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Sterlingwear, Eastie's peacoat manufacturer will begin making PPE

By John Lynds

East Boston based garment manufacturer known for producing the official U.S. Navy Peacoat for the military since the 1960s will start making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for first responders and frontline workers in Boston.

Mayor Martin Walsh said last week that the City of Boston has signed a contract with Sterlingwear of Boston to use its McClellan Highway factory to produce medical gowns for Boston's first responders and frontline workers

The partnership has helped re-employ highly skilled garment workers while providing much needed PPEs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"During these challenging times, I am pleased that the City of Boston has been able to support a long-time, locally owned business, while producing needed, high quality PPE to support Boston's first responders," said Mayor Walsh. "We will continue to support our

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City Council approves Edwards' ZBA reform proposal

By John Lynds

In the wake of the scandal that rocked the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) last year, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards has called for an overhaul of the city's zoning board.

The John Lynch bribing scandal trickled down to the ZBA and led Mayor Martin Walsh to call for an investigation into the board.

Lynch, the city's Director of Real Estate, pleaded guilty in federal court to accepting \$50,000 from a developer to sway members of the ZBA on a vote.

As the scandal unfolded Edwards filed legislation to modernize and reform ZBA.

Last week the City Council approved Edwards' call

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Two East Boston Little League Majors teams squared off Friday at Festa Field. The Marlins took on the Yankees with the Yankees leading 9 to 3 through three innings before the game was called because it went over the allotted time. The two teams will finish the game sometime this week at Festa. Pictured, a Marlins batter makes contact during Friday's game at Festa. See Page 12 for more photos.

Grubhub teams up with Salesian Boys & Girls Club to continue COVID-19 relief efforts

By John Lynds

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit East Boston in mid-March, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street switched gears and redirected their focus from youth programming to making sure Eastie families had enough food and resources during the pandemic.

The Boys & Girls Club became a food distribution site for Eastie residents once school was cancelled and began collecting donations in order to provide residents with basic essentials that became hard to find during the height of the pandemic.

Eventually the Boys & Girls Club reopened with limited capacity for the summer and are looking for ways to safely provide after school care in the fall for local families.

Last week Grubhub, the popular online food delivery app, provided the Boys & Girls Club with a financial gift that Salesian Executive Director Michael Triant said will help the club continue to provide COVID-19 relief services in Eastie.

"We are extremely grateful for our friends at Grubhub for their generous gift to our COVID-19 Relief fund," said Triant. "In times of tragedy and crisis, Boys

& Girls Clubs have stepped up to provide safe places for kids and teens. Today, the organization is committed more than ever, to ensure Club staff, members, families, and communities have the resources and support they need to navigate these uncertain times - while also partnering with state and local officials to do more."

Triant said the Club will use Grubhub's generous gift to defray the cost of installing safety enhancements to the facility and for supplies and equipment for its summer camp program.

"We will also use a portion of the funding towards

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Founder of BASE, Robert "Junior" Lewis, appointed to UMass Board of Trustees

By John Lynds

Robert "Junior" Lewis, an East Boston High School and UMass Amherst graduate grew up in the Maverick Public Housing Development surrounded by mentors that shaped his life forever.

Growing up Eastie, Lewis had a big support network in Eastie. People like Debbie White, Marty Pino, Thomas Tassinari and Johnny Forbes all taught Lewis that if he would dream big, good things would happen.

"I didn't get to where I am in life by myself," he said. "They say it takes a village to raise a child and that is true. I was just a kid growing up in the projects



Eastie native Robert "Junior" Lewis was recently appointed to the UMass Board of Trustees.

in Maverick, but I went on to do great things, travel the world, meet people like Nelson Mandela because of the people that believed in me."

As founder of BASE, a nonprofit that combines athletic training and competition with education

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Evolving decision

As COVID-19 cases start to rise in neighborhood's like Eastie, BPS eyes two school reopening models

By John Lynds

With the percentage of residents testing positive for COVID-19 on the rise in some Boston neighborhoods like East Boston, Boston Public School Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius released an updated draft plan of BPS's reopening in the fall that rules out 'full' in-person learning.

As of today, BPS is eyeing two options-- reopening school remotely for all students or reopening school in a hybrid learning model through which students alternate between returning to school buildings and continuing to learn remotely.

However, with more and more surrounding communities that were hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic like Everett opening for remote learning for the first quarter of the school year, sources close to the BPS plan say remote learning

will most likely be the plan for Boston schools in the fall if COVID numbers keep rising in neighborhoods across the city. Last week 8.8 percent of residents tested for COVID were found to be positive in Eastie, up from 4 percent the previous week.

In a letter to parents attached to BPS's updated draft plan, Dr. Cassellius said the upcoming school year will look and feel different than any Boston has previously experienced.

"Never before have we started a school year in the midst of a global health crisis," said Cassellius. "In less than ten months, the COVID-19 coronavirus has taken the lives of far too many and changed the very foundations of how we gather as a community. The new school year is also arriving in the midst of another

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Walsh urges all residents to fill out Census forms

By John Lynds

For months East Boston organizations like Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE) and the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBECC) and others have been helping the City of Boston get an accurate 2020 Census count for a part of the population that has been historically hard to count.

Having an accurate Census count translates into more federal dollars for education, housing, food programs as well as proper Congressional representation for the population.

However, the Trump Administration last week directed the Census Bureau to cut short the 2020 Census Count by a whole month prompting Mayor Martin Walsh to make a plea to all Boston residents to fill out their census forms.

Walsh said so far only 53.5 percent of Boston's households have responded to the Census to date, with some neighborhoods lagging behind.

"The Census Bureau has abruptly decided to cut their national counting operations a month short," said Mayor Walsh. "The

last day to participate in the U.S. 2020 Federal Census is now September 30, formerly October 31. This announcement further jeopardizes Congressional representation, redistricting, and critical federal funding for things like education, housing, food programs, and more in Boston's communities during the next 10 years. It could lead to a significant undercount, especially for renters, people of color, and immigrants."

Walsh said this is why he is once again asking everyone to fill out the Census as soon as possible.

"If you haven't already you can self-respond online (my2020census.gov), or by phone 844-330-2020, and these services are available in 13 different languages," said Walsh.

Walsh said a full list of language access hotlines can be found online. There's also a resourceful FAQ page for any questions you may have. In the event you misplaced or never received your census ID, this guide will explain how you can still respond without that piece of information.

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Eastie COVID-19 Updates

By John Lynds

The percentage of residents testing positive for COVID-19 in East Boston more than doubled last week and the neighborhood’s infection rate rose by 3.6 percent.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday, 8.8 percent of Eastie residents tested positive for the virus, up from four percent the previous week. East Boston’s rate of infection also rose by 3.6 percent last week after only rising 1.7 percent the previous week.

On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

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In one-week Eastie’s COVID-19 infection rate went from 367.8 cases per 10,000 residents to an infection rate of 381.2 cases per 10,000 residents as of Friday.

As of Friday 63 more people became infected with the virus in Eastie and there were 1,789 confirmed COVID-19 cases. This was up from the 1,726 cases reported by the BPHC the previous week.

Last week the BPHC reported that 9,315 residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 8.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive, a 120 percent increase from the previous week. Last week

there was only a 25 percent increase in those testing positive for the virus. Overall since the pandemic began 19.9 percent of Eastie residents tested were found to be positive.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus rose two percent last week from 14,271 cases to 14,571 cases. So far 10,531 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and nine additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 741.

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er profound change in our nation. In that spirit of community, we will continue to support each other, follow public health guidelines to keep each other safe, honor each other’s dignity and treat each other with respect, always guided by the fact that we can accomplish anything when we work collaboratively together.”

According to Cassellius Executive Summary of the BPS reopening plan students will be going back to school either remotely for all students or reopening school in a hybrid learning model through which students alternate between returning to school buildings and continuing to learn remotely.

“We have not yet made a final decision regarding which of these options is best for the students of the Boston Public Schools,” said Cassellius. “We continue to monitor local health data and will be guided by the advice of our public health officials. We have decided that BPS will not reopen this fall with all of our students gathered in our school buildings together at the same time.”

As BPS continues to work to decide whether it is best to start the school year fully remote or with a hybrid learning option, there are several foundational decisions that will shape BPS’s decision.

Cassellius said science will drive BPS decisions.

“BPS will only reopen our school buildings to students and staff if and when the Boston Public Health Commission determines it is safe to do so given its constant monitoring of public health metrics,” she said. “Once made, the decision may change. As the virus continues to evolve, our decision-making will continue to evolve as well.”

A final decision will not be made until BPS partners weigh in and are heard.

