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East Boston's Mothers Out Front receives city grant

By John Lynds

Last week, the East Boston chapter of the national Mothers Out Front movement received a Love Your Block mini-grant from the City of Boston. The grant provides funding for neighborhoods throughout Boston to organize clean-ups and beautification projects.

Mothers Out Front, a movement that encourages mothers across the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children, will use the funds to build a community living wall for its residents.

According to Mothers Out Front's (MOF) Sonja Tengblad the community living wall will help educate the residents about the need for good air quality as the current air quality is poor due to the proximity of Logan Airport.

Tengblad said the community living wall is Inspired by London's carbon sequestering moss walls.

"Mothers Out Front East Boston designed a community art build to both empower and educate East Boston about air pollution," said Tengblad. "Designed by MOF member Danielle Marie Emond, this Green Living Wall will spell the word 'Aire' (air) using peat moss cups adhered to a chain link fence. It will be in Spanish not only to represent the neighborhood, but to illustrate how unfairly burdened people of color are by air pollution, and will include multilingual signage educating passers-by about our air quality."

Eastie artist Sury Chavez will design a sidewalk art project alongside the wall, giving families and community members more opportunities to participate. MOF volunteers will then host school groups and other visitors over a three-week period once it is up, facilitating discussions about air pollution, health, and climate change."

Tengblad said a special unveiling is planned for Mother's Day weekend 2021.

With Eastie being an Environmental Justice Community, Tengblad said MOF's Clean Air Force group has repeatedly pointed out the health inequities

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EBCCS teacher Sharon Rozzi in her classroom. EBCCS plans to start the school year today with some students learning 'in-person' while others learning 'remotely'.

Opening day starts at East Boston Central Catholic

By John Lynds

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) has begun with 'in-person' learning for some students and 'remote' learning for others.

EBCCS Principal Robert Casaletto said Eastie's remaining Parochial School has two reopening plans that are based on multiple meetings with City of Boston Health and Safety Chief Marty Martinez after constant review of the COVID-19 numbers in Eastie and the surrounding communities.

"Ninety percent of our student body currently re-

side in a "Red Zone" community," said Casaletto. "The safety and well-being of our students, families, faculty, and staff is our first priority and with that in mind we decided to reopen our Early Learning Center (ELC) and Kindergarten classrooms serving 3-5 year olds, for 'in-person' learning all five days. We will limit the class sizes to 9 students per room with one teacher. Families can elect to have their children remain home and independent work will be sent to them."

Casaleto said the school purchased portable sinks and hand sanitizers, room

air purifiers, table sneeze guards, cleaning and disinfecting supplies, and an electrostatic sprayer.

"We have created individual supply boxes for student activities, purchased PPE, and added reminder signage all over our building to promote social distancing, mask wearing and proper hygiene," he said. "We will require that parents complete a self-screening web form each morning before their children arrive."

The school also created a "Care Room" in the event a student or faculty mem-

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Food for Thought at Sammy Carlo's Catering to reopen Thursday after COVID closing

By John Lynds

The new concept restaurant that was operating out of Sammy Carlo's Catering before the COVID-19 pandemic hit will reopen this week.

Food for Thought opened with much fanfare and rave reviews by customers in March only to close a few weeks later due to COVID.

In a statement released last week by owner Jay Grey and Executive Chef Bradley Andries, the Food for Thought team said, "We are happy to announce the reopening of our East Boston location on Thursday, Sept. 1."

The news was met with



Sammy Carlo's Catering will welcome back Food for Thought with outdoor dining options this Thursday.

excitement from those lucky residents that got to sample some of Chef Andries's creations in the

short time they were open in Eastie.

"It's been too long without their amazing brunch and dinner, and that one month we had them was not enough," said Christopher Assante. "Let's all get out and support them as much as possible during this tough time."

Sammy Carlo's Catering, started by owner Steve Scire grandfather Carlo, is in its third generation of ownership.

Scire and his family recently completed a painstaking historical restoration of the popular sub shop's facade--replacing the old

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Greg Wilmot new SVP, COO at EBNHC

By John Lynds

Last week the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) announced that Greg Wilmot has been promoted to the role of senior vice president (SVP) and chief operating officer (COO). Wilmot most recently served as vice president and executive director of Neighborhood PACE, part of the national Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly network that provides comprehensive care and support for adults 55 and older with specific needs and preferences. In this new capacity, Wilmot will continue to oversee the PACE program while also playing a key role in the development of EBNHC's 2025 strategic plan.

