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Wednesday, January 22, 2020

Eastie Kids take Hoop Clinic

Boston Celtics rehab Marty Pino Community Center

By John Lynds

Boston Celtics players Enes Kanter and Daniel Theis stopped by the Marty Pino Community Center last Friday afternoon to shoot hoops with local kids, take photos and check out the community center's recent renovation.

The event marked the completion of an extensive rehab of the Marty Pino Center, a Boston Center for Youth and Families facility, by the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation and healthcare company Optum.

The Celtics and Optum teamed up to renovate the gym, which included new floors painted in the iconic "Celtic Green", new backboards and baskets, a new Marty Pino Community Center sign and other amenities.

"I would like to thank the Boston Celtics Shamrock Foundation for choosing to renovate the Martin Pino Community Center Gym," said Community Center Director Joe Weddleton.



Boston Celtic Enes Kanter high fives East Boston kids at the Marty Pino Community Center last Friday. The event marked the celebration of a complete rehab of the community center by the Celtics.

"They did an amazing job and the clinic they put on for the kids last Friday was outstanding. We would like to thank the Boston Celtics

players Enes Kanter and Daniel Theis for volunteering their time and working with the kids in the clinic. The kids had a great and

I got all kinds of compliments from parents."

In 2013 the City of Bos-

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Five-Year Strategy

Superintendent's draft plan prioritizes students, schools most in need

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday, Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Brenda Cassellius presented a draft five-year strategic plan to the Boston School Committee aimed at improving student experiences and outcomes; close opportunity gaps and increases instructional quality and rigor.

The plan includes making all East Boston elementary schools K-6 schools by next year

Cassellius said the draft strategic plan was developed and informed by the Superintendent's community engagement tour that included stops in East Boston. Over the last several months the Superintendent visited every school and met with more than 2,000 parents, students, educators, community members

and organizations to understand their expectations for high-quality schools in every neighborhood.

"All of our students deserve the opportunity to have an excellent, equitable education, but unfortunately this hasn't been the reality for all of our students. Our good intentions need to be bolstered with a bold, cohesive plan of action," said Superintendent Cassellius. "This plan provides the roadmap for a dramatic shift in the way we serve students and schools, and the budget we'll present in February will show our commitment to fund and operationalize the plan."

Cassellius recently announced that all of Eastie elementary schools will go from K-5 schools to K-6 schools beginning next

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EBECC moves into former Meridian Street Library

By John Lynds

The East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC), one of East Boston's oldest social service agencies, announced last week that the nonprofit has officially moved into its new office space at the former Meridian Street Library at 282 Meridian St.

The historic Greek-Renaissance building that served as Eastie's public library branch for decades closed nearly a decade ago when the Boston Public Library consolidated the two neighborhood branches into the Bremen Street branch.

EBECC Executive Director Frank Ramirez said the move will allow the EBECC to expand its comprehensive multi services programs to best serve the community. The agency officially moved on Monday, Jan. 13.

"The historic stone and brick structure, which has undergone extensive interior renovation, is providing much needed space for EBECC offices and programs," said Ramirez. "Aside from the EBECC the new tenants of the building represent important sectors of the East Boston nonprofit community. The new space will allow EBECC to increase significantly the number and diversity of clients it serves as well as expand its programs. In addition, the new space provides a positive atmosphere for our clients."

Ramirez added that relocating the EBECC to the former library will allow the EBECC to forge a stronger partnership with the building's other tenants; the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center; Urban College and the Veronica Robles Cultural Center.

"Together we will create 'one-stop-shop' access to wellness services, adult education, cultural programming, youth development, immigration assistance and

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Massport delivers \$25,000 grant to PPSC

By John Lynds

When Piers Park Sailing Center, the neighborhood's beloved community sailing program, nearly closed a few years ago due to fi-

nancial hardships, the East Boston community rallied to help save the sailing center.

Numerous agencies, residents and businesses stepped up with donations

to help keep PPSC afloat.

A donation by Massport then, and another generous donation this week, has helped PPSC continue to run its successful summer youth programs that puts hundreds of local children on the Boston Harbor to sail throughout the summer months.

PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo and Massport Executive Director Lisa Wieland announced another round of grant funding for the sailing center.

Massport gave a \$25,000 grant to PPSC to continue supporting the sailing center's Inclusive Youth Development Program. The grant will provide over 600 children and teens with summer programming at Piers Park. This funding provides

youths with pathways for mentorship, leadership, and employment opportunities.

"We are pleased to once again be a corporate sponsor for the Piers Park Sailing Center and all that they do for East Boston and neighboring communities," said Wieland. "The Sailing Center offers programming for people of all ages and abilities year round on Boston Harbor as well as mentoring and leadership opportunities. We want to thank Alex and his team for the great work they do every day."

Students from Eastie, Winthrop, South Boston, Chelsea, and Revere will be able to sail, kayak, fish, and explore the harbor for low or no cost.

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Flanked by Piers Park Sailing Center staff Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo (center) presents Massport CEO Lisa Wieland with a 'Thank You' card for Massport's recent \$25,000 grant to East Boston's successful sailing program.

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Semi-trucks still getting stuck in tunnel

Community calls on MassDOT for better tunnel signage

By John Lynds

Unlike Storrow Drive or other roadways in and around Boston that have a system of signs and other fail safes to keep overheight trucks from getting stuck in tunnels or under bridges the Sumner Tunnel has historically lacked these sort of measures.

While there are a few signs right before the tunnel entrance, community members feel there should be more signage starting further up Route 1A to alert truck drivers to the height limit.

Before MassDOT reconfigured the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza and removed the toll booths to make way for automatic tolling the booths acted as an unofficial barrier that kept 18-wheelers and other semi trucks from

entering the tunnel.

Now that the toll booths are gone there's nothing to prevent trucks from entering the tunnel until it's too late.

The problem is once a truck starts entering the tunnel and the driver realizes he's over the height limit there's a long and grueling process to back the truck out of the plaza. This usually involves a State Trooper stopping traffic, directing the driver to back out, turn around and head north on Route 1A. While this is all going on traffic in Eastie is at a standstill. The 10 to 15 minute process to remove the truck from the plaza means all the streets flowing into the Sumner start to back up--causing a traffic nightmare in the neighborhood.

The most recent incident

happened about a week ago during rush hour. A video posted by Dawn Manning showed a truck being stopped by a trooper just after 8:15 a.m. on Jan. 14. The incident caused huge delays in Eastie that morning as the truck had to be rerouted out of the tunnel.

The same type of incident happened three weeks ago, again during rush hour.

Longtime community activists Patti D'Amore said she attended the community meetings MassDOT hosted prior to and after the reconfiguration of the toll plaza. D'Amore said after the toll plaza was reopened and toll booths taken down she brought up the issue of trucks getting stuck to MassDOT officials.

"At one of those meetings I asked if they would put signs starting at Suf-

folk Downs alerting drivers to the height limit," said D'Amore. "Then another sign near Boardman Street and another before the Sumner Tunnel/Ted Williams Tunnel split. This would let truck drivers know they need to take the Ted Williams Tunnel and not the Sumner Tunnel before it is too late. Having one or two signs right before the tunnel does nothing. It's a very simple thing that MassDOT said they would look into but they haven't done that very simple thing."

Luckily Mayor Martin Walsh has recently created the East Boston Transportation Action Committee that will be tasked with addressing issues like trucks getting stuck in the tunnel and what can be done to improve traffic in the neighborhood.

"Transportation is crucial to ensuring our residents



A truck gets stuck at the entrance of the Sumner Tunnel on Jan. 14, snarling traffic in Eastie during rush hour.

can get to their homes, their jobs and their schools, and my Administration will continue working hard to

create the best transportation options for residents in Boston," said Walsh of the new committee.

Liberty Mutual Insurance announces Schools// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

19 East Boston community grants

By John Lynds

East Boston APAC's parent agency, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), has received a grant from Liberty Mutual Insurance to address youth homelessness in Eastie and across Boston

ABCD will be part of a \$5 million effort by Liberty to support organizations in greater Boston working to reduce and end youth homelessness. ABCD was one of 19 organizations to receive funding.

ABCD and its East Boston APAC office have long provided case management of homeless youth and young adults as well as an emergency-needs fund and workforce development opportunities. Liberty will provide a \$300,000 grant to ABCD to bolster these vital programs.

"As you can imagine, we were thrilled to be among the grantees," said ABCD's Lee Phenner. "The grant will allow ABCD to develop more centralized programming for all homeless youth in Boston."

ABCD and the other organizations awarded grants were acknowledged during a ceremony in Boston's South End at the More Than Words Liberty Bookstore.

"Today we celebrate people and organizations in our city who have dedicated their time, energy and passion to make a difference in the life of a young person experiencing homelessness," said Liberty Mutual Insurance Chairman and Chief Executive Officer David Long. "Supporting the efforts of these organizations will ensure more young people are provided the tools and resources they need to successfully build their futures despite the challenges they've faced in their pasts. We're extremely proud to be a partner in this work."

The announcement of these grants follows the recent release of the City of Boston's Rising to the Challenge Plan to End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness. Liberty Mutual representatives were among those who advised in the development of the

city's plan.

"Ending youth homelessness in the City of Boston requires an all-hands-on-deck approach," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "I'm grateful for Liberty Mutual's partnership and commitment to this important issue. By working together we can take urgent action to make a difference in the lives of our city's young people."

President of Liberty Mutual Foundation Melissa MacDonnell said ABCD and the other organizations Liberty supports exemplify the dedication, innovation and strategic thinking necessary to create meaningful change on this vitally important issue and in the lives of so many young people.

"Together, with our non-profit partners and young people themselves, we will create new narratives and help incubate ideas that can provide young people with a sense of stability and security they need today to imagine and build their futures," said MacDonnell.

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 Umama Academy and Donald McKay will not be affected by the change and will remain k-8 schools.

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. 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.

"We believe in a Boston where every single student

has access to high-quality schools to reach their full potential," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "I am confident that Superintendent Cassellius's draft strategic plan, which is supported by our recent \$100 million commitment to students, will create more opportunity, remove inequities, and create a stronger foundation for our students to succeed."

Cassellius will present the district's proposed budget to the School Committee on February 5. The next phase of this process includes continued community engagement through a 30-day public comment period that began on Thursday, January 16 and will last until February 14. Community members can review and comment on the strategic plan at bostonpublicschools.org/strategicplan or attend an in-person review of the plan during a public meeting in Eastie scheduled for Thursday, January 30 at East Boston Library, 365 Bremen St.

