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ZBA approves 9 Chelsea St. large project

By John Lynds

At last week's Boston Zoning Board of Appeals hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved a large retail development project at 9 Chelsea St. in Maverick Square.

The project, which received Boston Planning and Development Agency approval last month, made a few changes and some updates to the project at the community's request.

Linear Retail plans to take the 18,795 square-foot lot that once housed the former Rapino Funeral Home in Maverick Square and construct a three-story commercial retail structure with on site parking for five vehicles and a loading area.

Linear's attorney, Richard Lynds, said his client's propos-

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ZBA approves Condor St. development

By John Lynds

Last week the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved the project pitched for 101 Condor St. in Eagle Hill.

The proposed project, which received Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approval last month, consists of the re-development of a 8,650 square-foot commercial site situated on the corner of Condor and Brooks St.

The site was used by Corner Stalk Farms. Corner Stalk plans to move to the Chelsea Creek side of Condor St. because the company, that grows fresh produce in converted industrial shipping containers, outgrew its current location.

The developer plans to construct a new four story building containing 18 residential units and 18 off-street parking spaces located in the building's below-grade garage. The project also includes two in-

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The main entrance on Bennington Street for the New England Casket Company during Friday night's 9-alarm fire. The casket company's manufacturing plant was gutted by Friday's fire and caused over \$1 million of damage. (Photo courtesy of the BFD)

9-alarm fire rips through New England Casket Co.

GoFundMe page established for out-of-work employees

By John Lynds

Louis Tobia Jr.'s Italian grandfather, who founded the New England Casket Company on Bennington Street in East Boston more than 75 years ago, invented the 'Concord Casket.' Retailing for around \$25,000 it became the casket of choice for the rich and famous and the likes of Muhammad Ali, Heath Ledger, Walter Cronkite, Joan Rivers and Tip O'Neill all were all reportedly interred in the Concord.

Since the leader Tobia founded the company it has been a widely successful business that manufactures hand-made caskets for sale to distributors that in turn sell them to families.

On Friday afternoon the

longstanding local family-owned company that employees over 100 people went up in a blaze that completely gutted the business's manufacturing plant and showroom.

The first alarms for a fire on the roof of the plant sounded at around 3 p.m. For a few hours Boston Firefighters tried to extinguish the flames that seemed to be contained to the casket company's roof.

However, Tobia later explained to reporters at the scene that one of the plant's furnace exhaust pipes started the fire. Because the fire was above the building's water sprinkler system the system was never activated.

Flames and burning debris began falling through the roof and into the plant below that contained mostly highly flammable lumber and chemicals for varnishing caskets.

By early evening the fire

had spread to a very rare 9-alarm blaze as fire stations from across the city rushed to Eastie to contain the blaze.

The huge building, which abuts the MBTA Blue Line between Orient Heights and Suffolk Downs train stations, is close to 100,000 square feet and burned for nearly 12 hours.

The fire forced the suspension of the Blue Line from Airport MBTA station to Wonderland station until Monday morning.

More than half of all on duty Boston firefighters from across the city fought the inferno into the early morning hours and the heavy thick black smoke could be seen from as far away as Lynn. The smoke and wind conditions forced the City to evacuate a portion of the hill around Orient Avenue. Officials feared

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Mt. Carmel and NOAH projects approved by BPDA

By John Lynds

At last week's Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) board hearing, two large East Boston projects in Jeffries Point's Gove Street area, as well as the backside of Eagle Hill were approved.

The BPDA board said the residential projects moving forward make progress towards Mayor Martin Walsh's goal of increasing affordable housing to support a strong middle-class. Mayor Walsh's 2019 legislative agenda aims to support the creation of new affordable housing, increase access to homeownership opportunities, and prevent displacement of residents.

The first project approved was the slightly contentious project to transform the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and surrounding properties, which include the church, rectory, convent and a

large vacant parcel, into housing.

At the BPDA hearing the board approved developers Timothy White and Richard Egan to transform the four Mount Carmel Church parcels on Gove and Frankfort streets in 112 residential units that include 12 income-restricted units.

Members of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) voted 17 to 7 against the proposal to develop the former Mount Carmel Church property.

While the developer plans to renovate the church and construct four-story row-houses on the vacant parcel along Frankfort Street, the developer's plan to construct a six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent was the most concerning to residents.

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The Quiet Few to open later this month

By John Lynds

The East Boston resident planning to open a small bar at the former East Boston Kitchen on Sumner Street is almost finished with renovating the building and plans to open later this month.

Josh Weinstein, who received Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) support back in February 2018 to open The Quiet Few

at 331 Sumner St., received his full liquor license from Boston Licensing Board a few months back.

"We were fortunate to receive a restricted all alcohol license for The Quiet Few," said Weinstein. "Right now we are working to close on the property. In the meantime, we have been working on the design phase of the bar, which is

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Quiet Few's new handcrafted bar with draught pourers. The Quiet Few should open by the end of this month.

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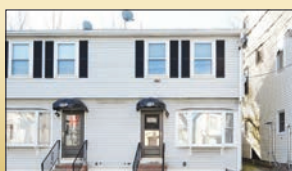
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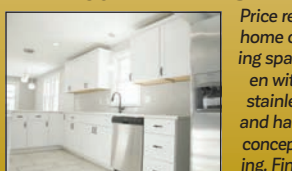
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McKay School awarded Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative grant

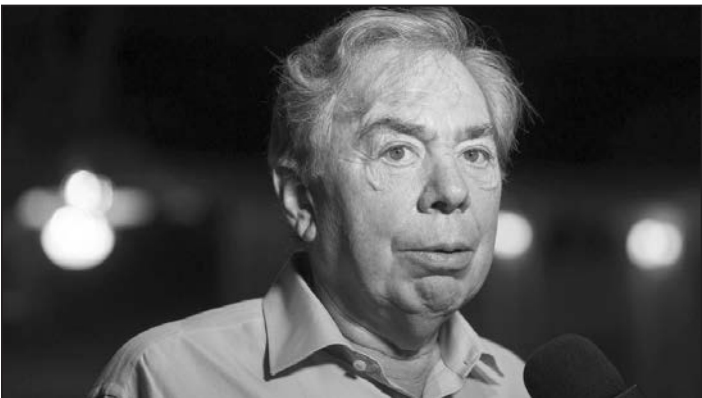
By John Lynds

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative, named after the legendary musical theater composer, has provided students at all levels with enhanced theatre education to initiate meaningful relationships with theatre in childhood, and open doors for pursuing theatre as children become young adults.

By fostering lifelong engagement with theatre through educational avenues the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative provides grant funding directly to under-resourced public schools more like here in East Boston.

These grants provide instruments, dance floors, lighting grids, and other necessary materials to enhance existing in-school theatre programs.

Last week it was announced that the Donald McKay



Musical theater legend Andrew Lloyd Webber

School in East Boston was the recipient of a 2018 Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative grant. “We are thrilled to be chosen as a recipient of the Andrew Lloyd Webber Grant,” said McKay Principal Jordan Weymer. “Over the past four years we have worked hard to build a strong musical theater program at the McKay, and this grant has empowered us to continue build and expand.”

Through the grant program, the Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative provides classroom grants to create or enhance theatre programs in our nation’s under-resourced schools. Scholarships for afterschool and summer training programs, and tuition support for students pursuing theatre in higher education, and provide support on the individual level to students determined

to make a career in theatre.

“Every day we see the benefit of arts participation for our students,” said Weymer. “We see students gain self confidence, take risks and solve problems with peers. Being a recipient of this grant solidifies that the arts are an integral part of our school community. We can’t wait to see where our program goes next.”

