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### EASTIE BOYS WITH 55-48 WIN OVER O'BRYANT



Caleb Florence (12) races up court as he is chased by O'Bryant's Kayshon Wright (3), Caiden Collier (4), and Nolan Nash (10). See more basketball action on Pages 8 and 9.

### Next Harbor View Neighborhood Association meeting set for Feb. 3

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The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on February 3, at 6 p.m. 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.

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### EBFC launches in Spring 2025

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East Boston FC, powered by Boston Scores, has officially launched for the spring 2025 season and will begin practices in March at Boston Scores Field at Salesian Heights, a beautiful new facility in East Boston.

East Boston FC (EBFC) is a recreational soccer club for youth in grades PreK-12. Providing multiple levels of soccer programming, EBFC is proud to be part of Mayor Michelle Wu's efforts to expand neighborhood-based soccer leagues across the city.



East Boston FC Vice President Tommy Welch and his son, Samuel Welch, join Boston Mayor Michelle Wu for a photo at the annual Mayor's Cup Soccer Tournament.

### La Colaborativa, advocacy groups, file first lawsuit in state to challenge Trump administrations birthright citizenship order

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La Colaborativa, in partnership with Lawyers for Civil Rights and the Brazilian Worker Center, has filed the first lawsuit in the Commonwealth

to halt what they call the Trump administration's unconstitutional, inhumane policy stripping U.S.-born children with immigrant parents of citizenship.

"For over 35 years, La

Colaborativa has safeguarded, uplifted, and relentlessly fought for our community," said Gladys Vega, President of La Colaborativa. "Along with

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# Forum

## GLP-1 WEIGHT-LOSS DRUGS SHOULD BE MADE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL AMERICANS

The widespread acceptance of the so-called GLP-1 drugs, Zepbound by Eli Lilly and Wegovy by Novo Nordisk, for weight loss has created a game-changing dynamic for the overall health of the 72% of Americans who struggle with maintaining a healthy weight.

The U.S. presently ranks among the most obese nations in the world and the trend had been predicted to climb upwards. However, for the first time in decades, obesity rates among Americans declined in 2024, reversing decades of our unhealthy collective weight gain as a nation. (The average American male today weighs 30 pounds more than he did in 1960 and the average American female today weighs 26 pounds more than she did in 1960 -- and no, it's not because we are taller today than then.)

The principal reason for this welcome reversal has been the use of the GLP-1 drugs, which have been shown both to decrease a person's appetite (thereby preventing overeating) and to make sugary, salty, and high-fat foods less appealing.

These drugs initially were formulated to assist persons with diabetes to maintain control of their blood sugar levels. However, it soon became clear that the drugs had the "side-effect" of a reduction in patients' body-weight because the drugs reduced their cravings and overeating.

Yes, the GLP-1 drugs have side-effects -- patients who use them lose muscle mass -- but overall, the drugs have been nothing short of a miracle for persons who struggle with eating healthily. In addition, the drugs have shown promise both in combating a number of other addictive behaviors (including alcohol abuse and gambling) and having direct, positive effects on other health conditions such as cardiovascular disease (the drugs lower blood pressure, among other things).

Making these drugs affordable for all Americans (in addition to those who receive prescriptions for their diabetes treatment for whom insurance covers the cost) should be the proverbial no-brainer. Yes, the drugs are extremely expensive (about \$1500 per month without insurance), but those costs will come down as Eli Lilly ramps up production at its new drug-making facilities in the near-future. Further, the federal government can negotiate price reductions for those on Medicare.

But right now, these drugs, when used for weight control only, are available as a practical matter only to the very wealthy who can afford the high price tag. In addition to plain fairness, making these drugs affordable for everybody who needs them to reduce their weight by covering them under insurance will make our nation healthier, which not only is a laudable goal in itself, but also will reduce our health care costs (most of which are traceable to being overweight) in the years ahead.

In short, failing to make the GLP-1 drugs widely affordable and available to all Americans is the proverbial case of being penny-wise and pound-foolish (and yes, the pun is intended.)

## WE'RE OVER THE HUMP

The winter season generally is measured in two ways. There's meteorological winter, the three months of December, January, and February. And then there is astronomical winter, which begins with the winter solstice on December 21 and ends with the spring solstice on March 21.

But however you want to think about "winter," the last week of January basically brings us over the proverbial hump for the 2025 winter season. December and January are in the rear view mirror with only the short month of February ahead. (If you prefer astronomical winter, we'll be very close to the mid-point between December 21-March 21 by the end of this week.)

Of course, as we all know, Ol' Man Winter doesn't always play by the rules -- or the calendar. The infamous Blizzard of '78 occurred in February, as did a number of other huge storms. The first week of March may bring out the colorful crocuses and snowdrops pushing through the ground in our garden, but just as often as not, they're peeking through a fresh few inches of snowfall.

But what is undeniable, however you prefer to measure the seasons, and regardless of what Ol' Man Winter has in store for us, the days are now getting noticeably longer. There will be 10 hours and five minutes of daylight on February 1, compared to just the nine hours and eight minutes that we had on December 21.

In addition, when we take our walks and go for our runs, the sun's warmth is becoming noticeably stronger every day. And even if we get some snow, it typically disappears much faster in February and March than in January thanks to the strength of the sun.

So yes, after our colder-than-normal January, as far as we are concerned, spring can't come soon enough!

## LETTER to the Editor

### A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED

**Dear East Boston Community,**

The Holiday Light committee would like to thank everyone who donated to our effort to light up East Boston!

Special Thanks To The East Boston Foundation.

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# OHNC hears plans for Bennington Street Project

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council's (OHNC) monthly meeting attendees learned of a proposal at 1214-1222 Bennington Street that would bring several rental units to the area.

According to Attorney Richard Lynds, who presented the project to the OHNC, the proposal, subject to Article 80 review, involves renovating and reusing the existing commercial buildings at the site to build 28 units.

"This is an existing one- and two-story commercial building, and our proposal would involve maintaining the existing structures that are there, so we're not looking to demolish anything. We would be building within the footprint of what presently exists and just going up verti-

cally a total of four stories," said Lynds.

Additionally, this iteration of the plan includes 10 parking spaces in an enclosed garage. It should also be noted that an existing parking lot next to the building is slated to remain.

Furthermore, the proposal would contain five affordable units offered at a maximum of 60% area median income (AMI). Regarding the unit mix, there are plans for 11 one-bedroom, 16 two-bedroom, and one three-bedroom units.

Also, regarding the project, Lynds said it was by right, adding, "There are no zoning variances being requested with respect to this project. So this is a completely zoning-compliant project."

