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Salesian Boys & Girls Club to host Annual Pasta Dinner Friday

By John Lynds

On Friday, Nov. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. the Salesian Boys & Girls Club will host its Annual Pasta Dinner fundraiser at the club located at 150 Byron Street. Salesian Director Michael Triant said tickets to the event are \$10 and are free for club members. Also, as in years past, children eat for free at the annual event.

Triant said the annual event has become a community building event," said Triant.

"A lot of people have donated already who can't make the event and we have



A Salesian Boys & Girls Club member enjoys a plate of pasta during last year's annual fundraiser. This year's pasta dinner will be held Friday at the club on Byron Street.

food being donated by Jevelli's Restaurant, Sammy Carlo's Delicatessen and Muffin Town as well as an amazing sweets table provided by Salesian parents, friends and supporters."

Triant said what the Boys

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All Eastie elementary schools will become K-6 schools next year

By John Lynds

Last week Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius announced that all of East Boston's elementary schools will go from K-5 schools to K-6 schools beginning next school year.

The Samuel Adams Elementary, Manassah E. Bradley Elementary, Curtis Guild Elementary, Patrick J. Kennedy Elementary,

Hugh R. O'Donnell Elementary and James Otis Elementary Schools will all be affected by the change. The Mario Umana Academy and Donald McKay will not be affected by the change and will remain k-8 schools.

Dr. Cassellius said the change will come one year earlier than previously scheduled as part of an update to the BuildBPS educational and facilities master plan for the district.

In a letter to school leaders in Eastie Dr. Cassellius said the decision came after months of community conversations with parents, teachers, community leaders and school staff.

"This will allow us to serve more students, create educational pathways and invest more equitably in our classrooms as we

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U.S. Senate candidate Congressman Kennedy calls for state to reconsider Eastie substation

By John Lynds

For years, environmentalists, activists, residents and elected officials on both sides of the Chelsea Creek have been standing in solidarity in firm opposition against Eversource's plan to place a substation at the City Yards in East Boston along the Chelsea Creek.

For two years, local environmentalists on the Eastie and Chelsea sides of the Creek have launched a visual, media and talking campaign against Eversource's plans to place the substation at the City Yards in Eagle Square citing environmental and safety concerns.

Now candidate for the Massachusetts U.S. Senate seat, Congressman Joseph Kennedy III, is weighing in on the issue and giving a very visible voice to those fighting the substation.

"Our country's climate story is full of horrors — swelling sea levels, toxic pollution, crushing heat, historic hurricanes, and fires leaving unimaginable wreckage in their wake," wrote Kennedy in an Op-Ed that appeared this week in Commonwealth Magazine. "But underneath these headlines is a chapter that too often gets glanced over: the exploitation and marginalization of American communities forced to bear the brunt of the crisis. This

is a story about injustice. The same people and places shouldering generations of racism, disenfranchisement and oppression by our system find themselves carrying the burden of climate change and environmental degradation today."

Kennedy said he feels there is no coincidence that, across the country, places bearing the environmental burden of the country are disproportionately black and brown, immigrant, or poor. "It is no coincidence that our country takes advantage of them when it

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A winning combination

Jeff Bowen, Sandra Castillo join Boston Harbor Real Estate offices

By Cary Shuman

Real estate broker associates Jeff Bowen and Sandra Castillo have joined Boston Harbor Real Estate that is led by broker/owner Jamie Cholette, whose offices are located at 188 Sumner St. in Maverick Square.

Bowen has been a licensed broker since 2001 and is well known in Chelsea where he has been the leading broker for several years. Bowen was recently featured on "Chronicle" during a segment on Chelsea. Castillo has been a licensed brother since 2014.

"We joined Boston Harbor because of its marketing prowess, design, style and image," said Bowen. "Part of the reason we (Bowen and Castillo) joined Boston Harbor is because we've been No. 1 in Chelsea and



The team at Boston Harbor Real Estate, real estate consultant Kat Glaropoulos, business operations coordinator Mackenzie McNeill, broker/owner Jamie Cholette, broker associate Sandra Castillo, and broker associate Jeffrey Bowen.

Jamie has been the No. 1 broker in East Boston, so we think it's a good fit."

Boston Harbor has three new condominiums and several lofts coming in

Chelsea and 12 condominiums coming in Maverick Square.

Cholette, who opened

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Former Eastie native found guilty in his wife’s murder

By John Lynds

A Suffolk Superior Court jury found former East Boston resident Andrew McCormack, 31, guilty in the killing of his wife, Vanessa Masucci, inside the couples Revere home that they shared since 2015. Sentencing will be on December 2.

Masucci, a beloved Lynn schoolteacher was found brutally stabbed and beaten to death inside the couple’s home on Sept. 23 2017.

During the course of 11 days of testimony, Assistant District Attorney Ian Polumbaum, Chief of District Attorney Rollins’ Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit and Assistant District Attorney Brian LeBlanc presented evidence and testimony to prove that Masucci had become fed up with the defendant’s erratic and evasive behavior and was preparing to leave the marriage.

Text messages between McCormack and Masucci established a motive for her brutal slaying.

According to court documents, the couple’s finances became more and more strained as McCormack’s cocaine habit increased and Masucci threatened to divorce him.

On Aug. 31 2017 Masucci allegedly texted McCormack, “I hate you so much you’ve ruined [daughter’s] life because she won’t have her parents together...I’ll talk to [agent] tomorrow about listing the house and I’ll look into divorce lawyers.” Andrew allegedly responded, “Ur crazy I’m not signing anything to sell the house or get divorced”

Then on Sept. 3 Masucci allegedly texted, “What about when you took my Discover card and I had to cancel it?” McCormack allegedly responded, “what about it?” Masucci answered, “did it have to do with this?” while Andrew replied “no.”

Masucci then allegedly went on to ask, “what about the time you said you ‘accidentally’ took out 200...I want answers It’s the least I deserve.”

Prosecutors showed McCormack’s \$400 to \$500 a week drug habit had put the couple on the cusp of financial ruin.

