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State kills bid process railroad right-of-way along Chelsea Creek

By John Lynds

Earlier this month the state put out an Invitation to Bid (ITB) for an unused stretch of land that once served as a railroad along the Chelsea Creek behind several current freight forwarding and rental car facilities.

The state was hoping to sell off the land that runs parallel to McClellan Highway in the form of easements through the ITB process. One company, Cargo Ventures, was reportedly ready to put in a bid for the mile-plus stretch of land to create an access road for its McClellan Highway freight company. Cargo Ventures' bid would have given the company's truck drivers direct access to Logan Airport via the Marty Coughlin Bypass Road.

However, the plan and lack of community process had elected officials, residents and neighborhood activists up in arms. Eastie is already suffering from terrible traffic and some felt selling off the easements would leave no opportunity for future traffic calming measures along the land while increasing airport related uses.

On Monday Chairman of the MBTA's Fiscal Management Control Board Joe Aiello, who was against the plan to sell off the land, announced the state was shelving the ITB process until a review of the corridor and alternative uses

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A group of youth head out to the harbor on the Red Jacket as part of Piers Park Sailing Center's summer program. Over 850 kids participated through its programs this summer. See Page 7 for more photos.

Piers Park Sailing's summer programs off to a good start

By John Lynds

It's almost halfway through the summer and kids from East Boston and surrounding communities have been having the time of their lives at Piers Park Sailing Center's (PPSC) summer programs.

"In total we will have over 850 kids come through our

programs this summer including through our partnerships with Camp Harbor View, Boston Public Schools, Save the Harbor Save the Bay, and Salesian Boys & Girls Club," said PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo. "We have 41 people on staff right now, the largest group of instructors we have ever had, and all of

them are PPSC youth program alumni. The sustained support of Massport and the East Boston Foundation have allowed us to keep the program a maximum fee of \$25 for East Boston youth."

DeFronzo said that part of what makes each summer

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Mayor Walsh supports Rep. Madaro bill to protect senior renters in Boston



Rep. Adrian Madaro and Mayor Martin Walsh testify at the State House in favor of a bill sponsored by Madaro to protect senior renters.

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday afternoon Mayor Martin Walsh was up at the State House to offer testimony in support of a House bill sponsored by Rep. Adrian Madaro that aims to protect senior renters.

House Bill H. 3373 will ensure protections for older adults in just-cause evictions.

"I was proud to testify alongside Mayor Marty Walsh Tuesday in support of H. 3373, a bill I filed to require just cause eviction for seniors

living in multi-unit buildings," said Madaro. "Elderly tenants are some of the most vulnerable members of our communities when it comes to displacement and eviction. We should be caring for our seniors, not putting them out on the streets. I'm proud to partner with Mayor Walsh to offer this bill and spark the discussion about keeping our longtime residents in their homes."

The bill was part of Mayor

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Crowds outside Maverick's MBTA station last week after a power outage on the Blue Line. Residents were forced to take shuttle buses to Aquarium station or drive into work. The rush hour outage caused terrible traffic all morning last Wednesday. Photos courtesy of Steve Holt.

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for the land could be explored. At the Control Board meeting Monday Aiello said the state will look at possibly using the easements to improve mobility in and around East Boston.

“The news of the withdrawal of the procurement process is welcome, as is MassDOT’s commitment to a full study of congestion along the Route 1A corridor,” said AIR, Inc. in a statement Monday. “We need a comprehensive study which engages the public in a substantial and effective man-

ner and addresses our past, current and future transportation challenges.”

AIR, Inc. urged the MBTA to advance this study in collaboration with community stakeholders in Eastie, Chelsea, Revere, and other long-neglected environmental justice communities.

“This could have resulted in adding thousands of additional airport freight trucks to already overburdened roadways,” the statement continued. “The soon-to-be-rebuilt

Terminal E along with a series of airport expansion efforts now being undertaken by Massport will support massive growth in ground transportation...and development of 10,000 more residential units at Suffolk Downs will compound an already impossible problem. The purpose of the newly announced MassDOT study must be squarely aimed and scoped to address the regional airport and daily commuter transit crisis and on developing effective short and long term investment in a viable, defensible regional mobility system which addresses the long-neglected transit crisis.”