"The Boston School Committee is committed to creating opportunity and access to a high-quality education for every child across Boston," said

Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. "With the Mayor's unprecedented commitment to provide an additional \$100 million in funding over costs in the next three years, this strategic plan will shape how BPS will support our students, close opportunity gaps, and improve student achievement. The Committee looks forward to continuing to collaborate with the community to move this critical work forward."

Other highlights of the plan are five commitments that include (1) Eliminate Opportunity and Achievement Gaps, (2) Accelerate Learning, (3) Amplify All Voices, (4) Expand Opportunity, and (5) Cultivate Trust. Each commitment is tied to a set of priorities and progress will be measured by clear and measurable goals. The plan aspires to lift up and support schools, starting with those most in need, increase academic rigor in all grades across all schools, improve funding equity in the way resources are distributed, and provide deeper engagement with students and families.

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much more," said Ramirez. EBECC was founded in 1978 to promote racial harmony and promote the advancement of Latino immigrants of all ages through education, services, advocacy, community organizing, and leadership development. Ramirez explained that the building is important to EBECC's mission because demand and need for these services are growing as well as wait lists for these crucial programs.

In 2016 the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC) partnered with the EBECC to renovate the former library and were named 'designated developers' by the City's Department of Neighborhood Development.

Building tenants plan to offer various programs in the renovated spaces, Over the next several months the Health Center will house its Let's Get Movin Program that helps young people that are clinically obese get healthy through nutrition, exercise and other activities at the former library. This program will include a test kitchen with programs and cooking classes open to the public.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GREENWAY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

The next Greenway Council meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Anna DeFronzo Center (395 Maverick Street, East Boston, MA).

AGENDA
 Intros
 Police Report
 RisingEMOTIONS Art Installation Events Recap + Breakdown
 Wayfinding Signs Events in 2020
 Byron St – Proposed new entrance
 Greenway Extension Update

Other Topics
 2020 Council Meeting Dates

*4th Thursday of each month

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Thursday, March 26, 2020

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Thursday, July 23, 2020

August – TBD

Thursday, September 24, 2020

Thursday, October 22, 2020

Thursday, November 19, 2020

December 2020 – NO MEETING

Upcoming Events
 RisingEMOTIONS : Breakdown Day

Breakdown Date: TBD

GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) next monthly meeting is Monday, Jan. 27, at 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Catherine Leonard-McLean Community Room, Logan Airport Rental Car Center.

- Welcome & Announcements

- Boston Police Updates – Sergeant Cintolo and Officer Simons

- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli

- Neighborhood Updates – Nat Taylor

- Project Presentations:

- EBNHC

The proposal before the Zoning Board of Appeal is to amend the zoning

authorizations for the 20 Maverick Square and 10

Gove Street East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

(EBNHC) facilities to remove the references to

the provision of ancillary parking at the following

off-site lots: 75-115 Bremen Street, 164 Orleans

Street, and 147-163 Orleans Street. We will also

authorize existing parking spaces located at 21 Gove

Street and 79 Paris Street for use ancillary to the EB-

NHC facilities. The purpose of this amendment is

to allow for the release of liens on the off-site lots. EB-

NHC is not requesting authorization to develop

the off-site lots; any future development on the off-site

lots would require full public and community review

through the City's Article 80 process.

198 & 200 Maverick

The proposals are to change the occupancy of the

three-family residential dwelling to a four-family

residential dwelling.

14B Geneva

The proposal is to erect a four-family building with

four parking spaces. Abutters' meeting is scheduled for January 22. EBNHC Education and Training Institute, 6:50 PM.

279 Maverick Brief Update

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.

SHAMROCK SPLASH KICKOFF PARTY

Join Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in kicking off

the 10th Annual Shamrock Splash on Thursday, Janu-

ary 30, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Harpoon Brewery.

Learn more about our plans for this year's Splash, chat

with people who have participated in the past, and

enjoy free beer and pretzels from Harpoon Brewery. To

RSVP for the kickoff email smith@savetheharbor.org

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KICKOFF RSVP

The 10th Annual Shamrock Splash will take place

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Center M Street Beach in South Boston. The Splash

site is up, so you can register today for just \$20

and help make this year's splash the best ever!

Splash Registration

Day of check in will begin at 10 a.m., the Splash

will be at 11 a.m., and Boston Harbor's best winter

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Last year the Harpoon Shamrock Splash

raised more than \$50,000 to support free concerts

and beach festivals, sand sculpting competitions,

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on the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere,

Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester,

Quincy and Hull.

This is our 10th Annual Harpoon Shamrock

Splash, and it's going to be the biggest yet, bringing

more people to the beach to enjoy a refreshing Harpoon

beer and the cool clean water of Boston Harbor, along

with the chance to win round-trip flights from Jet-

Blue and other great prizes, all for a very good cause.

We can't wait to kickoff the year with you!

See you on January 30, at Harpoon and on the beach

on March 8th!

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

The Senior Program at the East Boston Social

Centers is now offering Spanish Language Classes

for adults over 60 years old. Classes are held

every Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Room 209. All are

welcome to attend. Class is taught by Mr. Montaro.

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choir. Bring a dish to the monthly Sunday evening

community suppers. Participate in the Sunday

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The East Boston Social Centers welcome seniors

from our East Boston Community and surrounding

areas.

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

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association
 Second Monday of every month.
 6:30 p.m. at the Jeffries Point Yacht Club, 565 Summer St.

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

Friends of The East Boston Library
 Second Thursday every month
 6:30 p.m. at the branch library, 365

Bremen Street

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
 Last Monday of every month
 6:30 p.m. at the Noddle Island Community Room

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Digital Signage

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Project Proponent:
 Digital Signage

Project Description:

The BPDA is recommending an adjustment in the permitted times for digital sign operation. Currently digital signs are permitted to operate between 7am and 2 am. The BPDA is recommending to change the permitted times of operation to 6am to 12am. Additionally, the BPDA is recommending changes to Section 11-7 of the Boston Zoning Code (Electronic Signs). The BPDA is recommending that language referencing Article 7 (Variances) be inserted into Section 11-7.

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TOM BRADY'S FUTURE IS STILL UP IN THE AIR

GUEST OP-ED

The price of carbon pollution

By Jack Clarke

On Gov. Charlie Baker's desk are three options for reducing emissions from cars and trucks - the largest source of heat-trapping carbon pollution in America. As we're in the midst of a global climate emergency, the Governor should be aggressive in his choice and support that which cuts the most pollution most quickly.

Over the last year, Massachusetts has participated in a regional collaboration of 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states and the District of Columbia, known as the Transportation and Climate Initiative or TCI. The program is designed to set a cap on emissions from fuel sold in the region for on-the-road use. It represents 72 million residents and 52 million registered vehicles.

TCI would hold auctions for regional fuel suppliers to purchase emission allowances for every ton of carbon their fuel would emit when burned. The allowances would begin with a cap that would decrease annually.

The costs of the allowances would be passed along to drivers at the pump incentivizing them to use less gas. The proceeds from the allowance auctions would then return to participating states to develop

cleaner and more efficient transportation opportunities than presently exist. The sale of allowances could generate up to \$500 million a year for Massachusetts, depending on where the cap is set.

TCI provides participating states with three possible scenarios for reducing vehicle pollution when setting their cap.

One option is to reduce vehicle carbon pollution by 25 percent starting in 2022. This could add about 17 cents to the price of a gallon of gas at the pump.

The second would reduce emissions by 22.5 percent, with the cost per gallon at nine cents.

The third is a 20-percent emission reduction by 2032, with a cost to drivers of five cents per gallon.

If Massachusetts remains committed to its own legal mandate to cut dangerous greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent or more by 2050, the first option is preferable.

The TCI cap-and-invest program will foster the transition to cleaner fuels and transportation improvements. Returning funds could be used to help modernize the MBTA, increase the number of electric vehicles and charging stations, improve sidewalks and bike lanes, and provide transportation funding to rural and lower-income commu-

nities. It will also yield annual public health benefits across the Northeast of \$3-\$10 billion, and up to \$900 million in avoided costs due to worsening storms and other climate impacts.

Higher fuel costs may seem unattractive now, but they are low compared to the increasing long-term costs of climate change.

Although TCI will lead to modest increases in the price of gas and diesel fuels, unlike a gas tax, which is fixed at the pump and does not guarantee emissions reductions, TCI is not fixed and would depend on market responses to the caps and how much of the wholesale expense suppliers choose to pass on to consumers.

Some suggest that in order for the Commonwealth to fully participate in TCI, the legislature should first grant its approval. That concern, however, was settled in 2008 when under the Global Warming Solutions Act, lawmakers provided the Governor with the legal mechanism necessary for this type of carbon-pollution pricing.

TCI also has broad-based support from a wide range of business and environmental organizations, including the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, Boston Green Ribbon Commission, Mas-

sachusetts Competitive Partnership, Massachusetts Business Roundtable, Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, Mass Audubon, Union of Concerned Scientists, and The Nature Conservancy. Two-thirds of Massachusetts residents are in favor of the program, as recently polled by the public policy forum MassINC. The public can also provide input on TCI through the end of February at the TCI website: www.transportationandclimate.org.

As the President continues to call climate change a "hoax" and Congress refuses to deal with the climate crises, it is increasingly up to states to address this existential threat. As such, Gov. Baker should reject any legislative attempt to usurp his authority to participate in TCI, he should continue the Bay State's regional leadership in the program and encourage other states to join, and he should choose the most effective and aggressive option for reducing carbon emissions in the most timely manner possible. The urgency of the climate crisis, our future, and the lives of our children demand no less.

Jack Clarke is the director of public policy and government relations at Mass Audubon.

LETTER to the Editor

LOOKING AT HOUSING PRICES

To the Editor,

Here I live over on the other side of the city still trying to come back to East Boston, so I know all about affordability in Boston's neighborhoods. You can barely find it anywhere inside the city today.

The more high-end, high-rise and high-priced our city gets, the more this city is leaving many working families and low-wage earners between a rock and a hard place. Look at Jeffries Point, the more gentry-

fied it gets, the more expensive is housing across this neighborhood. Look at real estate prices, look at rents out there. If you don't own, how do you stay here? And where do you go? Housing prices and rents are soaring and not just in Boston. Look nearby, even Chelsea is in the beginning midst of a housing boom, too.

Recently, at the Mayor's State of the City Address, Mayor Walsh highlighted housing costs in his address saying "We will leave no one behind." Great catch phrase. You get a big applause but anything else?

