thankful to kick off maple season here in the Second Franklin Dis-



MDAR Commissioner Ashley Randle with state and local officials alongside Milt and Robin Severance (far right), owners of Severance Maple Products in Northfield.

trict," said Representative Susannah Whipps (I -Athol). "This brief sweet period of time is a sign that spring is coming and a reminder of the importance of this industry to our economy, tourism and food system."

"I am delighted to join Governor Healey, EEA Secretary Tepper, MDAR Commissioner Randle, the MA Maple Producers Association, and many others in celebrating March as Massachusetts Maple Month," said Senator Jo Comerford (D-Northampton). "I am tremendously proud to represent many outstanding maple producers who are living and working in the Hampshire, Franklin, Worcester district."

"We expect a great maple syrup harvest this spring as many sugarmakers across the state are off to an early start," said Massachusetts Maple Producers Association Coordinator Missy Leab. "As the sweet steam rises from our local sugarhouses this spring, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity and visit one or more of the 300+ Massachusetts maple producers where you can talk with a sugarmaker, ask all your maple questions, and see, smell, and taste spring! Watch the fascinating process of turning fresh maple sap into pure maple syrup. Don't forget to bring home a jug of Massachusetts sweetest crop: pure maple syrup!"

Maple syrup has been produced and consumed for centuries in North America. Its initial availability during the tail end of the winter season signals the start of the agricultural awakening in Massachusetts and is a sure sign that spring is around the corner. Tree tapping in Massachusetts can start as early as late January and continue through April, though March is officially Maple Month. Most importantly, the temperatures must be below freezing at night and above freezing during the days for the tree sap to flow. Furthermore, weather, soil, and genetics of the tree can affect maple syrup flavor.

Please visit the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association (MMPA) to learn more about the maple sugaring process. For a complete listing of maple sugar houses in the Commonwealth, visit the MassGrown website.

GSCA supports Maverick Street project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During its monthly meeting last week, the

complete upgrade to the parking spot. However, life safety which includes we're waiting to see the the sprinkler and the fire final draft of the zoning alarm, which do not exist because there is an ex-Gove Street Citizens As- today," said Lynds. The emption for one to three units; we want to see if it applies if we're adding an additional unit as well," said Lynds. Further, Monte French of Monte French Design Studio, an architect for the project, went through the design of the building and the materials used. French explained that two bays and outside decks have been added to the building's original massing, the original entrance location on the ground floor has been moved, and the addition on top is more modern with a "warm wood tone material."



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2024

sociation (GSCA) voted to support a proposal at 240 Maverick Street, which includes a change of occupancy and addition.

The proposal, which had already gone through one GSCA meeting and abutters meeting, has been "received pretty well," according to Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented it last week.

As part of the project, there are plans to change the occupancy of the existing three-family home to a four-family home. Additionally, the project includes a vertical addition along with a roof deck.

project would also maintain the building as rentals.

> Later in his presentation, Lynds reviewed the anticipated zoning relief associated with the project. Under current zoning, the proposal would require variances for use, lot size, floor area ratio, height, open space, and parking.

However, under new zoning, which was developed through the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative PLAN: East Boston, the project potentially would only require relief for parking.

"We think a variance "It will also involve a may be necessary for the

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For more information on these scholarships, including application and criteria please visit www.massport.com



Coletta recognizes Mayra Correa, Family Liaison for the PLK School

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta recognized Mayra Correa, the Family and Homeless Liaison for the Patrick J. Kennedy School for her dedication and service to BPS students and families.

"I'm thrilled to have honored Mayra Correa at the Boston City Council. Our office sought to connect with every Family liaison at every BPS school in our district. We wanted to understand how best to support them and advocate for them during the budget process seeing that they

literally are the front lines of support within a school for families. The PJK has been identified by the Department of Education as having a student population that is 97.4% high needs, 88% of students do not speak English as a first language, and 81% are identified as low-income," said Councilor Coletta. "We were struck by the level of compassion, dedication and commitment shown by Mayra in supporting her students and families at the PJK. She cares deeply about

her students. Mayra is an example of the liaisons we want supporting students and answering our call in a time of need."

"Thank you for the recognition. Your recognition inspires me to continue to pursue my passion with greater enthusiasm. Your acknowledgement of my work is truly humbling. I want to thank my school, the family engagement team and family for all their support." said Mayra Correa.



Family and Homeless Liaison for the Patrick J. Kennedy School Mayra Correa (third from left) holds her recognition award that she received from Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta (fourth from left). Family and friends were on hand for the event.