Weymer said this grant would allow the McKay to provide more opportunities for students to participate in our annual musicals.

“We plan to have a student run tech crew that will operate the lighting and sound equipment provided by the grant,” he said. “Not all students want to be actors onstage so this equipment will provide us with an alternate way of involving students in the musical.”

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moving along very quickly.” Weinstein received a Common Victualler seven-day, all alcohol license to be exercised at 331 Sumner St., according to the Licensing Board.

The filing states that the bar will be approximately 1,360 sq. ft. on the first floor, with one main dining room and bar area with a kitchen and storage in the rear of premises.

Weinstein’s original proposal was shot down 14-9 by the JPNA in November 2017 with members expressing concerns over the proposed closing time of 1 a.m. most nights.

Weinstein came back before the group and rolled back his proposed hours from 1 a.m. to midnight. Sunday through Wednesday and 1 a.m. from Thursday through Saturday. That plan received support from JPNA by a vote of 27-9.

Weinstein has maintained that The Quiet Few would not be a rowdy place like some of the other bars that were in and around Jeffries Point decades ago.

With 15 years of experience in the bar and restaurant business Weinstein has said he knows whom to serve and whom not to serve.

“I don’t want people in my

establishment getting rowdy and causing trouble,” he said. “I will consider this my second home and I will treat it like my home and I will tell you I would not invite rowdy drunk people into my home.”

Weinstein’s purchase of the former EBK building was contingent upon him gaining a full liquor license from the city.

Weinstein moved to Eastie recently with his wife, and lives on Eagle Hill. He said he was looking for the right place and opportunity to bring his neighborhood pub concept to fruition and found the EBK space available.

On food, Weinstein said his proposed opening would be 11 a.m., and the food would be comfort food and pub fare like sandwiches, burgers, wings, and appetizers for lunch and dinner. A late-night bar menu of grilled cheese sandwiches would be offered after 10 p.m.

If the bar and restaurant is successful, Weinstein said he would consider opening earlier for breakfast to capture the morning commuters heading past his establishment on their way to the MBTA.

The inside consists of the dining room seating area, a bar and kitchen with a capacity of about 40 people.

Police release additional photos in connection with fatal stabbing

By John Lynds

Boston Police have released additional photos of another individual they would like to speak to regarding the fatal stabbing of a Revere barbershop owner last month.

Alfred Rodriguez was stabbed during an altercation outside Modelo Bar on Chelsea Street in the early morning hours of Sunday, February 17.

Rodriguez, a father and owner of a barber shop in Revere, succumbed to his injuries at an area hospital three days after being stabbed in the chest.

The new photos are of a single Latino male both sitting inside and walking around Modelo Bar. Police said they would like to speak with this individual.

“Boston Police are seeking the public’s help in an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual shown in the images in relation to the incident,” said police in a statement.

A night out for Rodriguez turned deadly on February 17 when police were called to Modelo Bar at 2 a.m. that morning. Police found Rodriguez suffering from a stab wound to the chest. He was rushed to a local hospital with life-threatening injuries. He survived for nearly three days before passing away on Wednesday, February 20.

Police were originally searching for three people caught on security cameras that may have information on the attack.

Police said that the three individuals, one male and two females, are not considered suspects at this time but they would like help from the public in identifying the three people that were in the area at the time of the stabbing.

“These individuals are not wanted at this time,” Boston Police said in a statement. “This information is being provided for identification purposes only.”

Whether those individuals have been identified and may have led to police seeking this new individual is unknown at this time.

The Boston Police Department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident. Anyone with information is strongly urged to contact Boston Police Homicide Detectives at (617) 343-4470.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to help this investigation in an anonymous manner.

If you find yourself in need of emotional support or needing to talk to someone about distressing events in your community, the Boston Neighborhood Trauma Team (NTT) provides free, private support 24/7 at (617) 431-0125 or by visiting BPHC.org/trauma.



Murder update. Boston Police are seeking the public’s help in an effort to ascertain the identity of the individual shown in the images in relation to the incident.



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Tufts tobacco wants to convert to adult use marijuana facility

By John Lynds

Tufts Tobacco owner Jimmy Shenna has successfully run a highly regulated business in Orient Heights Square for over two decades without any incidents.

When cigar bars were En Vogue over a decade ago Shenna's business was booming and was an anchor in the square. With a lounge, television, a full liquor license and one of the most comprehensive collections of cigars for sale, Shenna used to see over 250 customers come in and out of Tufts each day.

However, stricter regulations over employee second-hand smoke issues, the relinquishing of his liquor license and the decline of cigar smoking in general has Shenna struggling.

However, the new burgeoning adult-use cannabis shop business has Shenna trying to keep his business alive by switching from tobacco sales to recreational marijuana sales.

At Monday night's Orient Heights Neighborhood



Mike Ross pitches the plan to open an adult use marijuana facility at the Tufts Tobacco location in Orient Heights Square.

Council meeting, Sheena and a team of other East Boston residents led by attorney and former Boston City Councilor Mike Ross, pitched the idea of turning Tufts into a adult-use marijuana facility under the name Local Roots.

"There a lot of people coming in from out of town and landing in Boston and opening these very lucrative businesses," said Ross. "Everyone on the team lives in neighborhood so we all got together and attempted to do this Local Roots business."

Ross said Tufts would

cease selling tobacco products and switch over to adult use cannabis sales under the Local Roots banner.

"Jimmy (Shenna) has been running a successful and highly regulated business in the community for 25 years without incident," said Ross. "Like his current business no one under the age of 21 would be able to step foot into the adult use facility. It's not like a liquor store where minors can walk in to buy chips or a soda or other non-alcohol products. This would strictly be for adults and it will be highly regulated."

Ross explained that Tufts interior would be turned into an adult-use shop. Security measures would include a foyer between the street entrance and actual interior shop. There customers would have to produce identification showing they are an adult before being let into the shop.

"There will be no flashy signs, marijuana leafs or any other signage that would advertise the business," said Ross.

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al hopes to revitalize the site with approximately 39,000 square feet of gross floor area, with approximately 13,000 square feet being on the lower and upper two levels.

"In what will be an important project for the Maverick Square neighborhood, the building has been re-designed and modified with input from neighbors, residents and businesses of the Maverick Square community through community outreach, which has spanned three years," said Lynds.

This process included numerous meetings held by East Boston Main Streets, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) and abutters. In addition, the proponent has engaged in discussions with the local elected delegation and has had numerous discussions with the Urban Design staff of the BPDA.

After hearing from abutters and members of the community and based on that feedback the project has been increased in size from two to three stories adding approximately 13,000 square feet of commercial space from what was originally proposed.

Also materials and architectural features have been modified to reflect an exterior that is more complimentary to the surrounding neighborhood.

The developer also agreed to pay \$75,000 for the restoration of a historic Howard Clock that once stood inside the Rapino Funeral Home parking lot. The clock was destroyed several years ago during a storm. Lynds said that his client would not only restore the clock but site it appropriately outside 9 Chelsea



An artist rendering of 9 Chelsea St.

St. or somewhere else in the neighborhood if that's what residents want.

The former Rapino Funeral Home and the two bowfront buildings were demolished last year as part of the project.

The demolition ended a yearlong battle between the developer and residents. In September the Landmarks Commission placed a 90-day demolition delay on the project. The Landmarks Commission regularly grants 90-day demolition delays under Article 85 unless the commission determines there is good reason for the buildings to come down sooner. The purpose of Article 85, according to the Landmark Commission, 'is to establish a predictable process for reviewing requests to demolish certain buildings in order to establish an appropriate waiting period during which the city and the applicant can propose and consider alternatives to the demolition of a building of historical, architectural, cultural or urban design value to the city' as well as to 'provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the issues regarding the demolition of a particular building.'

