

COMMUNITY NEWS

COUNCILOR EDWARDS TO HOST NEIGHBORHOOD “TEA TIME” AT TAWAKAL HALAL CAFE

Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards will be hosting a neighborhood “tea time” at Tawakal Halal Cafe in the Jeffries Point neighborhood of East Boston. Tawakal Halal Cafe is a locally owned restaurant specializing in Somali cuisine and traditional Somali tea. Tawakal has recently been lauded by the The Boston Globe and featured in Bon Appetit magazine as one of the top new restaurants in the country. The tea time will be held this Saturday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In announcing these coffee hours, Councilor Edwards expressed her excitement to meet with community members one-on-one in an informal setting in order to address concerns and improve the quality of life for residents. Coffee will be provided and all are welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact gabriela.coletta@boston.gov or call (617) 635-3200.

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PLANNING & ZONING (P&Z) AGENDA

Wednesday, October 23, 2019; 7 – 8:30 p.m.
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center: Training Building
250 Sumner Street
AGENDA
(subject to change)
16 & 18 Cottage Street.
- Add rear and 4th story additions & roof decks to both properties.

182 Webster Street - Change occupancy from 3-family to 4-family, construct rear addition on 4th floor, construct exterior rear-deck and stairway and extend Unit #1 living space into the basement.

We thank the EBNHC for letting us use the space.

We MUST be out of the building by 8:30PM.

2019 Planning & Zoning Meeting dates are available at jeffriespoint.org

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Board of Directors:

Cindy Baxter | Rachel Blomerth | Mary Cole | Margaret Farmer | Andrew Pike.

PIRANDELLO LYCEUM WINE TASTING

The Pirandello Lyceum will host a Wine Tasting featuring Wines of Sicily presented by Dr. Tino Valdesolo

The event will be on Sunday, November 3 from 5-8 p.m. at Spinelli’s Function Hall 282 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA

Tickets are \$50 per person/ Make checks out to Pirandello Lyceum and send to : Pirandello Lyceum, Wines of Sicily P.O. Box 565 , East Boston, MA 02128.

RSVP: Domenic Amara at domamara@aol.com.

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Monday, October 28, 2019
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Catherine Leonard-McLean Community Room

Logan Airport Rental Car Center

• Welcome & Announcements

• Introduce new Gove Street President – Lorraine Curry

- Boston Police Updates – Sargent Martin & Officer Simons
- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli
- Neighborhood Updates – Nat Taylor
- Revised GSCA By-Law Administration Proposal- Shawn Lu / Nat Taylor

Approval Voting at the November 25 Monthly Meeting.

- Project Presentations:
- 10 Geneva Street

A proposal to erect a 4 story multi-family dwelling (7 units) with parking at grade.

1st Presentation / No Vote – Attorney Richard Lynds

- 255 Maverick Street

A proposal to raze the existing building and erect a mixed use 4 story building with 9 residential units and one retail unit with parking at grade.

1st Presentation / No Vote – Attorney Richard Lynds

LOCATION: The Catherine Leonard-McLean (formerly Noddle 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.

YMCA OF GREATER BOSTON JUNIOR CELTIC’S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT BASKETBALL LEAGUE DOUBLE TEAMS LIFE SKILLS AND DRILLS

Calling all youth basketball players! The YMCA of Greater Boston, in partnership with the Boston Celtic’s Shamrock Foundation, is kicking-off the nonprofit’s fall youth basketball development league for youth starting at age 3 through the 4th grade with registration opening Oct. 21 through Nov. 1. The program begins Oct. 28. All YMCA members are invited to play in the eight-week program.

The goal of the league is to teach youth players the values of the Boston Celtics with an emphasis on health. The clinic schedule includes a mix of large group activities and exercises, small break out drills, friendly competitions and improvement-based games.

How it works: Premier youth basketball coaches will divide participants into instructional and recreational teams based on age. A current Celtics player and other VIPs will be in attendance to engage with players and participate in activities. Sportsmanship, positive attitude, work ethic and primarily FUN is encouraged throughout the season. Each participant will receive a special edition Jr. Celtics reversible shooting shirt, access to special events with Celtic VIPs, two tickets to Celtics

2019 Open Practice and a team photo.

Participants who register prior Nov. 1 will save \$10. For more information, to register, or to see if and when a clinic will be offered at a YMCA of Greater Boston branch near you, visit: <https://ymcaboston.org/jrceltics>.

About the YMCA of Greater Boston

The YMCA of Greater Boston is one of Massachusetts leading nonprofits committed to strengthening communities by improving health, empowering youth and activating people for good. Every day, the Y works with thousands of men, women, and children to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has access to Y programs and services. As the nation’s fifth largest charity, the Y is creating a community of caring people through meaningful memberships. For more than 167 years, the Y has been developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse populations, preventing chronic disease and building healthier communities. The YMCA of Greater Boston is America’s first Y.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

The class will be held at Robert DeLeo Senior Center, 35 Harvard Street Winthrop for residents age 60 and above.

Whether you have Italian ancestry, or just want to learn one of the world’s most beautiful languages, join us at informal and friendly Italian language and culture classes. Wednesday afternoons from 1:15 to 2:45 p.m.

For info call 617-846-8538.

EAST BOSTON SOCIAL CENTER’S SENIOR PROGRAM OFFERING SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

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

GRACE CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

Grace Church Federated is an Episcopal/United Church of Christ church located at 760 Saratoga St. in East Boston. All are welcome. Please join us for Sunday morning worship at 9:30 a.m., followed by a coffee hour. We also have a food pantry on Sat-

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community Meetings

Harbor View Neighborhood Association
First Monday of every month
6:30 p.m. at the Edward Brooke Charter School, 145 Byron St.