CITY PAWS

The name game

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Would you like an excellent conversation starter for the people you meet on dog walks? Asking the dog's name seems to come naturally. For a great conversation, ask how they came to choose that name. We often find a fascinating tale behind a dog's name.

One of the rescued Westies we placed in a local home came with the name Rad. His new family (we soon learned they were truly fun and funny people) renamed him Swiffer. Why not? His sometimes long and shaggy coat did a great job of dusting their hardwood floors.

A friend's Ragdoll cat was called Max, but his full name was Maximilien De Whisker, a take on Maximilien de Winter, hero of Daphne du Maurier's book "Rebecca." One Back Bay couple adopted a mixed breed dog and named him Del. They explain it's short

for Delano because he now had a "New Deal."

We knew a dog named Kepler, after the German mathematician, astronomer, and astrologer Johannes Kepler. That's a very Bostonian approach to naming a dog. Of course, naming a dog after someone or something related to sports is also very Boston.

Tips for Name Selection

The Seeing Eye is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to breed, train, and place guide dogs for the blind, and they name about 500 puppies a year. Since these dogs must respond to that name for the rest of their lives, they must choose well. They offer the following tips for the rest of us.

First, count the syllables in the name. They try to stick to names with one or two syllables because shorter names are faster when communicating with the dog. Avoid names that sound like a command and

might confuse the animal. Here are their examples, "Mo' can sound like 'No' and 'Kit' sounds like 'Sit."" Finally, avoid names with embarrassing or negative connotations. You may find yourself shouting the name in public one day.

We'd add that you should skip names that sound like those of other pets or family. And remind you that, in the dog show world, each animal has a full registered name and a shorter call name. Moreover, most dogs answer to nickname variations of their official one.

Popular Names

Each year, groups like the American Kennel Club, dog walking services, and pet insurance companies publish lists of the most popular dog names-The Wildest website reported on these listings last November.

They wrote that the top ten male dog names for 2024 were Charlie, Max, Cooper, Milo, Buddy, Ted-

dy, Rocky, Bear, Leo, and Duke. The female dog list included Luna, Bella, Daisy, Lucy, Lily, Lola, Zoe, Sadie, Stella, and Bailey. **People Names**

Would you be insulted if someone named their dog after you? Penny is always happy to meet a dog who shares her name.

We've heard of family feuds from using a name

someone felt was their exclusive property. That doesn't seem to happen with dogs. No one cares if there are three dogs named Fenway in the neighborhood. Dog people just add the breed when talking about them.

One final tip: take your time christening a new pet. Kitty or puppy work fine until you get to know one another. The perfect name may come to you, or you may notice that certain sounds or words get a response from your new family member. The dog or cat may give you a clue to their favorite name.

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

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co-founder of the South End Community Health Center.

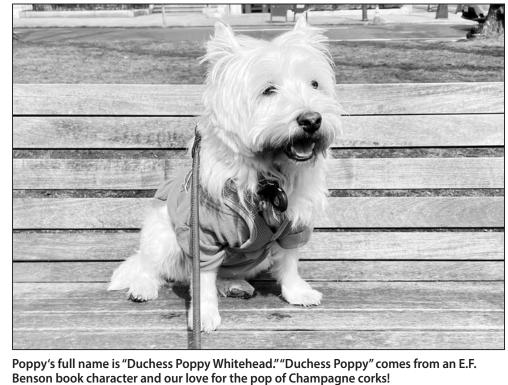
to all. Undergoing the official name change in June due to disparities associ-Responding to com- 2024, the soon-to-be ated with race, cultural unity feedback, EBN- NeighborHealth will con- background, or economic tinue to be a staple in Boston's diverse communities by leveraging its core values: • With community: We don't just serve communities; we belong to them. We understand the lives of our patients because they're deeply interconnected with our own; and that's why we can address complex needs and cultural nuances. We're more than providers; we're neighbors. • Open to all: Too many

people face barriers to receiving high-quality care status. As a community-focused health system, we are committed to eliminating these barriers to provide the right care to everyone who needs it, no matter who they are. • Beyond the clinic: We know that health care doesn't start or end in the exam room. The fact is, where and how people live can have a profound impact on health outcomes and wellbeing. That's why we take a holistic approach to care,

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EBHS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST HANOVER

Christian Sanders racked up 27 points and the East Boston defense dominated as the Jets rolled to a 51-24 win over Hanover Thursday, February 29 at East Boston High. The win advanced the Jets to the Round of 16 in the MIAA Division III

Boys basketball championship tournament for the first time in nine years. The Jets took on Norwell Tuesday night.



