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### ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR IN EAST BOSTON



Children from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center serenaded the Enchanted Trolley Tour as it arrives. See Pages 4 - 6 for more photos.

The Enchanted Trolley Tour made its final stop this season in East Boston's Maverick Square. Santa and Mrs Claus were joined by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and other guests to light up the holiday tree and bring the holiday spirit to welcoming Bostonians.



Scarlet Rosas is happy to meet Mrs. Claus and Santa. DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

### BPDA Board approves Addison Street project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.  
At its meeting last week, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board approved a project bringing several units to 99-105 Addison Street.  
As explained by Zoe Schutte, a project assistant in the Planning Department, the project includes constructing a four-story building containing 20 units, 10 parking spaces, and 22 bike spaces.  
Ella Wise, a senior planner, noted that the project

is located in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-4 zoning subdistrict. Moreover, she indicated that part of the site is located in the Coastal Flood Resilience Overlay District (CFROD).  
"The proposed project has elected to fully comply with the provisions of Article 25A, which governs coastal flood resilience," said Wise.  
"Specifically, what that means is all residential  
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### City hosts rodent control webinar

By Michael Coughlin Jr.  
Last week, the city hosted a webinar in which representatives from the Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and Waste Reduction team discussed rodent control and how it starts with residents.  
John Ulrich, the assistant commissioner of environmental services at ISD, initially spoke about what the division does regarding pest management.  
First, Ulrich explained they use an integrated pest management program to keep populations low and have controls in place to reduce reliance on rodenticides.  
Moreover, he spoke about the outreach that is conducted for environmental sanitation. "We allow neighbors to point to the issues that they're dealing with," said Ulrich,

who indicated that an inspector responds to 311 complaints within 24-48 hours.  
Ulrich expanded on what the response by an inspector looks like in that they are looking for the cause of a rodent issue. "It's mainly driven by food, but food, water, and shelter is what we're looking for," he said.  
Later, Ulrich described issues that lead to more rodent activity, such as feeding birds and neglecting to pick up dog waste, and noted that dumpsters and trash were the primary food source for rodents in the city.  
To combat rodent activity, Ulrich emphasized that it is essential to store trash properly. "[Make] sure your barrels have covers,  
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### Wu celebrates hundreds of first-time homebuyers

Special to the Times-Free Press  
Mayor Michelle Wu today joined the Office of Housing's Boston Home Center, the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), and hundreds of new homeowners to celebrate a milestone in Boston's efforts to expand homeownership opportunities. In 2024, the Boston Home Center helped 235 households achieve their dream of owning a home. Since the start of Mayor Wu's administration, the City



Mayor Michelle Wu is thanked by a first-time homebuyer who was able to purchase a home with support from the City's program. MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JOHN WILCOX

home for everyone.  
"The Boston Home Center has empowered residents to navigate the home-buying process and secured their future as homeowners," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm thrilled to celebrate these new homeowners and the transformative impact of the City of Boston's home buying programs in building generational wealth and equity across our city. My deepest thanks to the Boston Home Center and its partners for their commitment to expanding opportunities for all."  
Of the 678 residents who have become homeowners through the City's home buying programs since Mayor Wu took office, 197 people received support through the financial assistance program and 481 people participated in the ONE+Boston mortgage buy down program to secure lower interest rates. Altogether, the City provided over \$16.8 mil-

of Boston has helped 678 residents become homeowners through its home-buying programs. Homeownership is a critical part of assisting residents in building wealth and countering displacement, embodying Mayor Wu's vision to make Boston a

### 'Harboring Creativity' exhibit and sale by the East Boston Artists Group a huge success

Special to the Times-Free Press  
The East Boston Artists Group recently held its Second Annual "Harboring Creativity" Exhibit and Sale, partnering with the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) Watershed located in in the East Boston Shipyard and Marina. With the generous assistance of the ICA staff, local sponsors, and ZUMIX, nearly 50 artists who live, work and create in East Boston showcased and sold their art in the spacious renovated industrial space on the neighbor-

hood's waterfront. 15 of the artists were new participants this year.  
This was a great opportunity for artists to share their art with the neighborhood. It also allowed the community to see contemporary work being made in their own backyard. The art featured was compelling and diverse, and included paintings, mixed media, photography, fiber arts, graphic design, sculpture, collage, printmaking, jewelry and more. Also featured at the Watershed  
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## CHRISTMAS IS FAST APPROACHING, BUT THERE'S STILL TIME TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just a week away. We realize that the compressed holiday shopping season has put even more pressure than usual on all of us, but we hope that all of our readers can find the time to remember those in need this holiday season.

The stock market may be booming and unemployment may be near an all-time low, but there was the depressing news this past week that homelessness among Americans once again has increased in the past year and millions of American children (1 in 8) face food insecurity on a regular basis.

The cold, harsh reality for many Americans in 2024 is that the promise of benefitting from a booming economy still is only a dream, where even those who are lucky enough to work full-time are barely getting by thanks to the crushingly-high cost of housing.

And for those who cannot find a job, or who are unable to work -- and especially for their children -- the holiday joy that most of us take for granted is just an illusion.

We recognize that in our hurry-hurry world where we barely have time to think, the Christmas season brings with it the onslaught of last-minute shopping and holiday preparations. But we urge all of our readers who have the means to do so to take a brief "time-out" in order to consider doing something to make the holiday season a bit brighter for those who are less fortunate.

We can assure our readers that any gift of charity that we make, whether it be to a Toys for Tots program or to a Salvation Army Santa (the Salvation Army provided services to 27 million Americans last year) or a food bank donation, will be the most meaningful -- and most satisfying -- act that we can make this holiday season.

## THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE STARTED 80 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 80 years ago this week that the final big battle of WWII in Western Europe -- the Battle of the Bulge -- got underway.

In brief, the Battle of the Bulge marked a last-ditch counter-offensive by the German Army against the U.S. and its allies as the allies advanced through Belgium and toward Germany. The German attack, which caught the Americans by surprise, earned its name from the "bulge" that the sudden German thrust created in the middle of the American line in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium.

The battle was immortalized in the 1965 movie, *The Battle of the Bulge*, and then 40 years later in the great HBO series *Band of Brothers*, which followed the exploits of E Company of the fabled 101st Airborne Division, including its crucial role in the defense of the Belgian town of Bastogne where General Anthony McAuliffe uttered the famous, one-word declaration word, "Nuts!" in response to a demand for him to surrender from the German commander who had surrounded the Americans. The 101st Airborne hung on, against all odds and a militarily-superior enemy, stalling the German offensive until General George Patton arrived with reinforcements.

