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Master PLAN

East Boston workshop tackles waterfront development

By John Lynds

During the last process that updated East Boston's Master Plan in the late 1990s, the public comments to the city regarding waterfront development couldn't be more different than today.

Back then residents at the time called for a fully developed waterfront arguing the Eastie had sat idle while the waterfronts in South Boston, Charlestown and the North End got all the attention. Residents wanted the Designated Port Areas (DPA) removed, old industrial waterfront wastelands turned into residential development and harborwalks and more luxury housing, or as one resident put it back then 'unaffordable' housing.

Boy, have times changed. At a PLAN: East Boston workshop at East Boston High School last Thursday evening that tackled the issue of waterfront development and DPAs, the Boston Planning and Development Agency collected comments from residents vested in the process of changing

the zoning across Eastie.

Comments ranged from 'there's too much development we don't need more' to 'the waterfront should be preserved and used as open space' to 'the DPAs at the Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street should be preserved'.

While there's a growing chorus of voices opposed to any further development in Eastie, because old two, and three families are razed and turned into six or nine-unit buildings--the waterfront and DPAs may be ripe to absorb the neighborhood's growing population.

At the workshop, some residents were more open minded and want to have an honest discussion about DPAs and their restrictive uses.

Some residents argue that one way of eliminating large scale developments in quiet residential neighborhoods is to remove many of the DPA and build large in those areas instead of Eagle Hill, Jeffries Point or Orient Heights.

Like Pier One, the Eddy,

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13TH ANNUAL SALESIANS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PASTA DINNER



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Above: Salesian Executive Director Michael Triant and his daughter, Callie, with Lorraine DiLeo, and Vanessa and Heather MacLain. Right: Jasper Ingenthron and Oliver Kros take a break from the Pasta Dinner during the 13th annual Salesians Boys & Girls Club Pasta Dinner on Friday, Nov. 22. More than 300 people attended the dinner.

Eastie's oldest family-owned funeral home reopens in new location

By John Lynds

The Magrath Funeral Home on Chelsea Street is the oldest family owned funeral home in East Boston that spans four generations of the Magrath family.

Seeing a need to service the grieving public during a time of loss Frederick A. Magrath founded his funeral home inside a storefront in Maverick Square in 1910.

Magrath's business

was successful, especially among the neighborhood's large Irish, Scandanvian, Nova Scotian and New Foundlander population living here at the time.

With business growing Magrath decided to move

his funeral home business in 1947 to a larger storefront at the old Bethel Church at 54 Meridian St., across from the police station.

It was at this site, ac-

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Cranberries

Authentically American treat on the turkey table since 1621

By Seth Daniel

It's the only red thing on the table at Thanksgiving, but the superfruit that is authentically American has a lot more going for it than it's bright red color on Thanksgiving.

Cranberries are a great resource for New England, and are the largest cash crop in Massachusetts. Though Wisconsin grows the most cranberries in the country by number, the superfruit is vitally important to this state's agricultural industry. With



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Cranberry farmers harvesting a fresh crop of the berries on the South Shore earlier this fall, just in time for Thanksgiving. The popular superfruit is one of only three cultivated fruits native to North America, and was used heavily by the Native Americans of the northeast. That is one reason that cranberries were believed to be on the first Thanksgiving table, and why they remain there to this day.

cranberry sauce being such a vital part of the Thanksgiving table, that means the season is vitally important to

the cranberry industry here — an industry that booms in

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ISD closes Maverick Dunkin' Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts Corporate files suit against franchise owner

By John Lynds

The owner of two Dunkin' Donuts franchises in East Boston is in some pretty hot water with the City of Boston and Dunkin' Donuts Corporate.

The city's Inspectional

Services Department (ISD) shut down the Dunkin' Donuts in Maverick Square last Wednesday after video shot by Peter Wild surfaced on social media of a half dozen or so mice freeley scurrying around the inside of the popular coffee shop.

ISD then inspected the Dunkin' Donuts location and found a whole host of health code violations.

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The Independent Newspaper Offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th and Friday, Nov. 29th

TRASH DELAY
Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, Mon. 11/25, Tues. 11/26, and Weds. 11/27, regular schedule. Thursday pickups will be on Fri. 11/29; Friday pickups will be on Sat. 11/30
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For all Thy help along the way
We're thankful this Thanksgiving Day.
We're thankful too, for all our dear ones,
for all the far away and near ones.
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This is my Thanksgiving prayer.
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COMMUNITY NEWS

THE DECEMBER HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Members of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will hold their December meeting on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at the Edward Brooke Charter School on Byron Street at 6:30pm. The doors open at 6pm.

The agenda is as follows:
Welcome/Introduction (5min)

Station 7 Update Sgt. Cintolo and Officer Dan Simons (10min)

Announcements: Holiday Party on 12/12 at EBYC 6-9 p.m.; Mary Ellen Welch Greenway (5min)

By-Laws Proposed changes VOTE. Require abutters meeting prior to hearing/vote; minimum voting age. (10min)

116-120 Moore Street. 2nd Presentation by At-

torney Richard Lynds for Debbie White. Demolish existing 9 Unit building and erect a 19 Unit structure with 17 parking spaces. (25min)

7 Wordsworth Street 1st Presentation by Attorney Jeff Drago for Slava Menn. Raze existing 2 family home and build a 9 Unit structure with parking. (30min)

Next meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2020

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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.

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 wel-

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.

come 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.

LEARN ITALIAN FREE

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

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ian 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.

Magrath //CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

cording to Magrath's great great-granddaughter Dayle Magrath Vecchione, that Eastie's first true Funeral Home was founded.

"It became the first funeral home in East Boston to hold wakes within the funeral home," said Vecchione.

Vecchino said wakes and visiting hours in the early 20th century would last for days and would typically be held inside the deceased's family home. Having a wake outside the home was a foreign concept to many in Eastie at the time. However, many realized the new business model relieved much of the stress put on a family at a time of such need so Magrath's business flourished.

However, in 1959 that building, along with other homes and businesses on the street, were taken by eminent domain to make room for the Callahan Tunnel and the funeral home had to move for a third time in a half century.

The third location of the Magrath Funeral Home became perhaps its most recognizable building. The large single story white concrete building at 325 Chelsea St. just before Day Square became Magrath's longest residency in the neighborhood.

It was in this building that the Magrath family served the Eastie community for six decades.

"Back then there was a saying, "If you were Italian you went to Rapi-no's or Vazza's and if you were Irish you came to Magraths," said Vecchione laughing. "But the truth is we served the entire community. I was just going through some of our old books and there were as many Italian names as there were Irish."

Vecchione said Magrath's was one of only a few funeral homes in the area that took on Protestant funerals because of the relationship her great-great-grandfather forged with the areas Protestant Irish. Nova Scotian and New Foundlander population years and years ago.

It was during this era the Magrath family saw more and more funeral homes being taken over by distant, bottom-line corporations. The Magrath family decided not to sell out and remained a family run business.

Frederick A. in 1935, who was then succeed-



The inside of the new Magrath Funeral Home on Chelsea Street.

ed by his son Frederick J. Magrath Jr. Upon Frederick J.'s death in 1986 his children, Dayle, Brian (1953-2007) and Mark, became the fourth generation to carry on the tradition as Eastie's oldest family owned and operated funeral home.

However, like the change Frederick A. saw in the early 1900s of the move from wakes in a family residence to funeral homes, Vecchione and her brother saw a change recently.

"When we went into 325 Chelsea St.location, funerals use to last two to three days," said Vecchione. "Often times there was an overlap with other wakes and funerals. But over the years customs have changed and a lot of wakes and funerals are done in one or two days."



The outside of the new Magrath Funeral Home at 336 Chelsea St. directly across the street from the old funeral home. The funeral home occupies the first floor of a new condo development.

Seeing no need to maintain a 16,000 square-foot facility the Magrath Funeral Home recently made another move.

However, this move is a lot closer and just across Chelsea Street from its old location.

Magrath's new location at 336 Chelsea St. occupies the first floor of a six unit condo development that was recently built.

"We just didn't need all that space across the street anymore," said Vecchione. "This is a nice, brand new facility. It's all compliant with ADA requirements. It's modern and a space that helps us keep up with the times. We want to keep the family tradition going as the oldest family-owned funeral home in East Boston."