Kiwanis Club of East Boston
First and Third Tuesday of every month
6 p.m. at Spinelli’s Restaurant in Day Square. New members welcome

Orient Heights Neighborhood Association
Third Monday of every month.
6:30 p.m. at Ashley Street YMCA, 54 Ashley St.

Friend of the East Boston Greenway
Fourth Thursday of every month.
6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center, 395 Maverick St. All are welcome to attend.

Maverick Central Neighborhood Association
Third Wednesday of every month
7 p.m. at Paris Street Community Center, 112 Paris St.

Gove Street Citizens Association
Fourth Monday of every month
6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room, Logan Rental Car Center

Eagle Hill Civic Association
Last Wednesday of every month
7 p.m. at East Boston High School Cafeteria, 86 White St.

JPNA monthly meeting
The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association will hold its September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club starting at 7 p.m.

The agenda for the Tuesday Sept. 10 monthly meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association is below:

Odd-Year Board Swearing-In
Police - Slide Show
Lina Trameli with the Mayor’s Office
Boston City Council At Large Candidates

Please note, the meeting is on TUESDAY because of the Labor Day holiday. Questions can be directed to board@jeffriespoint.org

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

ATLANTIC WORKS PRESENTS TWO ARTISTS

PARIS STORIES - by Sandrine Colson

And
SICILY ... IT’S COMPLICATED! - by Diane Modica

Oct. 5, 2019 through Oct. 26, 2019

3rd Thursday Reception – Oct. 17, 6-9 p.m.

In Paris Stories and Sicily ... It’s Complicated ..., the artists are exploring their origins and how they influence who we are through stories and various places. From physical locations to the world of the invisible and beliefs, we

are who we are through our experiences and stories we have heard, created or followed. In their two-person exhibition, Sandrine Colson and Diane Modica, each tell stories about places close to their heart and beliefs by taking you through a journey of imagination or reality depending on the tale being represented under their brush.

For Sandrine, her journey as a painter began from childhood influenced by her grandmother’s artistic guidance and continued through various studies, her world travels, native Provence in France and current Boston residence. In her Paris Stories, a series of unique and original pieces of mixed media work tell each a different story about the “city of light.” Each piece - represents unique events, memories, words, and accounts of fictional or real people, past events or emotional journeys related to Paris. Each invites the viewer to let his or her imagination decides where the story goes, somewhat guided by the composition created.

For Modica, this exhibit reflects her continuing search for the connection to her family roots in Sicily. A Boston native, both sets of

her grandparents emigrated from Mineo, Sicily to the U.S. in the early 1900’s. While one raised its family in Boston and the other in Portland, Maine, the two sides always remained in contact with one another.

As in previous shows, Modica mines the complex and rich history and heritage of her Sicilian roots. Sicily, a strategically located island at the boot of Italy, survived centuries of invaders including Greeks, Romans, Byzantines, Arabs, Normans, Swabians and Spanish all of whom left their mark on the island and its people. Using colorful mixed media including painting, collage, stitching, textiles and written text, she finds a visceral and visual bond between the past and the present.

Atlantic Works Gallery is East Boston’s Collaborative Space for Art and Ideas. Established in 2003, it is a member-operated gallery located on the top floor of 80 Border Street on the waterfront. It is T-accessible (Maverick stop on the Blue Line) and there is usually ample parking. For detailed directions, information about members, future shows, etc, please visit atlanticworks.org.

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BAKER'S PLAN WILL IMPROVE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Ever since 2006, when then-Gov. Mitt Romney worked together with the state legislature to craft a landmark health care bill that served as a model for Obamacare a few years later, Massachusetts -- which boasts the highest rate of insured citizens of any state in the country -- has been a leader in providing comprehensive health care to all of our citizens.

But as with everything in life, nothing stays the same. Change always is needed not only to improve upon what was done initially, but also to keep up with new circumstances.

The announcement last week by the administration of Gov. Charlie Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito of comprehensive health care legislation that will bring about significant reforms to our health care system represents a necessary response to the always-evolving world of health care that affects every citizen in our state.

The Baker-Polito plan aims to improve outcomes for patients by increasing access to behavioral health and primary care services, while also bringing down costs both for individuals and for the state.

The reforms will cut down on the hidden costs that currently blindside consumers and impact the overall system. The legislation also holds drug companies accountable for excessive prices and unjustified price increases, and supports distressed community hospitals and community health centers.