HELP WANTED: Declan Doherty looks for some help as he is surrounded by East Boston's Xander Boutros (3) Javon Wise Normal (33) and Caleb Florence



REBOUND BATTLE: Eastie's Javon Wise Normil and Hanover's James Ritchie battle for a rebound. See Page 6 for more photos.



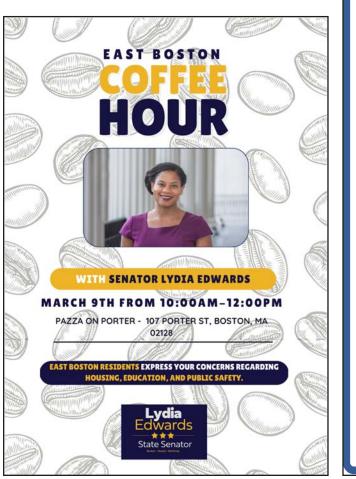
SMILES AND APPLAUSE: With the game in hand and the starters taking the bench, Xander Boutros, Robin Cartegena, Alejandro Garcia, and Caleb Florence cheer on the subs as the clock winds toward an East Boston win.



KICKIN' REBOUNDER: Christian Sanders extends a leg as he rips down a rebound in front of Hanover's Joseph Picard.



NICE VIEW: Robin Cartegena likes the clear path he sees to the basket.



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IN A ZONE: Christian Sanders shoots over Sebastian Brown



TURNING POINT: Christian Sanders steals an inbounds pass intended for Hanover's Joseph Picard at the start of the third quarter. Sanders took the ball the length of the court for a slam dunk that tilted the momentum in Eastie's favor, and the Jets never looked back.

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Film screening of 'Open Your Heart: Immigrant Stories from Boston and Beyond' on March 16

Productions Hoopla and ZUMIX welcomes you to a film screening of "Open Your Heart: Immigrant Stories from Boston and Beyond," on Saturday, March 16, from 4-5:30pm at the Boston's Civic Pavilion, 5 Congress Street, Boston City Hall.

Open Your Heart is a deeply moving short documentary about a group of young people who embark on a creative, year-long research and performance project about immigrant stories. The film traces their journey, from interviewing 7 immigrant activists to performing their stories with professional actors in a live staged production at Boston City Hall Plaza in 2023.

and inspiring, Open Your Heart demonstrates the power of community, support and love, as we immerse ourselves in the complexity of immigrant stories. In hearing stories from our East Boston neighbors, we see some of our own experiences and new possibilities.

Welcome and music by youth artists from ZU-MIX. The post-show panel discussion will feature youth interviewers and actors and community activist, Luz Zambrano, reflecting on the making of Open Your Heart.

"I'm not alone in the things that (I'm) going through. Being an immigrant, sometimes you are like, 'Yea, I'm the only immigrant here.' No, there are many like you. It's just you just haven't discovered them yet." Samy, ZUMIX actor

"I hope that they take the info and fight for immigrants. I hope they support them and I hope that they'll bring people into a community instead of pushing them away. It's very hurtful when you're pushed away." Robin, ZUMIX actor

This program is supported in part by grants from The Boston Foundation's Live Action Grant, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Mayor's Office on Immigrant Engagement, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, an anonymous grant from a donor-advised fund of the Mill River Foundation, and Eastern Bank Foundation.

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BPDA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

However, under new zoning developed through PLAN: East Boston - a BPDA neighborhood planning initiative - adopted by the agency's board, the site is in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-4 subdistrict.

Under the new zoning, the project largely complies with the zoning requirements with a couple of caveats.

For example, the project is proposed to have a height of 55 feet; however, the maximum height allowed in EBR-4 is 50 feet.

However, Lynds explained that due to Article 25A, the proposal could exceed the 50-foot maximum.

"Article 25A of the Boston Zoning Code deals with coastal flood resiliency. Even though we're not in a flood zone, the city now recognizes that there are areas, including areas that are not necessarily regulated as flood plain, that would have higher risk for potential flooding or potential damage from sea level rise," said Lynds.

is only going to require one per unit, the Article 80 process will determine what an appropriate parking number is," he added.

Lynds went through different plans, renderings, and elevations as the meeting progressed. He also spoke about other facets of the project, including planting street trees and the introduction of a dog run, before taking questions and comments.

Several residents participated during the question and comment portion of the meeting. For example, Neel Batra, a GSCA Board Member, made some comments about the fifth-floor setback and confirmed the association's vote regarding the project.

"The vote is done. A majority of the neighborhood supported the project," said Batra.

Additionally, there were several comments from residents who either supported the project or opposed it.

