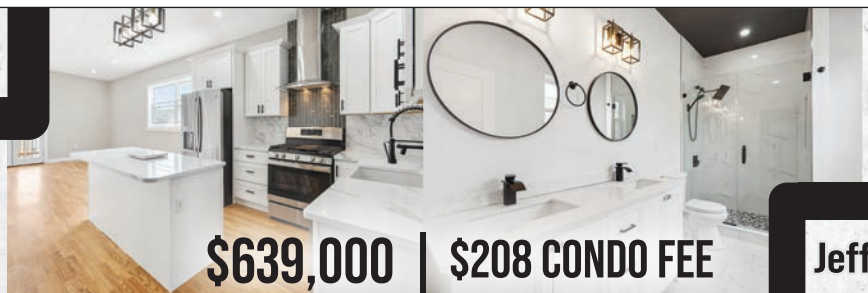


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Neighbors exploring local vendors along Bennington Street during Open Streets on September 15.

## HVNA listens to presentation about a Homer Street project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At its monthly meeting last week, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) heard about a project that, if approved, would lead to the construction of two triple-deckers at 82-84 Homer Street.

As part of the proposal, the existing two-family home at the site would be demolished, and the 50-foot-wide lot would be subdivided into two 25-foot-wide lots to build two new separate three-unit buildings, which would be attached.

Eric Zachrison, the

project architect who presented the project to the HVNA, also noted that the units are intended for homeownership.

Additionally, Zachrison noted that all of the units are slated to have two bedrooms and bathrooms and that the first-floor units would be using part of the basement as part of the unit. The proposal also has no off-street parking but plans for a roof deck.

Moreover, the site is zoned in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-3 sub-district, and this proposal would require several

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## EAST BOSTON HOLDS OPEN STREETS

Bennington Street, from Day Square to Central Square, was closed to traffic during the City of Boston's Open Streets on September 15. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



Juliah Griffon, 10, and Simon Builes, 13, with his parents, Yadira Munera and Andres Builes, solving tavern puzzles with the Museum of Science.

## Proposed Bennington St. restaurant vehemently opposed again at meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last Thursday, the City hosted another abutters meeting regarding a proposed restaurant called El Parche that would open at 636-638 Bennington Street, and once again, residents made it clear they did not want it.

The applicants are seeking a beer, wine, and cordials license, a common victualler license, and live entertainment for the restaurant. It would be open from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. (midnight) and hold 20 seats.

These new plans differ from those presented at the last abutters meeting in June. Initially, the applicants proposed that the restaurant hold 40 seats and be open from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m., but they faced significant pushback from the community.

In addition to the licensing requests, the applicants are also seeking approval from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) to change the building's occupancy from a beauty sa-

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Ashley Barosy Alzate, Jordyn Bryant, Alejandra Tirabo Birriel, and Monet Griffin, Open Street staff and volunteers playing with soap bubbles.

## Santa Fe Burrito Grill looks to add outdoor seating and legalize take-out

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At this month's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting, attendees heard plans from Santa Fe Burrito Grill to introduce outdoor seating and legalize take-out at its restaurant located at 303 Sumner St.

Attorney Deric Small, who presented the plans to the JPNA, described the request for the legalization of take-out as administrative.

Small noted that the restaurant, which is open and operating, currently has a take-out operation on a temporary basis.

"All of this had gone through zoning originally, but the original applicant — I think he did it himself — didn't include the take-out language in the decision at the board,"

said Small.

"So we are coming back just to clarify and confirm the take-out."

For outdoor seating, there are plans for four or five tables on a patio in the rear of the property, which Small indicated would seat about 15 to 20 people.

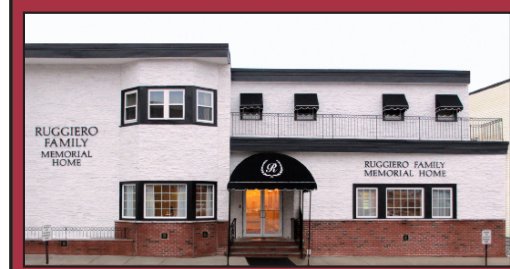
Following the brief presentation, Small responded to some questions from the JPNA Board and attendees.

Small noted that access to the outdoor seating would only be through the restaurant, and the seating would be active "during the summer months until it got cool or the snow flies."

He also indicated that there are plans for a few outdoor speakers. Small mentioned that they will be working with the res-

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## TOO MANY GUNS = TOO MANY SHOOTINGS

The spectre of yet another lone-wolf gunman attempting another assassination of Donald Trump is shocking, but not surprising.

Up until the past 50 years, assassinations of public figures in America were carried out by individuals with a political agenda -- Abraham Lincoln (John Wilkes Booth), William McKinley (by an avowed political anarchist), Huey Long (by the relative of a political rival), John F. Kennedy (by Lee Harvey Oswald, although his exact motive has never been fully figured out), Robert F. Kennedy (Sirhan Sirhan), and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (James Earl Ray).

The exception was President James Garfield's assassin, who was suffering from mental health issues. However, the profiles of would-be assassins of public figures has changed since the 1960s. In 1972, the would-be assassin of former Alabama Governor George Wallace when he was running for president was Arthur Bremer, an individual with a long history of mental illness.

Since then, almost all of the assassins of famous figures -- Pres. Gerald's Ford would-be assassin (Lynette "Squeaky" Fromm), John Lennon's assassin (Mark David Chapman), Pres. Reagan's would-be assassin (John Hinckley Jr.), and Gabby Giffords's would-be assassin (Jared Lee Loughner) -- shared one thing in common: They were disturbed individuals with a history of mental illness.

Our federal intelligence agencies have become pretty good at detecting organized threats from those who would do harm to our nation's leaders since the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers in the 1960s.

But as both of the assassination attempts on Donald Trump have shown, the ability of law enforcement agencies to detect and prevent lone-wolf individuals, who have no motive other than to gain infamy (similar to those who commit school and other mass shootings), is not so great.

In addition, most of these shooters, though suffering from mental health issues, are not far enough along on the spectrum so as to trigger the so-called red flag laws that would prevent them from either purchasing a gun or having their guns taken away.

The sole goal of these individuals is to achieve the prediction that Andy Warhol popularized in 1968: "In the future, everyone will be world-famous for 15 minutes."