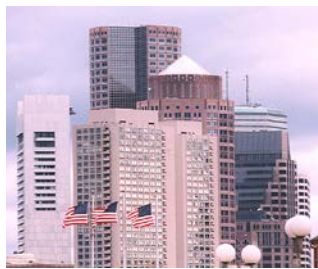
Soldiers fought in brutal winter conditions against a ruthless German enemy that literally was taking no prisoners -- the Nazis executed hundreds of captured American soldiers during the engagement. Altogether, the U.S. Army lost approximately 19,000 men and suffered 75,000 total casualties in what became the United States' deadliest single World War II battle, which extended from December 16, 1944, to January 16, 1945. When the battle was over, so too for all intents and purposes were the Germans, whose surrender occurred less than four months later.

The reason we wish to make note of this epic battle is because in some of our sister newspapers, we write a weekly "Through the Years" column. In our Revere newspaper, it was noted that seven Revere families were notified this week 80 years ago that their sons, husbands, and fathers had been killed in action.

We today can only imagine the profound and deep sense of grief and sadness that enveloped entire communities all across the country as the telegrams from the War Department were delivered by the thousands to families informing them of the loss of their loved ones over those terrible four weeks.

In addition, it occurred to us that so few of the Greatest Generation, including our own uncles and fathers who served in that war, are still alive today. All of the members of Easy Company have passed away.

We do so in hopes of acknowledging the debt we owe to the brave soldiers who gave their lives in the forests and on the fields of Belgium 80 years ago, with the hope that we might fulfill the sentiments expressed by Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address: "...that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."



# Forum

## Barry Berman receives prestigious Dr. Herbert Shore 'Award of Honor'



Staff and residents at the Leonard Florence Center as Barry Berman accepts AJAS Award.

Barry Berman, CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, an affiliate of Legacy Lifecare, recently received the notable 2025 Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor from the Association of Jewish Aging Services (AJAS). This is the highest award given by AJAS. It is presented to the outstanding executive professional who best exemplifies the goals and ideals of AJAS as well as service to older adults and severely disabled individuals.

Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee and past recipient of the award, drove to Chelsea from Montreal to surprise Barry with the award. Berman was sitting in the lobby of the Leonard Florence Center with Ruth Katz, President & CEO of AJAS, when Karen suddenly appeared and announced that Barry was this year's Award of Honor recipient. Karen was surrounded by Chelsea Jewish Lifecare staff, residents and Barry's family members.

"I am surprised and overwhelmed with gratitude," said Berman immediately after Karen presented him with the award. "I have known about the AJAS Award of Honor throughout my entire career, but I never imagined I would be the recipient of this important honor. The fact that my peers are the ones who voted for me means more than I can say."

Barry Berman has devoted his career to building the long-term care community in Chelsea and surrounding areas by developing innovative models of care. He has been the CEO of Chelsea Jewish Lifecare for 47 years. Mr. Berman is a past board member of the Chelsea Soldier's Home and has served on the Massachu-

setts Governor's Council of Assisted Living, as well as on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Assisted Living Facilities Association, the Massachusetts Aging Services Association, LeadingAge Massachusetts and the ALS Association Massachusetts Chapter.

"I was so happy to be with everyone at Chelsea Jewish Lifecare to honor Barry where he 'lives,' said Flam. "Barry exemplifies what it is to lead with a heart and a brain. He so deserves this recognition!"

Berman is also a past recipient of the "Leaders of Tomorrow" award from McKnight's Long Term Care News, the "Award of Honor" from LeadingAge for his work in expanding the world of possibilities for aging services and the "Changemaker Award" from the Center for Innovation.

"Barry demonstrates for all of us -- every day -- that it is possible to bring mission, vision, and humanity together to always do the best for residents," said Ruth Katz. "He supports residents in living their best lives. The Dr. Herbert Shore Award of Honor is AJAS's most prestigious award and we are thrilled to present it to Barry Berman. It is an honor to count Barry and Chelsea Jewish Lifecare among our members."

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare is redefining senior care and re-envisioning what life should be like for those living with disabling conditions. The elder-care community includes a wide array of skilled and short-term rehab residences, ALS, MS and ventilator dependent specialized care residences, traditional and specialized assisted living options, memory care, independent



Shown (left to right) are Betsy Mullen, COO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, Karen Flam, Chair of the AJAS Awards Committee, Barry Berman CEO Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, Ruth Katz, President & CEO AJAS.

living, adult day health, and homecare and hospice agencies that deliver customized and compassionate care.

About Legacy Lifecare Legacy Lifecare Inc. is a nonprofit management resources collaborative that provides small-to-mid-sized organizations with the infrastructure needed to succeed in today's complex senior care environment. In addition to JGS Lifecare, other affiliates include Chelsea Jewish Lifecare of Chelsea and Peabody, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Jamaica Plain, Elizabeth Seton Residence and Marillac Residence of Wellesley, Armenian Nursing and Rehabilita-

tion Center of Jamaica Plain, Stone Rehabilitation & Senior Living of Newton and Saint Joseph Living Center of Windham, CT.

AJAS is a non-profit that promotes and supports elder services in the context of Jewish values through education, professional development, advocacy and community relationships. It is governed by a voluntary board of directors, representing Jewish aging services organizations throughout North America. The organization's Jewish providers work together to provide the best quality care to elders throughout North America.

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tight-fitting lids, that they don't have holes in them or cracks," he said.

Sanitation inside and outside a home was described as the most important step to prevent rodent infestations. For example, Ulrich spoke about the importance of not leaving food out and general maintenance like vacuuming.

Securing the correct amount of storage barrels for a particular household was also stressed. "If you have two barrels with covers and then you put out four trash bags, you're missing the point, and you're still contributing to rodent activity," said Ulrich.

Other critical measures to prevent rodents discussed included not leaving pet food outside, discarding unwanted items like furniture that might be cluttered, and performing regular yard maintenance like mowing the lawn.

As the presentation continued, Ulrich provided tips on ensuring that rodents do not enter homes.

For example, he discussed repointing masonry, such as foundations, and sealing cracks and gaps above ground level.

As for what methods the environmental services division uses for rodent control, Ulrich described a couple.

One method is putting two pounds of dry ice in holes. While Ulrich said it was effective and helped reduce the reliance on rodenticides, he indicated they had used it less recently.

Another method is using a Burrow RX machine. "A Burrow RX machine is a machine that uses carbon monoxide to pump into the burrows and kills the rat inside the burrows," said Ulrich.

"There's no risk of secondary poisoning with rodenticide, and it's very effective."

After Ulrich provided an overview of rodent control requirements for construction sites and the city's site cleanliness ordinance, Dennis Roache, the city's superintendent of waste reduction, took the floor.