In a joint statement Eastie’s three elected officials, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Rep. Adrian Madaro and Councilor Lydia Edwards pointed to Route 1A as one of the most congested corridors in the Commonwealth as a reason to not support the current ITB process.

“Residents from Revere and East Boston deal with extended work commutes and quality-of-life issues that come with being the worst congested area in the country,” the statement said. “As a Commonwealth, it is our obligation to improve the quality of life for our residents, especially when it comes to transportation infrastructure and connectivity, which have direct impacts in our districts.

Considering the imminent development along that corridor and Logan Airport’s perceived passenger growth over the next 10 years, it is incumbent on us to plan carefully to decide the best use for all public assets in the area. This includes expanding public transit infrastructure and promoting more green space to offset the development in the area.”

The three were also not comfortable allowing for a private entity to control a public right of way without key stakeholders understanding whether or not this is the best use for our current and future needs.

Mayor Martin Walsh also weighed in and said he wanted to ensure that future ITBs regarding the parcels do not preclude any critical opportunities to improve mobility in the area.

“The state, the city, other municipalities and the community need the opportunity to discuss how this land can best meet our shared goals,” said Walsh. “This will give us the opportunity to engage the community and conduct an analysis on the ability of this land to improve mobility and resilience in the Route 1A corridor and have that analysis and engagement inform the next steps.”

EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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Nominations Open **July 24**, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.
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Mr. and Mrs. James Garufo are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Cal Edward Garufo from Mass Maritime Academy, Bourne Mass on June 22, 2019.
Cal graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Facility Engineering and looks forward to a career in Station Engineering and/or Municipal Waste Water Operations.

Community updated on Loftel project

By John Lynds

Since 2016 residents living in the Gove Street area have compared the former Sterling-gwear factory on the corner of Porter and Orleans Streets to something you would see in war-torn Damascus rather than East Boston.

In 2016 the proposal to transform the former factory into a ‘Loftel’ received approvals by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

Boston Trade International, owned by the Patel family, has taken some hits in the community as abutters to property have complained for years now that the old industrial factory looks worse than ever. The Patels bought the ZBA permitted and BPDA-approved project from developer and restaurateur Paul Roiff for \$14.75 million.

After months of the project stalling due to a couple of complex issues, the owners retained Attorney Richard Lynds to help get the proposed 123 room boutique-style hotel over the goal line.

At a community meeting, Monday Lynds said the delays in construction were largely due to the telecommunication antennas on top of the building.

“As most of you know there are a number of telecommunication antennas on the roof of the building,” Lynds said Monday. “The Patels have been in negotiations with the telecommunication companies to move these antennas to another part of the roof. When dealing with the relocation of telecommunication antennas there very complicated and legal choreography that has to occur before you can move forward. Because moving them causes a disruption in service there a whole host of issues that comes with that.”

The Patels have been in a long dialogue with the owner of the antennas on how to best relocate them on the roof

to make it more aesthetically pleasing. These antennas are part of a telecommunication easement. Lynds explained that you cannot evict them from the building because they are the owners of the space they occupy on the building’s roof.

Lynds said the good news is the Patels have finally worked out those issues of relocating the telecommunication equipment and all the telecommunication companies involved have agreed to allow the antennas to be moved to the middle of the building’s roof.

The second reason for the delay is that the Patels have applied for a Historic Renovation Tax Credit as part of the project.

“While the building doesn’t strike you as an historic building, there is some significance and history to the property,” Lynds said of the old shoe factory. “It does have some historic value in the neighborhood and applying and receiving tax credit funding ensures that the redevelopment of the building is done in a way that respects the property’s history and is incorporated into the hotel’s design.”

The owners said they have been working with the Architectural Commission to bring back the original windows that were part of the building in the 1920s.

“We’ve been in regular contact with the Mayor’s Office as well as Councilor Edwards and Rep. Madaro with respect to the delays,” said Lynds. “I’ve impressed upon my client that it is imperative that they take action as soon as possible to start getting this building into a condition that is no longer an eyesore in the community.”

Lynds said that the Patels have reported that a contractor has been hired and initial construction will begin as early as two weeks.

“This will include removing all the current windows, plastic sheeting, as well as wrapping the building in construction fencing,” said Lynds.