Then, with the demolition

delay set to expire on November 20, 2017 Linear was told by the Landmarks Commission that they were in violation of Article 85. At a subsequent hearing in front of the Landmarks Commission Linear was told that the same community members trying to save the two homes had provided the commission with pictures depicting demolition work occurring at 144-146 Maverick St.

While no Landmarks Commission members went out to inspect the two Maverick Street properties they ruled Linear was in violation of Article 85 and slapped the two-year moratorium on the project. This meant that Linear could not move forward with zoning or permitting for the project until 2019.

However, in April 2018 the ZBA voted unanimously to reverse a previous Boston Landmarks Commission ruling that placed the two-year moratorium on a Maverick Street development project. The ZBA ruled that Landmarks Commission erred in its determination to impose the two-year moratorium on the project under Article 85 of the Boston Zoning Codes.

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However, GSCA members like Jack Scalcione applauded the developer's work with the community.

Scalcione, who lives on Frankfort Street, said the developer has worked closely with the abutters for several months.

In total the project will include 112 units and 84 parking spaces, 71 of which are located in a below-grade garage.

The developer recently eliminated the development of the rectory and decided to raze that building to house 13 of the 84 parking spaces, as well as to create a new landscaped greenspace.

The renovated Mount Carmel Church building will include 14 residential units.

The existing rectory and convent buildings will be razed and the vacant Frankfort Street parcel

will include the construction of a new building that includes 98 condominium units. The rectory building located at 128-134 Gove Street, and the convent are both compromised structurally and are not suitable for human habitation, according to current Boston building codes.

According to the filing the proposed project will provide market-rate and affordable units with a variety of unit sizes and styles to accommodate Eastie's diverse and growing population.

The unit designs will vary and include apartments and lofts. The unit mix for the 112 units will comprise a mix of studio units, one-bedroom or one-bedroom plus den units, and two bedroom units.

Thirteen percent of the units will be designated as affordable in accordance with the BPDA's Inclusionary Development Policy (IPD).

Attorney for the project, Jeff Drago, said White and Egan plan to make the former Mount Carmel Church building "the cornerstone of this development."

"This will be a respectful reuse being converted into spacious loft-style living units that capture the soaring interior spaces and volume of the building," he said. "There will be three levels of residential units with the top-floor units capturing the currently hidden truss space above the vaulted ceiling. The exterior of the building, including its brick and stone facade, will be restored. It will be sensitively repaired where religious iconography was removed. The front-door and side-window openings will be lowered to the ground to better connect the building to the street and surrounding landscape."



The BPDA approved two projects at its board hearing last week. Shown are artist renderings of both the Mt. Carmel Church and NOAH Condor Street projects that were approved.

The developers will also create a reflective outdoor space along the widened sidewalks at the corner of Frankfort and Gove Streets that honors Mount Carmel's history.

On the vacant lot the developers plan to erect a building that mirrors the brick row houses along Frankfort Street. The four-story structure will extend along Frankfort Street and articulate as individual row houses with separate, raised entrances and planter boxes. The fourth floor will contain setbacks for private deck space while reducing the massing along Frankfort Street.

This design was in response to many residents at past meetings not liking the modern design of some of the buildings. The original design included a mix of glass and other materials but residents asked the developer to consider replicating the architectural styles of the turn of the 20th Century brick buildings along Frankfort Street.

The developers will also construct the six-story building at the corner of Frankfort and Gove streets that will replace the existing convent.

White and Egan purchased the property in 2015 for \$3 million.

The BPDA also approved the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) and East Boston Community Development Corporation's (CDC) plans to develop artist live, and work space on Condor Street.

NOAH and CDC's Aileron, located on approxi-

mately 26,250 square feet of vacant land, on 131-151 Condor Street in Eagle Hill will construct an approximately 49,750 square foot mixed-use, mixed-income development that includes two buildings with a total of 40 residential units, artist studios, a work bar/gallery, community studio space, and a workshop

Last week the Boston City Council approved \$735,200 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding to the proposed Aileron development to build seven housing units, including four affordable units.

Overall, NOAH, its architect Eastie based Joy St Design, and the CDC have joined forces to create a 41-unit project that includes a mixed-use, mixed-income, ownership/rental housing and gallery spaces for the Eastie artist community and community at large.

NOAH's project, dubbed 'Aileron' will include eight ownership units, half workforce and half market, in one building with 33-units occupying a larger building next door. Of the 33 units in the larger building 17 will be set aside for artist work/living space.

NOAH is also proposing two large common spaces, a Gallery and Workbar, that will be available for the other residents in the building.

The vacant land was previously owned by the Boston Planning & Development Agency, and was transferred to the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) in 2017 for disposition in support of affordable housing.

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come-restricted units.

According to the developer's attorney the project would create a residential development combining market-rate and affordable housing opportunities

The four-story building will have roof decks and a more modern facade with wood accents to match the somewhat industrial look of the building across the street along the Chelsea Creek.

Recently the Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) voted 23 to 9 in support of the



An artist rendering of the ZBA approved Condor Street project.

project at 101 Condor St.

The developer has also agreed to contribute \$20,000

to the City of Boston's Parks Department to invest in Eagle Hill's Prescott Park.

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TRAGEDY, SADNESS IN NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a beautiful country that seems far removed, both literally and figuratively, from the problems facing the rest of our troubled planet.

However, the tragic shootings at two mosques in New Zealand this past Friday have demonstrated that there is no place on earth that is immune from the forces of evil and hatred that are tearing apart the fabric of our societies.

As we are writing this, 50 persons have been confirmed dead, with another 31 injured, of whom nine are in critical condition, including a 4 year-old child.

The shootings are typical of the cowardly perpetrators of these deeds: They choose churches, mosques, and synagogues where their victims are unarmed and worshipping their God pursuant to their individual faith in a place where the victims feel most safe.

Are we getting to the point where every house of worship must hire armed guards in order to protect their congregants?

New Zealand's prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, was unequivocal in her resolve to take action in the wake of the tragedy. "Within 10 days of this horrific act of terrorism, we will have announced reforms that I believe will have made our community safer," Ms. Ardern said.

To be sure, there is no one action that any government can take to prevent this sort of tragedy from happening. Hatred and mental-illness always will exist.

However, common-sense measures can be undertaken regarding the sales and licensing of the sort of military arms that are responsible for these mass shootings.

While none of us can predict the future, we do not have to be Nostradamus to know that until we restrict the sale of these weapons of mass murder, they will occur again -- and again -- and again.

ANOTHER SIGN OF CLIMATE CHANGE

"Historically catastrophic" flooding is the description of what has been happening across our nation's Midwestern Plains states this past week, thanks to a combination of heavy snows and unseasonably cold weather followed by unusually heavy rains.

When most of us think of climate change, images of rising sea levels and fearsome hurricanes that threaten our densely-populated coastal cities are what come to our minds.

But this past week's unprecedented events in the heart of our nation's bread basket should make all of us realize that no place on earth is safe from the devastating effects of climate change, which are accelerating at a rate faster than even the most-dire models had predicted.

It should be clear to all of us by now that whatever the costs may be of implementing green energy measures, they will be far outweighed by the costs of the devastation caused by the forces of nature that await us if we do not change our ways immediately.

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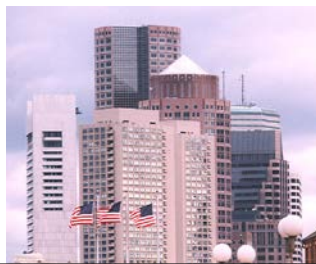
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Looking at women as heroes

By Christine Armstrong

March is Women's History month, and Friday, March 8 was International Women's Day. As I look back on the legacy of women in our country, I'm reminded of the vast number of accomplishments and achievements that women have made. In Massachusetts, alone, these five women stand out to me as heroes who fought their way to the top. Let's remember them, honor them, and keep moving forward!