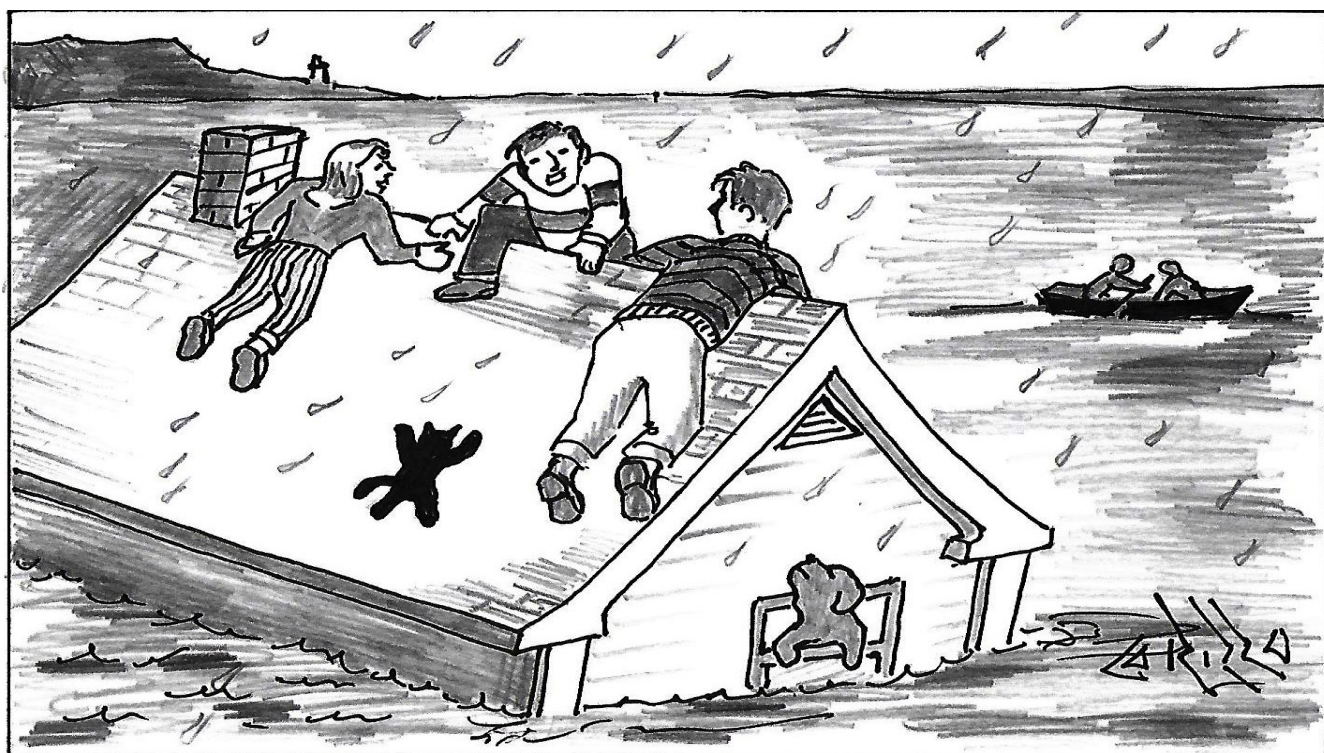
The Baker-Polito bill has wide-ranging support from many stakeholders in our health care system, with the lone exception being -- surprise! -- the drug companies, whose exorbitant prices adversely impact the quality of health care at all levels of the system.

We applaud the plan of Gov. Baker -- who, it should be noted, was the head of Harvard-Pilgrim before becoming governor and thus brings more expertise to the subject of health insurance than almost anyone else in the state -- and Lt. Gov. Polito for their efforts to strengthen our best-in-the-nation system of health care.

We know that the legislature also is working on a similar track and will join together with Gov. Baker on this issue, leaving us with no doubt that Massachusetts will continue to be the national leader in health care and health insurance as we enter the third decade of the 21st century.



Forum



HOW MANY 100 YEAR STORMS CAN WE HAVE IN A YEAR ?

GUEST OP-ED

My prostate and thyroid cancer

Dr. Glenn Mollette

I never wanted cancer - who does? Within four months I was diagnosed with thyroid cancer and prostate cancer.

Last Oct. 26, my entire thyroid was removed with four malignant nodules. I dreaded that surgery because I knew speech and singing complications could happen because of the proximity of the thyroid to the vocal cords. Some people end up with paralyzed vocal cords for a lifetime. The surgeon assured me he would take his time and utilize extreme caution in protecting my vocal cords but reminded me that the cancer had to be the priority.

By the middle of December 2018 my voice was gaining strength and I was starting to exercise a little bit and was overall feeling good. I then had my annual blood work done. The telephone call came from my doctor's nurse telling me everything looked good except my PSA was 4.7. This was the highest it had ever been in my life. The prior year had been 3.7. I was told that PSA numbers can sometimes fluctuate and that we would need to do another blood test. Three weeks later I did another one on Dec. 27 and found out my score had risen to 5.9. I called my wife who was visiting in Kentucky to tell her, "I'm in trouble."

We decided to act immediately, however, finding a urologist during the Christmas holidays was difficult. I tried six or seven in Evansville, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky. I ended up finding a doctor named David Levy from Cleveland Clinic. His receptionist said, "He has one opening Dec. 31, at 2:30." I explained to

her my diagnosis and she explained the only way you and the doctor will know is by a prostate biopsy." I already had heard fearful reports about prostate biopsies. She very calmly assured me that he had a very gentle technique, and few ever complained. I booked the appointment. I hung up and called my wife back to tell her how we would be celebrating New Year's Eve.

New Year's Eve I met Dr. Levy and he spent quite a bit of time asking me questions and explained we won't know anything until I do the biopsy. They got me ready and he removed 18 pieces of my prostate, one small sample at a time. Almost every time he would remove a piece he would say, "Did you feel that?" And every time I said, "Yea, I felt it!" At that moment that's not really what I wanted to say however, somehow by the grace of God I managed to control my mouth. Levy would later explain that often many urologists only take 12 samples, but they miss the cancer by taking too few. "If it's in there we need to find it," he explained.

I walked out of the Urologist's office a little sore but was able to drive back to our hotel where I managed to eat dinner and we later found a movie on television that I halfway watched.

On Jan. 4, 7:30 in the morning my cell phone was ringing, and I braced myself as I knew it was Dr. Levy. He began by asking me how I was doing today, and I said, "Dr. Levy, go ahead and tell me the report." "You have two cancers out of 18 samples he reported. One cancer is a 3+3 for a Gleason score of six which is not too bad. However, you have one that is a 3+4 for a Gleason score of 7 or stage

2 cancer which is very concerning. We can monitor and do active surveillance, or we can do a procedure. I don't recommend surgery for you, but I do recommend either cryotherapy (freeze treatment) or Brachytherapy (radiation seed implant). However, I need to do an MRI and it will be 10 weeks before your prostate will be healed enough to do an accurate MRI. The MRI will show us more if the cancer is spread or if it's still contained in the prostate.