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Blue Line //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

East Boston is separated from the rest of the City by the Boston Harbor, which makes our community especially reliant on public transportation,” he said. “When the T breaks down, there are few alternatives residents have and people end up stranded on one side of the harbor. In addition to funding for necessary upgrades to make the Blue Line

more reliable, today’s incident also highlights the need to have alternative public transit options, including bus rapid transit and a robust ferry service that’s accessible and affordable to all residents. Nor can we rely on rideshares like Uber and Lyft to bridge the gap. In addition to surge pricing, these vehicles clog our streets and make the short ride

through the tunnel a long wait in traffic—including for those stuck on the MBTA shuttle buses. I’ve heard a lot of frustration and anger from folks today who were late to work, missed an appointment, or who were stranded by delays. I share in their frustration, and I am committed to continuing to prioritize these issues until we see results.”

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sailing season special is the relationship between students, future leaders and staff.

“A crucial element of this programming is the mentorship that takes place from student, to Future Leader Trainee, to Staff Instructor,” said DeFronzo. “Our entire organization, from Board Chair to First Year Future Leader is comprised of former youth program participants. We are proud to have a staff reflective of, and dedicated to our community.”

DeFronzo said PPSC has been really lucky to have the space they have and to be able to keep growing the program.

“It is really fun to see such a huge group of kids sailing back into the cove after a trip to one of the harbor islands every Friday,” said DeFronzo. “We have a new group of Future Leaders training to become instructors this year too, so we will be keeping the tradition of mentoring up the next generation of leadership at PPSC through our programs.”

DeFronzo said he was incredibly excited to announce that PPSC has formed a new partnership with Camp Harbor View on Long Island. The PPSC team has taken on sailing operations at the camp’s Boston’s Island of Opportunity program.

“Since 2007, Camp Harbor View has provided Boston Youth with exposure to possibilities of a future they may have never envisioned,” said DeFronzo. “Our PPSC staff offers a variety of programs that focus on teaching campers the fundamentals of sailing while emphasizing valuable soft skills that support their holistic development. Through this partnership, about 300 young people will learn to sail this summer at Camp Harbor View with the program spending over 200 hours on the Boston Harbor.”

DeFronzo added that PPSC is very proud to be in our third season of sailing with Triangle, an incredible local nonprofit that empowers people with disabilities and their families to enjoy rich, fulfilling lives by getting out in the community and working to-

gether.

At the beginning of the month a group of 12 sailors graduated from PPSC six week on-the-water program.

“The growth in confidence and esteem during the program was wonderful, from timid first day on-boarding to assertive last day captaining the helm,” said DeFronzo. “Adaptive programming for sailors with disabilities is doing really well with partnerships ongoing with the Bedford VA, Triangle Inc, Boston Public Schools, Charlestown Waterfront Coalition, PATHWAY, and several disability commissions. We have added new equipment this summer to make transfers to and from the boats easier. We are also looking forward to a seniors sailing day in partnership with the Social Centers August 27.”

DeFronzo said Eastie families should keep a sharp lookout for Sailing After School program registration which will open in a couple weeks.

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Walsh’s legislative package, which focuses on expanding the work that Boston has done to address the region’s housing crisis by proposing new and existing tools to help existing tenants remain in their homes and create additional funding for affordable housing.

The bill, An Act Relative to the Just Cause Eviction of Elderly Lessees, would prohibit no-fault eviction of people over 75 years of age, limiting rent increases to five percent per year to prevent landlords from using large rent increases to get around just cause protections. Eviction would only be permitted for good cause such as, for example, failure to pay rent, damage to the property, use of the premises for illegal activities. Over the last six months, the housing team at the City’s Age Strong Commission has

advocated for residents in 10 active court cases involving older Boston residents.

“H. 3373 would allow municipalities to protect our most vulnerable elderly residents from unfair evictions. Boston’s Age Strong Commission answers several calls each week from distraught seniors facing eviction-with an increasing number from seniors over the age of 75,” Walsh said at the State House hearing. “These seniors call us because they have nowhere else to turn, and nowhere else to live. In one case, a 77-year-old man who has lived in his home in the Fenway for over 40 years received notice to vacate, with no cause given. In another, an 88-year-old lives in a building that was sold, and the new landlord wants a big rent increase that he can’t possibly afford. This treatment is not acceptable for

seniors who spent their lives here and helped build our communities.”

Walsh explained that he and Madaro’s legislation would provide tenants over the age of 75 with “just cause” protection.