Thus, we have in our country a volatile mix of angry and disturbed individuals who have all-too-easy access to high-powered firearms, a situation that is unique among the industrial nations of the world. And as long as we have that mix of individuals with mental health issues and the availability of military-grade weapons, incidents from political assassinations to mass shootings will continue in our country's never-ending death spiral with no end in sight.

## HOW CAN A STATE POLICE TRAINEE DIE IN A BOXING RING?

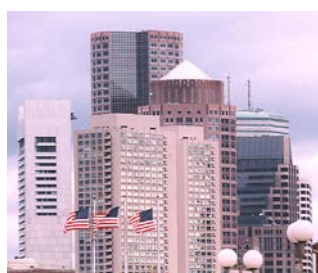
The death last week of 25 year-old Mass. State Police (MSP) Trainee Enrique Delgado-Garcia in a boxing ring during a "training exercise" is, in a word, unfathomable.

Mr. Delgado-Garcia was less than one month away from graduating and achieving his dream of serving as a Mass. State Trooper.

But Mr. Delgado-Garcia's life was brutally cut short when he literally was beaten to death while training at the State Police Academy. MSP officials, as usual, are remaining tight-lipped about exactly what happened -- which in itself speaks volumes about the culpability of whoever was in charge of this "training" exercise.

We hope that a complete and thorough investigation will be conducted that not only will hold those responsible fully accountable, but that also will ensure that this sort of brutal and senseless sort of "training" never will be used in the future at our State Police Academy.

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# Forum

## CHAMBER HOLDS AN INDIAN SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce held an Indian Summer Ice Cream Social on Tuesday, 9/10/24 from 5 to 7 pm at A&L Bakery on Sumner Street at the Jeffries Point section of East Boston. The event was well attended and everyone enjoyed ice cream and toppings of their choice. It was a great showcase of the newly renovated A&L Bakery and a fabulous selection of baked goods, breads, sweet treats, classic Italian favorites, and pastry. The Chamber used the event as an opportunity to welcome A&L Bakery back to its membership presenting the Chamber sticker and a mini key to the city with a compass. The Chamber thanks A&L Bakery for their partnership, their venue, and support for this event.

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En español:

La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston organizó una Social de He-



Pictured (left to right) are Shirley Fabbo, State Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Dave Arianello.

lados de Verano Indio el martes 10 de septiembre de 2024, de 5 a 7 p.m., en A&L Bakery en la calle Sumner, en la sección de Jeffries Point de East Boston. El evento tuvo una gran asistencia y todos disfrutaron de helados con los ingredientes de

su elección. Fue una excelente muestra de la recientemente renovada A&L Bakery, que ofreció una fabulosa selección de productos horneados, panes, dulces, clásicos italianos y pasteles. La Cámara aprovechó el evento como una oportunidad para dar

la bienvenida a A&L Bakery de nuevo a su membresía, presentando la calcomanía de la Cámara y una mini llave de la ciudad con una brújula. La Cámara agradece a A&L Bakery por su colaboración, su local y su apoyo en este evento.



Pictured Shirley Fabbo (right), Chamber of Commerce and Justin Cross (left) of TD Bank presenting Maria Gnerre, Anthony Gnerre, Rita Gnerre, Linda Gnerre, and Rita's granddaughter with their Chamber door sticker and mini keys to the city.

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variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA).

Specifically, as presented last week, the proposal would need zoning relief for maximum building depth, rear yard, open space, lot coverage, and permeable area requirements.

After highlighting renderings, floor plans, and elevations, Zachrison took questions from those in attendance. One attendee expressed her surprise at the number of zoning variances in the proposal and wondered why the project could not comply with the new zoning that was ushered in through PLAN: East Boston.

In response, Zachrison noted that their client thought the units would be too small for the market and wanted to include a workspace area.

"That really is what pushed the building to be a little bit longer than what is allowed," he said. "They believe that the market here wants it to be a little bit more like that than what the zoning allows."

The same attendee followed up on their question, stressing the work that community members put in to help craft the new zoning, and suggested having two larger units per building instead of three.

Another attendee questioned why the plans did not include a second means of egress. Zachrison noted that in Massachusetts, three-story sprinkled buildings only need one means of egress.

The same attendee wondered how the buildings would be built due to the need for a side setback, even with the subdivided lot. However, Zachrison said they understood the zoning code to allow for attached buildings -- which is the plan in this case.

An abutter expressed concerns about the proposed building's proximity to a heating system that the abutter had installed on the side of their building because the proposed structure is slated to be only three feet from its own property line.

As the meeting progressed, multiple attend-

ees raised concerns about the proposed building being attached. They thought there needed to be space between the buildings and that the proposal appeared to be a way to circumvent zoning.

"There are attached two and three-family buildings across the city. We believe that this is what's allowed," said Zachrison.

Before the discussion wrapped up, other attendees asked questions and commented about different aspects of the project,

such as the height of the current structure on the property, the management of water at the property, and more.

It should be noted that this was the first presentation of the project to the HVNA. It is customary for the proposal to be presented to the neighborhood association again before a vote. An abutters meeting had also yet to occur at the time of the presentation. The next HVNA meeting is scheduled for October 7.

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# Eastie students participate in Save the Harbor/Save the Bay free harbor island cruises

Special to the Times-Free Press

This summer over 6,000 youth, teens and families joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for free harbor island cruises to Georges and Spectacle Islands, including 176 kids and teens from East Boston.

“We had some very hot and humid days this summer, which made a dip in the Harbor that much more refreshing,” said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini. “Swimming in the clean waters off Spectacle Island and exploring the ‘Dark Tunnel’ in Fort Warren were two of the best places to be during the muggy heat this year.”

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 300-500 kids from around the region met at the Leader Bank Pavilion or Fan Pier to join the free cruises. The excursion starts with Harbor Historian David Coffin explaining to groups how Spectacle Island went from a landfill on fire to the beautiful park it is today.

“The history of Spectacle Island is one of my favorite stories to share with the kids,” said Coffin, “And it emphasizes the

importance of the park’s carry-in, carry-out policy. They experience that idea in real time, and then take that experience home with them, encouraging the next generation of environmental stewards.”