The next 10 weeks were agony as I read everything I could find about cancer, treatments, supplements, procedures, side effects, nutrition all mixed with worry. I watched my dear friend die a slow death from prostate cancer just a couple of years ago, so I know prostate cancer can be deadly.

In March I had an MRI and found out the cancer was still contained to the prostate. I elected to do the Brachytherapy radiation seed implant procedure by Dr. Jay Ciezki of Cleveland Clinic who does over 300 procedures a year. Years ago, my father-in-law had the procedure done and so I was already a little familiar with it. After the procedure I never stopped walking, working or trying to be active but for a month I was sore and there were side effects, but they weren't unbearable.

Recently, the new blood work revealed my PSA is now .71. The lowest it's ever been in my life. I still have my prostate which will make PSA. "Everything" is working well. I am back to jogging a couple of miles, working and overall things are normal.

One thing that has changed is my awareness and respect...fear of cancer. Cancer can and does recur.

My radiation oncologist doesn't think I'll ever have it in my prostate again, but he said there's always a chance it can show up somewhere else later.

I will have to give my urologist Dr. Levy, credit for laying out in detail everything I should and should not eat for the rest of my life plus an array of vitamin supplements he strongly suggested I take every day.

While I feel great today, I know my fortunate outcomes are by God's grace and the decision to move forward with two surgeries as soon as possible. I do know that all of this is a comma until next time or something else. I have to be real. These bodies are not made to last forever. There is always something around the corner that will test us or will kill us. Life is short. We have to do the best we can with whatever we know to do and trust God with the results.

Keep in mind God gives us brains. Have regular medical checkups, blood-work, and pay attention. Don't go to a lazy doctor. A dear friend recently died from liver disease because her doctor kept telling her not to worry about it and that she would be okay. Never hesitate to get a second opinion! Putting off taking care of something does not make it go away. The chances are good it will only get worse.

Remember, with good care and treatments we aren't going to live forever but we might get to extend our lives and do a few more things we enjoy like spending time with our families, hobbies, living out our faith or collecting some of our hard-earned Social Security money!

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a Syndicated Columnist.

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vert the 36,000 square-foot parcel of land that currently houses August Brothers Oil adjacent to CVS and construct a 32-foot, 100-room hotel with only 35 parking spaces and shuttle service to and from Logan Airport.

After pitching the plan, Mahoney and Toscano took the onslaught of furious comments from residents, many of whom said the quiet residential neighborhood does not need or want a hotel.

Aside from the CVS, Dominos Pizza, Belle Isle Liquors and Excel Academy just before Winthrop Bridge on Saratoga Street there are only single, two and three-family homes lining the surrounding streets. "This is an irresponsible

development," said OHNC member Mary Berninger. "Honestly, you'll have cars coming in and out impacting the already bad traffic on Saratoga Street. I suggest, and I suggest this very strongly, you stop this project now because this is a neighborhood of families. It's really nerve to come into this community and expect support for this. It is not the right place for a hotel. You wouldn't want one near your home so we don't want it near our homes. We didn't buy our homes to live next door to a hotel."

Each time Toscano or Mahoney tried to answer questions from the audience they were shouted down and told to put the project 'somewhere else.'



Attorney Daniel Toscano pitches his client's plan for a 100 room hotel on Saratoga Street.

However, the problem for residents in the area is the parcel that the proposed hotel would be built on lies within the neighborhood's Economic Development Area (EDA) and a hotel is an allowable use under the city's EDA zoning.

Toscano said the proposal from height to number of rooms to the use is all 'zoning compliant.'

With the new IPOD or Interim Planning Overlay District in place in Eastie Mahoney needs to go through a community process and will need the Zoning Board of Appeals to sign off on the project. However, because the project is in the EDA it seems like there wouldn't be much the ZBA could do to stop the project.

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grown by 50,000 in the last year,” said Walsh. “The last time the population was this high was in the 1950s. We have also added 120,000 new jobs in the city. When I became Mayor in 2014 a lot of people in East Boston welcomed development and wanted new development because nothing was happening here. When the waterfront took off here developers started to look at the neighborhood like they did with South Boston, the Seaport, Charlestown and Dorchester where I lived years ago.”

To begin addressing the community’s concerns over development, Walsh said in the past year the city has done two things.

First the city placed an IPOD or Interim Planning Overlay District in the neighborhood. The IPOD ensures all projects, both those that need variances and those that are so-called as of right, have to go through the community process and ZBA.

Second, Walsh and the Boston Planning and Development Agency launched PLAN: East Boston to begin developing a master plan for zoning in the neighborhood. This would update the last zoning master plan that was completed two decades ago.

“With the IPOD in place there are no more “as of right” projects and the PLAN: East Boston initiative is your plan and what you want to see your neighborhood like 10, 15, 20 years down the road.”

The Mayor also responded to Arangio’s assertion that everything is rubber stamped by the ZBA despite lack of community support.



Mayor Martin Walsh makes a surprise visit to Monday night’s OHNC meeting.

However, Walsh explained that several factors go into the ZBA’s decision and developers must work with the community to find a balance.

“People say we approve everything, but we don’t unless a developer goes to the community and work with the neighborhood, the elected officials and abutters to make sure a project is a good project,” said Walsh. “Just because five proposals are being proposed tonight doesn’t mean five proposals are being developed.”

With that said the Mayor added the community rarely sees the process through all its stages and a large percentage of projects get shelved when developers, lacking community and political support, pull their projects from the ZBA.