One resident, who spoke on behalf of himself and his wife, indicated that

of Geneva Street will all be done once this building is put up," said an attendee.

Another attendee said, "We need more housing It's great that there's some affordable housing; it's going to clean this all up.'

Another big topic discussed during the meeting was the condition of Geneva Street and how it might be improved through this project and others.

"There will be some work that will be done on Geneva Street, and as a result of that — even though this is a private way — the city has standards that require us to make corrections or improvements,' said Lynds.

"For a project this size, there will be the improvements - at least for our portion of Geneva Street out to Maverick Street," he added.

For those interested in learning more about the project, viewing the recording of this meeting, or leaving comments about the project, visit https://www.bostonplans. org/projects/development-projects/9-geneva-street. Currently, a comment period concerning the Small Project Review Application is open until March 8th. "Even though we do have a comment period set on the website, that does not mean that people cannot submit comments past the comment deadline," said Daniel Polanco, a Project Manager at the BPDA. Comments can be made at the link mentioned above or directly via email dan.polanco@boston. to gov.

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"As a result, under Article 25A, any project currently that requires Article 80 review, must design the building to be compliant with coastal flood resiliency regulations. As a result of that, they actually allow for increased height of the building over what the actual zoning would allow," he added.

Another caveat was related to parking in that "it is determined under new zoning per Article 80," according to Lynds.

"Even though the zoning code may have a different requirement for the number of spaces you need and the new zoning they had several concerns, including parking, height, and density.

Later in the meeting, Batra also wanted to provide information about those concerned about the project, and he confirmed that the issues dealt with parking, height, and density.

While at least one resident who spoke during the meeting had concerns about the project, several others seemed to be in full support.

"What we have there now is an eyesore. I mean, come on, look at the difference, this is a beautiful building. That whole end



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Goldberg announces latest release of unclaimed property listings

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg has announced the latest grouping of names added to the state's list of unclaimed property owners. Over 50,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

"Did you know there is \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property here in Massachusetts? 1 in 10 people in this state are owed money and one of them could be you," said Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "So check the list, go online, or call our office to search for your name and begin the process today."

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 145,000 claims and

returned \$185 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urges all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at www. findmassmoney.gov or call our live call center at 1-888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list will be published in the Boston Globe on March 3rd and in the Boston Herald on March 10th . In addition, the list of names will be published in over 30 regional and local papers in following weeks.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

Elizabeth Curtis

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Elizabeth A. Curtis of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 1.

The loving daughter of Philip Puzzo and the late Elizabeth Gallagher, she was the beloved wife of the late Richard Curtis, devoted mother of Christopher Curtis and Angela Curtis and her fiancé, Steven McGrath; dear sister of Brian Puzzo, Barbara Puzzo and Danny Gallagher. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Elizabeth's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,

Edward "Buddy" Gleeson

February 22, 1934 - February 28, 2024

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Edward "Buddy" Gleeson of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on February 28.

Edward was born in Boston on February 22, 1934 to the late Francis and Josephine (Cahill) Gleeson. He grew up in a large Irish family and married his loving "Betty." He passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness. Edward had just celebrated his 90th birthday.

The beloved husband of over 60 years to the late Mary "Betty" Gleeson, he was the devoted father of Edward Gleeson of Winthrop, Tracy Wilson and her husband, Kenneth of Hampton, NH, Doreen Gleeson and her loving companion, Charles Di-Giacomo of Winthrop; dear brother of William Gleeson and his wife, Josephine of East Boston, Joanne Candelora and her husband, Frank of Revere and the late Frank, Mary, Joseph, John, Herbert, lence, please visit www. Theresa, Thomas, Kath-



ent Heights) East Boston on Saturday, March 9th from 1 to 5 p.m. A prayer service will be held in our Chapel at 4:30 p.m. Committal services will be private. For more information please visit www. ruggieromh.com.

Filomena LoPriore

Of East Boston

Filomena (Rosa) LoPriore of East Boston, formerly of Avellino, Italy, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 1 at 80 years of age.

OBITUARIES

The beloved wife of the late Fiore LoPriore, she was the devoted mother of Raffaele LoPriore and Giuseppe LoPriore and the late Ciriaco LoPriore; dear sister of the late Nicola Luigi; cherished grandmother of Angelina Sasso, Raffaele C. LoPriore, Luciano F. LoPriore and Ciriaco F. LoPriore. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will

honor Filomena's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, March 7th



from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Friday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Filomena being laid to rest with her beloved husband and son at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May they rest in peace. For more information please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Constance Agatha McNeil Loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother

Constance Agatha (Sparaco) McNeil of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, entered into eternal rest on February 28 surrounded by the love of her family at the age of 94.