After reviewing zoning information, Lynds outlined some other features of the proposal,

including balconies and a common roof deck. However, he noted that the layout of aspects such as the deck and where the mechanicals are located may change because of an MBTA right-of-way in the area.

Later, Lynds gave the floor to Eric Zachrison, the project architect, who highlighted plans, elevations, materials, and more.

For example, he spoke about the building material, which will gray over time. "The idea of that material is it has kind of richness that allows it to not mimic but kind of enhance the existing brick we've already got and try and work with that," said Zachrison.

Eventually, those in attendance were given the opportunity to ask questions and comment.

One attendee commented and was not a big fan of the

building design, comparing it to a warehouse or storage building. This same attendee also voiced their support for commercial or retail use at the site.

Lynds noted that plans up the street at 1188 Bennington Street are slated to have two retail spaces. "It would seem a little redundant to try to add that into this location as well."

However, he added that the site is set up for transit-oriented development, and there is a possibility of swapping out the garage parking for retail, considering the aforementioned parking lot next to the building.

One resident asked about the process for this project to proceed. Lynds indicated that approvals could be received in the spring. Construction could begin this fall at the earliest and take 14-16 months to complete.

Another resident asked about plans for trees in the area. While Lynds noted that there are not many trees in the area currently, he indicated that they

have already discussed adding street trees with the city.

He also mentioned that the sidewalk will be completely overhauled in conjunction with the city's complete street requirements, and there is potential for exterior bike parking and benches.

As the discussion continued, more attendees made comments and asked questions. Since this project does not require any zoning variances, Lynds did not think a vote from the OHNC was necessary but said he was happy to return for a second presentation.

He also noted that there would be a public meeting regarding the project hosted by the Planning Department. Then, the project would eventually go before the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board for a vote.

For more information about the OHNC, visit its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OrientHeightsNC/>.

## Governor Healey signs cat declaw ban into law

On January 9, Governor Maura Healey signed An Act Prohibiting Inhumane Feline Declawing (S.2552) into law. The law bans cat declawing in Massachusetts, except in rare situations of medical necessity, such as a cancer in the nail bed or other conditions that jeopardize the cat's health. Cat declawing is an invasive surgical operation that is akin to amputating the last knuckle of a human finger. Declawing can cause lifelong medical issues for cats, including permanent disability, nerve damage, chronic back pain, and lameness.

"This law will protect countless cats in the Commonwealth from a painful and unnecessary surgical procedure that is typically performed for human convenience rather than the

cat's well-being," said Animal Legal Defense Fund Senior Legislative Affairs Manager Stephanie Harris. "Massachusetts joins other states that have effective declaw bans, alongside the many local laws that have been passed in cities of all sizes. We hope to build on this momentum in 2025 as we continue to advocate for cat declaw bills nationwide, including in neighboring Rhode Island."

"As a leader in animal protection, Rhode Island should follow the precedent already set in our state and ban cruel and unnecessary cat declawing. Our humane state already prohibits landlords from requiring tenants' cats to be declawed, and passing this bill is the next logical step," said Rep. William O'Brien (D-Dist. 54). "It's time for Rhode Island to join Massa-

chusetts, New York, and Maryland in protecting cats from this unnecessary cruelty."

"Declawing is an abhorrent practice that most veterinarians view as inhumane, but it is also a procedure that is widely misunderstood and requested by owners," said Sen. Mark Montigny (D-Second Bristol and Plymouth). "By passing this law, veterinarians will no longer have to weigh the choice knowing that if they don't provide the procedure an owner is likely to just look for someone who will. This is another step in my commitment to protect animals in the Commonwealth."

"Cats' claws are integral to their natural behaviors, including stretching and playing," said Senate bill sponsor Sen.

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# Mass. leaders launch first EV catering truck in North America to serve Logan Airport

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Cargo Ventures, a developer and property manager of state-of-the-art logistics facilities in key transportation markets, hosted the launch of the first electric catering truck in North America specifically designed for the aviation industry.

The launch is the result of a collaboration between Mallaghan, a leading manufacturer of Ground Support Equipment (GSE) for the aviation industry and International Motors, LLC (International), a global leader in the commercial transportation industry. The electric vehicle (EV) will be operated by DO & CO, an international catering business and will support Delta Air Lines' Onboard Dining services, operating out of Cargo Venture's Logan Cargo Park on McClellan Highway in East Boston.

The launch featured remarks from: Governor Maura Healey; Massport CEO Rich Davey; Ash Dhokte, VP Onboard Services, Delta Air Lines; Ronan Mallaghan, CEO, Mallaghan; and Debbie Shust, VP, Customer Insights and Experience, International. Additional guests included State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Representative Adrian Madaro, and Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata.

"We made a significant investment in our property specifically to support electrification of industrial vehicles," said Jake Citrin, CEO of Cargo Ventures. "We're thrilled

to have partners, from Massport to DO&CO and of course Mallaghan and International, who are committed to increasing sustainability in airport and airline support services. We couldn't be prouder that this first-of-its-kind EV will be based on our property."

"We're proud to host the first EV catering truck in North America here in Massachusetts and continue our leadership in building a clean energy economy," said Governor Healey. "This will also deliver immediate benefits for our residents, including cleaner air across East Boston. We congratulate Delta and Cargo Ventures on this major accomplishment."

"Massport is excited to welcome the first EV catering truck at Boston Logan, marking another step forward in our commitment to environmental stewardship and aligning with our overarching Net Zero goals," said Massport CEO Rich Davey. "We are grateful for the partnerships that made this possible and look forward to seeing more of these innovative EVs in the future."

The collaboration between Mallaghan and International has been a years-long effort in which each partner contributed its deep expertise resulting in this vehicle, which will serve as a model for continued production.

Combining technical expertise with a deep understanding of customer requirements, Mallaghan designs and manufactures a comprehensive range of



A photo of the new full electric catering truck, the first of its kind in North America.

specialist products, including hi-lifts, aircraft maintenance, stairs, and deicers, tailored to the needs of our international partners. Headquartered in Dungannon, Northern Ireland, and with a manufacturing facility in Newnan, Georgia, Mallaghan employs a team of more than 400 people.

Ronan Mallaghan, CEO of Mallaghan, shared: "At Mallaghan, our goal is to continuously push the boundaries of innovation, providing our customers with cutting-edge, sustainable solutions that reduce environmental impact. As the industry evolves, we remain dedicated to meeting the growing demand for eco-friendly equipment and look forward to continuing to work with our partners to deliver market-lead-

ing products."