"This year the East Bos-



Greg Wilmot was appointed Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at EBNHC last week.

ton Neighborhood Health Center celebrates its 50th anniversary providing easily accessible, high-quality

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Developer files Letter of Intent for a 190-unit development

By John Lynds

A developer filed a Letter of Intent last week with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create a 190-unit, mixed use development on Bennington Street near Wood Island MBTA station.

According to the letter filed with the BPDA the developer, named only as Redgate, is looking to transform a 50,000 square foot lot at 355 Bennington St. into a six-story building containing approximately 190 multifamily dwelling units, ground floor retail, accessory parking, and amenities and services for building residents.

The site, that currently houses a single-story commercial business and paved lot, is bounded by Bremen

Street, Bennington Street, the Martin A. Coughlin Bypass Road, and Excel Academy Charter School.

Redgate plans to demolish the existing building and construct the new six-story building.

"We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form within the next 30 days, and we look forward to working with your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that will review the Project," wrote Redgate's attorney, Matthew Kiefer.

The project has already received some backlash from community members.

Longtime activists like Mary Berninger pointed out that when Massport built

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A developer wants to put 190 units of housing on this site on Bennington Street near Wood Island MBTA station.



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Zumix receives Art and Culture Grant

By John Lynds

Last Thursday, Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture announced Zumix as one of 146 local arts and cultural organizations to receive grant money as part of the Arts and Culture COVID-19 Fund.

Zumix will share in \$815,000 in grant money from the City of Boston’s CARES Act funding. The CARES Act funding was established earlier this summer to support small and mid-sized arts and culture nonprofits in adapting their programs, spaces, and operating models as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

“Supporting the organizations that bring transformative arts programming to every neighborhood in our city is imperative during this unprecedented time,” said Walsh. “These organi-

zations have put a tremendous amount of effort into making sure Bostonians can still participate in the arts and express themselves creatively, and it’s important that we do what we can to ensure they remain a part of Boston’s arts community in the future.”

For many of Zumix students, the neighborhood’s popular music and performing arts program is a sanctuary of education, joy and support.

However, like many community programs, the COVID-19 pandemic has halted many in-person programs and forced organizations like Zumix to adapt and change how they operate.

Deciding to close Zumix to help encourage social distancing amid the COVID-19 pandemic was extremely difficult for staff and music teachers. However, Zumix Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski

said this has left Zumix with a new goal: “Banding Together While Staying Apart”.

Since closing Zumix program staff and ensemble instructors have connected with their students, and have begun offering classes on-line through Zoom, Skype, and Google Hangouts. They’re also using ear and rhythm training apps.

“Also, for our youngest students, where a group chat can be challenging, our teachers are running mini one-on-one classes for each student,” said Steczynski. “Our Musical Theater teacher, along with many of our private Adventures in Music teachers are recording tracks for their students to sing and play along to at home.”

The City’s Chief of Arts and Culture Kara Elliott-Ortega said COVID-19 has had a significant impact on the arts and culture sector, particularly performing arts

organizations. As organizations and cultural facilities begin reopening, the Arts and Culture COVID-19 Fund aims to mitigate costs for finding new safe spaces for performance and rehearsal, adapting existing facilities to comply with public health standards, developing new capacities in streaming and virtual engagement, addressing issues of equitable access on digital programs, retraining staff, and other costs associated with physically distanced program delivery.

“Providing ongoing support to Boston’s arts organizations is critical during this time,” said Elliott-Ortega. “We hope this will encourage Boston residents to do what they can to make sure these organizations are able to continue providing valuable programming to our communities in the future.”

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in the community.

“African-American children have the highest prevalence of asthma and 68 percent of Latinos live in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards compared to 58 percent of whites,” she said. “More than 1.81 million Latinos nationwide live within one half mile of existing oil and gas facilities and African-Americans are 75 percent more likely than others to live near facilities that produce hazardous waste. Latinos on average breathe in 63 percent more of the pollution than they make. For African-Americans the figure is 56 percent. Non-Latino whites on average are exposed to 17 percent less air pollution than they make according to recent studies released this year.”

