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OHNC votes in support of two proposals

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At its monthly meeting last week, the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) voted to support two proposals: a change of occupancy at 969-985 Bennington Street and a liquor license request for an incoming Caffè dello Sport location at 973 Saratoga Street. The first proposal discussed was the change of occupancy at 969-985 Bennington Street. Specifically, the project entails using the second floor of the two-story building to add eight rental units.

"We're very excited about this particular location in a mixed-use neighborhood. Obviously, within a short walk to the Orient Heights train station but also with the beach and the park literally right there, we think it's a great spot," said Attorney Joe Hanley, who presented the project to the OHNC. It should be noted that with this project, there are no plans to increase the height of the building or add to it. Additionally, most of

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99-105 Addison St. project presented at public meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Last week, the city's Planning Department hosted a public meeting in which plans for constructing a new building at 99-105 Addison Street were presented. As part of the project, the existing multi-family building on the 10,000-square-foot lot would be demolished, and a 20-unit Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District (CFROD) compliant multi-family building would be constructed. Regarding what a

CFROD-compliant building means, Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented the proposal, explained that in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-4 zoning subdistrict, which is where this lot is located the maximum height allowed is four stories and 50 feet above grade. However, it was explained that because the lot is located in the CFROD, height is measured from whichever is higher, grade, or the de-

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Lt. Gov. Driscoll, Sec. Tutwiler visit Bradley Elementary School



Bradley Elementary School Principal Claire Carney (right) speaks in a classroom during a visit by Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll (left) to the school Friday focusing on the Museum of Science STEM Design program.



Mass. Secretary of Education Patrick Tutwiler speaks with students at the Bradley Elementary School during a visit last Friday morning.

with a classroom of Bradley Elementary School students participating in the MOS Stem Design Challenge Engineering Plastic Filters. his year's engineering

challenge is for youth ages 8-12 and designed to be completed in one hour. During this challenge, youth consider the effects of plastic pollution as they engineer filters to

reduce plastic waste entering the ocean. Youth work in small groups and use everyday materials to create a filter that can catch plastic pollution as it enters a model bay.

Top Healey environmental leader calls for reform at Massport

Special to the Times-Free Press

In a letter to the state's top environmental leaders earlier this month, AIR, Inc. (Airport Impact Relief, Incorporated) a local community airport environmental activist group, claimed that Massport, the agency which runs Logan Airport, is not doing enough to reduce the airport's environmental impacts. The group says that state lawmakers created Massport in the 1950's to run the airport and promote the economy, but that today Logan has grown to become a mega-airport

which causes pollution and traffic impacts. They want the state and Massport to do much more to address these impacts. In a recently concluded review of Logan's operations, the state's top ranking environmental official Secretary Rebeca Tepper, head of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) agreed. Now, she is directing Massport to step up its efforts to reduce Logan's impacts. Pointing to rising passenger levels and pollution at Logan, the Secretary issued a strong

directive to Massport to improve its environmental performance. Calling for improved reporting, community engagement, transparency, and performance, Tepper turned up the pressure on Massport, asking the Authority to address the health, air quality, and community impacts of Logan's operations. The Secretary also ordered Massport to plan additional pollution reduction strategies to address the growth of environmental impacts if passenger or flights outpace forecasts. This idea answers community requests for Mass-

port to stop using inaccurate planning forecasts. Secretary Tepper gave Massport an extensive list of actions to take within the coming year to improve their future environmental performance: 1 Identify additional pollution cutting measures for neighborhoods near the Airport 2 Develop metrics to measure pollution and report levels in real-time 3 Identify additional strategies to address increased pollution if pas-

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CSF SCHOLAR MAKES HIS MARK IN ARCHITECTURE

Luisantonio, a Catholic School Foundation (CSF) GO Scholar and 2024 graduate of East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS), is an aspiring architect. In the lead-up to CSF's 34th Annual Building Minds Scholarship Fund Gala, Honoree Rick Henken visited EBCCS, where

Luisantonio had the opportunity to share his passion for architecture with him. Rick was eager to help Luisantonio achieve his dreams, so he offered to connect him with Gary Kane from The Architectural Team (TAT), with

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CSF Scholar, Luisantonio, Makes His Mark in Architecture with a Summer Internship.