Are rents really stabilizing as the mayor said? He did admit that housing and rents are still too high for too many people.

Boston needs to have a stabilized middle class but that goal seems miles away. We cannot become a city of extremes, the rich and those who live on much less. Selling a downtown garage or a real-estate transfer tax is not a real answer.

The new Suffolk Downs large scale development is a 109-acre project which will create a new city in a city with 10,000 homes atop an old race track. Two

thirds of the project will be in East Boston and one-third in Revere. A whole new neighborhood of residences with plenty of commercial and retail space.

How will this proposal benefit poor and working people will be in the details. I liked what I have heard from City Councilor Lydia Edwards who when asked stated, "I will be happy to support a plan for Suffolk Downs that balances union, jobs, affordable housing, traffic and resiliency... When this plan does, I will support it..."

Sal Giarratani

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ton officially renamed the Orient Heights Community Center as the Marty Pino Community Center in honor of man that inspired thousands over the years to achieve greatness both on and off the basketball court.

A lifelong resident of Eastie who passed away in 2003, Pino influenced the lives of countless young people in many ways, but especially through the bas-

ketball league he helped start nearly 40 years ago at the Orient Heights Community Center.

“Thank you to BCYF and the Celtics for giving the Martin Pino Community Center an amazing new renovation,” said Pino’s son Anthony Pino. “This community center was an important place to me and my family long before it was ever named after my

father. Seeing his name on the court with Enes Kanter and Daniel Theis from the current Celtics giving back to the community by coaching up a bunch of East Boston kids was something that would have made my dad very proud. Love seeing athletes and teams give back to the community like this.”



Boston Celtic Daniel Theis runs drills with East Boston kids during a special Celtics basketball clinic at the Marty Pino Community Center last Friday.



Above, Boston Celtics Enes Kanter and Daniel Theis talk with East Boston youth during last week’s event.



Above, longtime East Boston Youth basketball coaches John Forbes and Michael Gaeta with Marty Pino Community Center Director Joe Weddleton and Marty Pino’s son, Anthony.



Left, Boston Celtics Daniel Theis and Enes Kanter sign a basketball for an East Boston youth during last week’s clinic and celebration of the Marty Pino Community Center renovations by the Celtics.

GUEST OP-ED

Tariffs will hurt small businesses on Main Street USA

By Ryan Maloney

The effect of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) announced tariffs on small U.S. businesses is dramatic and have the potential to become devastating. Not only would it effect suppliers and wholesalers of wine and single malt scotch, but it would also have an influence at the retail level. Jobs and stores will be lost right on Main Street USA where the impact will be felt most.

Wine in the first round of tariffs was a 25-percent increase. Some suppliers were able to absorb it, but 100-percent will be much tougher and for smaller retailers, impossible.

In the case of European Whisk(e)y, there are different hurdles. Single malt scotch sent to the US has to be specially bottled in a 750ml. While the rest of the world (except South Africa) uses 700ml. So if there are

more impediments like a 25-100-percent tariff, anything but the basic whisk(e)y will be shipped to US. The slack will be taken up elsewhere especially China where demand is high.

Many smaller retailers of wine and whisky have invested deeply in specialty items that the big chains and big box stores do not carry, these items are exactly the products that have been targeted by the tariffs! You are essentially taking away the one advantage these stores have to stay relevant and in business. It is unfathomable that they are being sacrificed to prove a point about a dispute between two international mega corporations in a field not even relevant to the same industry!

Further these new round of tariffs are now being used a bludgeoning tool against the European Union to help internet corporations that are not even paying their fair share domes-

tically! Boeing, Facebook, Amazon, and Google are well equipped to weather international trade disputes within their own industries.

Unfortunately, the Mom and Pop stores are not designed survive when their livelihood is being used as a chess-piece in a multi country trade dispute. Especially a trade dispute in which they have no say and no recourse. It is important to note that there are no subsidies to the small businesses that will be effected by these tariffs, as there were with agricultural tariffs. There are better ways within each of these disputed industries to handle this without putting undue stress on an industry that is dominated by small businesses.

Ryan Maloney is President, Massachusetts Package Store Association

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CENSUS OUTREACH HEATS UP IN CHELSEA

CHELSEA - This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Chelsea there's been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

In Chelsea and across the state nonprofits like the Chelsea Collaborative have been making an extra push to get marginalized groups to fill out the census and be counted.

In the spring of 2019 the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund (MCEF) distributed grants totaling more than \$560,000 for organizing and education activities in under counted communities for the months leading up to the census.

The Chelsea Collaborative was one of those organizations to receive grant monies.

"We have taken this project seriously and we have incorporated Census Charlas throughout all of our training, classes, and workshops," said Gladys Vega, Executive Director of the The Chelsea Collaborative. "We have organized street fairs, network gatherings, canvassing and in our Noches Sociales, which happens every six weeks we have made the Census a table conversation. The Collaborative has to ensure that the hard-to-locate individuals are counted, we know that, without a non-profit organization like ours involved, we will continue to be under counted. I have no doubt that in Chelsea, Revere, East Boston and Lynn more people will be counted as long as the trusted members of the community are knocking on their doors and getting people to participate."

Recently, the MCEF announced its second round of targeted grants, totaling \$350,000.00, to 34 grassroots nonprofit organizations to support efforts across Massachusetts to reach hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

Alexie Torres, Chair of the Massachusetts Census Equity Fund and Executive Director of Access Strategies said, "2020 is upon us and the time is now for philanthropy, grassroots organizations, state and civic leaders to join together to ensure the most accurate count of Massachusetts residents in the 2020 Census. The Massachusetts Census Equity Fund is proud to be supporting such an amazing group of groups across the state."

Torres added that the impact of the results from the upcoming decennial census will be immense, bringing into focus the importance of collecting accurate data from historically under counted communities.

Census data determines political representation and the allocation of federal funds for social programs, including more than \$16 billion per year for Massachusetts.

"In other words, the Commonwealth could stand to lose almost \$2,400 in federal funding per year for each person not counted in the census," she said.

NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - After years of planning, design, and debate, the City Council has given the go-ahead for a shared bike and bus lane on Broadway, at least temporarily.

Last week, the Council voted 9-2 to approve a nine-month pilot program making Broadway one way from Fifth Street to Second Street, with the shared bike and bus lane. If deemed successful, the transportation realignment for one of the city's main thoroughfares could become permanent.

"As you know, for many months we have been deliberating on the merits of the various designs for a new One-Way Broadway configuration from Fifth Street to Second Street," stated City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

Four options were presented to the Council, with the one recommended by Ambrosino favored by the Council, with a minor tweak.

"The preferred alternative of my Administration is Option 2 - the dedicated, shared bus/bike lane," according to Ambrosino. "This Option 2 prioritizes public transit riders, a critical constituency in the Downtown, and at the same time provides significant benefits to pedestrians and bicyclists."

The design of the reconstruction of the Broadway corridor could take as long as two years, according to the city manager.

"However, understanding that there remains some legitimate concern over the viability of any option that reduces vehicular traffic to one lane, I am prepared to move forward, as expeditiously as possible, with a pilot program to test the shared bike/bus lane concept before finalizing the design," said Ambrosino.

District 5 Councillor Judith Garcia said of all the options city officials have been presented with over the past year, Option 2 makes the most sense.

"This accommodates all traffic flow, including residents who use the bus so much," said Garcia. "It is a matter of access and accommodation for all our residents."

Councillor At-Large Damali Vidot said she agreed that the shared bike/bus lane option was the option that had the most support from the Council, adding that the nine-month pilot program would give the City more time to assess the impact of the shared lane.

"This accommodates the most modes of traffic, including pedestrians," she said.

While there was wide Council support for the pilot program, there was disagreement among members over an amendment proposed by At-Large Councillor Leo Robinson.

Robinson asked that the Option 2 plan move forward, but that there not be the widening of sidewalks as proposed in the plan, with the exception of sidewalks at bus stops and crosswalks.

The pilot program, with Robinson's amendment, passed by a 7-4 vote, with Vidot, Garcia, and councillors Yamir Rodriguez and

PASSING THE BAR



PHOTO BY EMILY HARNEY

Stephanie Simon, reigning national champion, clears the bar in the high jump during an indoor track meet against Northeast Regional on Weds., Jan. 8, in the Lynn Tech Field House.

Enio Lopez voting against the plan, as amended.

"I am supporting the project as presented by the Planning Department," said Vidot. She said it was unfair to change the plans on the fly after they have been brought forward by expert city officials and consultants.

Robinson countered that he believed keeping the sidewalks at the current width, and not bumping them out an additional two feet on either side of the street, would improve safety.

Garcia also stated that she wanted to vote on the plan as presented.

"We do not need to send this to another subcommittee, when we have had two to three years of meetings

on this," she said.

A vote earlier in the evening on a proposal by District 8 Councillor Calvin Brown to send the proposal back to subcommittee failed by a 9-2 vote. Brown said he was attempting to give the three newest members of the Council more time to examine the Broadway options.

Ambrosino said the City will work with downtown businesses and residents, and that he believes the pilot program will be successful.

"But, if that is not the case, and if the pilot truly results in substantial negative feedback, adverse impacts on downtown businesses, and intolerable inconvenience to vehicular traffic, then the City will abandon

this Option 2 and redesign for a different alternative," he stated.

NEW CITY COUNCIL REFLECTS EVERETT'S DIVERSITY

EVERETT - While Everett consistently ranks among the most diverse cities and towns in Massachusetts, its City Council has been historically homogenous with residents and lawmakers alike lamenting the lack of diverse representation.

Voters proved in November that they were ready for change, and that change was evident as the new City Council took its seats on

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Monday, Jan. 13, for the first meeting of the new session.

Prior to January 1, the 11-member body of elected officials was 100 percent white and more than 90 percent male. Seventy-two percent of members were over the age of 60, and nearly all (81 percent) were over the age of 50, with only Councilors Michael McLaughlin and Anthony DiPierro coming in under 40. In addition, no councilor could communicate fluently in a language other than English except for Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio, who speaks Italian. She was also the only Council member born outside of the United States, having immigrated from Italy.

A much different picture was painted on Monday night, when Councilors Gerly Adrien, Stephanie Martins and Jimmy Tri Le took their seats alongside Council veterans. Fully 45 percent of the new council is under the age of 40. Twenty-seven percent of the members are female, and 18 percent are immigrants. Languages now spoken on the board include Spanish, Portuguese and Vietnamese. Everett immigrant communities now represented include Haitian, Vietnamese and Brazilian. Twenty-seven percent of members are non-white, with self-identified racial representation including Black, Asian and Latina.