The devoted daughter of the late John and Lillian (Gazzaro) and sister of the late Agatha Boyd, she was the loving wife of the late James (Jim) McNeil with whom she shared 41 years of marriage; dedicated mother to Marissa Madden and her husband, Peter of Reading, James (Jamie) McNeil of Middleton and Nancy Famolare and her husband, Charles of Winthrop; proud Nana to Lauren Magro, Ashley Happy, Peter Madden, Kayla Famolare and Gianna Famolare and great

Violet Bemister. She is also survived by her loyal fur grandbaby, "Lizzy the Dog."

Family and friends honored Connie's life by .gathering at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston, on Monday, March 4th and again on Tuesday, March 5th for a Funeral Mass in the church. Services concluded with Connie being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, near River Road and Cross Street, Winthrop.I

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Joseph / St. Lazarus Parish, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston, or to a charity of your choice.

For more information,

GSCA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

He also explained why the top addition deviates from the rest of the design, which Lynds mentioned was a question in other meetings.

"We find that giving a bit of a more modern approach to the addition because it is different and not trying to again these buildings are usually - we look at them asa three-story building but trying to give something that has a new fresh look at the top is something that we wanted to do,' said French.

"It's a more marketable thing for a wider array of the demographics and people that are looking for it," he added. Lynds Later, went through the floor plans and elevations for the project and opened the floor to questions and comments. There were a few comments regarding the design of the building. One attendee said, "Don't love the stark difference between the top and the rest. Design is good, but it feels like the top is plopped on, and it doesn't flow down smoothly to the rest." Another attendee said, "I just think that the color coordination - I just don't think it matches. I just think the top should be - I mean, I guess that's like a wood color - I think it should be like a grayish color, like a gray, white color — It just doesn't go."

In response, Lynds, in part, said that things like color and materials are subject to change based on BPDA design review.

"If there's concern over color or material, that can certainly be noted in the comments to the Board of Appeal and the BPDA," said Lynds.

Ultimately, those who

erine and Elaine and he is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-

participated in the GS-CA's vote on the project supported it by a count of 8-3. However, it should be noted that in the GSCA's letter of support sent to the Zoning Board of Appeal, residents who supported and opposed the project thought changes should be made to the design and color of the fourth floor. The next GSCA meeting is scheduled for March 25.

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Mary Lou Cogliano

30-Year Otis School Lunch Monitor

Mary Lou (Goglia) Cogliano of East Boston passed away peacefully on February 28 at 96 years old.

Mary Lou worked as a lunch monitor at the Otis School in East Boston for 30 years. She will be missed by many.

The beloved wife of the late Frank Cogliano Sr., she was the devoted mother of Frank Cogliano Jr. and his wife, Eileen of York, Maine, Jerry Cogliano of East Boston and the late Jean Cogliano; cherished sister of the late Vincent Goglia, Jack Goglia, Julian Goglia, Anthony Goglia, Eugene Goglia, Angie Ferrera and Eleanor Caruso; adored grandmother of Steven Cogliano and Jennifer Vieu and treasured great-grandmother of Jasmine, Ariana, Giana and Kayleigh Vieu.



Family and friends honored Mary Lou's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Tuesday, March 5th before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for an 11 a.m. Funeral Mass. Services concluded with Mary Lou being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CONSTRUCTION STARTS AT PARK

CHELSEA - Construction is slated to begin on Monday on a new pocket park in the Forsyth neighborhood.

The new park is at the corner of Lafayette Avenue and Sturgis Street, and will enhance the safety, functionality, and aesthetics of the existing community open space in the Powder Horn Hill area while beautifying the neighborhood as part of the ARPA-funded Strategies for the Open Space Community Investments. The city's contractor for this project is JJ Phelan Construction.

Construction work will start on Monday, March 4, with possible mobilization of equipment beginning on Friday, March 1, according to city officials. Construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Bi-directional traffic around the construction site will be maintained at all times, and police details will be present during construction hours. Pedestrian detours are expected to happen around the construction site.

The first two weeks of the construction schedule will include setting up a perimeter construction fence, a demo of the sidewalk and staircase, and excavating for retaining wall footings

Community Preservation Act funds are being used to fund a portion of the project, which will include a seating area, bike rack, shade trees, and green infrastructure. The triangular parcel is located uphill from Carter Heights Apartments where Forsyth Street becomes Sturgis Street and extends to Lafayette Avenue.