Mayor Martin Walsh said these grants go a long

way to help bring residents and communities together to beautify even more of our neighborhoods and call attention to environmental issues in Boston.

“Through the Love Your Block program, we are encouraging residents of Boston to show their love for their neighborhoods, one block at a time,” he said.

The city’s Director of Office of Public Service Kaira Fox added, “Our City is going through a trying time and I am happy that programs like Love Your Block exist to bring residents not only hope but a physical change that positively impacts their surroundings. Beautification is healing to these communities and our 2020-2021 winners will create bright spots for their residents amid the adverse effects of COVID-19.”

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health care to some of our most vulnerable populations,” said Wilmot. “No patient is ever turned away and it is a privilege to be a part of an organization that has made such a tremendous impact on the local community. As we chart a course for the Health Center’s future, I’m looking forward to helping shape its strategic planning efforts.”

This week the East Boston Times conducted a ‘virtual’ interview with Wilmot.

East Boston Times: How has running PACE prepared you for your new role as SVP, COO?

Greg Wilmot: After nearly two decades working in the healthcare industry, in 2017, I joined EBNHC to help develop and execute a multi-year strategic plan for the PACE program. That plan intended to grow our PACE program and improve the program’s overall operational performance, financial performance, clinical quality, and patient experience. I am proud to say that our team made tremendous progress on all of these fronts. As SVP, COO, with an expanded focus, working across the health center, I have a similar charge and alongside our tremendous leadership team and dedicated staff, have great confidence in what we’ll accomplish.

EBT: COVID has had a huge impact on Eastie and surrounding areas. What do you think are the most challenging issues with COVID and how can the EBNHC help solve these issues?

GW: I have three major concerns about COVID. First, it is a deadly and highly infectious disease that is disproportionality affected black and brown communities – this is concerning for East Boston. It is imperative that EBNHC continue to provide access to treatment for persons who are ill, access to testing for persons with symptoms or at-risk of infection, and information and other resources to ensure our residents are well-informed on

how to protect themselves and their families. EBNHC will continue to be proactive and innovative in this fight against COVID and in partnership with the East Boston community, we’ll get through it.

EBT: Forbes just named EBNHC one of the best places to work. How does the EBNHC staff impress you day in and day out?

GW: I have long been impressed with the staff of EBNHC, including EBNHC’s leadership team and CEO, Manny Lopes. In my tenure with the organization, the staff at EBNHC have always shown tremendous dedication and amidst the COVID crisis, the dedication of the EBNHC staff has been all full display. During this crisis, members of the EBNHC family have given everything they have to ensure that our patients and members of the Eastie community have access to high-quality, affordable, and safe health care services.

EBT: What are some of the things during this pandemic that EBNHC has done that has made you proud to be part of the team?

GW: Like so many, the EBNHC team has been working at full speed to ensure our doors remain open. As a health care provider and critical resource in our community, EBNHC has been laser-focused on ensuring access to care, access to testing, and access to information and resources. The list of things is fairly extensive. By example, this year alone, EBNHC implemented new COVID testing sites – doing thousands of tests per week, we implemented telehealth visits, expanded meals distribution, virtualized significant portions of our workforce, and completed a historic/first of its kind merger with the South End Community Health Center. EBNHC continues to be an innovator and unlike any health care provider in the state and I am so proud to be a part of the EBNHC family.

EBT: Is there anything else you would like to add?

GW: I’d like to extend a special thanks to the EBNHC board of directors and board chair Rita Sorrento and the EBNHC executive leadership team and our CEO and President Manny Lopes. It’s truly a privilege to serve alongside such a committed group of leaders.

Wilmot brings more than 20 years of experience in the healthcare field to his new role. Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization’s Mass Health Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Center’s director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

“Greg’s appointment comes at an important time for EBNHC and the communities we serve as the health center continues to grow and expand,” said Manny Lopes, CEO, EBNHC. “As COO, he will play a key role in integrating the PACE program into the overall health center, which will improve patient care and organizational efficiency, as well as the development of EBNHC’s strategic planning.”