Julia Child

Who can forget Cambridge's beloved Julia Child? She changed the world of food in America and made French food accessible to the home cook.

Before all that, Julia was a spy for the Americans during World War II. She worked for the Office of Strategic Services, a precursor to the CIA. There, she helped develop shark repellent and at one point, was Chief of the OSS Registry during her time in China. Julia Child never backed down from a challenge, and throughout her life, she had the freedom to do what she loved.

It's important to invest so you can pursue your interests, now, and in retirement. Julia lived life to the fullest; we should all take that as an example. Invest in your future and support what you love through careful financial planning. Think outside the box with philanthropic services and sustainable investments – the sky's the limit.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown

Bet this is a name you haven't heard before, but let me tell you, it's one you should know. Born in North Carolina, but raised in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Charlotte (Lottie) Hawkins Brown's parents made sure she had every educational opportunity available – a tough thing to achieve for a woman of color in the 1800s. She caught the attention of renowned educator Alice Freeman Palmer, and the rest, as they say, is history. Lottie later founded the Palmer Memorial Institute in North Carolina, providing top-notch educational opportunities to African-American children.

Consider building into your long-term financial plans, a savings portfolio for your dependent's educational opportunities – they might be the next Charlotte Hawkins Brown! A 529 college savings plan is a step you can take to give your children the gift of higher learning.

Louisa May Alcott, Author

Born to a poor family in Pennsylvania, Louisa moved to Boston, MA when she was two. There, her father, an idealist, an abolitionist and an early supporter of women's rights, founded a school where he planned to use his own teaching methods. The school failed, however, and the family's financial difficulties continued. Eventually settling in Concord, MA, Louisa and her three sisters realized early on that they must find ways to support the family. Louisa took jobs

teaching, sewing and housework, but soon she embraced her gift for writing, and at age 16 wrote her first book, *Flower Fables* – eventually published when she was 22 years old. By 1860, her stories and poems were being published in the *Atlantic Monthly*, and by the time she served as a nurse during the Civil War, her descriptive works entitled *Hospital Sketches* brought her considerable attention nationwide. Finally, in 1866, she wrote *Little Women* and from that point forward her family never suffered financially.

This Women's History Month, let's remember Louisa and all women who are the primary earners in their family; make a long-term investment in your retirement and lessen the load. Regularly evaluate the risk level in your portfolio versus potential reward to keep on track to reach your goals.

Lucy Stone, Abolitionist

Women have been making less than men for years – really.

Lucy Stone noticed this disparity all the way back in 1844. Working at Oberlin College while attending school there, she was paid less than her male counterparts for teaching and menial jobs, and forced to work twice as hard as a male student to pay the same costs. When she asked for a raise, the school declined, and caused a strike they came to regret. After the ordeal, Lucy was hired back, and all of the women were paid the same as their male colleagues. Lucy went on to organize women's

rights activists and was a firm abolitionist. Honor Lucy's memory by investing smartly in a portfolio – you can start small! The important thing is to protect your future.

Clara Barton

Oxford, Massachusetts was home to Clara Barton, a volunteer nurse during the Civil War. During a time of deep turmoil for our country, Clara stood up and cared for hundreds of soldiers suffering from wounds and serious illness. After the war, she established the American Red Cross, and was the organization's first president.

Health care costs have been on the rise for years; it's important to plan your finances so if something happens, you and your family are secure. Life is unpredictable; start a rainy-day fund to make sure you aren't blindsided by unexpected expenses. Putting away a small amount each paycheck will help offset any future cost.

Christine Armstrong is an executive director with Morgan Stanley Boston, and a frequent contributor to Bloomberg Radio, WBZ's "Before the Bell" and Herald Radio's "Morning Meeting". As a financial advisor, Christine's wealth management practice is centered on helping clients pursue their most meaningful long-term goals by identifying and addressing key financial challenges. She also has specific expertise in Family Wealth Advising, a topic that is still relevant today.

KENNEDY SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS



It was an awesome morning for Sen. Joseph Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro as they got to hang out with the future of the Massachusetts State House. The two elected officials thanked the Kennedy School in East Boston for visiting them.



The Kennedy School students pose for a photo behind the desks of State Reps in the House Chambers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, March 25, 2019 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
Catherin Leonard MacLean Community Room, Logan Airport Rental Car Center
1. Welcome & Project Updates
2. Boston Police Updates - Sargent Martin and Officer Simmons
3. Neighborhood Services Updates - Jesus Mota
4. GSCA Board elections
5. Friends of the East Boston Greenway - Designs for the Gove Street intersection for membership feedback
6. Future Waters - Neenah Estrella-Luna, climate change art project and survey.
7. 48 Geneva St (1st presentation/no vote), Attorney Richard Lynds
Project to erect a 6 unit dwelling at 48 Geneva Street.
Location: The Catherine Leonard McLean Community Room is located on the 1st floor of the Logan Airport Rental Car Center, at the end of Porter Street. Free parking is in front of the building and in the Porter Street parking lot adjacent tot he building

GRACE CHURCH NEWS SERVICES

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga Street in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour.

We also have a food pantry on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until noon in the church basement. There are a number of ways you can help us to serve East Boston. Volunteer at or contribute to the food pantry. Sing with the Festival of Lessons and Carols choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening community suppers. Participate in the Sunday worship service. Help with SundaySchool. Visit the Grace Church web site at www.gracechurcheastie.org or call the church at 617-569-5358 for more information.

EAST BOSTON SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

If you are 60+ years of age, the East Boston Social Centers at 68 Central Square in East Boston has a table and a meal waiting for you!
The Senior Lunch Program sponsored by ETHOS Congregate Meal Program provides a hot, nutritious lunch, along with wonderful socialization, Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A suggested donation of \$2 is asked.
We welcome seniors from our East Boston Community and surrounding areas.

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ESOL Intermediate English Class

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Registration is required. To register and for more information, please visit us, call 617.859.2446, or email literacycyservices@bpl.org.
Classes are free.
Caravan Puppets
Friday, February 22nd at 3 p.m.
Caravan Puppets has delighted countless children and families throughout the USA, Canada and Japan. “The Four Season Bear” is a delightful tale of the year of a young bear with memorable songs, beautiful puppets, storytelling and audience participation. Funding for this program was made possible by the Highland Street Foundation.

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER'S SENIOR PROGRAM NOW OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro. No need to register, just come by on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association First Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.	Friend of the East Boston Greenway Fourth Thursday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St.
Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St.	Maverick Central Neighborhood Association Third Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.
Orient Heights Neighborhood Association Third Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley St.	Gove Street Citizens Association Fourth Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center
	Eagle Hill Civic Association Last Wednesday of every month 7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

day at 10 a.m. for this fun class. The East Boston Social Centers is located at 68 Central Square.

EAST BOSTON TECH MEETUP

The purpose of the East Boston Tech Meetup is to build a community of people currently working in tech or those aspiring to move into a tech career who live or work in East Boston. These meetings will be held in the heart of Maverick Landing conveniently located steps from the Maverick T station, in the Maverick Landing Meeting House at 31 Liverpool Street.