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"At International, our customers are at the heart of everything we do," said Debbie Shust, VP, Customer Insights and Experience. "We are committed to delivering solutions that help our customers achieve their goals, both operationally and environmentally. This electric catering truck is a perfect example of that commitment. Our shared vision led us to collaborate with Mallaghan to develop and deploy a zero emissions solution that not only meets their operational needs but also continues to accelerate the impact of sustainability. We are proud to have been a part of this project and look forward to working on many more together."



Massport CEO Richard Davey, Gov. Maura Healey, and Rep. Adrian Madaro. See Page 5 for more photos.



Representing the Belle Isle Rotary Club, Randy Cipoletta, Stephen Miliotis, Vera Carducci, Pat Capogreco, and Club President Joseph Steffano.



Revere City Councilor Anthony Zambuto and Chelsea City Councilor Tanairi Garcia.



Massport Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs Alaina Travaglini Coppola and Pat Capogreco.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico and Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power.



Ashley Higgins of Delta Airlines and Pat Capogreco of the Cargo Ventures team.



Christopher Gaeta of Cargo Venures, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Pat Capogreco of the Cargo Ventures team.



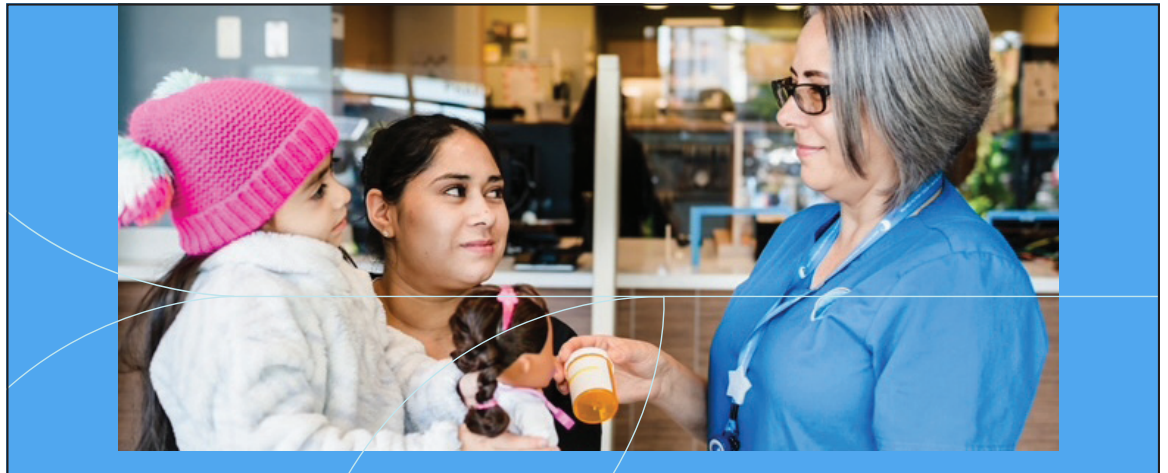
District 1 Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata is pictured at the event.



Representing Neighborhood Health, Reegan McCluskey, Cara Okopny, Steven Snyder and Jake Sherman.



Sen. Sal DiDomenico, former state senator Henri Rauschenbach, and Ken Halloran.



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## Lawsuit // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

our allies, we're committed to leading a unified front to counter the Trump administration's grave violation of civil rights. We stand united to protect the rights and safety of our families, regardless of where they come from."

Prompted by what it characterizes as a cascading array of damaging executive actions, La Colaborativa is spearheading the lawsuit on behalf of expectant mothers, working families, and immigrant communities adversely affected by this policy.

"La Colaborativa refuses to let the federal government create a caste system that dehumanizes U.S.-born children and their families," stated Dinanyili Paulino, Executive Vice President of La Colaborativa. "As the consequences of the election increasingly harm working families, children, and immigrants, La Colaborativa will remain a cornerstone of our community, providing vital resources for all residents, regardless of their background or

immigration status."

La Colaborativa representatives stated that the executive orders, issued hours after the inauguration, have been widely condemned as unconstitutional, harmful, and an abject violation of human rights. The organization stated that the string of announcements has exacerbated the growing fears within immigrant communities, which have grappled with decades of repression and disinvestment.

"Unquestionably, these policies are designed to spur fear and division," said Alex Train, Chief Operating Officer of La Colaborativa. "In this moment of darkness, we must remain vigilant and united, with an unwavering commitment to safeguarding human rights at all costs."

In a press release, La Colaborativa stated that the executive order in question denies U.S.-born children their rights, protections, and citizenship—instilling fear and uncertainty within immigrant communities. Advocacy groups argue



COURTESY PHOTO

Gladys Vega, Executive President of La Colaborativa, alongside Lawyers for Civil Rights and the Brazilian Worker Center, during the press conference announcing a lawsuit against President Trump's Executive Order denying U.S. citizenship to children of immigrant parents.

that such actions not only violate constitutional principles but also inflict profound harm on families, destabilize com-

munities, and erode trust in public systems.

Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez said that as a naturalized citizen with children born in this country, the issue is very personal for him.

"The unknown is very scary," said Maltez. "For the past week, we have been trying to calm our residents and telling them not to jump to conclusions."

Maltez said the city is concerned that people in need will be less likely to call for needed resources in the current climate. He said the city, the police, and fire departments are committed to serving and protecting everyone in the city, and that the school department is committed to educating everyone.

"That will not change, we will serve and protect all of Chelsea," Maltez said.

## La Colaborativa, junto con Advocacy Group, presenta demanda para impugnar órdenes ejecutivas inconstitucionales dirigidas a familias inmigrantes

La Colaborativa, en colaboración con Lawyers for Civil Rights y el Brazilian Worker Center, ha presentado la primera demanda en el estado para detener la política inconstitucional e inhumana de la administración Trump que despoja de la ciudadanía a niños nacidos en Estados Unidos con padres inmigrantes.

"Durante más de 35 años, La Colaborativa ha protegido, elevado y luchado incansablemente por nuestra comunidad," dijo Gladys Vega, Directora Ejecutiva de La Colaborativa. "Junto con nuestros aliados, estamos comprometidos a liderar un frente unido para contrarrestar esta grave violación de los derechos civiles por parte de la administración Trump. Nos mantenemos unidos para proteger los derechos y la seguridad de nuestras familias, sin importar de dónde provengan".

Impulsada por una serie de acciones ejecutivas dañinas, La Colaborativa lidera la demanda en representación de

mujeres embarazadas, familias trabajadoras y comunidades inmigrantes afectadas por esta política.