On Sept. 15, Masucci wrote, “Don’t you dare get frustrated with me you deserve to be questioned...It seems like you think being nice to me for four days would fix everything but it’s not that simple...You never did the things I said would need to happen if you want me to stay with you like going to marriage counseling, stepping it up financially, communicating [with] my family.”

McCormack claimed to his wife that that thousands of dollars had been hacked from their bank account by someone in Thailand.

Prosecutors said the financial strain on the couple’s marriage and McCormack’s drug habit came to a head on Sept. 23 that resulted in Masucci’s murder.

Earlier in the year, the defendant forged checks to himself from Masucci’s personal bank account and took one of her credit cards, which she had reported stolen. In addition, the victim’s wedding ring disappeared – as did the ring purchased with insurance money to replace it. McCormack also pawned his own wedding band for \$120.

On September 23, 2017, the defendant left home but returned after his mother, who lived with the family, had left the house. The evidence proved that he strangled, stabbed, and viciously beat his Masucci in their bedroom, all while the couple’s then-1-year-old daughter was inside the home.

In addition to the injuries that took her life, Masucci’s body sustained chemical burns after her death. The evidence showed that these burns, and a rash that McCormack had on his own upper body, were caused by bleach that the defendant used in an attempt to clean up the scene.

After allegedly murdering his wife, prosecutors said McCormack traveled

to a location in Saugus to complete a carpentry job – bringing his baby daughter along with him to the worksite. During the course of the day, McCormack received phone calls from his wife’s family who had grown concerned after they were unable to reach her by phone. McCormack also sent text messages to his wife’s phone, which prosecutors say he had with him at the time.

He then left the worksite after the baby soiled her diaper. Rather than picking up a change of diapers, however, McCormack traveled to Eastie where he withdrew cash from an ATM in order to allegedly purchase cocaine from a known drug dealer.

McCormack received another phone call from a member of his wife’s family as he arrived at the couple’s Revere home. Upon finding Masucci’s body – which showed obvious signs of trauma – McCormack told the relative to call 911. The relative did so. McCormack did not call 911 until a few minutes after the relative.

When police arrived, the house smelled strongly of bleach, and areas of the home appeared to have been freshly cleaned. McCormack had a rash covering his upper body that he blamed on a change in laundry detergent brands, which police said was contradicted by evidence at the scene. Masucci’s body also had chemical burns that suggested bleach was poured on her. A medical examiner found that Masucci’s had blunt head trauma, stab and slash wounds to the neck, and signs of both strangulation and suffocation, the latter possibly from a trash bag that may have been used to cover her head.

“Vanessa Masucci’s future was violently ripped away from her by the person who took an oath, promising to love and care for her. I will not refer to Vanessa by her married name because the man who took her life will not also take her identity,” District Attorney Rollins said. “Vanessa’s loved ones – her parents, her siblings, and her daughter – have been left with a void in their hearts and questions that can never be answered. I’m grateful to my prosecutors and victim witness advocates, the Revere Police Department, and the State Police detectives assigned to my office who worked to hold Vanessa’s murderer accountable and to bring a small amount of comfort to her loved ones. We will continue to serve as a resource to their family as they enter the next chapter of their grief.”

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Boston Harbor Real Estate in May, 2015, said she was happy to welcome the two brokers to her firm.

“We’re excited to have Jeff and Sandra join the team because they bring their expertise and experience,” said Cholette. “Also our market has expanded in many directions and our outreach is even greater now.”

Cholette said she often bounces ideas off her two new associates and collaborates on their respective projects. “A lot of collaboration is a great thing in a boutique brokerage,” said Cholette.

Bowen feels the office’s Maverick Square location is an asset that should not be underestimated.

“The location is really key,” said Bowen. “We’re conveniently located across the street from the The Mark and the Clippership Wharf waterfront development properties. The Reel-House restaurant (6 New St.) is close by.”

“We’re a stone’s throw from the Maverick ‘T’ Station on the Blue Line,” noted Cholette, an East Boston resident.

Bowen said East Boston has become one of the hottest real estate markets in the city.

“Jeffries Point is actually the hottest real estate market in all of Boston with low inventory, surging prices, and multiple bids on almost every property,” said Bowen.

Cholette said the neighborhood’s proximity to downtown Boston is a huge draw for residents who work there.

“A lot of new buyers and current residents value the five-minute commute to the financial district,” said Cholette.

Bowen and Castillo have

been a team since 2014. Bowen is a listing agent while Castillo is a buyer’s agent.

Castillo is well versed in all things Eastie. She grew up at 184 Summer St. which is next door to the Boston Harbor offices. She attended the Donald McKay School, East Boston Central Catholic and Boston Latin School and is a graduate of Boston University. Her family has owned Castillo Liquors for the last 25 years.

Bowen grew up in a three-family home on Orient Avenue and attended Curtis Guild School, East Boston and Saint Rose School, Chelsea, before his family moved to the South Shore. Bowen was an athlete at Cohasset High School.

Cholette believes that her team’s familiarity with the neighborhood is a strength.

“We not only sell in these markets, we live here and frequent the local spots,” said Cholette. “We can offer new residents insight that you only know if you live in the area,” said Cholette, who resides in East Boston and is a graduate of Boston University and Simmons College.

“We live and work in East Boston and Chelsea so we’re experts in the area,” added Bowen. “We have that local, intimate knowledge of the restaurants, the shops, and the transportation options that makes our team stand out.”

Boston Harbor specializes in selling properties in East Boston and Chelsea, but also has properties listed in Revere, Everett, Charlestown, Cambridge, and downtown Boston.

Other members of the Boston Harbor Real Estate team are East Boston resident Kat Glaropoulos, a

real estate agent, and Mackenzie McNeill, business operations coordinator, who attends Johnson and Wales University, Providence.

“Mackenzie has revamped our social media and marketing and continues to expand our online exposure,” lauds Cholette. McNeill is enjoying her work experience at Boston Harbor while she pursues a degree in tourism at Johnson and Wales, a school known for its superb culinary arts and hospitality industry programs.