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER PIZZA AND COMEDY FUNDRAISER

East Boston Social Centers to Hold Annual Pizza and Comedy Fundraiser April 11.
The East Boston Social Center will hold its Annual Spring Fundraiser, a Pizza and Comedy night at Prince Restaurant in Saugus, on the evening of Thursday April 11, 2019 – doors open at 6:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you

and sharing a great night of laughs, pizza and friendship.
The East Boston Social Center is a 501(C)3 non-profit multi-service agency that has served the children, families, and senior citizens of East Boston since its founding over 100 years ago, in 1918.
Net proceeds from this event will support the Social Centers’ programs, which serve over a thousand members of the East Boston and Greater Boston community each year. The Social Centers provide fully licensed and accredited Early Learning and After School programs for children ages two months through fourteen years, free after-school programming for at-risk teens, a Summer Program, as well as nutritional and social and recreational programming for seniors, and community space for advocacy, self-help and community groups.
Ticket price of \$35 per person includes unlimited cheese pizza and soft drinks and a hilarious comedy show with some of the area’s best comedians. Other menu items and a cash bar are also available for purchase.
There is also a Raffle for an

assortment of gift certificates, sports tickets, baskets and much more. Chances are \$20 for a book of 10 (Need not be present to win).
Thank you for your continued generosity to the East Boston Social Centers and support of the community of East Boston. We look forward to seeing you on April 11th!
To purchase tickets for the event or for raffle chances, please call Marisa at (617) 569-3221 ext. 107, email at mdi Pietro@ebsoc.org - or contact any of our Board members.
You may also purchase tickets online at: https://www.ebsoc.org/new-events/
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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, February 4, 2019

Around 10:20 a.m., in the area of 37 Meridian St., a 27 year old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Trafficking; Class A, Drugs 200 grams or more, Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs

Around 2:50 p.m., in the area of 50 Maverick Sq., a 32 year old woman with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery and Disturbing the Peace

Around 4:15 p.m., in the area of 259 Chelsea St., a 33 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Around 12:20 a.m., in the area of 104 Falcon St., a 20 year old female with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Around 5:34 p.m., in the area of 106 Princeton St., a 64 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Around 11:00 p.m., in the area of 83 Everett St., a 29 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery

Thursday, February 7, 2019

Around 10:15 a.m., in the area of 207 Porter St., a 27 year old male with a Hyde Park, MA address was arrested for OUI – Controlled Substance

Around 10:15 a.m., in the area of 207 Porter St., a 34 year old male with an Orange, NJ address was arrested for Possession of Class B, Drugs

Friday, February 8, 2019

No Arrests

Saturday, February 9, 2019

No Arrests

Sunday, February 10, 2019

Around 5:00 p.m., in the area of 14 Shelby St., a 25 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating After Revocation or Suspension

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Fire //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the burning chemicals inside the plant was causing toxic conditions in and around the fire.

Luckily, at around 10 p.m. a passing strong thunderstorm dropped a significant amount of rain and hail on Eastie—helping firefighters get the situation under control.

By Saturday morning the fire was under control and Boston Fire Commissioner Joe Finn was back on hand after spending the entire night at the blaze. Finn surveyed the damage and said the fire most likely caused over \$1 million worth of damage.

Demolition crews were on hand in Eastie as early as Sunday and began razing the skeletal remains of the casket company.

“There were so many departments and agencies that helped us at this fire,” said Commissioner Finn. “Training pays off when presented the challenges this fire had. It cannot be overlooked that first class fire apparatus, proper protective gear and most importantly a fully staffed department putting “Boots on the Ground” make the difference. It was a tremendous, professional effort by our firefighters in East Boston. There was excellent command decisions protected this densely populated neighborhood as firefighters have worked over 8 hours and counting battling this 9 Alarm fire storm. I’m Grateful for the incredible bravery and hard work of our first responders that battled this fire in East Boston. Finally a thank you to the many city and town fire departments that protected Boston (Friday). I know you spent several hours in our City and I appreciate your efforts that proved seamless when it mat-

tered.”

Local residents launched a GoFundMe account at www.gofundme.com/new-england-casket-co?fbclid=IwAR3dA4eW3W_uS-fE7WCsFINbGJmGbhi-MoVf5etXUA5qPDA3uN-WVmSLacJe8 with the help of raising a goal of \$50,000 for the employees of the casket company that are now

without work.

“We are raising money to support the workers of the New England Casket Company whose building at 1141 Bennington St. burnt down o

in a 9-alarm fire,” read the GoFundMe post. “Louis Tobia Jr., the company has been providing jobs for the community for over 75 years. Some employees have worked there for

over 40 years.”

The post added that all funds raised will go directly to the employees who are now without jobs due to this unfortunate accident.



The ruins of the casket company the morning after Boston Fire finally put out the fire.



BFD Commissioner Joe Finn briefs the press during Friday's 9-alarm fire in Eastie.



BFD Commissioner Joe Finn and Mayor Martin Walsh on the scene of Friday's blaze.



Additional Boston Firefighters arrive to scene as the New England Casket Company fire goes to 9-alarms.



Firefighters battled for over 12 hours to bring the 9-alarm fire under control at the 75-year-old New England Casket Company on Bennington Street in Orient Heights.



Toxic smoke from the fire forced the city to evacuate residents from certain parts of Orient Heights hill.



More than half of all on duty firefighters joined in to battle the fire.

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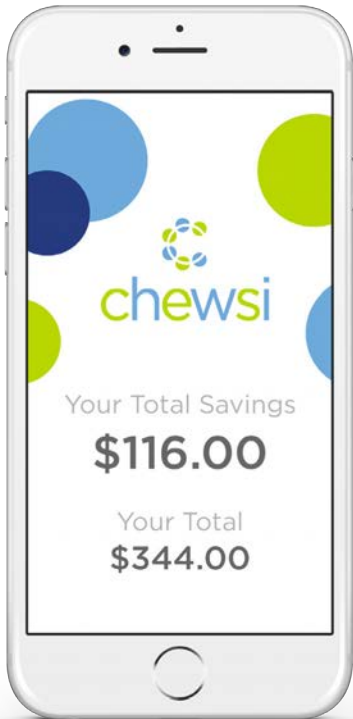
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ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AT THE CHEVERUS STREET APARTMENTS

FAITH AND BEGORRAH



Gloria Einsenhauer and Gloria Lee.



Cheverus School Apartments residents enjoying the St. Patrick's Day party music.



Jerry Napolitano and Joe Parziale.

The Cheverus School Apartments hosted Faith and Begorrah, a St. Patrick's Day party, on March 13. Residents enjoyed dessert and coffee while clapping to the music of Irish singer, Peter O'Malley, who joked about growing up in a large Irish family, and shared stories about drunken nights with gallons of whiskey. O'Malley performed folk songs about visiting the mountains of Kilpatrick, where legends say St. Patrick drove away the snakes from Ireland, while friends in green derby hats sang along.

"We're going to start doing times again because people are not getting a chance to get out and do things," said 15-year resident Jerry Napolitano, who co-organized the event with Dom Grieco. "They sit in their rooms, depressed because nobody comes to visit them."

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Mary Saggese clapping to Irish music.



Peter O'Malley singing Irish folk music.



Dom Grieco, Nick Domenico, Michael Pugliesi, and Joe Parziale.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ZBA APPROVES FORBES PARK PLAN

CHELSEA - The Forbes Park development proposal, with more than 500 residential units slated for the former industrial campus, has been approved by the City's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after four years and two major re-designs.

The final iteration of the project includes 590 units of housing, with 60 percent of those units being condos for sale and 59 units being affordable to a range of incomes. There are also 1.6 parking spaces per unit, or 963 spaces. The project also boasts a major public access area to the waterfront of the Chelsea Creek and Mill Creek. The current project also has a very small amount of retail and office uses, with both totaling below 20,000 square-feet.

