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Developer files PNF with BPDA to build 165 units on Bremen Street

By John Lynds

A local developer, Bremen Acquisitions, LLC, is planning to transform a former auto-repair shop and surrounding parcels into a large mixed-use development.

Last week Bremen Acquisitions filed its Project Notification Form with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last week.

According to its filing with the Boston Planning and Development Agency, Bremen Acquisitions seeks to revitalize a non-conforming and outdated industrial use currently housing Gino's Auto Body on Bremen Street into a development that includes a mix of residential housing and ground-floor retail space.

"The proposed project will include approximately 165

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BPDA approves Geneva Street residential project

By John Lynds

At its May board meeting last Thursday the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved a 26-unit residential project on Geneva Street.

In its ruling the BPDA board wrote that, "28-30 Geneva Street advances consistent with the priorities outlined in ongoing PLAN: East Boston initiative". The PLAN: East Boston initiative

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BIKE SAFETY DAY



Members of the District A-7 Police Station in East Boston during Saturday's Annual Bike Safety Day at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. The event is a collaboration between the Boston Police, the East Boston Kiwanis Club and the Boys & Girls Club to promote bike safety. See photos on page 16.

Excel Academy student De Leon receives scholarship

By John Lynds

With development in the City of Boston at an all-time high, the need for professionals in the architecture, construction, and engineering fields is greater than ever.

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston, the non-profit organization which introduces high school students to the architecture, construction, and engineering industries, is at

the helm of helping develop future talent in those industries.

Eduardo De Leon, a student at Excel Academy Charter High School, is one of the 24 impressive high school students from a community in and around Boston to receive a scholarship this year.

With professional guidance by industry mentors who are full-time employees of construction, design and

engineering firms, De Leon participated in a five-month design project and construct a hypothetical project in order to learn about each discipline.

"We are so proud of Eddy and the work he did as part of ACE this year," said Excel Executive Director Owen Stearns. "The hands-on experiences of this program were the perfect complement to the

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Cape Air set to take flight with seaplanes off Eastie's shores

By John Lynds

Ever since Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf was doing seaplane flight instruction on Cape Cod's ponds over 35 years



Cape Air will begin landing seaplanes on the Boston Harbor in order to connect Boston to New York City this summer.

ago, launching a scheduled seaplane service has been a dream.

"Ongoing collaboration with our communities and officials has been key to that

dream becoming a reality," said Wolf.

Starting this summer Cape Air, one of the busiest air carriers at Logan International Airport with 11 destinations out of Boston, will expand its operations in a unique way.

Wolf said his company will begin landing seaplanes on the Boston Harbor in order to connect Boston to New York City.

The idea involves flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver having been doing this for years now so it's not a

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BPS to reconfigure schools by 2021

By John Lynds

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Interim Superintendent Laura Perille announced the beginning of a community planning and engagement process around significant updates to BuildBPS, the district's 10-year education and facilities master plan, which calls for additional school grade reconfigurations and expansions, and construction of new school buildings.

In East Boston, Perille announced that BPS will reconfigure six Eastie schools, the Adams, Bradley, Guild, Otis, P.J. Kennedy, and O'Donnell from the K-5 model to a K-6 model by September 2021.

The plan also includes expanding middle-grade seat capacity in Eastie by exploring expansions of middle-grade seats at East Boston High

School that may turn to a 7-12 model like Boston Latin and Boston Latin Academy. BPS will maintain middle school options at the Umana and McKay K-8 schools.

BPS also purchased the property at 189 Paris St. on May 15 to construct a new school building to serve elementary grades.

According to BPS, the proposals for schools in Eastie, as well as similar changes made in Charlestown, would directly address issues facing both communities, whose school enrollment patterns are intertwined. Currently there is a lack of pre-K and elementary seats in Charlestown, and a lack of elementary- and middle-grade seats in Eastie.

"Modernizing our school facilities and updating our grade configurations in a way

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Achievements

Rep. Adrian Madaro, his former Chief of Staff Liana LaMattina graduate Law School

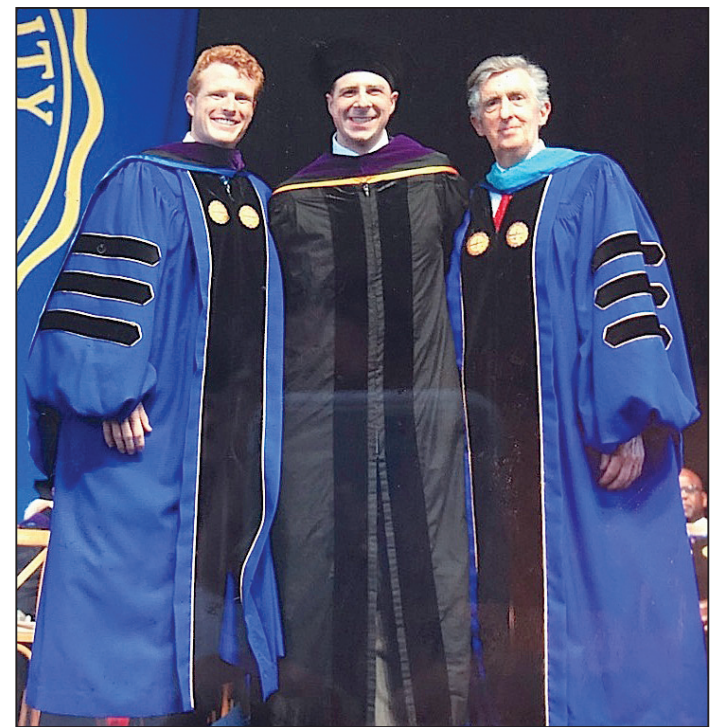
By John Lynds

Life has come full circle for two lifelong friends with a monumental life achievements over the weekend.

Rep. Adrian Madaro and his former campaign man-

ager and chief of staff, Liana LaMattina, grew up in East Boston together, took karate classes together when they were kids and attended Boston Latin School together as teens.

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Rep. Adrian Madaro (center) received his law degree from Suffolk University School of Law on Sunday. Madaro with keynote speaker Congressman Joseph Kennedy III and Suffolk University Vice President John Nucci.

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In 2015 the two friends since childhood teamed up for Madaro’s successful run for state representative with LaMattina, the daughter of former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, running the campaign’s day-to-day operations.

On Sunday both Madaro and LaMattina crossed the stage at the Rockland Trust Bank Pavilion at the Seaport to accept their Law Degrees from Suffolk University School of Law.

Madaro graduated from Tufts University and went on to receive his Master’s Degree there while LaMattina is a Boston University graduate and enrolled in Suffolk University Law School after running Madaro’s campaign and then becoming his chief of staff.

“I can’t thank my wife, Ariel, my mother, Debra, and my father, Jacopo, enough for all their support during this journey,” said Madaro at a luncheon prior to his graduation. “I also want to congratulate Liana for her achievement. She has been someone that has been by my side while I balanced my responsibilities as a state representative and commitment to the community with attending law



Liana LaMattina also received her law degree on Sunday. LaMattina with East Boston resident and Suffolk University Vice President John Nucci.

school part time. I also want to thank my extended family and friends for all their support and allowing me to lean on them whenever I needed.”

In 2015 former Rep. Carlo Basile announced that he was leaving office to work in Gov. Charlie Baker’s administration and a special election was scheduled for March of that year.

Only 23 years old at the time, LaMattina was tapped by Madaro to run his campaign for the state rep seat. Just one year removed from her graduation from Boston University where she received a degree in Business Management with a concentration in Organizational Behavior, LaMattina became an organizational dynamo for the cam-

paign.

“I worked so hard for this degree and I’m so thankful,” LaMattina said Sunday after graduation. “To my parents, Sal and Lisa, thank you for sacrificing and ensuring I had access to every opportunity to further my education. To my fiancé, Angel, thank you for your love and support. I couldn’t have done it without you. To my friends and family, thank you for your constant support and encouragement. A special thank you to the late Thomas Menino for seeing my potential and pushing me to go to law school - I wish you were here to see me cross the stage.”