“Look I’ve heard the neighborhood loud and clear and we are looking at ways to promote more ‘smart’ development in the neighborhood,” said Walsh.

However, Walsh said the city has to strike a balance between the hot demand to live in Boston and the needs of the city’s neighborhoods like Eastie.

Walsh explained that a

few years back, the lack of housing drove rents to all-time highs across the city forcing lifelong residents to move because they couldn’t afford to live here anymore.

By building more housing units the city was able to stabilize the rental market for a bit due to supply and demand. As more housing units became available rents trended down because the supply of apartments started to outweigh the demand. However, rents began skyrocketing again about three years ago as more and more people began to look to live in the city as job opportunities increased.

“We are dealing with an economy where people want to live in the City of Boston,” said Walsh. “So if we don’t do anything and build more housing the people that live here now and lived here for their entire lives are going to be pushed out of Boston. In the zoning master plan through PLAN: East Boston we are trying to figure out where density makes sense, where transit orientated projects make sense and where neighborhoods made up of one and two family homes need to be preserved.”

Artist // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

tion—in a working shipyard and as a trade site and point of entry and home for immigrants over decades—provides a pivotal point of reference for the work. Her installation will invite visitors to walk through passageways, travel through time, and experience the many streams of influence and interconnectedness that the artist conjures,” said Medvedow.

Báez was born in 1981 in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic, to a Dominican mother and a father of Haitian descent. Her upbringing between Hispaniola’s two countries, which have a longstanding history of tension predicated on ethnic differences, informs her concerns with the politics of place and heritage. She currently lives and works in New York City.

“Báez’s visual references draw from a wide variety of sources in the past, and are reconfigured to explore new possibilities in the

present,” said Eva Respini who is organizing the installation. “Her site-specific installation at the Watershed combines her interests in various diasporic narratives—African, European, Caribbean—to cast cultural and regional histories into an imaginative realm,”

According to Respini, Báez’s architectural sculpture is adapted from the Sans-Souci Palace in Milot, Haiti, built between 1810 and 1813 for the revolutionary leader and first King of Haiti, Henri Christophe I. The Haitian Revolution, led by self-liberated enslaved people against the French colonial government, was an early precursor to the abolition movements of the United States. Once a space of militant splendor, since an 1842 earthquake, the castle has been an archaeological ruin.

At the Watershed, Báez reimagines these ruins emerging from Boston Harbor’s sea floor. She embeds

Sans-Souci within the geological layers of Boston, where histories of revolution and independence are integral, including often overlooked related narratives from non-European locations.

“Báez’s intricately painted architectural surfaces include symbols of healing and resistance, as well as sea growths native to Caribbean waters,” said Medvedow. “The patterning of the sculpture’s surface is drawn largely from West African indigo printing appropriated from enslaved people in the 17th-century American South. American indigo was a driving force in the early national economy, and one of the primary trade goods shipped from colonial-era Boston.”

The sculpture will be on view May 24–Sept. 7, 2020 and is organized by Respini, Barbara Curator Lee Chief and Curatorial Project Manager Cara Kuball.

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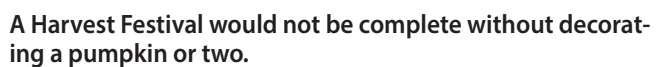
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On Sunday the Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh hosted the annual Belle Isle Harvest Festival. The yearly event included music, performances, education seminars as well as live animals.



DCR Ranger Enzo Polcaro (right) helped out with the event.



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EAST BOSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL BANQUET

The East Boston Girls Softball league held its annual banquet at Spinelli's last Thursday. At the banquet players from the Major and Senior Leagues received their trophies.



East Boston Girls Softball President Kathy Orlando.



The Buckeyes receive their trophies.



The Sun Devils were this year's Senior League Division Champs.



The Red Storm pick up their trophies at the banquet last Thursday.



The Gators were the Major League Division Champs during the season.



The Panthers players and coaches during last week's banquet.

THE DELMUTOS MEET LEGENDARY MUSICIAN CHICK COREA



Maria (Corea) DelMuto (center) and her husband, Frank DelMuto (right), had the opportunity to greet their cousin, Grammy Award-winning pianist and composer Chick Corea, after his sold-out concert Sunday night at Boston Symphony Hall. Maria is a first cousin of Chick Corea, the legendary jazz performer who put on a spectacular show with bass powerhouse Christian McBride and master drummer Brian Blade, garnering standing ovations from an appreciative audience.

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EAST BOSTON GOLDEN AGE HALLOWEEN PARTY AND INSTALLATION

Last Wednesday the East Boston Golden Age Club held its annual Halloween Party and Installation of Officers at Spinelli's in Day Square.

Golden Age members got dressed up in costumes, were treated to lunch, danced to some music and welcomed the president and board after they were installed by Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Rep. Adrian Madaro swears in Golden Age President Louise 'Lulu' Montanino.



Golden Age members enjoyed a full lunch from Spinelli's.



Rep. Adrian Madaro swears in the Golden Age Officers.



Sen. Joseph Boncore with Fran Piantedosi.



Members got into the Halloween Spirit and came dressed for the occasion.



Elderly Affairs Commissioner Emily Shea, Sen. Joseph Boncore, Golden Age Vice President Rose Petraglia, Golden Age President Louise 'Lulu' Montanino, Mayor Martin Walsh and Rep. Adrian Madaro.



Dressed in costumes Golden Age members take tickets for the raffle.



Judge Joseph Ferino, Golden Age President Louise 'Lulu' Montanino and Joseph Ruggiero.



The event included dancing and costumes to celebrate Halloween.



A group shot of Golden Age members with their favorite DJ, Allen LaBella.