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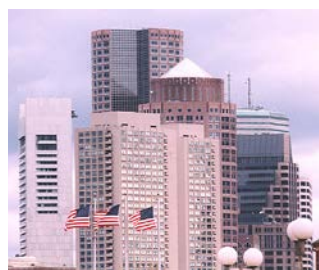
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NSCS CELEBRATES 65 YEARS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Special to the Times-Free Press

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS) celebrated 65 years of providing essential behavioral health services at its anniversary event on Oct. 17 at Casa Lucia in Revere.

“For 65 years, we have been at the forefront of providing mental health services to individuals and families across the region,” said NSCS President and CEO Judi Lemoine. “This is only possible because of our talented team and the incredible contributions from our community. We look forward to continuing to grow our programs and outreach to support even more people in great need of our services.”

The organization honored retired CEO Jackie Moore with the inaugural Legacy Award for her 17 years of leadership of NSCS and in the Massachusetts human services sector.

“It is such an honor to be recognized,” said Moore. “Every one of you brings your experience, heart, determination, passion and belief in recovery, which are important ingredients in the work we do. All of this brings hope.”

Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR), received the Community Champion Award for her dedication to reducing stigma and promoting recovery.

“We have done so much with NSCS over the years,” said Frangules. “I am most grateful to have learned how to make an impact with our wonderful legislators so that we can make positive changes. We are all visible, vocal and valuable so that one day there will not be a stigma around recovery.”

Surrounded by community supporters and local and state partners, the event offered North Suffolk Community Services the opportunity to reflect on its accomplishments, honor its partners and raise critical funds for its early-childhood and family services, residential programs and outpatient clinics.

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Jeniris Garay and Jennifer Waldrop.



Chelsea Housing Authority Executive Director Paul Nowicki and Chelsea Chief of Health and Human Services Tracy Nowicki.



Dr. Deborah Wayne welcomes accomplished artist Max Corona to the gala.



NSCS Board members, from left, Board Chair Virginia Todd, Charlene Nunez, Dr. Deborah Wayne, Cailie Clark, Liz Gruber, and Tom Ambrosino.



Chelsea Public Schools Chief of Staff and Equity Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, NSCS Clinician Carolyn-Boumilla, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell, Supt. of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta, and CPS Innovation Officer Malik Howshan.

EARLY VOTING ENDS THIS FRIDAY -- ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, NOV. 5

In-person early voting for the 2024 Presidential election is underway and will continue through this Friday, November 1. If you are unable to make it to your local city or town hall for early voting (the hours vary in each city and town), then you will have to cast your ballot on Election Day, which is Tuesday, November 5.

The past few Presidential elections have been hectic, down-to-the-wire contests, and this year's contest between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump promises to be the same.

In addition, this year we have a contested U.S. Senate race, with incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren facing a challenge from Republican newcomer John Deaton. With control of the Senate being crucial for the parties and for the incoming president, the choice we make for our U.S. Senator will be significant -- and that alone is a reason to vote.

Voting is the only obligation that the status as a citizen of the United States imposes on any of us. The vast majority of people on this planet live in countries where they do not have the opportunity to cast a ballot for their elected officials.

Every citizen should take advantage of the privilege we have as Americans -- and get out to vote.

THE FIVE BALLOT QUESTIONS

There are five questions on this year's ballot. All five of the questions involve complex changes to state law. We urge all voters to study the ballot questions and read the pros and cons of each. In sum, the questions are as follows:

-- Question 1 would change state law to permit the State Auditor to perform an audit of the state legislature. The proponents say that the change will enhance transparency of the state legislature's internal spending, while the opponents contend that the measure will violate the concept of the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. In addition, it should be noted that a “Yes” vote almost surely will result in the matter being taken to the State Supreme Judicial Court to determine its constitutionality.

-- Question 2 would eliminate the MCAS test as a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma in Massachusetts. The MCAS, which requires students to pass tests in English, math, and science in order to receive a high school diploma, has been in existence since 1993, when the landmark Education Reform Bill (which was spearheaded by the late Tom Birmingham when he was the State Senator from Chelsea, Revere, and Everett) became law. The proponents of this question assert that the MCAS is a one-size-fits-all test that does not really measure whether a student has achieved sufficient proficiency to merit receiving a high school diploma. Conversely, the opponents of the measure argue that the MCAS represents the only means for objectively evaluating every student. In addition, the opponents of eliminating the MCAS assert that the MCAS has raised educational standards in Massachusetts, which annually is ranked among the best public education systems in the country.

-- Question 3 would give Transportation Network Drivers (such as Uber and Lyft drivers) the right to form a union. Under the law as it stands presently, those drivers are considered to be independent contractors, not employees.