“We have included school leaders, teachers, other staff and BPS families in the past several months of planning,” said Cassellius. “The Reopening Task Forces are currently meeting to contribute their ideas in order to improve this draft plan. As new ideas are received and old ones are improved, updated versions of this plan will be

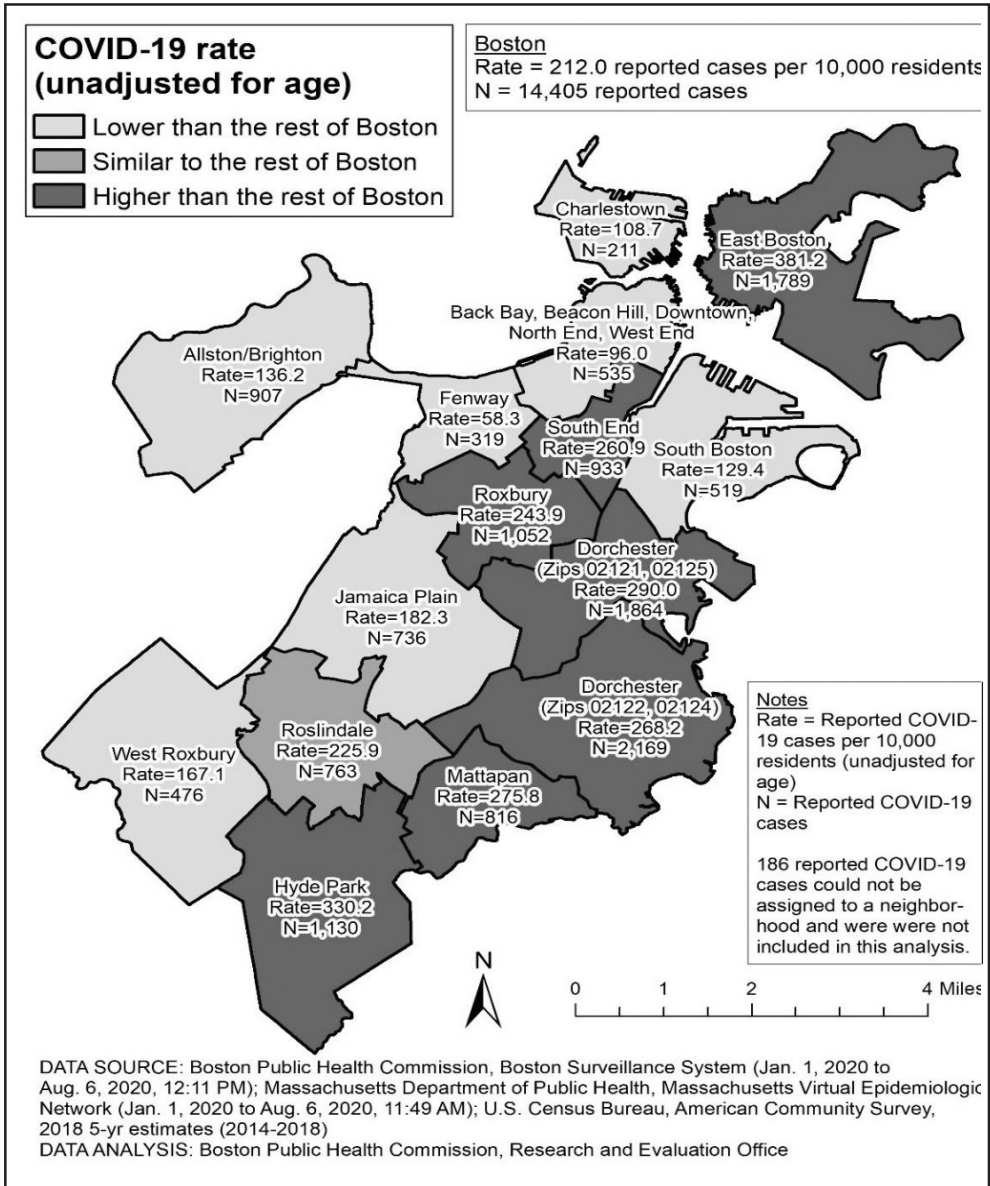
released.”

Cassellius admits the outlined hybrid model is not perfect and many have commented that the simultaneous teaching of students in person and online is impossible for BPS teachers to do, no matter what technology supports are provided.

“Now is the time to identify how BPS teachers can equitably teach all students - each of whom is legally entitled to structured instructional time, every day of the school year,” said Cassellius. “That is the task before us; the time to complete that task is now.”

In the end Cassellius said no matter how BPS starts school in the fall, students and staff will be back in school buildings in some manner, on some schedule, at some point during the 2020-2021 school year.

“As such, we are enriched by, and dependent on, the full community’s continued commitment to working collaboratively to ensure that all of our students are safe and fully engaged in learning,” she said.



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Man arrested for vandalizing car

By John Lynds

Last Thursday Boston Police arrested Santos Moscoso, 45, of East Boston and charged him with Malicious Destruction of Property. Moscoso was arraigned in East Boston District Court on the charges after he was caught red handed last week vandalizing a car.

At 9:30 p.m. in Aug. 6 police from District A-7 in Eastie responded to a radio call for vandalism in progress in the area of 115 Paris St.

Once they arrived on the scene officers were approached by a resident who told police a suspect,

later identified as Moscoso, had been scratching multiple motor vehicles in the area. The witnesses directed officers to the nearby park where the suspect was walking. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody.

Following a thorough and extensive investigation with assistance from local community members, District A-7 Detectives charged the male as the possible suspect involved in an excess of thirty additional incidents of malicious destruction of motor vehicles in the neighborhood since June of 2020.

In a statement from the police, detectives said the

department is actively reviewing the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and is asking anyone with information relative to this investigation to contact Boston Police District A-7 Detectives at (617) 343-4234.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word ‘TIP’ to CRIME (27463). The Boston Police Department will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

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“As a reminder, the Census Bureau will send staff to your house and attempt to assist your household in-person if you have not yet responded,” said Walsh. “The best way to avoid this visit is to self-respond immediately. It takes just a few minutes and, please remember, your responses are safe and confidential. You will not be asked about immigration status, and your answers will not affect any public benefits you receive.”

Last month NUBE received a grant for Census outreach and education from the Massachusetts Census

Equity Fund (MCEF).

The grants by the MCEF went to some of the hardest to count communities in Massachusetts, as well as communities that were among those hit the hardest by the global COVID-19 pandemic like Eastie.

Having an accurate 2020 Census count fits right into NUBE’s mission to transform the lives and amplify the voices of Eastie residents who have been excluded from prosperity by an inequitable economic system.

Historically, certain populations are “hard-to-count” in the census. Urban

and rural areas with large low-income populations, people of color, immigrants, non-English speakers, migrant workers, ex-offenders, young children, the elderly, those who are disabled, renters, the homeless, and those living in mobile homes or multi-unit residences are historically hard-to-count.

“We want to make sure that everyone gets counted, because in Boston, everyone counts,” said Walsh. “This is a time to make your voices heard, own your power, fight for your city, and help keep Boston strong for years to come.”

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local and small businesses that employ our residents and fuel our neighborhoods.”

Sterlingwear started as Viking Clothing in 1965 by Lorenzo Fredella and his two sons, Frank and Anthony. At that time, the primary work consisted of cut and sew operations for other clothing manufacturers and retailers.

Then, in 1968, they were contacted by the U.S. Government to produce peacoats for the U.S. Navy. The contract to produce peacoats for the U.S. Navy propelled the company into a new and successful direction.

For over 45 years Sterlingwear, now in its third generation of ownership

by the Fredella Family, has produced the peacoat for the U.S. Navy, as well as other outerwear and dress uniforms for all branches of the armed forces.

“As a family owned company we are no stranger to making high quality garments for our nation’s heroes,” said CEO and Owner, Sterlingwear of Boston Frank Fredella. “We’ve been proud to make uniforms for almost every branch of the US military from our East Boston factory. We’re immensely proud to be putting our years of experience in the garment industry to work by manufacturing critically needed PPE for frontline workers during this pandemic. It is fitting that Bostonians will be wearing PPE made right here in their city. We hope they’ll wear them with the same pride we take in making them.”

Walsh said the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a worldwide shortage of PPEs so he and the Greater Boston Labor Council (GBLC) worked closely together to identify a way to support both a locally-owned business and workers, while increasing the supply of PPE for Boston’s first responders and frontline workers. Prior to pivoting operations to produce

medical gowns, Sterlingwear, the last remaining garment manufacturer Boston, was set to close after the federal government ended a 45 year contract to manufacture the traditional U.S. Navy peacoats earlier this year.

“Our members at Sterlingwear of Boston are very proud to apply their craft in the service of protecting frontline workers right here in the City of Boston,” said Warren Pepicelli, Manager / International Executive Vice President, New England Joint Board UNITE HERE. “The work of garment workers can often go unnoticed, but we’re thankful to the Greater Boston Labor Council and Mayor Walsh for working with us and Sterlingwear of Boston to highlight the important work that our members do in the needle trades. This is an important example of why we should value manufacturing work and what is possible when we put our neighbors back to work.”

In addition to supporting the City’s first responders, Sterlingwear is expected to manufacture medical gowns for small and local businesses, including community health centers, and assisted living and nursing homes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.** a public **MEETING** of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka **PIERPAC**) will be held via remote participation in light of the ongoing State of Emergency declared in connection with the COVID-19 Pandemic

A web link and Details on how to participate remotely shall be provided the organization’s website www.ebpierpac.org on or before **August 15, 2020** at which time you may register to participate

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

REGULAR MEETING

- Attendance 6:30
- Approval of Minutes August 4, 2020 6:35

Old Business

- Amendment and to By-Laws (continued discussion and Vote)
- Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)
- Update on Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion)
- Adjournment of public meeting

New Business

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization’s website at: www.ebpierpac.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

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HVNA votes down 655 Saratoga Street project

By John Lynds

The Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) last week voted not to approve a project on Saratoga Street.

Architect Eric Zachrison and Owner Khanh Duong proposed to maintain the corner store at 655 Saratoga St. and erect two additional levels to house four, two bed-room and two- bath units and three, two-bed-room, two-bath units over the store’s garage on Curtis Street.