The project, though still very large, was scaled back from the developer's (YIHE Forbes of China) original proposal in 2015. That proposal featured skyscrapers about 21 stories tall and more than 1,000 units of housing accompanied by large office spaces and large hotels. It was rejected informally and the company eventually withdrew during a ZBA meeting that went past midnight.

The news of Tuesday's approval of the new plan was viewed with mixed emotions by most, including those who had come to support the project, including City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

"I'm happy with the project even though it's far from perfect," he said. "Given all the concessions made since they first showed up here, I think

it's a workable project. There is lots of homeownership, with 60 percent being condos. This is the largest condo project in Chelsea for more than a decade if not longer. They also have really exciting plans for accessing the waterfront along the Chelsea Creek."

Ambrosino said they also agreed to several affordable housing concessions. Of the required 59 units of affordable housing, the mix will include many different income ranges, including 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), 50 percent of the AMI and 30 percent of the AMI.

"That's really deeply affordable and it assures that actual families that live in Chelsea now will be able to afford to live in the complex. That was very important to the City," he said.

The developer also agreed to contribute \$300,000 to the four schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex, which is about two blocks from the Forbes entrance.

That said, not everyone was happy with the news – and in particular was Councillor Joe Perlatonda, who represents the Mill Hill and Forbes area. He said the problem with the Forbes project is the same as it has always been, and that problem is the fact that there is one access point.

In the first iteration, City officials – including Ambrosino – had called for a bridge over the Chelsea Creek to Revere as a second access point to alleviate traffic in the neighborhood. However, this time around that was not made a requirement, and Perlatonda said he was not happy there was a concession made

on that point.

"It's a shame that no one has thought about the concessions of the residents that live in our neighborhood," he said. "Right now, with cars parked on both sides of the street that go into the Forbes site, and what we have to go through every day. Try getting out of your driveway every day; try driving down the street when you have to dodge cars, and then add 963 parking spaces which is 1.6 cars per unit. But someone seems to forget about the cars they will have for each unit like the mother, father and kids that all have cars, not to mention the visitors or guests that will come with cars. Has anyone thought where to put the overflow of these cars? Our streets are already congested, and getting in and out will be so bad. This is just part of the nightmare."

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni said they didn't believe the project was perfect, but felt there had been reasonable concessions made about their concerns.

"We had a number of concerns relating to the impacts on the neighborhood, and we feel that we have achieved some reasonable concessions from the developers," she said. "The number of affordable units, deeper levels of affordability and preference for Chelsea residents for those units - together with the mitigation for the adjacent neighborhood and the \$300,000 for the four schools at the Mary C. Burke Complex are all concessions that we are proud to have fought hard for... GreenRoots is committed to ongoing dialogue - and pro-

ST. JOHN SCHOOL DELIVERS HARVEST TO FRANCISCAN FOOD CENTER



On Ash Wednesday some of the third graders at St. John School in the North End took a brisk walk over to St. Anthony Shrine to deliver the freshly harvested tower garden produce grown at St. John's for the Franciscan Food Center, while there, they received ashes and took time to say special Lenten prayers. Third grade students always enjoy looking at the dolls of different Congregations of religious sisters in the lobby. On this day, Brother John Jaskowiak, who spent his spare time for several decades sewing traditional habits for the dolls, spoke with our students about this labor of love and explained the history of several of the dolls. Principal Karen McLaughlin is especially grateful to Brother John for the time he spent with the students.

test if necessary - to ensure the benefits are for everyone in the community, not just the lucky few who will get to live at Forbes."

Ambrosino said the site is very large, and that did allow the developer to be able to build large numbers of units by right if they chose to do so and could meet the parking requirements. That, he said, would have cut the City and the neighborhood out of the planning completely. He felt it wasn't worth the risk to chance that.

"They could have gone in by right and built 450 units and 900 parking spots and got a building permit without any say from the City or the neighbors," he said.

The project has already cleared Major Site Plan at the Planning Board, but has many hurdles to clear at City Hall in reviewing plans before they can break ground.

It is believed that the developer plans to keep three of the smaller buildings on site and rehabilitate them. The rest of the project will be new construction.

LICENSING COMMISSION NEARING FINAL VOTE FOR MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

CHELSEA - With plans to host four recreational marijuana shops already at some phase of readiness in Chelsea, the Licensing Commission is nearing a final vote on regulations for special additional rules for those establishments.

On March 7, the Commission continued a public hearing on the regulations, focusing on the topics of application fees, locations of the pot shops, and security.

Commission Chair Mark Rossi said the Commission should be ready to take a final vote on the regulations at its meeting in early April.

The City is limited to four retail marijuana establishments.

Those shops will already be vetted heavily before they reach the Licensing Commission for final approval. Other approvals include a host agreement in place from the City and approved by the state's Cannabis Control Commission, as well as any necessary approvals from the City's Zoning and Planning Boards.

Rossi said the Licensing Commission will grant the retail pot shop licenses in much the same manner as it does for liquor licenses.

One of the questions raised by an early draft of the Licensing Commission regulations was whether the Commission should limit the shops to one or two per voting district.

The City ordinance already limits the establishments to three zoning districts -- Industrial, Shopping Center, and Business Highway zones.

By the end of last week's hearing, there was general agreement among the commissioners that there would not be a restriction on how close the pot shops can be to one another.

City Councillor-At-Large Roy Avellaneda agreed that was the right move on the is-

sue.

"I would oppose any sort of restriction on the number of feet from one place to another," he said. "We already have zoning in place in the city and we don't need to add another layer to that; we don't do it for other businesses."

The Commission also agreed on a \$500 application fee and \$5,000 yearly renewal fee for the marijuana businesses.

While there were some questions about the Commission's role in looking at security at the establishments, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher noted that there are already strong security requirements from the state, and requirements are also written into the host agreements with the prospective businesses.

Commissioner Roseann Bongiovanni said she would still like to look at the host agreements to see how they address security before taking the final vote next month.

"I don't think security is going to be an issue," said Commissioner James Guido, adding it is more likely traffic that could cause some issues.

According to the proposed regulation, the Licensing Commission would not issue a license to anyone who has violated Licensing Commission rules and regulations in the past five years. All licenses are subject to zoning approval and state Cannabis Control Commission approval.

The operating hours for retail shops will be limited to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and all signage will have to be approved by the City, according to Fisher.

Tufts // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Like at his current business, Ross said Shenna would be instrumental in keeping cannabis and cannabis related products out of the hands of minors as he has been able to do so with tobacco for many, many years.

"He has ran Tufts Tobacco without one single incident," said Ross.

In fact Shenna has long maintained that tobacco should only be sold in licensed tobacco shops by licensed tobacconists like himself. Shenna's currently holds a license to sell tobacco and another license to allow smoking in his establishment. He is allowed the second license because a majority of his sales are directly related to tobacco and not food, liquor or other goods and services. Convenience stores, supermarkets and other stores have the same license to sell tobacco but smoking is not allowed in those establish-

ments because most of their sales come from other commodities.

So if a convenience store, supermarket or another store gets caught selling tobacco or tobacco products to minors they are fined and have their license to sell tobacco suspended for few days. It doesn't really affect these types of stores because they sell other goods and services for a profit.

The same rule of thumb would apply if the adult-use cannabis shop was allowed to open in Orient Heights. Ross said the Local Roots team would invest nearly \$1 million into rehabbing Tufts and could easily risk losing that investment and its marijuana license if any violations occurred.

Ross also said that above the six percent in tax on the shops sales, the team is in the beginning stages of seeking

organizations or programs that may need help in the community.

At the meeting the primary concern was over traffic and parking and adults using the product in the area around the shop.