DISTRICT SEVEN POLICE REPORT

Monday, Nov. 11, 2019

Around 5p.m. in the area of 76 Boardman St., a 26-year-old male with a Saugus, MA address was arrested for Possession W/I to Distribute, Class D, Drugs and Distribution of Class D, Drugs

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019

Around 4:08 a.m. in the area of Maverick Sq., a 25-year-old male with a Dorchester, MA address was arrested for Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon (knife) & Attempted Armed Robbery

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019

Around 12:40 p.m. in the area of 200 Border St., a 37-year-old male with a Boston, MA address was arrested for Shoplifting -

\$200 & Over

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019

Around 6:45 p.m. in the area of Rte. 1A South, a 19-year-old male with an East Boston address was arrested for Operating after Revocation or Suspension

Friday, Nov. 15, 2019

Around 6:15 p.m. in the area of Saratoga St. & Westbrook St., a 42-year-

old male with a Wakefield, MA address was arrested for Possession of Class A, Drugs

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019

Around 9:40 a.m. in the area of 212 Waldemar Ave., a male with an East Boston address was arrested for Assault & Battery (Injuries)

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2019

No Arrests

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back almost 400 years to the Pilgrims, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It, too, is a day for schoolboy football, family gatherings, and not much else to do other than enjoy a great dinner with those whom we love and care about.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Even in this time of divisiveness in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of what we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be where we are. Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

And specifically, we really mean only one thing: Do not drink & drive, nor allow friends & family members to do so.

The vast majority of Americans will have wonderful family get-togethers that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

However, for some, the stresses of the holiday season often express themselves in drinking too much, which in turn can lead to tragedies. Alcohol abuse by a family member by far is the biggest problem faced by many families, whether it is a son or daughter, mother or father, or brother or sister.

Intoxicated driving rates as one of the leading causes of accidental death in our society. More than 10,000 Americans die -- and tens of thousands more are seriously injured -- in auto accidents caused by impaired drivers every year.

All of us have a role not only in ensuring that we ourselves do not become one of those statistics, but also in preventing a friend or family member from becoming one.

Your opinions, please

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY.. NOV. 28, 2019

GUEST OP-ED

The Spirit of Giving in Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Happy Thanksgiving, Boston! This is a special time to show gratitude for all the things and people that make our lives full. It's a time for surrounding ourselves with loved ones (and watching football, of course). This uniquely American tradition brings together people, families, and communities, and deepens our connections to one another as fellow Bostonians and people.

It's also a time to come together as a City to give back to those in need. Thanksgiving and the holidays can be difficult times for people and families who struggle to make ends meet. They may not have a permanent place to call home, or be able to put food on the table. So as we celebrate in our own ways, we must also remember to look out for one another—and show what it means to be a City of neighbors helping neighbors.

This Thanksgiving, I'm excited to continue my tradition of volunteering with local shelters. It's heartwarming to see so many individuals, food banks, and shelters open their doors to people and families, so that everyone can take part in a Thanksgiving celebration. To the compassionate volunteers who lend a hand on this holiday, your help is greatly appreciated. A hot meal, a place to escape the cold, and a gesture of kindness



Mayor Martin Walsh, Police Commissioner William Gross and District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn prepare Thanksgiving turkeys.

go a long way in providing comfort to someone in need. And you should take pride in knowing you're part of a citywide effort to reach out to and support Bostonians experiencing homelessness.

I also want to thank our many dedicated city partners who connect people to shelters and vital services. They are out on our streets, every day, making sure people know where they can find assistance if they need it. And as a City, we are always working toward our ultimate goal of getting people on the path to supportive and permanent housing. So far, we've housed nearly 2,000 chronically homeless individuals, including 1,000 veterans. We've ended chronic

veteran homelessness, and we're on our way to ending all chronic homelessness in Boston. We've got more work to do, but we're making progress every day.

Our work is more than about getting people into housing. It's about building a strong and resilient City, where all of our residents can succeed. It's about our fundamental belief that every single person in our City deserves a chance to build a better life for themselves and their families—and to follow their dreams. And it's about the day to day actions we can take to make even one person's day a little brighter.

I continue to be inspired by Bostonians who, every single day, who set an example on how to give

back to their communities. I want to thank everyone who helps make Boston a stronger, more vibrant, and connected city. The spirit of giving is especially alive during the holidays, and that makes me incredibly proud to be Mayor of this great city.

I hope you all enjoy Thanksgiving, however you celebrate. And if you have a chance, take time to volunteer at a food bank or homeless shelter, especially as we head into the cold winter months. Our city is at our strongest when we look out for one another as neighbors, friends, and fellow Bostonians. Let's keep the spirit of giving going every day, in our communities and in our hearts.

Dunkin' // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

D'Alelio Management Co., operating as RMG Donuts, operates the Dunkin' Donuts in Maverick as well as a second location on Bennington Street in Orient Heights.

During their inspection ISD inspectors found evidence of mice and roach infestations as well as small flies present in the dining area.

ISD also found that the interior of ice machine had visible soils; the outside alleyway area was full of debris, clothes and a blanket on the ground as well as excess leaves preventing full inspection of the exterior wall of the building; the grout on floors in the service were low, allowing for standing water and food debris to get trapped; weather stripping on the bottom of the back door was too high, allowing for gaps to the outdoors; and heavy soils built up and other debris was found on the floor be-

hind equipment and under countertops.

A second inspection the next day showed RMG Donuts had not remedied the health code violations.

After the second ISD inspection Dunkin' Donuts Corporate had enough and filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking to strip RMG Donuts of its franchises in Eastie. In the suit Dunkin' Donuts Corporate argues that RMG Donuts is in violation of its franchise agreement, which requires clean shops.

According to Universal HUB, the suit asked a judge to order RMG Donuts to remove any connection the store in Maverick Square has to the national coffee shop chain.

Prior to filing suit in federal court Dunkin' Donuts Corporate sent a courier to hand deliver a letter to RMG Donuts demanding the health code violations ISD found within 24 hours.

When RMG Donuts failed the second ISD inspection last Thursday Dunkin' Donuts Corporate sent a "franchise termination notice" to RMG Donuts demanding they stop operating under the Dunkin' Donuts banner. The suit said RMG Donuts continued to operate the shop using the Dunkin' system and Dunkin's Marks without having any right or license to do so.

"The health and safety of customers is our top priority," said Dunkin' Donuts Corporate in a statement. "We take this matter very seriously, and upon learning of the issue, the restaurant was immediately closed."

This wasn't the first time RMG Donuts was on ISD's radar.

In June of this year, the Maverick Square location was written up for numerous violations by ISD.

At that time ISD found

two dead roaches under the Oasis ice blender; shelving under the registers was visible clutter with debris and soils; and the floors had visible soil and debris behind the donut and bagel racks and other equipment. The store passed a subsequent inspection five days later according to ISD documents.

Also in January 2018 ISD closed down RMG Donuts second location on Bennington Street in Orient Heights.

In that incident the Orient Heights location had been without hot water throughout the day. ISD requires restaurants have running hot water of at least 110F at hand sinks so employees can properly wash their hands. The same rule applies to having hot water to properly sanitize utensils and work surfaces in other sinks at the shop.

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Clippership Wharf and Boston East the DPAs outside of Central Square near Liberty Plaza or along Con-

dor Street could accom-



The BPDA's Jason Ruggiero.



Facilitators help residents during the PLAN: East Boston workshop.



Mary Berninger and Pat Capogreco during the workshop.



Zoning Attorney Richard Lynds talks with JPNA board member Mary Cole.



Residents were asked to envision the future of Eastie's waterfront and Designated Port Areas.

modate larger, more dense development while ad-

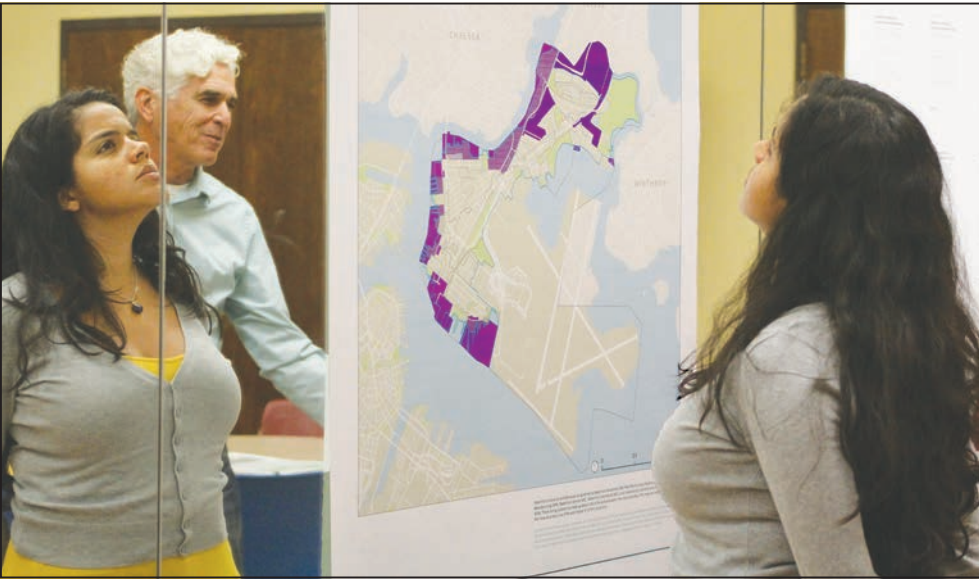
ressing sea-level rise and increasing the number of commercial opportunities around the waterfront.

