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SALESIAN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION, FUNDRAISER



The Salesian Boys & Girls Club hosted its 15th Annual Summer Camp Scholarship Auction & Fundraiser in the newly renovated gymnasium on June 20. Shown are Revere Councilor-at-Large Tony Zambuto, Jim Kearney, trustee of the East Boston Foundation, Michael Triant, Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director, Josh Kraft, President of the New England Patriots Foundation, Representative Adrian Madaro, and Councilor Gigi Coletta Zapata. See Pages 4 and 5 for more

GSCA announces name change and upcoming event

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At its monthly meeting on Monday, the Gove Street Neighborhood Association (GSNA), formerly the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA), announced its new name and revealed plans for a social event in July.

The name change follows a few months of conversations between group members who wanted to ensure that residents felt welcome to attend meetings.

For example, during the GSNA's March meeting, Board Members Neel Batra and Paola Villatoro spoke about the idea that there could be folks born outside of the United States who see the word citizen in the name and assume the group or the meetings are not for them to join.

As part of the name change process, there was a ranked-choice vote, which the Gove Street

Neighborhood Association won with 10 firstplace votes.

In addition to announcing the name change, Villatoro, who hosted Monday's meeting, discussed plans for a picnic or block party on July 29th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"We actually just got approved for the permit. The City of Boston is giving grants out for these types of gatherings, so we had applied for a grant," said Villatoro.

"We haven't heard back exactly how much the grant is going to be, but we thought that in July, instead of having a meeting like this, it would be great to have an in-person meet-

Moreover, she emphasized that the meeting would not be as formal as its monthly Zoom meetings and described the event as a get-together to

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JPNA invites all to July neighborhood potluck

Special to the Times-Free Press

tion invites everyone in the community to attend the neighborhood potluck at the Golden Stairs Terrace Park on Monday, July

This event will be in lieu garet Farmer, the group was started because there The Jeffries Point of the monthly meeting will provide drinks and was no summer meeting. and is meant to encourage connections between neighbors and residents. Organized by board members Josh Schmidt, Jordan Frias,

8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Susan Huang and Mar- more than 20 years and desserts. Although people Board member Jordan are encouraged to provide food, don't let it stop you from joining us!

The potluck event has been a summer staple for Frias states "Monthly meetings are still on Zoom to encourage as many peo-

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On the Campaign Trail

Edwards announces re-election campaign

Special to the Times-Free press

Lydia Edwards has formally announced her re-election campaign for the Third Suffolk State Senate district, including Boston, Winthrop, and Revere. Senator Edwards was raised by a single mother who served in the United States Air Force, inspiring her to serve and dedicate her life to helping others.

Before being elected to the State Senate, Lydia served as a Boston City Councilor and worked as an attorney for 15 years fighting for fair treatment and dignity of domestic workers like nannies and house cleaners, and combating human trafficking. Lydia currently serves as a Judge Advocate General for the Massachusetts Army National Guard and chairs the powerful Committee on Housing focusing on making housing more affordable for veterans, young people, seniors, and the missing middle.

"As State Senator, I've taken bold action to make it easier for first-time homebuyers, veterans, and seniors to afford housing, delivered debt-free community college for young adults over 25, and secured millions of dollars for local priorities in Boston, Winthrop, and Revere."

"I'm running

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APPRECIATION

Former Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney passes at 94

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney, 94, passed away on June 19, at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Mahoney was a long time pastor of St. Francis De Sales Church in Charlestown. He was assigned to St. Joseph-St. Lazarus in East Boston. Mahoney was also the former Chaplain of the Boston Fire Department. Cardinal O'Malley will preside at his Funeral Mass on Thursday, June 27, at St. Francis de Sales Church and The Rev. John J. Unni BFD chaplain and pastor of St. Cecilia Parish



The Rev. Daniel J. Mahoney.

in Boston will deliver the eulogy. Father Mahoney will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

Father Mahoney grew

up in Haverhill, the son

of Daniel and Mary G. (Tannian) Mahoney. Born on February 19, 1930, he came from a family of two, having a sister Mary. He attended St. James School in Haverhill and was ordained on February 2,1956 at Holy Cross Cathedral by Richard Cardinal Cushing. He offered his first Mass on February 5, 1956 at Sacred Heart Church in the Bradford section of Haverhill.

His assignments included: St. Mary of the Assumption, Revere, St. Joseph, East Boston, St. Zepherin, Wayland and St. Francis De Sales, Charlestown.

On June 1, 1978, he was appointed the eighth pastor of St. Francis De Sales Parish in Charlestown and in December of 1978, the restoration of the steeple was completed and dedicated in memory of Father Cutress.

In preparation for the 125th year of the parish, a major restoration and painting of the upper church got underway in the summer of 1983 and 1984 marked the 125th year of the parish. Archbishop Bernard F. Law, the new Archbishop of Boston, presided at a Mass of Thanks-

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

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

The tranquility of a typical, early-summer Saturday afternoon was shattered when a 28 year-old white man, a native of Wareham who had been living in Winthrop for a short time with his wife, shot two Black persons, 60 yearold Ramona Cooper, a retired Air Force veteran who only recently had moved to Winthrop, and 68 year-old David Green, a Winthrop native and retired State Trooper who was beloved in the Winthrop community, in cold blood when their paths crossed on Shirley St. near Cross St.