Ross said in regards to parking patrons could take advantage of parking in the square, take the MBTA Blue Line because the shop would be located directly across from Orient Heights train station, or take advantage of the very inexpensive MBTA lot on Barnes Avenue that is a 2 minute walk.

"There could be a lot of options for customers trying to access the shop," said Ross.

But in the end as more marijuana shops open there will be less demand on the few that have already opened. Ross said they will most likely morph into the equivalent of a local liquor store.

"You are not going to drive across town to say Jamaica Plain to buy a bottle of wine," said Ross. "In the end this will be a store that services the local neighborhood and some of the surrounding communities."

As far as crime in or around the shop, former City Councillor Sal LaMattina, who is working with the Local Roots team, said during his trip to Colorado when he was on the Council to get suggestions from officials there on how to regulate and zone the new industry here was very informative.

"Look, I went to Denver and I talked to city councilors there who were against adult-use marijuana. I talked to the Mayor who was also against adult use marijuana and after a year of the shops being open they changed their minds," said LaMattina. "They told us, and feel free to talk to the other City Councilors that traveled there with me, that the shops reduced street crime and petty crime in the neighborhoods where the shops were located."

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

Invites you to a Public Information Meeting for the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project

Wednesday, March 27th, 2019
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Chelsea City Hall
City Council Chamber
500 Broadway, Chelsea, MA

The purpose of this public meeting is to provide residents of Chelsea and adjoining communities with an opportunity to become fully acquainted with the construction phase of the Chelsea Viaduct Project, set to begin construction in spring 2019. The meeting will focus on the construction phasing and project timeline. MassDOT will present and address specific comments from residents, community groups, and the City's government. The meeting will also provide an overview of 2019 construction on the adjoining Tobin Bridge rehabilitation and ways in which MassDOT is coordinating these two projects. The Chelsea Viaduct carries Route 1 north and southbound over Chelsea between County Road and the Tobin Bridge. The viaduct was constructed between 1956 and 1957 and, while safe to traverse, is structurally deficient with many of its components in severely deteriorated condition. The structure carries approximately 63,000 vehicles per day including MBTA routes 426 and 428. The construction work will repair the supports of the viaduct and replace the structure's roadway deck. To be added to the project email list, please visit www.mass.gov/tobin-bridge-repair-project or www.mass.gov/chelsearoute-1-viaduct-rehabilitation-project. The Chelsea City Hall is ADA accessible. Spanish interpretation will be made available at this public meeting. To request access or language accommodations in languages other than Spanish, please contact MassDOT's director of Civil Rights at 857-368-8580, TTD/TTY 857-368-0603, Fax 857-368-0602 or by email at MassDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us.

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John Bradley

Special Officer at Boston City Hall

John E. Bradley of Boston passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 17.

A Special Officer at Boston City Hall. John was an avid deep sea fisherman who loved going to the racetrack at Suffolk Downs in East Boston.

He was the devoted father of Jennifer Soares and her husband, Paul of Woburn, John Bradley Jr. and his wife. Stefanie of Stoneham, and Rita Tigges of East Boston, beloved longtime friend of Nicole Giglio, cherished grandfather of Grace, Jack, Nicolas and Michael.

Family and friends will honor John's life by gathering in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East



Boston, on Saturday, March 23 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a mass celebrating John's life at 10 a.m. Other services will be private. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

James Odoardi

Will be remembered for his kind heart, big smile and generous spirit

James E. Odoardi of Wellington, Florida died peacefully at his home Friday, March 8 following a brief illness. He was 91 years old.

Born and raised in East Boston, he made his living as a masonry foreman and was an expert craftsman. After retiring to Florida, he transferred his talents into completing projects for his family. Every family member has a piece of his craftsmanship in their home, be it an entertainment center, a tiled backsplash, or a custom built dollhouse.

His generosity did not end with his work. He was a caretaker in every sense of the word. He looked after his siblings, protected his wife, and most of all enjoyed the company of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jim was equally loved and respected by everyone who knew him and will be remembered for his kind heart, big smile and generous spirit. He left this earth having no regrets.

Jim is survived by his wife of 72 years, Louise (Vecchio) Odoardi; his son, Jim Odoardi (Anne) of Marblehead,

his daughter in law, Nancy Odoardi of Hobe Sound, FL; his grandsons: Jamie Odoardi (Alyssa) of Topsfield, Jay Odoardi (Allison) of Hamilton; his granddaughter, Kristen Bixby (Steve) of Essex; his brother, Richard Odoardi (Joyce) of Peabody; nine great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, Robert Odoardi, his parents James and Rose (DiBenedetto) Odoardi, four sisters: Antoinetta DeRosa of Malden, Florence Mercurio, Emma Tritto and Anna Fulcino, all of Revere and a brother, Robert Odoardi of East Boston.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance on Monday, March 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Palms West Funeral Home, 110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL. A Mass in celebration of Jim's life will be held Tuesday, March 26, at 10 a.m. at St. Therese De Lisieux, 11800 Lake Worth Road, Wellington, FL. A gathering in Massachusetts to celebrate Jim's life will take place in the coming months.

Doan Le

Owner of Allure Salon in Everett

Loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 19, at the Wing Fook Funeral Home, 13 Gerard St., Boston for Doan M. Le, who passed away surrounded by her loving family on Tuesday, March 12, after a most courageous battle with cancer at the Care Dimension Hospice House in Lincoln, MA. She was 43 years old. Born in Vietnam, Doan came to the United States in 1989. She furthered her education by studying business and real estate and earned her cosmetology license. She worked diligently in an elite salon until she reached her goal of opening her own business, Allure Salon in Everett.

She was very successful and all her clients and employees loved her for the beautiful person she was.

In 2004, on her birthday, she married the love of her life, George Rozantes (owner of George's Autobody in East Boston). The couple had a Las Vegas wedding and began their life together residing in Winthrop.

An avid world traveler, Doan Le will be most remembered for always being fashionable, creative and for hav-



ing an extremely kind spirit. She would always make time to help anyone in need. Her determination and countless acts of kindness is her legacy.

She was the beloved wife of George Rozantes of Winthrop; loving mother of Raymond Phan, Brian Phan, and Ruth Rozantes; the cherished daughter of Anna Le of Boston and the dear sister of Thuy Le, Michael Le, Tu Le, Kieu Le of and the late Doa Le. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Doan will be always be remembered, loved and missed.

Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Boston.

Niesa Guarino Hernandez

Of East Boston

Niesa M. Guarino Hernandez of East Boston passed away on March 16 at the age of 27.

She was the beloved wife of Fredy Hernandez, devoted mother of Arianna and Aaliyah Hernandez, cherished daughter of Michael and the late Judith Guarino, dear sister of Michael Guarino Jr. and adored granddaughter of Guiseppe Guarino and the late Grace Guarino, Nicholas Ruggiero and Lillian Ruggiero. She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Niesa's life by gathering at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church 59 Ashley St., East Boston on Friday, March 22, for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Niesa's life



at 12 noon. Services will conclude with Niesa being laid to rest with her mother at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Services are under the care and direction of the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit ruggieromh.com.

Henry Rudolph Boyd

Retired mechanic and veteran of two wars



Henry Rudolph Boyd of Goldsboro, NC formerly of the North End of Boston and East

Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on March 14 at the age of 90.