The garage was to be renovated to provide parking for five cars.

HVNA members voted 28 to 14 against the project.

While the group voted down the project, at a meeting earlier this month Zachrison said Duong has changed the project significantly from the first abutters meetings and HVNA



Architect Eric Zachrison pitches his design for 655 Saratoga Street.

meeting.

Zachrison said the owner met with the tenant of the convenience store and they were excited for the project and long had concerns about break-ins with not enough people around Curtis.

“This building will help

with safety, and they plan on staying in the store,” said Zachrison.

In the end HVNA members said the owner needed too many zoning variances and did not like the idea of crowding seven units above the corner store.

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to reform the ZBA.

According to Edwards the changes include adding environmental and urban planning experts to the board, setting term limits for board members, requiring board members to recuse themselves from projects they’ve been involved with in the past five years (currently two), and requiring quarterly reports on the variances and conditional use permits given out by the board in each neighborhood.

Edwards’ legislation would also require that at least one renter and homeowner sit on the board and creates a new position to provide neutral advice to applicants and neighbors about the ZBA process.

“This is a huge win for us in terms of transparency,” said Councilor Edwards. “These changes will help bring the ZBA into the 21st century and bring us towards a more equitable and fair ZBA process.”

In late February, a number of changes to the ZBA were implemented through executive order by Mayor Martin Walsh that were included in Edwards’ original proposal.

These changes include expanding interpreting services during board hearings and making both applica-

tions and records available online for review by the public.

Additionally, notices will be posted and delivered electronically.

ZBA board members must provide financial disclosures and get regular zoning law training. Finally, applicants for variances must disclose their ownership interests.

“The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility,” said Walsh at the time of signing the executive order. “The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city.”

The additional changes

approved by the Council last week were also proposed by Edwards but required legislative approval.

State Representative Adrian Madaro spoke in support of the legislation while State Representative Dan Ryan of Charlestown said he would sponsor Edwards’ home rule petition at the State House.

“As the role of the ZBA has evolved into one that often has final say over the changing fabric of our communities, it is critical that the board itself become more transparent, accountable, and reflective of the city it oversees. This home rule petition is the first step toward achieving those goals,” said Madaro. “I’m proud to support this legislation, and to stand with the many East Boston residents who have called for change at the ZBA. I thank Councilor Edwards for her hard work and leadership on this issue.”

Councilor Edwards first introduced her proposal in the fall of 2019 and re-filed the legislation in January 2020. Hearings were held in February and July before the council approved the reforms during last week’s council meeting.

College aid

Two Eastie students receive scholarships from Paul Pingnaro Scholarship/Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Foundation Scholarship Committee

By John Lynds

Last week, the Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee announced that two East Boston high School graduates that are heading off to college in the fall were the recipients of two local scholarships.

Stephanie Faiella was awarded the Paul Pingaro Scholarship, a one-time award of \$1,000 given annually to an Eastie graduate while Justin Capo was awarded the Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Foundation Scholarship of \$2,500 per year for the four years Crapo will be in college.

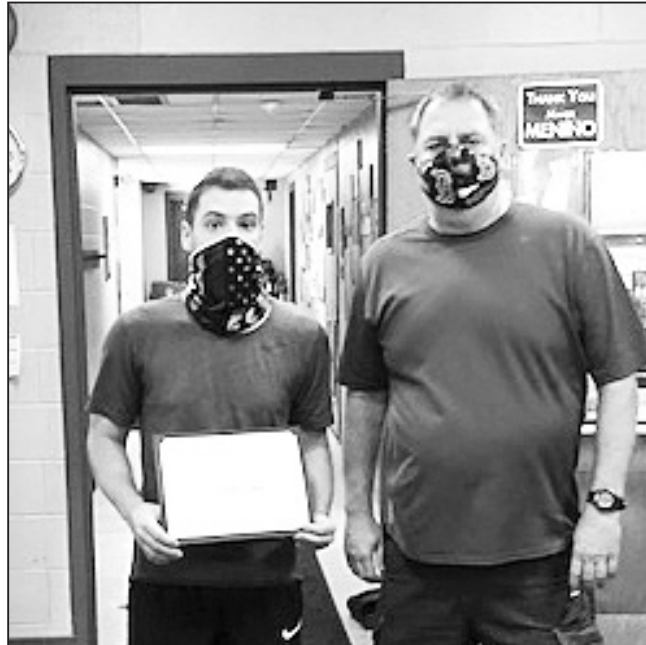


Paul Pingaro Scholarship winner Stephanie Faiella with Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee members Damien Margardo and Joseph Weddleton.

Faiella graduated from East Boston High and will attend Franklin Pierce University in the fall while Capo also graduated from East Boston High and will attend Fitchburg State University in the fall.

“Congratulations to Justin and Stephanie,” said Scholarship Committee member Joseph Weddleton. “The Committee would like to also express their gratitude to the Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Foundation for their generosity.”

The Paul Pingaro Scholarship was established after Mr. Pingnaro’s passing in January of 1997.



Paul Pingaro Scholarship winner Justin Capo with Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee member Joseph Weddleton.

A committee of Pingaro’s friends organized the scholarship committee and began fundraising.

In the spring of 1998, the Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee selected two East Boston High School grads for a \$1,000 scholarships.

Every year thereafter, two \$500 scholarships were awarded to Eastie students until the Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee began collaborating with the Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Family Foundation in 2014.

“The Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Family Foundation generously matched the Paul Pingaro Scholarship and now the amount awarded annually is \$1,000,” said Weddleton. “The Salvatore

and Maria Pizzi Family Foundation also gives one of the Paul Pingaro Scholarship recipients a \$2,500 per year scholarship while they are in college if they maintain a 3.0 or better grade point average.”

Mr. Pingaro was a lifetime resident of Eastie who worked with East Boston youth through Boston Parks and Recreation at the Paris

Street Community Center for more than 20 years. His gregarious personality made everyone who walked through the Paris Street Community Center’s doors feel welcome.

Mr. Pingaro was a talented athlete whose favorite sport was basketball and shared his skills and love for basketball with the young people he coached.

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operational expenses and to purchase needed supplies and equipment for after-school and virtual programs and activities in the fall,” said Triant.

Salesian Boys & Girls Club relies on public and private support to continue its mission, especially in times of crisis.

“The Club would not be able to continue its mission without the support of companies like Grubhub,” said Triant. “Salesian Boys & Girls Club is committed to providing vital relief services immediately. The East Boston community will need Clubs more than ever as the nation begins

to emerge from this time. The donation will also enable Club doors to re-open so that they can continue to provide out-of-school time services to current members and the local community. With unemployment on the rise and the long-term economic impact of COVID-19 unknown, it’s crucial that we equip our young people with the essential skills to successfully enter the workforce. Also, when our Clubs re-open, there is a concern that mental health resources will be needed to help youth as they transition out of this difficult time.”

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Virtual Public Meetings

Suffolk Downs

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Each meeting will be hosted online, using Zoom. You must register for each meeting through the links provided below, then you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the meeting. You will also receive an email before the meeting regarding technical assistance. The meeting will open about 20 minutes before the start time for each meeting for you to join and troubleshoot any technical issues, including respecting simultaneous translation services. If you’re calling in by phone, you’ll need to download the Zoom application to see the presentation and access language interpretation.

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Project Description:

The BPDA will hold three (3) additional virtual meetings on Saturday, August 15, 2020, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Thursday, August 20, 2020, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on the Suffolk Downs development project consisting of the Boston portion of the planned redevelopment of the Suffolk Downs horse racing facility located at 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston. Project proponent The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC, an affiliate of The HYM Investment Group, proposes approximately 10.5 million square feet of development on the approximately 109 acres of the Suffolk Downs site in the City of Boston. The multi-phased proposal for the Boston portion of the site will include the development of a new mixed-use neighborhood, an approximately 27-acre publicly accessible open space system in Boston (with approximately 13 additional acres planned for the Revere portion of the site), and a new retail square at the Suffolk Downs MBTA station (an additional retail square is planned in Revere, at the Beachmont station).

The virtual meetings are being held to facilitate additional outreach to Spanish- and Arabic- speaking residents, as part of the BPDA’s review of the project. At each meeting, there will be a presentation by the proponent that will provide an overview of the project, anticipated impacts, and proposed mitigation. Following the presentation, members of the public will be given an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments and feedback. Simultaneous translation services will be provided through the Zoom platform. Suffolk Downs project documents have been translated into Spanish and Arabic, and these are available to the public on the BPDA’s and project proponent’s websites. The BPDA’s project-specific website is at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs>

Printed information about the Suffolk Downs project is available by mail upon request.

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AMERICA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN

On January 30 -- what seems like a lifetime ago -- the World Health Organization declared that COVID-19 was a world-wide pandemic. On that same fateful date, the United States' Centers for Disease Control issued a press release that stated as follows: "The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) today confirmed that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has spread between two people in the United States, representing the first instance of person-to-person spread with this new virus here."

One month later, on February 29, after the first confirmed coronavirus death in this country, President Donald J. Trump said as follows:

"We've taken the most aggressive actions to confront the coronavirus. They are the most aggressive taken by any country and we're the number one travel destination anywhere in the world, yet we have far fewer cases of the disease than even countries with much less travel or a much smaller population."