After providing an overview of the waste reduction team, Roache explained why Boston is a "perfect storm city" for rats.

First, Roache discussed the city's age. It has 150-year-old sewer systems, alleys, and street corners that are rat-friendly, as well as densely populated neighborhoods.

He also pointed out that the city does not have containerization rules on trash day. "This basically leads to a free dinner buffet," said Roache.

To combat rodent is-

ues, Roache recommends that residents always store trash in rodent-proof bins. He also noted that the city is looking at what New York is doing regarding requiring containerization.

Roache also reemphasized other strategies that were presented by Ulrich, such as maintaining cleanliness and sealing cracks around homes.

Residents of buildings with six or fewer units were also urged to sign up for the city's free food waste collection program.

"It's a way to separate your food waste into a container," said Roache. "You can separate your food waste out of your trash and keep rats off of your property."

For more information and to sign up for the food waste collection program, visit <https://www.boston-composts.com/>.

Tips for bigger buildings were also provided, such as offering educational programs for residents, dropping food waste off at free Project Oscar Bins, using a commercial trash service, and more.

For more information about Project Oscar Bins and their locations, visit <https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/project-oscar>.

To close out the presentation, Ulrich provided more information about the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), which he described as a "new initiative to reduce rodent population across the City of Boston."

The plan, which involves numerous city agencies, was accompanied by a report from Dr. Bobby Corrigan, an urban rodentologist who made recommendations that fall into six categories: coordination, trash management, data and technology, community engagement, integrated pest management, and sanitation.

For example, some of these recommendations call for improved communication between city departments, policy improvements for trash storage and collection, communication with residents about how their behavior impacts rodents, and much more.

Finally, Ulrich discussed enacting pilot programs in neighborhoods with the goal of scaling them citywide. These pilots include marketing and education campaigns, litter basket improvements, and more in neighborhoods such as Dorchester, the North End, Roxbury, and others.

To learn more about the city's plan for rodents and how you can help combat the issue, view the webinar in its entirety at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3Q3JsTROCE>.



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JOHN WILCOX

More than 230 Boston residents who purchased homes this year with support from the City's first-time homebuyer program. Shown are some of the residents gathered around Mayor Michelle Wu.

# Homebuyers // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

lion in down payment and closing cost assistance, averaging about \$24,800 per household, and over \$7.4 million in interest rate subsidies. These programs have been critical to increasing homeownership in Boston.

"Each new homeowner represents a step toward a more equitable Boston, where families can build stability, wealth, and a deeper connection to their neighborhoods," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "I'm proud of the incredible work done by the Boston Home Center and our partners, and we look forward to helping even more residents achieve their homeownership goals in the years to come."

In 2024, homebuyers assisted by the City of Boston's programs purchased homes across many neighborhoods. Most homes were purchased in

Dorchester totaling 49, followed by Roxbury with 37, Hyde Park with 30, and Mattapan with 27. Other neighborhoods where residents bought homes include East Boston (16), South Boston (17), Jamaica Plain (9), Roslindale (10), West Roxbury (10), and Brighton (12), Allston (3), Charlestown (3), Back Bay/Beacon Hill (3), Fenway/Kenmore (2), the South End (6), and the Leather District (1).

Since it was launched in November 2022 with an initial \$2 million investment, the Boston Housing Authority's (BHA) First Home Program has helped more than 39 BHA residents become homeowners. The program offers up to \$75,000 in enhanced down payment assistance to eligible families in public housing, making homeownership more accessible. In September, Mayor Wu announced

an additional \$3 million in ARPA funding for the BHA First Home Program. This funding will ensure continued support for down payment assistance through 2026, helping an estimated 57 more BHA families purchase homes in Boston.

"The BHA First Home Program has been an incredible example of how creative city investments can transform lives and empower people to achieve beyond their wildest dreams," said Boston Housing Authority Administrator Kenzie Bok. "Every single family that has used this program has struggled with housing insecurity, and thanks to Mayor Wu's investment, they have come out the other side as homeowners. This is how we help families build wealth and break the cycle of intergenerational poverty."

In addition to finan-

cial resources, the Boston Home Center also provides home-buying classes, workshops, and seminars tailored to first-time buyers. In 2024, hundreds of participants attended these programs, receiving guidance that helped many take the critical steps toward purchasing a home.

At the Homeowner Holiday Celebration, Mayor Wu reminded attendees that the Center's services extend far beyond the initial home-buying process. Homeowners can continue to access assistance for repairs and other challenges through the Boston Home Center, ensuring long-term success in their homeownership journey. For more information, visit the Boston Home Center's website or call 617-635-HOME (4663).

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was "Open Your Hearts", a deeply moving short documentary about a group of young people who embark on a creative, yearlong research and performance project about immigrant stories. The documentary was produced by Mindy Fried and Hoopla Productions in conjunction with ZUMIX, one of East Boston's finest youth programs. It was also an official selection of the Roxbury International Film Festival. Fried and some of the young participants led a panel discussion following a scheduled showing of the documentary. East Boston Artist Group members Alberto Roblest, and Charlene Liska shared videos as well, "Multiple Exposure" and "Ode to Jack Kerouac", experimental films by Roblest, and "Off the Grid", a true story of a 14-year adventure in the wilderness by a person who had epilepsy, by Liska with Bart Higgins.

The event was a great success; over 600 visitors

attended daily. The first evening a reception with refreshments was held that allowed artists to mix with both long-term and newer residents, as well as visitors who traveled to East Boston for the show. Since the inaugural "Harboring Creativity" event, the East Boston Artists Group has been growing somewhat dramatically as many new residents are also artists. Along with other dynamic arts and cultural groups in East Boston, EBAG has contributed to the community becoming a magnet for art and culture lovers, promising additional exciting and colorful events during the year.

Mounting a show the scale of "Harboring Creativity" could not have been done without the ICA, Fusco & Four/Boston Design Week, the East Boston Foundation, The Boston Harbor Shipyard & Marina, ZUMIX, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the many local businesses, corpora-

tions and individuals who provided the necessary financial support. EBAG received a "Festivals and Projects" grant from the MCC to help with the expenses of this event. MA State Representative Adrian Madaro said, "The East Boston Artists' Group has played a pivotal role in supporting creatives and giving them a platform to display their works within the broader East Boston community. I'm delighted to see that they've received a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which is committed to helping cultural organizations like this one grow and engage more people in our communities in the arts." Also weighing in on the MCC grant was MA State Senator Lydia Edwards, who said, "The East Boston Artists Group (EBAG) is an organization that supports local artists, and I'm so proud of the work they do in East Boston. Congratulations on this well-deserved Event &

Projects Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council."