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

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

Those of us who live in the Boston area like to think that we are immune from the sort of bigotry-inspired acts of violence that make the headlines in other states where gun laws are non-existent. However, the Anti-Defamation League recently reported that acts of anti-Semtiism have spiked in Massachusetts in the past three years, more than doubling from 2020 to 2022 and then increasing a whopping 189 percent in 2023 from 2022. The sad fact is that no place in America today is immune from the virus of prejudice.

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

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

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that there is a drastic shortage of housing in this country. But similar to the adage about the weather, though everyone is talking about it, no one is doing anything about it.

The spike in interest rates to tame inflation over the past few years has been seen as one of the chief causes of the housing shortfall. Higher interest rates lessen the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but they also serve to put a lid on the supply of both new homes (because high interest rates impact home builders) and older homes (because existing owners cannot afford to give up the low rates on their current homes).

With fewer homes on the market at a time of surging demand because of the coming of age of Millennials and the influx of immigrants, the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. Zillow reports that the median home price in Massachusetts is \$629,00, an increase of 8.8% in the past year -- with the median price of a home in the Boston area now almost \$1 million, an increase of 10.9% in the past year.

It is estimated that given our larger population, the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single-family homes and multi-family rentals, by more than two million units per year ever since the Great Recession, thus creating the housing crisis we have today. But with interest rates still at their highest levels in decades, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also will continue to have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low interest rates), thereby further decreasing the inventory of homes on the market for young-

In addition to high interest rates, a host of other factors - restrictive zoning laws, supply chain issues, a shortage of construction and trade workers, and the conversion of single-family homes to short-term rentals such as Airbnb -- also are contributing to our housing shortage.

er home-buyers.

The lack of housing has two other significant impacts: The first is that it affects our economy because it reduces the mobility of the nation's workforce. Individuals no longer can just pull up stakes and leave for greener pastures (and new job opportunities) when home prices are out of reach everywhere.

The housing shortage also affects our national mood. Ever since our founding, America has been a land of opportunity. But with the American Dream now out of reach for most American families, pessimism about the future has replaced the optimism that prevailed for every previ-

ous younger generation in our society. In short, what it comes down to is this: Our society is failing to meet the demand for shelter -- which is among the most basic of all human needs -- and no one has a solution to this ever-worsening problem.



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GUEST OP-ED

Housing, Climate, and More

By Senator Lydia Edwards

The State House is busy as we finish our session. Last week we passed a comprehensive Veterans Bill that addressed benefits, homelessness, and mental health. This week we are working on climate and next week very likely housing. Below I discuss very briefly housing and climate bills. I look forward to answering any questions on June 25, 2024, at my Coffee Hour at 2 PM at the Winthrop Senior Center.

Housing

I listened to the most recent Winthrop Planning Board meeting, which was held on June 10. I am pleased with the direction that the Town appears to be taking on the topic of the MBTA 3A Zoning Act.

A number of months ago, during a period of great distress shown by many, I was fortunate enough to hear the voices of a number of Winthrop residents and elected offi-

Our community pulled together a history and timeline that demonstrated that since 1960, Winthrop has consistently been a leader in accommodating growth in Housing. In fact, Winthrop's multi-family housing stock had risen by more than 2000 units since 1960. Various actions by the Town Council in 2012 and 2020 rezoned Winthrop center and certain waterfront areas to accommodate roughly another 600 housing units. The point was made that Winthrop was a model community well ahead of the Commonwealth's current housing initiative.

Working with local citizens such as Donna and Tom Reilly and councilors Swope, Daros, Belcher and Aiello, we pulled together the rough outline of a proposal that was brought forward by the Town Manager to Secretary Augustus. The central argument - Winthrop should receive great credit for being ahead of the curve regarding hous-

The draft technical proposal by the consultant's presentation to the Planning Board did just that: it proposed credits for the de-

velopment of Governor's Park and Seal Harbor as well as the mixed use rezoning of Winthrop Center that took effect in 2020.

I have remained in continuous contact with Housing Secretary Augustus and his staff. I continue to advocate on behalf of the Town and am confident we'll reach an agreement that most in Winthrop can feel good about. It's important to resolve

this matter in the best interests of Winthrop and with as much speed as possible. Winthrop faces additional urgent matters. These matters include solving the mobility challenges Winthrop faces getting into and out of Town. This matter worsens public safety and public health. We need to work together to find funding for our schools, a fire station, Stormwater upgrades and other measures to dramatically reduce flooding and many more issues. We must work together to gain access to state and federal funds wherever available because we cannot place the burden solely on the Town's taxpayers. must also examine whether Massport and the MWRA are truly paying the Town for the direct and indirect burdens they place on the

Additionally, the Housing Bond Bill, with funding ranging from \$4 to \$6 billion, aims to meet the state's housing goals. Winthrop remains a priority in infrastructure development, first-time homebuyer programs, and ensuring support for those who fall within the "missing middle" income bracket, often overlooked by current housing assistance programs. Over one billion dollars is dedicated to retrofitting public housing and assuring our most vulnerable populations have affordable, sustainable, clean housing. I look forward to meeting with town councilors and our town manager to ensure the Bond Bill language reflects the unique needs of our town.

Climate

The future sustainability of our community hinges on effective climate action. While housing development is crucial, it must align with our commitment to a green future. Two critical bills, Senate 2531 and Senate 570, are set to make significant strides in upgrading our energy infrastructure and reducing plastic waste, directly benefiting Winthrop.