In his midterm address on Jan. 6, Mayor Carlo DeMaria praised the diversity of the new City Council, saying he hopes that it will work with him to ensure that all Everett residents are counted in the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census regardless of their race, language or country of origin.

Diversity can take many forms including religion, ability, sexual orientation, education and income.

Interestingly, Boston also just seated its most diverse City Council since its establishment in 1910, including the first Latina and the first openly gay woman – making the changes in Everett also a regional trend.

COUNCIL SPARS OVER WHETHER TO CHANGE VOTING FOR WARD SEATS

EVERETT - On Monday, Jan. 13, Everett's new City Council hit the ground running, tackling a proposal that would change the future of City Council and School Committee elections in Everett.

Councilor At-Large Wayne Matewsky proposed a measure that would amend the City Charter to

change the voting rules in Everett so that Ward Councilors and Ward School Committee members would only be elected by their respective wards, as opposed to citywide.

Currently councilors running for ward seats have to campaign citywide, since the entire city votes for ward councilors. This means that a ward councilor could technically not receive any votes in his or her ward, but could still win the seat if he or she does well in the citywide vote. Councilor Matewsky condemned the current process, calling it "obscene and undemocratic."

"We are the only city in the state that has this type of government election process. A ward seat is a ward seat," he said. "Very few people are a fan of the system as it is."

Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro and Ward 2 Councilor Stephanie Martins agreed with Councilor Matewsky.

"It's disenfranchisement of the voters," said Councilor DiPierro. "How you do in the ward doesn't really count."

If Councilor Matewsky gets his wish, then ward councilors would have to win over voters in their own wards. However, some councilors felt that a ward-specific vote could lead to a territorial mindset, where ward councilors only pay attention to issues in their wards and ignore issues affecting the city at large.

"I'm opposed to this and I've always been opposed to this," said Councilor At-Large John Hanlon. "If something comes up, they didn't vote for me so why should I get involved?"

Ward 1 Councilor Fred Capone cautioned that the charter change could engender a sort of tribalism, if a ward councilor feels compelled to vote on something that would benefit his ward but would hurt the city as a whole.

He mentioned that having Councilors representing wards was just a formality meant to ensure that every ward had representation in the council.

"We're all technically councilors at large," said Councilor Capone.

Councilor At-Large Peter Napolitano also voiced his opposition to changing the charter, which he himself had a hand in drafting. He argued that the charter had already gone before the voters and that he wasn't prepared to change it.

"I've paid my dues and I'm not doing that again," he said. "This is not something we can just change because we want to."

In September, the Law-

yers for Civil Rights Boston sent a letter to the Council encouraging it to end the practice of citywide voting as it is considering a violation of the Voting Rights Act. The group has taken legal action against other Massachusetts communities with similar charters, and prevailed in court. The litigation director for the organization said in September it would behoove the City to move voluntarily to end the practice before litigation is filed to end it by court order – a process that cost one Massachusetts community more than \$1 million to fight.

The Council voted to postpone the issue for one month, allowing the City Solicitor and the City Clerk time to meet with outside counsel to determine if the charter change could be done by way of a Home Rule Petition or if it would need to be presented to the public for a vote.

TWO NEW ENTREPRENEURIAL CENTERS IN LYNN

LYNN - As part of MassDevelopment's Collaborative Workspace Program, Lynn will be home to two new infrastructures that will house entrepreneurial ventures. On Jan. 9, the Baker-Polito Administration announced \$1,892,910 in grants to 31 organizations to strengthen community-based innovation and entrepreneurship in 22 communities throughout the Commonwealth.

The two Lynn-based organizations are Inc.Ubate CoWorking and The Brickyard Collaborative.

Winthrop-based Inc. Ubate CoWorking received \$100,000 to open a second space in Lynn, which will include a common work area, conference room, private meeting spaces, and modern amenities. This grant will be used to build out the space.

"The goal of this project is to establish a community coworking space in downtown Lynn that would serve established Lynn professionals, aspiring entrepreneurs in the community, professionals moving to Lynn as a result of forecasted real estate development, and students from North Shore Community College," said Michael Lucerto, Founder of Inc.Ubate CoWorking. "We want to create a community space that would be a catalyst for synergy between these vital groups and a hub for carrying on Lynn's traditions of education, entrepreneurship, arts, and culture."

Lucerto's ultimate goal is to offer members a place to work and/or host meetings and events along the

Northshore from East Boston to Salem."

For more information on Inc.Ubate CoWorking, please contact: Info@incubatecoworking.com.

The Brickyard Collaborative received \$4,000 to dedicate to the fully equipped makerspace focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) and entrepreneurship. The organization will use this grant to expand its rapid prototyping offerings with an additional 3-D printer.

"Massachusetts' economy thrives when local entrepreneurs, creators, and small business owners have the space and resources they need to be successful," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "The Collaborative Workspace Program represents an important tool for our Administration to foster innovation and drive job growth in the Commonwealth."

This is the fourth round of the Collaborative Workspace Program, administered by MassDevelopment. Through its first three rounds of grants, the Collaborative Workspace Program provided over \$5 million in 81 awards for the planning, development, and build-out of different types of collaborative workspaces. During these rounds, collaborative workspaces have added 3,771 users since implementing their grant-funded projects and occupy approximately 575,000 square feet in cities and towns across Massachusetts. Many awards have benefited innovation spaces in the state's Gateway Cities.

MassDevelopment's continued partnership with the Barr Foundation broadens the reach of the Collaborative Workspace Program to include the creative sector, a critical source of innovation and positive community change.

MCKENNA SEEKS TO SLOW DOWN MOTORISTS ON WINTHROP AVENUE

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanna McKenna says motorists are speeding on Winthrop Avenue and she wants a solar powered speed reader installed on the busy street in Beachmont that continues downward to Winthrop's Short Beach along Winthrop Parkway.

The Council unanimously approved McKenna's motion that Mayor Brian Arrigo request the Police

Department to install the speed reader between 651-951 Winthrop Avenue. McKenna said that motorists are racing up the street after the stop sign, thus making it a dangerous situation for pedestrians and children.

"We have a problem because we have Winthrop residents cutting through Winthrop Avenue and Crescent Avenue," said McKenna. "Cars are speeding up the street. I'm asking the mayor if we put a solar powered speed reader from 651 to 951 Winthrop Avenue to slow the traffic down."

Ward 5 Councillor John Power said he would support McKenna's motion and that he would also like to see similar signage on Route 1A/North Shore Road. "This needs to be done ASAP," said Powers. "We need traffic signalization down there – and more enforcement."

McKenna also made a motion that the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) replace faded "No Parking" signage on both sides on Winthrop Parkway.

The Council also approved McKenna's motion to have a Verizon representative appear before the Council "to explain why old telephone wires are still hanging and wrapped around utility poles throughout the city."

"It's happening all over the city, but in Beachmont, it's the worst," said McKenna.

Power backed up McKenna's motion, requesting that City Clerk Ashley Melnik send a letter to Verizon asking the company why the problem has not been addressed.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo lauded the intention of the motion, but "we need to get the mayor to get these people [Verizon and RCN representatives] here. At the end of the day, it's the mayor who signs the contract, it's the mayor who's going to be able to enforce the contract."

McKenna made it 4-for-4 with the unanimous passage of her motion to have the Fire Department and DPW conduct a public safety test on Bellingham Avenue for the purpose of checking safe passage of fire apparatus and snow plows due to state regulations preventing the parking of vehicles on sidewalks.

New Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino hit the ground running with two requests for the Traffic Commission to study the possible installation of a three-way stop sign at the

intersection of Washington and Mountain Avenues and the replacement of a "Do Not Enter" sign (that previously faced easterly) at the intersection of Linehurst Road and Agatha Street. Serino said he will speak about his requests at the next meeting of the Traffic Commission.

ARRIGO ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN FOUR CITY DEPARTMENTS

REVERE - Mayor Brian Arrigo informed City Hall staff that four department heads will no longer serve in their respective positions.

Arrigo said in his message to staff, "The City of Revere is at a historic crossroads as we begin a new decade. It is going to take a lot from all of you to pursue the plans and achieve the objectives that await us. During some recent discussions a mutual decision has been made to make some changes to our leadership staff. Make no mistake these decisions were not made lightly, however, I believe that they are necessary in order for us to meet the ambitious goals we have set for ourselves."

Arrigo said the changes listed below are effective immediately:

- Janine Ellis will no longer serve as our Director of Consumer Affairs. Business-related questions may be directed to Ray Nicker-son.

- Glen DeRosa will no longer serve as our Director of MIS. Until a new Director is appointed, please direct MIS-related questions to Vedran Skero.

- Kevin Sheehan will no longer serve as our Library Director. Until a new Director is appointed, please direct Library-related questions to Diana Luongo.

- Stephen Fielding will no longer serve as Director of Elder Affairs. Until a new Director is appointed, please direct Elder Affairs-related questions to Camille Ciambelli.

"All of us play a vital role in providing the residents of Revere with a most responsive and efficient government," Arrigo further stated in the message. "I look forward to working with you as we continue our work for the people of Revere and continue the city's growth. As always, I am available to respond to any of your questions or concerns. Thank you."

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House unanimously passes legislation to help protect persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities from harm

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives unanimously passed legislation to create a registry of care providers who harmed a person or persons with an intellectual or developmental disability. The bill seeks to prevent those providers from being hired for programs funded or operated by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS).

The legislation, An Act to Protect Persons with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities from Abuse, creates a registry of care providers against whom the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DCCP) has made a final decision regarding “substantiated findings” of acts resulting in serious physical or emotional injury of a person

with an intellectual or developmental disability.

“I’m proud that the House to action today to further ensure the safety and wellbeing of people with intellectual or developmental disabilities,” said Speaker DeLeo, (D – Winthrop). “Thank Chair Michlewitz and Chair Khan for their important work on this issue. This legislation will save lives.”

“I am proud to join my colleagues in the House in voting to pass Nicky’s Law, which will protect our most vulnerable residents with developmental disabilities against abuse from caretakers,” said Rep. RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). “Thank you to Chairwoman Khan and Chairwoman Dean-Campbell for ushering this important piece of legislation through the House under

the leadership of Speaker DeLeo. Many lives will be improved, and many families will have peace of mind because of Nicky’s Law.”