"La Colaborativa se niega a permitir que el gobierno federal cree un sistema de castas que deshumanice a los niños nacidos en Estados Unidos y a sus familias", afirmó Dinanyili Paulino, Vicepresidenta de La Colaborativa. "A medida que las consecuencias de las elecciones afectan cada vez más a las familias trabajadoras, los niños y los inmigrantes, La Colaborativa seguirá siendo un pilar de nuestra comunidad, brindando recursos vitales a todos los residentes, sin importar su origen o estatus migratorio".

Estas órdenes ejecutivas, emitidas solo horas después de la toma de posesión, han sido ampliamente condenadas como inconstitucionales, perjudiciales y una violación flagrante de los derechos humanos. Cabe destacar que esta serie de anuncios ha exacerbado los temores en las comunidades in-

migrantes, que han enfrentado décadas de represión y desinversión.

"Sin duda, estas políticas están diseñadas para fomentar el miedo y la división", declaró Alex Train, Director de Operaciones de La Colaborativa. "En este momento de oscuridad, debemos mantenernos vigilantes y unidos, con un compromiso inquebrantable de salvaguardar los derechos humanos a toda costa".

La orden ejecutiva en cuestión niega a los niños nacidos en Estados Unidos sus derechos, protecciones y ciudadanía, generando miedo e incertidumbre en las comunidades inmigrantes. Los grupos de defensa argumentan que estas acciones no solo violan los principios constitucionales, sino que también causan un daño profundo a las familias, desestabilizan comunidades y erosionan la confianza en los sistemas públicos.

## Haitian immigrant arrested by ICE in East Boston

A 25-year-old Haitian immigrant was arrested by U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) officials in East Boston on Wednesday, Jan. 22.

According to an ICE news release, Wisteguens Jean Quely Charles is a violent Haitian street gang member who entered the United States lawfully through Miami in 2013, however, he violated the terms of his lawful admission. ICE claims that Charles has since been arrested and convicted 17 times for a variety of crimes.

"Mr. Charles is illegally present in the United States and has consistently broken our laws causing significant harm to the residents of Massachusetts," said acting Field Office Director Patricia H. Hyde. "ERO Boston will not tolerate the repeated victimization of

our New England neighborhoods. We will continue our mission to apprehend such illegal alien offenders and remove them from our communities."

Charles has been arrested, charged, and convicted for 17 crimes between Aug. 16, 2022, and Aug. 14, 2024, including both possession of and possession to distribute controlled substances, distribution of controlled substances, trespassing, carrying dangerous weapon to wit brass knuckles, possession of a firearm without a permit and possession of ammunition without a permit, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and resisting arrest, according to ICE.

President Donald Trump referenced Charles' arrest in a recent fundraising email.

# Atlantic Works to present its new member exhibition

Atlantic Works Gallery is proud to present its new member exhibition, "New Members," opening Saturday, February 1st, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Please join us for light refreshments and possible artist talks. We'll reprise the opening during our monthly "Third Thursday" on Thursday, February 20th and Thursday March 20, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Artists Presented

**Duygu Aytaç**, is a photographic artist from Turkey living in Boston. For Atlantic Works Gallery's new member show, she will be exhibiting photography from her latest project tentatively titled Ankara 1974, as well as two new serigraphs from 2024. Aytaç's work has often explored themes of childhood memories, indoctrination and one's place in a social group. These questions deepened and took on new meaning after she immigrated to the United States as an adult in 2015.

**Jean M Bernstein**, My photography is based in things and ideas that are interesting to me but also has something that



**Jean M Bernstein**  
Colores de Chinchero, Cusco, Peru 2015

feels familiar. I think that familiarity can draw people in and can spark a connection.

**Jeff Briggs**, Former landscape painter from the Hudson Valley and longtime East Boston resident with a studio in Atlantic Works building. Jeff will present a large painting that reflects on night driving, color field abstraction and heavy metal.

**Elsa Campbell**, is a mixed artist living and working in

East Boston. She describes art making as a discovery of what hides in plain sight - offering a clearer understanding of her experience, allowing the creation of a new sense of order. Elsa's art practice has evolved over the years, beginning with photography. Exploring alternative photographic processes led her to collage and artist books, incorporating drawing, mixed media and painting. There is a visual thread that seamlessly connects these bodies of art to one another.

**Nick Di Stefano**, is fascinated by the intersection of design, technology, and people. A multidisciplinary artist, his work centers on typography and the deconstruction of spaces, often engaging with political and social themes. His bold compositions use text as a tool to inspire reflection and dialogue, challenging viewers to think critically about the issues that shape their world. With a career in experience design and a foundation in art history and fine arts, Nick brings a thoughtful, human-centered approach to his artistic practice. His

background in installation and public art fuels his exploration of how design impacts human interactions and perceptions. Nick's passion for letterforms and wordplay engages audiences in meaningful and unexpected ways.

**Daniel Gaviani**, I like to paint for the sake of painting. You can learn about yourself, have fun, and make a big mess. To spend time with your

thoughts and learn to reinvent yourself is a great privilege, and that's what the act of painting is for me - a true moment of authenticity!

**Katie Kimbrell**, I am mostly an abstract painter, however unseen worlds (like those known about through science) often mix with urban landscapes and seascapes inspired by living and working in East Boston.

## GOP National Committeeman Wyatt to speak at East Boston Yacht Club

Special to the Times Free Press

Brad Wyatt, the new Massachusetts GOP National Committeeman will come to speak with local Republicans and Conservatives interested in winning elections on Thursday, January 30, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the East Boston Yacht Club, 1 Rice Street.

There is plenty of parking and complimentary snacks and coffee with a cash bar.

As we all know, it's tough being a Republican in Democrat dominated Massachusetts. But our new National Commit-

teeman Brad Wyatt is dedicated to bringing us together and helping us at the local level.

Brad Wyatt is a firm believer that the key to success in adding Republican representation for Massachusetts starts with local municipal candidates. We are thrilled to present an event where we can come together and hear Brad's ideas for motivation and direction.

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Saratoga Street Shoreline Restoration Project

LOCATION: Boston, Massachusetts

PROponent: Massachusetts Port Authority(Massport)

The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before January 31, 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; (401) 910-7720, or Chris Busch (Massport): 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 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

# Sports

## EAST BOSTON BOYS HOOPS RISE IN THE RANKING WITH 55-48 WIN OVER O'BRYANT

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

East Boston boosted their post-season hopes with a solid 55-48 win over O'Bryant High School Thursday night at East Boston High, led by Xander Boutros (15 points, 4 assists) and Robin Cartegena (14 points, 5 assists, 7 rebounds). Caleb Florence added nine points and 6 rebounds. With a handful of players sidelined with illness, the game featured the Jets' depth, as sophomore Cameron Testa, freshman Angel Valdez, Jacen Arbelo (7 points) and freshman Vladmilson Pinto (8 points) stepped up with productive minutes. A pair of Justin Aiken defensive stops gave the Jets some breathing room near the end of what was a tight, back-and-forth game.