The first, An Act Upgrading the Grid and Protecting Ratepayers (S.2531) mandates energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emission reductions in all Commonwealth buildings. By establishing an Office of Environmental Justice and Equity, we ensure that clean energy benefits reach every corner of our state, including Winthrop.

The bill also broadens the definition of clean energy to include innovative solutions like carbon dioxide removal and nuclear fission, paving the way for a more sustainable future. Furthermore, it provides discounted energy rates for moderate-income families, making clean energy more accessible and affordable.

In addition, we are creating a support system for public participation in energy-related decisions, ensuring that Winthrop residents have a voice in shaping our energy future. These measures are not just about energy; they are about empowering our community and protecting our environ-

The second, An Act to Reduce Plastics (S.570) addresses plastic pollution head-on. The bill bans retailers from providing single-use plastic bags, instead requiring the use of recycled paper or reusable bags, with a nominal fee that supports environmental programs.

Moreover, it restricts

state agencies from purchasing single-use plastic bottles, promoting a culture of sustainability within our government. The establishment of a statewide bulk plastic recycling program will enhance our recycling efforts and reduce plastic

Additionally, the bill mandates clear labeling on non-flushable wipes and sets penalties for violations, protecting our waterways from contamination. An education program will ensure that all residents understand the importance of proper disposal practices.

These legislative efforts represent a significant step forward in our journey toward a greener, more sustainable Winthrop. By supporting Senate 2531 and Senate 570, we are not only protecting our environment but also fostering a community that values clean energy and responsible waste management.

Together, we can make Winthrop a model for environmental stewardship and sustainable living. Let's take this opportunity to lead by example and build a cleaner, healthier future for all, addressing critical issues such as EFSB citing authority and accountability for major corporations like Eversource and National Grid. Additionally, initiatives to ban plastic bags and expand bottle bills are essential steps toward a more sustainable future for Winthrop and the Com-

I look forward to continuing to fight in the trenches with you. Together. I know, we can make Winthrop stronger in every dimension important to its citizens.

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re-election so that together we can continue to bring down costs so families can afford to live and stay here, address the effects of climate change like coastal flooding, and fight for our fair share of education funding so every child reaches their full potential."

Lydia Edwards is a member of the U.S. Army Reserves. Use of her military rank, job titles, and photographs in uniform does not imply endorsement by the Department of the Army or the Department of Defense



State Sen Lydia Edwards chats with a constituent and her

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get to know members of the community.

In terms of the location for the event, Villatoro said it would be behind the Gumball Apartments. "So, the Gumball Apartments, there's a little parcel there that is blocked off with the blue bikes situation, and we are planning to host it there and kind of like spill onto the Greenway," she

Another board member, Jane O'Reilly, thought the location was also known as the Gove Street Plaza.

Eventgoers are encouraged to bring blankets and items like food to share. Villatoro indicated that a goal of the event is to elevate local businesses, so there are plans to supply food from places like Santarpio's, Carmella's, and

Moreover, the GSNA plans to send out flyers soon about the event and would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help.

To contact the GSNA, email board@govestreet. org. To keep up to date with the association's activities, visit its Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/goves-

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ple to attend as possible, but we want everyone to meet one another in person." Frias continued, "When neighbors have a chance to get to know each other, and a contentious issue arises, everyone is more likely to want to discuss it and work it

As a part of the event the JPNA will be pulling the results of a raffle that is used to fund the organization. All proceeds are used to pay for website hosting, online subscriptions and event costs. Many local businesses have been generous in supporting the JPNA including Eastie Fit, the Quiet Few, Cafe Iterum, and Cunard Tavern. Other restaurants include Pazza on Porter as well as The Well Coffee House and Sante Fe. Outside of Eastie there is a gift card for the Smoke Shop BBQ, with other items being added. Please go to www.jeffriespoint. org or check the Jeffries Point Facebook page to buy raffle tickets online. The raffle winners will be pulled at the Potluck, you do not need to be present

Board member Margaret Farmer stated "We are grateful to so many AMAZING East Boston businesses for supporting the JPNA. People don't realize that the technical costs to run the organization have grown significantly over the years, but it is important to be transparent and as accessible as possible. Every business who has donated has helped ensure residents remain informed and involved and we thank all of them!"

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to win.

giving on Sunday, September 30, 1984. A jubilee Friday, October 12, 1984 at Caruso's in Saugus.

In 1993, St. Francis de Sales Grammar School closed. A new school for community. entire known Charlestown Catholic Community School, began in the fall at the St. Catherine Grammar

School site on Tufts Street. In April of 2006, Father Mahoney celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his golden jubilee. The year 2009 marked the 150th year of the parish. Amid a year long celebration, Sean Cardinal O'Malley presided at a Mass of Thanksgiving on

Sunday, April 26,2009. For many years, Father

Mahoney served as chap- state, at St. Francis De lain to the Boston Fire Sales Church, 313 Bunker dinner/dance followed on Department. He was ap- Hill St., Charlestown, on pointed assistant chaplain on October 1, 1964; senior assistant chaplain on July 1, 1972; chief chaplain on

October 1, 1991. His pastorate ended on June 1, 2022 and he was granted senior priest/retirement status. Thereafter, he continued to live in Charlestown.

He was the beloved son of the late Mary G. (Tannian) Mahoney and Daniel J Mahoney and brother of the late Mary Mahoney.