“It’s been a great experience,” said McNeill. “I love my team. Everyone is very knowledgeable and really fun and easy going. Every day is different which I really like.”

Cholette said one of the unique aspects of Boston Harbor team is that “we’re all very full service.”

“We begin working with our developer clients early in the process in order to provide feedback and consulting about layout, floor plans, design, finishes – the whole package based on what buyers in our current market are looking for and the feedback we get from buyers,” said Cholette. “We’re on the ground speaking to buyers every day. And that gives us an edge when it comes to being a resource for a lot of our clients.”

And the newest members of the Boston Harbor team, Jeff Bowen and Sandra Castillo, are making the offices in Maverick Square a must-stop for new buyers looking to make Eastie their permanent home. You can reach Jeff Bowen at 781-201-9488 , Sandra Castillo at 617-780-6988, or jeff@bostonjeff.com and info@chelsearealestate.com.

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

arrested for Trespassing

Around 4:25 p.m. in the area of 525 McClellan Highway, a 49-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Violation of a Restraining Order

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Around 3:30 p.m. in the area of 69 Paris St., a 22-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating a M/V Without a License and Rape, Aggravated Serious Bodily Injury Warrants

Friday, November 8, 2019

Around 7:35 p.m. in the area of 149 Maverick St., a 30-year-old male with an

East Boston address was arrested for Distribution of Class B Drugs

Saturday, November 9, 2019

Around 7:25 p.m. in the area of Prescott St. and Princeton St., a 30-year-old male with a Lynn, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class B Drugs and Distribution of Class B Drugs

Around 10:30 p.m. in the area of 826 Border St. a 20-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault and Battery (Injuries)

Sunday, November 10, 2019

No Arrests

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Boys and Girls ages 7 through 15
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When: Saturday 11/23 and 11/30 from 9am - 12pm
Tuesday 11/26 from 6:30-8pm

Where: Marty Pino Community Center
83 Boardman St., East Boston (617-635-5120)

Fee: \$45 for 1st child and \$25 for each additional sibling

Tryouts: 12/7 and 12/14 at the MPCC for children 12& under
12/7 and 12/14 at Paris St. Gym for ages 13-15
All Games Played on Saturday.
Schedule 12/21/19 – 2/29/20

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

The Gove Street Citizens Association monthly meeting is Monday, November 25, at 6:30-8:30 p.m., held at the Catherine Leonard-McLean Community Room, Logan Airport Rental Car Center.

- Welcome & Announcements
- No December Meeting
- Boston Police Updates – Sargent Martin & Officer Simons
- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli
- Neighborhood Updates – Nat Taylor
- Revised GSCA By-Law Approval Vote - Shawn Lu / Nat Taylor
- Project Presentations:
- 10 Geneva Street

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

2nd Presentation / 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.

2nd Presentation / Vote – Attorney Richard Lynds

- Legislative Update - Representative Adrian Madaro

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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Sacred Heart Church Annual Christmas Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 23.

We begin the day from 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. with pancakes and photos with Santa Claus. The

Bazaar officially opens at noon. Drop by and support Sacred Heart Church! Play the toy game or take a chance for the Chinese Raffle, Big Ticket Raffle, 50/50 and more! Do some shopping from Christmas at our White Elephant Table, Christmas Table, or one of our vendors! Delicious food awaits you as well.

JEFFRIES POINT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PLANNING & ZONING AGENDA

The next Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Planning & Zoning (P&Z) meeting is on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019; 7 – 8:30 pm at the 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.

32 Orleans Street - Combine lots and erect a 5-story, 6-unit, residential building with parking.

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

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conclude Eagle Hill is the appropriate place to move forward.”

Kennedy concluded that there is no question that the state Department of Energy and Environment should instruct the Energy Facilities Siting Board – tasked with approving the project – to press pause.

“They should re-open this case and consider the questions of both environmental justice and need in a full and transparent manner, with ample community input, based on the latest data available,” wrote Kennedy. “They should scrupulously consider alternative sites instead of plowing forward with a project that will put the health and safety of an overburdened community further at risk. They should listen to powerful voices on the ground like GreenRoots, an organization with a 25-year history of working on environmental justice along the Chelsea Creek, which is leading a grassroots effort of advocates, activists and local families to, once again, fight for their own backyard.”

Kennedy added that for generations, our national climate and environmental efforts have failed to center justice and equity and we have focused on markets, private companies and incentives, rather than people, community and health.

“We have allowed energy companies, major utilities and corporate polluters to unilaterally define our energy infrastructure needs, no matter the impact on our people and our planet,” wrote Kennedy. “The result is deeply felt in communities like East Boston and Chelsea, where residents have been forced to sacrifice the green space, clean air, and livable, breathable streets every hometown deserves. Massachusetts has a chance to do things differently with this project. We should seize it.”

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

Eastie mother testifies at Statehouse in support of the Future Act

By John Lynds

Last week an East Boston mother and head of the Eastie’s chapter of Mothers Out Front testified at a natural gas hearing held by the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE) at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Eastie’s Sonja Tengblad provided testimony in support of H.2849, or “An Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy,” also known as the Future Act.

This act, if adopted, would have wide ranging effects for Massachusetts’ aging energy infrastructure, addressing issues ranging from paving over gas shut-off valves and mandatory timeframes for fixing certain gas leaks to creating a path for utilities to begin piping renewable thermal energy into homes.

Like others that testified at the hearing Tengblad argued the bill works with utilities to make these changes happen, and also seeks to re-introduce additional public scrutiny within the Department of Public Utilities through improved transparency measures.

“There are two days that changed my life forever: the day my beautiful son Soren was born, and a day two months later when I read a Bill McKibben article outlining the climate crisis,” began Tengblad at last week’s hearing. “That day, I realized that when my son is my age, he might not feel he has the option to have a beautiful child of his own. Not on this planet. That night, I sang him his regular lullaby, and then cried myself to sleep: I see trees of green, red roses too, I watch them bloom, for me and you, and I think to myself: what a wonderful world.”