The bill requires care provider employers to check the registry prior to hiring or retaining any person as a care provider and prevents employers from hiring or retaining any provider who appears on the registry. Those employers include those with DDS licenses for day services, those that have contracts with DDS, and those receiving funding from DDS. Under the bill, DCCP imposes monetary fines or other penalties on any employer that fails to comply. The legislation also includes due process protections for care providers.

The legislation builds on ongoing increased support for those departments serv-

ing adults and children with intellectual or developmental disabilities. From 2012 to 2020, DPPC funding has increased by 93 percent.

“It was an honor to work with Speaker DeLeo, Chair Campbell, Vice Chair Cutler, dedicated families, advocates and other stakeholders to address the abuse of individuals with disabilities,” said Representative Kay Khan (D-Newton), Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities. “The creation of the registry will provide future protections for our most vulnerable individuals. It is deserving that Nicky’s Law is one of the lead pieces of legislation being addressed in 2020.”

The bill will now go to the Senate.

Massport // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“The partnership we have with Massport is vital to our programming” said Piers Park Sailing Executive Director Alex DeFronzo. “The grant funding and facilities provided by Massport ensure that hundreds of youth get to have fun, enriching, and educational programs during the summer. I grew up in these programs and I am deeply grateful to Massport for the sustained support they have provided to the sailing center. Every year we are able to introduce hundreds of new young sailors to Boston Harbor because of this grant.”

PPSC was established in 1998 as part of Massport’s development of East Bos-

ton Piers Park to enhance open spaces and provide outdoor education and recreation to the community. Since that time the center has been dedicated to providing 100-percent inclusive and accessible year round recreational, and personal growth opportunities for children and young adults starting at age 6.

“Every year, the center strives to recruit students least likely to otherwise access its programs, including economically disadvantaged students and students with diagnosed cognitive and physical disabilities,” said DeFronzo. “PPSC hopes to retain these students from year to year to build skills.”

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Sen. Boncore provides residents with legislative updates

By John Lynds

At last week's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) monthly meeting Sen. Joseph Boncore briefed residents on some of the legislative accomplishments over the past year that directly benefited the neighborhood.

"It was a good year fiscally for the state and we've been able to make record investments in public transportation, education and health care," said Boncore. "This has trickled down to direct investments in East Boston. I've been working closely with Rep. Adrian Madaro to identify the needs in the community and how we can strengthen programs and other initiatives in the neighborhood."

Boncore said that he was able to secure an earmark in the Senate that was approved by the House for

\$100,000 that will go towards a feasibility study to connect the Mary Ellen Greenway through Orient Heights and onto the Belle Isle Marsh. The decades-old plan to connect the Greenway with neighborhoods north of Eastie is something Boncore said will be a game changer in the community.

"This is a real good number for a feasibility study," said Boncore. "The thought of one day being able to ride your bike or walk from the East Boston waterfront to the Belle Isle Marsh and then to Revere is very exciting. It is also very exciting that we will be able to connect these two communities in a very meaningful way through public open space."

Boncore was able to push through the Senate another earmark for the Crossroads Family Shelter, which provides transitional housing

for homeless women and children. The \$45,000 earmark for Crossroads Family Shelter will go towards helping Crossroads continue to operate a workforce development and educational program for women.

"Crossroads has been doing great work in the community for decades and we want to help them continue their mission in the neighborhood," said Boncore.

Boncore said \$50,000 will go towards helping Piers Park Sailing Center continue to provide funding for its popular youth programs.

"For years this program gives local children access to the Boston Harbor while learning the valuable skill of sailing," said Boncore. "Through this earmark they will be able to serve more children during their summer programs as well as people with disabilities

through the sailing center's adaptive sailing program."

Boncore said \$50,000 will be used to help relocate one of the Social Centers daycare sites that was displaced by the rehabilitation of the Orient Heights Housing Development. He said this will ensure that much needed affordable day care slots remain in the neighborhood.

Another \$200,000 in the supplemental budget will help the Social Centers strengthen its workforce through Early Childhood Education programs and classes for daycare staff.

Finally Boncore secured \$75,000 in funding to run a job readiness program at East Boston High School as well as another \$75,000 for a Museum of Science engineering education program at Eastie's elementary schools.

The job readiness pro-



Sen. Joseph Boncore briefs residents on his legislative accomplishments during last week's JPNA meeting.

gram at the High School is a program that has worked on a path to a successful career right out of high school. While the Museum of Science engineering education program is something that is new to the budget. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education is training students for the jobs of today

and the future. However, studies show that a disproportionate amount of women and people of color are not represented in these fields. The funding will allow EBHS to partner with the Museum of Science to begin a pilot program to bring quality STEM education to every elementary school in Eastie.

Eastie girl goes to Junior Olympics National Championships

By: Lisa MacGeorge

Competing in the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships is a wonderful accomplishment for anyone. However, what is truly amazing is that Sara Blanco, a fifth-grader at the Samuel Adams School, just started running 3K races around six months ago.

Sara's interest was sparked when a friend of hers mentioned that she was running with the Momentum Athletics Club and that her dad, Samir Hossaini, is the head coach. Ms. Blanco asked her mother about joining the running club. She states, "It took a lot of convincing, but she let me try it."

Sara started out competing in small local races and kept working her way up to larger ones. On November 17, she competed in the USATF New England Associate Junior Olympic

Championships in Rhode Island. Her time was 13:25.88 and she placed 24 out of 69 in the 9-10 girls group. This qualified her to run in the USATF Region 1 Junior Olympic Championship on Long Island. In New York, she placed 26:102 for her age group and finish in 13 minutes and 9 seconds which qualified her for the national championships. On December 14, she competed at the USATF National Junior Olympics. While Sara's placement in Wisconsin did not allow her to move on internationally, she did place 154 out of 241 competitors in her age group. Her time was 13:55.29 with an average mile of 7 minutes and 29 seconds. Sara said she felt "excited but not nervous" when competing in the races. She says she plans to continue running because "it's fun and gives me something to do if I'm bored."

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LITTLE WOMEN

Wheelock Family Theatre presents the popular Broadway musical, "Little Women," January 31-February 23, Recommended for ages 7+ years old. 200 Riverway, Boston. \$20-\$40. 617-353-3001, Wheelockfamilytheatre.org, 617-353-3001.

BRIGHT HALF LIFE

Actors' Shakespeare Project presents Tanya Barfield's play, directed by Megan Sandberg-Zakian, January 23-February 16: preview shows, Jan. 23, 24, at 8 p.m. and Jan. 25, at 3 p.m. Regular shows, Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, at 3 p.m.; Jan. 29, 31, Feb. 5-7, 12-14, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 1, 8, 15, at 3, 8 p.m.; Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$25-\$60; student, senior, group discounts. Actorshakespeareproject.org/box-office/single-tickets/, 866-811-4111.

LAST CATATROPHIST

Sarah Gazdowicz directs local playwright David Valdes' new one-act, 90-minute play, January 24-February 8: Jan. 24, pay-what-you-want preview, Jan. 25, 31, Feb. 1, 7, all at 8 p.m.; Jan. 28-30, Feb. 5, 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 8, at 3, 8 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Black Box Theatre, 539 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Freshinktheatre.simplix.com/.

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Encore Boston Harbor Red 8, with a special menu and traditional dragon dance performances, January 24-26, also through Jan. 31, open daily 11:30 a.m.-late night, 1 Broadway, Everett. Reservations, www.seven-rooms.com/reservations/red8ebh, 857-770-DINE.

THE RED ROOM

Shamarr Allen headlines, January 21, 8 p.m.; followed by Ryan McMullan and Ken Yates, Jan. 25, also at 8 p.m., and Berklee Original Open Mike closes this month Jan. 27, 7 p.m. Red Rom t Café 939, at 939 Boylston St., Boston.

LASZLO GARDONY

The renowned Hungarian-born performs with his trio, January 21, 6 p.m., at the Museum of African-American History, 46 Joy St., Boston. www.lgjazz.com/pages/tour-dates, www.maah.org.

BERKLEE EVENTS

Marcus Prince's performance of Heart on Fire-I Won't Be Silent, is canceled for January 28; Soundscapes of Spain includes from Flamenco Roots to Fusion, Jan. 30; Yamato performs Jhonetsu, February 1 at 3 p.m., and Feb. 2; and Idolos Latinos star Feb. 4, all at 8 p.m. berklee.edu, 617-747-2261,

SWEAT

Before it opens, due to overwhelming public demand, Huntington Theatre Company has extended its Boston premiere of Pulitzer Prize winner Lynn Nottage's play, "Sweat," January 31-March 1: select Tuesdays-Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; select Sundays, 7 p.m.; matinees, select Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, 2 p.m. days, times vary. Avenue of the Arts, Huntington Avenue Theatre, 264 Huntington Ave., Boston. Tickets start at \$25. Huntingdontheatre.org, 617-266-0800. Subscriber, 35 below, student, valid military discounts.

WE ALL FALL DOWN

The world premiere of Lila Rose Kaplan's comedy takes center stage with Boston's Huntington Theatre Company's production, through February 15: Sundays, 2 p.m., Jan. 26, 7 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30 pm, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, also 2 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2, 8 p.m., at Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. Times vary. Tickets start at \$25. Huntingdontheatre.org, 617-266-0800; subscribers, \$10 off; 35 years old, below, \$30; students, military with valid ID, \$20.

HAIR

Award-winning Rachel Bertone directs and choreographs New Repertory Theatre's production of the American tribal love-rock musical, January 25-February 23, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Mainstage Theater, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown. Tickets start at \$25. student, senior, group discounts. 617-923-8487, newrep.org.

AIRPLAY

Urbano Project presents Rachel Allen: "Airplay," a site-specific interactive installation, along with the opening of Youth Artist Projects exhibitions, "Airplay and Stories of the Land," based on Urbano's new theme, Creative Conditions, January 23-March 14, in Urbano's Jamaica Plain gallery. Tuesday-Friday 1-6 p.m., and by appointment. Urbanoproject.org, 617-983-1007.

SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY EVENTS

Boston University professor of Music Andrew discusses "Messiah, Eschatology and the End of Time," Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m., in the university's Berry Library, free. Chameleon Arts Ensemble performs, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., in the Recital Hall, salemstatetickets.com, and the Winifsky Gallery opens with "Awaken: Conjuring Our Tomorrow," Feb. 5-March 13. salemstate.edu/arts.

WINTER DANCE FEST

Global Arts announces the dance festival of Boston premiere works includes Rubberband, January 25, Philadanco, February 1, and Parsons Dance, Feb. 8, 8 p.m., each show, \$40-\$65, all three, \$99, at Emerson Cutler Majestic Theatre, Boston. We Banjo 3 perform as part of their "Rise and Shine" tour Jan. 25, 8 p.m., at Somerville Theatre, 55 Davis Square, Somerville, \$40. 617-876-4275. globalartslive.org.