The Jets stand at 6-7 and the No. 25 ranking in the MIAA Division 3 Power rankings going into their January 27 game at

Madison Park and ten games left in the season. Teams ranked in the top 32 or with a .500 or better record qualify for the post season.



Xander Boutros (3) avoids O'Bryant's Amir Milligan on the way to a layup and a pair of his game-high 15 points.



Vladmilson Pinto (13) looks for a passing lane as he is guarded by O'Bryant's Jackson Farrington.



Xander Boutros (3) fights his way between a pair of O'Bryant defenders as he releases an outlet pass.

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Jason Arbelo (21) has a clear path to the basket.



Robin Cartegena (22) accelerates as he drives on O'Bryant's Nolan Nash (10) and Lamar Pina (23).



Robin Cartegena (22) directs a pass around O'Bryant defender Caiden Collier (4).



Coach Tyrone Figueroa shouts directions to his offense.

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## Soccer // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

### Welch will serve as EBFC vice president

East Boston resident Tommy Welch, Regional School Superintendent in the Boston Public Schools, is the vice president of the new East Boston FC program. He is also a board member of Boston Scores.

"East Boston is a soccer community, and our youth and families are excited to see East Boston FC launch," said Welch. "Families had been driving to other towns for soccer clubs, and now we are able to stay in East Boston and build a community hub right here."

Welch said the idea for a new East Boston-based youth soccer team originated when Boston Scores, known for its outstanding after-school soccer and enrichment programs, relocated their headquarters from Jamaica Plain to East Boston and a \$17 million renovation project was undertaken for the fields that were formerly utilized by Saint Domenic Savio High School athletic teams.

"Now we have our fields of dreams, we built it, and the kids are coming here – there is no field nicer than that one for youth sports in the entire city," said Welch. "Last year we had over 250 youths participating through free programming in

the summer and the fall. What we're doing this year for the first time is starting an organized neighborhood soccer league similar to what's happening in other Boston neighborhoods."

Welch played soccer as a youth, before beginning his football career and competing at the collegiate level.

"As young as I can remember, soccer has always been a part of my life," said Welch. "Now as the father of a 10-year-old daughter and an eight-year-old son, soccer is something that we do together and enjoy."

### Travel teams will compete in the BAYS League

Tommy Welch said three East Boston FC boys teams and one girls team will compete in the third-and-fourth-grade division of the Boston Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) Conference. Those teams are in East Boston FC's "travel" program.

"We have representation on our teams from every single school in East Boston, including the charter and Catholic schools," said Welch. "It's bringing everyone together."

Welch said the East Boston FC teams will wear uniforms modeled after FC Barcelona,

whose colors are blue, gold, and red.

The travel-team program will be supplemented by an in-house league in East Boston for youths of all ages (PreK-high school).

"This spring we expect 150-200 youths participating in the in-house league," said Welch. "With a well-known 30-year organization like Boston Scores now located in East Boston, the interest in youth soccer here has exploded."

### Registration is open

Registration for the spring season is now open, and placement tryouts for travel teams will take place February 1. Practices for both grassroots and travel teams will start at the end of March with games beginning in April. The spring season will conclude in June.

EBFC is a volunteer-driven and neighborhood-based program that is governed by an Advisory

Board. Local nonprofit Boston Scores, who offers free afterschool soccer programs to over 1,800 youth across the city, provides backbone support for EBFC. EBFC practices and games will take place at the Boston Scores Field at Salesian Heights and field access is supported by the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

EBFC and its coaches emphasize holistic player development that focuses on character building, skill development, and community building. The grassroots program is a recreational in-house league for kids of all skill levels that focuses on soccer fundamentals. The travel teams provide a more competitive level of play.

"Our partnership with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club to build our new field complex was founded on the vision that it would allow us to improve our programs across the City and to build community-based programs to better serve the East Boston neighborhood," said John Maconga, Executive Director of Boston Scores. "We are thrilled that EBFC is launching and giving more youth in our community the opportunity to play."

To learn more about EBFC and to register a child, please visit [www.eastbostonfc.org](http://www.eastbostonfc.org) or [www.bostonscores.org/ebfc](http://www.bostonscores.org/ebfc)

## Harbor View // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en 3 de febrero 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, East Boston Liaison, Roberto Gomez (5min) Neighborhood announcements.

Announcements (5min) Greenway, Tree Eastie, Eastie Farm; FREE, Monthly Community Dinner at Sacred Heart Church, February 12, 5-7pm; Belle Isle Rotary Polar Plunge at the EBYC on February 1, 2025, at 11am; 2025 Better Beaches Grant application deadline is January 31; The initial presentation of El Parche Restaurant/Bar, 636-638 Bennington Street, that was scheduled for the February 3, 2025, meeting, is cancelled with no new plans from the proponent of the project.

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

Saratoga Street/Westbrook and Wordsworth Streets STOP SIGNS installed as part of safety improvements for the neighborhood. Thanks to Luke Fanuele and Councilor Coletta Zapata. So please look out for the new signage and stop when travelling on Saratoga Street.

McLean Park (5min) Update from Barbara Puopolo on the status of the project with regards to funding from the city and the CPA. Possible next steps.

15th Annual Shamrock Splash (5min) Save the Harbor/ Save the Bay fundraiser for our Better Beaches Grant Program. The SPLASH (aka polar plunge) is on Sunday, March 2, 11am-2pm at Constitution Beach. This is a fun event to participate in or to just watch these brave souls.

Boston Scores (5min) The annual Poets' Banquet is on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Zumix. 14 Boston Public Schools (300 kids) participated in this contest at the Strand Theatre. The theme is "EMPATHY". Each school nominated 2 poet-athletes to perform for Poet Athlete of the Year at Zumix. To learn more about Boston Scores and their programs and sign on for the newsletter go to <http://www.bostonscores.org> or call 617-472-6737.

636- 638 Bennington Street (5min) HVNA has not received the Project Form on the proposed project yet and has not heard anything from the owner or the attorney on their plans. When an initial presentation occurs, the next step will be for a vote on the project at a subsequent meeting. Once the community requirements are met, then the project can go before the Licensing Board and the Zoning Board. Further discussion.