Tengblad said the climate crisis became even more tangible to her later that week while visiting one of the busiest family parks in Eastie.

“Standing there, it’s easy to see why asthma rates are up to 400 percent more than any other neighborhood in Greater Boston: planes leaving every 60 seconds and crippling car traffic resulting from airport expansion are all causing our kids to inhale ultrafine particulate pollution matter, far beyond safe levels,” she

said. “In addition, this same park contains a gas leak frequently reported to 911 by its neighboring daycare provider at the community center. Neighborhoods like ours, a minority-majority community that ironically also has the lowest tree canopy in all of Boston, simply can’t absorb gas leaks on top of it all.”

Tengblad said this series of realizations marked the beginning and end of certain parts of her life.

“The beginning of finally understanding what needed to be done, and the end of doing nothing about it,” she said. “It called me to change everything about my life as I knew it. Yet everyone here knows that what’s desperately needed even more than individual changes are system level changes, and you as the TUE committee have the power to lead and recommend those actions.”

Tengblad said through the Future Act the state is uniquely positioned to be a beacon to the rest of the country and to transform our gas-reliant infrastructure into a safe, renewable, and equitable system for generations to come.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For decades public health officials and the medical profession have warned Americans that our unhealthy eating habits have contributed to an epidemic of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, among other ill-effects, in our country.

The irony of 21st century America is that our wealth does not equal good health. We eat foods that are more expensive to produce, but that are bad for us.

By contrast, the so-called Mediterranean diet, which consists of natural, unprocessed foods, and relies less on meat as a source of protein, has been shown to provide longer and healthier lives for those, regardless of their nationality, who adhere to it, even in the poorest countries of the world.

The hamburger, more than any other single food item, has come to epitomize the American diet. The opening of McDonald’s restaurants in foreign countries have been a cause celebre, even in France, the supposed capital of haute cuisine.

So it was with quite a degree of shock to Americans when Burger King launched its Impossible Burger, a plant-based “burger,” a few months ago.

However, the seeming absurdity of a hamburger-oriented, fast-food chain offering its customers a plant-based “burger” has given way to a new reality with the announcement this past week by the head of Burger King that the Impossible Burger has become the chain’s most successful new product launch in many years.

The Impossible Burger is not your hippy-dippy grandparents’ veggie burger. In our home we did a blind taste test, serving real burgers and the Impossible Burger (which we had bought in a grocery store) side-by-side without telling the unwitting participants that one-half (we cut the burgers in two) of what they were eating was not meat.

Not only could they not tell the difference between them (they were unaware that they were eating two different products), but they actually preferred the half that was the Impossible Burger.

Millennials are leading the way in this dietary revolution, but so too are the Baby Boomers, whose decades of bad eating have caught up with us and who must make the shift away from red meat as a staple of our diet to preserve what health we have left.

Not only are plant-based burgers good for us on an individual basis, but by reducing the production of meat, we are benefiting the environment. The Green New Deal put forward by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez recognizes that animal agricultural production is a huge contributor to climate change.

Just as Americans reduced their consumption of cigarettes in the decades that followed the Surgeon General’s warning in 1964 about the ill-effects of smoking, so too, a new generation of Americans is forwarding a healthier lifestyle in terms of our food choices.

If it is true that we are what we eat, this is a change that has been a long time coming.



Forum



House passes legislation to support and honor veterans

Last week Rep. Adrian Madaro along with their colleagues in the House of Representatives passed two pieces of legislation to improve the mental health care for student veterans and to honor the military service contributions of a female American Revolutionary War soldier – days before the nation celebrates Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

One bill establishes a continuing education program – administered by the University of Massachusetts Medical School – to train public higher education counselors on the symptoms of conditions like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and available resources for treatment for veterans attending state colleges and universities. The legislation aims to provide the necessary training for both clinical and non-clinical counselors working to support the unique needs of the more than 2,500 veteran students attending the state’s 29 public higher education institutions.

The second bill establishes a 15-member commission to design a memorial in honor of Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army. The commission

will consist of legislators, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Services, the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth, and representatives of veteran organizations.

“We’re proud today to take action to further support and recognize veterans for their service and sacrifice to our country, especial those who are students and may be suffering from the invisible wounds of war,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, (D – Winthrop). “By building a memorial to recognize the contributions and bravery of Deborah Sampson, we send a deserving message of validation and support for our past, present and future female service members. I thank Chair Campbell for her thoughtful and diligent work on these issues.”

“This Veterans Day we thank all the brave men and women of the Armed Forces for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country,” said Rep. Madaro. “Just before Veterans Day I was proud vote for important measures that educate counselors to help student veterans suffering from conditions such as PTSD. We owe it to our veterans to give them our full support and all available resources to treat the

invisible wounds of war as they strive to pursue higher education in our state schools. We must continue to ensure that our Veterans and their families receive the benefits they deserve and the services they need.”

“Training counselors at our institutions of higher learning to be familiar with the challenges that veterans face during the transition from active duty and combat to civilian life, and to assist them when the going gets tough, will greatly enhance the chances of a veteran completing their program of study and leading a productive civilian life,” said Veterans and Federal Affairs Chair Representative Linda Dean Campbell (D-Methuen). “Deborah Sampson has been recognized nationally as being an inspiration to us all. Hers is a Massachusetts story that deserves to be told far and wide.”

In 1782, Sampson used the name Robert Shurtleff to join the elite Fourth Massachusetts Infantry Regiment led by Captain George Webb at West Point, N.Y. Over the following year and a half, she participated in dangerous scouting missions, led a raid that brought about the capture of 15 Tory men, and destroyed a British fort during the Siege

of Yorktown.