“This term simply means that landlords must provide a legitimate reason for eviction, such as failure to pay rent, damage to the property, or illegal activity,” said Walsh. “Landlords could still raise rents each year by as much as five percent. And the bill exempts properties with five or fewer units-because we know that some small property owners are renting at below-market rents to long-term elderly tenants. We want to protect those arrangements and we want to protect our most vulnerable seniors.”

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, July 8, 2019

Around 5:15 a.m. in the area of 92 Chelsea St., a 38 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife).

Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 69 Paris St., a 23 year old male with a Chelsea, MA address was arrested for Assault and Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife).

Around 8 p.m. in the area of 14 Antrim St., a 22 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Tuesday, July 9, 2019
No Arrests

Wednesday, July 10, 2019
No Arrests

Thursday, July 11, 2019
Around 4 p.m. in the area of Meridian and Nay St., a 32 year old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs and Operating a M/V Without a License.

Around 4 p.m. in the area

of Meridian and Nay St., a 45 year old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Possession of Class B, Drugs.

Friday, July 12, 2019

Around 9:30 a.m. in the area of 211 Faywood Ave., a 31 year old male with a Jamaica Plain, MA address was arrested for Providing False Name to Police, Unlawful Possession of Firearm, Trafficking: Class A, Drugs 200 grams or more.

Around 8 p.m. in the area of 139 Princeton St., a 42 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery.

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Around 12:15 p.m. in the area of 1 Vallar Rd., a 29 year old female with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife).

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Around 3:20 a.m. in the area of 57 Bennington St., a 20 year old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, Possession of Alcoholic Beverages by

Persons Under 21 (Open Container).

Around 1 p.m. in the area of Saratoga and Swift Sts., an 18 year old male with an Everett, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery on a Police Officer (no injuries), Possession of Firearm with Altered Serial Numbers and Unlawful Possession of Firearm.

Around 1 p.m. in the area of Saratoga and Swifts Sts., a 22 year old male with and Everett, MA address was arrested for Violating of a Restraining Order.

Around 1 p.m. in the area of Saratoga and Swifts Sts., a 22 year old male with a Winthrop, MA address was arrested for Assault & Battery by Means of a Dangerous Weapon, Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B, Drugs and Failure to Stop for a Police Officer.

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Until the 20th century, infections that we now consider straightforward to treat – such as pneumonia and diarrhea – that are caused by bacteria, were the number one cause of human death in the developed world.

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However, as with everything else in life, too much of a good thing can lead to bad consequences. Antibiotics not only are prescribed for illnesses for which they are often not needed in humans, but are in widespread use in the production of livestock. More than half of the antibiotics produced in the United States are used for agricultural purposes. If you are a consumer of beef, pork, chicken, farm-raised fish, and dairy products -- which is to say, just about all of us -- then you have been ingesting antibiotics with every meal you have eaten for decades.

The result of this mass use of antibiotics has resulted in the evolution of antibiotic-resistant germs. Recent news articles have highlighted the inability of even the top-rated hospitals throughout the world to fight these super-bugs. Individuals who go into the hospital for routine procedures now are subject to contracting a super-bug that modern science is powerless to fight.

Epidemiologists tell us that the greatest health threat worldwide is a super-bug that is resistant to all of the antibiotic weapons currently existing in our treatment arsenal and that the only way to prevent such an occurrence is to stop the overuse of antibiotics.

However, with the drug and agriculture lobbies firmly in control of Congress, it is not likely that anything will be done to change our present practices, thereby placing all of us at risk for becoming the victims of a super-bug that we will be powerless to stop.

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Raising the minimum wage is a women’s issue

By Rep. Ayanna Pressley (MA-07)
and Rep. Pramila Jayapal (WA-07)

We’ve been cheering on the U.S. women’s soccer team — first as they won the World’s Cup and now as they pursue pay equity. For too long, female professional athletes have earned just a small fraction of what male sports stars earn.

And to that we say: Pay them what they’re owed.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to finally end the unfair and blatantly sexist gender pay gap for a vastly larger group of American women — those who work in low-wage jobs. Because they’re more likely than men to be on the bottom rungs of the income ladder, women have even more to gain from a raise in the federal minimum wage.

So here’s the shocker: Minimum wage is a women’s issue and an economic justice issue.