Madaro would call LaMattina the best campaign manager anyone could ask for.

After securing the Democratic nomination and winning the general election, Madaro brought LaMattina on as his legislative aide at the State House.

During her tenure, LaMattina has served East Boston with tireless dedication by handling constituent issues, community concerns, and legislation for Madaro’s office.

She left Madaro’s office last year to focus on her last year of law school.

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residential units, 8,500 square feet of street level retail/lobby space and garaged parking in a building that varies in height between five and six stories along Bremen Street, with related upgrades in public realm improvements, including pedestrian and vehicular access, landscaping and streetscape design,” wrote the developer’s attorney Joseph Hanley. “The scope and scale of the Proponent’s residential program is also intended to further the residential policy goals of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh’s 2030 Housing Plan.”

With a combined land area of approximately 34,160 square feet, the site consists of nine contiguous parcels of land with a series of non-descript automobile repair structures, one small wood-frame residential building, surface parking and multiple curbcuts off Bremen Street.

Hanley said as part of the project his client plans the removal of many of these curbcuts thus creating the potential



An artist rendering of the proposed project on Bremen Street.

for approximately 135 feet of new, additional on-street public parking. “Uniquely situated across from the Bremen Street Community Park, and within a short walk to the MBTA’s Blue Line Airport Subway Station, the Project Site is an ideal location for the upgrade and conversion of these non-conforming parcels into much-needed residential housing,” said Hanley. “Consistent with the existing residential character of the area,

the proposed project has also been carefully designed with certain building and site measures that help to appropriately transition from residential properties along Chelsea Street at the rear to a more prominent engagement along the Bremen Street frontage.

As the proposed project exceeds 50,000 square-feet of new construction it is subject to the BPDA’s Article 80 Large Project Review requirements under to Article 80 of the Boston Zoning Code.

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hopes to change some zoning in areas of Eastie while ‘preserving, enhancing and growing’ the community.

Joel DeLuca, owner of 28-30 Geneva St., is proposing to tear down a former automotive storage facility and replace it with five-story residential building with 26 home ownership units, including three income-restricted units.

The 8,000 sq. ft. lot would also include 19 off-street parking spaces as part of the proposal and at least 26 on-site bicycle storage spaces.

“This transit oriented development is located within a half mile of the MBTA subway and bus service, providing residents with access throughout the City of Boston and greater Boston area,” wrote the BPDA. “The project is expected to bring a number of public benefits to the East Boston neighborhood, including investments in roadway infrastructure and public realm improvements. Additionally, 28-30 Geneva St. is consistent with the planning and development guidelines identified in the BPDA’s ongoing PLAN: East Boston study.”

During the community process some Gove Street



An artist rendering of the BPDA approved Geneva Street project.

Citizens Association (GSCA) members were quick to dismiss a proposed residential development on Geneva Street as yet another large scale development that does not fit in with the surrounding community.

However, other longtime Geneva Street residents welcomed the proposal as something that may start a rebirth on the long neglected street.

At the first meeting regarding the proposal, some GSCA members were wary of another large-scale development with one member commenting that the group has seen enough five-story proposals and didn’t like the modern design.

Attorney Jeff Drago, representing DeLuca, said Geneva Street is basically a blank canvas that needs some attention. Historically the unpaved Geneva, which connects Gove Street to Maverick Street, has been dotted with auto repair shops, auto storage facilities and a few homes.

Those who live on the street agreed with Drago and want to see more developers take interest in the street.

“There’s nothing down here,” said one resident at the meeting. “I’m an abutter to this project and the street has been a dump for as long as I can remember. I’m all for anything they can do to make this street look better because honestly it can’t be any worse than it is now. There are no sidewalks and no street.”

Drago said already one developer has started a project on the street and another of Drago’s clients received approval for a nine-unit development on the corner of Gove and Geneva Streets.

“As more and more parcels are developed on this street the better the street will look,” said Drago. “We are proposing new sidewalks and as more projects come on line the sidewalks will be extended and eventually the street will be paved.”

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We will have follow-up small-group conversations about IDP where we will discuss how the program can continue to best serve the affordable housing needs of Boston.

The meetings in East Boston will be interpreted in Spanish.

If you cannot attend this event, you can submit comments to the BPDA. Go to <https://bit.ly/IDPUpdate> for more information.

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Location: Catherine Leonard-McLean Community Room at Logan Airport Rental Car Center
Time: 6:30- 8:30pm

- Welcome & Announcements
- Boston Police Updated — Sargent Martin & Officer Simmons
- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates - Lina Tramelli
- Greenway Gove St. Crossing Project - Stephanie Weyer
- Project Updates - Nat Taylor
- Project Presentations:
 - 69 Lubec Street**
A proposal to erect a 5 story building with 8 residential units and 8 parking spaces.
 - 2nd presentation & vote - attorney Matt Eckel

Location: The Catherine Leonard-McLean (formerly Noddie Island) Community Room is located on the first floor of the Logan Airport Rental Car Center, situated at the end of Porter Street. Free event parking in front of the building and in the Porter Street parking lot adjacent to the Building.

John Akomfrah: Purple

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MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY TO REFLECT UPON THOSE WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE

The Memorial Day weekend is upon us, a three-day weekend that for most Americans marks the start of the summer season. Many will celebrate appropriately with barbecues and outdoor activities with family and friends.

However, amidst our festivities, we should not forget that Memorial Day is America's most solemn national holiday, marking our nation's tribute to those who made the Supreme Sacrifice for our country.

Memorial Day initially was observed on May 30 and was known as Decoration Day, in an era before the turn of the 20th century, when the Northern states paid tribute to the Union soldiers -- who gave their lives to preserve America as we know it -- by decorating their graves that were a part of the landscape of every Northern community whose sons died to preserve the Union and free the slaves.

That tradition continues to this day, with the graves of those who gave their lives for their country being decorated with American flags and flowers around the country, whether by veterans organizations or family members.

The new century soon brought with it wars, seemingly every generation, that would give new meaning to the words Supreme Sacrifice. Starting with the Spanish-American War in 1898, American blood was shed on foreign soil in WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, and then Iraq and Afghanistan, not to mention in other far-off places around the world that are known only to our government.

Although history has been less than kind in judging the wisdom of our policy-makers who involved us in many of these conflicts, what is beyond dispute is that in every war to which we have sent our young men and women, they have performed with courage and patriotism in the belief that they were serving the best interests of our nation.

For those of us who have been spared the horrors of war, it is difficult, if not impossible, to appreciate the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf by those who served -- and died -- while wearing the uniform.

It is these brave Americans, who gave "the last full measure," whom we honor on Memorial Day. Without their heroic efforts, we would not be writing this editorial -- nor would you be reading it.

So as we enjoy the long holiday weekend with friends and family, let each of us resolve to take a moment -- if not longer -- to thank those who gave their lives in order that we might be able to enjoy the freedoms that make America the greatest nation on earth.

Abraham Lincoln's words in his Gettysburg address ring as true today as they in 1864:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

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House Speaker Robert DeLeo (fourth from the left) recently hosted a birthday celebration for Richie Scannelli (fourth from the right) with many of Richie's friends.

LETTERS to the Editor

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Editor:

In America today, approximately 45-47 million, or 1 out of 5 Americans, is suffering with a mental health issue; and approximately 1 in 25 adults is currently experiencing a serious mental illness that substantially interferes with one or more major life activities. Sadly, the rate of suicide is at a 30-year high.

While more individuals are accessing care, an astounding 9 million are struggling with unmet needs. These are our friends, colleagues, neighbors and perhaps our own family members. As CEO of the Arbour Hospital, my staff and I have the privilege of serving many members of our community who are experiencing some of the most challenging times of their lives -- mental illnesses

that are often invisible to the casual observer in ways that physical illnesses are not.