KING JOHN

Praxis Stage presents William Shakespeare's play, "King John," January 30-February 16: Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m., Boston Center for the Arts, Calderwood Pavilion, 527 Tremont St., South End, Boston. \$19.75, boston-theatrescene.com/season/KingJohn, 617-933-8600.

NEC JAZZ50 CELEBRATION

The jazz and C1 faculty spotlight performance is held Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m.; Copland, Wyner, Ives and Fine concert is Friday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m.; and Sergio and Clarice Assad and Third Coast Percussion perform Saturday, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m. in Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St., Boston. 617-585-1260.

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YOUNG COMPANY WINTER FESTIVAL

Greater Boston Stage Company's Young Company, composed of students in grades 1-12, performs January 24-February 2, in "Frozen Jr.," "Willy Wonka," "The Addams Family," and "Firebringer," 395 Main St., Stoneham. \$15. Call or visit website for specific performance dates and times. 781-279-2200, greater-bostonstage.org.

RICK SPRINGFIELD

The iconic entertainer performs his "Stripped Down" concert, January 30, 8 p.m., at Plymouth Memorial Hall. \$39-\$99. Memorialhall.com, 800-657-8774.

BOSTON CAMERATA

The renowned early music ensemble performs "Daniel: A Masterpiece Revisited" (The Play of Daniel), January 25, 8 p.m., at First Church Cambridge, 11 Garden St., Cambridge. \$26-\$63. students, \$10. bostoncamerata.org/performances/boston-series/.

MERZ TRIO CONCERT

Pianist Lee Dionne, violinist Brigid Coleridge and cellist Julia Yang perform Sunday, January 26, 4 p.m., at the Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport. First concert in the Jean C. Wilson Music Series. Suggested donation, \$20; seniors, \$10, children, students, free. Bit.ly/wilsonseries

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Brian Wilson performs his greatest hits live, Jan. 24, at Lynn Auditorium 3 City Hall Square, Lynn. 781-599-SHOW.

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The rock band from Scotland play the bagpipes, drums and other instruments with their homestyle and feel-good flair, delighting multi-generational audiences, Saturday, January 25, 8 p.m., at The Cabot, 286 Cabot St., Beverly. Tickets start at \$29.50. TheCabot.org, 978-927-3100.

GLORIA A LIFE

Diane Paulus directs Emily

Mann's new play about iconic activist Gloria Steinem and her female partners, January 24-March 1, at American Repertory Theater, Brattle St., Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25. Jan. 24-26, 28-31, Feb. 1, 4-8, 12-15, 18-23, 26, 29, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 19, 22, 25-28, at 2 p.m., Feb. 5, 12, at 11 a.m. AmericanRepertoryTheater.org/Gloria.

BOOM

Wellesley Repertory Theatre presents Peter Sinn Nachtrieb's three-person post-apocalyptic play, through February 9, in the college's Ruth Nagel Jones Theatre, Wellesley. \$20; students, seniors, \$10; pay-what-you-will Thursdays. www.wellesleyrep.org.

JACOB LAWRENCE

Peabody Essex Museum presents the debut of Jacob Lawrence's painting series for the nationally touring exhibition, "The American Struggle," from the History of the American People, 1954-56, on display through April 26, East India Square, Downtown Salem. pem.org.

CELEBRITY SERIES CONCERTS

Celebrity Series of Boston presents violinist Patricia Kopatchinskaja and cellist Jay Campbell, January 23, 24, Longy's Pickman Hall, 27 Garden St., Cambridge, tickets start at \$45, Sergio and Clarice Assad, with the Third Coast Percussion, January 25, 8 p.m., Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough St, Boston, Tickets start at \$35 Caleb Teicher and Company with Conrad Tao: "More Forever," Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 8 p.m., is sold out; wait list, for New England Conservatory's Plimpton Shattuck Black Box Theatre, 25 St. Botolph St., Boston. Trey McLaughlin and the Sounds of Zamar headline, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., at Sanders Theatre, 45 Quincy St., Cambridge. Tickets start at \$25. 617-482-6661, www.celebrityseries.org.

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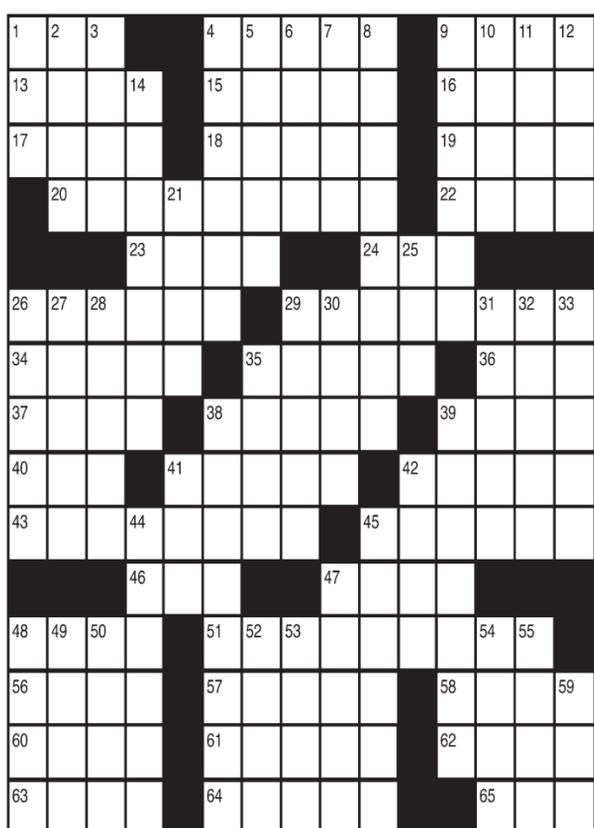
Pianist-vocalist Jon Regen performs, Jan. 24; Kenneth Whalum, Jan. 25, and vibraphonist Roy Ayers, Jan. 31, Doubletree Suites by Hilton, 400 Soldiers Field Road, Boston. www.scullersjazz.com, info@scullersjazz.com, 617-562-4111.

TOMMY

The Company Theatre's Academy performers present "Tommy," through January 26, at 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com..

Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
 1 Cereal grain
 4 Broad neck scarf
 9 Q-tip, for one
 13 Knitting stitch
 15 Depart
 16 Bee colony
 17 Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
 18 Bodies of water
 19 Muhammad and Laila
 20 Enjoyment
 22 Part of a three-piece suit
 23 Chihuahuas and collies
 24 Feasted
 26 Plot
 29 Specialist in plant life
 34 Rub out
 35 Nobleman
 36 Neither's partner
 37 Mom's sister
 38 More modern
 39 Cafe list
 40 Zodiac lion
 41 Tiny beginnings
 42 Like some cases of meningitis
 43 So wet that you might lose your footing
 45 Eclair, for one
 46 Owned
 47 Remarkd
 48 Fragrance
 51 Nobility; height
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 57 Boo-boo
 58 Sour-tasting
 60 Utilizes
 61 Landscape or seascape
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 63 Withered
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 65 Buzzing insect



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 21 Partial amount
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Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 - February 1

Attaining a high standard of excellence

Saint Anthony School offers a strong faith-based education

Saint Anthony School isn't resting on its many successes.

The proud Catholic school on Oakes Street in Everett that serves students in Grade K-8 (in addition to a Pre-School program) is moving forward with energy and innovation under the effective leadership of Principal Maria Giggie and a dedicated faculty.

Carla Castillo, the school's new enrollment coordinator, has been delivering the message to parents about the school's academic, athletic, and after school programs.

The school has built a reputation for sending its graduates on to the top Catholic and private high schools. The school has formed a partnership with Malden Catholic High School where students can take classes and earn credits for high school.

One of the school's greatest assets is its principal, Marie Giggie, a revered educator and school administrator whose ability to motivate teachers and students and promote the school's Catholic identity and values have enhanced the overall learning environment and drawn praise from the Saint Anthony parents. Mrs. Giggie has been a teacher at the school since 1995. She became the principal in 2006.



Carla Castillo, enrollment coordinator at Saint Anthony School, with Kathy Walkstrom, seventh grade teacher at the school.

"Mrs. Giggie is a great leader - and she's welcomed me with open arms," said Castillo. "She knows the school inside and out and is very much on top of things. She knows every single parent and student at the school and she's very hard for the school every day."

Castillo is excited about her new role at Saint Anthony.

"The school is doing very well and I'm enjoy-

ing my new position," said Castillo, who was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Lawrence. "I'm learning about the community and getting to know the people of Everett. Everybody has been very welcoming. I've visited a lot of the businesses in the area and everyone has been very nice."

Castillo said Saint Anthony has been broadening its curriculum with offerings in computer technology, art, and music.



Saint Anthony School Enrollment Coordinator Carla Castillo (back row, right) is pictured with a group of seventh grade students at the school.

The after-school programs and activities have been a big draw for students, with clubs ranging from cooking, sewing, and arts and crafts to music, band, and basketball.

Castillo has been attending weekend Masses at the Saint Anthony Church and

reaching out to Latino and Portuguese residents "so they can learn more about the school."

As a result of their school's success and achievements, Saint Anthony school administrators have received an invitation to attend the Catholic

Schools Foundation of Boston Gala in April.

Saint Anthony will host Open Houses on Monday, Jan. 27 (9-11 a.m., and 6:30-8 p.m.), and Tuesday, Jan. 28 (9-11 a.m.) and community welcoming events every Tuesday (9-11 a.m.).

St. John School poised for academic success and future growth

St. John School, located in Boston's Historic North End, is an elementary school serving students in Grades K3-8. Since 1895, it has touched the lives of generations of children in the heart of a dynamic city. Reaching beyond the border of a storied neighborhood, St. John School serves students from all backgrounds and from Boston and beyond.

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St. John School has a 1:1 iPad program for all students in Grade 1-8. Other programs the school offers includes:

- Owl Program is used in K3 and K4
- Super Kids Reading Program is used in Grades K5 - 2
- Wit n Wisdom program is used in Grades 3 - 8
- Collins Writing Program - K3-8
- Choral music program through NEMPAC
- Wood working and Bookbinding class for Grades 5- 8 at NBSS
- Weekly gym and art classes.
- STEM-centric learning experience
- Science Lab Program - 5-8
- Foreign language in

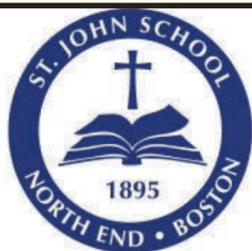
Grades K3-8

Seasonal cookery classes for Grades 7 - 8 at Boston Public Market.