All the generous sponsors, including elected officials, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, MA State Senator Lydia Edwards, MA State Representative Adrian Madaro, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata, and Boston City Council President Ruthzee Louijeune, were acknowledged and presented with Thank-You Certificates and small gifts, including greeting cards featuring the art of over 20 EBAG members. (\*These cards are available for purchase at \$20 per set of 10; some sets have a 'surprise' 11th card, featuring a mural by HarborArts artists Silvia Lopez-Chavez and Felipe Ortiz. Please contact EBAG through their website: [www.eastbostonartistsgroup.com](http://www.eastbostonartistsgroup.com) for more information.)

"Harboring Creativity" will return to the ICA Watershed during Veterans Day Weekend of 2025!

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# ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR IN EAST BOSTON'S MAVERICK SQUARE

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Enchanted Trolley Tour made its final stop this season in East Boston's Maverick Square. Santa and Mrs Claus were joined by Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, City Councilors Sharon Durkan,

Henry Santana, and Erin Murphy, Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro, 94.1 DJ Fast Freddy Murphy, and other guests to light up the holiday tree and bring the holiday spirit and welcoming Bostonians.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Executive Director Greg Wilmot speaks.



Mrs. Claus and Santa take the stage with 94.1 DJ Fast Freddy Murphy and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu to light up the holiday tree.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and Massachusetts State Rep. Adrian Madaro with Bono Restaurant owner Margarita Rosas, chef Pedro Granavo, owner Fernando Rosas, and East Boston Main Street Director Miguel Vargas



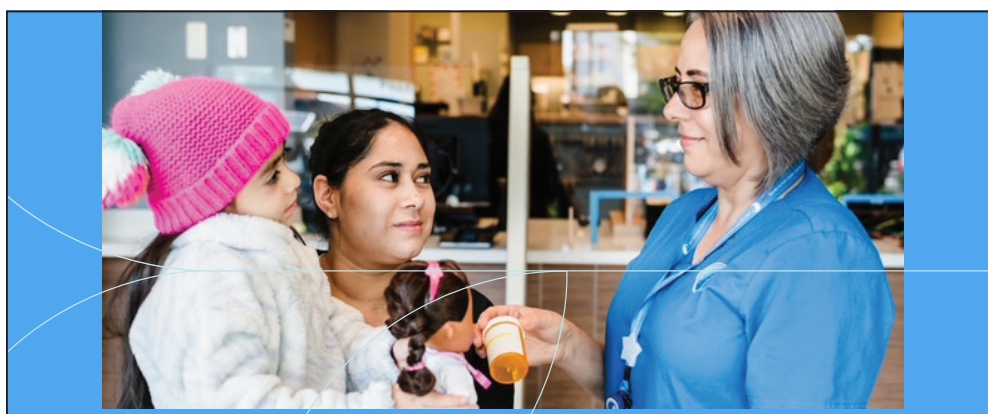
Maverick Square was filled with children young and old waiting for Santa and Mrs. Claus.



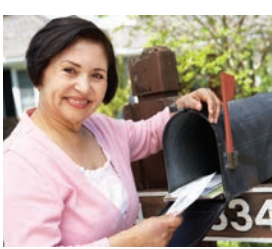
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu speaks.



The children are excited for Santa and Mrs. Claus.



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  - Wharf District
  - North End
  - Roxbury
  - South End
  - West End

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  - Jamaica Plain
  - Mattapan
  - Roslindale
  - South Boston
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Massachusetts State Rep. Adrian Madaro speaks.



Boston City Councilor Henry Santana speaks.



Aubrey Hartnett with kids Leo, Aixa, and Roya were happy to meet Mrs Claus and Santa.



Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan speaks.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu serves up some holiday cake made by Bono Restaurant on Meridian Street.



With some help from Bono Restaurant owner Fernando Rosas, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu cuts the holiday cake made by the Meridian Street eatery for all to enjoy.



Kids Chorus singers from the Veronica Robles Cultural Center get ready to serenade the Enchanted Trolley Tour for its arrival.



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Luis and Valentina like the illuminated holiday tree in Maverick Square.

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# Flynn calls for cancellation of the White Stadium proposal

Special to the Times-Free Press

After months of opposition letters and statements during various levels of city approvals, District 2 Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn is calling on the Wu Administration to cancel the planned renovation of White Stadium in Franklin Park due to increasing concerns on fiscal responsibility, as projected costs have reportedly jumped from \$50 million to now \$91 million so far for the city. These fiscal issues are in addition to previous concerns highlighted by residents - including lack of a thorough community process, the use of public land for private organizations, and now the practicality of two professional soccer stadiums in close proximity with the New England Revolution 24,000 seat proposal in Everett, as well as other suitable options available.

Residents and organizations across the city have expressed concerns on the lack of a genuine public process that left many neighbors feeling unheard when it came to rapidly rising projections and the city's finances, reports of the ability to renovate White Stadium at a projected \$20 million for student athletes

and residents, as well as displacement of students and the general public for 20 games and 20 practices annually during warmer months. Many neighbors also expressed that they were not taken seriously on quality of life issues like traffic and congestion, available parking, trash removal, and public safety. Moreover, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy reported that 140 trees would need to be cut down for the project, as well as paving over acres of grass to accommodate the construction.

From the outset, Councilor Flynn repeatedly took issue with the initial investment projected at \$50 million, and expressed concerns that the project appeared tone deaf - especially at a time when the Administration, the City Council, the Massachusetts State House, concerned residents and businesses have spent the better part of a year debating our budget and a property tax shift in the face of reports on falling commercial property values. For months, Councilor Flynn repeatedly warned that figure could easily inflate with higher cost overruns. Last month, city officials revealed at the Public Facilities Commission that

the White Stadium Project is now projected to cost residents and taxpayers \$91 million. Mayor Wu publicly stated last week that, "We are going to pay our half of the Stadium, no matter what it costs."

Councilor Flynn previously made his opposition known at both the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Commission in August and at the Boston School Committee in September, where he highlighted the need for additional community process as well as further discussion when it comes to proposals on the privatization of public space.

Beyond concerns on fiscal issues and public space, residents across the city have conveyed the need to discuss alternatives for the city to consider. There has been considerable public discussion now regarding the practicality of an agreement to potentially share a new soccer stadium in Everett between the New England Revolution and a National Women's Soccer League team, currently BOS Nation Football Club, like other major cities across the country. Portland, Oregon, and New York City have shared men and women's soccer stadiums. Finding a way to merge

these proposals would also leave room to renovate White Stadium with a more responsible budget and significant upgrades for BPS students and residents. Moreover, Boston is rich with other opportunities that could support a professional women's soccer team, like Fenway Park and other premier stadium options at our colleges and universities.