May is Mental Health Awareness month, providing an important opportunity for reflection and collective action to address barriers, including the ongoing stigma and stereotypes preventing many individuals from getting the care they need.

A recent poll of 1,000 Americans conducted by Research Now provides some noteworthy insights regarding perception and barriers. High percentages of respondents view mental health as equal in importance to physical health with illnesses like depression and anxiety cited among the top concerns, along with cancer and heart disease. The same poll identified barriers to care and different perspectives regarding value for physical and mental health where historically the latter wasn't taken as seriously.

The good news is that there is much hope -- and today, positive outcomes are not only possible, they are experienced every day. Like chronic physical illness, mental illness can be diagnosed and effectively managed. Individuals who were once in despair can regain their mental health and go on to live their best lives. This is highly rewarding and one reason I chose to work in this field.

What can we do within our communities to recognize the signs of mental health issues and assist those in need of care and treatment?

- Listen and show understanding: If you suspect a 1 one is struggling, offer to listen and encourage them to seek professional help.
- IShare the Lifeline number (800-273-TALK) -- a 24/7, free and confidential support line. Military veterans may press '1' for dedicated support. Suicide affects all demographics: different ages,

racess, ethnicities, sexual orientation and occupations.

- In case of acute emergency, dial 911 or go to the nearest emergency room. Suicide is often preventable when people at risk receive the support that they need.

- Our schools should encourage students to pursue careers in mental health fields, whether through nursing, medical or vocational programs. This is a growing field; we need the next generation of talented professionals. Arbour educational partners include Northeastern University, Roxbury Community College and Tufts School of medicine.

- Each of us can play a positive role to improve the lives of the millions of Americans suffering from mental health challenges, not just during this month, but every month in every community across the country.

Eric Kennedy, CEO
Arbour Hospital

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Over 2,100 middle and high school students and teachers from the Greater Boston area attended Massport's Aviation and Maritime STEM Expo at Boston Logan International Airport. This year's event included 42 schools, including Charlestown High School, East Boston High School, and Excel Academy. Students from several communities in the Merrimack Valley, the North Shore, the Blackstone Valley, the South Shore, Cape

Cod, and New Hampshire's Seacoast, also participated. The annual education expo gives students a chance to meet with some of the experts in aviation and maritime industries, along with representatives of government and academic institutions, to encourage them to pursue careers and educational opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).



A pilot talks with local students during the Expo.



A member of the U.S. Coast Guard performs a demonstration of some of the Coast Guard equipment.



Magdalena Ayed of the Harborkeepers talks with students about coastal resiliency.



Local students use a touch screen program.



A local student tries a flight simulator.



A local student tries on some fire gear during the annual STEM Expo at Logan Airport. Over 2,100 middle and high school students and teachers from the Greater Boston area attended Massport's Aviation and Maritime STEM Expo at Logan .



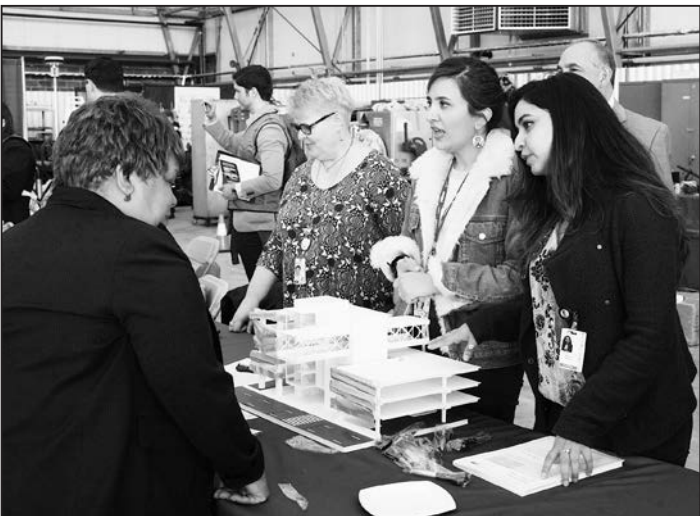
The annual education expo gives students a chance to meet with some of the experts in aviation and maritime industries.



Excel Academy Students Kate Brodin and Mikayla Forbes.



Students check out the cockpit of a Cessna.



The EXPO had everything from careers in aviation to careers in engineering.



A local student tries a flight simulator.



A local students tries out some virtual reality technology.

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City officials holds Flood Resilient Building Guidelines open house

By John Lynds

East Bostonians can take the snow, wind, frigid cold and space-savers, but a new element has been added into the wintery mix that may be something residents might have to get used to as the sea-level rises.

Last year's 'Bomb Cyclone' which brought heavy snow and wind to the Northeast, also brought significant flooding to Eastie's waterfront.

Portside at Pier I, the Shipyard and Marina, Clippership Wharf and Liberty Plaza all experienced significant flooding as the Boston Harbor spilled into the neighborhood and made waterfront developments like Portside look like a floating cruise ship.

For the very first time in Boston since record keeping began in 1921, water levels reached 15.16 feet on Jan 4, 2018. This is above flood stage, the level at which flooding is caused, and caused significant tidal flooding in many waterfront parts of Boston, including Eastie.

Floodwaters also flowed into Liberty Plaza, and the Mario Umana Academy and storm water filled the East Boston Greenway.

In response Mayor Martin Walsh unveiled his vision that will invest in Boston's water-

front to protect East Boston residents, homes, jobs, and infrastructure against the impacts of rising sea-level and climate change.

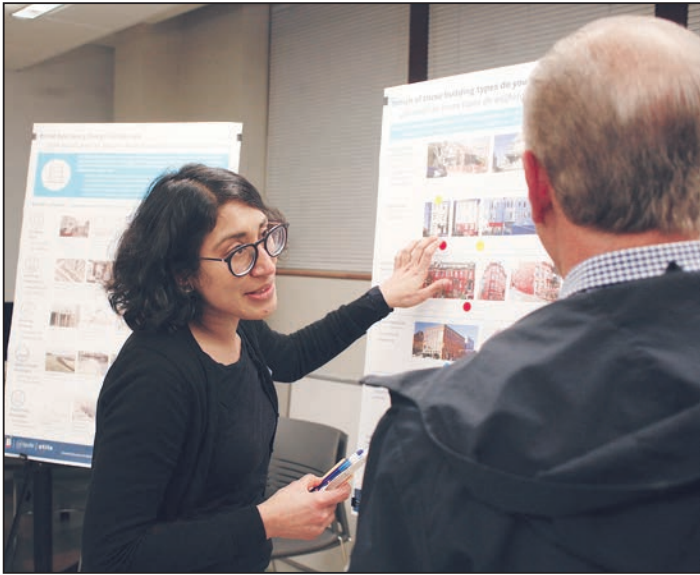
Walsh said he would rather spend \$160 million today through his new initiative, "Resilient Boston Harbor," by building sea walls and natural barriers to make Eastie more resilient to flooding in order to prevent \$450 million in damages in the future.

"Climate change is something that impacts everything we do in our city: all of our plans and policies, every sector of our economy, safety and quality of life in all our neighborhoods," said Walsh. "We must do all that we can to prevent climate change and prepare for its impact. We're not just planning for the next storm we will face - we're planning for storms the next generation will face."

Walsh's Resilient Boston Harbor uses the City's Climate Ready Boston 2070 flood maps and coastal resilience neighborhood studies to focus on Boston's most vulnerable flood pathways.

The strategies laid out in the plan include elevated landscapes, enhanced waterfront parks, flood resilient buildings, and revitalized and increased connections and access to the waterfront.

Last week the city held



The open house was also an opportunity for residents to learn about flood Resilient Building Guidelines and resilience zoning.



The event gave residents an insight to the city's efforts to promote buildings that are better adapted to coastal flooding and sea level rise.

a Flood Resilient Building Guidelines workshop at the East Boston YMCA on Bremen Street.