In related construction news, construction has been completed regarding the historic staircase at Franklin Avenue and Spruce Street, connecting Franklin Avenue to Lafayette Avenue, and the lighting was connected to power last week. There are still a few outstanding pieces to finalize for the city to announce its full completion and remove the temporary fencing in the staircase area.

City Council, now-Councilor-at-Large Katy Rogers noticed that several residences in Everett did not have house numbers on them.

To address that situation, Rogers has reached out to the Everett Fire Department to allocate funds from its grant program to assists seniors in need of house numbers on their properties.

"During the campaign season, I learned that many house numbers are missing on various buildings in Everett," Rogers said at Monday's Council meeting. "I had discussions with some of our safety officials who agreed that it is a safety hazard because it does make it difficult for all departments in safety to identify addresses."

Rogers said that under Massachusetts law it is a requirement that residences must be able to be identified by house numbers.

"In lieu of emphasizing enforcement on something so small, it would be preferable to collaborate with existing departments in the city to ensure that some of our most vulnerable residents have access to house numbers," said Rogers, adding that seniors or residents with disabilities should be able to call 311 for assistance in the placement on house numbers on buildings.

Rogers said she has corresponded with [Deputy Fire Chief] Will Hurley and [Director of Constituent Services/311] Chad Luongo, "who agreed that it would be a pretty simple process in setting something up" for the installation of house numbers.

Council President Robert Van Campen praised Rogers' motion, calling it "a great proposal."

The Council voted unanimously to refer the proposal to Mayor Carlo DeMaria's administration for further action and eventual implementation of the house-numbers program.

ing on Squire Road.

Lou Markakis, the president of the Lynnway Associates Group, said the proposed new owner and developer of the parcel, Jewel Saaed, has been working with city officials, departments, and boards to refine the plans over the past six months.

"This particular plan has been well vetted and scrutinized, and we appreciate the volume of input and constructive criticism we have received from everyone," said Marakis. "185 Squire Road is currently a two-story mixeduse building built around 1965 that is currently outdated and underutilized."

The property is in a Highway Business zone, which allows for a hotel use by right as a permitted use. Markakis said other allowable uses in the zone include gas stations, funeral homes, parking lots, and parking structures.

"What we propose is consistent with the character of the area and the corridor, and we think it is beneficial to the community as a whole," said Markakis.

The current plans call for vehicles to come off Squire Road onto Lechmere Street, where they will be met by a valet service. Markakis said there are also plans to operate two shuttle buses for guests 24 hours per day to take them to public transportation, Revere Beach, and other locations.

Markakis noted that hotels generally provide the highest income for cities, while having the lowest drain on public services.

Ward 6 Councillor Chris Giannino said he has been in contact with developers about the project for the past several months.

"They have been very helpful and very open, and I'm in support of the plan 100 percent right now from what I am seeing on it," he said. "I think it will bring a lot of income for the city and a lot of positives." Councillor-at-Large Juan Pablo Jaramillo said he would like to see a third shuttle bus at the hotel for use by residents who live in the area. Ward 5 Councillor Angela Guarino-Sawaya said she supports the project, adding that she wouldn't mind seeing an extra floor with the addition of a rooftop bar.

RMA STUDENTS CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY



As part of their Black History Month celebrations, Rumney Marsh Academy hosted Project Misik, to demonstrate traditional music and dances for the students to learn about and participate in. Shown above, Project Misik dancer leads students in a traditional Haitian folk dance in the RMA Gymnasium.

ask about a rooftop bar in the city," she said.

Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna said she believes the project will be beneficial to the entire city, and help with the revitalization of Squire Road.

Councillor-at-Large Michelle Kelley said she did have some concerns about the size of the project, and would feel better if there was more outreach to the residential neighborhood across the street.

Markakis said the developers would be willing to meet with those residents about the project.

The special permit request will be going before the council's zoning subcommittee on March 4 before coming back to the full council for a potential vote.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER

meeting with more specific information, although she said it looks like that half day could be on June

"We want to add a half day for the elementary schools only to the calendar," Howard said. "The purpose of that half day is going to be very specific training on a newly adopted ELA curriculum."

Howard said the district has not yet chosen and adopted a new ELA and reading curriculum, but she said teachers, administrators, and staff are going through options and should soon have a presentation before the school committee on a preferred curriculum option.

In other business, Howard said the district is in the midst of continuing its PowerSchool training. The new student information software will be implemented for the 2024-25 school year, she said.

"It takes a full year to train everyone and take all tem, she added.

During February vacation, there was a major wifi upgrade at the Gorman Fort Banks School using federal Covid relief funds.