The trips are programmed by Boston Public School students in Save the Harbor’s Youth Jobs Program, who spend their summers gaining real-world leadership experience and expanding their education on ecological protection. Once on the island, they lead fun, STEAM-based education activities like Fishing 101, the Treasures of Spectacle Island archaeology exploration, and hikes through Fort Warren on Georges or to the top of Spectacle’s drumlins for a great view of the Boston Skyline and the outer harbor.

“We’re particularly proud that the program offers guided audio tours and information in six languages,” said Deputy Director Kristen Barry. “This way, native speakers in Mandarin, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole can more easily participate in our programs. When we say All Access, we mean it!”

Mancini went on to emphasize how these free cruises are made possible with leadership support and partnership from key organizations like Bay State Cruise Company, Mass Bay Lines, .

“We are always eager to thank our partners and funders for their sustained support,” Mancini added, “Including the Healey/Driscoll Administration, the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Champions Liberty Mutual Foundation, Coca-Cola Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Eastern Salt Company, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, JetBlue, John Hancock Financial Services, Massport, the Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the National Grid Foundation, as well as the hundreds of individual donors who support the organization.”

They also thanked Alexandria, Amazon, Bay State Cruise Company, BXP - Atlantic Wharf, City of Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, Boston Consulting Group, the Comcast Foundation, Constellation



Hiking, learning, and playing on Spectacle Island, groups of kids and teens from all over the region take advantage of Save The Harbor’s free cruise program.

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Save the Harbor’s free harbor cruises begin running every year in June and run until October. Upcoming cruises in 2024 include September 15, September 24, September 29, and Oc-

tober 6. These cruises are free and open to all to join through Save the Harbor’s website, along with other evening and weekend Share the Harbor tours.

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s free All Access Boston Harbor excursions or upcoming free events on the waterfront or your favorite beach, visit their website at [www.savetheharbor.org](http://www.savetheharbor.org) and follow @savetheharbor on social media.



Save The Harbor’s Historian David Coffin tells tales of George’s and Spectacle Island to kids and families prior to boarding.



Teens from East Farms of East Boston get ready to board Mass Bay Lines “Freedom” to George’s Island.

## OHNC supports multiple proposals at monthly meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Monday, the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) held its monthly meeting, at which attendees supported a few proposals, including a development project on Bennington Street and a request to upgrade a license from an establishment also on Bennington Street.

The first proposal up for discussion was a development project at 1022 Bennington Street. As part of the project, the current building, which houses four units and a nail salon, would have its occupancy changed to five units plus the nail salon.

Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented the project to the OHNC, also noted that the building would undergo life safety upgrades.

He also said, “We’re not changing anything with respect to the footprint, the height, or the exterior of the structure. This is all internal work, so none of the building will change.”

After outlining floor plans, renderings, and elevations, Lynds outlined the zoning relief that the project would need. Specifically, he indicated that the only relief the project would need is for parking.

The building currently has no off-street parking, and Lynds said there was “no opportunity to incorporate a curb cut or bring the vehicles onto the site.”

located very close to public transit. We’re on a bus line, we’re within walking distance of Orient Heights station. We don’t believe the impact from the variance we are requesting would have a detrimental effect on the surrounding neighborhood,” he added.

Following the brief presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions or make comments. The question and answer portion of the presentation focused mainly on trash concerns.

An attendee said they heard there was an issue with trash near the prop-

erty, and an OHNC Board Member noted comments about trash in an alley near the property during the OHNC meeting where the proposal was first presented.

In response, Lynds noted he did not hear these concerns during the abutters meeting but told the attendees to make a report with 311 so if there is a problem, it will be addressed.

Ultimately, attendees supported the proposal by a vote of 12-4, with one voter abstaining.

Another proposal that received support from the

OHNC was a request for an alcohol license upgrade to include spirits for Angela’s Cafe at 1012 Bennington Street.

Attorney Kristen Scanlon noted that the establishment is “your true neighborhood authentic Mexican restaurant” and has had a beer, wine, and cordials license since it opened at the location nine years ago.

There is also another location in Eagle Hill, which has had a beer, wine, and cordials license for the last 14 years.

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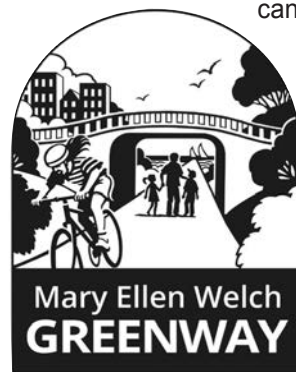
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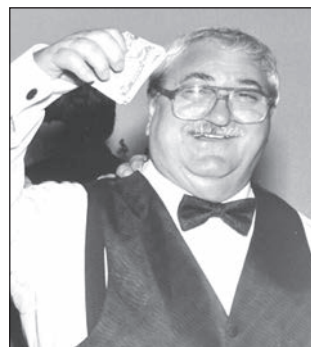
### Robert Pacitta

Of East Boston

Robert J. Pacitta died unexpectedly in East Boston on September 12, 2024.

A veteran of the US Army Vietnam Era, he was the beloved husband of Katherine "Kathy" (Hanton), the father of Craig and his wife, Michelle Pacitta, Tammy Pacitta and her companion, Pete "Tattoo Pete" Mancusi, all of East Boston; grandfather of Jaden and Jared Pacitta and the brother of the late Anthony "Pee-Wee" Pacitta.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to



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Please leave messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](http://MagrathFuneralHome.com).

### Joseph P. Rizzuti

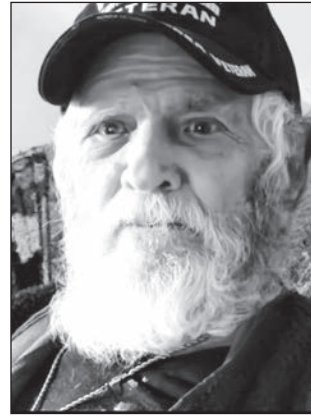
Family was at the absolute center of his heart

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday,

September 19th from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Joseph P. Rizzuti of East Boston and Chelsea, who died on Wednesday, September 11th at home following a long illness. He was 94 years old. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere. Interment will be private.