According to the Economic Policy Institute, 58 percent of the nearly 40 million U.S. workers who would benefit from this wage hike are women. Nearly one in three out of all female wage-earners and 43 percent of single mothers would receive a raise. This increase would disproportionately

benefit black and Hispanic women.

For women and men across the country, this raise is long overdue. Congress hasn’t passed a wage increase for more than a decade. The bill the House voted on, the Raise the Wage Act, would increase the hourly minimum gradually from \$7.25 to \$15 in 2024.

Passing this legislation would mean that millions of women will get a necessary raise. Many work hard every day performing services that are essential to our communities and our society, and yet they earn so little that they still worry about paying their bills. We’re talking, for example, about the more than half a million childcare workers whose typical pay is just \$11.17 per hour. And we’re talking about the nearly 800,000 home health aides whose median pay is \$11.63.

The overwhelming share of individuals doing the life-supporting, honorable, and extremely challenging work of caring for our children, people with disabilities, and seniors are women. These types of female-dominated, low-paid jobs are in the fields with the largest projected growth over the next decade. Meanwhile, Wall Street employees, who are predominantly male, made

an average of \$422,500 (over \$200 per hour) in 2017.

Cities like Seattle and states like Massachusetts have been a test case for the federal wage increase. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city’s minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$12 per hour. The Seattle City Council voted in 2014 to gradually raise the city’s minimum to \$15 by 2021. It currently stands at \$16 per hour for large employers and at least \$15 for companies with 500 or fewer employees. A recent study indicates that this can help hardworking Seattle moms put food on the table by raising their pay while not pushing up grocery prices. In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the legislature voted to increase the minimum, including the subminimum wage, beginning in 2018.

The federal Raise the Wage Act would also raise the subminimum wage for restaurant servers and other tipped workers, which has been stuck at just \$2.13 per hour for a quarter of a century. While employers are technically supposed to make up the difference if workers’ tips don’t bring them above the regular minimum wage, enforcement can be lax.

That’s why poverty rates for tipped workers, two-thirds of whom are women, are more than twice as high as rates for workers overall, according to the National Women’s Law Center.

It’s also why the restaurant industry is the single largest source of sexual harassment claims in the United States. “Women forced to live on tips are compelled to tolerate inappropriate and degrading behavior from customers, coworkers, and managers in order to make a living,” Saru Jayaram of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United explained in a 2015 New York Times op-ed.

Under the wage hike bill, the subminimum wage for tipped workers would be gradually increased until it’s the same as the full minimum wage. Eight states have already eliminated the two-tier wage structure. Women in these One Fair Wage states are less likely to live in poverty than in other states.

All women — whether they are sports champions in the limelight or the caregivers, servers, and others at the low end of the income ladder — deserve fair pay. Today, we hope our colleagues in Congress will help give them that opportunity.

Gove Street Citizens Association votes to approve three projects

By John Lynds

On Monday night at the Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room members of the Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) voted to approve three development projects.

The first project at 24 Geneva St. the developer plans to erect a five story residential dwelling. Despite some concern from abutters over the height and lack of parking residents voted 10 to 4 in favor of the project.

Because the street is considered to be a private way by the city the developer plans to several public realm improve-



Attorney Richard Lynds discusses one of his client's proposals at Monday's GSCA meeting.

ments like creating new sidewalks, curbs and paving the

street after water and sewer hook ups. This, said the developer, will improve a street that is slowly becoming more residential and less commercial or industrial.

GSCA members then voted 7 to 2 in favor of the project at 48 Geneva St. This project proposes to erect a 6-unit residential building. This was the second presentation to GSCA members and while some felt four stories and lack of parking were again an issue members seemed happy with the overall design of the building.

Lastly members voted 7 to 3 in favor of changing the occupancy at 58 Lubec St. from

a 4-unit building to a 9-unit building. There the developer plans to rehab the existing home, erect a penthouse and then change the occupancy from 4 to 9-units. The developer wants to rehab to facade of the unique building that includes French style ironclad front porches like one would see in New Orleans’ French Quarter.

The developer wants to keep the porches but upgrade the current steel to wrought iron or other materials, as well as improve the porches doors and windows. The penthouse would be set back and not visible from the street.