Given Trump's reassuring statement, who among us could have imagined that five months later, the United States would rank as the nation that has been the most-ravaged by the virus? With more than 160,000 of our fellow Americans victims of the virus -- and increasing by 1000 per day -- we have recorded 25 percent of the world's deaths, though we have just four percent of the world's population. And our five million confirmed cases -- an increase of one million in the past 17 days alone -- account for almost one-quarter of cases world-wide.

The daily life of every American has been affected by the virus, with no end in sight. Not only has the fabric of our society been shredded, but the very foundation of our democracy -- the ability to hold fair and free elections -- is in serious jeopardy.

The virus has reduced us to the status of a banana republic in every respect -- and we're continuing to spiral ever downward, day-by-day.

CAR REPOSSESSIONS ARE ON THE RISE

Although most of the attention of the financial crisis brought about by the coronavirus pandemic has focused on the evictions and foreclosures facing millions of out-of-work Americans, the number of repossessions of motor vehicles because of loan defaults is starting to increase dramatically.

With the expiration of a ban on debt collection actions having ended in Massachusetts on July 31, lenders have begun to repossess the motor vehicles whose owners have defaulted on their loans.

We are not taking issue with the lenders -- who only are seeking to protect the value of the motor vehicle for which they have the title -- but we are mentioning it to point out that this is yet another side effect of our nation's feeble national response to the pandemic.

The loss of an automobile will have catastrophic consequences for many families. But the sad reality is that some policymakers in Washington obviously do not care.

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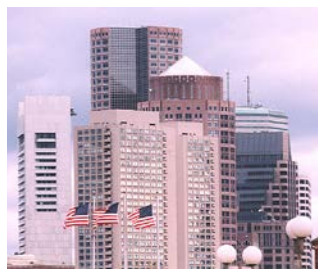
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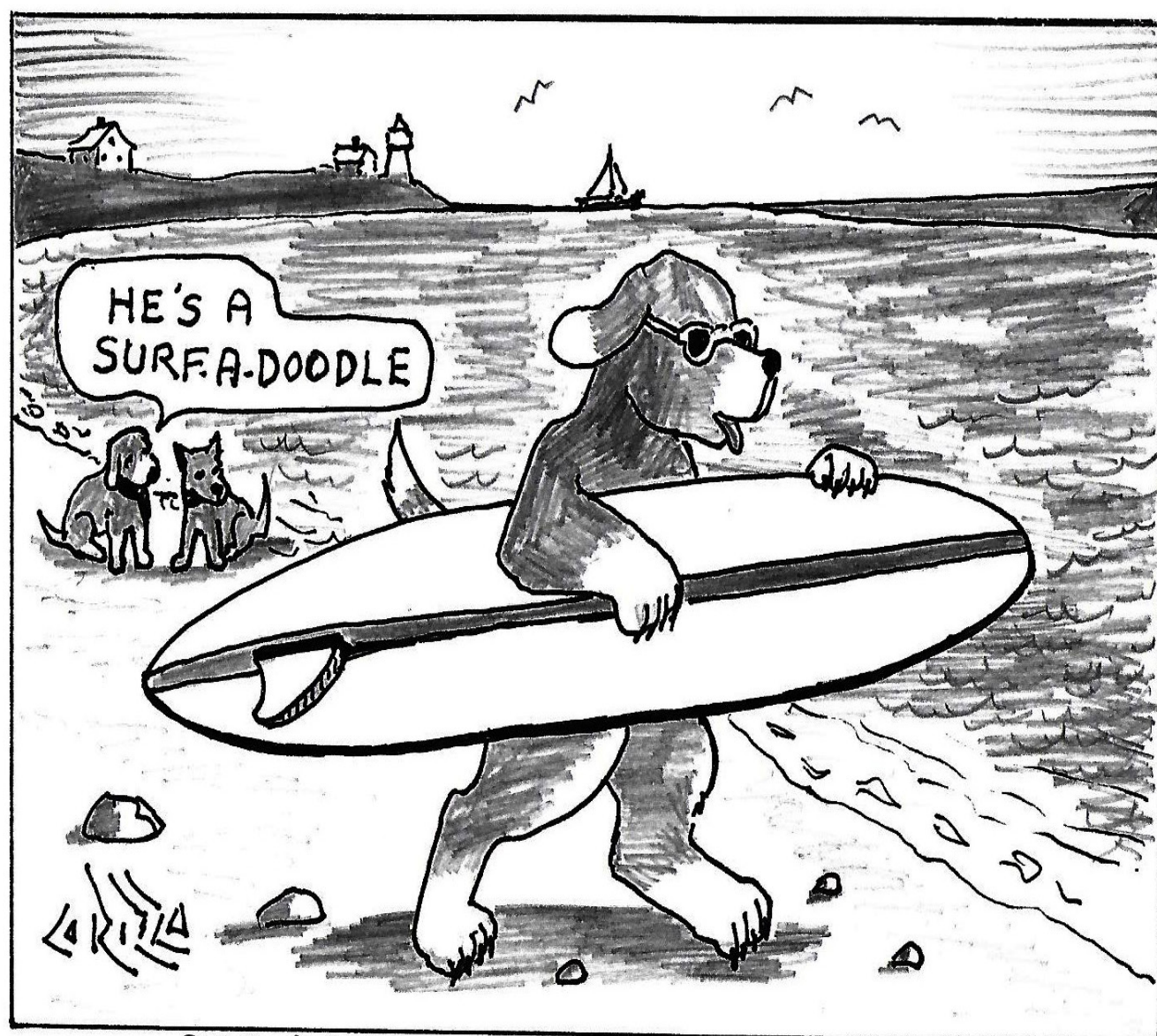
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GUEST OP-ED

Every American has troubles

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Everybody has troubles. If you don't believe it then ask any American living in the year 2020.

Most of us are accustomed to having troubles occasionally. Some have more than others. Some people think that "some people" never have a problem. All people on some level have troubles.

An old preacher friend of mine from Florida use to say "Glenn, on every level, there is a new devil." This is true. The poor have troubles. The rich have troubles. The famous have troubles. People in obscurity have troubles. Today, 2020 in almost every inch of the United States and with every person of the United States we have universal troubles. You've heard the plea for universal health care? Welcome to universal troubles in America.

Every American in

some way is impacted by Covid-19. You have had or have the disease. You know someone. You have heard of someone. Because of Covid-19 you may be unemployed. Your education is impacted. Your sports participation is wrecked at least for the Fall and probably winter. Students wonder every day if they will see the inside of a classroom in September or even longer.

Every college town in American is on the brink of financial disaster. Can you imagine what it's going to do to South Bend if Notre Dame doesn't come back to campus? What about Gainesville, Florida, Lexington, Kentucky, Columbia, Missouri and just name any town that survives on 20,000 college students and families spending money in their town every day. You can add more to the expanded economic misery of this nation.

So far America's Social Security and Government

retirees financially have been okay due to the security of their checks. This pandemic does not have limitations or boundaries. Our nation continues to print off money that we do not have to keep afloat families, small businesses and state governments. I'm afraid the printer in the federal reserve is going to blow up about when it's time to print off my cash for my social security check later next year.

From tourism, restaurants, small businesses or just having to wear a mask or social distance we've all to some extent experienced troubles in 2020. We can overcome many troubles in life. Some troubles are life changing. Dying or burying a loved one is forever.

I've had ups and downs and most of us have. They aren't fun. The pandemic for many of us has been a lifestyle change. A new normal. An inconvenience. We are having to do some

things like wash our hands more, wear a mask and be a little distant from people. That's not killing us. It's when we take on the attitude, "I'm an American. I'm going to do what I want to do, when I want to do it and however, I feel like doing it," then, that attitude becomes part of our national trouble.

Covid-19 is trouble enough. Americans are all in some way sharing in the troubles of this virus. Please, let's all work together to be part of the solution and not add to our national troubles.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

Baker-Polito administration launches online platform to enhance food system connections

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the launch of MassGrown Exchange, an online platform designed to facilitate business-to-business connections within the local food system for products and services. The platform was developed following recommendations from the Administration's Food Security Task Force, which promotes ongoing efforts to ensure that individuals and families throughout the Commonwealth have access to healthy, local food.

"Our Administration developed MassGrown Exchange to serve as an important tool for the Commonwealth's agricultural and seafood industries to expand business opportunities and access new markets, and improve food security for the people of Massachusetts," said Governor

Charlie Baker. "Through this new platform, a variety of businesses, including farmers, fisheries, restaurants and food banks, will be able to source locally caught and produced food more efficiently."

Developed by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), in collaboration with the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), this platform was originally established to address COVID-19 disruptions to the local food supply in order to assist Massachusetts growers and producers in accessing markets. Given its broad applicability to the food sector in the Commonwealth, this platform will remain in place as a helpful tool and resource beyond the duration of the COVID-19 emergency.

"The MassGrown Ex-

change is designed to be a simple tool for buyers and suppliers with flexibility to meet the needs of the complex food system," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "Building on the recommendations of the Food Security Task Force, this platform will offer every region across the Commonwealth an opportunity to develop their local food network."

The MassGrown Exchange platform will assist Massachusetts food businesses looking to sell and purchase products and services, including:

- Farmers, fishermen, specialty food producers with wholesale products to sell to restaurants, grocery stores, and other outlets, or searching for equipment or services, such as storage, distribution.

- Buyers (including supermarkets, institutions, schools, food banks, restaurants, and retail outlets) looking for local food products.

- Service and equipment providers working with businesses in the food system.