Rep. Adrian Madaro poses with seniors during the annual event.



DJ Allen LaBella (right) keeps the crowd on their toes and dancing throughout the luncheon.

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presence through public art and community space.

“In Boston, we put our community first, and this new police station is an investment in East Boston, and in public safety,” said Mayor Walsh. “This station is our commitment to the next generation. We’re dedicated to community policing, and that means interacting with residents, families and youth in a positive way. For our young people, this station is a place where they can learn about a career in law enforcement, join a youth group, or get mentoring. We will continue to invest in our values of trust and community, and create public spaces that help all residents.”

With the hard work that the officers in Eastie do day in and day out Commissioner Gross said the men and women in blue that serve here were due a new station. He added that the community, for its long-standing partnership with the police at District A-7, have long deserved this new facility.

“What a great day it is,” said Gross, who started his career in law enforcement



City Councilor Lydia Edwards during the ground-breaking.

at District A-7 in 1985. “What you see here today will be ‘our’ police station from our great elected officials to the Health Center, to the command staff to the people of East Boston...this is the community’s station. Our officers work hard every day to serve the residents of Boston, creating relationships and ensuring public safety. I’m proud that my department has won the trust and respect of our residents, and this new building will allow our po-



Police Commissioner William Gross.

lice officers to do their jobs more effectively, and continue their incredible work and relationships with the East Boston community.”

The station will also contribute to Mayor Walsh’s “Percent for Art” program by permanently housing a piece of public art. The “Percent for Art” program is the City of Boston’s five-year commitment to granting \$13.4 million to public art pieces over the timeframe. It is a part of the City’s cultural plan, Boston Creates, founded in 2016.

The City has identified several potential sites for the artwork, including the entrance lobby, the community room, and three locations outside of the station.

“It was 15 years ago when I went to a series of meetings at our police station,” said Eagle Hill Civic Association President Debra Cave. “When I looked around I thought, ‘My God, this place is decrepit...our police deserve much better than this’.” So here we are 15 years later in Eagle Hill and we are going to have this beautiful state-of-the-art police station with a community room. We are just so thrilled in Eagle Hill to finally see this happening and thank Mayor Walsh for getting this done. East Boston is one of the safest neighborhoods in Boston and I give credit to our police. We have the most wonderful policemen and women working in this community. They are wonderful people and they deserve this facility.”

The project is expected to take approximately two years to complete.



Rep. Adrian Madaro addresses the crowd.



Mayor Martin Walsh unveils the new police station design.

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATES EAST BOSTON COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN’S ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday night at the Zumix Firehouse the community came together to support the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen’s 3rd Anniversary. For three years the Soup Kitchen in the basement of Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church on Paris Street has going strong and feeding over 300 people that are homeless or just in need of a hot meal.



Soup Kitchen founder Sandra Nijjar and volunteer Audrey Savikas.



Scot Krueger, Mary Cole and Dave Puett during the party.



Pastor David Searles (right) and his wife Barbara (left) have been fixtures at the Soup Kitchen since it opened three years ago.



Dave, Lucy and Katie Puett.



Karla Torres-Welch and Gladys Oliveros.



Zumix Director Madeleine Steczynski and EBNHC’s Joanna Cataldo.



Chris Puopolo, Nicole DaSilva and Lisa Melara.



EBNHC Vice President Steve Snyder and Sal LaMattina.



Mario Real Estate’s Joe Mario and HYM’s Thomas O’Brien.



Supporters of the Soup Kitchen include members of Piers Park Sailing Center.



Rep. Adrian Madaro (right) with Soup Kitchen volunteers at last week’s party.



Elected officials like Sen. Joseph Boncore and Rep. Adrian Madaro stopped by the event to show their support for this important community program.



Soup Kitchen founder Sandra Nijjar thanks the numerous volunteers as well as the committee that hosted this years anniversary celebration and fundraiser.

Community groups vote on several Eastie projects

By John Lynds

Two community groups held meetings in the past week and voted on several projects in the pipeline pitched for East Boston. Last Tuesday, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) held its October meeting. At the meeting JPNA members 30 to 3 in favor of a proposal at 1 Brigham St. The proposal was to legalize a compact parking space at the rear of 1 Brigham St. The proposed space has been in use for over 20 years by the previous and current owners. The attempt to legalize the space began when BTB began ticketing the owners for using the space. The proposed space will be a compact parking space. The owners will also add a

side-door to their property to augment egress blocked by the parking space. The group then voted 24 to 14 against a project at 132 Marginal St. The project proposes to maintain and rehabilitate an existing two family structure and also erect six units. The developer reduced the number of units from 9 to 6. However, residents were still concerned with the setback of the building and lack of parking. Then, on Monday night, the Orient Heights Neighborhood Association voted on three projects. The group voted 27 to 20 in favor of the project at 31-33 Boardman Street where Attorney Vahid Nickpour said his client is seeking to combine two parcels and change occupancy to nine units with nine parking

spaces. The project would include renovating two existing three-family and construct three more units. Next the group voted 45 to 4 against the project at 170 Gladstone St. There, the developer wants to erect a four-story building with six units and four parking spaces. Residents thought the project was too big, had too many units, lacked enough open space and parking. Finally OHNC members voted 46 to 2 against the project at 116 Waldemar Ave. The project included razing the existing structure and erect a nine unit condo building with nine parking spaces. Concerns raised were the design of the building and how it didn’t fit in with the neighborhood.

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EBCCS students gets help from the Catholic Schools Foundation and the Inner City Scholarship Fund

By John Lynds

Private education in East Boston has long been a tradition for thousands of families searching for an alternative to public schools. However, in the past three decades, Eastie has lost several options for families with St. Lazarus School and later St. Mary's School closing, leaving East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) as the lone provider of private education here.