-- Question 4 would permit individuals to possess and grow their own psychedelic mushrooms and would provide for the sale of these substances at “licensed facilitators.” In addition, the proposed law would establish a Natural Psychedelic Substances Commission that would regulate the sale of psychedelic products. Proponents cite the growing body of research that indicates that treatment with psychedelics provides benefits for those suffering from depression and PTSD. The opponents note that treatment with psychedelics needs to be highly-supervised by medical professionals, but the proposed law does not do so.

-- Question 5 would alter the compensation for tipped workers. The change in the law would affect workers most notably in the restaurant industry.

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North Suffolk Community Services

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Community Services, formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association, touches the lives of more than 10,000 people annually in nearly 80 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown and Boston. NSCS supports adults, children and families across the lifespan who are coping with behavior-

al health, substance use disorders and/or have developmental disabilities. The organization employs over 1,000 talented individuals who provide services in many languages, including ASL, through four outpatient clinics; 38 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit northsuffolk.org.



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Board Member Dr. Deborah Wayne, Orion Breen, and Chelsea Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Hassell.



NSCS President and CEO Judi Lemoine and former CEO Jackie Moore, recipient of the inaugural Legacy Award.



Jennifer Waldrop and Victoria Shopland.



Providing outstanding musical entertainment were the duo of Chelsea High students Luciana Martinez (left) and Tomas Martinez (right), pictured at the gala with their mother, Cristina Rosero.



Front row, Dan Maguire, Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, and Charlotte Ferrante. Back row, Rep. Jeff Turco, Tom Ambrosino, and Mark Ferrante.



Former NSCS Director of Diversionary Addiction Services Kim Hanton (right) presents the Community Champion Award to Maryanne Frangules, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery (MOAR).



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SCENES FROM BRADLEY SCHOOL'S ITALIAN DAY

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As Italian Heritage Month closed out, the Bradley School celebrated with "Italian Day" on October 24, 2024. Students were treated to Italian cookies, pizzelles, cannoli and given a miniature sized panettone to take home. Entertainment was provided by Beverly Richards Dance studio. The

dancers performed traditional Italian dance, including the popular Italian tarantella. Art teacher, Ms. Danker created a mosaic with the kids focusing on the famous Cane Cavem mosaic from Pompeii. Special thanks to the families who organized and contributed to this event.



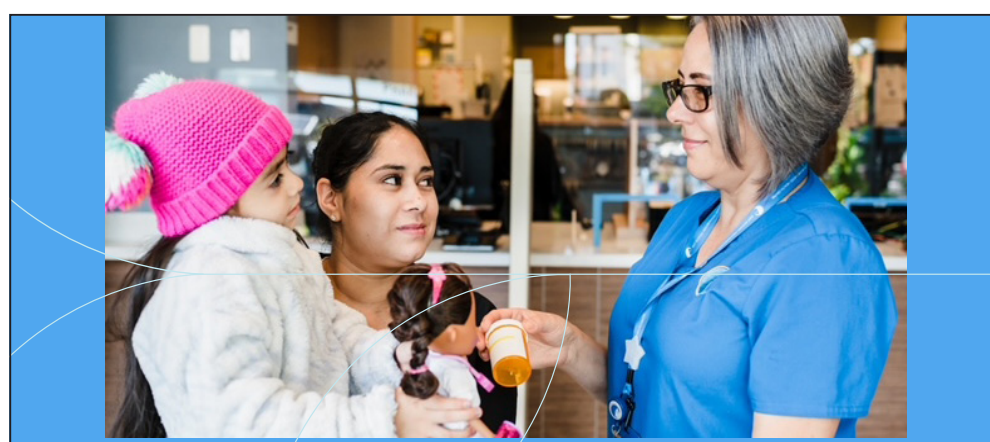
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EBHS JETS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST DEARBORN STEM ACADEMY

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Santiago Mosquera (25) tries to fight off a Dearborn defender and control the ball. See page 6 for more photos.



Freddy Garay (19) is tripped up as he chases a ball on the sideline.



Helio Spinola (11) crosses legs with a Dearborn defender.



Matheus Gomes (6) Christian Amaya (18) create a traffic jam with a Dearborn forward.



Matheus Gomes (6) and a Dearborn forward tangle.