Joe was born in East Boston on November 1, 1929, to his late parents, John and Dorothy (Doran) Rizzuti. He, along with his brother, were raised and educated in East Boston and he attended East Boston High School. Joe proudly served his country during the Korean War and was honorably discharged for his brave and faithful service for his country. He later returned home, and began working as a Letter Carrier, primarily in the Back Bay for the United States Postal Service for over 40 years. During this time, he married Joan (Parziale) and they lived in East Boston until moving back to Chelsea in the 1990's. He raised his daughters and cherished his grandchildren. Family was the absolute center of his heart.

He was a longtime



member of the Jeffries Yacht Club and socialized there daily. He would often play cards and take in the beauty of Boston Harbor.

The beloved husband of Joan E. (Parziale) Rizzuti of 26 years, he was the loving father of Rachele M. Gore and her husband, David Sr. of East Boston and Suzette Mathews of Milford and her late husband, David; the cherished papa of David Gore, Jr. and his husband, Sean Sullivan of Salisbury and Edward J. Gore and his wife, Gina of Peabody. He is the great grandfather of Olivia Gore of Peabody and the dear brother of the late Ralph Rizzuti. Please OMIT flowers.

Please make a donation in Joe's name to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St. Boston, MA 02114.

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### Lucy Aceto

Of East Boston

Lucy (D'Andrea) Aceto of East Boston passed away on September 8, 2024.

Born in Roccasicura, Italy on October 8, 1937 to Pasquale and Maria D'Andrea (Mazzochi), she was the loving wife of the late George J. Aceto Sr., devoted mother of George J. Aceto Jr., Michele Aceto-Amanouz and her husband, Joseph and Jacqueline L. Aceto SCN; cherished grandmother of Ashley Aceto and the late George J. Aceto III and adored great grandmother of Hunter and Wyatt Aceto.

Family and friends honored Lucy's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Fam-



ily Memorial Home, East Boston, on Friday, September 13th and again on Saturday morning, September 14 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for a 9:30 a.m. funeral mass. Committal services were private. To leave an online condolence, visit [www.ruggieormh.com](http://www.ruggieormh.com).

### JPNA HOSTS YARD SALE & FREE STUFF WEEKEND!

The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association invites all Jeffries Point residents to participate in the Jeffries Point Yard Sale and Free Stuff Weekend! On Saturday, September 21st, residents are invited to hold Yard Sales in front of their homes from 9 AM to 3PM, and put out items to give away for free on Sunday, September 22nd.

The JPNA has been organizing a Free Stuff Day for the past several years, usually as part of Eastie Week. This year it was decided to move the event to September, to increase participation and add it to a yard sale day. Residents must ensure the sidewalk remains open for easy passing.

For Free Stuff Day, the JPNA is partnering with the McKay School, located at 122 Cottage Street. Free items can be left in the parking lot, to be picked up as waste on Monday by Public Works. Residents are also welcome to leave items in front of their homes. Everyone is encouraged to mark items as "free". The goal of the event is to reduce the amount of waste, and to make it easier for those who are car free to dispose of unwanted items.

All are invited to visit Maverick, Everett, Sumner, Webster and Marginal Street to enjoy yard sales and collect free items!

If you would like to have your address publicized, for either the Yard Sale, or items to give away, you can email the JPNA at [board@jeffriespoint.org](mailto:board@jeffriespoint.org), or post on the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Facebook Page.

### MASSPORT TO HOST EMERGENCY EXERCISE AT LOGAN AIRPORT

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), alongside several mutual aid partners, will hold an emergency response exercise on Friday, September 20th at Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). It will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For the surrounding communities, please be aware that there will be emergency vehicles from various agencies in the vicinity.

This exercise is required every three years by the FAA to test the coordination, communication and response in the event of a major incident at BOS. A number of mutual aid partners will be

taking part in the exercise alongside Massport Fire Rescue, including the Boston Fire Department, Boston EMS, Massachusetts State Police and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The airport will remain open throughout the exercise.

### GSNA MEETING AGENDA

Gove Street Neighborhood Association's (GSNA) agenda for Monday, September 23, meeting at 6:30 p.m. is as follows:

Please register for this virtual meeting on our website: <https://www.govestreet.org/meetings>

Agenda (approx. 30-40 min)

BPD (Sgt. Cintolo) - Updates

City Hall (Roberto Gomez) - Updates

Tree Eastie - Learn about how to get free Yard and Street Trees and also Volunteer Opportunities! Will also discuss heat island between Frankfort and Lubec Streets.

Tree Eastie is a community-based urban forestry program. Our goals are to plant more trees in high urban heat islands, educate residents on the benefits of trees, and ensure the proper maintenance and care of new and existing trees.

A continuación, encontrará la agenda de nuestra reunión comunitaria de septiembre. La reunión se llevará a cabo el próximo lunes 23 de septiembre a las 6:30 p. m. en Google Meet. Puede registrarse para la reunión en <https://www.govestreet.org/meetings>.

Asociación de vecinos de Gove Street (GSNA)

Agenda para el lunes 23 de septiembre de 2024 a las 6:30 PM

Regístrese para esta reunión virtual en nuestro sitio web: <https://www.govestreet.org/meetings>

Agenda (aprox. 30 a 40 minutos)

BPD (Sgt. Cintolo) - Actualizaciones

Ayuntamiento (Roberto Gomez) - Actualizaciones

Tree Eastie: ¡Obtenga información sobre cómo obtener árboles gratuitos para el jardín y la calle y también oportunidades de voluntariado! También se hablará sobre la isla de calor entre las calles Frankfort y Lubec.

Tree Eastie es un programa de forestación urbana basado en la comunidad. Nuestros objetivos son plantar más árboles en islas de calor urbano, educar a los residentes sobre los beneficios de los árboles y garantizar el mantenimiento y el cuidado adecuados de los árboles nuevos y existentes.

### Santa Fe // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

idents who live above the restaurant who had concerns about noise and mentioned the possibility of having specific hours for music.

Currently, there are no plans to have things like heat lamps to extend the life of the patio, but Small said he would bring it up with the owners, and if they were to be added, direct abutters would be made aware of it.

As the brief discussion continued, an attendee offered kind words to Santa Fe Burrito Grill, saying

they enjoy having the establishment in the neighborhood.