Over the course of her service, Sampson sustained injuries including a forehead gash from a sword and a gunshot wound to the thigh. For the latter, she removed the bullet herself to avoid detection as a woman. When she later fell seriously ill and was hospitalized, her identity was discovered. On October 23, 1783, she received an honorable discharge and was the only woman to receive a full military pension for her service in the Continental Army. John Hancock and Paul Revere assisted her in obtaining her military pension, and General John Patterson selected her as his aide de camp due to her bravery and leadership. Sampson is the official state heroine of Massachusetts.

The two bills build on the House’s long-standing support for veterans with Massachusetts benefits and services often ranked as No. 1 in the nation. Most recently the legislature passed the BRAVE Act as well as legislation to assist veterans with funeral and burial expenses and property taxes.

The bills will now go to the Senate.

Your opinions, please

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build high-quality schools in every neighborhood,” she said.

Dr. Cassellius said this grade expansion will help alleviate the number of middle school-age students who are currently attending school outside of Eastie due to a limited number of Grade 6 classroom seats in this area of the city. Twelve other BPS schools in various parts of the city are also scheduled to expand from K-5 to K-6 beginning in September 2020 as previously planned.

“Every decision we make must be rooted in community partnership and equity,” said Dr. Cassellius. “These decisions reflect the

many conversations I’ve had over the last six months with families, school staff and community members. These changes will provide families with more predictability from Kindergarten to high school graduation and better position our schools to serve our students.”

One of the major goals of BuildBPS is to minimize the number of times students have to transition to different schools. BPS is adopting a preferred grade configuration model of K-6 and 7-12 in many district schools. The district previously announced it is phasing out the six remaining middle schools

that serve only Grades 6-8 amid declining enrollment, academic performance, and program sustainability.

Dr. Cassellius will discuss the East Boston grade expansions with the Boston School Committee at an upcoming meeting.

“The Boston School Committee appreciates the continued efforts of BPS to solicit community feedback for the BuildBPS plan to ensure all voices have an opportunity to be heard,” said Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. “We all want to make decisions that are in the best long-term interests of our students and families. The Committee

looks forward to reviewing these BuildBPS updates, and to engage in further public discussion on this important initiative.”

As part of the plan the Edwards Middle School in Charlestown will not enroll sixth-grade students next school year as the schools prepare for reconfigurations after the 2020-2021 school year. Because many students attending the Edwards Middle School reside in East Boston, the addition of sixth-grade classrooms in East Boston will allow for those students to stay in their current schools.

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Story and Photos by Marianne Salza

To honor the legacy of the Maverick Street Mothers, who evoked a tradition of community activism, Councilor Edwards established the Edwards Empowerment Fund to uplift residents seeking to further their education. On Nov. 12, four women were rec-

“Recipients are shining examples of what it means to truly love your community,” described Edwards, who is inspired by everyday working parents. “They exemplify what it means to be engaged, just like the Mothers. That is strength. That is resilience. That is beautiful.”



Mother of three, Lisa Melara, recipient of a Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship.



Mother of two, Dominique DiDominicis, recipient of a Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship.



Mother of three, Noemy Rodriguez, recipient of a Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship.



Mother of three, Mary Luz Barrera, recipient of a Maverick Street Mothers Scholarship.




President of the Roxbury Community College Board, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, spoke about the resiliency of parenthood and the importance of education.



Councilor Lydia Edwards established the Edwards Empowerment Fund to empower parents who work hard in their communities.



Members of the community gathering celebration during the scholarship dinner.



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JPNA votes to support The Quiet Few’s expansion of hours

By John Lynds

There’s no denying that East Boston is becoming a haven for foodies with new restaurants popping up month to month.

At last Tuesday Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting the group supported two proposals by an established bar that has become a success and another that is poised to open.

First JPNA members voted 31 to 9 in favor of allowing The Quiet Few’s owner to modify his liquor license and allow a 1 a.m. closing time seven days a week.

Since it opened in the spring The Quiet Few at 331 Sumner St. has been nothing but busy. Owned by East Boston resident Josh Weinstein, the newest addition to Eastie’s bar and restaurant scene has been nothing but packed almost every night and serves up a fun menu of burgers, sandwiches, appetizers, specialty cocktails and a long list of rare bourbons and whiskeys.

Capitalizing off The Quiet Few’s success Weinstein is seeking to expand the business’s hours until 1 a.m.

Weinstein received a Common Victualler seven day all alcohol license to be exercised at 331 Sumner St. according to the Licensing Board.

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

Weinstein came back

before the group and rolled back his proposed hours from 1 a.m. to 12 midnight. Sunday through Wednesday and 1 a.m. from Thursday through Saturday. That plan received support from JPNA by a vote of 27-9.

Because Weinstien has proven to be a good neighbor and there has been no incidents reported at The Quiet Few JPNA members were comfortable to grant Weinstien the 1 a.m. closing time he originally lobbied for before opening.

Next, JPNA members voted 32 to 7 in favor of supporting a liquor license to the soon-to-be opened 303 Sumner St. Restaurant.

Chef Matthew McPherson (previously of Tiki Rock, Menton, Porto, and more) plans to open the Noodle Bar by Iterum Foods.

McPherson, who lives in Eastie, told the online foodie website, Eater Boston, he wants to “create a restaurant people could visit on a daily basis, while making meals more approachable for everyone.”

According to McPherson, 303 Sumner St. Restaurant will focus on all kinds of noodles.

McPherson already has a preliminary menu online, and he recently launched a campaign through Main Vest to help fund the build-out and startup costs.

“We want to make the residents feel as though this an extension of their home and are welcome to come multiple times a day for whatever they are in need of: coffee, a warm meal, or a quiet place to work over a beer,” McPherson wrote on the fundraising page.

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“We have an opportunity to seize the tiny fraction of time we have left, not to comfortably accept our infrastructure from the last century, but to plan and invest in the future we need for all families,” she said.

Tengblad also deliver over 50 letters from oth-

er Massachusetts moms to the joint committee chairs, each with an accompanying photo of their children, about why the committee should support the Future Act, and how the legislation will help to create a liveable climate for all of the commonwealth’s children.