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Mayor Martin Walsh announced the return of the “Mayor on Main” trolley tour during which the Mayor will present the 23rd Annual Boston Main Streets Awards. These awards recognize an outstanding business owner and volunteer from the community. This year’s Eastie’s Mayor on Main tour will be held on Tuesday, July 30, at 1 p.m. at Sammy Carlos Catering & Delicatessen at 567 Bennington St in East Boston. “I’m excited for another year of the ‘Mayor on Main’ trolley tour, which is an incredible opportunity to celebrate some of the City’s most dynamic small businesses,” said Mayor Walsh, “Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy and the backbone of our communities - they provide goods and services close to home, first jobs for our young people, and opportunities for our residents. I’m proud of initiatives like Boston Main Streets and business improvement districts, which support our local small business economy and I encourage everyone to visit, support, and explore Boston’s small, local establishments.” You are invited to join us to celebrate Steve and Kathy Scire, owners of this year’s business of the year, Sammy Carlo’s Delicatessen & Catering, and Kannan Thiruvengadam, this year’s volunteer

of the year. The celebration will start at 1:00pm at 567 Bennington Street on Tuesday, July 30th. Refreshments and light food will be provided. “I am absolutely thrilled about this year’s award recipients who truly embody what is best about our East Boston Community – hard work, compassion, kindness, and a true sense of community. I am also tremendously excited that we are able to perform a ribbon-cutting for Sammy Carlos at this event to introduce the public to a fully refurbished business that has been a touchstone in Eastie for three generations,” said Max Gruner, director of East Boston Main Streets. For more details please contact EBMS at director@ebmainstreets.com.

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Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Second Monday of every month. 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Sumner St.	Gove Street Citizens Association Fourth Monday of every month 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center
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Harbor Explorers kayaking in the cove.



A young Piers Park Sailing participant caught a skate.



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East Boston 2nd Annual Marine & Maritime Fest

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There was a whole host of activities throughout the day at the free family event. The festival featured marine activities, art, performances by Veronica Robles Cultural Center, demonstrations by the United States Coast Guard, pirates, activities by the New England Aquarium and many more engaging and fun things to do.



Veronica Robles (right) with dancers and members of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center perform at the 2nd Annual Marine and Maritime Festival.



The U.S. Coast Guard were on hand to perform demonstrations and give tours of their rescue boat.



There was a whole host of activities throughout the day at the free family event.



Julia Burrell (right), aka “The Crazy No Plastic Lady” was on hand to talk about the importance of not using plastic .



Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh.



Mayoral Liaison Lina Tramelli and Eastie Week Coordinator Christian Merfeld.



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Members of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay had a display table with various sea life.



From left, Captain Kelly McCormick, Captain Jack Sparrow with Harborkeepers Heather O'Brien and Magdalena Aved.

A Watershed Moment



ICA Celebrates Eastie Week

ICA celebrated Eastie Week with free family day at the Watershed last Saturday. A full day of activities included art-making, dance performances, Watershed tours in English and Spanish, music, and more.

There was art making inspired by *Aquí y allá: juntos a la mesa* (Here and There: Together at the Table), a project by artist Evelyn Rydz in collaboration with Kannan Thiruvengadam of Eastie Farm; bites from the Chubby Chickpea food truck; elotes from Veronica Robles Cultural Center; samples from Milk Bar Harvard Square; books to check out from the Boston Public Library Bibliocycle; performances by Veronica Robles Dance Company; dancing with Zumix hosted at Windy Films; as well as activities from the ICA's community partners East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, East Boston Social Centers and Maverick Landing Community Services.

The ICA Watershed, opened in the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina in summer 2018, transformed a 15,000-square-foot, formerly condemned space into a vast and welcoming venue to see and experience large-scale art in East Boston. Open seasonally from late May to early September, the Watershed features major artist and community projects every year. Admission to the Watershed—central to the museum's vision for art and civic life—is free for all. Water Shuttle transportation between the Watershed and the ICA is included in ICA admission.



Kids take part in art making inspired by *Aquí y allá: juntos a la mesa* (Here and There: Together at the Table).



Above, left: The event included Watershed tours in English and Spanish.

Above, right: Veronica Robles of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center was on hand for lessons and performances. Here a girl learns some cords on a Mariachi guitar.

Left: Veronica Robles with some area youth during the Watershed event.