The platform offers a simple registration process for Massachusetts food businesses, which can operate as a buyer or supplier, depending on whether they are looking to acquire products or provide products or services. Potential sellers and buyers are encouraged to register their business and start listing products and services.

Please visit the MassGrown Exchange webpage for details on registering as well as a training video on using the platform.

Clark secures critical airplane noise reduction measure in appropriations bill

Highlighting the collaboration between the state and federal delegation, Representative Katherine Clark (MA-05), Massachusetts House Speaker Bob DeLeo, and State Senator Joe Boncore (First Suffolk & Middlesex) announced that the Federal Appropriations bill passed by the House of Representatives on July 31, 2020, included a mandate directing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to update certain outdated airplane noise insulation installed in households over 27 years ago. Congresswoman Clark utilized her position on the Appropriations Committee to secure the inclusion of this noise mitigation measure after ongoing efforts from both the federal and state offices to work with residents concerned about aging noise insulation and the impact of aviation noise.

“Residents near Logan Airport have endured far too many sleepless nights due to the high level of aviation noise in their communities. They shouldn’t be on the hook financially to replace outdated federally funded noise insulation when this equipment reaches the end of its useful life,” said Congresswoman

an Katherine Clark MA (MA-5). “Speaker DeLeo, Senator Boncore, and I regularly discuss ways we can collaboratively resolve local issues, and this legislative achievement is the latest in a series of steps we’ve taken together to address this pressing concern for residents who deal with airplane noise on a daily basis.”

“Our collaborative work with the Massachusetts congressional delegation produced results for local communities surrounding Logan Airport, including Winthrop and Revere, for those residents who live with the daily effects of airplane noise,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D – Winthrop). “This is welcome relief to residents, especially those in older homes, and I’m grateful to Congresswoman Clark for her leadership on this issue, and I thank Senator Boncore for his ongoing partnership.”

“Residents will now have the opportunity to obtain new windows that meet today’s standards for sound insulation,” said State Senator Joe Boncore (D-Winthrop). “When Congresswoman Clark asked how to best meet local needs, Speaker DeLeo and I agreed

that ensuring residents are safe and comfortable in their homes was of utmost importance. Thank you also to the countless members of our community, led by the Airport Hazards Committee, who reached out directly to raise these issues and ensure awareness for environmental justice.”

Over the last several decades, residents in certain communities surrounding Logan Airport were provided federally funded noise mitigation insulation to reduce the impact of aviation noise pollution. That sound mitigation insulation is now aging. The Appropriations bill directs the FAA to consider noise reduction equipment installed prior to 1993 to be “unmitigated” and to permit all affected residences with old and obsolete mitigation measures to be eligible for new insulation. In 2018, the federal and state offices worked together to secure a mandate in the FY19 Omnibus Appropriations bill requiring the FAA to study how to address aging airport noise mitigation insulation and fund an additional 8 field staff positions at the FAA dedicated to addressing aviation noise.

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and career resources to empower student-athletes to achieve their full potential, Lewis, has emerged as a nationally recognized thought leader, public speaker and passionate advocate for urban youth.

This month, life came full circle for Lewis as Governor Charlie Baker appointed him to the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, UMass.

“I am pleased to appoint Robert Lewis to the UMass Board of Trustees,” said Governor Baker. “Robert Lewis is a dedicated leader and fierce advocate for our urban youth. I’m confident (he) will play an important role in the continued growth of our public university system.”

Lewis was sworn in by Governor Baker at a virtual ceremony that was attended by UMass President Marty Meehan and UMass Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Manning.

“We are thrilled to have the insights of Robert on our Board and are confident that (his) input will help us continue to build on our mission of education, research and service to the benefit of our students and our state,” said UMass President Martin Meehan. “Despite the many demands on Governor Baker at this time, we are extremely grateful to him for the careful attention and consideration he gives to these important appointments.”

As Chairman, Manning said he was very pleased to welcome Lewis to the UMass Board of Trustees and thank Governor Baker for identifying such a standout appointee.

“I look forward to working with these distinguished leaders to take UMass to even greater heights for the benefit of our students, faculty and staff,” said Manning.

In his adult life Lewis became a nationally recognized bridge-builder and catalyst for collaboration between diverse business, civic and public sectors throughout the country. A 2015 Boston Magazine cover story listed Lewis among the city’s 50 Most Powerful Leaders, calling

him “a tireless advocate for inner-city kids.”

“All that success can be traced back to my time at the Social Centers, at East Boston Camps, growing up in Eastie,” he said. “Because there were people that saw something in me and made me believe in myself.”

Lewis’s impressive career trajectory has included important roles such as Executive Director of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, President and Executive Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Senior Vice President of City Year’s national operations and Executive Director of City Year Boston, and Vice President for Program at the Boston Foundation where he directed the distribution of \$16 million plus in discretionary grants.

He was the chief architect of two important initiatives during his tenure at the Boston Foundation: Street-Safe Boston – the country’s only privately-funded gang program with a mission to dramatically reduce gun violence in the city; and CHAMPS Boston – which promotes positive youth development through sports by training over 5,000 youth sports coaches in Greater Boston.

In 2013, Robert left his high profile position at The Boston Foundation to pursue a lifelong dream to launch The BASE, a program that leverages the power and passion of baseball to help student athletes find pathways to success both on and off the field. Since 2013, the BASE has had 138 student athletes matriculate to college and has provided \$25 million in academic scholarships.

The BASE is a model and methodology that changes the paradigm for urban youth by providing student athletes with the opportunity, knowledge, skills and confidence needed to develop a winning game plan for success both on and off the field. The BASE embodies everything Lewis learned as founder of the Boston Astros, a youth baseball team he launched in 1978. Legendary baseball writer Peter Gammons

has called The Astros, “Hands-down the best urban baseball program in the country,” and Triple Crown Sports awarded the Astros the 2012 “Team of the Year” award from a field of 40,000.

In 2013 Lewis launched BASE,

Lewis is also a highly sought-after public speaker, facilitator and spokesperson on the topic of urban issues and opportunities, addressing attendees at major national conferences and inspiring students and faculty on college campuses across the country.

He has worked collaboratively with government and civic leaders in Los Angeles, New Orleans, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and currently consults with a number of foundations and nonprofits.

Lewis also worked with the Minister of Defense in Bermuda to launch Street-Safe Bermuda, and advised Prime Minister David Cameron during the tumultuous riots in the United Kingdom in 2011.

Among his many awards and distinctions are the 2015 Sports Museum’s Lifetime Achievement Award at the Boston Baseball Writer’s Annual Dinner, and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Cambridge (MA) College.

The Eastie native has been profiled in four books: Developing Better Athletes, Better People, A Leader’s Guide To Transforming High School and Youth Sports into a Development Zone, authored by Jim Thompson, Do More Than Give, the Six Practices of Donors Who Change the World, by Leslie Crutchfield, John Kania and Mark Kramer, 10 Who Mentor, by Denise Korn, Men Who Dare, authored by the late Katherine Martin.

The 22-member UMass Board of Trustees includes 17 members appointed by the Governor and five members are UMass students elected by the student bodies of each of the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Medical School campuses.

CITY PAWS

Water dogs



One of the delights of a beachside vista is watching retrievers nag their humans for one more round of fetch.

Around Water

Our Westies have never been swimmers, but they have all loved the beach and walking in tidal pools. A friend’s Greyhound likes to stand in the water at their lake house. We watched dogs happily run to a boat, paddleboard, or kayak to spend time on the water with their people. If you walk in parks with ponds, lagoons, or river banks, you’ll see many dogs explore the shore or wade in for a cooling dip.

Water Warnings

Knowing your dog, its capabilities, as well as your own, has to be the first rule of allowing your canine companion around bodies of water. Is the dog a strong swimmer? Will the dog respond to voice control if recalled? Could you rescue a dog that needs help in the water?

We’ve used life jackets for our dogs on boats, piers, docks, or paths like the Boston Harbor walk where there is no easy access point for a dog to return to shore or it would be difficult to pull a dog out of the water without the handle on the life jacket.

Places like the Charles River can pose toxic dangers for dogs. Once again this summer, the Charles River Watershed Association has had red flag warnings up on parts of the river due to the presence of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae). They explain, “Public health officials recommend that people and pets avoid contact in areas of algae concentration and rinse thoroughly in the event of contact.”

Carrying fresh clean water to offer your dog can help prevent him from drinking from ponds and streams. Drinking salt water or even just licking fur or paws encrusted with salty residue can also make a dog sick.

With a bit of thought and preparation, you and your dog can enjoy the cooling effects of water this summer. Swimming, boating, or just walking along the shore can be a fun way to spend time with your favorite pup!

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Pressley joins MTA, AFT, students, families and advocates in calling for full remote learning this fall

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07) last week joined the Massachusetts Teachers Association, American Federation of Teachers of Massachusetts, students and advocates in calling for full remote learning in Massachusetts this fall.

“Any decision on how to approach the upcoming school year must center the voices of those most impacted – our students, educators, and their families,” she said. “Over the past several weeks, I’ve heard directly from students, parents, educators and superintendents who have overwhelmingly expressed their concerns about sending students and educators back to the classroom before it is safe to do so. Schools throughout the Commonwealth - particularly in communities hardest hit by COVID-19 like so many across the Massachusetts 7th - are not equipped with the resources, equipment, classroom

facilities and staff necessary to safely reopen for in person courses. The safety and health of our children, educators and community must come first. Therefore, I believe we must begin the school year with fully remote instruction.”