St. John School also has an exciting afterschool program that runs till 6pm daily, where there are activities and programs in place for children to enjoy themselves in a structured and fun environment. St. John School also offers extra-curricular classes such as drama, dance, yoga, fitness, Chinese Mandarin, Scratch and Mine Craft.

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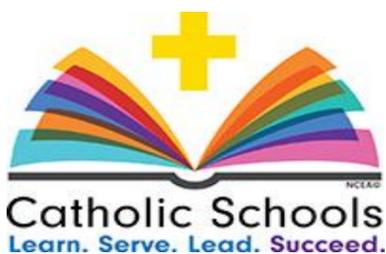


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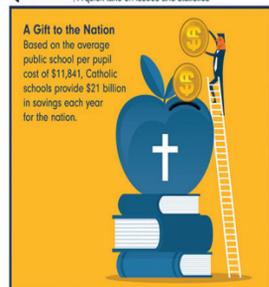
A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools

Save the Date – January 28 – 29, 2020 – for the third annual Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools!

Already know your school is participating? Begin by filling out the opt-in form for access to your own customized giving page! This is a great way for advancement/development, marketing, or business office administrators to be sure they have immediate access for their school pages. Please note: a school or diocese-affiliated email address will ensure the fastest access to the portal. Any questions about your day of giving page should be directed to nceagiving@factsmtg.com.

Each school that cus-

NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS



tomizes their page by December 31, 2019 will automatically be entered for a chance to win \$500 from National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to kick off your day of giving.

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans:

“Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation.” Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much, and give back.

With this recognition in mind, NCEA is pleased to present the online giving campaign: Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools. Make your gift to a Catholic school today! This day is made possible with the generous support of FACTS.

Marketing Your Catholic School

National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present resources, tools, templates, partnership opportunities and professional learning offerings to Catholic school staff – both in and outside the classrooms! NCEA member schools are asked to include the information for school leads in the areas of advancement, development, marketing, communications and admissions.

By filling out this quick form, the leaders in your school community responsible for school vitality, advancement, enrollment and retention, and marketing will receive resources directly related to their work throughout the school year. This includes, but is not limited to, year-round

marketing tips, resources for the Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools, information about our new Seton Philanthropy Symposium, and details about relevant professional learning webinars and events, such as NCEA 2019 Convention & Expo.

Effective marketing is essential to a school’s success in today’s competitive education environment. What you do to highlight your school’s participation in National Catholic Schools Week is only part of the effort. A school’s success is dependent on a year-round marketing program that builds support for your school and sells its unique benefits.

Why market your

school?

Retain current students and attract and welcome new students;

Encourage a sense of pride among staff and attract the best educators;

Foster community support to help drive fundraising efforts;

Assure that your school will continue to fulfill its mission of providing a faith-filled and academically excellent education to all who come to you.

Building a successful marketing plan will help communicate your strengths, drive enrollment and proclaim the good news of Catholic education. To find resources that help with your marketing enrollment efforts, visit the NCEA Backpage.

What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2020 is January 26 - February 1. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2020 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

“Why is National Catholic Schools Week in January? Our admissions deadlines

have passed and we nearly always cancel because of snow. What gives?”

We hear you! National Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Now entering its 46th anniversary year, CSW has traditionally been held the last week in January.

Each year, National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) relies on valuable feedback from Catholic schools across the country on how we might help improve your CSW experience. Year after year, we have heard your concerns. In 2016, we introduced a “year-round marketing” mentality to Catholic school communications strategy. The purpose of this mentality is to have schools take the spirit

(and theme, and logo) of CSW and implement into a full year’s marketing strategy.

We will host the traditional Celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This will serve as the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, assemblies and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members to celebrate and congratulate.

Please note that Catholic schools may choose to participate in both or one – and that is okay! The important thing is to join in on the national celebrations in a way that works best for you. Make CSW your own and share your ideas with other schools using #CSW20.

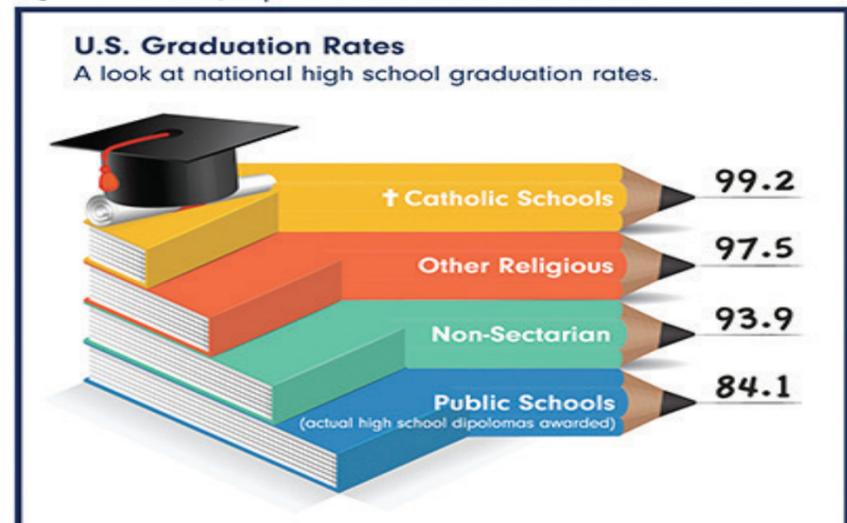
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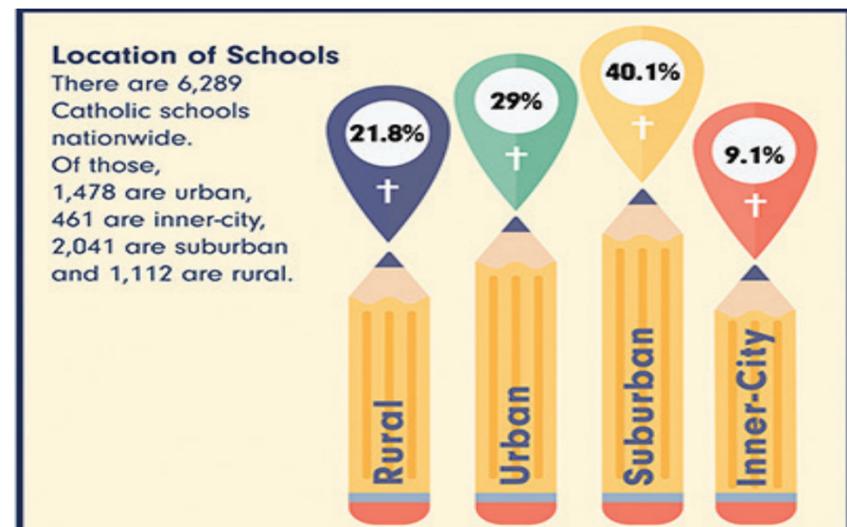
At East Boston Central Catholic School, our students become avid readers from some of our youngest (Pre-K) (pictured below) in Library to our students in Grade Two (pictured above), and right up till Junior High where when they prepare for High School and beyond the reading skills they learned at EBCCS help them succeed.



NCEA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SNAPS



Source: Broughman, S.P., Swain, N.L. (2013); Stillwell, R., and Sable, J. (2017).



Source: U.S. Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools 2018-2019: The Annual Statistical Report on Schools, Enrollment and Staffing (NCEA).

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OBITUARIES

Adelaide Martignetti

Her family was her pride and joy

Adelaide Martignetti, our beloved Mother, Wife, Nonna, Bisnonna, Sister, Aunt and Friend, passed away peacefully on Jan. 19 surrounded by the love of her family. Also known as Nenella, Adelaide was born in 1936 in the picturesque village of Montefalcione, Italy, to parents Federico Martignetti and Maria Pagliuca. In 1958, Adelaide married Antonio Martignetti of Montefalcione and together they set out on a journey towards a life full of possibilities. Along with their first born daughter, Michelina, the family immigrated to Canada in 1961. Adelaide adapted to new ways of life and the family welcomed a second daughter, Maria.

In pursuit of greater opportunities, the family immigrated for a second time in 1969. This move brought them to Revere, where they created a beautiful home. The family welcomed their son, Alessandro in Revere, and Adelaide was proud to say that her three children were born into three nations.

Adelaide and Antonio enjoyed 61 years of marriage and were forever in gratitude to God for all their blessings. Adelaide's family was her pride and joy. She immersed herself fully in motherhood and homemaking and was a light in her family's lives. She was a phenomenal chef and baker who united her family through her cooking and entertaining.

Being a Nonna brought so much happiness to her life and she was so proud of her grandchildren's accomplishments. Her great-grandson Antonio was the apple of her eye and she would beam with pride at the mere mention of his name.

Adelaide was a force of unconditional love and strength to her family and she will be tremendously missed. Her family will keep her memory alive in their hearts and her traditions alive in their kitchens. Adelaide leaves behind her husband, Antonio, and her three children, Michelina Martignetti of Revere, Maria Swan and her husband, Michael of Revere, and



Alessandro Martignetti and his wife, Paula of Seneca Falls, New York; her grandchildren Melissa Swan of Revere, Elijah Swan and his wife, Maria of Revere, and Brandon Carlson of Revere, in addition to her great-grandson, Antonio DeAndrade of Revere. Adelaide was the beloved sister of the late Rosa Gensale and her late husband, Florindo, the late Angela Spinelli and her late husband, Sabatino, the late America Martignetti and her late husband, Carmine, the late Raffaella Coccozza and her husband, Carmine, Giuseppe Martignetti and his wife, Giuseppina and Francesco Martignetti and his wife, Mima. She was the devoted sister-in-law of the late Emanuella Martignetti and her late husband, Ferdinando, Lucia Musto and her late husband, Biaggio, Suora Antonietta Martignetti, the late Ferdinando Martignetti and his late wife, Angela, the late Beniamino Martignetti and his wife, Elena, the late Felice Martignetti and his wife, Palmira and the late Alessandro Martignetti and his wife, Antonietta. Adelaide was also blessed with many nieces, nephews and cousins who she cherished and loved.

Family and friends will honor Adelaide's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again at 9 a.m. Friday morning before leaving in procession to the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 10 a.m. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Adelaide's memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. For guest book and directions please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

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Henry Ricupero

Self-employed accountant and photographer

Henry D. Ricupero of East Boston died on Jan. 18 at the age of 76.