Kids and families participate in a project by artist Evelyn Rydz in collaboration with Kannan Thiruvengadam of Eastie Farm.



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Boston Harbor Now holds water transportation visioning event

By John Lynds

Last Monday night atop the roof deck at the newly constructed Pier One waterfront development that overlooks the Boston Harbor President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now Kathy Abbott and a few dozen residents and transportation advocates discussed future plans to bring a harbor ferry stop to East Boston.

Boston Harbor Now's Inner Harbor Connector Service Plan would add two new routes to link Charlestown and East Boston to the Seaport with ferry terminals at Navy Yard Pier 4, Lewis Mall, Fan Pier and Long Wharf.

The other route would connect Quincy with Long Wharf with off-peak service to Fallon Pier at Columbia Point in Dorchester.

According to the plan released by Boston Harbor Now the Inner Harbor Connector would run every 15 minutes during peak community hours and every 20 minutes during non-peak hours with estimate fares between \$3.50 and \$6.50.

Abbott is on the record as saying, "As the waterfront continues to change dramatically, more frequent and robust water transportation will contribute a range of benefits around mobility, economic development and resiliency. Ferries offer a regular way for people to experience the joy of being out on the water, creating a deeper sense of



President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now Kathy Abbott.

engagement and ownership of the Harbor. We hope these business plans provide fresh momentum to partners to collaborate on implementing new service."

Eastie resident Margaret Farmer, who helped organize last week's event, said the most common question from the almost 100 attendees at the water transportation event was not why or how but when.

"This, combined with the commuter apocalypse we had last week shows that water transportation is quickly becoming a necessity," said Farmer. "The plan currently calls for a point-to point system, instead of a circular ferry, but my hope is the system is so popular it quickly expands."

However, having only one stop in Eastie has community residents and transportation activists worried that "later" expansion could mean never seeing an expansion of the ferry system.

"Boston Harbor Now's Inner Harbor Connector Service Plan moves us in the right direction by proposing a multi-stop ferry service, but has critical shortcomings," said resident Chris Marchi. "Without proposing service at East Boston's Central Square, Chelsea's central downtown district, and Charlestown's End of Yard area, the Inner Harbor Connector Plan fails to address the largest, densest, and least transit-served water transportation constituencies

within the inner harbor."

As an activist in Eastie Marchi said he recognizes the acute nature of the neighborhood's transportation crisis and the important role that a water transportation options can play in providing important relief.

"I have consistently provided comment at Boston Harbor Now Water Transportation planning events regarding the need for service in these specific locations," he said. "That these locations also serve environmental justice communities makes their omission particularly troubling. Water transit service which for whatever reason excludes lower income and minority enclaves will exacerbate existing transit disparities and create a negative perception ironically within the very communities which have long been the base of this city's most strident advocacy for water transportation. Boston Harbor Now's effort to advance water transit comes at a time when Boston desperately needs to address its long-neglected North Shore transportation crisis. But this problem must be addressed without bypassing the most acute transit needs of the largest number of inner harbor residents. Boston Harbor Now should reassess its ferry service recommendations to include analyses of essential base inner-harbor ferry service which serves and benefits the entire inner harbor."

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE Docket No. SU19PD0847DR Estate of: Aniello Bruno Date of Death: 03/09/1981 To all interested persons: A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Thersea Bonfiglio of East Boston, MA and Peter Bonfiglio of Boston, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale. 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 08/02/2019. 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 date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal 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 recipients 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. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: JULY 02, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 7/24/19 EB

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK Division DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 Docket No. SU19PD0847DR Vietelio Sala-Ardon vs. Monica Maricela Sala Echeverria To the Defendant: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are required to serve upon: Enaida M. Roman, Esq., Roman Law Offices Four Copley Place, Suite 145 Boston, MA 02116 your answer, if any on or before 08/29/2019. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of his action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: July 5, 2019 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 7/24/19 EB