The Boston Fire Dept. will escort Fr. Dan from The Carr Funeral Home to St. Francis De Sales Church, on Wednesday, June 26, beginning at 3 p.m. Fr. Dan will lie in

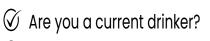
Wednesday, from 4 to 7 p.m, followed by a Vigil Mass, at 7 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Fr. Dan's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, June 27, at 11 a.m., in St. Francis De Sales Church. His Burial will take place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Please omit flowers and kindly make a memorial donation, in Fr. Dan's name, to either The Boston Firefighters Relief Fund, 115 Southampton St., Boston, MA 02118-2713 or The Boston Firefighters Death & Welfare Fund, 55 Hallet St., Dorchester, MA

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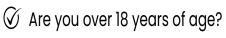
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A respected figure in the legal world, Mr. Moscone is the founder and managing attorney of Moscone Law PLLC, where he has distinguished himself for his expertise in criminal and real estate litigation. Since founding Moscone Lawin 2021, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to his clients through his diligent representation and attention to detail. Sought after for his hands-on and no-nonsense approach, Mr. Moscone's dedication and thorough preparation for all litigation matters underscore his passion for justice and client advoca-

Before founding Moscone Law PLLC, Mr. Moscone honed his skills and knowledge through various roles within the legal sector. Starting as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge David A. Lowy, he quickly progressed through positions that allowed him to gain comprehensive experience across different facets of law. He went on to spend years being mentored as an associate by legendary Boston attorney Gerry D'Ambrosio, where he further developed his litigation skills and truly

what it means to "be an attorney." His career also includes roles such as title examiner for the Massachusetts Land Court and time with TVPX 1031 Exchange & FAA Owner Trust Services the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Appellate Tax Board and the District Attorney's Office. Each role has contributed to his deep understanding of both criminal and real estate

Mr. Moscone's academ-

ic background has played a crucial role in his professional success. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in political science and government from Suffolk University in 2010, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the New England School of Law in 2015. He is licensed to practice in several exclusive jurisdictions, namely the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr.

Moscone is actively involved in various industry-related organizations such as the Boston Bar Association, American Bar Association, Massachusetts Bar Association, and East Boston Chamber of Commerce. His membership in these organizations not only highlights his commitment to his profession but also provides him with platforms to contribute to the legal community.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Moscone is deeply committed to civic engagement. He has been a volunteer with the CORI



Albert J. Moscone, Jr.

Initiative and holds leadership positions within several organizations, including the Boston Bar Association and serves as a board member for the East Boston Chamber of Commerce and East Boston YMCA. These diverse activities provide a balance to Mr. Moscone's challenging career and contribute to the rich fab-

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Massport will host a public information session (in-person & virtual) on the 2022 Logan Environmental Status & Planning Report (2022 Logan ESPR). This hybrid information session will be in English and Spanish.

> The hybrid information session will take place: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room **Logan Airport Rental Car Center*** 15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

To access the meeting link and for more information, please visit: www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/environmental-reports/

Additional languages for the Public Information Session on the 2022 Logan ESPR will be available upon request. Requests for additional languages are due by Friday, June 21, 2024. For more information or to request translation services please contact community@massport.com.

Massport requested an extension of the public comment period for the 2022 Logan ESPR, which began on June 7, 2024, and will last for approximately 60 days until the close of public comments on August 6, 2024.

Written comments on the ESPR may be submitted by August 6, 2024 to the following address:

> The Honorable Rebecca L. Tepper, Secretary **Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Attn: MEPA Office** Jennifer Hughes, EEA No. 3247 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900

> > Boston, MA 02114

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Photos by Marianne Salza

The Salesian Boys & Girls Club hosted its 15th Annual Summer Camp Scholarship Auction & Fundraiser in the newly renovated gymnasium on June 20. Awards were presented to the East Boston Foundation for outstanding support of community youth, and the East Boston Youth Basketball League for its dedication and generosity. Representative

Master of Ceremonies, Rep-

resentative Adrian Madaro,

describing his fond memo-

ries growing up as a Boys &

Girls Club member.

Adrian Madaro served as the Master of Ceremonies and recalled fond memories growing up as a member of the Boys & Girls

"A community-based organization could not exist or accomplish any of our goals without all of you supporting us," said Michael Triant, Executive Director. "On behalf of the board, children and families we serve. I'd like to



Director of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club, thanking the community for their support.







Jake Sherma and Laura Piscopo, Development Office of Neighborhood Health.



Representative Adrian Madaro, Jane and Jim Kearney, East **Boston Foundation trustee.**



Lorene Schettino, Executive Director of the East Boston Foundation, and Jim Kearney, trustee.



Alessandra Conte, Frank Conte, and Cheryl Hung-Conte with Maria Gallotto and Maria Conte.



Thank You

For Supporting our 15th Annual Summer **Camp Scholarship Auction Fundraiser!**

Thank you for helping us reach our goal! Our annual event brought many wonderfully caring people together to celebrate our award recipients and raise funds for our Summer Camp and after-school programs. Our Salesian Boys & Girls Club family, thank you for truly making it special. We are deeply grateful for your generous support, which played a crucial role in providing deserving children with a safe, fun, and unique summer camp experience.

We are honored to celebrate the Community Award recipient, East Boston Foundation, and the Don Bosco Award recipient, East Boston Youth Basketball League. We also extend our congratulations to our Youth of the Year, Nicolas Calderon, and our Stanley J. DeMartinis, Sr. Scholarship Award Recipients, Diana Melgar, Nicolas Calderon, and Anthony Holman, for their outstanding achievements and wish them the best as they embark on their next journey.