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on March 3, 2025. Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna> or check our website at [harborvieweastboston.com](http://harborvieweastboston.com) or [board@harborviewna.org](mailto:board@harborviewna.org)

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# OBITUARIES

## Cats //

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Melissa Murray (D-Dist. 24). “Declawing is an amputation surgery with serious and often life-long consequences. Declawed cats often become fear biters and carpet wetters, putting them at greater risk for surrender or abandonment; many suffer from crippling arthritis in old age. Declawing has no place in our society. I appreciate my colleagues’ support for the Declaw Bill in 2025.”

The declaw bill passed on the last day of the two-year legislative session, capping off a successful session for animals in Massachusetts that included the passage of laws protecting wild animals used in circuses, dogs entrusted to daycare or boarding facilities, puppies and kittens too young to be separated from their mothers, as well as human and animal victims trapped in violent situations using coercive control.

Declawing can cause many adverse behavioral effects in cats because it removes their ability to use their claws to scratch, stretch, and mark territory. Issues with litterbox use and inappropriate marking are common in declawed cats, and some declawed cats resort to biting — which can lead to infection in humans — to defend themselves because they no longer can with their claws. All of these behavioral issues can make it more likely for cats to be surrendered to shelters. There are many humane alternatives to control scratching behavior, including regular nail trims, scratching posts, and behavioral training.

In June 2024, the Animal Legal Defense Legislative Fund released poll results revealing 70 percent of veterinary professionals oppose cat declawing. The poll also found that half of the veterinarians interviewed reported that their practice does not perform any declawing procedures due to policy or no veterinarians willing to perform the procedure.

Besides Massachusetts, currently New York and Maryland have banned the procedure, as well as jurisdictions including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Madison, West Hollywood, Austin, Denver, Beverly Hills, Berkeley, and Washington, D.C. Virginia has also banned the procedure with limited exemptions.

## Camilo “Pop” Santana

7/15/1932 – 1/19/2025

Family, Friends, the Red Sox, the Lottery, and all sports on TV were of the utmost importance to him

Camilo Santana of East Boston, formerly of Arlington, passed away peacefully at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH following a brief illness on January 19.

He was the middle child of nine children born to Angela Fondeur Fernandez and Amantino Santana Ramos on July 15, 1932, in Tamboril, Santiago, Dominican Republic. Following schooling he moved to New York where he met the love of his life and eternal dance partner, Juana “Mercedes” Collado Santana. They had 63 wonderful years together, raising a deeply cherished family in the Boston area.

Camilo was affectionately known by all close to him as Pop. A hard-working provider for his family, while being very nurturing and active in his children’s sporting activities. He was also the glue between his siblings, always keeping in touch and up to date on family matters. Seeing comedy in most situations while keeping peace was always his motto. He took great pride in being a parent, and even more as a grandparent to his 14 grandchildren.

He leaves behind his sister, Angela Pura Luz Martinez, his brother Máximo Santana, his sister Carmen Paula Santana, and his cousin, his best friend, Domingo Hernandez. He was predeceased by his mother Angela Fondeur Fernandez, father, Amantino Santana Ramos, and his brothers and sisters: Eugenio Santana, Lázaro Santana, Elba Castillo, Aquile Santana, and Fe Esperanza Santana.

Camilo was the beloved husband of the late Juana “Mercedes” (Collado) Santana with whom together they built a family filled with love and



laughter. He was a devoted father and survived by his loving sons: Camilo Santana and his wife Cindy and Eduardo Santana; his loving daughters: Nancy Ossinger and her husband Donald, Evelyn Santana-Nola and her husband Michael, Nelly Vozzella and her husband Anthony and his son in law, Scott Caldwell. Additionally, he leaves his loving grandchildren: Brandon Ossinger and his wife Jenny, Alexander Ossinger, Austin Santana, Wes Caldwell, Andres Gautreau-Santana, Anthony Vozzella Jr., Tia Caldwell, Grace Santana, Stephen, Camilo and Gianna Vozzella, Ava Nola, Dominic Vozzella, and Leo Nola. Camilo also leaves behind countless relatives and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to Camilo’s Memorial Mass on Saturday, February 1st at noon at the Immaculate Conception Parish, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH

In place of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Community Hospice House at 210 Naticook Road, Merrimack, NH 03054-4601 in Camilo Santana’s name.

## Vito Coviello

Avid player of the accordion

Vito Coviello passed away surrounded by his family after a brief illness. He was born in Bonito, Avellino, Italy October 15, 1934 to Arcangelo Coviello and Teresa Tordiglione.

As a child, he worked the farm with his parents and siblings.

Vito was an avid player of the accordion which he learned to play by ear as a child. Always called upon to play for his friends in barn parties. After attending high school in Italy, he joined the Carabinieri at 19 and trained as a telegraph operator where he served for nine years.

He later married his love, Rosina Di Minico and immigrated to the US to start a family. They settled in Eastie and raised their daughter, Angela, later moving to Winthrop.

He also enjoyed telling stories of growing up with his siblings and relating what it was like growing up during German occupation.

He was the loving father of Angela Theresa Coviello-Gear and her husband, Steven of Winthrop, cherished grandfather of Steven Patrick Gear,



dear brother of Alfonso Coviello, Luigua Losanno, Gino Coviello, Maria Theresa Zullo, Chiarina Goccia, Severino Coviello and Ugo Coviello.

The funeral was conducted from the Caggiano-O’Malley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop on Monday, January 27, 2025 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, 320 Winthrop St., Winthrop at 10 a.m. Services concluded with the interment in the Belle Isle section of Winthrop Cemetery.

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The East Boston Chamber of Commerce placed a display of American flags to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 20, at the Daniel H. Solari Square outside the Chamber of Commerce office at 464 Bremen Street.



Some of the American flags on display to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at the Daniel H. Solari Square.

Martin Luther King Jr. exemplified organized protests to voice his concerns in a peaceful way, without violence. He will forever be remembered for advocating for meeting with violence in non-violent ways while voicing his concerns through protests.

Did you know that #MLK-Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities?

Please note that the flags are

for display purposes. If anyone wishes to obtain a flag, please feel free to contact the Chamber at [eastbostonchamber.com](http://eastbostonchamber.com).

La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston conmemora el Día de Martin Luther King, Jr.

La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston colocará una exhibición de banderas estadounidenses para conmemorar el próximo Día de Martin Luther King, Jr. el lunes, 20 de enero del 2025 en el

Daniel H Solari Square afuera de la oficina de la Cámara de Comercio en 464 Bremen Street.

Martin Luther King Jr. ejem-

plificó las protestas organizadas para expresar sus preocupaciones de manera pacífica, sin violencia. Siempre será recordado por abogar por enfrentar la violencia de manera no violenta mientras expresaba sus preocupaciones a través de protestas.