Pressley said she understands the need to return, but it shouldn’t be rushed.

“As the parent of a school-aged daughter, I understand the gravity of this decision and the challenges posed by remote learning for our students and their families,” she said. “But rushing to reopen our schools will directly jeopardize the lives of our students and educators, and that is a risk we cannot take. Let me be clear, this public health crisis is not under control. The Republican White House has been woefully negligent and inadequate in their response. We must use the coming weeks to plan for equitable remote learning scenarios while we work to stabilize the public health crisis and get our schools the resources and support

they would need to safely open. In these extraordinarily challenging times, I’m grateful for the leadership and partnership of our school superintendents and municipal leaders, and I will remain in close contact with them as we all work to affirm the safety and success of our young people.”

This week, Congresswoman Pressley convened a youth-led listening session where she heard directly from students across the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District as they discussed what it has been like to balance schoolwork, caregiving responsibilities and jobs to support their family in the midst of this public health crisis. She also heard from students who had lost family members to COVID 19 and students who pointed to the challenging tradeoffs schools, educators, and families are forced to make. Additionally, students spoke to the limitations of remote learning and the challenges students with disabilities faced during the pandemic.

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JetBlue donates children’s books to Paris Street Community Center

By John Lynds

Renowned American aphorist Mason Cooley once said, “Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are”.

With the COVID-19 pandemic still ebbing and flowing across the region, reading has been a welcomed escape for children across East Boston unable to attend school or summer camps and forced to stay where they are.

Luckily, there will be no shortage of summer reading

material to pass the time thanks to a generous donations of children’s books from JetBlue to the BCYF Paris Street Community Center.

The Paris Street Community Center received a large donation of children’s books from the JetBlue Soar with Reading Initiative.

Along with its youth summer meals, books will be distributed to families throughout the month of August from 9 am-2 pm at the Paris Street Community Center. Residents can stop by the 12 Paris Street site

and grab some books for the family.

“I want to thank you to JetBlue for their amazing book donation to the East Boston community,” said Paris Street Director Nicole DaSilva.

JetBlue Soar with Reading Initiative remains committed to helping kids’ imaginations take flight. As most school districts across the U.S. are closed because of the COVID pandemic, many organizations are offering free at home resources to assist with virtual learning.



Staffers hold up some of the recently donated children’s books.

Edward M. Kennedy Institute launches virtual Youth Advisory Council amid COVID-19

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United State Senate announced today the launch of its reimagined Youth Advisory Council as a virtual advocacy project focused on empowering youth voices in activism and civic education. The political-ly-focused cohort, a supporting effort of the Institute’s Youth Movements project (normally hosted in-person prior to disruptions from COVID-19), will pivot to focus on digital platforms and social media as a form of online advocacy to inform and mobilize political youth movements.

This summer’s youth advisors, participants in the city of Boston’s SuccessLink jobs program, will focus on online advocacy and community organizing via virtual platforms, researching effective use of the internet and social media for online advocacy and community organizing, and using their firsthand experiences to apply them to civic engagement and politics. Specific themes include the importance of storytelling in political movements, understanding of personal experiences as relevant and valuable in advocacy, and integration of advocacy into students’ personal and professional lives. The Institute’s pivot to a new virtual youth advisory program offering closely aligns with the current form

of youth advocacy: rooted in social media with supporting multimedia assets such as images and videos, hashtags, and signature-based petitions to generate attention and bring change to societal issues.

“It’s important to meet this young generation of organizers where they feel comfortable advocating, and that is mostly through online mobilization,” said Zubeda Khan, Youth Program Manager at the Kennedy Institute. “Even in normal times, not everyone goes in-person to a march or a rally. Political engagement manifests itself in a number of ways, and this new program is the result of the Institute understanding the importance of educating and encouraging the next generation to participate in this type of online advocacy.”

Through the newly reimagined program, the Institute will collaborate with the advisory council to create offerings that fully engage young people in civics, government, and representation. The Institute will disseminate online resources for young activists, such as its Youth Action Guides, that explore local and national issues and provide guidance on how to engage and support political movements through organizing platforms, messaging, and mobilization. Students will be

encouraged to draw upon personal stories and digital exhibitions to represent the societal and political change they would like to see.

“At the Kennedy Institute, we are focused on the importance of promoting civic education and the fundamental tenants of democracy,” said Sarah Yezzi, Director of Education, Family and Youth Programming at the Kennedy Institute. “As we all know, there is a growing movement of young people pushing for political and social change, so understanding effective methods of organizing on digital platforms is crucial to reaching the youth audience. Harnessing the enthusiasm of these students and applying their insights to our existing resources for civic discourse will position the Institute to better inspire our younger generations towards political engagement.”

About the Kennedy Institute

The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate is dedicated to educating the public about the important role of the Senate in our government, encouraging participatory democracy, invigorating civil discourse, and inspiring the next generation of citizens and leaders to engage in the civic life of their communities. Learn more via www.emkinstitute.org.

Massdevelopment announces \$310,000 funding for real estate technical assistance

MassDevelopment is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$310,000 in funding through its Real Estate Technical Assistance program. Through a combination of in-house expertise and contracts with consultants, under this program MassDevelopment works with municipal officials, planners, local stakeholders, and others to address site-specific and district-wide economic development challenges. Awards will range from approximately \$5,000 to \$50,000 and can support a range of projects, from feasibility studies to master planning efforts.

“Through MassDevelop-

ment’s Real Estate Technical Assistance program, we deploy our in-house expertise and partnerships with top consultants to help cities and towns across the Commonwealth tackle their planning and development projects,” said MassDevelopment President and CEO Lauren Liss. “We encourage our local partners to apply for this targeted assistance as they pursue plans to leverage assets, build housing, create jobs, and more.”

The full Request for Proposals is available at massdevelopment.com/technicalassistance. Responses are due by September 4.

Created in 2017, Mass-

Development’s Real Estate Technical Assistance program has awarded \$942,000 to help 26 communities advance their economic development goals through 27 projects.

MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth. During FY2019, MassDevelopment financed or managed 316 projects generating investment of more than \$2 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 9,743 jobs and build or preserve 1,992 housing units.

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OBITUARIES

Bernardine Joslin

Active in the East Boston community

Bernardine Joslin of East Boston passed away on August 6.

Bernardine was a member of the Paris Street Community Council, Piers PAC and a past member of the Land Use Council and Eastie Pride Day. She was also a member of many other neighborhood organizations.

She was the loving sister of Mary Lou Screnci and her husband, Dennis Sr. of Peabody and the late Patricia Aguiar, cherished aunt of Tracy Ann Bisson, Damien Aguiar, Dennis Screnci Jr., Dante Screnci and Dominic Screnci and is also survived by many loving great nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends honored Bernardine's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Monday August 10 and again on Tuesday morning before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church for a



mass celebrating Bernardine's life. Services concluded with Bernardine being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. May she rest in peace.

Due to her dedication to East Boston and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to an East Boston charity of your choice.

All services were held in accordance with Phase-3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Ann Matarazzo

Of East Boston

Ann M. Matarazzo of East Boston passed away on Thursday, August 6.

The beloved wife of the late Edward Matarazzo, she was the devoted mother of Robert and Lisa Matarazzo, dear sister of Eileen White and cherished grandmother

of Christopher, Elena, Nicholas and Emily.

Family and friends honored Ann's life by gathering at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, for a graveside service on Saturday, August 8. May she rest in peace.

For more information or to leave a message of condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Susan DiGregorio

She embraced and cherished all of life's gifts

On August 11, 1945 our beloved Susan was born in Boston and introduced to the world as Susan Beth Stolman, daughter of Albert and Ruth Stolman, and younger sister of Marjorie (Stolman) Alberti.

Susan's roots began in Boston in The West End (Beacon Hill) and Dorchester, where she had a unique diverse upbringing and made tight knit friends that lasted a lifetime.

She moved to the beach with her family and graduated from Revere High School with the class of 1963, where she jumped right in with the in-crowd — bonding with girlfriends who became instant "sisters" — all of them sharing and celebrating life together for nearly 60 years.

At age 25 she fell in love with David DiGregorio, who she nicknamed "Greg," eloping five months later. They had two beautiful daughters, Marcy DiGregorio — a Registered Dietitian living in California; and Amy DiGregorio — a jeweler and handbag designer living in Santa Barbara. They moved to Stoneham, where Susan lived for 25 years, and then retired to Naples, Florida. Living life to the fullest, she and her husband of 42 years took their last trip together, a Mediterranean cruise, before he became very ill and passed away. A couple of years later Susan reunited with Ernie, her high school sweetheart.

Susan worked in Boston for her father's print shop, Stolman Printing; spent the majority of her career as a typesetter for the Stoneham Independent; and worked for Northeast Airlines which afforded many travel opportunities all over the world before getting married — she did the tango in Buenos Aires, shopped in London, and took her parents on a tour all around Israel. One of Susan's favorite roles was being a Mother. A natural caregiver always offering her advice and doing everything she possibly could



for her daughters with endless love. She always made sure they never had to ask for a thing throughout her lifetime — she selflessly gave, it was just her way. She spoke so proudly of the confident, successful daughters she raised, and they often let her know she was their biggest hero.

Susan had a strong appreciation for the arts. Being very artistic herself, she especially loved to paint. She embraced and cherished all of life's gifts.