Special thank you to our Salesian Boys & Girls Club alumni, Rep. Adrian Madaro, for his invaluable contribution as our Master of Ceremony and Auctioneer. We also express our gratitude to the Honorable Robert Travaglini and Sammy Carlo's Delicatessen & Catering for their generosity and kind support in helping to make our event a success.

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Everett, one student from Jamaica Plain, four students from Revere, and six students from Winthrop, whose names and applicable awards can be found below along with a news release.

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battle with this dreaded disease.
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Yankees win EBLL Championship

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On Wednesday night in sweltering heat the Yankees outslugged the Mariners in a very exciting game 21-20 to take the title in the best of three

Game one was won by the Yankees with Gianni Fabbo pitching well and making a great catch in center field. Frankie Cali came in to close the game which ended on an impressive catch by Noah Schnittjer in left field.

Game two was the best played game of the series and season with the Mariners winning 6 to 8. Nathan Droll and Leo Acosta engaged in a pitcher's duel. The game was close all the way. Sebastian Cosme stranded the potential winning run for the Yankees in the bottom of the 6th inning, with a good defensive play by Toren Gleeson, setting up game 3.

Game three was back and forth with the Yankees scoring eight runs in the top of the sixth inning to take a 21 to 15 lead. The Mariners were not done however and rallied to score five. With no one out, bases loaded, and three runs already in Talia Forbes came in to pitch for the Yankees and calmly got the three outs the last being a ground ball out to JJ Tritto at second base. Schnittjer also pitched well for the Yankees.

The Mariners lead by coach Brandon O'Brien

were attempting to repeat as Champs. The Acosta twins, Matias, and Leo as well as Sebastion Cosme were the batting stars for the Mariners each hitting several home runs. Ira Jones-Rivera, Jake Porier, and AJ Santiago each had several key hits with Santiago excelling at catcher. Jonathan Curet, Martha Cosme, Mason Johnson, and Gleeson had quality at bats during the series. In the opinion of the Yankees coaches Jason Figeroa was the Mariners most improved player from the beginning of the season.

Anthony Forbes and Josh Tritto coached the Yankees. JJ Tritto and Henry Forbes were the offensive stars. Together they combined for eighteen hits and multiple RBIs during the series. Sonny Screnci, Talia Forbes, and Sal Rinaldi, with several hits apiece, were consistently on base and along with JJ Tritto were the stars in the field. Delvin Hacket, Fabbo, Frankie Cali, and Droll also each had big extra base hits at crucial times contributing to the win. Luis Gavaria scored the winning run for the Yankees with good baserunning and received a game ball for his efforts.

Congratulations to all! Also, the coaches, players, and parents would like to recognize the efforts of league President Nick Free for the countless hours he put in.



The Yankees are the Major League Champions of the East Boston Little League, sponsored by Santarpio's and coached by John Forbes, Al Forbes and Josh Tritto. The Yankees took 2 out of the three games to become the 2024 Major League



The Mariners, sponsored by O'Brien Home Work, and coached by owner Brandon O'Brien. The Mariners played a tough 3 game series for the Major League Championship. They battled hard, on defense and offense, losing 21-20. There is no

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Starting for the Mariners, AJ Santiago, and catching is Sebastian Cosme.

BLO expands creative space with midway artist studios

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO), in collaboration with Midway Artist Studios, will establish a new artmaking and community space for Boston's cultural communities. The company has signed a multi-year lease for a 14,000-squarefoot signature location at Midway Artist Studios in Boston's Fort Point neighborhood, expanding from its existing 2,000-squarefoot studio. BLO's "Opera & Community Studios" will anchor the nearly 50-year-old company's artistic work with rehearsal and production space, and will further grow the vibrant Fort Point neighborhood with a place where artists and cultural organizations across disciplines

In addition to being BLO's administrative hub, the Opera & Community Studios will accommodate a full range of artistic and creative activities, including music and staging rehearsals, public programs, education and community events, and producing operations. The Studios will welcome artists and cultural organizations from Midway, Fort Point and across Greater Boston, fostering a collaborative environment and hosting convenings that strengthen the performing arts community. BLO will continue to present its mainstage shows at venues throughout the city.

can thrive.

"This new space marks a milestone for BLO, for Boston, and for the broader arts community," says Bradley Vernatter, BLO Stanford Calderwood General Director & CEO. "It's impossible to overstate the importance of access to appropriate, dedicated arts and cultural space in Boston, especially space for artistic preparation and rehearsal for the performing arts," he says. "The new studios will become a dependable place for individual artists and arts companies to collaborate and create.

The Opera & Community Studios are situated within Midway Artist Studios, a 200,000-plus square foot, artist-owned nonprofit building that provides work-live space for 89 artists in all artistic mediums. The space will be used in its current multi-level, open-format state over the next year,



Boston Lyric Opera has added 14,000 square feet of raw brick-and-beam space to its 2,000-square-foot offices at Midway Artist Studios in Boston's Fort Point neighborhood.

with a new, dedicated \$10.5 million fundraising initiative to support the expansion and a potential build-out of additional studios, support spaces, and amenities aimed for completion by the start of the 2026/27 Season, which is BLO's 50th anniversary

In addition to housing BLO's rehearsals and artistic operations, the space will accommodate other performing arts and non-profit organizations for a variety of uses. For example, it recently hosted an event for the projection-based digital art festival Illuminus; the non-profit journal Boston Art Review held a launch event for its May issue; and Commonwealth Shakespeare Company will use the space for rehearsals of its free-to-thepublic summer production, "The Winter's Tale."