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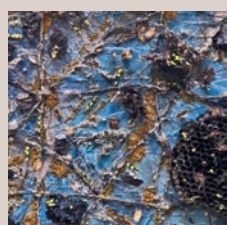
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Jeziel Cordova (9) Cornego gets all his momentum into a clearing kick.



Santiago Mosquera (25) is upended by a Dearborn defender on a play in front of the Dearborn net.



David Alas (8) gets some air as he chases a ball down the sideline.



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4 Participate in a working group which her office will create to:

- Identify ways to reduce Logan's public health impacts
- Develop air quality monitoring and pollution reduction programs
- Form partnerships to distribute air filters
- Create an idling reduction plan
- Simplify and improve the pollution reporting process

The Secretary also made helpful suggestions about how she would like to see Massport enhance public transparency and tracking of its environmental programming in their next report by presenting all of their pollution reduction programs in a single table which updates the program's status and estimates their effectiveness. Air, Inc. believes this proposed system would make it easier to compare Massport's success at reducing negative environmental impacts with their stated goals. They say this system could also be used to trigger additional requirements if impacts aren't brought down.

"Our technical experts believe this sort of system is totally feasible and we are eager to work with the Secretary's staff to help Massport implement the full slate of the Secretary's requirements," said Chris Marchi, AIR, Inc.'s long-time vice president.

Marchi adds, "If these changes are implemented, opportunities for significant environmental improvements will be unlocked."

Sonja Tengblad, an East Boston resident and mother who leads the local chapter of Mothers Out Front, a group which has been leading the call for air quality improvements in and around East Boston since 2017, says there's a lot of work to do, but she's also eager to get started. She and other volunteers with AIR, Inc. and a coalition of local environmental and community services groups calling itself the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition have been researching air quality testing and filtration programs since 2017. "Our coalition which includes Mothers Out Front, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH), the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, and many other community-serving not-for-profits, has been working on airport air quality

solutions for years," said Tengblad. "We've monitored air quality in homes and classrooms and tested the effectiveness of air purifiers at removing pollutants. Our work shows that an air quality improvement campaign could protect us from exposure to emissions which cause low birth weight, childhood asthma, learning disabilities, COPD, heart disease, cancer and many more public health problems. Asthma costs the average family in the US over \$3,000 annually. On top of the economic costs, a 2022 Boston College study shows a decrease of 3 IQ points amongst Boston students due to air pollution. We know from decades of research done around Logan that the impacts are far worse the closer you are to the source."

Tengblad continues, "We are literally stifling every aspect of our children's future. We see patterns of health impacts amongst residents who have grown up around Logan Airport. To think that our kids might face the same - or worse - should give anyone pause. But Governor Healey has made climate and environmental justice a big part of her agenda, and elevating local perspectives and ideas as Secretary Tepper has proposed in state planning processes is the right thing to do. Honestly, it's about time that Massport starts helping out. This is definitely a big step in the right direction."

Although activists are encouraged that Secretary Tepper has acknowledged and embraced their suggestions, Gail Miller, the president of AIR, Inc. urges continued caution. "We're closer to our goals today. But we're still miles away." Miller says that the Secretary's requirement for Massport to work collaboratively with community stakeholders holds incredible promise, but it flies in the face of what Massport has actually done over recent decades. Miller continues, "I wholeheartedly embrace the Secretary's mandate that a Logan working group be created so that the serious issues be addressed such as mitigating air and noise impacts which are tremendous burdens on the communities close to the airport. We need to look at the health costs, not only the perceived economic benefits of the airport."

When asked about the history of Logan's treatment of adjoining neighborhoods, Miller said,

"Back in the day, Massport had a horrible reputation. They just smashed their way through the community in the 1960's and 1970's, taking hundreds of homes and businesses by eminent domain, leveling three harbor islands and two urban parks including East Boston's Wood Island Park, an 83 acre Olmsted Park which anchored the northern side of Boston's Emerald Necklace. They also destroyed 2,000 acres of Boston Harbor to build the airport. Later administrations, mostly in the 1980's, tried to make amends by conducting sound insulation programs, building parks, and starting programs like Logan Express to cut traffic. And they got a global reputation for environmental leadership due to all that. But in the 1990's state politics shifted and a movement to curtail regulation and shrink government took root. Massport abandoned their commitments and reverted to their old ways. They stopped listening to community perspectives, stopped pushing the envelope and began to avoid accountability. So today we're still far from where we need to be."