Some at the meeting called for a dramatic shrinking of the number of DPAs along Eastie's 15 miles of coastline.

Also some argue that private investment into DPAs and the neighborhood's waterfront is really the only way to protect against sea level rise. Those residents argue that more development should be allowed by private investors but with a catch. If the DPA's are opened up for large-scale development those same investors must include climate resiliency measures into their design. While any development along the water's edge would require public open space and a continuation of Eastie's harborwalk, these parks could become barriers that keep sea water out of Eastie in the future.

Some at the meeting were realistic that it would cost the city or state hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements to protect against sea level rise--money the city and state most likely do not have.

With private investment into DPAs and strict BPDA regulations could translate into the start of a continuous barrier that once and for



A resident looks at a map of East Boston's waterfront and Designated Port Areas during last week's BPDA PLAN: East Boston workshop.

all protects Eastie from sea level rise.

Last summer, Mayor Martin Walsh announced Eastie was chosen as one of five neighborhoods that will be part of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's planning initiative as part of an Imagine Boston 2030 effort to 'preserve, enhance and grow' the neighborhood.

As part of PLAN: East Boston the city has been working closely with community groups, community leaders and other stakeholders here to ensure decisions made by the city are following the guiding principles of "preserves wisely, enhances equitably, and grows inclusively" when it comes to revamping the zoning across the neighborhood.

As part of the initiative in



Residents worked closely with city officials during last week's BPDA sponsored workshop.

Eastie comprehensive planning has included a focus on balancing contextually sensitive development alongside preservation. There is also a focus on supporting existing residents and businesses through increased access to opportunity, affordability strategies, and anti-displacement policies.



BPDA planner Kristina Ricco.

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Salesian Boys & Girls Club staff.



Joyce McCormack, and her daughter, Nicole McCormack, Salesian Program Director, with AJ Manzo, and Jack Forbes.



The Roberts family.



Anna Marie Fiore, Fran Emmett, Fran Emmett, Jr., Phyllis Iacomino, Ella Pizzi, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Dolores Urciuoli.



Judie Vankooiman and Dave Tyler.



Valencia and Dominic Jorge serving pasta and meatballs.

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Some 375 family and friends gathered in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club cafeteria for the 13th Annual Pasta Dinner. Funds raised from the Nov. 22 supper offset the expenses of youth after school programs, which include snacks, din-

ner, and homework help for 275 children a day, and over 800 members per year. “I am humbled by the amazing support of our community, board members, and staff for working so hard and running a great community event,” said Michael Triant, Executive Director.



Mangini, Rosalie Petraglia, Jim Kearney, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and his wife, Ariel Madaro, and Buddy Mangini.



Patty, Josie, and Matthew Camilleri.



Levis Martinez, Madeline and Hannah Villanueva, Beatriz Aguilar, and David Villanueva.



Jim Kearney, Chamber of Commerce President, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Michael Triant, Salesian Executive Director, Josh Rivera, 2019 Youth of the Year, and Revere Councilor Anthony Zambuto.

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EAST BOSTON PREPARE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY AGAINST SOUTH BOSTON

The 101st clash between East Boston High School and South Boston High will take place on Thanksgiving morning at White Stadium. Kick-off time is 9:30 a.m. The Jets, led by John Parziale are 4-6. The Knights, led by Germaine Sattiawhite are 1-9.

Last year, the 100th game was played at Sartori Stadium on Thanksgiving morning amid bitter cold temps.



East Boston High School football captains Jose Alfara, Jose Rueben and Michael Zelaya.

East Boston won 22-6. The rivalry began in 1903. Overall, East Boston leads the series at 44-42. Both teams value the Thanksgiving day game and have been practicing all week and hope to end the season with a Turkey Day win. All are welcome to come out and cheer on both teams at venerable White Stadium. Admission is free too.



East Boston High School seniors and Coach John Parziale. Front row: # 76 Dom Delvecchio; # 35 Ryan Gray; #80 Jose Rueben; #73 Jose Alfaro. Second row: # 62 Madison Parnell; #70 Dante Shire; #67 Justin Capo; # 68 Anwar Saloui and Coach Parziale.

State Fire Marshal offers Thanksgiving safety tips

“Firefighters are busier on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year because this holiday has the most home fires, and the majority are cooking fires,” said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. “As your families gather to celebrate this holiday, keep everyone safe. Start by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.”

Cooking Safety Tips

Cooking activities have been the cause of 87 percent of the 651 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts over the last five years. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered these cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to prevent fires:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to “stand by your pan” and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.
- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to “put a lid on it” and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

Thanksgiving 2018

“Last Thanksgiving, firefighters across the Commonwealth were busy responding to the 145 fires that caused several injuries and over \$500,000 of damages,” said Ostroskey.

- At about noon last Thanksgiving, the Gardner Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a 100-unit apartment building. The fire started on the fifth floor. There were no injuries in large part because working smoke alarms alerted the occupants and a single sprinkler head activated and put out the fire before it could spread. Total damages from this fire were estimated to be \$225,000.

- At around 4:00 p.m. last Thanksgiving, the Woburn Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a single-family home. The fire was confined to the electric oven and no one was injured. Damages were estimated to be \$2,250.

Turkey Fryers

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such

as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of “turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer.” This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new “oil-less” turkey fryers.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 3:09 p.m., the Tewksbury Fire Department was called to a cooking fire in a single-family home. Firefighters found a deep fryer and a 20-pound propane tank on fire in the driveway about ten feet from the garage. There was heat damage to the paint on the garage.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 4:48 p.m., the Salisbury Fire Department responded to a grease fire in a turkey fryer in the driveway of a single-family home. Before firefighters could arrive, the homeowner had shut the gas off and disconnected the 20-pound propane tank from the fryer, which extinguished the fire. A car parked nearby was damaged.

Gas Ovens: A Source of CO

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for an extended period.

Burn Safety

- Keep children 3-feet away from the stove for safety to prevent burns.
- Run cool water on minor burns; call 9-1-1 for more serious burn injuries.
- Remember to stop, drop, cover and roll if clothing ignites.

Home Heating: #2 Cause of Fires on Thanksgiving Especially if you do not regularly use your fireplace, be sure to have the chimney inspected and cleaned by a professional before lighting the first fire of the season. Everyone who heats with wood should have the chimney cleaned and flue inspected at the start of the heating season.

- On Nov. 23, 2017, at 5:46 p.m., the Auburn Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. The homeowner had placed ashes from the woodstove into a plastic bucket and left it on the living room carpet. The ashes melted through the bucket and started the rug and floor on fire. Smoke alarms were present and alerted the occupants and no one was injured. The home had no fire sprinklers and damages were estimated to be \$5,000.

Cranberries // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the fall months mostly on the South Shore and towards Cape Cod.

Ocean Spray officials, who are based in Carver on the South Shore, said Thanksgiving accounts for 37 percent of annual cranberry sales – basically between September and November.

There are any number of things that the cranberry can provide for the Thanksgiving table. Obviously, the cranberry sauce is the most common, but Ocean Spray officials said other popular Thanksgiving uses are brussels sprouts with cranberries, cranberries in salads, cranberry cocktails, and cranberry sweet potato casserole.

The oddest cranberry recipe, they said: “Cranberry turkey chili leftovers.”

Aside from the common or the bizarre, cranberries were known to have many other uses in the past – particularly among Native Americans in New England.

“Cranberries are native to North America, including the Northeast, and are one of only three cultivated fruits that are indigenous to this continent,” said an Ocean Spray spokesperson. “They are authentically American, and the superfruit has been used for many purposes throughout history. Native Americans



Cranberries being taken out of a bog during harvest this year.

used cranberries for food, medicine, dyes for clothes and blankets, to cure meat, and to draw poison from arrow wounds, as early as 1550. For this reason, legend has it that cranberries were included in the first Thanksgiving meal, which was in 1621.”

Another reason they are most popular on Thanksgiving is because of their harvest season, which falls from mid-September to mid-November. Ocean Spray farmers harvest billions of cranberries during that period in bogs where they grow. The bogs are soft, marshy ground with acidic peat soil – and are most commonly found near wetlands. Cranberries grow on long, running vines, and don’t grow underwater as many tend to think.