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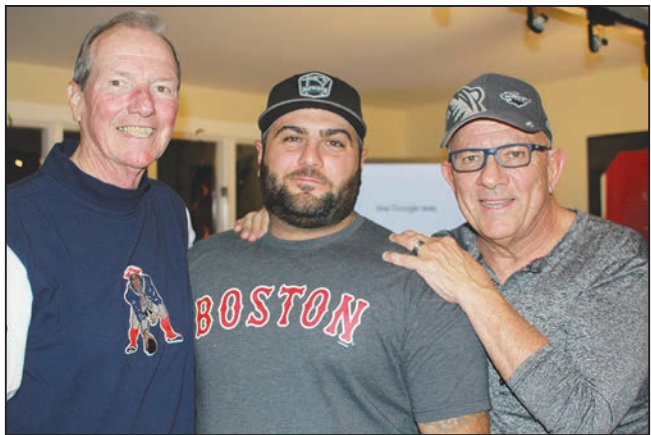
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Massport, transportation agencies ready for busy Thanksgiving travel period

Plan ahead, give yourself extra time and know your transportation options were the key messages today as the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), and a representative from AAA spoke at Boston Logan International Airport about what to expect this holiday travel season. Thanksgiving represents one of the nation’s busiest travel periods, and both organizations offered ways to ease travel frustration, whether driving, using public transportation or flying for the holiday. The roads and skies are expected to be crowded in the days leading up to and after Thanksgiving, with air travel increasing as early as this Friday, November 22nd. Close to 1 million people will travel in and out of Logan between this Friday and Tuesday, December 3rd.

“We want to do everything we can to make travel as stress-free as possible for everyone flying in and out of Logan Airport this holiday season,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “This week is the start of the busiest time of year at Logan and we will have extra staff on hand to help passengers, but we encourage everyone to plan ahead to help ensure a smooth holiday travel experience.”

AAA is predicting more than 55 million travelers nationwide are making plans to kick off the holiday season with a trip of 50 miles or more away from home this Thanksgiving. This will be the second-highest Thanksgiving travel volume since AAA began tracking in 2000, trailing only the record set in 2005. Nearly 5 million of those people will fly. With 4.6% growth, air travel will see the biggest increase in travel volume during the Thanksgiving holiday in the areas they look at. Locally, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, during 4:30-6:30 p.m., is expected to be the worst driving time. AAA recommends drivers leave earlier or much later, and use travel websites and apps to plan your trip.

No matter your destination this holiday season, there are several apps and websites to help travelers decide what transportation options are available and

how long the trip should take. We recommend using the MBTA’s Trip Planner website and MassDOT’s Go Time app. The Massport website has information about all the travel options to and from Logan. As always, Massport encourages travelers to check with their airlines before heading to the airport for the most updated flight status and travel information.

For those driving for the holiday, the Commonwealth’s roadways are expected to be very busy during the Thanksgiving travel period. If you plan on driving, consider traveling at off-peak hours such as early mornings or late evenings after 9 p.m. Traffic volumes will progressively increase throughout next Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as that Saturday and Sunday as travelers are returning home. Plan ahead and make informed choices by utilizing real-time technology tools like 511 or MassDOT’s GoTime app to view live traffic conditions to find the best route and timing of travel.

Free coffee will be served at the 18 MassDOT service plazas Thanksgiving night, from 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. on Friday, including both northbound and southbound plazas. The High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-93 between Boston and Quincy will have extended afternoon hours the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, closed on Thanksgiving Day and will have normal hours on Friday.

At Logan, parking is expected to be near capacity during the Thanksgiving travel period and passengers are urged to use any of the multiple options for public transportation to get to the airport and their final destinations. Both the Blue and Silver MBTA lines serve the airport, as well as Logan Express, private buses, limos and taxis. Water transportation is also available by MBTA ferry and water taxi companies providing on-call service to points throughout downtown Boston from the Logan dock. Passengers who take water transportation to Logan get a Ticket to Skip to the head of the security checkpoint line.

For anyone choosing to use Ride App services (Uber and Lyft) to get to or from Logan, pickups for all terminals are now located at ground floor of Central Parking and signage will guide you to the location. All Ride App dropoffs between 4 a.m. and 10 a.m. have moved to the lower level terminal curbs.

For those taking Logan Express, the fare on the Back Bay service was recently reduced to \$3 to Logan, and free from Logan to downtown. Back Bay riders will also a Ticket to Skip to the head of the security checkpoint line when they arrive at the airport. Logan Express also serves four suburban locations - Framingham, Braintree, Peabody and Woburn. With the exception of Back Bay, an adult fare is just \$12 one-way and \$22 round trip, and parking is \$7 a day. Children (17 and under) ride free when traveling with their family.

For travelers using the MBTA to get to and from Logan Airport, Massport provides free shuttle service to and from all terminals, the rental car center and the Blue Line’s Airport Station. Additional Silver Line 1 service will be offered during Thanksgiving week. As always, outbound service from Logan Airport to the South Boston Seaport District and South Station is free. MBTA water ferries will be running on a holiday schedule on Wednesday, November 27. Several additional trips will be run mid-day, and several evening trips will be cancelled. There is no MBTA ferry service or water taxi service on Thanksgiving Day. Please visit MBTA.com for schedule information, as some services will be on holiday schedules on certain days.

For those traveling internationally for the holiday season, our partners at CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) would like to remind travelers to declare all goods, foods and gifts. Familiarize yourself with Automated Passport Control (APC) and Mobile Passport Control - two programs that make the entry process more efficient, intuitive and paperless for travelers. Learn which option works

best for you and speed your entry into the United States. At Logan Airport, U.S. citizens and Canadian visitors can submit their passport information and answers to inspection-related questions to CBP via a smartphone or tablet app prior to arrival.

Travel tips from the different agencies include:

General travel tips for the holiday:

- When possible, use public transportation instead of driving;
- Visit MBTA.com for updated schedule information, as some services will be on holiday schedules on certain days;
- If you do drive, download MassDOT’s Go Time travel app, visit www.Mass511.com or call 511, for the latest updates on travel conditions, and traffic information;
- Try to drive during off peak hours, keep alert and stay awake. Free coffee will be served at the 18 MassDOT service plazas Thanksgiving night, from 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. the next day.