It should be noted that this was the first presentation before the JPNA, so no vote was held. Next month, there will be another presentation to the JPNA, and an online vote will follow.

The next JPNA meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14th. For more information, visit <http://jeffriespoint.org/>. To contact the JPNA Board, email [board@jeffriespoint.org](mailto:board@jeffriespoint.org).

### Orazio Celona

Retired Boston Police Department Sergeant

Orazio M. Celona SGT-BPD (ret) died in East Boston, September 12, 2024 in his 102nd year.

A lifelong East Boston resident and retired Boston Police Sergeant with 35 years of service, he was the beloved husband of the late Celia R. (Sciaccitano) Celona, son of the late Rosaria (Caruso) and Frank Celona; brother of the late Frank J. Celona Jr and his wife, Rose (Marino). He leaves his sons, Stephen and his wife, Mary of Amesbury and Michael and his wife, Nancy and daughter, Carol, all of East Boston. He was the cherished grandfather of Michael Celona Jr and his wife, Kimberly, Stacey and her husband, Thomas Strong, Tina and her husband, James Del-Raso, Kristen Celona and her partner, Michael Cromidas, Celia and Sean. He was great-grandfather to Victor, Brayleigh and Aislynn Celona, Olivia, Madly and Gavin Strong. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his faithful and loving companion of 23 years, the late Rose Labadini.

During World War II, he served in the US Army Air Corps. He trained to be a pilot, but his class was cut just before graduation. He was then assigned to the 10th Army, 87th Signal Division, and was in the



ship to shore Invasion of Okinawa on April 1, 1945. He continued his service with the Army's occupation force in Korea.

He was a member of DAV Post #77, VFW Post #6712, Flaherty American Legion Post #30, the Director of the Retired Boston Police Officers Assn., Fraternal Order of Police, Italian American Officers Assn. and the Knights of Columbus #2692.

He was an usher for many at St. Lazarus Church in East Boston and enjoyed repairing and restoring old radios as well as working in his wood shop. He was a graduate of Mechanic Arts High School (City of Boston) Class of 1941.

Sgt. Celona's Funeral was held on Tuesday, September 17 in Sacred Heart Church followed by burial with Military Honors in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](http://MagrathFuneralHome.com).



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# EAST BOSTON HOLDS OPEN STREETS EVENT ON SUNDAY

Photos by Marianne Salza

annual event offered residents an opportunity to explore the streets as public spaces while shopping at local businesses and learning about organizations along the way.

Bennington Street, from Day Square to Central Square, was closed to traffic during the City of Boston's Open Streets on September 15. The third



MBTA representatives, Ana Fuentes, Spanish Interpreter, Miles Taylor, Service Planner, and Annie Maria Arguello, Deputy Director of Communications, Better Bus Project.



Residents walking down Bennington Street towards Central Square during the morning of the September 15 Open Streets. See Page 6 for more photos.



Elizabeth, Gustavo, Daphne, and Zoe Alvarez.



Daniel and Taylor Allum with their children Arla, 3, and Riley, 2, and their family Matt and Erin Thompson.



Olivier and his 2-year-old daughter, Adele Raynaud.



Leo Zeron, Alisson Cardona, Anthony Torres, and Jonathan Ramos.

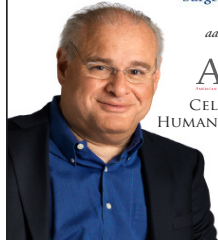
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Brian Lynch, Nick and Tiffany Free, of the East Boston Little League.



Kerri Malone, Jared Staley, and Denyel Fonseca, of Mayor Wu's Office of Arts and Culture.



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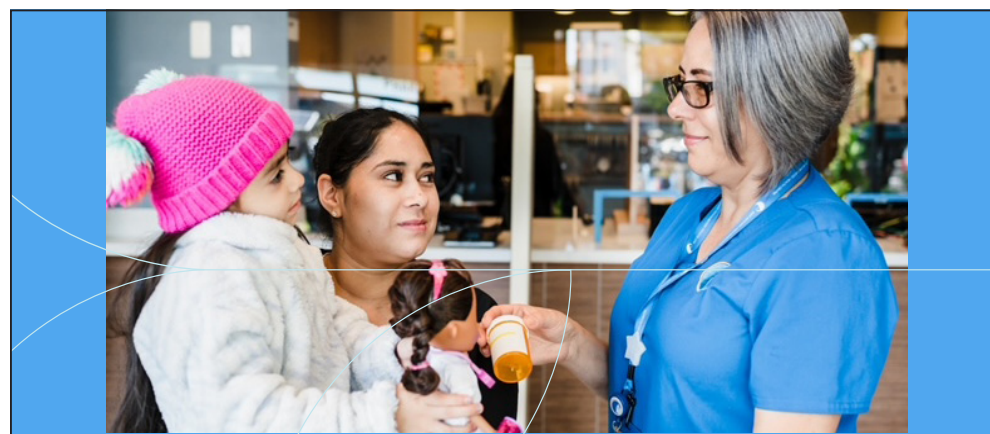
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# Sports

## EAST BOSTON JETS FALL TO BOSTON LATIN

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

East Boston played a mostly stout defense but the Jets were hurt by a handful of big plays as

they lost to Boston Latin in 33-12 Friday night at Roberto Clemente Park in the Fenway. The Jets play

Brighton Friday night at 6 p.m. in a home game at East Boston Memorial Stadium.



FACE-TO-FACE: Steven Chiappa (15) confronts Latin quarterback Austin Groh to put an end to a short gain by Groh.



JUST NOT ENOUGH: East Boston's Christopher Testa (8) makes a great effort but could not break up this pass to Latin's Lateef Lawal that put Latin ahead 20-0.



HELPING HAND: Christopher Testa (8) turns the corner behind a block by teammate Steve Chiappa.



THAT'S A WRAP: East Boston's (24) Giovanni Angelico takes down Latin's Noah Dang for a loss.

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**ROOM TO ROAM:** Luigi Acone has some running room as he cuts between a pair of Latin defenders.



**BREAK-UP:** Justin Aiken (10) breaks up a pass in the end zone intended for Latin's Dillon Murray (18).



**WATCH YOUR BACK:** Giovanni Angelico (24) races up the sideline as Latin's Austin Groh tries to catch him from behind.



**HOLDING ON:** Patrick Chan clutches the football after catching a pass for an East Boston touchdown on the last play of the game, but it wasn't enough as the Jets fell to the Boston Latin Wolfpack 33-12 Friday night at Clemente Park in the Fenway.