While private education has a cost, EBCCS administrators have worked to keep tuition affordable for a

number of families through scholarships and other incentives. This week EBCCS's Principal Robert Casaletto announced that Central Catholic has become a Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) Sponsored School for the 2019-20 school year. The CSF Sponsored Schools are a select group of Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of Boston expanding access to high-quality Catholic education through CSF's Inner-City Scholarship Fund (ICSF).

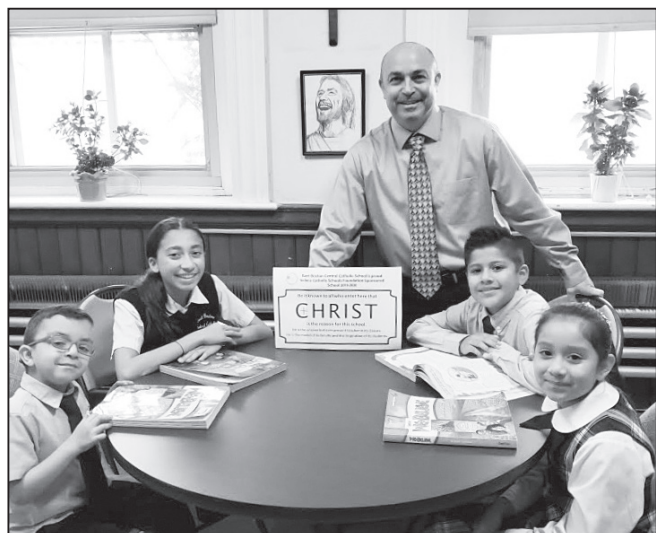
The ICSF is the signature program of the CSF,

and this year the program will provide \$11 million in scholarship support to over 4,000 students in the Archdiocese. ICSF has been dedicated to providing exceptional, values-based education for low-income families for three decades.

"The students supported through the ICSF are the future leaders of our society and we are thrilled to be able to invest in them through a Catholic education," said Executive Director of CSF Mike Reardon. EBCCS is an inner-city Catholic School serving the academic and spiritual

needs of Eastie and the surrounding communities for over 40 years.

"EBCCS accepts students from preschool through eighth grade, many of whom would not be able to attend without the very generous and continued support from the Catholic Schools Foundation and the Inner City Scholarship Fund," said Casaletto. EBCCS provides a welcoming atmosphere in the Catholic tradition where faith and knowledge meet to provide a solid foundation for lifelong learning. We empower each child to reach their full potential through a pro-



EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto with students. EBCCS was named a Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) Sponsored School for the 2019-20 school year.

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OBITUARIES

Diane Antonucci

Of Revere

Diane (Delaney) Antonucci of Revere passed away on Friday, Oct. 18 at the age of 68.

The beloved wife of the late Phillip Antonucci, Jr., she was the devoted mother of Kimberly M. Colon of Revere and Phillip D. Antonucci III and his companion, Donna DiVenuti of Revere, loving daughter of the late Herbert Delaney and Ivy (Constance); cherished grandmother of Brianna, Alexandra, Phillip, Michael, Tyler and Kyle and adored great grandmother of Na'leah. She was the dear sister of Gloria Williams and her husband, John of Sanford Maine, Fraiser Delaney of



Merrick, Ma and her sister in-law Elaine Antonucci of Revere; loving niece of Stephanie Williams of Sanford, ME and Amy and her husband, Chris Gattoni of Beverly.

A Graveside Service was held at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Nicholas Pepe

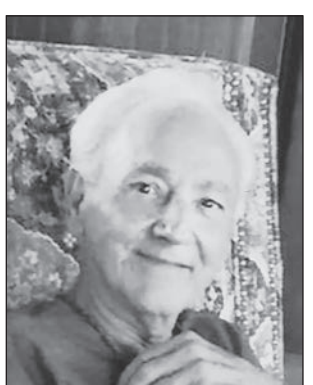
Revere Fire Department retiree

Nicholas "Gigi" Pepe, Retired RFD, of Peabody, formerly of Revere, passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his family on Oct. 17, 2019 at the age of 75.

Born in Chelsea on Jan. 13, 1944 to the late Augustus and Theresa (Cataldo), he was the devoted father of Jacqueline Lawler and her husband, Robert of Dracut and Nicholas "Nick" Pepe and his wife, Colleen of Peabody; cherished grandfather of Stephanie and Shauna Mazzie, Chas Ricard and Bianca Pepe; adored brother of Fred Pepe of Revere and the late Dolores Carrasquillo.

Nick retired from the Revere Fire Department and was a member of the Revere Moose for many years. Prior to becoming a member of the RFD, Nick was a barber. During his retirement Nick painted houses. Nick was a man of few words who enjoyed his quiet time as well as spending time with his family and friends.

He lived with his son and daughter-in-law for many years and enjoyed his weekly "gravy Sundays" at his daughter's house. Nick had a love for old cars, race horses, greyhounds, Keno and cigars. He spent a lot of time puttering around,



fixing things and keeping things neat and tidy.

He also enjoyed his time sitting outside in the warm weather. Nick defines the saying "creature of habit." He enjoyed his daily routine which included walking to meet his friends at Dunkin' Donuts, the mall and stopping by his favorite local corner store to play Keno and scratch tickets. He was always chasing the dream, but lived a simple humble life, his way with few regrets. Nick will be sorely missed by his children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Friday, Oct. 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Private Interment. For guest book, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Edith Orlandella

Fabulous cook known for her exceptional baked goods

Edith (Fino) Orlandella of Revere died on Oct. 21 at the age of 95.