John Walkey, Director of Waterfront and Climate Justice Initiatives at GreenRoots, a not-for-profit and long time leader in environmental justice and member of the Logan Community Clean Air Coalition agrees. "It's been a long road to get to the point where we are today, with the Secretary of EEA requiring Massport to finally enter into a true collaboration with surrounding community stakeholders. This is exactly what we have always wanted. Now we need to get it done and Massport needs to act in good faith, which is something we haven't really seen from them for a long time. But they have new leadership over there. The Governor and Massport Board appointed Rich Davey as the new Massport CEO just a few months ago. So we'll need to give him a chance to turn things around."

It remains to be seen whether community groups and Massport can make progress. But with Massport's most recent environmental filing reporting that passenger and operational levels at Logan are slated to rise significantly over the next ten years, the state's environmental brass are pushing them together to try, and activists say we can't afford to fail.

BOSTON SENIOR HOME CARE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH GALA

State leaders and community advocates gathered as Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) celebrated fifty years of service to older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston on Oct. 17.

The gala celebrated BSHC's efforts to expand access to home and community-based services and underscored the organization's vision to deepen its partnerships with community organizations and continue to champion policies that ensure everyone has the support they need to live with dignity and independence.

"This year's gala is a particularly special milestone, and we are thrilled to bring together people from so many sectors who embody our mission in their work and strive to make Massachusetts more inclusive and equitable," said BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, "We have come

so far but there is always more work ahead."

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz presented Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell with the Elder Justice Advocacy Award for her leadership in establishing initiatives that protect older adults.

State Sen. Lydia Edwards presented Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association, with the Community Advocacy Award for her grassroots work empowering Boston's Chinese American community.

The organization also remembered lawyer and lobbyist Patricia A. Lynch, a beloved advocate for people with mental illness and substance use disorder. State Rep. and Speaker Pro Tempore Kate Hogan and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata introduced the Patricia A. Lynch Excellence in Public Service



PHOTOS BY CHERYL RICHARDS

Karen Chen, Executive Director of the Chinese Progressive Association (center right) accepts the Community Advocacy Award. From right to left: BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, state Rep. Lydia Edwards and Master of Ceremonies Jorge Quiroga.

Award, which was presented posthumously following Lynch's passing in July.

Boston Senior Home Care (BSHC) is a private, nonprofit human services

agency based in Boston. Since 1974, it has been dedicated to making a difference in the communities it serves by connecting older adults, individuals with disabilities, and



Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell (center left) accepts the Elder Justice Advocacy Award. From right to left: BSHC CEO Margaret Hogan, state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Master of Ceremonies Jorge Quiroga.

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neys, empowering them to provide exceptional care while taking care of their own needs and well-being. For more information, visit bshcinfo.org.

EBMHS HOLDS SUCCESSFUL TOMBSTONE TOUR

East Boston Museum and Historical Society had a great turn-out to the third annual Tombstone Tour of the historic Bennington Street Cemetery on Saturday afternoon, with an estimated 100 people joining the tours.



EBMHS Board members Steve Gingras and Jeanne Scaduto Belmonte recount the history of Private First Class Aldred Goodearl, who was the first East Boston resident killed in action during World War I. Pvt. Goodearl died in battle in July 1918 and his remains were interred at the Bennington Street Cemetery a few years later.



East Boston Museum and Historical Society Board member Steve Gingras outlines some of the history connected to the tombstone below during the EBHMS Tombstone Tour at the Bennington Street Cemetery on Saturday.



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Tombstone Tour moderator Steve Gingras addresses the audience attending the Bennington Street tour on Saturday afternoon.

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whom he had previously collaborated with.

Rick introduced the Rivero family and the EBCCS principal to Gary, who visited the school. Like Rick, Gary was excited about Luisantonio's aspirations to become an architect and wanted to give him an opportunity to experience working in the field.

After the visit, arrangements were made for Luisantonio to participate in an internship at TAT. This opportunity allowed him to immerse himself in the daily life of an architect, learning firsthand what the profession entails. To finish up this incredible experience, Luisantonio accompanied Gary and TAT on a site visit to

one of the projects they are working on.

Speaking about his work placement opportunity with TAT, Lusitano said, "I am so blessed to be given the opportunity to be part of the architectural world. Even from day one, I was learning valuable information. Many people in the firm helped me better understand what it meant to be an architect. I got to experience the different formats and software in which they design different buildings, and it really fascinated me how these applications have amazing 2D and 3D visual models. I am really looking forward to continuing my internship next summer."