¿Sabía que el #MLKDay es el único feriado federal designado como un día nacional de

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Tenga en cuenta que las banderas son para fines de visualización. Si alguien desea obtener una bandera, no dude en comunicarse con la Cámara en [eastbostonchamber.com](http://eastbostonchamber.com).

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
Docket No. SU24C0644CA  
In the matter of:  
Emily Giselle Linares Ardon  
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Emily Giselle Linares Ardon of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Emily Giselle Ardon  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 02/13/2025. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.  
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 21, 2025  
Stephanie L. Everett, Register of Probate

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24 New Chardon St.  
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CITATION ON FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU25P0102EA  
Estate of:  
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Also known as:  
James W. Robinson, III  
Date of Death: 12/02/2023

To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Jean Nowicki of Norwell, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Jean Nowicki of Norwell, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond unsupervised administration.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from

the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/20/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 16, 2025  
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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### ZBA SPEEDS THROUGH JANUARY BUSINESS

CHELSEA - The zoning board quickly worked its way through a light agenda during its first meeting of the year last week.

The biggest project on the agenda, a request to construct a two-unit residential structure at 73 Library St. was continued at the request of the applicant to the board's February meeting. That project requires a special permit and variance because it does not meet the minimum requirements for number of parking spaces, front yard setback and lot size.

The board heard a case involving parking at 57 and 75 Palmer Streets for the first time last week.

The two lots were at one time under common ownership and the parking for 75 Palmer was on 57 Palmer. However, the lots are now owned separately and a two-family project is underway at 57 Palmer St. The owners are seeking an easement to continue to allow parking for 75 Palmer St. on a portion of 57 Palmer St.

The project next goes to the planning board for a recommendation on Jan. 28 before coming back before the ZBA in February.

The ZBA also determined that planned modifications to a driveway at 63 Harvard St. is not a major modification to the previous approvals to the property and does not need to come back to the board for further approvals. The owner is seeking to expand the driveway and shift the retaining wall on one side of his property to compensate for issues with a retaining wall construction on the other side of the property.

The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 11.

### HURLEY IS ELECTED SCHOOL COMM. CHAIR; CRISTIANO IS VICE-CHAIR

EVERETT - Samantha Hurley was unanimously elected chairperson of the Everett School Committee at the board's organizational meeting that was held earlier this month.

School Committee member Jeanne Cristiano, who nominated Hurley, lauded Hurley's election. "Samantha is just what we need," said Cristiano.

"She is a bridge-builder."

Following her election, Hurley thanked her fellow committee members for their vote. Hurley noted four areas that will need attention in the coming year: The superintendent's evaluation process; rules and policies that are overdue for amending; working with the City Council and other branches of municipal government to address the overcrowding problem in the Everett schools; and striving to have English as a Second Language (ESL) parents attend school board meetings because "their voices should be heard."

Cristiano was unanimously elected the Vice-Chairperson of the committee.

In other matters, the School Committee unanimously voted to accept the following gifts and donations to the Everett schools:

- A \$10,000 engineering grant for Everett High School from Project Lead the Way;

- Gift cards totaling \$525 from the Kiwanis Club to the Everett Culinary Arts Department;

- 1,100 sets of new winter hats and gloves from the Kiwanis Club;

- A donation of \$3,500 from Dr. Brian Leahy to the Whittier School; and

- Gift cards and toys totaling \$1,500 from the Teamsters Local 25 for the Keverian School.

### COMMISSION APPROVES 1-DAY LICENSE FOR RBP WINTER WONDERLAND EVENT ON FEB. 8

REVERE - The Revere License Commission held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday, January 15, in the City Council Chamber. On hand for the session were chair Robert Selevitch and fellow members Dan Occena and Lilianna Monroy.

The first item on the agenda was a request from the Revere Beach Partnership (RBP) for a 1-day Mobile Food Vendor License to be exercised at the Revere Beach Plaza at the foot of the Markey Pedestrian Bridge on Saturday, February 8, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. for a Revere Beach Winter Wonderland event. The expected attendance is 5,000.

Haley Rosenblatt, the event manager, presented the application to the commissioners. She explained that this is the second annual Winter Wonderland and the RBP is seeking to bring mobile food vendors for the event. The commissioners had no questions and approved the application unanimously.

Next up was a request from Revere Restaurant Group, Inc., d/b/a Tio Juan's Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, 85 American Legion Highway, for a change of manager from Sean M. Casey.

Susan Marie Jimenez, the new manager, appeared before the commission. She said there will be no changes to the restaurant and stated she has prior experience in the business. The commission unanimously approved the application.

The third item on the agenda was an application from Capri, LLC, d/b/a Capri

1559 North Shore Road to amend the entertainment license to allow a DJ until 12 a.m. from Thursday-Sunday. The current entertainment license allows for widescreen cable TV, radio, amplifiers, and a DJ, with the DJ only allowed on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Claudia Gallego, the manager of the establishment, presented the application, telling the commissioners that her customers have been requesting additional entertainment.

Occena pointed out that the area is highly residential. "My concern is having a DJ on Sundays until 12 a.m.," Occena said.

Gallegos said that she has not received any complaints about the DJ in its current hours.

The commissioners unanimously voted to amend the entertainment license.

The fourth item on the agenda was a request by Lumina Lounge, LLC, d/b/a Lumina Lounge, 63 Revere Beach Boulevard, for a transfer of an All Alcohol Restaurant License from Boulevard Café Corp. The requested hours are Sunday from 11 a.m. - 2 a.m. and Monday - Saturday from 8 a.m. - 2 a.m. The requested seating is 120, and requested entertainment is widescreen cable TV (five screens), radio, DJ, jukebox, amplifiers, karaoke, vocal/instrumental music, dancing by patrons, and floor show.

Attorney Patrick MacDonald from Malden represented the applicant. He said that the new owners, the Preciado brothers, who presently operate the La Cantina restaurant on Broadway, are seeking to engage in a new venture in the city.

The new business will be replacing the former Sammy's Patio, the long-time Revere Beach landmark bar and restaurant. MacDonald said the Preciados will be undertaking significant renovations to the existing building and the focus of the new business will be on serving Colombian food. The Preciados also operate successful restaurants in Lynn and Chelsea.

Selevitch noted that he has been to LaCantina. "You've done a great job there. It's a great spot," he noted.

"This family has done some great things in this city," Occena added.

There were no opponents and the commissioners unanimously approved the application.