"Opera is a cross-disciplinary art form that elevates all art forms," says Raber Umphenour, President of Midway Artist Collective. "So Midway, with its wide variety of work-live artists, is a natural home for Boston Lyric Opera. The fulfillment of this shared vision is the culmination of a decades-long effort to find a creative collaborator for this unique space. Together, Midway Artist Studios and Boston Lyric Opera will contribute to a strengthening of the performing arts throughout the City of Boston as we continue to grow the cultural presence in Fort Point."

Fort Point is one of New England's largest artists' communities, with three dedicated artist buildings and cultural organizations like Artists for Humanity and the Boston Children's Museum, and institutions like GrubStreet and the Institute for Contemporary Art nearby. "Since joining Midway, its residents and leadership have welcomed us openly, along with the entire neighborhood whose residents have worked for decades to create and maintain artist housing and work spaces," Vernatter says. "We are proud to contribute to this community – by uplifting Fort Point's artistic history and expanding its cultural footprint through new opportunities." While the Opera &

Community Studios space is a leap forward in satisfying many needs for artistic preparation and operations for BLO and others, Vernatter says, the company continues to explore collaborative solutions for a dedicated venue for large-scale mainstage performances that meets the needs of modern audiences and artists across disciplines. "One of Boston's greatest unrealized opportunities is a modern performance venue to harness the artistic ambitions and scale of opera, join communities across different cultural sectors, and support the economic sta bility of many artists and art forms," he says. Meanwhile, BLO will continue to present its mainstage shows at various venues throughout the city.

will have a chance to tour the Opera & Community Studios space during this fall's Fort Point Open Studios in October.

Members of the public

Reaction From **City Leaders**

Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture Chief Kara Elliott-Ortega highlighted the significance of BLO's Fort Point expansion: "This is exciting news for one of the city's largest and most enduring performing arts companies and the city's largest artist work-live artist housing project. BLO has been part of the city's cultural fabric for nearly 50 years; this underscores good things for Midway, BLO and performing artists who will make valuable use of this new cultural space. The creation of more accessible and affordable rehearsal and studio and venue space like this continues to be a priority for the city and our performing arts

community. City of Boston Chief of Housing and Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing Sheila A. Dillon applauded the expansion and collaboration. "Congratulations to Midway Artist Studios, Boston Lyric Opera and many other local organizations on the creation of a new cultural space that will benefit not only the Fort Point neighborhood, but all of Boston," Dillon says. "The unique integration of affordable artist work-live housing with creative cultural performing arts and rehearsal spaces is particularly noteworthy. The residents of Midway continue to create a welcoming and vibrant community by providing both income restricted artist housing and space for local artists and performing arts. It is rewarding to see the long

term investments in artist housing yielding benefits for organizations large and

Reaction From Artistic And Other Leaders

BLO Board Chair Alicia Cooney and Board President Wayne Davis shared enthusiasm for the project as a reflection of the company's future: "The establishment of this new space is a leap forward for opera and for Boston. It provides a dependable environment for creative work and rehearsals and also reinforces our commitment to enriching the cultural landscape of Boston," Cooney says. "This wouldn't have been possible without the extraordinary generosity of the many people who have contributed to making our shared vision a reality. We welcome the broader community to join us in bringing this space to life for the performing arts in Boston.'

BLO Artistic Director Nina Yoshida Nelsen called the project "a new era for opera in Boston."

"A dedicated studio space to support our artists, opera artists across the Boston area, and the broader cultural sector is a thrilling thing to provide," Nelsen says. "The studios will enable cross-discipline collaborations and welcome audiences and neighbors into the artistic and creative process. It is a place for our community to gather and participate in extraordinary artmaking together. This is a new era for opera in Boston."

Boston Opera Collaborative Executive Director Alexis Peart, who has performed with BLO and is a member of its Emerging Artist cohort, recognizes a benefit in the new space for smaller opera companies. "To have a centralized location where opera artists and other makers can gather to work on creative projects, get inspiration from like-minded artists, and find a place for rehearsals and informal showings of in-process works will be an incredible asset to the Boston arts scene," Peart says. "The new space is sure to be a game-changer. I could not be more excited to see its growth and continued de-

velopment." Founding Artistic Director of Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) Steve Maler, who directed BLO & CSC's co-production of Romeo & Juliet" in 2022, says "Boston has a severe shortage of affordable and accessible rehearsal spaces and performing arts venues. We're so thrilled that CSC's upcoming free production of "The Winter's Tale" will rehearse at this new location and we look forward to using the space for future rehearsals, events and performances."

Over its nearly 50 years producing opera in Boston, Boston Lyric Opera's (BLO) mission is to build curiosity, enthusiasm and support for opera through compelling experiences that connect, inspire and reflect our community. With more than 170 performances each year on main stages, in schoolbased youth performances, and through free public concerts, BLO tells stories that reflect the diversity of our community.

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Roundhead Brewing and Fresh Food Generation beer garden to travel to various Boston parks

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced a partnership with Roundhead Brewing Company and Fresh Food Generation to bring Alianza, a first-of-its-kind traveling beer garden series, to seven of Boston's parks throughout the summer with food and beverages for all ages. The first activation will launch in South Boston at A Street

"Our parks and open spaces create opportunities to build communiacross generations,' Mayor Michelle Wu. "That's why I'm so thrilled for our traveling beer garden to make stops

Park on June 19.

across the city to activate our parks in new ways this summer by bringing people together in partnership with Roundhead Brewing Company and Fresh Food Generation."