We are heartbroken to lose one of the world's finest, kindest, funniest, most generous and loyal and gorgeous souls anyone could ever wish to meet. We miss her immensely.

Susan's final hours were spent with her immediate family — her two daughters, Marcy and Amy; and her sister, Margie. They reminisced with stories, sang songs, laughed, cried, kissed, hugged, held hands, said their final thank yous and goodbyes...until Susan took her final breath, soaring off with an abundance of Love into her next Big Life...

Susan's ashes will be scattered, upon her request, with those of her late husband and with her parents. Due to Covid-19 we will be holding off on her Celebration of Life (for now) and will keep friends and family posted as soon as we have more freedom to honor her memory — even if it takes a year or more, it will happen.

Donations may be made to The Salvation Army, Eastern Divisional Headquarters, 440 West Nyack Rd, West Nyack, NY 10994 or by going to salvationarmyusa.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfuiglio.com

Nancy Ciampi

Of Haverhill, formerly of East Boston

Nancy G. Ciampi of Haverhill, formerly East Boston, passed away on Sunday, August 9.

The beloved wife of the late Carmen D. Ciampi, she was the devoted mother of Carmen Ciampi and his wife, Diane of East Boston, Paula DiFrancesco and her husband, Michael of Haverhill and the late Phyllis McGuirk; dear sister of Patricia Marciello of Revere and the late Santos DiMattia; cherished grandmother of Ray, Carmen, and Tiana and great-grandmother of Angelina. She is also survived by many loving cousins.

All services will be private. In accordance with the family's wishes and in lieu



of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Nancy's name to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Dept. 41831, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Anthony Santosuosso

His family meant the world to him

Anthony Santosuosso of East Boston passed away on Saturday, August 8.

Anthony was a graduate of East Boston High School - Class of 1999. He loved to play hockey and was an avid fan of the Bruins, always watching their games with his son and dad. He also loved watching his son play sports. Anthony was always making people laugh. His family meant the world to him.

The beloved son of Mary Savage of East Boston and the late Anthony Santosuosso, he was the devoted father of Anthony Cali of East Boston and his mother, Alycia Cali, dear brother of David Savage of East Boston cherished grandson of Josephine Santosuosso and the late Anthony, Alice Pellar and Frank Savage and the treasured nephew of Carmella Mattera, Phyllis Camarca-Christian and Joseph Santosuosso. He is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

Family and friends will honor Anthony's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston



on Monday, August 17 from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Anthony's life at 11 a.m. Committal services will be private. All services will be held in accordance with Phase-3 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. Face coverings are required to be worn in the funeral home and social distancing measures are encouraged.

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Lovingly remembered & Sadly Missed

There is not a day I don't think about you, I love you and miss you,

Your Wife,

Jaqueline Adrianna Rose

In Memoriam

Eleventh Anniversary

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In Loving Memory of

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God saw you getting weary when your health was not to be. He closed his arms around you and whispered "Come to Me."

So keep your arms around him, and give him special care.

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It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, a part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

God gave us a beautiful son.

You were always there with a helping hand.

Please help us to accept God's plan.

A million times we've cried.

If our love could have saved you, you never would have died.

Eternal rest grant unto him, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

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And if I go while you're still here... Know that I live on. Vibrating to a different measure Behind a thin veil that you can not see through You will not see me. So you must have faith I wait for the time when we can be together again. Both aware of each other: Until then, live your life to it's fullest. And when you need me, just whisper my name in your heart... I will be there. Happy Birthday Frankie. We Love & Miss you so very, very much. Mom, Uncle Rico, Aunts & Cousins

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P1326EA
Estate of: Generoso Cirulo
Date of Death 07/06/2020
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carolina Cirulo of East Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Carolina Cirulo of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your

attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/15/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: August 04, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU20P1293GD
In the matter of: Steven Aguilar RESPONDENT
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Of: East Boston, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Steven Aguilar is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Pasquale Aguilar of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 31, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo,
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OHNC MEETING AGENDA

The next Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) meeting will be Monday, August 17, at 6:30pm. The following is the agenda

Location: Zoom with Drive-By Voting Options

Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but Zoom link open at 6pm to get acclimated – Agenda is subject to change.

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

- Introductions - Welcome and report from the board (President, (VP), Secretary)

Last month there were no nominations. Nominations are still being accepted for all roles.

- Zoom Protocol - We have made some improvements in our approach and we thank you for your input. We understand that this is still new to some and we are open to any ideas or tweaks that would make this a better experience.

News in Brief

All participants will be muted at all times. Questions and comments to the developers/attorneys can be shared by using the chat feature of the Zoom platform. All chats will be directed to the OHNC host who will read them aloud. Anyone unable to use the chat feature is welcome to email questions and comments to OrientHeightsNC@gmail.com and they will be passed on to the developers/attorneys.

Meeting minutes, answers from attorneys, and copies of the presentation slides will be made available following the meeting (via Facebook and Mailchimp).

Voting: we are piloting a “Drive-by” voting process. We understand the challenges of online Zoom voting and want to make this a good experience for our neighbors.

Location: Parking lot at St Lazarus Church on Ashley St (across from the YMCA).

Times: Monday, August 17, from 8-9pm; Tuesday, August 18, from 6-8pm; Wednesday, August 19, from 6-9pm

Process: We will have

the ballots and will be checking off names from a list of those eligible to vote. Social distancing guidelines will be followed (wear masks; stay in cars) and we look forward to seeing our neighbors.

Voting will take place for both the development presentation below AND the board membership.

We will provide more details this week via Facebook and Mailchimp as we solidify our procedure and we welcome suggestions.

- Public Safety - (tentative) Station 7 Community Update: Sgt. Joe Cintolo & Officer Dan Simon

- Development Presentations - new and voting matters

INFO: 917 Bennington St: (second presentation) Proposal to add commercial spaces at the garage level, 2 spaces on each side of the lobby entrance.

INFO: 1201 Saratoga St: (initial presentation) Proposing a multi-family building (6 units). This is a double lot of over 6000 sq ft. Note: previous proposals included 7 units.

INFO: 137 Leyden St: (initial presentation) Proposal to erect 7 units; the height of the building will remain the same. Note: several meetings have been held with neighbors and abutters.

INFO: 61 Boardman St: (second presentation) Plan to raze existing 2-family structure and construct a 7-unit residential dwelling with parking for 7 vehicles; also provide easement to the direct abutter to allow additional parking in the rear of their property.

VOTE: 1088 Saratoga St: Erect a 43-unit residential dwelling with parking for 32 vehicles. Please note that this project is subject to the BPDA's Article 80 process. Abutters' meeting held 8/11/20.

(Next meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020)

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

STATE REP. RACES TO FEATURE DEBATE

CHELSEA - A virtual debate has been agreed to by all four candidates in the two Chelsea state representative races, with GreenRoots conducting the debate with a host of collaborators on Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. online.

The forum will featured State Rep. Dan Ryan and Candidate (and City Councillor) Damali Vidot for the district representing Charlestown and Chelsea. It will also feature State Rep. Candidate Joe Gravelle and State Rep. Candidate (and Revere city councillor) Jessica Giannino for the district representing Prattville, Revere and part of Saugus.

“While this election season feels very different given the COVID-19 precautions, we feel it is an important opportunity to discuss issues of concern facing Chelsea with the candidates who are running for the two State Representative seats in Chelsea,” said GreenRoots Director Roseann Bongiovanni. “All of the candidates have committed to participate and we have a number of co-sponsors. I believe the forum will be informative and engaging and will touch upon real issues impacting Chelsea residents’ lives.”

Some of the co-sponsors include the Chelsea Record, TND, Chelsea Collaborative and others.

Giannino said she is looking forward to participating in the GreenRoots forum.

“I’m very much looking forward to next week’s GreenRoots forum,” said Giannino. “Representing my community on environmental injustices is one

of the reasons I became involved in politics in the first place. From introducing the motion to ban single-use plastic bags in Revere to being a founding member of the Alliance for Health and Environment to being extremely vocal about the lack of accountability from the region’s biggest polluter, Wheelabrator -- my constituents know that I am headstrong and will continue to work diligently to improve their overall quality of life.”

Candidate Gravelle said he was thankful he could bring his message directly to the voters of Chelsea.

“I’m looking forward to the opportunity to participate,” he said. “I’m thankful GreenRoots is working to ensure the public has an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates before they vote on September 1.”

State Rep. Dan Ryan said he looks forward to talking about his environmental record at the Forum next week.

“I look forward to discussing my record as an Environmental Champion and my accomplishments as a forward thinking legislator,” he said. “I thank GreenRoots for this opportunity to discuss our shared vision for cleaner, healthier future.”

Vidot said she’s ready to connect with voters and do some truth telling.

“I am excited at the opportunity to connect with voters and do some truth telling at the upcoming candidate forum on August 13th,” she said. “We are at a point in the world right now where our future is uncertain. We simply don’t have time to waste...I encourage all those who live within the district to attend virtually and hear my ideas for the

Second Suffolk District. I’d like to thank GreenRoots, the Neighborhood Developers, The Chelsea Collaborative and all co-sponsors for working together to provide this important virtual engagement for the residents of our district.”

WAITING FOR WORD FROM MIAA

CHELSEA - Chelsea High School Director of Athletics Amanda Alpert is awaiting word from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) about the fall sports season in respect to the coronavirus.

“We have not been given any word from the MIAA what we’re doing with fall sports,” said Alpert.