The open house gave residents, developers, architects and anyone with an interest in climate change an insight to the city's efforts to promote buildings that are better adapted to coastal flooding and sea-level rise.

The event was also an opportunity for residents to learn about flood resilient building

guidelines and zoning.

Planning is underway by the city to develop resiliency design guidelines for a Flood Resiliency Zoning Overlay District. Rich McGuinness, Deputy Director for Climate Change and Environment Planning at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) said the plan will build on the Sea Level Rise (SLR) - Flood Hazard Area map released as part of the Climate Resiliency-Review

Policy of October 2017. It provides new construction and retrofit projects in the Flood Hazard Area with a SLR - Base Flood Elevation (BFE) to build to avoid future coastal flooding conditions due to a one percent annual storm event with 40 inches of SLR.

Chris Busch, Senior Waterfront Planner at the BPDA, described the scope of the resiliency design guidelines being

undertaken that will apply to commercial, institutional, and residential uses. It will evaluate best practices used in New York; Norfolk, Virginia; and New Orleans, and will also review existing overlay districts in Boston to address possible conflicts. The guidelines will include zoning requirements for height, lot coverage, and set back, among other requirements.

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The BPDA's Waterfront Planner Joe Christo talks with residents during last week's open house.



NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffie talks with Chris Busch, Senior Waterfront Planner at the BPDA.

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EAST BOSTON JETS SOFTBALL IN ACTION AGAINST NEWTON SOUTH

The East Boston Jets softball team took a tough loss to Newton South on Senior Day, losing 11-0 at home. However, the girls stand at 12-4 and will continue their stellar season as they approach the City Championship at the end of the month – and likely a matchup with Boston Latin Academy.



Senior Third base-women Jennifer Pimentel charges a bunt put down by Newton South.



Senior First base-women Nikki Brangiforte.



Senior catcher Bridget LePage.



Senior First base-women Nikki Brangiforte (L) and Senior Third base-women Jennifer Pimentel (R) were celebrated before the game, as it was their last home game for their career.



Evelyn Oceguedan.



Captains and Senior's Nasja Taylor (L) and Theresa Forbes (R), who were also celebrated for Senior Day.



Infielder Madison Theriault makes a leaping grab.



Pitcher and Senior Theresa Forbes.



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Dr. Claudius-Cole's sister led her to an American orthopaedic specialist, who had just heard rocker/activist Bono issue his mandate for caring people everywhere to step up and make a difference. As he listened to Dr. Claudius-Cole, he saw his own chance to do just that. Donating his own surgical services, he helped mobilize an entire medical team to get Dr. Claudius-Cole back on her feet. He even arranged free hip and knee implants.

Today, Dr. Claudius-Cole is fully recovered, and back at her vital healing practice in West Africa. Her story truly brings new meaning to the term "pro-Bono." We share it here because it sends two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back.

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East Boston Democrats elect delegates to state convention

Registered Democrats in East Boston held a caucus at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club on May 11, to elect twenty (20) delegates and four (4) alternates to the 2019 Massachusetts Democratic Convention, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will gather to amend the party charter. The Convention will be held on Saturday, September 14 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

The ten (10) female delegates elected were: Lydia Edwards, Susanna Starrett, Vicki Dzindzichashvili, Tania Del-Rio, Gladys Oliveros, Sandra Nijjar, Giordana Mecagni, Margaret Farmer, Gail Miller, and Alyssa Vangeli.

The ten (10) male delegates elected were: Aneesh Sahni, Kannan Thiruvengadam, Brian Gannon, Stephen Gingra, Anthony Gesualdi, Ricardo Patron, Benjamin Downing, Matthew Barison, Adrian Velazquez, and Jason Ruggiero.

There were also four alternates elected and they were: Joanne Fitzgerald, Magdalena Ayed, Joseph Ruggiero, and Zachary Hallopeter.

The following Massachusetts Democrats shall serve as ex-officio Delegates to the Convention with full voting privileges: Adrian Madaro, State Representative, Carol Aloisi, Treasurer Democratic State Party, Gabriela Coletta,

State Committeewoman, and Michael Sulprizio, Chairman Ward 1 Democratic Committee.

In the spirit of inclusion, youth, minorities, and people with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alternates may apply to be add-on delegates, either at their caucus or online at www.mass-dems.org

For more information on the caucus or the committee please contact Michael Sulprizio at Msulprizio@comcast.net / 617-438-0952 or check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ward1dems/> or follow them on Twitter @ward1demsEB.

BSLA updates community on East Boston Greenway Design Challenge progress

By John Lynds

Over the winter, the Boston Society of Landscape Architects (BSLA) kicked off an East Boston Greenway Design Challenge.

According to BSLA Executive Director Gretchen Rabinkin, the BSLA asked landscape architects to share some designs plans and ideas with the BSLA and the community for both short-term and long-term solutions for the section of the East Boston Greenway at Gove Street.

Last summer, Friends of the East Boston Greenway began a campaign to activate the spot with community events and outdoor music. The challenge builds upon these efforts with several visions for the space.

“We asked landscape architects to share some designs with us on both short term solutions that we might do at the Gove Street crossing this summer, as well as some long-term visions for the area,” said Rabinkin. “This is not a City of Boston project or a Massport project but just a fun way to start stimulating community dialogue on what this area can be. The ideas presented illustrate a start and offer some visuals to get the process rolling. The Gove Street crossing can become not only a place people pass through, but a place to pause. The ideas architects came up with range from how the area might deal



BSLA Executive Director Gretchen Rabinkin.

with stormwater to enhancing community activities like a farmers market to outdoor performance spaces for music and theater.”

The East Boston Greenway runs from Piers Park to Wood Island Bay to Constitution Beach and, someday, Belle Isle Marsh. The Greenway offers the opportunity to provide safe and beautiful access for all ages and abilities to the City’s largest and most significant salt marsh, to interior East Boston neighborhood resources, and to the City’s most important waterfront public spaces.

The East Boston Greenway also seeks to mitigate unwanted water from East Boston’s neighborhoods, and will be a primary vector for flooding control throughout East Boston’s interior as climate

change accelerates.

Some of the ideas presented include incorporating storm water into the design and the park can be used both during flood events, as well as after water have receded.

“The BSLA design challenge for the East Boston Greenway presents an opportunity for the residents of East Boston to realize our vision of a Greenway that serves us better,” said Friends of the Greenway’s Kannan Thiruvengadam. “The Friends of the East Boston Greenway and the BSLA want participants to think big. Use your imagination to come up with ideas and submit them even if they are half-baked. We are looking for innovative solutions for our flooding issues and exciting features for people of all age and ethnic groups.”

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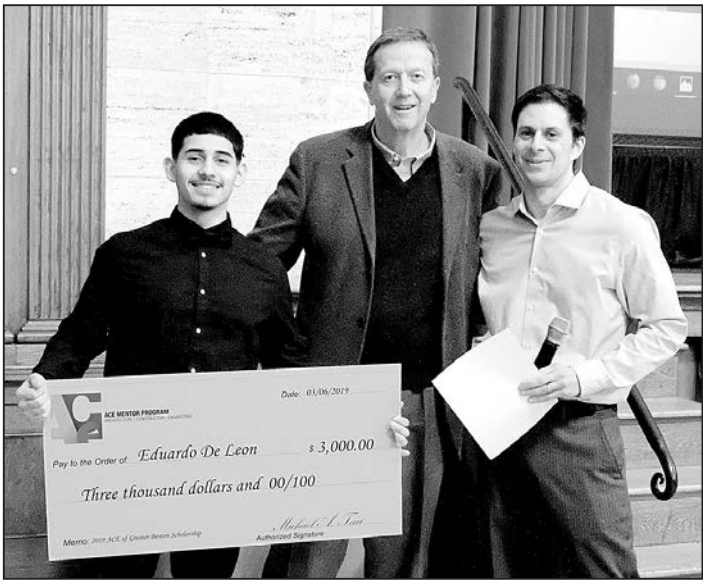
Construction Estimating course he took at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology this spring as part of Excel’s dual enrollment program. Both of these experiences have led Edy to decide to pursue a career in the construction field after high school through an electrical apprenticeship and we could not be more proud of him.”