**DOWNTIME:** East Boston's Gabriel Salmeron takes down a Latin runner.



**STRIDE RIGHT:** Giovanni Angelico (24) is in full stride as he races away from the Latin defense on the way to a 25-yard touchdown run during the Jets' 33-12 loss to Boston Latin.



**PROTECTIVE BARRIER:** East Boston quarterback Caden Pelosi looks for a receiver behind the protection of linemen Jason Taft (left, 67) and Dakarai Bufford (right, 75).

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FRESH AND LOCAL

# Real vs. fake service dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As responsible dog guardians, we're concerned when we see fake service dogs. We can only imagine how people with a legitimate need to be accompanied by a highly-trained service dog must feel.

We turned to NEADS World Class Service Dogs for more information. Last year, in preparation for testimony before the Massachusetts Legislature, they reported on survey results of more than 1,300 Service Dog clients from Assistance Dogs International (ADI) accredited organizations.

Sadly, "92.6% of respondents encountered fake, questionable, or uncontrolled service dogs in their time as a service dog user." Meanwhile, "78.8% of respondents had experienced an uncontrolled dog snap at, bitten, vocalize at or interfere with their service dog." Then, "66.0% reported feeling that fraudulent service dogs had negatively impacted their

independence and quality of life." Finally, "50.0% encountered fraudulent service dogs in grocery stores and airports."

### Real Service Dogs

Real Service Dogs are "impeccably trained." This description is used by one ADI-accredited organization after another. Not only is the dog trained, but the handler has also had extensive training. This preparation can take up to two years and cost thousands of dollars.

Service dogs are not pets and don't act like pets. They are working and pay attention to the task at hand. They don't sniff the ground or interact with people or other animals. They are sometimes allowed to relax, play, or say hello, but only after a specific direction.

Many legitimate service dogs do not wear a special harness or identification that you will recognize. Some wear identification from their ADI-accredited organization, like NEADS,

or a special harness as a guide dog for blind people or a dog trained to pull a wheelchair or to assist their person with stability. Very few are off-leash, carried, or in a stroller.

### Fake Service Dogs

Less than one percent of people with disabilities have a service dog. Yet, if you search for service dog identification, harnesses, and tags on any major online retail site, you'll find thousands of items for those who want to pass their pet off as a service dog.

You can easily spot a fake service dog. It is a fake if the dog is off-leash, on an extendable leash, wearing a choke collar, pulling or tugging the handler, or interacting with you or other dogs.

If the dog does not stay right by the handler, growls, barks, is easily distracted, marks territory, looks frightened, or, in short, does not have a calm, all-about-the-job demeanor, it is most likely a fake.



While this may look like a service dog, the extendable leash attached to a metal collar indicates that it is fake.

### Misunderstandings

Emotional support dogs are not service dogs and are not entitled to the same accommodations as service dogs and their handlers.

One paid service dog registry site advertises, "Get Lifetime Registration For Your Pet."

That registration does not make your pet a service dog. There are also classes and schools to self-train

a service dog. While this is legal and possible, you should ensure that your dog is trained to the same standards as dogs from ADI-accredited organizations, or people will spot the difference and believe you have a fake service dog.

### An Exception to Every Rule

Some service dogs are trained to get help in an emergency. If a recogniz-

able service dog approaches you and wants your attention, follow it. The dog will take you to its person. Once there, allow the dog to do what it is trained to do, direct your questions to the person if possible, and call 911 if necessary.

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

# ARPA funding to benefit first time homebuyers and small businesses

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu joined members of the Boston City Council, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH), and the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (OEOI), to announce the allocation of a \$7 million investment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to bolster Boston's neighborhoods in three ways: by (1) helping first time home buyers with down payment assistance, (2) acquiring of market-rate properties to grow affordable housing stock, and (3) supporting small businesses, including through the City's SPACE Grant Program. Mayor Wu today filed an order with the Boston City Council to allocate the \$7 million of ARPA funding. Of the total \$558.7 million awarded to Boston since 2021, this \$7 million represents the remaining amount for the City to allocate toward eligible recovery projects. These investments in affordable housing and local business build on Mayor Wu's commitment to making Boston a home for everyone.

"This \$7 million investment prioritizes Boston's families by building generational wealth through homeownership opportunities and helping our local entrepreneurs make their small business dreams become a reality," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "In Boston, we have used ARPA funds to build innovative new programs that target key issues in our city such as housing, and we're committed to using these remaining federal dollars to continue these successful initiatives. Congrats to Keanna Rice on her new home through the BHA First Home Program, and all of our city's first time home buyers."

"When we talk about investing in people and in our neighborhoods, this is it. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have allowed the Mayor and the Boston City Council to make transformative investments in housing, small businesses, green energy in affordable housing, culture and the arts, and support for vulnerable populations," said Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune. "This \$7 million is a continuation of that work by further invest-

ing in affordable homeownership opportunities and supporting our small business owners. I am proud that the Council and the Mayor continue to collaborate to make sure these funds are helping us build a more prosperous and just city post-pandemic."

"As Chair of Boston City Council's Committee on COVID-19 Recovery, I'm proud of our investments in support of additional investments in housing affordability and small business," said City Councilor Sharon Durkan. "These \$7M in investments continue Boston's track record in leading the way in utilizing these once-in-a-generation resources to make transformative and sustainable investments to support the recovery and growth of our city – and because of the way we are continuing to steward these resources, Boston's recovery has made our communities more stable and vibrant."

Mayor Wu has allocated \$3 million to the BHA First Home Program, to continue serving BHA families with down payment assistance through 2026. This funding will enable an estimated additional 57 BHA families to purchase homes in Boston. Through this program, the City provides eligible BHA families with enhanced down payment assistance of \$75,000 towards the purchase of a home located in Boston and is available to all BHA residents who purchase a home in the city.