Wilmot holds a BA in Psychology from Boston College, and an MBA from Northeastern University. Wilmot resides in Framingham with his wife Romina and their two daughters.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (“BRA”) d/b/a the Boston Planning & Development Agency (“BPDA”), pursuant to Sections 80A-2, 80B and 80C of the Boston Zoning Code (the “Code”), hereby gives notice that it will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Boston City Hall, Room 900, Boston Massachusetts, to consider the proposal of The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC, an affiliate of The HYM Investment Group, LLC (the “Proponent”) for the Master Plan for Planned Development Area No. 124, Suffolk Downs Redevelopment, East Boston (the “Master Plan”) and five (5) associated Development Plans (each individually a “Development Plan, collectively referred to as the “Development Plans”), related to the Suffolk Downs development project located at 525 McClellan Highway in the East Boston neighborhood (the “Proposed Project”, as further described below), and to consider the Proposed Project as a Development Impact Project (“DIP”). The Proposed Project consists of the construction of an approximately 10.52 million square foot mixed use development, as well as an approximately 27-acre open space network consisting of approximately 7.31 million square feet of residential development and approximately 3.21 million square feet of office, hotel, retail and other commercial development on an approximately 109 acre site. The Proposed Project will also include an extensive network of new streets, sidewalks, bicycle facilities and pedestrian walkways as well as approximately 6,760 parking spaces. The Proponent is requesting approval by the BPDA of the Master Plan and five (5) associated Development Plans, which approval would authorize the Director of the BPDA to petition the Boston Zoning Commission for consideration and approval of the Master Plan and five (5) Development Plans and associated map amendment. Members of the public may participate in this Public Hearing by registering at <https://bit.ly/31SSsGk> or by emailing your testimony to BRABoard@boston.gov. Emailed testimony will be read aloud during the hearing. The Master Plan and five (5) associated Development Plans may be viewed at the BPDA website at <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs>.

Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

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Por medio de la presente, la Autoridad de Reurbanización de Boston (“BRA”) también conocida como la Agencia de Planeación y Desarrollo de Boston (“BPDA”), en conformidad con las Secciones 80A-2, 80B y 80C del código de zonificación de Boston (el “Código”), da aviso de que llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el jueves 24 de septiembre de 2020 a las 5:30 p.m. en la Sala #900 de la Alcaldía de Boston, Massachusetts para considerar la propuesta de The McClellan Highway Development Company, LLC, un afiliado del Grupo de Inversión HYM, LLC (el “Proponente”) del Plan Maestro para el Área de Desarrollo Planificado #124, la Reurbanización de Suffolk Downs, en East Boston (el “Plan Maestro”) y cinco (5) Planes de Desarrollo asociados (cada uno referido individualmente como “Plan de Desarrollo, y referidos colectivamente como los “Planes de Desarrollo”), relacionados con el proyecto de desarrollo de Suffolk Downs ubicado en 525 McClellan Highway en el barrio de East Boston (descrito como el “Proyecto Propuesto”, a continuación), y considerar el Proyecto Propuesto como un Proyecto de Impacto en el Desarrollo (“DIP”). El proyecto propuesto consiste en la construcción de un desarrollo de uso mixto de aproximadamente 10.52 millones de pies cuadrados, así como una red de espacios abiertos de aproximadamente 27 acres con aproximadamente 7.31 millones de pies cuadrados de desarrollo residencial y aproximadamente 3.21 millones de pies cuadrados para uso de oficinas, hoteles, locales y otros desarrollos comerciales en un sitio de aproximadamente 109 acres. El proyecto propuesto también incluirá una red extensa nueva de calles, aceras, instalaciones para bicicletas y vías peatonales, así como aproximadamente 6,760 espacios de estacionamiento. El Proponente solicita la aprobación de BPDA del Plan Maestro y cinco (5) Planes de Desarrollo, cuya aprobación autorizaría al Director de BPDA a pedir a la Comisión de Zonificación de Boston la consideración y aprobación del Plan Maestro y cinco (5) Planes de Desarrollo y enmienda del mapa asociado. Los miembros del público pueden participar en esta Audiencia Pública registrándose en:

<https://bit.ly/31SSsGk> o pueden enviar su testimonio por correo electrónico a: BRABoard@boston.gov

Todos los testimonio enviados por correo electrónico se leerán en voz alta durante la audiencia. El Plan Maestro y los cinco (5) Planes de Desarrollo asociados pueden verse en el sitio web de BPDA en:

<http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs>.