"We needed all new access points," said Howard. "There is a lot of difficulty in that building because of the cement walls."

Howard said the issues with the service didn't have to do with the bandwidth, but with issues getting the wifi connections through certain walls in the school.

Howard said the district will also be using some of its ESSER III Covid relief funds to purchase a new server for the district.

"One of the servers that we thought was going to get us through the school year is flashing us that it will not," said Howard.

It is anticipated that the server will be replaced during April vacation.

The superintendent not-

PUTTING NUMBERS ON HOUSES

EVERETT - In her campaign for a seat on the

HOTEL PROPOSED **ON SQUIRE ROAD**

REVERE - A five-story, 104-room boutique hotel proposed for 185 Squire Road has the support of the ward councillor.

The council heard from the developers of the hotel, who are requesting a special permit to reconstruct and expand an existing non-conforming build-

"I've had a lot of people

ADDITIONAL HALF DAY FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

WINTHROP The _ school district is looking to potentially add a half day for its elementary schools to the calendar in June.

At Monday night's School Committee meeting, Superintendent of Schools Lisa Howard said she will be back at the next

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of our data and get it transitioned into the new system," said Howard. The PowerSchool soft-

ware is more powerful than the current school information system and provides more communications opportunities for families and staff, Howard said.

Later in the year, there will be training opportunities for families to learn how to use the new sysed that the next meeting of the school committee's budget subcommittee is scheduled for March 6. Howard said the administration will have more detail on the budget and should have details on what will be required for a level-services budget for the 2024-25 school year. She said there will likely be more information about what is required for a needs-based budget at a future meeting.

JPNA MEETING MARCH 11

Greetings Jeffries Point Neighbors!

We hope you are having a safe and warm start to 2024 here in East Boston. Below is the agenda for the March 2024 monthly meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association, scheduled for

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Monday, March 11, at 7PM on ZOOM. All are welcome!

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AND you must register for this meeting by Sunday, March 10, at 7pm. Not sure if you're an abutter? See website..

In order to qualify to vote at a voting meeting each person must be registered and join the meeting as an individual. You will not be counted as an attendee at a meeting should you participate in the Zoom call as a couple or family.

Following is the meeting agenda (subject to change):

JPNA Announcements/ Housekeeping

Police

Mayor's Liaison, Manuela Villas Gomez JPNA Election

Brian Gannon, Ward 1 Democrats Announcement

Bill Masterson, Tree Eastie

Emma Tavolieri, City of Boston, EV Charging Stations

Gabriela Coletta, Boston City Councilor

VOTE - 112 Marginal St – Third Presentation

Add living space through a rear addition, enabling a change of occupancy from a 1-family to a 3-family; erect a roof deck and rear addition onto the existing building Developer: Jeff Drago

& Tom Falcucci

Represented by: Jeff Drago

112 Abutter Presentation Kaitlyn Andryauskas

As a reminder, all questions will be handled via the Zoom chat feature. We ask all attendees to remain muted unless called upon to speak. Looking forward to "seeing" you all there.

WARD 1 DEMOCRATIC **CAUCUS MARCH 16**

The Ward 1 Democratic Caucus will be held on March 16, at 10:00 at the Salesians Boys and Girls club at 150 Byron Street. Any registered Democrat can run to be elected or vote to elect delegates to the 2024 State Democratic Convention. Please reach out to Brian Gannon briangannon.j@gmail.com with any questions.

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Joint Committee on Ways and Means to hold budget hearing in Gloucester

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means will hold a hearing on Governor Maura Healey's FY2025 budget proposal, covering the topics of economic development, housing, and labor. State Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester) and State Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston) will co-chair the hearing. The hearing will be open to the public for viewing; testimony is by invitation only.

"The state budget is the most important piece of legislation that is passed annually because it funds almost all aspects of the Commonwealth's functions and programs. Although those testifying will include Constitutional officers such as the Attorney General, Secretariats of Economic Development, Labor and Workforce, Housing and Livable Communities and agencies, this hear-

ing gives the public the opportunity to view the budget process," said Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante (D-Gloucester). "I'm pleased that my constituents, the residents of Cape Ann, will have the ability to see the budget process up close and personal, especially as we hear testimony on how and where the Commonwealth intends to spend its resources."

"As co-chair of this crit-

ical hearing on the FY2025 state budget, I'm honored to provide a platform for public engagement in our budgetary process. This hearing isn't just about numbers; it's about the future we're collectively shaping. By opening the doors to transparency and accountability, we empower our constituents to actively participate in decisions that impact their lives," said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

The Joint Committee on Ways and Means hearing on the FY2025 state budget is on Friday, March 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the Gloucester City Hall – Kyrouz Auditorium, 9 Dale Avenue.