"Prior to these latest reports that the White Stadium project will now cost the city \$91 million, I have repeatedly called for a genuine community process. Residents did not feel that they were taken seriously when it came to the cost for the city, other available options, the use of public property, or quality of life and environmental issues," said Councilor Flynn. "We should cancel this proposal immediately and work together with residents and stakeholders across the city to provide the best option not only for our city and supporting a professional women's soccer team, but one that incorporates the voice of our residents and student athletes as well."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### ANNUAL EAST BOSTON HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce participated in the annual East Boston Holiday Bazaar hosted by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center at the ICA Watershed on Marginal Street in East Boston on Sunday, 12/15/24. The event was a well attended

success and included music, singing, and dancing of the season, vendors and artists with holiday gifts for purchase and food and beverages. There were also artist tables set up for kids to make their own art for gifts and holiday decorations. Santa was on hand to take children's wish lists and offered a photo opportunity for everyone who attended.

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uses are elevated two feet above the sea level rise base flood elevation."

Following Wise's description of how the project aligns with zoning regulations, Attorney Richard Lynds briefly discussed the project.

Lynds thanked the planning staff and spoke about how the project had moved forward efficiently in that it went before the BPDA Board in a little more than six months since its first small project review pre-file meeting.

"This area of East Boston, which is in the Harbor View neighborhood, is the portion of Addison Street that has seen a good amount of investment and development over the past few years and the changes to the zoning, which helped make this project a little more predictable for us was something that we really worked closely with, with staff, and we feel represents yet another fully zoning compliant project for the community," said Lynds.

Following Lynds' statements, Monte French, the project architect, briefly outlined the project. French discussed facets of the project that were included to comply with the city's complete street guidelines, such as the inclusion of two new street trees, new bike posts, and a new curb cut.

French also reviewed the building elevations. It should be noted that the elevations appear to show the building as five stories; however, Lynds had indicated in previous meetings that since the building is in the CFROD, height is measured from design elevation rather than grade, and the bottom level is considered ground level rather than the first story, meaning that it is referred to as a CFROD-compliant four-story building.

After French had gone

through other aspects of the project and reviewed some renderings, it was time for questions from the board.

Board Member Kate Bennett asked about the size of the units, and French said there would be a mix of one- and two-bedroom units. More specifically, a press release on the Planning Department's website announcing the project's approval indicates that the building will have four one-bedroom units and 16 two-bedroom units.

Priscilla Rojas, the Board's chair, asked about a monetary contribution that will be made to Tree Eastie as part of the project.

Tree Eastie is a local non-profit focused on strengthening East Boston's tree canopy, which is the lowest in the city.

"It's a non-profit that has generated a lot of interest and worked very closely with the development community," said Lynds.

"So one of the things that we look at as we eliminate some of the tree canopy... is to replace that in kind through a contribution or additional trees, whether those are street trees or trees on-site," he said.

"So we've estimated the value at about \$17,000 for replacement of trees that may be removed from the site, and we'll make that contribution to Tree Eastie."

Ultimately, the Board unanimously approved the project after Rojas complimented the Planning Department on the speed with which it was evaluated.

To watch the Board meeting in its entirety, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VViywZzdZIA>.

## Winter Sports Season begins for East Boston High School

As we go to press this week, the Jets will open the season with a girls basketball game vs Muniz Academy on Tuesday, December 17 at the home court; the boys will begin the season with a home game on Wednesday, De-

ember 18 against Norwell. Headcoach for the boys is Tryone Figueroa. A 2008 graduate of East Boston High School, Mr. Figueroa was a star athlete on the basketball and football team and currently teaches math at the school.

The boys had a nice season last year ending at 16-7. The season ended in round two of the tournament with a three point loss to Norwell by a score of 49-46. The girls are led by Jason Harris and certainly hope to improve on

last years' record of 1-16. The boys hockey team is lead by Coach Patrick McGoff and will open the season on Wednesday, December 18 taking on Blue Hills Regional.

East Boston Boys Basketball; Boston/North; Division 3		
F	12/13	Durfee postponed
W	12/18	Norwell (H)
Sat	12/21	Barnstable (H)
F	12/27	Revere
Sat	12/28	TBA (Revere)
Sat	01/04	Manchester-Essex (H)
M	01/06	O'Bryant
W	01/08	Madison Park (H)
Th	01/09	Everett (H)
T	01/14	Latin Academy
Th	01/16	Charlestown (H)
Sat	01/18	Oakmont
T	01/21	Tech Boston
W	01/22	Winthrop
Th	01/23	O'Bryant (H)
M	01/27	Madison Park
W	01/29	Latin Academy (H)
Sat	02/01	Wakefield (H)
T	02/04	Charlestown
W	02/05	Winthrop (H)
Th	02/06	Tech Boston (H)
M	02/10	St. Mary, Lynn
W	02/12	Chelsea (H)

W	01/08	Madison Park
F	01/10	Excel Charter East Boston
T	01/14	Latin Academy
Th	01/16	Charlestown
T	01/21	Tech Boston (H)
Th	01/23	O'Bryant
M	01/27	Madison Park (H)
W	01/29	Latin Academy
Th	01/30	Snowden
T	02/04	Charlestown (H)
Th	02/06	Tech Boston
T	02/11	Muniz

East Boston Hockey		
W	12/18	Blue Hills Regional
Th	12/26	Lowell (H)
F	12/27	Tourney
Sat	01/04	Minuteman
W	01/08	Everett (H)
Sat	01/11	Bridgewater-Raynham
W	01/15	Quincy (H)
Sat	01/18	Leominster
W	01/22	Leominster
Sat	01/25	Keefe Tech
W	01/29	Lynn
Sat	02/01	Chicopee
Th	02/05	Blue Hills (H)
Sat	02/08	Chicopee (H)
W	02/12	TBA
Sat	02/15	Keefe Tech
T	02/18	Holliston

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROJECT

Saratoga Street Shoreline Restoration Project  
LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

PROPOSER: Massachusetts Port Authority(Massport)  
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before January 15, 2025. This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA," M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62L). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from: Fiona Vardy (Foth): [fiona.vardy@foth.com](mailto:fiona.vardy@foth.com); (401) 910-7720, or Chris Busch (Massport): [cbusch@massport.com](mailto:cbusch@massport.com); (617) 568-3524

Electronic copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Boston, Massachusetts (Municipality). The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, receive public comments on the project, and then decide if an Environmental Impact Report is required. A site visit and/or remote consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit and/or remote consultation session, should email [MEPA@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA@mass.gov) or the MEPA analyst listed in the Environmental Monitor. Requests for language translation or other accommodations should be directed to the same email address. Mail correspondence should be directed to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.  
By:Massachusetts Port Authority