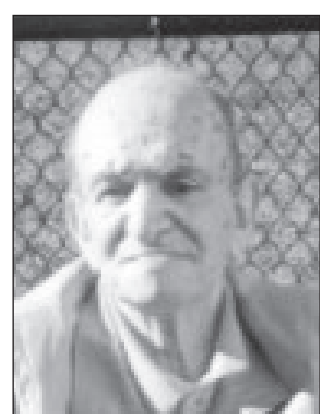
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Gerald D'Amore Former East Boston resident

Gerald J. D'Amore of Ashland, formerly of East Boston, passed away on October 28, 2024.

He was the loving son of the late Samuel H. and Elvira (Rossi) D'Amore, dear brother of David D'Amore of Winthrop and is also survived by his loving extended family.

Family and friends will honor Gerald's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Thursday, October 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a prayer service at 12 noon.



Services will conclude with Gerald being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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NeighborHealth held a Fall Family Health Fair on Thursday, October 17, providing free flu and COVID-19 vaccines in East Boston.

In addition to receiving a free vaccine, there was an afternoon of pumpkin decorating, face painting, drinks, snacks, a live DJ and dance performance by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center.



NeighborHealth's Adult Medicine nursing team gave out more than 100 flu and COVID vaccines to community members over 12 years old. Both vaccines remain available by calling the vaccine hotline - 617-568-4500 - open Monday - Friday, 8am-5pm, or via MyChart for patients.



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NeighborHealth CEO Greg Wilmot catches up with De Nostris Foundation team, one of the more than 20 organizations offering resources at the event.



NeighborHealth Outreach Coordinator Danny Ochoa offers fresh fruit and advice on Hep C and HIV testing to fair attendees.



Veronica Robles Cultural Center's Las Estrellitas performed three folkloric and Latin dances in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, delighting attendees.

Atlantic Works Gallery announces two mixed media exhibitions for Nov.

Atlantic Works Gallery announced that its November exhibition will consist of side-by-side solo shows by two member artists, one who uses mixed media to investigate the natural world and the other who uses it to comment on American society. Together, their complementary artwork delivers a visual collision that is intended to ask visitors to reflect on and question their beliefs.

Both shows will open on Saturday, November 2, with an opening reception on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. There will be a second reception on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. when the artists will talk about their work. The exhibition closes at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30.

John Greiner-Ferris is an artist who borrows from, and combines, multiple disciplines to create artwork. For November 2024, he uses mixed media to fluidly address the perils inflicted on individuals by modern society. The intentionally lo-tech nature of his artwork is in response to what he believes is too much of an emphasis in the art world on commercialism and salability at the expense of originality and truth, and challenges viewers to question their notion of art.

For Pollination, Takis, who had been finding bee and wasp nests for years, contemplates and compares the role of bees and artists in their respective societies. "The artist's job is to feed the soul, through art, music, and literature," he said. Takis will be exhibiting nine pieces, and cites influences as disparate as the writings of Hermann Hesse, the paintings of Cezanne and El Greco, and the music of Brian Eno and Nick Cave.

Greiner-Ferris will be showing a series of six 4' x 3' pieces he began in January 2024 and continued working on right up to October 2024. "They are my response to some of the events and issues that currently are prevalent in the United States, such as economic disparity, divisiveness, school and mass shootings, and our species' ability to destroy itself," he said. "The goal of this exhibition is to use text and images to have a conversation with the viewer. Just as an actor breaks the fourth wall on a stage and talks directly to the audience, I use text and a visual language to break the picture plane to speak directly to the viewer." Because the outcome of the November presidential election will still be unknown at the opening, Greiner-Ferris offers hope and encouragement with the final piece.

Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128, now in its twenty-first year, is an artist-run collaborative space for art and ideas located in East Boston. The gallery is open to the public every Friday and Saturday, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. For private viewing, contact contact@atlanticworks.org. For more information, visit <https://atlanticworks.org/>.

The materials and resulting artwork of Takis, a former construction worker, reflect his deep love of nature, the outdoors, and art. He uses everything from found organic and inorganic materials to construction material to investigate the natural world to make what he calls "collage/paintings" whose textural, sculptural surface

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the current commercial tenants, like Recovery on the Harbor, the New Saigon restaurant, and the dance studio at the property, are slated to remain there.

"The only way we could park this is if we got rid of the dance studio and Recovery on the Harbor and created a parking garage on the first floor on a retail street," said Hanley.