The 2020-21 sports year is going to be a transitional one for the entire CHS sports program. Chelsea has exited the Commonwealth Athletic Conference (CAC) and would be an “independent” this year with no league affiliation. Chelsea will join the Greater Boston League in the fall of 2021 in all sports except football where the Red Devils will maintain their independent status.

“This year’s schedules will consist of games against CAC schools, GBL schools, and Boston City League schools,” said Alpert.

Chelsea High is slated to field varsity teams this fall in football, boys and girls soccer, girls volleyball, and boys and girls cross country.

CHS athletes on to college sports

Track star Stephanie Simon is headed to Youngstown State University in Ohio. Simon had a record-breaking, four-year career that included state and national champion-

CHELSEA IN BLACK AND WHITE



PHOTO BY CINDY WEISBART

Volunteers holding posters of stories from residents in danger of eviction due to the COVID-19 epidemic in front of Chelsea City Hall as part of an action in support of MA Senate Bill S. 2785's Right to Counsel for tenants in legal disputes with landlords. The mattresses on the ground symbolize a looming eviction crisis: “We won’t let this become the new normal!” said Executive Director Gladys Vega about potential widespread homelessness.

ships. She received a Division 1 college scholarship.

Soccer standout Alejandro Ponce Lopez will be continuing her soccer career at UMass-Dartmouth. Ponce Lopez was the Class of 2020 salutatorian and aspires to be a physician.

Women’s pro football league season is canceled

On a personal note, Amanda Alpert saw her Boston Renegades women’s professional football league (WFA) season canceled for 2020.

Alpert was set to return to the team this season and be a starting player. Alpert has enjoyed a very successful pro football career, leading her teams to several league championships.

“The 2020 season was canceled and we’re hoping that things will be good enough to play in 2021,” said Alpert. “The hope is that we start playing games next April.”

THE EHS BAND GETS TO PLAY

EVERETT - Just a few short weeks ago, signs of activity and excitement returned to the Everett High School campus as the Crimson Tide Marching Band became the first district-approved organization to reassemble amidst the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic.

Although their undertakings are going on inside a well-protected “Band Bubble,” the word is out and the enthusiasm behind this project is something the entire community can appreciate during such trying times. What began on July 1 as a multi-week online launch process, has now become a refreshing new reality for many of Everett’s students. Several weeks into the process, the Staff boasts nothing but smooth sailing and encouraging results. We reached out to Band Director Gene O’Brien and Assistant Band Director Mark Sachetta regarding the details of this remarkable new development, hoping they could share a bit more about the Kick-Off, the process of returning to a “new normal,” and the unparalleled challenges they face in taking this risk in a time of great apprehension across the country.

According to Assistant Band Director Mark Sachetta, it’s been an exhilarating three weeks and it’s creating an extraordinary amount of buzz, not only in Everett, but amongst the entire New England Marching Band community. Just this past week, Sachetta offered his perspective on the nature of their return thus far.

“It’s honestly been such a blast to be back in front of our students,” he said.

“The process is extremely different for all of us and everyone’s a bit rusty, Staff included, but it’s something we’re all exceedingly grateful for. I don’t think any of us knew what to expect, and it’s very comforting to have three weeks with zero issues. It’s been so emotionally charged from day one because we’re all so thrilled to be back at our craft, continuing along with what we’re all most passionate about, let alone the overwhelming nature of finally having meaningful human interaction. It’s even been uplifting for us to see into each kid’s eyes as we check them in for rehearsal. There’s no replacement for seeing someone face-to-face, especially given the amount of time we usually spend working with them. It’s an immediate reassurance knowing that they’re just as eager to be there as you are. Many of these kids don’t say much at all from behind their masks, but their eyes and their presence tell a much louder story.”

KEEPING THE BEAT GOING IN EVERETT

In light of what’s going on in the world with the Coronavirus Crisis, one might think it very easy for Everett’s musicians to opt out of such a substantial undertaking while school isn’t even in session yet. Even in a perfect world, Marching Band is not for the faint of heart. Having a rigorous schedule year-round, being subjected to greater demand than most varsity sports, and being exposed to the brutal elements of Autumn in New England, it takes a truly resilient type of young person to brave the Band. But the culture of excellence that’s been upheld in the Crimson Tide Band Program for more than 20 years now, is key to what has kept this machine running, even now under the most dire and unprecedented issues the world has faced in a Century. For this team from Everett, keeping the Band alive and thriving was not a question, it was an imperative. Suddenly the prospect of 41 degrees on a school night in October, at Glendale Park, with 75 kids freezing their limbs off, is not the greatest hurdle that ours and other bands across New England are struggling to face. Yet what’s going on in Everett with the Marching Band rumbling back to life after five months of school closures, is the exception and not the rule.

Just as is often said over the last five months, there is no playbook for living life or running an organization in these times. As a result, the Asst. Director went on to say, “We have folks contacting us from all over the

country because they’ve heard about us getting back to rehearsals. Whether it’s phone calls, emails, or via social media, the question we’ve been getting every day is, ‘How are you able to get back up and running?’ There’s a whole lot of shock value going around. My first response is always, ‘We had the initiative to make it happen, and the Superintendent was right there to support us every step of the way!’ Obviously a lot more went into our return to action,

but without those two key factors, we would honestly be doing nothing right now.”

MOST BANDS CANCELLED PROGRAMMING, NO FALL COMPETITIONS

Unfortunately, as Sachetta went on to explain, the vast majority of bands in the extended New England Scholastic Band community are facing enormous Administrative resistance. In Southern New Hampshire, and in a few places well outside Greater Boston’s Hub, there are a select few groups quietly getting back to work in communities where cases of COVID-19 have been comparatively negligible since the virus reached the US. Still, some of the longest running programs, with extensive traditions of excellence and very influential names in the activity, have been told to wait indefinitely for one reason or another. Coming from O’Brien and Sachetta, countless bands have been met with proverbial brick walls because nobody seems to have the answers. Just last week it was announced that the Fall competitive season has already been cancelled, another tough blow to thousands of young musicians who’ve waited patiently for months. The decision was reached in part because of this organizational gridlock facing the roughly 100 bands that compete here in New England. Everett’s therefore been an anomaly when it comes to the kind of co-operation that seems to be taking place here. This City is a place that’s been hit hard during this pandemic, but a place where resilience and perseverance define the City itself.

EVERYONE ON BOARD WITH THE DECISION

With that fuel to power their willingness to carry on, what started as a glimmer of hope has transformed into quite a lot of momentum for what was once just a hypothetical return to Band.

In hearing from the Crimson Tide’s Staff last week, it’s evident that Supt. Priya Tahiliani has been a

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EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE ENJOY ITS 2020 SEASON

The East Boston Little League is in full gear with games being played Monday through Friday at Al Festa Field, Tony Conigliaro Field, and Noyes Park.

“This season we were really uncertain about what we were going to do because of COVID-19,” President Chuckie Cassaro said. “But my board members, particularly Dr. Robert Gilbride and Nick Free, helped get all the administration and registrations done and we were finally able to begin

our season in early July.”

Cassaro said the league is adhering to both national Little League rules and the social distancing regulations ordered by the state of Massachusetts and the City of Boston.

More than 150 players are competing on teams in the Senior, Major, and Minor Divisions. The regular season schedule of 12 to 15 games per team will lead into the playoffs later this month and in early September.



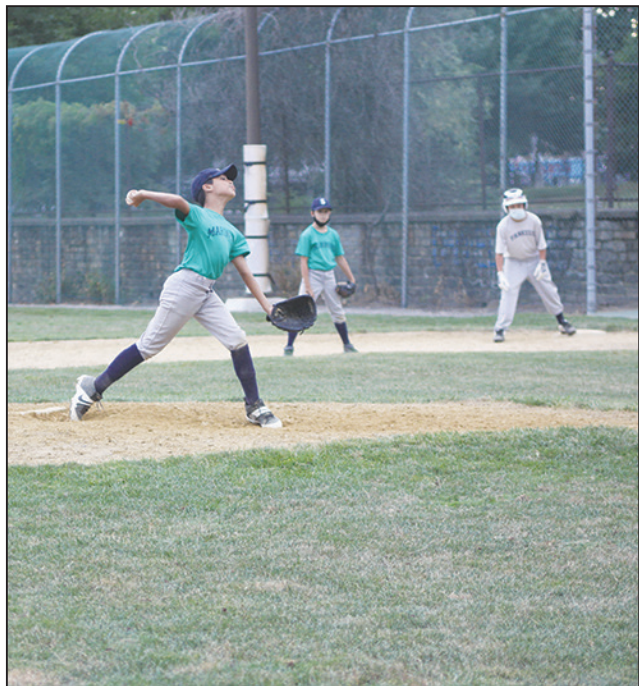
A Yankees player ran to third on a hit and later scored on a pass ball.



Yankees pitching and defense dominated the first two innings of the game.



The Yankees pitching was solid, keeping the Marlins to just three runs through three innings. The game will be finished sometime this week.



The Marlins pitching got better in later innings but the game was called in the third inning.



A Yankee batter takes a pitch.



A Yankees player scores one of nine runs during the game.



A player for the Marlins began the game catching but went in as a relief pitcher as the Yankees took a commanding lead.



A Yankees player waits on third base ready to score during Friday's game.



The Marlins bats were silent in the first two innings but came alive in the third inning.



Yankees Jack Forbes makes contact during the game.



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Good luck to the East Boston
Little league teams...
Have a great season
and stay safe