De Leon and other students will be honored at the ACE Mentor Program’s annual networking event on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at the Artists For Humanity EpiCenter in Boston.

The 2019 event will feature remarks by De Leon and 23 other students who received scholarships this year ranging from \$3,000 to \$13,000 as well as a “Mentor of the Year” award ceremony.

De Leon was recently presented with a \$3,000 scholarship by Chair of ACE Scholarship Committee Steve Eustis and ACE Board Chairman Michael Tecci.

“It is with great excitement that we have the opportunity to award these 24 talented students with their scholarships,” said Nigel Gallaher, former Chairman of ACE of Greater Boston. “All of this is possible due to our committed mentors and our ACE volunteers who work tirelessly on top of their full-time jobs to engage our



Chair of ACE Scholarship Committee Steve Eustis, Excel Student and ACE scholarship recipient Eduardo De Leon and ACE Board Chairman Michael Tecci.

largest group of students in the program, to date. Also, our graduates who have successfully entered careers in the architecture, construction and engineering fields are our best advocates for the program and we can’t them enough.”

ACE of Greater Boston was launched in 2007 and is one of over 70 affiliates under the ACE national umbrella. Through practical, project-based, hands-on explorations, students work collaboratively and creatively to design innovative solutions to real world problems. With professional guidance by es-

teemed industry mentors who are full-time employees of construction, design and engineering firms, students embark on a five-month design project, through weekly sessions after school, to develop the professionalism, teamwork, and collaboration that the industry requires. During this time, the students construct a hypothetical project in order to learn about each discipline and take part in activities such as the ABX (Architecture Boston Expo) exhibition hall scavenger hunt, site visits, Revit training and trade day.

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new concept.

The plan would call for Cape Air seaplanes to take off and land on the water just off Eastie’s shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

“It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan,” said Cape Air’s Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently. “But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three-tofour hour trip to just over an hour. So that’s really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part.”

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that is usually

part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie’s Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the take-off area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

“And on the other end in New York it’s the same thing,” said Bonney. “We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930s.”

The planes Cape Air would use, said Bonney, are the brand new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplane. Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

“We did a sound study because we wanted to know what a acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area,” said Bonney. “The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal.”

Bonney said one key fact about seasplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able

to see the surface of the water and horizon.

“There really isn’t the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...it’s just not possible with seaplanes,” said Bonney. “They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off, they climb to an altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts.”

The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

“This is a private, restricted sea base,” said Bonney. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

Bonney said Cape Air plans to begin with a small number of flights. Bonney said the operation would be expensive to run so the company would start with three flights per day, see how it goes and then maybe expand to six to seven flights per day.

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that ensures smooth transitions for students and works well for families is one of our top priorities,” said Mayor Martin Walsh, who has committed \$1 billion to BuildBPS. “Taken together, these proposals get to the heart of our plan to expand high-quality school options in neighborhoods across our city. I look forward to our work ahead in partnership with the community to bring this vision to life.”

Perille added, “These proposals will help BPS add classroom seats in areas of the city where they’re most needed, and build up sustain-

able school models to best serve families in more neighborhoods in Boston. With this highly important work ahead, it’s essential we lay a solid foundation for robust and thoughtful planning and engagement with our school communities.”

This month, the Boston School Committee named Dr. Brenda Cassellius, the former education commissioner of Minnesota, the next BPS superintendent beginning July 1. Cassellius said she is committed to take on the important BuildBPS initiative.

“Making sure our schools have long-term, sustainable

learning spaces and programming is critically important to closing opportunity and achievement gaps, and is responsive to the needs of students and families,” Cassellius said. “BuildBPS offers an incredible opportunity to achieve a goal of having high quality schools in every neighborhood. I am proud of the commitments already made and look forward to engaging with the entire BPS family soon to continue this important strategic work in ensuring and equitable and excellent school for every BPS student.”

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

NEW GROUP LOOKS TO RAISE THE PROFILE OF BICYCLING

CHELSEA - With National Bicycle Month underway, a new group of cyclists and pedestrians in Chelsea are looking to create momentum and visibility on safety issues for those that aren't using vehicles.

The Chelsea Bike and Pedestrian Committee has formed over the winter and got things rolling with their first community bike ride on May 8. Now, they said they would continue those rides every Wednesday evening at 6 p.m.

Resident Asad Rahman, an avid cyclist who commutes to Boston daily from his Broadway home, has been involved in biking safety issues for a number of years and said he worked with City Planners to try to get more of a community built around bicycling and walking.

While he thought it might take some time, surprisingly the movement has grown quickly and they are already planning their first event and several events beyond that.

"More than ever, I think Chelsea is at a crossroads to put people and bicycles first instead of cars," he said. "We're a City with five or six street lights and several thousand people and cars go very, very fast. We hope we can shift the paradigm that people come first and cars come second...Right now we have a passionate group of people in Chelsea, and we'll ride around town on May 8, for about a half-hour and then have a social time to continue building this community."

With the help of the City and MassBike, the Committee is planning several events such as a Bike Repair workshops and a bike rodeo - this coming at future City events like Fiesta Verano and the Night Markets.

The group is on Facebook at BikeWalkChelsea, and anyone interested in joining them can show up at City Hall 6 p.m. on May 8.

The Vision for the Committee includes:

- To advance cycling and

walking as leading modes of transportation in order to promote the health, wealth, and quality of life for Chelsea residents.

The Mission of the Committee is:

- To establish safe, interconnected, and enjoyable infrastructure in Chelsea for cycling and walking, through strategy with the Planning and Development department, resident education on practical use, and community engagement to build awareness and enthusiasm.

CHELSEA STADIUM NEARING COMPLETION

CHELSEA - The newly renovated Chelsea Stadium is only a few weeks from being completed and put into use, school officials said this week.

Facilities Director Joe Cooney said the rainy weather has slowed down the surfacing of the track, but that most everything else in the long-awaited Stadium project is completed.

"We're getting very close," he said. "When it's done, it's going to look dynamite."

The football field is completely done, he said, but the track has been tricky.

Already there has been a base coat of asphalt put down, but the rubberized surface on the track cannot be placed down in the rain - which pretty much means it has been delayed for quite some due to the deluge that has been seen lately.

He said there are two layers of rubberized surface, and that when it is done, it will be a very fast track for the runners.

The only other things outstanding are the conduits for the lights, permanent bathrooms, and bleacher improvements.

He said they have to complete the project by early May because graduation is taking place on the new field on June 9.

DEMARIA PRESENTS \$208 MILLION FISCAL BUDGET

EVERETT - On Monday, May 13, in a joint meeting of the City Council and School

Committee, the DeMaria Administration presented its City Budget for fiscal year 2020, where it spoke in glowing terms about the City's financial stability and its prospects for future growth.

The proposed FY 2020 budget comes in at just over \$208 million, reflecting a 4 percent increase over the previous year's budget. The public schools received the highest increase with \$89 million, a 7 percent increase over last year. Fixed costs, which include debt, pensions and health insurance, saw a 5 percent increase over last year. Meanwhile, City departments were allocated almost \$80,000 less than last year's budget.

Nine City Councilors as well as several School Committee members were present for the unveiling of the City's budget.

In a letter addressed to the Council and Everett Residents, Mayor Carlo DeMaria expressed pride in the City's financial situation, citing strong economic growth, successful partnerships, and the increase in investments in the city.

Mayor DeMaria highlighted improvements to facilities and infrastructure, including the renovation of parks and green spaces. He also underscored the millions of dollars in grant funding the City received to support advancements in public health and technology.