### AVISO PÚBLICO DE REVISIÓN AMBIENTAL

Proyecto de restauración de la costa de Saratoga Street  
URBICACIÓN: Boston, Massachusetts

PROPOSITOR:Massachusetts Port Authority(Massport)  
El abajo firmante presentará un formulario de notificación ambiental ("ENF") al Secretario de Energía y Asuntos Ambientales el día 15 de enero de 2025 o antes. Esto iniciará la revisión del proyecto anterior en conformidad con la Ley de Política Ambiental de Massachusetts ("MEPA", Ley General de Massachusetts [M.G.L.], capítulo 30, secciones 61-62L). Se pueden obtener copias del ENF en: Fiona Vardy (Foth): [fiona.vardy@foth.com](mailto:fiona.vardy@foth.com); (401) 910-7720, o Chris Busch (Massport): [cbusch@massport.com](mailto:cbusch@massport.com); (617) 568-3524

También se enviarán copias electrónicas del ENF a la Comisión de Conservación y la Junta de Planificación de Boston, Massachusetts (Municipio). El Secretario de Energía y Asuntos Ambientales publicará un aviso del ENF en Environmental Monitor, recibirá comentarios públicos sobre el proyecto y luego decidirá si se requiere un informe de impacto ambiental. También se puede programar una visita al sitio o una sesión de consulta remota sobre el proyecto. Todas las personas que deseen hacer comentarios sobre el proyecto, o ser notificados de una visita al sitio o una sesión de consulta remota, deben enviar un correo electrónico a [MEPA@mass.gov](mailto:MEPA@mass.gov) o al analista de MEPA que figura en Environmental Monitor. Las solicitudes de traducción de idiomas u otras adaptaciones deben enviarse a la misma dirección de correo electrónico. La correspondencia por correo debe dirigirse a Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, haciendo referencia al proyecto anterior. Por: Massachusetts Port



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## OBITUARIES

### Patricia Daly

July 27, 1951 ~ November 17, 2024

Patricia (Macrina) Daly, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2024, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on July 27, 1951, Patricia, known as Patty, grew up in East Boston, where she formed lifelong bonds with her friends and community. Family was her greatest joy and she cherished every moment spent with her loved ones.

Patricia is survived by her devoted husband, Jim, of Winthrop; her son, Brandon, and his wife, Jessica, of Boynton Beach, FL; and her daughter, Lauren, and her husband, Jeremy Taylor, of Stoneham. She was a proud and loving grandmother to Devon, Piper, Samuel, William, and Ella, who were the light of her life.

She is also survived by her siblings: Richard and his wife, Janet, of North Reading; Joseph and his wife, Diane, of Gray, ME; Marsha and her husband,



David DiCesare, of East Boston; and Michael of East Boston. Additionally, she leaves behind her sister-in-law, Valerie and her husband, Richard Morgan, of Swampscott, along with numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her parents, Dominic and Martha Macrina of East Boston.

Patricia will be remembered for her strong spirit, her incredible talent for bringing people together through food, and the beautiful way she made everyone around her feel valued and loved.

A celebration of Patricia's life will be held in the spring to honor her memory and the beautiful legacy she leaves behind.

### Marie C. LeMoure

Her family was the center of her world

Marie C. (Mucci) LeMoure of Eagle Hill, East Boston, passed away peacefully on December 15, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was 87 years old.

Born on August 6, 1937, in East Boston, Marie was the devoted wife of the late Joseph LeMoure Jr. Together, they shared many cherished years of love and companionship. Marie was a proud mother to her three children: Joseph LeMoure III and his wife, Anna, Renee LeMoure and her partner; James Leggiardo and Stephen LeMoure. She was a cherished sister to Donna Marcou, Frank Mucci, and the late Lena Maggiore and Frances Pietrantonio.

Marie's love extended beyond her children, as she was an adoring grandmother to Stephen LeMoure Jr., James Masciulli Jr., Jamie LeMoure, Janae Masciulli, Cameron LeMoure, Joseph LeMoure IV, and Paul LeMoure. She was also the proud great-grandmother to Elijah, Alani, Alexander, Lyhah, and Mila, who brought her immense joy.

Marie's family was the center of her world, and she took great pride in every moment spent with them. She had a deep passion for life, enjoying travel, cruises, and bingo, as well as bowling, casino



trips, and all the fun life had to offer. Her vibrant spirit and loving nature will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Family and friends will honor Marie's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, today, Wednesday, December 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. A funeral service in celebration of Marie's life will be held today, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel of the memorial home. Marie will be laid to rest with her beloved husband, Joseph at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mass General Hospital.

Marie's legacy of love and warmth will live on through her family, and she will forever be in their hearts.

### Gina Maria Cristallo

She touched many hearts and will be remembered forever

Gina Maria (Cenca) Cristallo, 85, passed away on December 10, 2024, after a long battle with cancer, leaving behind a family legacy.

Gina was born to Francesco and Maria Cenca on March 7, 1939, in Ariano, Italy. She was the first member of the family to come back to the United States via Ellis Island. She left her husband, Guerino Cristallo and daughter, Margherita in Italy while she made the journey alone. She was welcomed with open arms by her extended New England family members. Her husband and daughter made the journey shortly thereafter along with many of her siblings, parents, and other relatives behind her.

She was employed as a seamstress in the East Boston factory, Picarello's, and then worked from home as a seamstress. She and the family owned and operated Rino's Restaurant, Derry, N.H. for a few years as well as Cafe Napoli in East Boston for over 55 years.

She settled roots with her family in East Boston. For many decades, customers and friends were all family to her. To many people she came into contact with, she was considered a mother to them, often called "Ma" or "Nonna Gina." She touched many hearts and will be remembered forever.

Gina's passion was family, customers, friends, and her garden, as she was born with a green thumb. She was the matriarch of the Cristallo family. Gina leaves behind her dear son, Anthony Cristallo of Derry, NH, her son-in-law William Edmonds of Derry, NH, her grandchildren: William F. Edmonds II of Derry, Guerino Nicholas Cristallo and Anthony William Cristallo Jr. of Somersworth NH, Kayla Buonopane of Atkinson, NH, Robert Buonopane of Revere, her sisters, Raimonda DePasquale and Rita Inglese of East Boston, her sister-in-law, Albina Grieci and husband, Dario of East Boston, her sister-in-law, Maria Cenca, her brother-in-law, Crescenzo Cristallo and his wife, Angelina of Ariano Irpino Italy, as well as a great number of nieces, nephews, and other cousins.



ins. She was predeceased by her parents Francesco and Maria Cenca of East Boston, her daughter, Margherita Cristallo Edmonds of Derry N.H., her father-in-law, Nicole Cristallo and his wife, Letizia of Ariano Irpino Italy, her sister, Giuseppina Losano and her husband, Vincenzo of Ariano Irpino Italy, her sister, Filomena Gammuto and her husband, Francesco of East Boston, her brother, Felice Cenca of Wilmington, her sister-in-law, Filomena Cristallo Inglese and husband, Carmen of Ariano Irpino Italy, her brother-in-law, Antonio Cristallo and his wife, Felicia of Sydney, Australia, her brother-in-law, Toruccio Cristallo and his wife, Roso of Latina Italy, her brothers-in-law, Agostino DePasquale and Antonio Inglese, both of East Boston.