Like flower bulbs, they

are a perennial crop and grow on vines that are hundreds of years old.

“When cranberries are ready for harvest, the bogs are flooded with water,” said the Ocean Spray spokesperson. “Farmers then use water reels, nicknamed “eggbeaters,” to churn the water and loosen the cranberries from the vine. Each berry has a tiny pocket of air that allows it to float to the surface of the water. From there, they’re corralled together to be harvested and become delicious food and drinks for family tables worldwide.”

Ocean Spray officials said cranberries weren’t always called “cranberries.” For Eastern Native Americans, they were called “sassamanesh.” Cape Cod Pequots and South Jersey Leni-Lenape tribes called

them “ibimi,” or bitter berry. And the Algonquins of modern-day Wisconsin dubbed the superfruit “atoqua.”

It was the German and Dutch settlers who started calling the cranberry a “crane berry” because of the flower’s resemblance to the head and bill of a crane. Interestingly, that name stuck, and gave us the modern cranberry terminology.

More recently, cranberries have become not only an annual Thanksgiving staple, but also a popular staple of the health food gurus. Cranberries are actually very nutritional and are considered a superfruit in the same vein as the once-maligned pomegranate. They are rich in antioxidants, polyphenols, prebiotic fibers, vitamins, and minerals. Among the cranberry’s many benefits include raising good cholesterol, improving blood pressure, maintaining cardiovascular health, and even protecting the body against inflammation that may lead to certain cancers. The strong antioxidant capacity of cranberries is also associated with the prevention of some diseases and improved digestion.

So, whether its sauce out of a can, or an hours-long boil of fresh berries, this Thanksgiving, make sure to break bread with a little red on the table.

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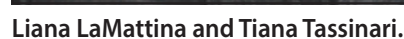
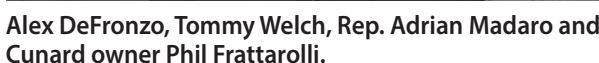
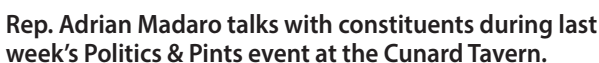
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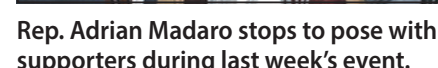
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Kids will delight in A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage, November 29, 1:30 p.m., PJ Masks Live! Save the Day, Nov. 30, 2 p.m., and The Elf on the Shelf, - A Christmas Musical Dec. 5, 7 p.m.; Greater Salem Ballet Company’s “Nutcracker,” Dec. 7, 12 and 4 p.m.; and “A Christmas Carol,” Dec. 8, 7 p.m., at 3 City Hall Square, Lynn. Ticketmaster.com.

DOLLY PARTON’S SMOKY MOUNTAIN CHRISTMAS CAROL

Red Tail :Productions and Paul T,Couch presents the new musical, December 3-29, at Emerson Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets start at \$39.50. emersoncolonialtheatre.com, 888-616-0272.

MOBY DICK

American Repertory Theater presents the world premiere musical based on Herman Melville’s classic novel, with music, lyrics, book and orchestrations by Dave Malloy, December 3-January 17, tickets from \$25. Loeb Drama Center, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge. AmericanRepertoryTheater.org, 617-547-8300.

MIRACLE ON 34th STREET

Greater Boston stage Company presents the beloved, magical Christmas story, based on the Twentieth Century Fox classic movie, November 29-December 22: Friday, 8 p.m., Dec. 13, 10 a.m., 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2, 7 p.m., Nov 29, 8 p.m. only; Sunday, 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 4,11, at 2 p.m.; Thursday, Dec. 5, 19, at 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m., Dec. 12, 2, 7:30 p.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$47-\$57; seniors, \$42-\$52; students with valid ID, \$20 group, Thrifty Thursday discounts. 781-279-2200, greaterbostonstage.org.

OLIVER

New Repertory Theatre ushers in the holiday season with classic musical tale, “Oliver!”, November 29-December 29, Mainstage Theatre, Mosesian Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Tickets start at \$25. Student, senior, group discounts. 617-923-8487, newrep.org.

VIENNA BOYS CHOIR

Spectacle Management presents the internationally renowned choir in a holiday celebration performance, Thursday, December 5, 7:30 p.m.,at Cary Memorial Hall, 1605 Mass. Ave., Lexington. \$69-\$89, CaryHallLexington.com, 800-657-8774.

ILLUMINUS FESTIVAL

Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (BID) and LuminArtz bring free projected artworks, performances and immersive experiences to downtown Boston, featuring regional artists working in new media technologies, light and sound, December 5 and 6, 5-11 p.m., in Boston’s Financial District. Rain date, December 7: Located in sections of High, Summer and Federal streets, Milton Place, buildings at 100 and125 Summer St. 10 HighvSt., 160 and175 Federal St, and others. More information at illuminusboston.org/2019, also on Instagram, twitter and facebook.

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ELEPHANY & PIGGIES

Wheelock Family Theatre welcomes family fun Elephant and Piggie’s “We Are Ina Play,” December 7-15, 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 200 the Riverway, Boston. \$20. 617-353-3001, WFTTix@bu.edu.

BOSTON BAROQUE

Soprano Amanda Forsythe, mezzo-soprano Ann McMahon, tenor Thomas Cooley and baritone Andrew Harland performing December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m., at New England Conservatory’s Jordan Hallm Gainsborough St., Boston. Bostonbaroque.org.

WE THREE KINGS

Lowell Memorial Auditorium presents an Irish Tenors Christmas, “We Three Kings,” Sunday, December 8, 3 p.m., East Merrimack St., Lowell. \$39-\$99. Lowellauditorium.com, 800-657-8774.

THE NUTCRACKER

Boston Ballet recates the family joy, magic, and beauty of the season with Mikko Nissinen’s The Nutcracker,” November 29-December 29, at the Opera House, Washington St., Boston.617-695-6955, bostonballet.org.

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The celebrated dance company performs in concert December 6,7, 8 p.m.,at Multicultural Arts Center, 41 Second St., Cambridge. \$18-\$28, student, senior, BDA discounts. tickets@luminariumdance.org.

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MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ICONS

Photographer Emil Otto Hoppes’ exhibition of Ballets Russes is exhibited through March 8; there’s free admission to the museum and special discounts at its store, Sunday, December 1, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Russian film Brother Azari, film-memoir of Azari Plisetskaya, Echo of Festival Rusdocfilmfest-3W, Saturday, Dec. 7, 1-2:30 p.m., sale of Russian holiday tree traditions and Soviet New Year’s ornaments, Dec. 7, 3 p.m., free with admission (RSVP 978-598-5000), 203 Union St., Clinton. Museumofrussianicons.org.

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JOY ASKEW

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CHUCHO VALDES JAZZ BATA

Celebrity Series presents the new project of Cuban pianist-composer-arranger Chuch Valdes, Friday, December 6, 8 p.m.,at Berklee Performance Center, 136 Mass. Ave.,Boston. Tickets start at \$45. 617-482-6661, or at the Box Office. Pianist Joyce Yang performs Dec. 4, 8 p.m., at Longy’s Pickman Hall, 27 Garden St., Cambridge, \$27-\$60 rickets limited,617-482-6661 Celebrityseries.org.

ART EXHBIT

The Mass Cultural Council presents Peace and Joy on Earth Exhibit and Art ark, December 1, 1=5 p.m., at the Clock Tower Gallery, EB School and Cultural Center, 45 Pauline Road, Winthrop. Art Exhibit on display through December 25, Saturdays, 2-4 p.m. winthropculturalcouncil.org.

BLUE HERON:

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CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

Playwright Christophe Johnson answers questions in his one-man performance reading, Invoice for Emotional Labor, using poetry and story, based on John Leguizamo’s “Latin History for Morons,” Wednesday, December 4, 7-10 p.m., Theater at As220, 95 Empire St., Providence, RI.

SCULLERS

Eddie Palmieri headlines, November 29,30, at Scullers Jazz Club, Doubletree Suites by Hilton, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston. 617-562-4111, info@ScullersJazz.com. Camus Rockport Music Center presents Calmus, successful vocal group in Germany, Sunday December 8, 3 p.m., at Shalin Liu Performance Center, 37 Main St., Rockport. \$29,\$40,\$46. Rockportmusic.org.

MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Lyric Theatre of Greater Boston presents Ken Ludwig’s stage adaptation of Agatha Christie’s iconic mystery, through December 22, 140 Clarendon St., Boston. boxoffice@lyricstage.com, 617-585-5678.