Born in Chelsea on March 11, 1924 to the late Joseph Fino and Michelina (DeAngelis), she was the beloved wife of the late Hugo Orlandella, devoted mother of John Orlandella and his wife, Kelly of Naples FL, Stephen Orlandella of Phoenix, AZ, Diane Orlandella of Revere, and the late Leonard Orlandella; cherished grandmother of Kirsten Orlandella of Florida and Alex and Maya Orlandella of Arizona.

Edith was a devoted wife for over 59 years and a wonderful, loving mother to her four children and three grandchildren. She had many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

Edith was a fabulous cook and was known for her exceptional baked goods. Everyone loved when she would make them their favorite treats. Her famous apple pies were everyone's favorite. We have many fond memories of her laughing and dancing with



all her family and friends especially her nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Edith was a bright light in our lives and will be sorely missed.

Her Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at 12 noon. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held today, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 500 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

George John Bakos Jr.

Of Winthrop

George John Bakos Jr. of Winthrop, formerly Lynn, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 21, 2019 Loving son of the late George J. Sr. and Aphrodite (Chrisafideis) Bakos. Beloved husband of Amanda (Triant) Bakos. Devoted father of Georgiana Rose "Gia" and Zoe Fotini, both of Winthrop. Cherished brother of John Bakos, Frances Frangos, and the late Christos G. Bakos. Cherished uncle of Stephanie, Brianna and Alexandra Frangos, and Chase, Callie, and Christian Triant. Dear son in law of George and Janet (Fabianno) Triant. Dear brother in law of Thomas Frangos, and Michael and Melissa Triant. Also survived by his many adored aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. George was a member of the St. George's Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council. He is a former employee for the City of Boston, Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, as well as Wayne Alarm Company. George owned and operated the Occasional Limo Company with his brothers. Nothing was more important to George than his family and faith. George

will be sincerely missed by the many who loved him. May he rest in peace. Family and friends will honor George's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St, Boston, MA 02128, on Thursday, October 24th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and again on Friday morning at 9:30 before leaving in procession to St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 54 South Common Street, Lynn, MA 01902 for a funeral service celebrating his life at 11:00 A.M. Services will conclude with George being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle Section. In accordance with the family's wishes, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in George's name to the Salesians Boys and Girls Club, 150 Byron Street, Boston, MA 02128. For more info please visit www.ruggieromh.com. MAY GEORGE'S MEMORY BE ETERNAL.

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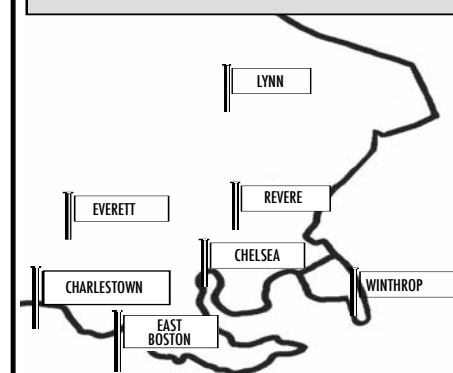
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KO PIES HOLDS 4TH ANNUAL ‘HIPSTER OLYMPICS’ TO BENEFIT THE DONALD MCKAY SCHOOL

On Saturday at KO Pies held the 4th Annual ‘Hipster Olympics’ to benefit the Donald McKay School’s programs. The day-long event included yard games, food and the chance to help support a neighborhood school. K.O. Pies donated proceeds from the day to the school and Harpoon Beer also pitched in.



McKay School Principal Jordan Weymer (center) with staff during Saturday’s fundraiser.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, McKay School Principal Jordan Weymer, and KO Pies owner Sam Jackson.



McKay School staff play a round of Cornhole.



Supporters from the neighborhood turned out for the fun annual event.



McKay School staff were all smiles during the event. Perfect weather led to a good turnout for the event.



The event included a wide array of games for all ages.



Staff from the McKay School during Saturday’s Hipster Olympics.



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Steven Gingras plays bucket toss.

Logan *ESPR* Consultation Session

Massport will host an information session on the Boston Logan International Airport 2017 Environmental Status & Planning Report (ESPR). A representative from the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office will be on hand.

A Consultation Session for the 2017 ESPR is scheduled for:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 PM
Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room
Logan Airport’s Rental Car Center*
15 Transportation Way
East Boston, MA 02128

Please note that an electronic copy of the 2017 ESPR is available on Massport’s website at <http://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport/>. Additional copies of the 2017 ESPR may be obtained by calling Stewart Dalzell at (617) 568-3524 or emailing sdalzell@massport.com during the public comment period.

Massport has requested an extension of the public comment period, which began on August 7, 2019, to approximately 100 days, with the close of public comments on November 18, 2019.

The public comment period for the ESPR has been extended, in part, to reflect Massport’s recent submission to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) of a series of planning studies required by MassDEP in their 2017 approval of the Logan Airport Parking Freeze amendment (310 CMR 7.30). The MassDEP studies are available for review on the Massport website at: <http://www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport/>.

Written comments on the ESPR may be submitted by November 18, 2019 to the following address:

The Honorable Kathleen Theoharides, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office
Anne Canaday, EEA No. 3247
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Electronic comments may also be submitted on the MEPA Public Comments Portal at: <https://eeonline.eea.state.ma.us/EEA/PublicComment/Landing/>.

* The Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room is located on the lower level of the Rental Car Center (RCC) Facility at Boston Logan International Airport. The RCC is accessible by the MBTA via Airport Station or the Silver Line and then by a Massport Shuttle Bus. Please allow additional travel time if using the MBTA. Parking for the RCC is available at the loading dock area on Porter Street and in the visitor spaces in front of the RCC.

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