The mayor referred to the Encore Boston Harbor Resort as an "economic engine" capable of generating wealth for the City, some of which has already been received in the form of pre-opening payments in previous years.

He added that the casino has transformed the "formerly blighted" Monsanto site, has injected new life into Low-er Broadway and has created "thousands of jobs" for the local community.

The mayor claimed that Encore is also committed to investing in the public health of the City, as well as realizing a free shuttle connecting downtown Everett with the silver line in Chelsea.

Mayor DeMaria shared that Boston Globe Magazine rated

Everett as one of the top 10 places to live in the Commonwealth, and number one on the North Shore. He cited rising home values, as well as tax relief to residents. The mayor also announced the creation of an affordable housing manager position in the new budget to ensure that residents of Everett can continue to afford to live in their homes.

"I know we will see even more of the growth and the progress that we saw in this past year," said Mayor DeMaria. "This year will be when the fortunes of the city turned."

A slideshow presentation by CFO Eric Demas accompanied the release of the budget, highlighting broadly what is contained therein.

According to his presentation, "the FY 2020 budget is balanced, with over \$40 million of excess capacity available."

For the third consecutive year, Everett has been the recipient of a high stability rating by Standard & Poor's. This designation, which is based on management, budgetary performance, budgetary flexibility, liquidity and debts, can help the City apply for improvement grants.

The City also received its third consecutive GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting as well as the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award.

In accordance with changes in Massachusetts General Law, Demas announced that the City will be required to adopt an enterprise fund budget for Everett Community Television (ECTV), which will be paid for through cable franchise fees.

Like other City departments, the Council will be asked to vote on the ECTV budget.

The budget packet submitted to Council was divided into four sections:

- Operating Budget;

- Water/Sewer Budget;
- Capital Improvement Plan;

- and the newly required Everett Community Television (ECTV) Budget.

On Saturday, May 18, Council will convene to conduct a more detailed overview

CHELSEA CHASE 5K



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Fabian Mejia was first to cross the finish line in the Chelsea Chase 5K on Saturday, May 11, on Arlington Street. He was joined by numerous Chelsea folks in raising funds for The Jordan Boys & Girls Club and the Chelsea Police Relief Association. Meanwhile, Finn Feeney cheered before the big race on Saturday.



of the budget, in which each line item will be examined. The final budget will be on public view at the library and the City Clerk's office.

The Council will be charged with reviewing and passing a final budget before the end of the current Fiscal Year, which concludes on June 30.

COUNCILORS HEAR ABOUT TRAFFIC

EVERETT - When Council met on Monday, May 13, the dominant topic of discussion for the evening was the imminent casino opening, currently slated for the end of June.

Among other concerns related to the casino was the ongoing preoccupation with the City's plan to mitigate road

and waterway traffic in the face of increased visitors to the area.

Everett Police Chief Steven A. Mazzie told Council that the City would turn in a "full traffic and waterway presentation" on May 28, created with the assistance of Encore's traffic manager, in which Mazzie said he believed the Council would have most of their concerns addressed.

Council had previously expressed feeling overwhelmed by the City's preparation for a potential traffic crisis, but Mazzie's announcement of a pending presentation did little to assuage their fears.

Councilor John McKinnon

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had requested that the Boston Harbormaster appear before Council to discuss in detail the plans and dealing with increased waterway traffic to and from the Encore Resort. However, he learned that someone in the City’s administration had told the Harbor-master not to come.

“I’m disgusted,” he said. “When I make a request, I want the [person] that I am requesting to come here.”

“We’ve been requesting different people come before us, yet we haven’t seen anyone that was requested,” the councilor continued. “This has been going on for quite some time.”

Councilor Wayne Matewsky was also incensed at the absence of the harbormaster.

“We requested [that] the Boston Harbormaster appear,” he said. “That was blocked by somebody here in this building.”

“A lot of interception is going on,” echoed Councilor Michael McLaughlin. “Individuals want to intercept our work as a body.

“There’s something missing here,” he went on. “We’re looking to hear from people who are not in this building. And they’re being told not to be here. I need to hear from them about why they were told [not to come].”

Councilor Rosa DiFlorio agreed, stating, “Nobody has the right to tell [someone] not to appear without letting [Council] know.”

But the Harbormaster wasn’t McKinnon’s only example of when the Council’s direct request for someone’s presence was overridden by the administration. He mentioned that the Marine Division of the State Police was also supposed to have been present at the meeting but had canceled at the last minute.

Assistant City Clerk Michael Mangan responded that the Marine Division had other engagements but that he had been told that Police Chief Mazzie was “well-versed on the bridge situation and he could easily come in front of you to explain it.”

The Mayor’s Chief of Staff Kevin O’Donnell added that Chief Mazzie had been working with State Troopers as-

signed to the Mass Gaming Commission on getting a joint task force ready to police the gaming area.

But some Councilors wondered why they hadn’t been involved in any of the meetings so far.

“Why has no member of Council been invited to meetings of the traffic commission?” asked Councilor McLaughlin. “We’ve been shown no real respect by letting us sit in and be informed so we can report back to our colleagues.”

“Council should at least be invited to these meetings,” O’Donnell conceded. “I will follow up to see why that isn’t happening.”

Councilor Peter Napolitano said that, not only had the Council members not been invited to the meetings, but also they had failed to receive any details as to what was being discussed at those meetings.

“You’ve been meeting this whole time,” said Councilor McKinnon. “Why doesn’t the City Council---the city fathers and mothers---have a clue what’s been discussed at those meetings?”

“They’re trying to hammer out a memorandum as far as jurisdiction is concerned for the resort area, and it hasn’t been signed off on,” O’Donnell responded. “It’s an ongoing process.”

Councilors expressed a desire to be more informed about how the City plans to manage traffic caused by an increase in vessels using the waterways.

“Whatever benefit we get from the casino is going to be drastically overshadowed if we’re not prepared for the influx of people coming into the city,” said Councilor Napolitano. “If we’re trying to address it during June and July, it’s too late. The impact has already hit.”

“If you don’t think there’s going to be a lot more boating traffic in that area, you’re missing the boat,” said Councilor Matewsky. “There’s three yacht clubs. There’s going to be thousands of boats. They’re going to be opening that bridge like nobody’s business.

“It’s unfortunate the harbormaster is not here,” he continued. “I just want to clar-

ify when that bridge is going to go up and down.”

“[The casino] is about to open up in just a short amount of time,” said Councilor McLaughlin. “We get questions every day [from residents]. We need to get direct answers.

Councilor McKinnon agreed.

“We should know what’s happening. We need to act like the board we are,” he said. “We need to actually look at everything that’s going on down there, and if you don’t feel like you can, that’s a problem.”

Councilors will hear the City’s presentation on traffic and waterways on May 28, where they hope their concerns will finally be put to rest. Another meeting is scheduled for May 30, dealing specifically with potential impacts to Wards 1 and 6.

EHRlich CONSIDERING RUN AT CONGRESS

LYNN - With Congressman Seth Moulton throwing his hat in the ring as a Democratic candidate for President of the United State in 2020, a lot of people are watching State. Rep. Lori Ehrlich (D-Marblehead, Swampscott and a small portion of Lynn) 8th Essex District to see if she takes the challenge of running for his Congressional Seat.

“It’s something I’m giving a lot of thought to. I have been serving as a legislator for over a decade now. I have felt honored to represent my constituents and this would just be taking that to a different level, the federal level” said Ehrlich during an interview in a Lynn coffee shop. “So I’m giving it some thought, I haven’t come to a decision yet.”

Ehrlich said at this stage of the game she is “listening” to people and what they have to say and she adds it’s been quite eye-opening. Another factor is finance. There is a good difference between running for state representative and running for Congress.

“It is part of the decision process. It requires raising millions of dollars (for Congress) which is sort of an unfortunate feature. It really illustrates to me in real terms some things

need to change on the federal level,” she said, adding that the state representative race varies in the size of the district and how competitive a campaign is. “It can range from \$10,000 to \$200,000. It’s a very wide range. I think in terms for Congress it would be in the millions.