The BHA First Home Program launched in November 2022 with a \$2 million investment from the city and has been an unprecedented success in helping BHA families become homeowners. To date it has helped over 50 BHA residents buy homes in Boston. This additional funding is critical in affording BHA tenants the opportunity to build wealth through homeownership. The demand for this program is high, and today's announcement would enable the program to continue for two more years and double the number of families becoming homebuyers in the city of Boston.

"The First Home Program is a representation of everything we hope to achieve at the Boston Housing Authority, and the

Mayor's investment has allowed this program and BHA families to flourish beyond our wildest expectations," said BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok. "This program has already enabled more than 50 BHA families to achieve homeownership and self sufficiency, establishing the intergenerational wealth that can lift families out of poverty and help close Boston's racial wealth gap. We are thrilled that the Mayor and City Councilors support doubling down on this successful program to help more of our families."

"Buying a home has always been a goal for me and my family, having a home to call my own and securing generational wealth for the future. No matter your current financial status, buying a house in today's market is extremely difficult and costly, but this program gave me leverage," said BHA First Home Program participant Keanna Rice. "As I stand in my new home, I am filled with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude. I look forward to creating lasting memories in this space, building equity for my future, and establishing roots."

An additional \$3 million of this ARPA funding will go to further address the City's need to prevent displacement and increase affordable housing opportunities through MOH's Acquisition Opportunity Program. This program supports the acquisition of market-rate buildings by responsible, mission-oriented developers to stabilize tenancies and create long-term income restricted

housing for low- and moderate-income renters. This new funding allocation will leverage approximately \$9 million of private financing to support the acquisition of additional apartments buildings and stabilize the tenancies of households at risk of displacement.

The Acquisition Opportunity Program (AOP) provides funding to nonprofit and for-profit organizations to acquire occupied, rental properties that are typically renting at below market rates. The residents of these properties are at risk of displacement if the property is sold and the units are then converted to condominiums or they are maintained as rental properties and the rent is increased. The City's AOP has helped hundreds of properties remain affordable in almost every neighborhood of the City; from Chinatown to Mattapan, preventing displacement and promoting neighborhood stability.

"The City's Acquisition Opportunity Program allows organizations to acquire occupied residential buildings removing them from the speculative market. These acquisitions provide tenant stability and increase the City's inventory of income restricted homes," said Chief of Housing Sheila A. Dillon. "The additional investment of ARPA funds will allow us to continue and expand the work of protecting and preserving affordable housing in the City, allowing residents to live and thrive in their communities."

Small businesses, especially those industries most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, will receive \$1

million of this ARPA investment. The funding will support the City's SPACE Grant Program, providing grants to business owners seeking to occupy vacant storefronts. The City will soon announce the third and final round of the SPACE Grant program. In the first two rounds, the City helped 61 small businesses either open their first brick and mortar location or expand using \$7.5 million in funding.

"Thanks to the leadership of the Biden Harris Administration and our delegation in Congress, Mayor Wu and our team have been able to invest millions of dollars in Boston's small businesses, helping to build wealth and establish vibrancy across all of our neighborhoods," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "Our team is grateful to Mayor Wu and the City Council for further investments in this transformative program, which has created new jobs and given dreams the space to grow."

The SPACE Grant Program has been a key part of the city's downtown recovery and support for local entrepreneurs throughout Boston's neighborhoods. Businesses in the program have created nearly 600 new jobs, and a quarter of the grantees are now open and operating in the city, with the rest signing leases or in lease negotiations. This funding will help continue the success of this program, with an emphasis on filling vacant storefronts in Downtown Boston.

## SUFFOLK COUNTY

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On September 13, 1992, Susan Taraskiewicz left work at Logan Airport. Her body was found in the trunk of her car the following day in Revere.

Investigators from the Massachusetts State Police, Suffolk District Attorney's Office, and Revere Police have been working on Susan's case ever since, and her mother, Marlene, has never stopped asking the public for help in solving her daughter's murder.

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# Eversource recognized as Tree Line USA Utility by Arbor Day Foundation

Special to the Times-Free Press

As a testament to its continued commitment to environmental stewardship and ensuring electric reliability for customers, Eversource has been named a Tree Line USA utility by the Arbor Day Foundation in all three states where the energy company operates. In collaboration with the National Association of State Foresters, the Tree Line USA program recognizes public and private utilities that demonstrate best practices for quality tree care, promoting the dual goals of safe, reliable electric service for customers while encouraging utility compatible tree planting and nurturing healthy trees to grow and thrive.

“We are honored to receive this recognition that highlights our robust vegetation management program and the dedicated work of our licensed and certified arborists to prune, plant and care for trees year-round,” said Eversource Director of Vegetation Management Sean Redding. “Trees are an essential part of New England’s character, and we’re always focused on balancing the natural beauty of our region with



Eversource partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation to distribute more than 1,000 free trees and shrubs to customers across its three-state service territory.

the need to ensure reliable electric service and public safety, which is why trimming or removing hazard trees that threaten power lines is so vital. This achievement underscores the success of our everyday mission, and we look forward to continuing this critical work as well as educating customers about the importance of planting the right tree in the right place.”

Tree Line USA evaluates applicants based on several criteria including adherence to industry best practices for tree

care, annual training of employees and contractors, implementation of tree planting and public education programs, and participation in annual Arbor Day events. This year, Eversource partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation to distribute more than 1,000 free trees and shrubs to customers across its three-state service territory through the non-profit’s innovative Energy-Saving Trees program.

“Trees are an integral part of creating more urban green spaces in communities across the

United States, as well as providing important environmental benefits such as clean air, water, and shade,” said Dan Lambe, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Through their thoughtful and thorough work, Eversource demonstrates how trees and utilities can co-exist for the benefit of both customers and their communities.”

In addition to advancing educational partnerships that teach municipalities, students and the public about how to plan before they plant, Eversource

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lon to a restaurant, expand the bathroom to make it handicap accessible, and for additional work like painting and framing.

“They (the applicants) want this to be a family place where people can come and bring guests, bring friends, and spend an evening having a meal and sharing a drink or two,” said Francisco Gonzalez Palacio, an Attorney representing the applicants.

While the plan was modified, the sentiment of residents at the abutters meeting remained unchanged: many were outright opposed to or had major concerns with the proposal as it was presented.

A significant concern among meeting attendees was the operating hours,

and even though the closing time was pushed back to midnight, it was still too late.