"The dance studio, in particular, which is on the second floor of the building, will get a new, more appropriate, and accessible space as part of the development on the first floor," said Hanley.

The parking conversation spawned a more extensive discussion in which residents thought the lack of parking would not just attract future tenants who do not have cars. Moreover, residents spoke about the current parking issues in the neighborhood and how difficult it is to find spaces.

As the presentation continued, Hanley discussed how the team responded to residents' comments after the first presentation during September's meeting. Specifically, there are plans to add bike parking and a few trees.

In the end, the discussion touched on several topics, such as the square footage of units, the project's compliance with PLAN: East Boston, and more, before it went to a vote.

Following the presentation, residents were able to ask questions or make comments. Since no spaces were proposed, parking was a significant topic of discussion.

Ultimately, the project was supported by a vote of eight to three, with one voter abstaining.

Next, Mivan Spencer, who runs the North End Caffè dello Sport, talked about his plans to get a liquor license for the new Caffè dello Sport location he plans to open on Saratoga Street.

Spencer responded to questions and comments. He noted that the establishment will have a capacity of about 24 seats and that the site is already zoned as a caffè.

"What I'm seeking is a seven-day-a-week liquor license," said Spencer, who indicated his hours of operation would be 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., but liquor would not be served until lunchtime.

One resident had asked if the theme would be similar to the North End location.

He also indicated that the menu would resemble the North End location, with breakfast sandwiches, coffee, muffins, and more. For lunch, paninis and salad are planned. At night, the offerings will be pastry-oriented.

"I'm going to make it coffee first—more coffee-centric. We will have a couple of TVs and stick with a theme of European caffè soccer bar," said Spencer.

Spencer, a 35-year East Boston resident, indicated that he still plans to open with or without a liquor license.

"I'm basing it more on coffee, light lunch, breakfast sandwiches. I would love to have the liquor license, obviously, but I will go forward with or without it."

Following the presen-

After the discussion, attendees supported the proposal by a vote of nine to two, with one voter abstaining.

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sign flood elevation. In this case, the design flood elevation is higher, so for zoning purposes, height is measured from that design flood elevation.

Essentially, this means, "You'll actually see five levels, but the first story is actually the first main level where the residents will be located," said Lynds.

Additionally, this project is slated to have 10 vehicle parking spaces, 22 bike parking spaces, a common roof deck, and a courtyard. Concerning the unit mix, there are plans for four one-bedroom units and 16 two-bedroom units, all of which are intended for homeownership.

As the presentation continued, Alex Yoon from Monte French Design Studio reviewed the de-

Moreover, Lynds indicated that this project has been created to comply fully with the zoning regulations in EBR-4.

sign and landscape plans. Yoon touched on several proposed aspects of the project, such as sidewalk improvements in front of the building, the addition of street trees, and much more.

Since this project is not slated to need relief from the Zoning Board of Appeal, Lynds noted that no inclusionary development policy (IDP) units are planned.

"We are proposing something that we hope is conforming and in the spirit of the new zoning and the new density that we believe the city is requesting as part of the zoning," said Yoon.

"Because this project is fully compliant with the Boston zoning code, or intended to be fully compliant with Boston

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and more, the presentation ended. Typically, attendees would ask questions or comment on the proposal after the presentation.

However, in this case, nobody asked any questions or made any comments, and the meeting ended shortly thereafter.

For more information about the project, to view the meeting recording, and to make comments, visit <https://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/99-105-addison-street>.

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WONDERFUL PUMPKIN DECORATING EVENT

On Friday October 18, Nick Moulaison of Carmella's Market at 86 Cottage Street in East Boston held a Pumpkin Decorating event. The event was well attended by neighbors, their children, and pets where some turned out in costumes and many decorated pumpkins for this very festive celebration of Halloween. The East Boston Chamber of Commerce appreciates events such as these in the spirit of the season.

HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on November 4, 2024, at 6pm. The meeting is In Person only but will be streamed via Facebook for archival purposes. Attendance on Facebook does not qualify for voting. The meeting will be held in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club cafeteria, across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. You can access the meeting from the front door on Byron Street or from the rear door on Wordsworth Street, which is the handicap entry, to avoid the stairs. We also have an elevator available from the front door. Since we are indoors, masks are optional for those in attendance.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en 4 de noviembre a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Facebook. La asistencia en Facebook no califica para vota. Llega a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado

de Brooke Charter School. Pueda usar la entrada principal por la calle Byron o la entrada en calle de Wordsworth. La entrada de calle Wordsworth no tiene escaleras por personas con discapacidades. El cubre bocas sera opcional puesto que estaremos adentro.