Early in her career Ehrlich, who has been in the House of Representatives since 2008, fought against the former coal-burning power plant in Salem.

Ehrlich has been a CPA for over three decades, running her own practice while counseling small and medium sized businesses. She is one of only two CPAs in the legislature. As part of MA Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo’s leadership team, she currently serves as the House Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Export Development, where she has an eye on growing Massachusetts’ trade and expanding access to new markets for Massachusetts businesses.

Ehrlich and her husband, Bruce, have two daughters who both attended Marblehead Public Schools and went on to pursue their passions in biomedical science and journalism.

STATE POLICE, OCEAN KENNELS SAVES COYOTE PUP

REVERE - When Massachusetts State Police Trooper Carlo Mastromattei responded to a call for a wounded dog in the road on Revere Beach Parkway in Revere on the night of Sunday, May 5, the type of dog he found was not exactly what he’d expected.

Trooper Mastromattei, who was on patrol out of State Police-Revere, pulled up to the animal’s location, on the edge of the busy roadway near Suffolk Downs, and saw a small frightened, solitary coyote pup. The pup’s mother was nowhere in sight.

Realizing the danger the pup was in on the busy parkway, Trooper Mastromattei contacted environmental, wildlife, and local animal control officials, but no one was available to assist. So he then called Ocean View Kennels

in Revere, and the kennel’s owner, Lisa Cutting, responded and helped Trooper Mastromattei secure the pup in a crate.

But the baby coyote’s adventure was far from over. Trooper Mastromattei took the pup to his girlfriend AnnBeth (the couple are devoted animal lovers), and the pup stayed in the crate in her house overnight. As you can see in the photos, he received great care.

The next day, Ocean View Kennel transported the pup to Tufts Wildlife in North Grafton, where he was examined and determined to be healthy. The little guy is going to be transferred to the care of a wildlife specialist in the Berkshires, who will rehabilitate him and acclimate him to life in the wild, where he will eventually be released to live out his life.

The Department offers its sincere thanks to Trooper Mastromattei, his girlfriend, Ocean View Kennels, and Tufts for their compassionate care for this beautiful little creature.

RESIDENTS HEAR ABOUT NEXT STOP REVERE MASTER PLAN

REVERE - The ‘Next Stop Revere’ master plan continues to generate excitement in the city, drawing a large turnout of residents at the second of two public forums May 8 at the Hill Elementary School.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) officials led the presentation and discussion about transportation, public health, open spaces, and energy efficiency and sustainability.

Mayor Brian Arrigo was pleased by the liveliness of the discussion on all the topics, particularly about open spaces in the city.

“What I’ve been really energized by is the amount of great ideas and the number of people that have come to the forums to give some input and feedback about what the future of the city should look like,” said Arrigo. “I’m also energized by the work of the staff both from the city

and the MAPC. They’ve done great work.

“We also have a great steering committee that has been the driving force behind a lot of work that is being done,” added Arrigo.”

MAPC will be reviewing and incorporating public comments from residents, stakeholders, the Plan’s Steering Committee, and the City with its own extensive research and findings. Once that process is complete, MAPC will release a draft master plan document for public review sometime in the fall.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL SET FOR JUNE 15

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association (WIHA) announced that this year’s Strawberry Festival will be held on Saturday, June 15, from 3-6 pm on the grounds of the historic Deane Winthrop House at 40 Shirley St. The ticket price is \$8, when purchased in advance, or \$10 at the door.

WIHA’s signature event dates back to 1912 and is an opportunity for the Town to enjoy a true Winthrop gem, the first-period Deane Winthrop House and Gardens. For the price of a ticket, guests will enjoy homemade strawberry shortcake, the sounds of a Country and Western duo, and a tour of the historic 375-year old Deane Winthrop House.

And it would not be a WIHA event without having fun activities for the kids!

Tickets are available at Brown’s Pharmacy, Shirley Hardware, Woodside Hardware, Winthrop Public Library, Salon Luxo, and Webster First Federal Credit Union. For more information, please visit the official Winthrop Improvement & Historical Association Facebook page or phone (617) 846-8606.

Special thanks to Paul W. Marks Company and to the Winthrop Market Place for donating the delicious strawberries and biscuits.

THEATER REVIEWS

BLACK ODYSSEY BOSTON

By Sheila Barth

First off, I apologize for getting out this review of “black odyssey boston” after the play closed May 19 at Central Square Theater. Serious family illness prevented me from writing it.

Unfortunately, the show’s short run is over, but Front Porch Arts Collective and Underground Railway Theater’s first-rate, compelling, provocative, ambitious production of Marcus Gardley’s three-hour, two-act play lingers with theatergoers long after leaving the theater.

My husband and I were so moved by this modern-day, Boston-based remake of Homer’s ancient tale, “The Odyssey,” we hope future local audiences will have another opportunity to experience it. Renowned Director Benny Sato Ambush helms this superlative, ensemble cast, composed of: Boston headliners Johnny Lee Davenport, portraying Great GrandDaddy Deus; Elle Borders as Ulysses’ long-suffering wife, Nella Pell; Brandon G. Green, portraying the starring role of Ulysses Lincoln; Ramon Lisa Alexander, whose overall abundant talent includes a wild, comedic imitation of Tina Turner; and Carolyn Saxon, whose powerful voice reverberates throughout the theater in her roles as glitzy Great Aunt Tina, Scylla and Calypso.

Journey Ade-King is sweet and charming as Benevolence

Naussica Sabine and an African ancestor; Regie Gibson’s versatility shines in his portrayals of vengeful Paw Sidin, Nella’s slick-talking John Suitor, naval and police officers; Kai Thomasani Tshikosi nicely tackles five earthly and otherworldly roles; and youthful, talented Hubens “Bobby” Cius delivers sensitivity as Ulysses and Nella’s teen-age son, Malachi, and Poly’ famous.

Also outstanding is multi-percussionist performer Akili Jamal Haynes, who effectively, and, at times, hauntingly, pulsates beats and time passage between scenes.

Sweeping theatergoers into the play, the actors are nearby throughout the performance, at times making direct eye- and vocal contact.

As the play opens, designer Aja M. Jackson’s lights darken. Dancers enter in front of us, swaying, and singing a cappella.

Overhead, on Jon Savage’s two-tiered, two-sided stage that faces each other at both ends of the theater, Great Grand Daddy Deus (Davenport) is playing chess and chatting with Paw Sidin (Gibson). Their talk easygoing, comical, peppered with Boston references, such as Back Bay, Charlestown, Chinatown. “You’re on a mission when you go fishin’ on Mission Hill,” quips one.





Based on Homer’s tale about soldier Ulysses whose family waits years, hoping for his return from war, modern-day Ul-

yssees Lincoln’s pregnant wife Nella answers that dreaded knock on the door, - an Army representative telling her he’s dead. But she refuses to believe it. “If you’re alive, send me a sign,” she cries. Instead, glitzy Great Aunt Tina (Saxon) arrives, telling Nella she’ll stay with her until Ulysses returns. They never counted on his being gone for several years.

Tossed and torn half-alive on a raft, at times pulled around the stage floor by cast members holding thick ropes, Ulysses Lincoln tries for years to find his way back to his beloved wife and their son, but Paw Sidin (Regie Gibson), angry, vengeful god claims Ulysses killed his son and wants retribution. He blocks Ulysses’ rescue, despite cries of mercy from Ulysses’ aunt, and a celestial African relative. No harm must befall Ulysses, she says.

Ulysses floats and wanders through time, heaven, earth, and history. We do, too - with flashbacks of war in Afghanistan, the African Diaspora, and Hurricane Katrina-devastated New Orleans, where Ulysses encounters a couple and their young daughter stranded on their roof.