Travel tips for Logan

- Parking is expected to be near or at capacity, take public transportation or HOV options when possible;
- Visit the Massport website for information on all the travel options to and from Logan Airport;
- Always check your airline flight status before leaving for the airport;
- Allow extra time to get to the airport, check in and get through security;
- TSA suggests getting to the airport 2 hours early for a domestic flight and 3 for international;
- Don’t forget the leftovers - turkey and stuffing are fine, but all liquids you pack must be 3.4 ounces (100 ml) or less;
- If you have any questions about what is prohibited in your luggage, go to www.tsa.gov or tweet your question to @AskTSA;
- Sign up for text alerts or go to LoganForward.com for the latest construction updates and to sign up for email alerts.

Be sure to follow our partner agencies on Twitter @BostonLogan, @MassDOT, @MBTA, and @TSA and @CBP.

News in Brief

EVERSOURCE CHALLENGES STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE THEIR ENERGY SMARTS

Eversource invites Massachusetts students to demonstrate their energy efficiency knowledge by entering its seventh annual Eversource Challenge.

The competition promotes energy conservation, energy efficiency and sustainability and is open to kindergarten to high school students in Eversource’s Massachusetts electric service territory. Deadline for registration is March 17, 2020. All entries must be received or postmarked by March 27, 2020.

“Year after year, our students continue to amaze us with their creativity and innovative energy efficiency ideas,” said Senior Vice President and Chief Customer Officer Penni Conner. “We are excited to kick off our seventh contest and look forward to receiving and reviewing this year’s projects.”

Students in grades K-8 are assigned grade-specific challenges and asked to submit entries in the form of a poster (Grades K-2), a limerick (Grade 3), an outdoor billboard (Grade 4), a narrative and an image of an energy-saving superhero (Grade 5), a letter to parents (Grade 6), a news article (Grade 7), or public service announcement (Grade 8).

Students competing in Grades 9-12 will create a persuasive image that advocates for an energy topic. Options include a short poem (125 words or less) or a cartoon strip (12 cells or less) that addresses energy efficiency, a renewable energy source, or environmental concern.

Eversource Challenge finalists in all categories and grade levels will be honored at a special awards ceremony in early May, and winners will receive Amazon® Gift Cards. All entries are judged on the use of accurate and scientific facts, creativity, readability, persuasiveness, originality, and appearance. Students’ submissions are judged against those from the same grade levels in their community.

For applications, guidelines and more information about the Eversource

Challenge, visit www.eversourceinschool.com/challenge

Eversource (NYSE: ES) transmits and delivers electricity, natural gas and water to 1.7 million customers throughout Massachusetts. This includes approximately 1.4 million electric customers in 140 communities, 300,000 gas customers in 51 communities, and 19,500 water customers in five communities. Recognized as the top U.S. utility for its energy efficiency programs by the sustainability advocacy organization Ceres, Eversource harnesses the commitment of about 8,000 employees across three states to build a single, united company around the mission of safely delivering reliable energy and water with superior customer service. For more information, please visit our website (www.eversource.com) and follow us on Twitter (@eversource-MA) and Facebook (facebook.com/EversourceMA).

BOSTON AREA ICE RINKS OPENING FOR THE SEASON

The Boston Area Ice Skating Rinks will open for public skating starting Friday, November 29th. The 2019-2020 Learn-To-Skate season has begun. Bay State Skating School is one of Greater Boston’s most established and popular skating programs.

Professional Instructors teach Recreational, Figure and Hockey Skating Skills to beginner, intermediate and advanced skaters ages 4 to 18. Students can wear either figure, recreational or hockey skates.

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& Girls Club has been able to raise has been going up each year.

“We hope to raise \$10,000 to \$12,000. It’s a great event and families get to meet each other, the Board of Trustees will be on hand to serve the food, and the club kids will be the waiters for the evening,” he said.

During the dinner, there will be a variety of raffles to help raise money for the Boys & Girls Club programs.

“There will be many, many raffle prizes, as well as Mariecarole and Steve’s Famous Gift Baskets,” said Triant. “Everyone is invited from the community at large to our neighbors to the families at the club.”

The Salesian Boys & Girls Club accommodates over 300 young people a day and has over 1,000 youngsters on their active membership. The 300 children

who show up daily do so primarily for the Boys & Girls Club afterschool program that costs local families a very modest \$20 for the entire year.

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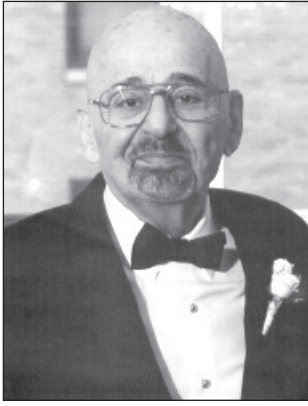
Damiano Pignato

Retired Vice President of
Starboard Cruise Services

 Damiano “Dan” Pignato died in his home in Naples, FL on Monday, Nov. 4 at the age of 78.

Mr. Pignato was born on July 7, 1941 in Boston to Pasquale and Margaret (Granesse) Pignato. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1958 to 1963 during which time he served on the lead ship during President Kennedy’s Blockade of Cuba. He married Karen (Ladowski) Pignato in Buffalo, NY in 1984. After moving to Florida, he began working as Vice President for Starboard Cruise Services (Duty Free Industry).

Dan is survived by his wife, Karen Pignato; his three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Lisa (Hoeltke) Pignato, Patrick and Samantha (Connelly) Pignato and Christopher and Ashley (Gibbons) Pignato; his granddaughter,



Samantha Pignato; his two sisters, Josephine Ruggiero and her late husband, Joseph Ruggiero Sr, and Mary Carrozza, and her husband, Robert; numerous nieces and nephews and his many dogs. He was preceded in death by his sister, RoseMarie Paris, and her husband, Joseph, and Patricia Pignato.