Teresa Polhemus, Directora Ejecutiva/Secretaria

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الإخطار بـجلسة استماع عامة

تقدم إدارة بوسطن لل عمران (BRA) تحت اسم وكالة بوسطن للتخطيط والتنمية (BPDA) ووفقاً للقرارات 80A-2, 80B, و 80C من قانون بوسطن لتقسيم المناطق، تقدم إعلاناً بعقد جلسة استماع عامة في يوم الخميس الموافق تاريخ 24 سبتمبر، 2020 في الساعة 5:30 مساءً في مركز الحكومة Boston City Hall

في الغرفة رقم 900 ، بوسطن، ولاية ماساتشوستس، لمرابعة مشروع قدمته شركة McClellan Highway Development Company وهي تابعة لمجموعة استثمار HYM (المنفذ) لتطوير منطقة رقم 124 وهي منطقة سافوك داونس Suffolk Downs في إيست بوسطن، إضافة إلى خمس خطط تنموية متعلقة بمشروع تطوير سافوك داونس الواقع على 525 McClellan Highway في حي إيست بوسطن.


يتكون المشروع المطروح بإنشاء منطقة عمرانية متعددة الاستخدام مساحتها تقريباً 10,52 مليون قدم مربع بالإضافة إلى شبكة من الحدائق مساحتها 27 فدان. ويشمل المشروع ما يقرب 7,31 مليون قدم مربع من العمران السكني و ما يقرب 3,21 مليون قدم مربع من المكاتب والفنادق والمتاجر وغيرها من التطوير التجاري في موقع مساحتها تقرب 109 فدان. المشروع سيشمل شبكة واسعة من الشوارع الجديدة والرصيف ومواقف لدرجات وطرق للمشبي بالإضافة إلى تقريباً 6760 موقف سيارة. يطلب المنفذ الموافقة من قبل الBPDA على الخطة العامة وخمس خطط تنموية. يمكن مشاركة الجمهور في هذه الجلسة العامة عن طريق التسجيل في <https://bit.ly/31SSsGk> أو بإرسال تعليقاتكم بالبريد الإلكتروني إلى BRABoard@boston.gov. يتم قراءة التعليقات المرسلة علناً أثناء الجلسة. يمكن رؤية الخطة العامة والخطط التنموية الخمسة على موقع الBPDA <http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/suffolk-downs>.


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DO NOT LITTER YOUR MASKS

For those of us who take note of the problem of litter (and who often bring along a bag to pick up litter when we are walking along a beach), we are accustomed to the plethora of styrofoam cups and single-use plastic bottles that have been discarded carelessly by our fellow citizens, some of whom seem to treat the environment as their personal trash bin.

But in the past few months we have noticed a new kind of litter that has become prevalent along our roads and on our beaches: Discarded face masks.

The masks that comprise most of the littering problem are the light-blue, layered masks with elastic bands for the ears. These are lightweight, single-use masks that blow easily in the wind and often end up along the shoreline and eventually in our waterways.

If the stuff that comprises litter is representative of our disposable society, then it is a good thing to see that people are using face masks, an indication that we are heeding public health warnings about the best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

However, being a good citizen in that regard does not absolve mask-users of the obligation to dispose of their masks properly, let alone give them the right to toss them onto public property.

So please be sure to toss those masks into a trash-bin -- that's as simple as it gets.

COLLEGE SPORTS HAS SERIOUS RISKS FOR ATHLETES

When President Trump was in New Hampshire for a campaign rally two weeks ago, he implored the Big 10 athletic directors to reconsider their recent decision to postpone their college football season from fall until the spring.

"Big Ten, get with it! Open up your season, Big Ten. These are young strong guys -- they're not gonna' be affected by the virus... These are big, strong guys. They will be just fine," Trump said.

However, as with so many comments made by Trump these past seven months concerning the coronavirus, the reality is the opposite of Trump's pronouncements.

At least 10 Big 10 football players have been diagnosed with myocarditis, a viral infection of the heart muscle caused by a Covid-19 infection. This is the same condition that has afflicted Red Sox star starting pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez, who contracted Covid-19 on August 1 and who now suffers from myocarditis, forcing him to end his season.

Rodriguez is 27 years old and was an otherwise healthy young man who won 19 games for the Sox in 2019. However, the virus invaded his heart, as it has with so many others who have contracted this dreaded disease, and forced him to rest and recuperate.