“For us who have to get up to go to work by six o’clock in the morning, to have a restaurant open until 12:00 a.m. is, first of all, ridiculous,” said one attendee.

“We’re grateful that you brought it (the closing time) back to 12, but it still needs to come further back because people are going to be coming here to this establishment until midnight to be able to drink,” said another attendee.

In response to these concerns, Palacio noted that there would be a cut-off time for ordering before midnight.

“It’s not that the restaurant is going to be oper-

ating constantly churning food and drinks until midnight — that is not a reasonable expectation for the owners and the managers of the place,” he said.

Another concern for many attendees was that this proposed restaurant would be in an area with many kids, between the programming and the school in the area.

“If someone goes in at 10 o’clock and starts to drink, even if it’s just cordials by two o’clock, they’re pretty well toasted,” said an attendee.

“At two o’clock, there are hundreds of children in that neighborhood. A school gets out; the Boys & Girls Club starts; Boston Scores is going to have a program down there with children, and people

are going to be coming out of there and getting into cars and killing children.”

“There are children all over that neighborhood after school and during the summer all day into the evening — too many children to have a restaurant with an alcohol or liquor license of any sort,” said another attendee.

The disposal of trash and the issue of rodents were other issues brought up by community members.

Palacio indicated that trash would be stored in bins in an area directly adjacent to the building and that a company would pick it up. He also noted that there would not be a dumpster on the property.

As the meeting progressed, several residents

reiterated their concerns about the abovementioned topics. They also emphasized other concerns brought up at the previous abutters meeting, such as the lack of parking in the area, the establishment appearing more like a bar than a restaurant and more.

Moreover, the meeting featured a sense of growing frustration as the applicants and their attorney had technical difficulties and dropped off the Zoom call several times.

Overall, the opposition to this proposal from those who attended the meeting was clear, and not one resident spoke in support of the proposal.

“Everything that you present is a negative impact to this community. As has been already stated,

there is nothing like this in this very residential area; a business such as this is at least five to six blocks away,” said one attendee.

“This is the second meeting. These are legitimate quality-of-life issues presented by homeowners, abutters, [and] life-long residents, and not one single person has spoken in support of this proposal, so I think it just goes to show you that this is the wrong fit for this area,” said another attendee.

To close out the meeting, Palacio made a statement indicating that there is a difference between the community expressing opposition and making allegations that they are bringing something to the neighborhood cynically or nefariously.

“We have presented a proposal that initially was ambitious; to put it politely, it was too big to be true, and we understood the concerns of the community, and accordingly, we modified our proposal, and we’re trying to work with the concerns of the community within the range of the regulations of the building department and the zoning regulations of the City of Boston,” he said.

“We have no ulterior motives to create something just for the detriment of the community or to affect the people who have resided in this community for a long time.”

If you would like to provide testimony about the proposed restaurant, you can contact Eva Jones, a Community Engagement Specialist with the City, by email at [eva.jones2@boston.gov](mailto:eva.jones2@boston.gov) or by phone at 617-635-2679.

“We are presenting a plan that we believe is conforming with the regulations and the opportunities for a small business. They want to create something that is amenable, that is decent, that will be a place for the community to have a good time, to entertain themselves within reasonable bounds, to enjoy a meal, and basically grow as part of the community,” said Palacio.

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"They've been exemplary licensees with the licensure that they do have at this time at both locations," said Scanlon.

Scanlon also indicated that the request to upgrade its license to include spirits would allow the restaurant to expand its offerings so that it can "round out" its creative cocktail list.

In addition to that request, they are looking to make their seasonal patio permanent so they do not have to continue to go through the process to open it.

"It [the patio] would stay exactly the same, but what it just would do is permanently add it to the description on the face of the license itself so they don't have to go back every season to ask for it," said Scanlon.

In the end, attendees were amenable and supported the proposal by a vote of 16-1. The next OHNC meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21st. For more information about the OHNC, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OrientHeightsNC/>.

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### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN SUPPORT OF DISTRICT 1 CITY COUNCILOR GABRIELA COLETTA ZAPATA

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Many friends and supporters joined District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata at a Birthday Celebration in her honor Sept. 10 at the ReelHouse in East Boston.

Coletta Zapata, whose district includes the neighborhood of East Boston, was celebrating her 32nd birthday at the event.

State Auditor Diana DiZoglio was a special guest in attendance, offering a strong message of sup-

port for Coletta Zapata and lauding her outstanding record of accomplishments as a member of the Boston City Council.

In her remarks, Coletta Zapata thanked the many guests for celebrating her birthday with her and their enthusiastic support of her diligent efforts on the City Council.

Known for her office's superb constituent services, Coletta Zapata has emerged as a dynamic new voice for all residents during her time on the City Council.



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (right) welcomes Melanie Pinette (left) and Mass. Women's Political Caucus Chair Shannon Montanez to her Birthday Celebration Tuesday.



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata, with Anthony Gesualdi (left) and Phil Frattaroli (right) at her 32nd birthday celebration Sept. 10 at ReelHouse in East Boston.



Ellie Sanchez, Sly Egidio, and City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.



State Auditor Diana DiZoglio (right), a special guest at the event, attended the Birthday Celebration in support of City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata and Dr. Sherri Raftery.



Gabriela Coletta Zapata (holding her nephew, Amadeo Acevedo) greets Martin Serrano and John Latino at her 32nd birthday celebration at the ReelHouse in East Boston.



Former Boston city councilor Michael P. Ross (second from left), an attorney at Prince Lobel, is pictured with Maggie Roberts, Joe Hanley, and Tom Miller at the Birthday Celebration for City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.



Sebastian Parra, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (holding Amadeo Acevedo), Fatima Litim, and Jamie Baldanza.



Gabriela Coletta Zapata, with members of her proud family who helped the popular Boston city councilor celebrate her 32nd birthday. From left, are Richard Acevedo, Nina Coletta, Angela Coletta-Acevedo, City Councilor Gabriella Coletta Zapata (holding Amadeo Acevedo), Sebastian Zapata, and Ed Coletta.



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata and Colleen Liffers.



David Lank, shown holding his son, Theodore Lank, wishes City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata a happy 32nd birthday at the celebration in her honor Tuesday at the ReelHouse in East Boston.