THE WICKHAMS: CHRISTMAS AT PEMBERLEY

Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon’s new tale, based on the characters from Jane Austen’s “Pride and Prejudice,” is performed Nov.

27-Dec. 22, at Merrimack Repertory Theatre’s Nancy L. Donahue Theatre at Liberty Hall, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, 978-654-4678, mrt.org.

LYLE BREWER

Usher in the holiday season with the singer-songwriter-guitarist and his holiday fundraising show for Toys for Tots, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., at Club Passim, 47 Palmer St., Cambridge. \$20, members, \$18. Passim.org.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Plan early to take the family and see Bill Hanney’s North Shore Music Theatre masterpiece production of “A Christmas Carol,” Dec. 6-22: Dec. 8,15,22, at 2 p.m.; Dec. 6,13,20, at 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 7,14,21, at 2 and 7:30 p.m., 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Tickets are on sale now at Nsmt.org, 978-272-2300.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

The Company Theatre presents Dickens’ classic ghost tale November 29-December 22, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, at 7:30 p.m.; matinees, Saturday,

4 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m., at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Companytheatre.com. 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com.

QUIXOTE NEUVO

Huntington Theatre, in association with Hartford Stage and Alley Theatre, presents the Boston premiere of Octavio Solis’ comedic, poetic adaptation of Miguel de Cervantes’ play, “Don Quixote,” through December 8. \$25-\$125., at 264 Huntington Avenue Theatre, Avenue of the Arts, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Thursday, Nov. 21, Huntington hosts Latinx Community Night, featuring pre-show reception, refreshments and music, also a post-show discussion with the playwright anddirector,\$20 for members of the Latinx community. Huntingntontheatre.org, 617-266-0800.

SALEM STATE ARTS EVENTS

An exhibition of artist Morgan Pettipas, will be exhibited through Nov.27,,iin the university’s Winfisky Gallery Monday through Friday,10 a.m.-4 p.m., and “Top Girls” continues Dec. 5-8, in the Sophia Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts. Salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Trinity Repertory theatre presents its annual, beloved holiday show, “A Christmas Carol,” 201 Washington St., Providence, RI.

THE SEAGULL

Arlekin Players Theatre presents Director Igor Golyak’s newly adapted version of Anton Chekhov’s classic play, “The Seagull,” Fridays-Sundays, through December 8, starring Boston award-winning stars Anne Gottlieb and Nael Nacer, Dev Luthra and

Elliott Purcell, at Arlekin Players Theatre, Needham. \$45-\$65. arlekinplayers.com, 617-942-0022.

ADMISSIONS

SpeakEasy Stage Company award-winning artistic director Paul Daigneault helms Joshua Harmon’s 2018 Drama Desk Award winner for Outstanding Play through November 30, featuring an outstanding Boston cast, Boston Center for the Arts Calderwood Pavilion,527 Tremont St., South End Boston.

BOSTON HARBOR DISTILLERY TOURS

The Distillery offers tours and tastings every Saturday, 1-5 p.m.,open to the public,2-4 p.m.,first-come,first-served, 1,3 p.m., VIP tour, 12 Ericsson St., Boston. Limited to 20 people per tour.bostonharbordistillery.com.

INTHROP ART ASSOCIATION

The works of 21 Winthrop Art Association artists adorn the State House Senate Hallway, third floor. winthropartassociation.org. ACE TICKETS EVENTS The Bruins play the Rangers, November 29, the Canadiens, Dec.1, and Hurricanes, December 3; the Celtics take on the Nets, Nov. 27, the Heat, Dec.4, and the Nuggets, Dec.6; the Patriots vie against the Chiefs, Dec. 8. aceticket.com.

ROSE ART MUSEUM

The Rose Art Museum Brandeis University, 415 South St., Waltham, has on display Into Form: selections from the Rose collection, 1957-2018, through Jan.5, 2020, and the permanent installation of Mark Dion’s The Undisciplined Collector. Free parking, admission.

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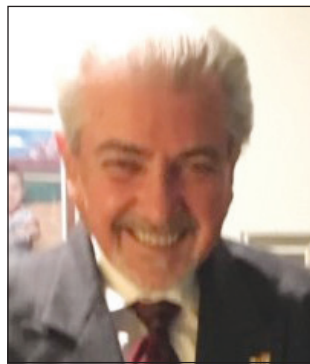
Lawrence Centrella

Boston Globe retiree

 Lawrence H. Centrella, of Boxford, formerly of Revere, passed away Nov. 21 at the age of 74.

Lawrence was a U.S. Army veteran, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. He was a dedicated pressman for The Boston Globe, retiring after 40 years. An avid golfer, Lawrence was also a member of the Gannon Golf Course.

He was the beloved husband of the late Suzanne (Sozio) Centrella, cherished father of Jason Centrella and his wife, Loredanna of Melrose, Damien Centrella of Revere and Gina Centrella and her husband, Michael O'Hara of Boxford; adored grandfather of Adriana and Sofia Centrella, Nicholas Masucci and Michael and Giana O'Hara




and dear bother of David Centrella of Dorchester and Anthony Centrella of Hopkinton.

Funeral arrangements were by the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons ~ Bruno Funeral Home, Revere. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lawrence's memory to the Jordan Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, 30 Willow St., Chelsea, MA 02150. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Anthony Buono

Fondly referred to as 'Mayor of Revere'

 Anthony "Tunney" Buono of Revere died on Nov. 20 at the age of 93.

Born in East Boston on Sept. 11, 1926 to the late Nicola and Fortuna Buono, he was married in 1954 to the late Mary Fitzgerald Buono with whom he had three children. He was the devoted father of Thomas Buono of Tewksbury, Michele McGinnis and her husband, Chuck of Shrewsbury, and the late Patricia Buono; cherished grandfather of Michael McGinnis and his wife, Jill, Matthew McGinnis and his wife, Emily, Stephen McGinnis and his wife, Michelle, and Jennifer Buono and the adoring great-grandfather of Rose, Norah, Alexandria and Scarlett; dear brother of the late Arthur, Peter, Michael, Joseph, Phyllis and Mildred. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Anthony proudly served his country in the United States Army in World War II as a combat medic in the Philippines and received the Asiatic and Pacific Theater Ribbon.

Growing up, Anthony was an undefeated boxer and was given the nickname "Tunney" named after the great professional boxer Gene Tunney.



In 1943, he graduated from East Boston High School, ranking second in his graduating class.

For the past 40 years, Anthony lived on Revere Beach, a place he truly loved. An avid swimmer, he enjoyed spending his days sitting on the beach wall and engaging in conversations with the many many people he knew throughout the city. He was fondly referred to as the "Mayor of Revere." Anthony will be sorely missed by his family and the many people he touched throughout his lifetime.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Church, 250 Revere St., Revere on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. (Everyone meet directly at Church). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Marguerite Belgiorno

Talented seamstress, proud homemaker and excellent cook - her family was her greatest achievement

Funeral Services were conducted on Saturday, Nov. 23 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere for Marguerite P. (Ricciardelli) Belgiorno, who passed away in the serene presence of her God and her loving family in the comfort of her home on Wednesday, Nov. 20 after a very brief illness. She was 96 years old. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

Marguerite was born in Glens Falls, New York to Antonio and Mary (Fusco) Ricciardelli. Shortly thereafter, the family moved from New York and settled in East Boston. Marguerite was educated in Boston Schools and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1940.

She began a career as a seamstress after graduation working in the garment district for several years, specializing as a "Millner" making hats.

On Sept. 6, 1942 she married the love of her life, Ermanno "Al" Belgiorno. The couple moved to Revere in 1954, where they raised their family.

Marguerite continued to work as a seamstress, her work was her passion. She loved to sew and make creations. While she was raising her family, she continued as a seamstress working from home. Her client list grew as everyone would seek her out for their tailoring needs. She never let anything go to waste and she would find various uses for all of her materials. Her talents were endless and so were her limits. She could turn a pair of old drapes into a dress, re-wire a lamp, refinish a piece of furniture, upholster a chair or whatever needed to be repaired.

Marguerite was also a proud homemaker and excellent cook. Her greatest achievement was her family, it was her biggest love and her favorite place to be was with her family. She surrounded herself with her children and grandchildren all the time. She was



an active grandmother, always present at her grandchildren's sporting events, games, recitals or whatever the occasion.

Her love was always present for her family and they demonstrated the same for their beautiful wonderful loving matriarch.