Henry was a lifelong East Boston resident, a self-employed accountant and photographer and along with his wife, the former proprietor of a small grocery store in East Boston.

He was the beloved husband of the late Andrea Rauseo-Ricupero, devoted father of Ronaldo and his wife, Sevrine Rauseo-Ricupero and Natali Rauseo-Ricupero; loving grandfather of Armenio and Zavier Rauseo-Ricupero, dear brother of Patricia Ann Ricupero and son of the late

Henry and Maria Ricupero.

His funeral will be from the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St., new location (at Day Sq.) East Boston on Friday morning, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in the St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St., East Boston at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited. Visiting hours are Thursday, Jan. 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment private.

At his request, memorial donations to St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church would be appreciated. Parking assistance available.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

The American Red Cross has extended its urgent call for donors of all blood types to give blood or platelets. With influenza escalating across the country and preventing some donors from giving, and winter weather threatening to cancel blood drives, the Red Cross now has a critical shortage of type O blood and urgently needs donors to restock the shelves.

Currently, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of type O blood available for patient emergencies and medical treatments. Type O positive blood is the most transfused blood type and can be given to Rh-positive patients of any blood type. While just 7% of the U.S. population has type O negative blood, it can be transfused to patients with any blood type and is what hospital staff reach for during emergencies when there isn't time to determine a patient's blood type.

Every day, the Red Cross must collect nearly 13,000 blood donations and more than 2,600 platelet donations for patients who rely on blood to survive. Shortfalls in donations can cause delays in essential medical care for patients like 12-year-old Dagan Hawkins.

Diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in November, Dagan has required platelet and blood transfusions during his cancer treatments. "There was a time when they needed to have blood products delivered from another hospital because they were unavailable there," said Dustin Hawkins, Dagan's father.

Donors of all blood types — especially types O positive and O negative — are urged to make an appointment to give blood or platelets now using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

Meghan Ann O'Brien-Pheley

Aug. 29, 1980 – Nov. 15, 2019

Meghan Ann O'Brien-Pheley was an amazing athlete, excelling in basketball, softball and long distance cycling and competed in a marathon, placing very high. Meghan earned a nursing degree from Coconino Community College and was a Registered Nurse. Meghan loved the out of doors. She fly fished the rivers and streams of Montana and Alaska. She hunted, hiked the 6,000 ft. mountains usually alone near Flagstaff, AZ looking for shed antlers, and from childhood her earliest defining words were "Me do it," and no matter what it was, she wanted to complete things on her own. Meghan was also an accomplished photographer and earned prestige in nature photographs and her photographs literally brought the outside

world she loved to vivid reality.

Meghan left us all too soon, but we will always carry her in a place deep within our hearts.

Meghan is survived by her parents, Kemp Pheley and Maureen O'Brien-Pheley of Southern Oregon; three brothers: Justin Pheley of California; Joshua Pheley and his wife, Amy and their children, Connor and Caleb of Alaska and Kevin Pheley of Southern California; aunts: Katy O'Brien of East Boston, Christina Komadina of Washington, DC, and her uncle, Greg O'Brien of East Boston.

Private family services will be held in Oregon. If you wish to make a donation, please do so in Meghan's name to the charity of your choosing.

AIKEN NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Dean College is pleased to announce that Patrick Aiken, Jr. of East Boston has earned a place on the Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. These students have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College.

Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

MUNG NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Fong Mung of East Boston, was named to the Becker College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Mung is pursuing

a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Pre-Veterinary Concentration.

The Dean's List recognizes all full-time students (24 or more credit hours earned for the academic year; 12 minimum each semester - September through May) whose term grade point average is 3.50 or higher with no grade below a B- and no incomplete (I) or withdrawal/failing (WF) grades.

Becker College is an undergraduate and graduate, career-focused private college, providing a supportive and inclusive learning community that prepares graduates for their first to last careers. Nearly 1,700 students from the United States and around the world live and learn on the College's Worcester and Leicester campuses. With nationally recognized programs in nursing, game design and animal studies, Becker has been consistently ranked as a "Best College" for undergraduate education by The Princeton Review.

Philip "Phil" Romano

April 24, 1937 – Dec. 31, 2019



To the love of my life, remembering all of the good times we shared for the past 32 years. Never forgetting the two of us, our travels, boating, fine dining and many laughs. May you find eternal rest.

Claire, your endless love.

Phil you are loved and missed by many friends in Revere & East Boston

All are invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Mass to be celebrated on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in St. John's Episcopal Church, Corner of Bowdoin St. & Buchanan St., Winthrop, MA 02152.

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Mom its been 14 years but it seems like forever.
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We love and miss you...
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Irene, Jerry, Kathy, Sheri & Staci

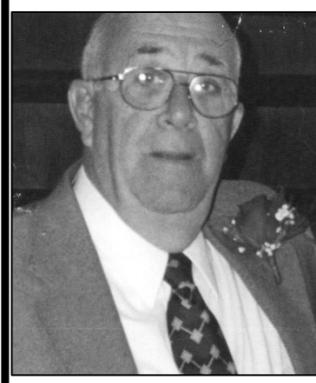
A SHORT STORY ABOUT
A HARD CURVE.
AND A HOME RUN.

Carol Truncale's story isn't just about how she prevailed through a severe childhood case of scoliosis, or curvature of the spine. It's about what she did when she grew up. She became a nurse—a decision inspired by the support and dedication she received from her own medical team during her long years of treatment and successful recovery. Carol Truncale's story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know: don't give up, and remember to give back. If Carol's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE
MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
 By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage Deed (the "Mortgage") given by 199 Havre Street, LLC (the "Mortgagor") to CSLF Alamosa, LLC (the "Mortgagee"), dated April 30, 2019, and recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") in Book 61046, Page 185, and the Conditional Assignment of Licenses, Permits, Etc. recorded with the Registry in Book 61046, Page 198, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 1:00 PM on the 25th day of February, 2020 at 199 Havre Street, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in that part of said Boston called East Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts and bounded and described as follows: **NORTHWESTERLY** on Havre Street, Twenty-five feet; **SOUTHWESTERLY** on part of Lot #225, on a plan hereinafter mentioned, one hundred feet; **SOUTHEASTERLY** on Lot #218 on said plan, twenty-five feet; and **NORTHEASTERLY** by the Northeastly quarter part of said lot #225 on R.H. eddy's Plan of Section Two, East Boston For Mortgagor's title see deed recorded with said Registry in Book 61046, Page 182. In the event of any typographical errors in the publication of this

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24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 In the interests Of: Anastasia M. Tene Of: East Boston, MA Minor **NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 12/05/2019 by Frances Devosa of East Boston, MA will be held 2/13/2020 8:30 AM

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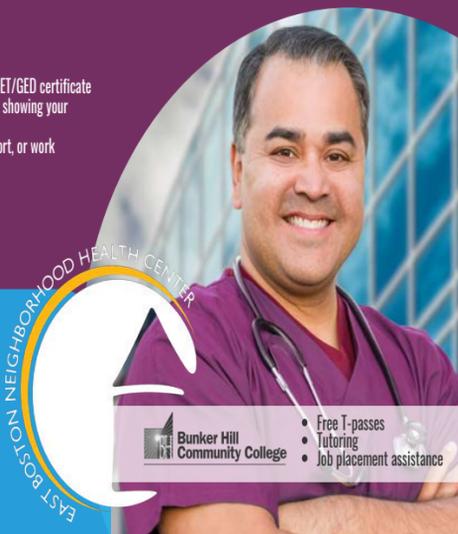
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City Councilor Michelle Wu stops by JPNA

By John Lynds

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu stopped by last week's Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) meeting touting her plan to abolish the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

Wu, who chairs the Council's Development and Transportation Committee, for months has been going to every corner of the city trying to garner support for her plan to end the BPDA's existence.

"As chair of this committee this, I believe, is were the most pressing issues are," said Wu at the JPNA meeting. "In every single neighborhood, especially here in East Boston, people are finding it harder and harder to stay and afford their neighborhood. This, coupled with an incredible amount of development across the city, the BPDA is woefully unprepared for the challenges of the future growth of our city."

Wu pointed out that the last time a city-wide Master Plan was done for the city was back in 1965 so she feels zoning is outdated and developing parcel by parcel that pit residents, developers and neighborhoods against each other is not helping to strengthen communities.

"It's beyond time that we start to think about development as how it should

serve the communities of Boston," said Wu.

In the fall Wu released a 50 plus page report outlining her case to dismantle the BPDA.

"Created in the postwar age of urban renewal at the request of Boston's business elite, the BPDA is an anachronism plagued by lack of transparency and misguided priorities," Wu's report reads. "The economic conditions used to justify its creation in 1957 are simply not present today; on the contrary, Boston is experiencing a building boom. The people of Boston deserve a

city planning department that empowers communities and addresses these challenges in a long-term vision for a more equitable future."

In her report Wu argues that a BPDA reform is not enough and that the agency needs to end.

"After two scathing audits in 2014 and 2015 revealed the extent of the then Boston Redevelopment Authority's lack of accountability, little has changed," said Wu's report. "We must abolish the BPDA. It may surprise some how much can be accomplished toward this end without a home-rule petition and just through the actions of the Mayor and City Council. By returning the property holdings from which the BPDA derives



City Councilor Michelle Wu during last week's JPNA meeting.

its operating budget to City ownership, and migrating the BPDA's functions back under City Council oversight, we can effectively dismantle this unaccountable super-agency."

In the BPDA's place Wu visions a new Planning Department that will be tasked with overhauling the zoning code and introduce consistency and predictability to the development process.

"Most importantly, this new entity should begin compiling a comprehensive master plan built on meaningful community engagement," reads her report. "If Boston will be a city for everybody, then everybody should have a say in planning it."

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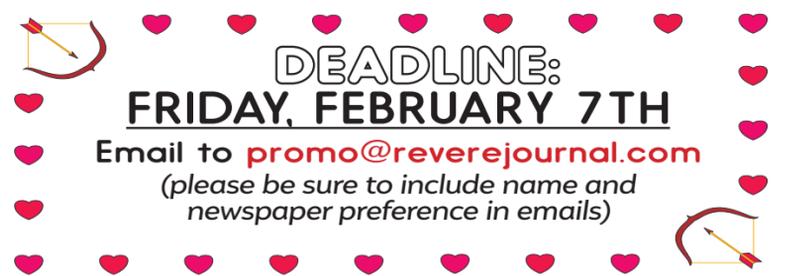
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