Agenda
Welcome/Introduction (5min)

ONS Roberto Gomez (5min) Neighborhood announcements.

Announcements (5min) Greenway Council, Tree Eastie, Eastie Farm, Shred Day at Rockland Trust Bank on November 2, 2024, 9am-12. Annual Pasta Dinner at Salesians to benefit the Boys and Girls Club, Friday, November 22, 2024, 6pm-8pm, tickets are \$10. Please remember that Tuesday, November 5, is election day, get out and VOTE! Boston Scores has an Open Field on Friday's 10am-1pm through November. Come and enjoy this spectacular addition to the neighborhood and community, walking, playing on the field or the play structures. Veterans Day is November 11, 2024, remember all of our veterans.

Station 7 Police Report (15min) Captain Bickerton, Sgt. Cintolo, Officers Mosley, Alvarez and Figueroa.

Italian Heritage Block Party (5min) Barbara Puopolo and Steve Scire (Carlo's) and Salesians would like to thank all the sponsors, volunteers, workers and you the guests that came and enjoyed yourselves with plenty of food, entertainment and friendship. Despite the weather, it was a fun time for all. Paul Capurso won the Celtics tickets. Tom Tassinari won the 50/50 raffle. C. Lawrence and Salesians won a Little Asia Gift Card. Jack Vernarelli won the Shaw's gift card

and Leighanne Strangie won the Boston College Hockey tickets. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this event a success.

Halloween House Decorating Contest (5min) The annual contest to help neighbors get in the spirit of the season. 1st Prize \$100, 2nd Prize \$50, and 3rd Prize \$25. The WINNERS will be announced at the meeting.

Emergency Management (20min) Kyron Owens, Emergency Management Director with the City of Boston Office of Emergency Management. He will speak about emergency preparedness.

McLean Park (5min) Barbara Puopolo will update us on the Community Preservation Act application. Request for members to sign the petition in support of the funding for the restoration of the walls.

Board discussion of the Holiday, Christmas Party plans and Italian Heritage, Columbus Day Parade.

638 Bennington Street (5min) The discussion will focus on the status of

the proposed bar/restaurant in the neighborhood. Eva Jones, ONS, has held two abutter meetings on this project. Attorney Ken Levin has asked to present at our HVNA meeting on December 2, 2024. If this presentation occurs, then the next step is for them to go before the Licensing Board and the Zoning Board.

The Board would like to wish all our members and their families a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on December 2, 2024. Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna> or check our website at harborvieweastboston.com or board@harborviewna.org

ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN FOR MASSACHUSETTS HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing

and Livable Communities announced that the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) enrollment period for the 2024-2025 winter heating season will open on October 1. This critical program provides financial relief to eligible households to help them pay their winter heating bills, ensuring they can keep their homes safe and warm during the colder months.

HEAP is a free, state-wide resource that assists eligible renters and homeowners by paying a portion of their winter heating bills directly to their heating companies. Starting Oct.1, homeowners and renters can apply online or through local administering agencies across the state. The assistance period runs from Nov. 1, 2024, to April 30, 2025. HEAP offers grants that do not need to be repaid; however, households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify.

"No resident should have to worry about heating their home during the winter," said Secretary

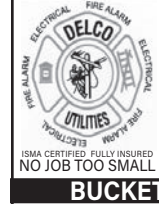
of Housing and Livable Communities Ed Augustus. "With high costs continuing to strain household finances, the Home Energy Assistance Program is more critical than ever. We urge anyone in need of heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. Please share this valuable information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this support during the colder months."

Eligibility is determined by several factors, including household size and the combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households, including those with the cost of heat included in the rent, can receive assistance for all heating sources, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal. Households do not need to be on public assistance or have unpaid heating bills to qualify.

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Homes are sold by lottery. Only qualified applicants may enter. The properties are deed-restricted; owner-occupancy requirements apply. Income and asset limitations apply. **Requirements:** First time homebuyers. Homebuyers will need to complete an approved homebuyer education course prior to closing. **Preferences:** Boston Residency preference. Preference for one (1) person per bedroom. Income limits for qualified buyers are 80% and 100% Area Median Income Limits based on HUD data that was refined and calculated by MHP and the City of Boston. **Please note:** Persons with disabilities and those with limited English language proficiency are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation.

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