Involved are Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Office of the Attorney General, Executive Office of Economic Development, Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, Dept. of Business Development, Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities, Dept. of Housing and Community Development, Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Board of Library Commissioners, Mass. Cultural Council, Commission on the Status of Women, Cannabis Control Commission.



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Chelsea real estate broker Bowen helps couple achieve their dream

By Cary Shuman

Dave and Hayley Demeter truly enjoyed their experience living on Admiral's Hill and being part of the Chelsea community.

A brilliant, young couple who met during their freshman year in 2003 at prestigious Ivy League school, Cornell University, and got married in 2013, the Demeters came to Chelsea after learning about Admiral's Hill from Dave's father, Steve Demeter.

"The way we came to Admiral's Hill was my father was familiar with Admiral's Hill because his mother was a nurse at the Chelsea Naval Hospital and my grandfather was coming back from World War II as a U.S. Naval veteran," explained Demeter. "They met at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on the Hill. They moved back to Oregon and then to Everett, and that's how we knew about Admiral's Hill."

One of the reasons Dave, who works in real estate, and Hayley, who works at technology company in Boston, was that they wanted to be closer to the city.

The Demeters originally lived on Boatswains Way at the top of Admiral Hill. "We loved it. We saw that unit at night and fell in love with the Hill, the views, and the neighborhood," said Dave. "We lived there for four years and then we stumbled across this unit [at 51 Breakwater Drive]."

"We were just on a walk around the neighborhood," recalled Hayley. "There was an Open House for two townhouses, and because this was the end-unit, it was a no-brainer for us."

The Demeters purchased the townhouse at 51 Breakwater Drive five years ago, totally renovating the unit. Their affinity for life in Chelsea continued, notably dining at local restaurants.

"We loved living here on the Hill," said Dave. "We love Chelsea. We love Chelsea Station Restaurant. Las Delisias on Broadway is one of my absolute favorites. New Bridge Café is great.

Starbucks and Aloe Natural are superb choices. Lime, Ciao – Chelsea has awesome food establishments."

Dave said he has seen positive changes in Chelsea during the past ten years. "It's a great city. It's changed, because it's kept its small-city feel. We've made great friends in the neighborhood and in Everett and Charlestown. Admiral's Hill is the central point for our friends. We have a great park [Mary O'Malley Park]. It's such a great place for people to meet, with all the available parking as opposed to other communities."

A spectacular residence

Dave and Hayley Demeter have lived in a spacious and spectacular four-floor, three-bedroom, 2.5-bath, 2,434 squarefoot, fully finished townhouse on the Hill.

The Demeters installed an amazing home office, a gym, and utility room on the first floor. The kitchen, which is five-centimeter marble with custom cabinetry, and living room are on the main floor, with



Jeff Bowen (left) of E Realty Advisors joins Hayley Demeter and Dave Demeter inside their beautifully designed kitchen at the townhouse at 51 Breakwater Drive on Admirals Hill.

a deck overlooking the backyard. The third floor has a master bedroom and a guest bedroom. The fourth floor has a third bedroom.

A decision to relocate

The Demeters are leaving Admiral's Hill and relocating to Essex (Mass.) where they have purchased a home. They have brought in well-known real estate agent Jeff Bowen to market their Chelsea townhouse at 51 Breakwater Drive.

"When we moved to Chelsea – well, you can't move into this city without knowing who Jeff Bowen is, just from real estate. When you're looking at real estate, Jeff is associated with all things Chelsea real estate. He came very highly recommended."

Bowen is excited about the opportunity to help the Demeters sell their amazing residence.

"It's a fabulous, corner-end unit," said Bowen, who attended Saint Rose School in Chelsea. "It's the largest unit in the whole Admiral's Hill row."

Bowen listed the Demeters' Admiral's Hill property on the market for \$900,000 and it sold in five days. "Chelsea is experiencing a resurgence," said Bowen. "The casino/resort has helped raise Chelsea's visibility. There are people who never would've come to this area that have now become familiar with all that Chelsea has to offer."

"We set a record with the property selling in five days, because of the work that Dave and Hayley have done with the property," said Bowen. "there are still 3 units left for sale."

(Jeffrey Bowen of E Realty Advisors Inc. can be reached for info and showings at 781-201-9488 and jeff@chelsearealestate.com AdmiralsHill. com)





Dave Demeter and Hayley Demeter enjoyed their residency on Admiral's Hill. The Demeters are pictured outside their spectacular townhouse located at 51 Breakwater Drive.

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