She was the devoted wife of 74 years to the late Ermanno A. "Al" Belgiorno, who passed on Jan. 19, 2017; loving and proud mother of Paula M. DeSimone and her husband, Christopher of Pepperell, Stephen P. Belgiorno and his wife Taryn of Danvers and Denise C. Belgiorno and her fiancé, Zino Amato of Revere; cherished grandmother of Pamela C. Jeffre and her husband, Daniel of Clearwater, Fla., David M. DeSimone and his wife, Tierney Bianconi of Somerville, Diana M. Belgiorno of Danvers and Leanne R. Belgiorno of Manhattan, N.Y.; adored great-grandmother of Elias C. and Isaac D. Jeffre of Clearwater, Fla.; dear sister of Robert Ricciardelli and his wife, Alice of Melrose and the late Joseph, Eugene A. "Al", Albert, Angelo and Anthony Ricciardelli. She is also lovingly survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and wonderful neighbors who became extended family.

Remembrances may be made to Mystic Valley Elder Services, 300 Commercial St., Ste 19, Malden, MA 02148. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Funeral Arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

John Crisostamo

Past Massport employee

John "Butchie" Crisostamo of Salem, NH passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 20 at the age of 64.

Butchie was born in Boston on Oct. 18, 1955 to John P. and Lena (Accomando) Crisostamo. He grew up in East Boston before moving to Salem, N.H. He was a past employee of more than 37 years of Massport.

The beloved husband of Rosemary (Cannon), he



was the devoted father of Gina Crisostamo and her fiancé, Jeff Moore of New Hampshire and Johnny Crisostamo; dear brother of Ann Marie Kulda of Revere, Joanne Amsden of Florida, Richard Crisostamo of Revere and the late Nicholas and Anthony Crisostamo. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to offset funeral expenses. For more information, please visit ruggieromh.com.

Edna Dankens

An intelligent woman of faith and giving

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, Nov. 22 in Immaculate Conception Church, Revere for Edna M. (Matthews) Dankens who died on Monday, Nov. 18 at her home in Andover surrounded by her family. She was 93 years old. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Edna was born and raised in East Boston. She attended Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of Girls High in Roxbury, Class of 1943.

Edna was married in 1956 to Charles P. Dankens. The couple settled in Revere and it was there where they made their home.

Edna was a very proud housewife and mother of her only child, Peter. She raised her son and maintained a beautiful home for her family.

During this time, Edna remained quite close with all of her siblings. She always put her family above all and was a woman of faith and a woman of giving. Her charitable giving was always done in a quiet manner and anonymously never looking for credit or accolades. She gave from her heart and was always generous when doing so, whether it was a church event, fundraiser, a person in need or just a little something for the busboy at a restaurant. Her giving and caring ways demonstrated her character and her graceful persona.

In her later years, Edna returned to work as an Administrative Assistant for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Energy and Resources. During her time working there, she longed to further her education and so she enrolled in Boston University as a student while working full time and tending to her responsibilities as mother and wife.

In 2000, Edna became a proud Alumna of Boston University, earning a bachelor's degree in Art and Art History. She was very proud of this personal accomplishment due to her deep passion for Art & Art



History.

Edna was an avid traveler to Europe, Canada and other parts of the world and would always frequent museums to learn and view artwork on exhibit. She was also an avid reader of all types of books and novels.

In her later years, she moved to Andover to be closer to her son and daughter-in-law, Maria and her grandchildren. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy and she loved being around them.

She was a gracious witty, articulate and very intelligent woman who her family truly cherished and loved.

She was the devoted wife of the late Charles P. Dankens, the loving mother of Peter C. Dankens and his wife, Maria of Andover; cherished grandmother of Charles J., Catherine M. and Claire E. Dankens, all of Andover; dear sister of George J. Matthews and his wife, Kathleen of Manchester by the Sea, Ann Regan and her late husband, Thomas of Belmont, Dr. Wallace J. Matthews, Jr. and his wife, Sherry Loo of Honolulu, Hawaii, and the late Alicia F. Matthews and Joan Peterson. She is also lovingly survived by her caring aide, Olga Garcia and by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Remembrances may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 260 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. Attn. Development Office. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Joseph Gulla

A gentle man who will be missed by all

Joseph A. Gulla, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Nov. 20 at the age of 73.

Joseph's parents were the late William J. Gulla and the late Mary (Puopolo) both of Revere. He leaves his devoted spouse, Linda (Tempesta) with whom he shared 54 years of marriage; his loving son, William "Billy" Gulla and his longtime companion, Marisa Birritteri and his cherished granddaughters, Jayla and Gianna Gulla. Joseph also leaves his dear sister, Teresa Marchese and her spouse, James of Saugus, his brother-in-law, Richard Tempesta and Bernice, his sisters in law, Janice Renda and her late spouse, Joseph and Darlene Troisi and her spouse, Robert as well as many loving nieces and nephews.

Joseph was a gentle man



who will be missed by all.

A Memorial Visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St., Revere today, Tuesday, Nov. 26, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joseph's name to the Alzheimer's Association 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

For guest book please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COUNCIL APPROVES FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS

CHELSEA - Efforts to make Chelsea a more play-friendly city for kids continues, as state funding looks to be on the way for the \$750,000 renovation of Voke Park.

The City applied for a PARC (Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities) Grant from the state to help pay for renovations at the park. That grant has tentatively been awarded, pending the execution of a state grant contract and program requirements, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Under the PARC program, the state pays for 70 percent of the costs park improvements, up to a maximum state share of \$400,000.

But because the PARC grant is a reimbursable grant, the city must approve spending the funds up front.

“Based upon the City’s estimates, the total cost of the Voke Park improvements will be \$750,000,” stated Ambrosino in a letter to the City Council. “To date, the City Council has appropriated \$350,000 through the FY20 Capital Improvement program, leaving this balance of \$400,000, which we expect to be fully reimbursed by the Commonwealth.”

At Monday night’s meeting, the Council moved the request for the appropriation to a second reading at next week’s meeting.

The proposed renovations of Voke Park include replacement of the playground’s rubber surfacing, introduction of new playground equipment, installation of a new water feature and splash pad, installation of new site furniture, and lighting and reconstruction of all site utilities.

Additionally, the renovations will include new landscaping and renovation of the public walkway at the park.

“Once completed, the modernized playground will better serve our city’s youth and increase the quality of life for residents, a goal highlighted in the City’s 2017 Open Space and Recreation Plan,” state Ambrosino.

The City Manager said

the renovations will hopefully be completed by the end of June, 2021, although there will still be several opportunities for public input before the work begins, including several public meetings to gather resident input on design features and park amenities.

In the event that the park ultimately costs more than the estimate, which Ambrosino said is not uncommon, he said he may return to the City Council for a further appropriation.

Which is what Ambrosino did Monday night for a similar project at Eden Park, which secured a PARC Grant last year.

The city set aside \$750,000 for that project, including \$250,000 in the FY19 Capital Improvement Plan and \$500,000 from stabilization funds which will be repaid through the reimbursable grant.

“Unfortunately, the total costs for this project are now expected to exceed \$750,000,” Ambrosino stated.

With construction bids coming in higher than anticipated, and with design and administration costs, Ambrosino estimated the city would have to appropriate an additional \$90,000 for Eden Park. He requested the Council appropriate those funds from free cash.

That request was also moved to a second reading at next week’s scheduled Council meeting.

The proposed renovations at Eden Park are similar to those planned at Voke Park, with replacement of the playground’s rubber surfacing, introduction of new playground equipment, installation of a new water feature and splash pad, installation of new site furniture and lighting, and reconstruction of all site utilities.

ZABOT TO TAKE DISTRICT 3 SEAT

CHELSEA - When Naomi Zabot takes her seat as the new District 3 councilor in January, it will be the long-awaited continuation of advocacy for her family.

Zabot, who moved back to Chelsea in 2010 and lives in Spencer Lofts, said her family all came from Chelsea before moving to Maine. And even though

her childhood was spent in Maine, she could not escape the frequent and fond stories of Chelsea – the place she has now made her home.

“My grandparents and parents were all born in Chelsea,” she said. “My grandma is 100 now and she is still around and in great form. They moved out of Chelsea in the 1960s, but all we talked about was Chelsea. It’s a really, really special place for me and even though I grew up in Maine, I came to Chelsea for the Jewish holidays and to visit in the summers.”

She said her family tells a story about how her grandfather fought the industrialization of the city, and when he lost that battle, that’s when he decided to leave with the family.

“My grandmother tells me about how her father came from Russia and eventually bought a home on Bellingham,” she said. “He did well for himself as a tailor but when they first started building industry in Chelsea, he knew it was the beginning of the end for the city. He was against it and spoke up against it. It’s a good story to know that even then, such a thing was part of my family.”

A special education teacher on the South Shore by day, Zabot credits her sister, Devra Zabot, with getting her involved in the community and deciding to run for the Council. Devra started the Tu Casa Comedy nights, and is involved in City government as well.