"We can't wait to activate our parks with this exciting partnership," said Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods. "Alianza presented by Roundhead and Fresh Food Generation is a unique opportunity for residents to enjoy great local beer, delicious food, and the beauty of their neighborhood parks."

In January, the City issued a Request For Proposals for a seasonal mobile outdoor hospitality opportunity with al-

cohol service. Founded in 2017 and located in Hyde Park, Roundhead Brewing Company LLC is Massachusetts's first Latino-owned brewery. Fresh Food Generation is a woman-owned, Blackowned, small business located in Dorchester. They will offer a menu of Latin-influenced brews, paired with Caribbean and Modern American food. Alianza (Alliance), the

name for this beer garden series, speaks to the local business partnership, and invites attendees to travel and build community across neighborhoods. At each location, Alianza will operate from Wednesday to Sunday during the hours of 2:00 - 9:00 p.m for two consecutive weeks before traveling to the next City of Boston park.

"Roundhead is excited to bring people together across Boston's neighborhoods," said Luis Espinoza, co-owner of Roundhead Brewing Company. "I am very proud to combine our cultures, and be a part of something that can only happen here in Bos-

"Every two weeks, not only will the location change, but we will be featuring a new menu item in honor of each neighborhood," said Cassandria Campbell, CEO of Fresh Food Generation, a Boston native. "We're

excited to take our restaurant services on the road and create experiences in neighborhood parks as another place for people to connect."

The schedule is as follows and can also be found roundheadbrewing. com/alianza-park-series:

A Street Park, South

Forsyth Park - Fenway July 3-July 14 LoPresti Park - East

June 19- June 30, 2024

July 17- July 28 Marcella Playground -

July 31- August 4 Jamaica Pond Pine Bank - Jamaica Plain August 14 - August 25

Roxbury

Franklin Park (Giraffe Entrance) - Dorchester August 28 - September

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ber 22 For more information about Boston's parks please visit Boston.gov/ parks. Stay updated with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit. ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, and Insta-

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3. Know your rights.

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- Only 12 states Arizona, California, Colorado, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Florida, Ohio, Vermont, Oregon, and Tennessee allow "good Samaritans" to break a car window to save an animal.
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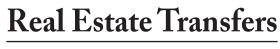
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ington). • In New Jersey and West Virginia, although it is illegal to confine an animal in a hot car, no one has the statutory authority to break into a vehicle to save the animal, not even law enforcement.

4. Let people know it's not okay to leave an animal unattended in a car.

If you see someone leave their animal in a parked car, consider politely approaching them and letting them know that even if it's a pleasant day outside, the temperature inside the car can skyrocket fast. The Animal Legal Defense Fund has created a printable flyer you can download at aldf.org/hot-

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BLO's free outdoor "Street Stage" series returns with free performances

Boston Lyric Opera's (BLO) popular mobile performance venue Street Stage returns for free live performances to locations throughout Boston this summer. Sponsored by HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Street Stage brings opera and popular music performances to neighborhoods from Charlestown to South Boston; the series kicked off June 1 on the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Conceived and created as a way to bring music to

the public during COVID shutdowns, the 26-footlong Street Stage vehicle is a semi-trailer engineered to open on three sides and offer a 270-degree view of performers. Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the open-air performances.

"There's no more exhilarating experience than hearing beautiful music on a gorgeous warm summer day," says BLO Artistic Director Nina Yoshida Nelsen. "The artists performing this summer season are some of the most

accomplished performers in Greater Boston. Different programs and activities are planned at each site, so multiple visits are encouraged!"

Nelsen says support from HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture is crucial to make the series available for free across the city. "It's quite fitting that three of our concerts are in places where the Harbor figures prominently."

Details on the performance listings below, and information on BLO's other summer events is available at blo.org/events.

UPCOMING EVENTS Street Stage Debut at Charlestown Navy Yard

Date/Time: August 3, 2024 @ 3:30 PM and 4:30

Location: Charlestown Navy Yard, 23 2nd Ave., Charlestown, Boston Details: For the first

time, Street Stage visits the historic Charlestown Navy Yard. In partnership with the National Parks Service of Boston, this event will feature operatic arias and music inspired by the sea, set against the backdrop of the Boston Harbor. Performances will take place on the lawn of the 1805 Commandant's House, with alternating musical sets at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM. The program will also include meet-the-artist interviews and family-friendly educational content.

An Evening Concert at South Boston's Moakley Date/Time: August 7,

2024, 5:30-7:30 PM Location: Moakley Park

Picnic Area, 450 Old Col-

ony Ave., South Boston

Details: Street Stage brings a multicultural music program to historic Moakley Park for the first time. The event, perfect for a family-friendly evening, will feature food, games, and kid-centered art activities provided by Boston Harbor Now. Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a firstcome basis, with attendees encouraged to bring their own seating. Registration is recommended at blo. org/events.

BPHC promotes LGBTQ+ health and wellness during Pride Month

June is Pride Month, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) launched a new campaign to reduce the impact of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, particularly within the LGBTQ+ community. The campaign, led by BPHC's Infectious Disease Bureau and in partnership with Boston Pride for the People, can be found in MBTA stations, buses, and various digital platforms, including social media and dating apps. The campaign's website, safeissexyboston. com, also has information on medical providers and additional resources. The goal of the campaign is to normalize conversations

about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), encourage people to get tested and treated, and reduce STIs in Boston.