Gina fought the battle hard. She waited for her son and told people I want to see my son. She waited for the grandchildren as well. When Gina saw her son on Friday, she said "Son" in Italian several times and then said, "take me." She also kept hugging her grandson and said "I love you" to him.

Gina worked hard for the American dream. She has gone to rest with the Lord and to be with the rest of her family. We all love her and will miss her dearly.

Family and friends gathered at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston, on Friday, December 13th. and again on Saturday morning December 14th before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life. Services concluded with Gina being laid to rest at Woodlawn Mausoleum, Everett. To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Bruno Victor Dello Iacono

January 8, 1945 ~ December 7, 2024

Bruno Victor Dello Iacono of East Boston passed away at his home on December 7, 2024 surrounded by his family while in hospice care from Care Dimensions Danvers, MA.

Born in the town and commune of Montemiletto in the province of Avellino, Campania, Italy, he was the son of the late Gennaro and Adelina (Censale) Dello Iacono, loving father of Anthony Dello Iacono and his companion, Stephanie Facchini of East Boston and Valentina Dello Iacono of East Boston; former husband to Giulia (Sirignano) Dello Iacono of East Boston; loving brother to the late Eva (Brogna) Dello Iacono of East Boston and brother to the late Valentina Dello Iacono of Montemiletto, Avellino.

Bruno came to the United States in 1963 and for forty years worked at the Boston shipyards in the area as a laborer and later worked for the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center in the facilities department and retiring from there. Throughout his work, Bruno became well known to the co-workers and staff and within the East Boston community. He was awarded and recognized as the employee of the year while employed at the EBNHC.

Bruno resided at the former Lyman School building on Gove Street where many friendships were formed and the family would also like to extend their gratitude to the



many friends he made while Bruno lived there. The family would also like to extend a special and heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Pace Program of East Boston for their devotion and care of Bruno.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Bruno's visiting hours at Rocco Salvatore & Sons Funeral, 331 Main Street, Everett, on Friday, December 13, from 9 to 10:15 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Pace Program, East Boston, MA 02128. Link and info below

There is a drop-down menu where individuals can select where to designate their funds, including Neighborhood PACE. <https://www.classy.org/give/628601#!/donation/checkout>

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### Helen M. Pellecchia

Family was always her most important gift

Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral for Helen M. (Luongo) Pellecchia to be conducted from the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach Street, Revere, today, Wednesday, December 18th beginning at 8:30 a.m. She died on Wednesday, December 11th at the Lighthouse Nursing Care Center following a brief illness. She was 92 years old. A Funeral Mass today at 10 a.m. will be celebrated in St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop immediately followed by Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Helen was a proud lifelong resident of East Boston. She was educated in Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1950.

Helen was a devoted mother of five children and she raised them with strong family values. She returned to the workforce in an administrative role for insurance companies throughout her working career.

Helen was a tremendous cook and enjoyed being with her family around her table for any occasion. In her spare time, she enjoyed going to the casinos and having fun. Family was always the most important gift to her, and she made sure they knew it.

She was the loving mother of Pamela A. Console and her husband, Thomas of Winthrop, Jean



Como and her husband John of Florida, Joseph Pellecchia his wife, Regina of Medford, Paul Pellecchia and his wife, Kelly of Winthrop and the late Peter A. Pellecchia Jr.; the cherished grandmother of eight grandchildren and great grandmother of six great grandchildren. She was the daughter of the late

Marino and Amalia Luongo; the dear sister of six late brothers and sisters: Annette Marcella, Carmella Luongo, Alfred Luongo, Grace Zuccaro, Frank Luongo and George Luongo and the long-time companion of the late Henry Saganov. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

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# OBITUARIES

## Alfonso DiPietro

Retired Member of Labor Union Local 22

Alfonso DiPietro, born October 17, 1931, in Apice (Benevento) Italy. Having lived most of his life in East Boston, Alfonso passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on Wednesday, December 11th at the Katzman Family Center for Living in Chelsea.



Son of the late Filippo and Maddalena (Braccio) Di Pietro, he was the beloved husband of the late Assunta (Rosa) Di Pietro whom he married on April 23, 1955 in Mirabella Eclano, Italy.; loving father of Marisa Di Pietro of East Boston and Rita Di Pietro of Pisa, Italy; devoted grandfather of Lorenzo Lischi of Livorno, Italy. Alfonso is survived by his sisters-in-law Janet (Capprini) Rosa and Mary (Cutrona) Rosa; pre-deceased by brothers-in-law Pasquale "Pat" Rosa, and Prisco "Joe" Rosa. Alfonso was also pre-deceased by his brother, Antonio and his wife, Italia, of Acciaiole (Pisa) Italy and his sister, Pasqualina and her husband, Virginio Minichiello of Nugola (Livorno) Italy. Alfonso is survived by his loving nieces and nephews: Tina (Rosa) and Carmine Ciampa of Kingston, NH, Anthony and Erika Rosa of Revere, Donna (Rosa) and Robert Charvat of Beverly, Brenda Rosa and Pamela Brooks of South Hampton, NH, and Sandra (Rosa) Sacco of Saugus and also by his great nephew and nieces: Nicholas and Giana Sacco; Stefanie, Serina and Samantha Rosa and by his loving niece, Rosetta Minichiello, and her husband, Adriano of Nugola (Livorno) Italy.

Family & friends will honor Alfonso's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Friday, December 20th from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday morning at 8:30 before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life at 10 a.m.. Services will conclude with Alfonso being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to EB Social Centers Active Adults Program c/o Gloria Devine, 68 Central Square, East Boston, MA 02128. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

Alfonso arrived from Italy on November 4, 1963, and settled in East Boston, where he and his family lived with the rest of their extended family for many years. He worked all his life in construction, with Labor Union Local 22, until retirement. Alfonso loved to dance and could

Family & friends are respectfully invited to attend Visiting Hours on Friday, December 20th from 4 to 8 p.m. for Rose M. (Harris) Demers, who died on Sunday, December 15th at her home surrounded by her loved ones, following a very brief battle with Stage IV lung cancer. She was 64 years old.