“black odyssey boston” jams so much into the saga, it becomes confusing to follow at times, but that’s okay. The cast and outstanding support team keep theatergoers’ attention riveted in this spellbinding production.



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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HONOR ROLL AT AUSTIN PREP.

Robert Gilbride and Serena Gilbride have been named to the Third Quarter Honor Roll at Austin Prep.

CARCONE GRADUATES FROM EMERSON COLLEGE

On Sunday, May 12, Emerson College awarded more than 970 undergraduate degrees and on Saturday, May 11, awarded nearly 300 graduate degrees during the College's Commencement ceremonies.

Award-winning journalist, speaker, and author Soledad O'Brien received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and delivered the undergraduate commencement address. Award-winning scholar and writer Nell Irvin Painter, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Emmy-nominated filmmaker, and theatrical producer Jose Antonio Vargas, and President of Miami Dade College Eduardo J. Padron also received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

Kayla Carcone of EAST BOSTON graduated from Emerson College, receiving a BA in Writing, Lit and Publishing. Carcone completed the degree in December 2018 and was honored on Sunday, May 12, during commence-

ment.

About Emerson College Located in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,750 undergraduates and 750 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 80 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its study and internship programs in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic. A new, permanent facility on Sunset Boulevard for its L.A.-based program opened in January 2014. The College has an active network of 39,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit www.emerson.edu.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S SPRING 2019

The following students have been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. The re-

quirement to make the Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher that semester.

Jake McManus of East Boston majoring in Creative Writing BFA and a member of the Class of 2019

Johanna Stiefler Johnson of East Boston majoring in Writing, Lit and Publishing and a member of the Class of 2019

GIBBONS GRADUATES FROM EMERSON COLLEGE IN BOSTON

Christian Gibbons from East Boston recently graduated from Emerson College, receiving a BA degree in Interdisciplinary on Sunday, May 12.

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DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, May 6, 2019

Around 12:00 a.m. in the area of 451 Meridian St., a 32 year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Around 2:10 a.m. in the area of 97 Maverick St., an 18 year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery, Dangerous Weapon.

Around 10:35 a.m. in the area of 13 Maverick Sq. a 36 year-old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Armed Robbery, Possession of Class A, Drugs and Possession of Class E, Drugs.

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Around 9:30 p.m. in the area of Border St. and Eutaw St., a 49 year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs, Distribution of Class B, Drugs.

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

Around 4:15 p.m. in the area of 220 Border St., a 21

year-old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon and Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs.

Around 4:30 p.m. in the area of 220 Border St., a female juvenile with a Revere, MA address was arrested for Delinquent to wit: Larceny.

Around 8:00 p.m. in the area of 331 East Eagle St., a 35 year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Trafficking; Class B, Drugs 28-99 grams.

Thursday, May 9, 2019

Around 9:40 a.m. in the area of 69 Paris St., a 46 year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating MV without a License, Operation after Revocation or Suspension.

Around 5:00 p.m. in the area of 1233 Bennington St., a 19 year-old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs,

Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Operating Unregistered Motor Vehicle.

Around 5:00 p.m. in the area of 1233 Bennington St., a 20 year-old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs.

Around 9:45 p.m. in the area of 259 Chelsea St., a 34 year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Friday, May 10, 2019

No Arrests.

Saturday, May 11, 2019

No Arrests.

Sunday, May 12, 2019

Around 11:00 p.m. in the area of 508 Border St., a 21 year-old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Assault and Batter on a Police Officer (no injuries), Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs.

OBITUARIES

Florence Lamberti

Retiree of Air Freight Forwarding of East Boston

Florence (Fiorillo) Lamberti, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, May 15 at the age of 94.

Florence loved spending time with her family. She was a bookkeeper for many years and retired as bookkeeper and office manager at Air Freight Forwarding in East Boston. She and her husband enjoyed ballroom dancing every Saturday night. May they both be reunited in heaven to dance the nights away.

She was the beloved wife of the late Nicholas Lamberti, devoted mother of Dianora Bourgoin and her husband,

Raymond of Saugus, Nicholas G. Lamberti and his wife, Loreta of West Roxbury and Mary Bennett and her husband, Gerard of Quincy; dear sister of the late Dianora Iannetti, Cosmo Fiorillo and Michael Fiorillo; cherished aunt of Mary Louise Corrao; adored grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of seven. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

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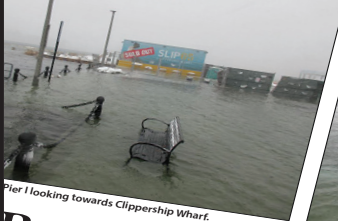
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ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING
Docket No. SU19D0884DR
Yackeline Moreno vs.
Victor G. Lopez, Jr.
Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot be found within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action.
It is Ordered that

defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before June 27, 2019
If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter.
WITNESS: Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: 5/08/2019
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU19P01019EA
Estate of: Richard Kenneth Chrystal
Date of Death: 03/21/2019
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert Hayes of Milton, 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: Robert Hayes of Milton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an 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 06/14/2019. 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 (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 Representa-

tive 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 distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: May 03, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
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estate, by Petition of Petitioner Stephen Spano of Saugus, MA
A will has been admitted to informal probate. Stephen Spano of Saugus, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.
The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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On Saturday, the East Boston Kiwanis Club and the Boston Police hosted the Annual Bike Safety Day. The Boston Police and Kiwanis Club members team up each year to host the Bike Safety Day at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

The event includes bike safety lessons, free helmets, a raffle to win a bike, music, games, police demonstrations and food.



Members of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center team pitched in during the annual event.



Ed Coletta hands out a free bike during the raffle.



Dr. Matt Mallen during the event.



A K-9 officer and his dog perform a demonstration.



The event included pizza and music.



There were numerous activities throughout the day for kids.



Ed Coletta (center) with family and friends during the event.



Michelle Forbes, Nicole McCormack, Jack, JoJo and Henry and Michael Forbes.



East Boston Savings Bank handed out free piggy banks to local kids.



Ed Coletta, District A-7's Leah Giammarco and John Schwagerl during the bike give away.



John Schwagerl congratulates a family on winning a new bike.



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Maestro Award Honorees



David A. Passafaro, President,
New England Baptist Hospital

David Passafaro is president of New England Baptist Hospital (NEBH). Previously, he served as senior vice president of external affairs overseeing the offices of Community and Government Relations, Philanthropy, Real Estate and Construction.

Prior to joining NEBH, David served as vice president for business development at Suffolk Construction Company where he was responsible for business development and client relationships for clients in the commercial, hospital, healthcare and higher education sectors in the Northeast. He also served as Vice President for Business Development at William A. Berry & Son Construction and Managing Director for Real Estate at Cambridge Associates Holdings Company.

Previously, David served on several boards and commissions, including: Boston Medical Center, Board of Trustees, Finance Chairman; Chairman of Boston Medical Center Insurance Co., LTD and GMPCL, LTD, both captive insurance companies; Zoo New England Board of Directors; and City of Boston Rent Equity Board.

David holds a BA in Political Science from Marquette University, 1976, and a MA in International Affairs and Foreign Policy from Georgetown University, 1979.



Jennifer Blanco, Board Member,
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

For nearly two decades, Jennifer Blanco has provided at-risk youth and families with services and resources that foster stable family relationships and enhance children's physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being. Jennifer began her career at East Boston Head Start as a part-time summer teaching assistant. In 2000, she took a position teaching preschool at a private school. Five years later, Jennifer returned to East Boston Head Start as a family advocate. Jennifer held the position of family advocate until 2010, after that, she became a Family Community Engagement Supervisor at Parker Hill and in 2011 transferred to the Jamaica Plain Head Start. In 2014 Jennifer returned back to the East Boston Head Start location where she currently works. Jennifer holds a master of science in family studies from Wheelock College. She has served as Clerk of the EBNHC Board of Directors since 2001.



Lontime volunteer George Gambale.



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