A retired mechanic and U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War, he was born in North Carolina on October 19, 1928 to Jarvis and Virginia (Bass) Boyd. He was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Gallo) Boyd, devoted father of Marie Ekasala, Phillip Orlandella, Theresa Caruso, Carol Piazza, Henry Boyd, Debbie Dewing, Joseph Boyd, Jacqueline Boyd, Joann Lundin, Robert Boyd, Richard Boyd, Anthony Boyd, Cheryl Murray, Rella Jernigan, Jeanette Jackson, and the late Dorothy Dicedue and Janet Boyd; loving companion of Ruby Woodson, dear brother of Elizabeth Suppis and is also survived by many adored grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends will honor Henry's life by gath-



ering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Thursday, March 21, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in funeral procession to Sacred Heart Church, Brooks St., East Boston for a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in celebration of Henry's life. Services will conclude with Henry being laid to rest with full military honors at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Boston Wounded Vet. Run, ITAM Post #6, 60 Paris St., East Boston in honor of Cpl. Vincent Mannion Brodeur. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit ruggieromh.com

Robert Gleason

Formerly of East Boston

Robert Gleason of Florida, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Sunday, March 3 at Sarasota Memorial Rehab Center at the age of 92.

He was born to Joseph and Elizabeth Gleason on Dec. 14, 1926 in Boston, one of nine siblings. He grew up in East Boston and after graduating from East Boston High School in 1944, he joined the United States Army and served as a Supply Sergeant in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre during World War II. After his service, he married Ida Capua and they had three children.

Bob moved from Massachusetts to Sarasota, Florida in 1996. He loved his hometown teams the New England Patriots, the Boston Red Sox and the Boston Bruins. He will be remembered as a stubborn and cheap man who fiercely loved his family and friends.

Robert Gleason is survived by his son, Joey Gleason; son-in-law, Terry Albright; grandchildren Terry Albright Jr., Sean (Renee) Albright and Kera (Ryan) Schwartz; great grandchildren, Stephanie, Christian, Angel, Noah, Camden and Caylin; brother,



Jim Gleason; sisters, Isabel Gleason, Pauline Miozza and Eleanor Bernabei.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Gleason, his parents, Joe and Elizabeth Gleason; his children, Bobby Gleason and Sandy Albright; brothers Joe, George and Charlie Gleason and sister, Alice Corlito.

Memorial Services will be held on March 29, at Oakwood Manor, Sarasota, FL from 12 - 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Robert Gleason's name to his favorite charity the Boy's Town Organization, PO Box 5000, Boys Town, NE 68010 or www.boystown.org.

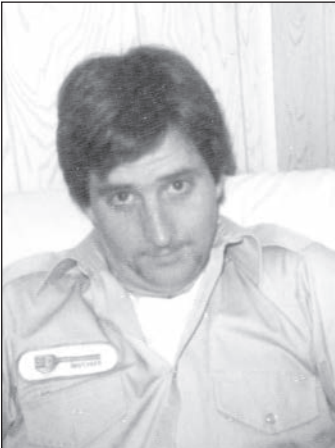
Richard Stanley Saltzman

Of Jamaica Plain, formerly of East Boston

Richard Stanley Saltzman of Jamaica Plain, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Feb. 6. He was 61 years old.

He is survived by his former wife, Joane Viarella Stone and Jason Stone and his daughters, Kristen Saltzman J.D. of Woburn, Desiree Dipaolo and her husband, Peter Dipaolo of Revere and his grandchildren, Joseph Vitale Luca and Mikaela Dipaolo. He is also survived by his uncle, Leonard Saltzman of Andover, his brother and sister, Alan Saltzman and Kerri-Ann Tobin and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be



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Annette Petroccione taking a helping of corned beef.



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Fourth PLAN: East Boston workshop deals with traffic issues

By John Lynds

It's no secret that traffic is arguably the most pressing issue in East Boston today. Since MassDOT began its project that removed the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza and reconfigured traffic in the area Eastie has been left with a mess for residents and commuters.

This project, coupled with a 47 percent traffic increase into the tunnel during the morning commute and the fact that 10 million Uber and Lyft trips a year are using Eastie to pick up and drop off passengers to Logan International Airport, has left residents have been screaming for a solution to the neighborhood's traffic woes.

East Boston is experiencing a period of tremendous growth with a population increase of 17 percent from 2000 to 2015. This is faster growth than the overall City's growth of 10 percent over the same time period. While growth has brought welcome investment, increased development pressure has had impacts on the Eastie multimodal transportation and traffic network. According to the MBTA, ridership on the Blue Line has increased 18.1 percent since 2014 while Red Line, Orange Line, and bus ridership has declined during that same period.

Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA)

hosted the fourth in a series of PLAN:East Boston workshops last week at East Boston High School.

This workshop focused on transportation and traffic in Eastie. Unlike past workshops were residents broke off into smaller working groups and brainstormed ideas to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood, last week's workshop at EBHS was a bit more informal.

The smaller working groups were replaced by officials from city and state agencies that deal with traffic each and every day in Eastie. Each representative from various departments were able to engage residents and jot down suggestions, ideas as well as listen to complaints of were and when traffic is the worst in the community.

"This is our fourth community event in East Boston," said BPDA's Jason Ruggiero. "We are just getting into this process that will most likely take two years. We are hoping to build on our last workshop that concerned open space and resilience. The theme there was 'connectivity' so we really want residents to think about the ways they move around the neighborhood, the things they see that work and don't work as well as suggestions for improving mobility in, out and around East Boston."

In January the BPDA approved the issuing an Request



The City's Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca.

for Proposals (RFP) to hire a consultant team to assist in the preparation of the PLAN: East Boston Multimodal Transportation Study.

Part of the Plan:East Boston transportation component the BPDA will analyze Eastie's multimodal transportation network, develop network recommendations for all travel modes, and design and implement time-sensitive recommendations.

The study holistically analyze East Boston's walking, biking, transit, and street networks and recommend policies, strategies, and improvements that respond to existing traffic issues and support future growth.

Work on the transportation and traffic study is expected to begin in April and completed within 24 months. Key tasks for the consultant selected through this RFP will include Development of neighborhood goals and vision that build on the Go Boston 2030 framework; Identification of transportation analysis areas; Existing and future scenario network analysis for all transportation modes; Written and visual content for the Existing Conditions Report and Neighborhood Plan; Generation and analysis of policies, strategies, and transportation improvement projects for all modes;



Local activist Chris Marchi talks with the City's Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca.

Alternatives analysis, including planning-level design development and cost estimating; Recommendations and designs for immediate-term network improvements to be implemented during Study development; Recommendations for near-, medium- and long-term transportation improvement projects; as well as technical support and staffing for community and Advisory Group meetings.

"Two years ago Mayor Martin Walsh launched Imagine and Go Boston 2030," said the City's Transportation Commissioner Gina Fiandaca, an Eastie resident. "We are here together to imagine our city and imagine our community and how those imaginations can increase better mobility in the future. So we are proud to see so many people here tonight and we want to hear from you."

Last summer Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the BPDA's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030 effort to



A resident speaks with the BPDA's Michael Sinatra (left) during the workshop.



An East Boston residents provides some suggestions and feedback to city officials during last week's workshop.

'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighborhood.

The city plans to work closely with Eastie community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding principles of "preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively."

As part of the initiative in Eastie comprehensive planning will include a focus on balancing contextually-sensitive development alongside preservation. There will also be a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.

One of the highlights in Eastie will be improving the public

realm and access to open space and neighborhood-serving amenities, addressing mobility challenges, and supporting neighborhood resiliency and preparing for climate change.

The city will work with the community in Eastie's half dozen enclaves with a focus on the the neighborhoods here that are facing increased development pressures. Working with the community the city will determine a shared vision for the future of the neighborhood. Community discussion will focus on preservation of the existing residential fabric, enhancement of the vitality of existing residential communities and businesses, anti-displacement strategies for residents and businesses,



City transportation officials talk with residents during last the BPDA's Plan:East Boston workshop last week focused on transportation and traffic.

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