A Funeral Service will be conducted in funeral home at 8 p.m. Interment will be held privately.

Rose was born on February 12th, 1960, in Chelsea. She was raised in East Boston, along with her four siblings. She was educated in Boston Public Schools and attended East Boston High School. Rose began working for the Marriott Hotel Corporation as a Housekeeper at the age of 16.

Her career has spanned 48 years and would have

continued until her recent health diagnosis. Rose was a woman who was strong willed and determined, she battled this disease courageously.

She had an infinite love for her family, especially when it came to her grandchildren. Rose enjoyed shopping for anything, for anyone and any occasion. She was a selfless woman, and buying gifts for others, brought her great joy and fulfillment.

She leaves behind a family that loved her and honored her unconditionally and will forever be in their hearts.

She was the beloved daughter of Theresa J. "Terri" (Imbrescia) Harris of Revere and the late Wayne Harris, Sr.; the Loving mother of Richard W. Demers, Jr. and his wife, Hannah and Theresa M. Sasso and her husband, Matthew,

all of Lynn, and Victoria L. Gayhart of East Boston; cherished grandmother of Angelina R. Sasso, Juliana Demers, Alexis M. Gaeta, Lilianna T. Sasso, Lucia J. Sasso, Adriana R. Demers, Jordyn Demers, and Jaxson Demers; the treasured sister of Violet Harris of East Boston, Wayne Harris, Jr. and his wife, Madeline of Saugus, Christine Edwards and her husband, Richard of Saugus and the late Carmella Houghton and her husband, Wayne. Rose also spent many years with Gary Terrell of East Boston and her grandchildren affectionately called him "Papa Gary." She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews, both living and deceased.

At the family's request, please OMIT flowers, donations to honor Rose can be made to St. Jude Chil-



dren's Research Hospital, 501 St. Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

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## ROTARY NAMES LISA CAPPuccio AS A HERO AMONG US

Anything relatively fun or cultural going on in East Boston always originates back to Lisa Cappuccio. Lisa is accustomed to thinking big and working hard but what she pulled off last year and continuing to do this year even bigger and better was nothing short of monumental.

Lisa brought the beauty and simplicity of Christmas back to East Boston. Through dogged determination and tireless fundraising Lisa got Christmas lights hung and twinkling in all the major "squares and neighborhoods" of East Boston. Her efforts have resulted in a beauty to behold.

Lisa did so much more than just connect Christmas lights, she connected a community.

It is for this reason that the Belle Isle Rotary unanimously nominated and is so happy to present Lisa Cappuccio at Rotary International's District 7930 Hero Among Us Banquet.



Lisa Cappuccio received the Paul Harris Fellow Award during the Rotary International's District 7930 Hero Among Us Banquet.

ternational's District 7930 Hero Among Us Banquet with the recognition of the Paul Harris Fellow Award at the Danversport Yacht

Club. Lisa Cappuccio joins an elite group of individuals awarded the Paul Harris Fellow including Presi-

dent Jimmy Carter, Jonas Salk and US astronaut James Lovell.

## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Full of beans!



Beans with Greens is a favorite quick supper. This one adds Italian sausage, but we often enjoy a vegetarian version with a slice of bread to complete the protein.

Rancho Gordo is a West Coast company that preserves food diversity with heritage beans. The website's store locator lists some local sources: Formaggio Kitchen, Dave's Fresh Pasta, and Bocco Wine and Cheese.

We highly recommend the company's bean cookbooks. Another favorite source for bean recipes is Joe Yonan's "Cool Beans: The Ultimate Guide to Cooking with the World's Most Versatile Plant-Based Protein."

### Adapting Your Body to Beans

If you're not in the habit of eating beans, your body will take time to adapt to the fiber load they provide. You can start slowly by adding a small dose of beans to a soup or salad and increasing your intake over several weeks.

You may have heard the expression, "Beans, beans, the magical fruit, the more you eat, the less you toot!" In your lower digestive tract, beans are fermented by healthy bacteria, and gas is produced

as a by-product. You may have fewer digestive issues as your microbiome and gut health improve. In Mexico, cooks add the herb epazote to their beans, while in India, asa-fetida is used to ease digestion.

Another tip is to rinse canned beans (without sauces) to reduce flatulence and the high sodium in the canned product. Some experts suggest that several changes in the soaking water can remove some gassy fiber if you start from dried beans.

The funniest suggestion we've read was from Mairlyn Smith, author of the book "Peace, Love & Fibre." In an article in Food and Wine, she was quoted as saying "...that she and her husband go for 'fart walks' most nights after dinner about an hour after they've eaten. We eat a lot of fiber, so we have gas, and you fart when you walk."

The Rancho Gordo website offers more information about beans and an exploration of their her-

itage bean offerings. To continue your education, sign up for their newsletter and receive a monthly dose of "beanology."

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.*

# Two men arraigned for flying drones from restricted Long Island

Special to the Times-Free Press

Two men were charged in Dorchester BMC with three counts each connected to flying drones in hazardous air space around Long Island and Boston Harbor on Saturday, Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced.

Robert Duffy, 42, of Charlestown, and Jeremy Folcik, 32, of Bridgewater, were each charged with trespassing, breaking and entering, and violating a municipal ordinance or bylaw. Judge Erika Reis released the men on personal recognizance and ordered them to stay away from Long Island and to not operate drones. Both will return to court February 6 for pre-trial hearings.

Boston Police responded to the abandoned homeless and hospital campus on Long Island via patrol boat at about 10:30 p.m. Saturday to investigate reports of unmanned aircraft being flown in hazardous proximity to Logan Airport. As officers searched the site they saw a light on in a building and a person walk by a window. Officers climbed to the second

floor of the building by fire escape stairs and conducted a room search. Officers encountered Duffy and Folcik in the building. Duffy told officers he had been flying a drone and that it was in his backpack. Duffy and Folcik told officers they had been transported to the island on a boat owned by a third man. They said they did not know the man's name. Boston Police asked a State Police patrol boat unit for assistance in locating the third man but he was not apprehended.

Using data from the drone's serial number officers identified six recorded flights on Saturday and seven recorded flights on December 7.

"No trespassing" signs are posted on structures throughout the shuttered Long Island campus.

"There are many areas in Massachusetts to safely operate drones. But flying them from an area closed to the public while creating a potential public safety hazard in the process is conduct that will land people in court to answer to criminal charges, which is exactly what happened here," Hayden said.

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