A memorial service in celebration of Danny’s life will be held at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, Ashley St., East Boston on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 12 Noon.

Sheila Garofalo

Selfless wife, loving and caring mother and
grandmother

Sheila E. (Murray) Garofalo, 79, of Revere died peacefully at Massachusetts General Hospital on Nov. 18 surrounded by loved ones.

Born July 23, 1940 in Roxbury, she was predeceased by her parents, William and Mae (Bransfield) Murray of Roxbury; her eight brothers and her late husband of 39 years, Domenic “Buzzy” Garofalo, a retired Captain of the Revere Fire Department.

In 1958, she graduated from vocational school with a certificate in hair-styling. She and her late husband, Buzzy, met while they were both working at Filene’s department store in Boston and married shortly after in 1960.

Sheila was a devoted wife and loving and caring mother. Selfless almost to a fault, she cared more than anything for the well-being and happiness of her loved ones.

A proud and meticulous homemaker for most of her life, after raising her children, she worked several years as an aide at the former Atlanticare Nursing Home in Revere where she relished every moment lending a helping hand or bringing smiles to the faces of the residents.

A bingo enthusiast and talented knitter and crocheter, her true passion in her later years was her grandchildren. She was a delightful cook especially of Italian cuisine and loved celebrating Sunday dinner with her family.

While always there to listen and help in any way



she could, she never complained about her own problems even in the face of serious illness.

Sheila is survived by her three loving sons and their spouses, Kenneth and Linda of Revere, Chris and Julie of Norwood, New Jersey, and Phillip and Kim of Lynnfield; her five adoring grandchildren: Matthew, Sean, Domenic, Nathan, and Sophia; and her caring brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ted and Elaine Dzik of Palm Harbor, Florida. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. Her Funeral will be held on Friday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. at the Buonfiglio Funeral Home followed by a 10 a.m. Funereal Mass at Saint Anthony’s Church in Revere. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the AL-SAC/St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Massport employees honor veterans by giving back

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is honoring veterans by giving back to those who served our country. Over a hundred employees donated their time and delivered hundreds of personal care items for veterans at the Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea. Some of the items they needed include toothpaste, shampoo, cleaning supplies, socks, and winter clothing.

“We don’t take for granted what veterans have done and continue to do for our country and our communities,” said Massport Director of Community Relations Alaina Coppola. “Veterans Day is a time to reflect and honor their sacrifice and service. The items we delivered are just a small token of our gratitude, appreciation, and support.”

“Today, we give back to those who have selflessly served their country,” said Massport Director of Diversity & Inclusion/Compliance Kenn Turner. “We want our veteran brothers and sisters to know that



Pictured fourth from left: Eric J. Sheehan, Deputy Superintendent, Chelsea Soldiers’ Home; Cheryl Lussier Poppe, Superintendent, Chelsea Soldiers’ Home; Jake Dalton, U.S. Army Veteran; Kenn Turner, Massport’s Director of Diversity & Inclusion/Compliance & Audrey Nagle, Massport’s Manager of Charitable Giving Programs with staff at the Chelsea Soldiers’ Home.

they are not forgotten, despite the physical, mental, emotional, and financial challenges they face.” Turner, a retired U.S. Navy Captain who served as the Commonwealth’s Deputy Secretary for Administration & Finance for the Department of Veterans’ Services, is also a member of the Soldiers’ Home’s Board of Trustees.

Established in 1882, the

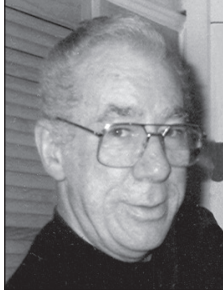
Soldiers’ Home in Chelsea offers residential and long-term care programs to eligible Massachusetts Veterans. The Soldiers’ Home is a state-funded, fully accredited health care complex that offers veterans quality care, full-time residential accommodations and a multi-service outpatient department. They are committed to excellence in care for those who are in need now and in the future.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we thank Massport and its employees for their support,” said Chelsea Soldiers’ Home Superintendent Cheryl Lussier Poppe. “Donations like this allow us to focus our resources on the critical care programs that we pro-

vide to our veterans. The men and women we serve and care for are grateful for this generosity.”

Massport employees also wrote letters to say thank you to veterans.

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Birthday Remembrance

November 18th

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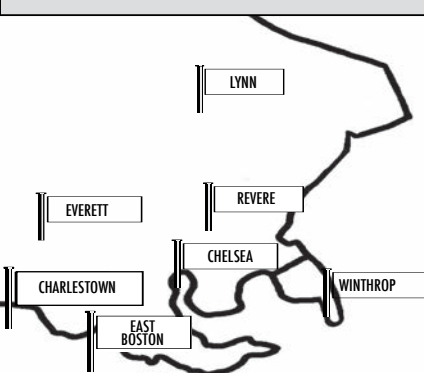
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Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and now is a great time to get involved. This year, we're planning a proper Shop Small Welcome Station for shoppers when they come out. The station will include a list of participating small businesses, treats and entertainment. It's a great way to represent your business and greet customers before they start shopping.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN US

- Sign up to help with our Welcome - Kick-Off Station and get your business on the Shop Small List. It is **FREE** to join. We'll be handing out Small Business Saturday canvas bags to customers with a list of participating businesses and map locations. You can also provide us with menus, coupons, offers, business cards, water bottles, etc. anything to place in canvas bags to promote and attract customers to your business!!!!
- Think of a fun treat or experience you can offer to shoppers on the day. It can be anything from giving out free stuff, discounts, special offers, etc., anything you would like to offer to attract customers!!
- Proudly display the **Shop Small** poster of flyer in your store window to ensure that shoppers know you're participating. You will also receive **FREE** other Small Business Saturday marketing materials.



Join us in giving your customers a warm welcome as they come out to **Shop Small**.

For further information, or to list your business on the SHOP SMALL shop list, please call (617) 569-5000 or contact@eastbostonchamber.com



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