The next item was a request from Nbold Restaurant Consulting Corporation, d/b/a El Zarzal, 653 Broadway, Units 1 & 2, for a Wine, Malt, Cordials/Liqueurs Restaurant License. The requested hours are from Sunday-Saturday 8 a.m.-11 p.m. with requested seating for 34 inside and 20 outside and requested entertainment for widescreen cable TV, radio, and vocal/instrumental music.

Prominent Boston attorney Kristin Scanlon, who specializes in food and alcoholic beverages licensing, represented the applicant. She noted that Diego A. Osorno Patino, the president of the company, has 25 years of experience in the restaurant business. She said that the new restaurant will serve contemporary American cuisine for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Scanlon said the location was a former liquor store and has been vacant for about a year. She also noted that the new establishment will be family-friendly and there will be no alcohol.

The owner of a nearby residential building inquired about trash removal and possible noise impacts after 9:00 and Mr. Osorno Patino addressed those concerns.

Occena asked about the musical entertainment and Scanlon said the entertainment will

be centered around brunch and will consist of an instrumentalist or vocalist.

After Selevitch added, "If there is a noise problem, you will be back here." The commissioners unanimously approved the application.

Item six on the agenda was an application for a Wine, Malt, Cordials/Liqueurs Restaurant License by Perros Paisas Revere Corp. d/b/a Perros Paisas, to be exercised at 657 Beach Street in the existing restaurant. The requested hours are Sunday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m., Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., and Friday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 a.m., with requested seating for 25.

Andres Jaramillo, the manager of the restaurant, presented the application, noting that his restaurant has been open since the fall. Occena questioned why the present establishment, which essentially is a fast-food restaurant, would want to offer beer because that might encourage customers to stay.

However, Jaramillo said that the restaurant is more of a family-spot, which attracts dine-in patrons, for which a beer and wine license will be a boost to business.

The commission unanimously approved the application.

The commission conducted two hearings. The first was a continuation of a longstanding matter involving R K & E Corp., d/b/a BK's Bar & Grill 264 Ocean Avenue, into violations including "unauthorized transfer of ownership and a lack of approved license manager."

Atty. Jim Cipoletta told the commissioners that delays in the Suffolk County Probate Court (which still has a backlog because of COVID-19) has resulted in the snafu involving the necessary paperwork. Bob Kelly, the present owner of the business and its de facto manager, has been awaiting the Probate Court to take action on the will of his late parents, the previous owners of the business who both passed fairly-recently.

The commissioners agreed to allow Cipoletta (who is not handling the probate matter) to file additional paperwork with the understanding that the

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matter is “on track” to being resolved shortly.

The commission also conducted a “formal inquiry regarding security arrangements” involving Wonderland Entertainment, LLC d/b/a Oceanside Events Center, 1290 North Shore Road,

Selevitch said that in addition to the security issue, the commission has been receiving a lot of complaints from nearby residents regarding noise in the parking lot late at night after large events disperse.

Occena, who lives nearby, said he has been aware of patrons who are beeping horns and playing music loudly in their cars after an event has emptied out at 2 a.m.

Charles Delpidio, the general manager of the business, and a manager who accompanied him to the hearing told the commissioners they are doing what they can to address the problem. They noted that they have both private security and Revere police details to manage the crowd.

“We have to keep on trying to resolve the issue,” concluded Delpidio, who noted that the Wonderland venue was there long before the present

apartment buildings that front Ocean ave. and that back up to the venue and its parking lot. “We’ll keep working to make it better and we’ll do our best.”

“If we end up back here, then we’ll have to do something,” said Selevitch.

The commission received an advisory this past month from the Massachusetts Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) regarding the amendment to state law that makes changes to the forms of identification which licensees may reasonably rely upon for the purchase of alcoholic beverages.

Those forms of ID (the new amendment to the law added #7 and #8) are:

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By Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we enjoy more foods from other cultures, we adopt the techniques and utensils used to make or enjoy them. One of the latest trends is the

adoption of scissors, which are used in Korean homes and restaurants.

**Our Scissor Collection**

We find scissors safer and more sensible for specific

kitchen tasks. We keep four different types in the kitchen. The most used is a pair of inexpensive kitchen scissors that stay in our dish drainer. (We use them so often that we don't bother to put them away.) These cut open



We use four types of scissors in our kitchen. Top to bottom, they are Korean scissors, heavy-duty poultry shears, utility scissors, and first-responder trauma shears.

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food packages, snip herbs or scallions, and complete other jobs that require a way to separate and clean the blades after use.

We have heavy-duty poultry shears for jobs like spatchcocking chicken or cutting the fins, head, and tail off whole fish. Again, these come apart for cleaning but can cut through bones, so be careful!

Our Korean scissors, with their longer blades and serrated edges, are great for cooking. If you've enjoyed Korean barbecue, you may have seen them paired with tongs to turn and cut meat or whole kimchi into bite-size pieces. These scissors also make trimming excess fat off poultry and meat easier.

This set is also used for chopped salads and cutting leafy greens for sautéing or sandwiches.

Since we don't believe that cutting noodles is bad luck, we also use these to cut very long noodles to make them easier to eat.

We recently watched a video from a small taverna in Greece where the cook tossed a whole blanched octopus in a hot pan, cut it, and tossed it with scissors until he had perfectly grilled bite-size bits for service.

Finally, we have first responder trauma shears for the jobs where these shine. Designed to cut off clothes and bandages in emergencies, these can be sterilized or cleaned in your dishwasher.

We use these to cut through plastic containers and packaging. They are inexpensive and very good at cutting flatbreads or pizza. We keep an extra pair in our picnic kit.

**Experiment with Scissors**

You may find different uses for scissors than we have. If you don't have a set, we suggest you try something like our utility scissors first. How a tool feels in your hand is a significant factor in how much you like it, so be sure the pair you buy is comfortable. Consider how they would work for a big job, like separating two pounds of chicken wings into drumsticks and flats.

Your kitchen scissors should be extremely sharp and have easy-to-grip, non-slip handles. While you may not want blades as long as those in our Korean example, a longer blade can be helpful for some tasks.

Finally, ease of cleaning is vital to preventing cross-contamination and food-borne illnesses. We prefer sets with removable blades for cleaning or dishwasher-safe materials.

Some shears offer little extras like a screw cap or bottle opener built in. Some trauma shears have a carabiner built into the handle and can hang from an apron.

Think about how and what type of meals you cook and choose the best option for your kitchen. You probably don't need heavy-duty poultry shears if you don't work with whole chickens or fish. If grilling and Korean food are not your thing, skip that pair. But we recommend a basic pair of kitchen scissors, and every home should have trauma shears for food or for other emergencies.

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