“I think she’s the role model for me to get involved in Chelsea – even just going to Chel-Yea,” she said. “Without that, I would have probably been a little shy. I learned from her and as I became more involved in the community, I began to see other people and realized there is a strong sense of community here.”

Zabot said she was very active in knocking on doors and going through the neighborhood. She credits that with her victory over incumbent Joe Perlatonda.

“There was one man and his door was in the back and I went back and knocked on it,” she said. “He was so grateful that I took the time to meet him, to come to the back and knock on his door. He said he was going to

‘THE LARAMIE PROJECT’



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS

Tammy Frias and George Fernandes took to the stage while masked students depicted the evening leading up to Matthew Shepard’s murder during the Chelsea High production of ‘The Laramie Project’ last Friday, Nov. 15. The show, which was a heavy drama about the 1998 murder of a gay university student, played for three nights over the weekend.

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE PUTS FORWARD 4 CANDIDATES

EVERETT - In a contentious meeting of the School Committee on Nov. 13, the Superintendent Search Committee reported out four finalists – all from outside the district – and the School Committee accepted that report by a vote of 7-1.

Only outgoing member Lester MacLaughlin voted against it. “I want to thank everyone for the incredible amount of time and dedication you put forward,” said School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese. “The Search Committee got these candidates from a pool of 22 applicants. The next step is for the School Committee to take charge of the process by receiving the report and planning for the next step in the process.”

There has not been a search for a new superintendent in more than 30 years, and the search became necessary one year ago when allegations surfaced of alleged sexual misconduct of the former superintendent. That led to criminal charges filed against him in a pending case, and also led to his resignation and the formation of a Search Committee. Last summer, the process began in looking for a new superintendent of schools, and the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) was contracted to help with that. A total of 15 members were chosen for the Search Committee, and they spent more than 300 hours deliberating on the process and the larger candidate pool in order to get to the point of reporting out candidates last week.

Those candidates include: •Thomas Flannagan – Chief Academic Officer, Providence Public Schools. He has been a teacher, special educator and administrator in Virginia and now in Providence. Prior to that he was Deputy Chief of the Division of Specialized Instruction of the Washington, D.C., public schools. He has met all the requirements for the job, and this week has finalized his superintendent’s licensure in the state of Massachusetts.

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doctorate in educational leadership from Harvard in the Spring of 2020. He was recruited into the program based on his successful work with faculty. In his current position, he is working with the administrative team in Worcester Public Schools.

•Priya Tahiliani – Assistant Superintendent, Boston Public Schools. Currently working on her doctorate, Tahiliani has academic credentials from Harvard and Boston University. She currently oversees the Office of English Language Learners, having spent almost 20 years as an educator and administrator in Boston. She is bi-lingual and known for her excellent communication skills and her understanding of students at risk.

•Paul Toner – Senior Director of Policy and Partnerships, TeachPlus. Toner has a long record in the classroom and working with teachers and school leaders in the state. He took a somewhat non-traditional but highly relevant course to the superintendancy. He served as president of the Mass Teachers Association and earned for them a seat at the policy making table. Being president of the MTA involves considerable administrative management and oversight, exceptional ability to understand and communicate with diverse constituencies and direct work with teachers. He was educated at Boston University, and UMass Boston. He has a law degree from Suffolk University also.

The School Committee and MASC are now working on the next steps in the public process, which will likely include public interviews and meetings with teachers, staff, City Hall officials and other stakeholders. Each candidate is expected to likely do a one-day visit to the community to meet and begin to understand the schools.

However, beyond the announcing of candidates, there was a great deal of controversy that followed.

As the matter came to a vote, MacLaughlin said the process should be reset and had been stained by Abruzzese.

“I thought this would be an unbiased search for the superintendent and yet the unbiased alleged chair of the group made a statement in the paper that he would hire an Everett candidate only over his dead body,” he said.

Abruzzese quickly retaliated, saying he never said that and the quote was made up by a local newsletter in town.

“I never made that statement,” he said. “You’re quoting from an article that wasn’t true. It’s a statement I never made. I’m not going to debate the issue. What are you questioning?”

“I’m questioning the bias of the process,” said MacLaughlin. “I think the process has been stained by your comments.”

“That’s interesting; let’s go back in time,” said Abruzzese. “Who is the person that nominated me for the chair?”

“I did,” said MacLaughlin.

“This is out of order,” said Abruzzese. “I have no idea where this is coming from. You haven’t even seen the report yet and you’re questioning it?”

“That’s right,” said MacLaughlin.

That spilled into a vote, where the report was received by a vote of 7-1, with MacLaughlin against it.

Member Marcony Almeida-Barros said he supported the report, and was a member of the Search Committee as well.

“As a member of this Search Committee, I am

really encouraged to have been part of the Search Committee and am pleased with these four candidates,” he said. “I am glad the entire Search Committee decided to move forward.”

Said Member Frank Parker, also a member of the Search Committee, “This I the result of not one individual making recommendations, but 15 people who took this serious and gave a lot of time...It is the work of 15 people and not one person.”

Member David Ela, who was not re-elected earlier this month, said it was his last and most important vote.

“My hope is things will move for the better in the community,” he said. “My time and days in this seat are coming to a close. If this is one of the final things I do as a School Committeeman, it is one of the best things I’ve done on the Committee.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria, who appeared as an ex-officio member of the School Committee, said he was unhappy with the process. He said he would have liked to see internal candidates in the mix, and was unhappy that no internal candidates were interviewed.

“As the mayor, when people from Everett apply, we always give them the courtesy of having an interview if they are a candidate,” he said. “I think you did a disservice. You have the Interim Superintendent who spent 40 years in the school system and you didn’t give her an interview...I am a little bothered by that.”

It has been stated that Interim Supt. Janice Gauthier, Asst. Superintendent Charlie Obremski and Academics Director Omar Easy.

Gauthier responded emotionally to end the meeting on Wednesday, which was very uncharacteristic of her time over the many years.

“The process was done the right way; I have no complaints about it,” she said. “I do feel hurt because I stood up at a time when this City needed somebody to step up. I always have stepped up. I’ve got 49 years in this district and I couldn’t get an interview. I was born and brought up in Everett. I stood up all the time and I couldn’t get an interview. That’s it. I said my peace.”

Said Abruzzese, “It’s not who hasn’t been interviewed, but who has been chosen.”

Kim Auger, president of the Everett Teachers’ Association and a member of the Search Committee, said they had no comment on the internal candidate squabble. However, she said they will look forward to working with all four candidates.

“We look forward to working with all four candidates and having our members be able to listen to their ideas and be part of the process,” she said.

The School Committee will soon put out schedule for the next step in the process.

LICENSING COMMISSION REVIEWS PERMITS

EVERETT - The City’s Licensing Commission met on Monday, Nov. 18, at City Hall to review the licenses of eight local dining and nightlife establishments.

Present at the meeting were Licensing Board President Phil Antonelli, Board Member Phil Arloro, Board Clerk Annette Debilio, Detective Mike Levy of the Everett Police Department, and Assistant City Solicitor Keith Slattery.

On the agenda were 7-Eleven at 543 Ferry St.,

Braza Bar and Grill at 158 School St., Ferry Street Grille at 108 Ferry St., Mama Santos Cafe Bar and Grill at 388 Main St., Montecristo Taqueria y Pupusería at 389-391 Main Street, The Silver Fox Function Facility at 530 Second Street, Texas Roadhouse at 31 Mystic View Road, and Winners Sports Bar & Grill at 361 Ferry St.

The businesses appearing before the Commission had been summoned for a variety of violations.

•Winners Sports Bar & Grill and Karma Lounge Boston

The owner of Winners and his wife appeared before the board to address the concern that they were using the downstairs portion of their venue to host parties, an activity that is not permitted by their current license. The owner readily admitted to using the downstairs of the venue to host pre-planned events, including a debutante ball, a child’s birthday party and even a wedding. He had been renting out the downstairs in an effort to reduce his substantial debt, for which he has already received an eviction notice.

The board ultimately agreed to allow the owner to rent out the downstairs for events under the condition that no alcohol be served or consumed there. The owner was in full agreement. He will have to come before the board again on December 2, and cannot book any events until after that date.

Winners had previously been the subject of numerous complaints and had its license revoked in May. Antonelli described the board’s relationship with the business over the past seven years as “torture.”

The owner said Winners was his “dream” and that he would do whatever it takes to get back on the right track.

Board members expressed some doubt about how the owner plans to restrict alcohol in the downstairs area.