Concession as further defined in this RFP and the Agreement and shall be responsible for the operations and maintenance of the Taxi Pool café facility. The Term of the Agreement shall be for a period of three (3) years, plus two (2), one (1) options, commencing on or about November 6, 2019. The Authority will conduct a Pre-Submission Conference on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Terminal C Briefing Room, 2nd Floor Old Tower, Boston-Logan International Airport, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909. To confirm attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference please complete the RSVP form located on the Massport website at www.massport.com as early as possible and no later than 2:00 pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. For any questions related to the RFP, please call (617) 561-1662 or email Mr. Dan Geleta at dgeleta@massport.com. Proposals must be received by the Authority at or prior to 2:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the office of Mr. Michael Grieco, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 2005, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. The Authority is soliciting competitive proposals pursuant to a determination that such a process best serves the interests of the Authority and the general public and not because of any legal requirement to do so. The Authority reserves right to accept or to reject any or all proposals, for any reason, to withdraw or amend the RFP at any time, to initiate negotiations with one or more Respondents, to modify or amend with the consent of the Respondent any proposal prior to acceptance, to waive any informality and to effect any agreement otherwise, to re-issue this RFP without change or modification thereto, to issue a subsequent RFP with terms and conditions that are substantially different than those set forth in the RFP, or to cancel the RFP without issuing another RFP, all as the Authority, in its sole judgment, may deem to be in its best interest. Copies of the RFP may be obtained on the Authority's website at www.massport.com. 7/24/19, 7/25/19 EB, EV, R, C, W, BS, RR, Charlestown

OBITUARIES

Alfonso Contrada

Barber Extraordinaire

Alfonso Contrada of East Boston passed away peacefully on July 16.

Alfonso was a barber extraordinaire at Paul's Barber Shop in Chelsea for over forty years.

He was the beloved husband of the late Giovanna (Polcaro) Contrada, devoted father of Giovanni of Milano, Italy and East Boston and cherished brother of the late Fioreavanti Contrada of Italy. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, (Orient



Heights) East Boston. Alfonso was laid to rest with his beloved wife at Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum.

Gregory Badolato

Former Proprietor of Badolato Trucking

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, July 12, in the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere for Gregory Badolato, who died at his home in Revere surrounded by his loving family, on Tuesday, July 9 following a long illness. He was 91 years old.

Greg was born in East Boston and the family moved to Revere a short time later. He was raised and educated in Revere, then began to work in the family business, Badolato Trucking, Inc. in Chelsea, that was founded by his father, Francesco Badolato in the early 1920's. Greg proudly worked alongside his brothers and diligently learned the trucking business, later becoming a partner.

Greg has remained in Revere for the past 80 years. It is where he began his life with his wife and where together they raised their family. His family remembers him as a dedicated, loving and extremely hard-working man who took excellent care of his family. Family was paramount for Greg and it was always his home where the celebrations and holidays were held.

He was the beloved husband of Vincella "Dolly" (DiLiegro) Badolato of Revere (they would have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary together) and the devoted and loving father of Frank G. Badolato of Stow, John M. Badolato and his wife, Denise M. of Tewksbury, Denise A. Ferrara and her husband, Ronald, Doreen M. Gordon and her husband, Matthew, all of Lynnfield and



the late Deborah M. Badolato; the cherished grandfather of Christopher Badolato, Melissa Civilk and her husband, Peter, Kristina Carroll, Diana Badolato, Toni DiNanno, Tiffany Stec and her husband, Ryan, Tiana Badolato, Ronald Ferrara, Jr., Risa Ferrara, Denise Levey and her husband, Mitchell, Myla Gordon, Matthew Gordon and his wife, Sarah and Kyle Gordon and the late John M. Badolato, Jr.; dear brother of the late Dominic, Joseph, James Badolato and Theresa Schettani. He is also lovingly survived by 11 great-grandchildren and by nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Vercuccio & Smith Home for Funerals, Revere. For additional information, visit: www.vercuccioandsmith.com.

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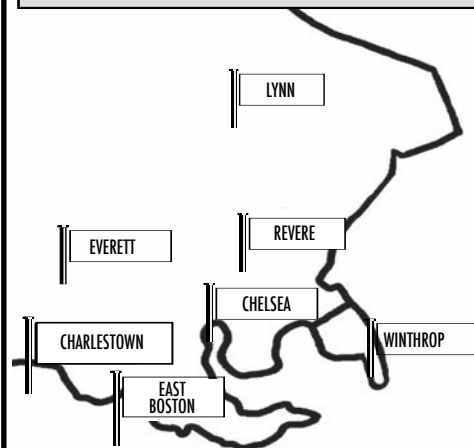
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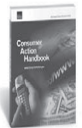
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