"It is important to have these conversations and to stay educated in order to ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our goal as a City is to provide equitable access to educational resources and healthcare services to all residents." "The rates of sexually

transmitted infections, including gonorrhea, Chlamydia, syphilis, and HIV in Boston are among the highest in the state," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "This campaign is designed to decrease stigma and increase testing for everyone who is sexually active, including some members of the LGBTQ+ community who are disproportionately impact-The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime. People with certain risk factors should get tested at least once a year. Those who have multiple or anonymous partners should be tested more frequently. Testing-specific questions, such as how

to get tested, who should get tested, and symptoms, should be discussed in detail with a medical provider. Find one near you at safeissexyboston.com.

"While HIV and STIs are not exclusive to the LGBTQ+ community, members of this community are disproportionately impacted because of heightened stigma and significantly less societal supports," said Tegan Evans, Interim Bureau Director of the Infectious Disease Bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We are proud to partner with Boston Pride for the People on this campaign so that one day groups such as the LGBTQ+ community will no longer be marginalized or impacted."

According to State data, the number of persons living with HIV infection in Massachusetts increased by 13% between 2012 to 2021. Compared to neighboring cities, Boston had the highest number of new HIV infection diagnosis from 2019-2021. Fewer than half of respondents said they received education on how to prevent HIV transmission and were taught how to talk to partners about using con-

"We aim to promote a safe and positive culture to reduce STIs in Boston," said Teakia Brown, Director of the Education and Community Engagement Division of the Infectious Disease Bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission. "That's why we partnered with the-STUDIO to develop authentic and empowering messages to advocate for HIV and STI awareness, testing, and treatment."

In addition to this campaign, BPHC will be participating in the Pride Parade on June 8 and giving out free sexual health education materials. BPHC is also encouraging people to participate in national HIV testing day on June 27 by scheduling an appointment with a trusted provider. Find more Pride events at boston.gov/



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CITY PAWS

By land or by sea

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As you plan your summer fun, remember that many services and transportation options are pet-friendly. Day trips, weekends away, more extended vacations, and a meal on a patio can often include your dog. There are also some options for traveling with cats.

Tours

A recent social media post brought this topic to mind. The couple visited Boston with their dog and raved about how dog-friendly the city was.

veterans.

They were happy they could bring the pup on a tour of the Freedom Trail. It makes sense since that popular route happens in public spaces. The tour site mentions that "Dogs are not permitted in the historic burying grounds or the historic sites' buildings."

Ferries

These visitors and their dog also took a harbor tour. We know that Bay State Cruise Company is one we have enjoyed with Poppy. They say, "Yes, we love dogs and they are allowed aboard at no ad-

BIGGIO RECEIVES PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Founder of the "Wounded Warriors Motorcycle Ride" Andrew Biggio accepted the

Grand Lodge "Public Service Award" given by Mass Grand Lodge Order Sons & Daugh-

ters of Italy in America (OSDIA) Social Justice Commission. Andrew is seen here with

Social Justice Commission Chair State Rep. Jeffrey Turco and Winthrop Mixed Lodge

OSDIA #2057 President Agnes Nobile. Andrew continues his work with wounded

ditional charge. They are required, however, to have a leash."

You'll find that ferry services, used by residents to reach their homes, are the most pet-friendly. These include the Provincetown Ferries, The Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Steamship Authority, Casco Bay Lines in Portland, Maine, and the Block Island Ferry in Rhode Island.

Check the specific regulations for any boat you plan to take. Each may have particular rules. For example, The Casco Bay Line charges for dogs un-



A lifejacket is essential if you bring a dog onto a dock or a boat. We also recommend a leash to help get a dog back to safety once in the water. (Photo by Ariana Kaminski)

less they are service dogs or in a carrier.

These services generally ask that you keep your animal on a leash or in a carrier. Pets are often not allowed in food service areas. In many instances. they may not sit on passenger seats or at dining tables. All ask that the animal be well-behaved and not bother other passengers or their animals.

We add two pieces of advice if you bring your dog on a dock or ferry. For safety, the animal should wear a well-fitting lifejacket and always be on a leash. The ferry services have life jackets for humans but not for animals. Sadly, we know of a dog that drowned at our yacht club because it could not get back onto the dock after diving into the water.

MBTA and Amtrak

pet-friendly. They say, "Service animals are allowed on the T at all times. Non-service dogs are not allowed on the T during peak hours: 7 AM -10 AM and 4 PM - 7 PMon weekdays."

Amtrak says you may bring a small dog or cat (up to 20 lbs including carrier) aboard some lines for a fee of \$29 or \$39. Check the Amtrak site for specifics.

Patio Dining with Dogs

For years, we were able to dine with our dogs in Provincetown. Now, many other municipalities have set up restaurant systems to allow legal dining with dogs on patios. We hope this trend continues and widens.

As with all the excep-

tions to the old rules that The MBTA is a bit once said, "PETS NOT ALLOWED," it's up to those of us who advocate to spend our recreational time with our animals to give the haters no arguments to use against us.

We love it when we walk away from a "dogs allowed" patio and have other patrons say, "We didn't know you had a dog with you." We protect the gradual loosening of municipal rules with good behavior and with support for the political friends of our right to enjoy time with our pets in public spaces.

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

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