•7-Eleven

The board told the owner of the 7-Eleven that his display of alcohol in his store was against regulations on two fronts: 1) all alcohol needs to be in one area and cannot occupy floor space in different areas of the store, and 2) alcohol display cases and beer chests need to be physically blocked, locked or otherwise covered after 11 p.m., which is the time by which all retail locations must stop serving alcohol.

The owner was cooperative and vowed to correct the situation with help from his corporate office. He will reappear at the Feb. 18 Licensing Board meeting, and he has until that date to fully remedy the problem.

•Braza Bar and Grill at 158 School St.

The owner of Braza Grill appeared with his lawyer to answer to a violation involving misuse of his space. Braza Grill had advertised a live music show at its restaurant, something that violates its current license. The owner had received a statement telling him that a band could not play at that location, after which he moved the show to Silver Fox.

The owner claimed he didn’t know the performance would include a band and thought it was a disc jockey. The Licensing Board reminded him that his current license also doesn’t accommodate DJs. The establishment can only play recorded music over the sound system or via a jukebox.

Braza Grill is still reeling from an incident in 2015 when a young woman was shot and killed outside the venue during a live music concert where her boyfriend was performing.

Since that date, the establishment has not been able to extend its hours on Friday and Saturday nights. No arrest was ever made in the case.

•Ferry Street Grille

The owner of Ferry Street Grille was cited for not operating within the hours specified on his license. Specifically, his establishment was closed during hours when the license states it should be open and serving the public. The reason underutilization of hours is a problem is that if a business owner receives a license for specific hours but is not required to operate during those hours, he can simply sell the license to another business owner for thousands of dollars, making money off city licenses. This is not generally an issue when licenses in the city are plentiful, but when demand is high due to low supply, business owners may be willing to pay a premium to score a coveted license.

The owner will maintain his seven-day license, but will appear before the board again in December to ask to eliminate the nighttime hours.

•Mama Santos Cafe Bar and Grill / Montecristo Taqueria & Pupuseria

The board addressed the owners of Mama Santos and Montecristo regarding violations to their hours of operation. Both establishments were found to have served patrons outside of the business hours permitted by the license. The owners were reminded that this was not allowed and that not even cleaners should be present after hours. Both owners agreed to comply.

•The Silver Fox Function Facility

The owner of the Silver Fox was reprimanded for accommodating the live show that was moved from Braza Grill to its venue. He stated that it wouldn’t happen again.

•Texas Roadhouse

A representative from Texas Roadhouse appeared before the board to disclose that its parent company was removing two corporate executives. Under state law, the restaurant needs to make the licensing board aware of the change. Other than the restructuring at the top, there will be no change to operations in Everett.

LYNN TECH ANNEX HAS NEW NAME

LYNN - The renaming of the Lynn Tech Annex to the Alfred “Mal” Malagrifa Building was a fitting tribute to an educator who devoted many years to vocational education in Lynn. He was known as “Mal” to many students, trades people, and colleagues throughout his career.

Mr. Malagrifa learned four principle values in life from his parents. These values included family, friendship, encouragement, and commitment. He carried these beliefs each day helping people. As a Lynn Tech Administrator he influenced many students who later in life became very successful individuals.

When LVTI was being constructed in 1970, Mal oversaw many of the building operations. He left his fingerprint, making sure everything was done correctly. Years later the City of Lynn purchased a building diagonally across from the LVTI. This became the annex. Once again, Mal carefully watched the transition from a warehouse to a school.

Alfred Malagrifa had the foresight and commitment to make LVTI the jewel of the city. Students would receive a skill and an academic education. Many students became tradesmen and others entered different vocational careers

from their studies. Lynn Tech grew with a Cooperative Education Program, Alumni Association, Advisory Board Committee, and a Hall of Fame under the leadership of Mr. Albert “Mal” Malagrifa – an outstanding vocational educator.

MCKENNA REQUESTS DECIBEL MONITORS FOR BEACHMONT

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna is asking residents to call the Massport Authority to register complaints about planes flying at a lower altitude and creating more noise and affecting the quality of life for residents.

The Council supported McKenna’s motion and her public request that residents call Massport directly to state their complaints.

McKenna said the new flight paths have resulted in 6,400 planes being registered as flying over the Beachmont neighborhood in one month. She added that planes are flying over Beachmont at a height of “200 feet.”

“I’m really concerned about this,” said McKenna. “The noise has increased dramatically. People are having a hard time living their lives there. They can’t sleep. They get up at 2 o’clock in the morning because th plans are flying 24/7. I’m just asking for Massport to put in some decibel noise monitors so we can test the noise that’s going on in Beachmont.

“We don’t have a voice,” added McKenna. “Medford scored the highest number of complaints in the state with 3,500 noise complaints. Beachmont had eight complaints, so we need a voice. I’m just asking this city to stand up to Massport.”

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo, who is a nurse, said the exhausts from the low-flying planes and the increased air traffic “has an effect on your life, has an effect on your health.”

Rotondo said the city should launch a concerted campaign where residents unite and call Massport with their complaints about the noise and the negative effect the planes have on the city’s residents.

McKenna asked residents to call Massport at 617-561-3333 to register their complaints.

“Every time you call, they register the call,” said McKenna. “Every month, you can see how many calls come from Beachmont, from Medford, from Chelsea.”

Council President Arthur Guinasso suggested that the phone number be publicized in local newspapers and other media. Guinasso said the increased noise is affecting all residents of Revere.

“We’ve been dealing with this issue for 35-40 years,” said Guinasso. “We need to re-address this and for the public to be a part of it.”

COUNCIL VOTES DOWN ROTONDO MOTION

REVERE - The Revere City Council voted against a motion by Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo that Mayor Brian Arrigo request the State Police and/or the State Auditor investigate the policy and procedure regarding the release of information from the Revere Police Department.

Ward 4 Councillor Patrick Keefe, chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, said that his committee had given the motion an unfavorable recommendation

at an earlier sub-committee meeting Monday. Rotondo did not attend the sub-committee meeting.

The discussion of the motion during the Council meeting grew heated between Police Chief James Guido and Councillor Rotondo about the actual release of the specific document, relating to two different addresses in Revere, to the individual who had requested it.

“I don’t appreciate you attacking the Police Department and acting like there was some plot against you,” said Guido. “I would never allow that.”

Councillors Jessica Giannino, Patrick Keefe, Steven Morabito, John Powers, Anthony Zambuto, and Arthur Guinasso voted against the motion. Councillors Joanne McKenna, Charlie Patch, George Rotondo, and Dan Rizzo voted for the motion. Councillor Ira Novoselsky’s name was called during the roll call, but he did not vote on the matter.

FALL FORUM HOLDS NO SURPRISES

WINTHROP - At the Town Council Fall Forum meeting on Tuesday, November 19, Town Manager Austin Faison shared a slideshow presentation focusing on four key areas: a summary of the past year, the state of the town’s finances, next year’s budget, and updates from town departments.

-Reflection on past year

The town’s growth over the past 12 months can be assessed through several lenses, including the new budget process, the turnover on the Town Council, the development of the Center Business District new internal processes, the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Action Grant, and increased transparency.

Faison outlined his attempts to modernize the Town’s online presence, improve transparency of town functions and more effectively gather data to inform decision-making. His vision included the adoption of OpenGov, a budgeting program; ViewPoint, a permit request system; SeeClickFix, a work-order management system; Granicus, an agenda and minutes manager; NextRequest, a public records request system; and CivicPlus, the town’s new website manager.

Win2030 is a 10-year vision for Winthrop, developed with the assistance of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. It is a foundational step for developing a Master Plan.

-Financial State

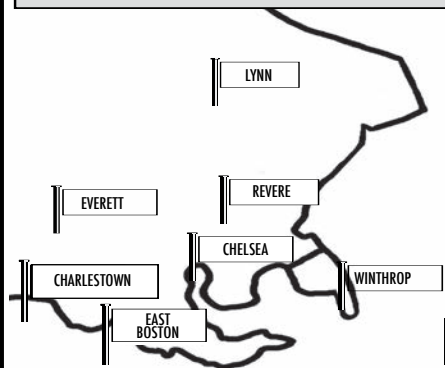
Fiscal year 2019 was a “banner year for growth”, showing a rise in property values by 11 percent. The increase in property values outweighed the rise in the average annual household tax burden.

-FY21 Budget

Department heads will submit their operating and capital budget requests this month. In January, Town Council will establish goals and objectives and an internal budget document will be created in collaboration with local schools. In March, the Finance Committee will review the budget and public hearings will be held throughout the spring.

Faison hopes to have the budget realized by early spring of 2020, outlining specific allocations for town departments. He also wants to nominate Winthrop for the Government Finance Officers Association’s Distinguished Budget Award. The award is meant to incentivize the creation of high-quality budget documents.

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