We are learning more and more every day about the damage that Covid-19 does to just about every human organ, but one thing that has become clear is that the heart muscle is a favorite site for it to attack. A recent study in Germany showed that of 100 otherwise-healthy persons under the age of 49, 76 percent suffered damage consistent with the effects of a heart attack.

Another study recently demonstrated that there are certain, long-stringed cells unique to the heart that the virus attacks, chopping them up into tiny pieces. It is not clear whether the heart can repair this damage or whether it is permanent.

Further, as to football players in particular, while it may be true, as Trump proclaimed, that as a group they are "big strong guys," many of them are, to put it bluntly, grossly obese, weighing upwards of 350 pounds if they are linemen.

One thing we definitely know about the virus is that the single-biggest risk factor for a serious outcome from Covid-19 is being overweight -- and that would seem to place many college football players at serious jeopardy if they contract the disease.

If college football can put into place procedures that isolate football players from their campuses (where Covid-19 has been running wild in some places since schools reopened), then perhaps football can be played without risk to the young athletes.

But to encourage them to play as things stand now is simply reckless behavior that places them in jeopardy of serious, lifelong consequences affecting their health.



EHCA members vote in favor of one project; reject another

By John Lynds

At their August meeting Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA) members voted in favor of one development project on Brooks Street, but rejected another on Condor Street.

At the virtual community meeting EHCA members voted 20 to 11 in favor of a project at 57 Brooks St.

The project calls for maintaining the existing three-family structure while making renovations to the home. Renovations will include extension of living space into the basement and erect a rear deck and roof decks.

The project will include three off street parking spaces and the developer needs only one variance for Floor Area Ratio.

Currently the home is half brick and half vinyl and while the improvements will be tasteful the structure will still be half and half.

EHCA members commented that the project needs more green space while others asked the developer to consider stripping the brick and vinyl and restore the facade more historically.

The next project at 235-237 Condor St. EHCA members voted 16 to 15 in

opposition of the project.

The project calls for the redevelopment of an existing two and three-family lots that house five existing units and erect a four-story building with six units with six off street parking spots.

Each unit will be two bedroom, two bathroom units.

Those who supported the project said it is better than what currently exists and liked the fact the proposal included parking. The height variance was not an issue because the slope between Falcon Street and Condor Street is greater than a single-story difference. One member said this

development paired with the others going along Condor including the NOAH project would greatly improve this part of Eagle Hill.

Those in opposition of the project called the building a "pretty imposing wall of ugly along Chelsea Creek".

"It's too big and there's no roof decks or something else to take advantage of views of Tobin Bridge," said one member.

While others felt it was a lost opportunity for better architecture.

EHCA members will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, September 30.

State revenue collections total \$1.992 billion

Staff Report

Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) Commissioner Geoffrey Snyder last week announced that August revenue collections totaled \$1.992 billion, \$6 million or 0.3% more than the actual collections in August 2019.

Of the \$1.992 billion August collections, approximately \$13 million is income tax payments

the same fiscal year-to-date period in 2019. Of the \$6.448 billion year-to-date collections through August, approximately \$2.313 billion, or 36%, is income tax payments and refunds that will be recorded as FY2020 revenue pursuant to legislation. Excluding these income tax amounts that will be recorded as FY2020 revenue, August year-to-date collections total approximately \$4.135 billion, which is \$124 mil-

payment penalties until July 15 for such returns. DOR will continue to monitor revenue collections closely."

August is one of the smaller months for revenue collection, because neither individual nor business taxpayers make significant estimated payments during the month. On average for the past several years, roughly 6.7% of annual revenue has been received during August.

However, this August is different from previous years because of the impact of COVID-19 on tax bases and because revenues collected in this month include deferred payments on personal income tax and corporate excise payments, but exclude some regular sales, meals and room occupancy taxes which are postponed to September. As noted above, deferred personal income tax payments and refunds will be booked back to FY2020 by the Comptroller.

Details:
Preliminary August Revenue Collections

•Income tax collections for August were \$1.151 billion, \$61 million or 5.6% more than August 2019. Of the \$1.151 billion August

income tax collections, about \$13 million was income tax payments and refunds originally due in FY2020 but received in August 2020, including payments made with final income tax returns, extension payments and estimated payments originally due in FY2020.

•Withholding tax collections for August totaled \$1.119 billion, \$83 million more than August 2019.

•Income tax estimated payments totaled \$33 million for August, \$4 million less than August 2019.

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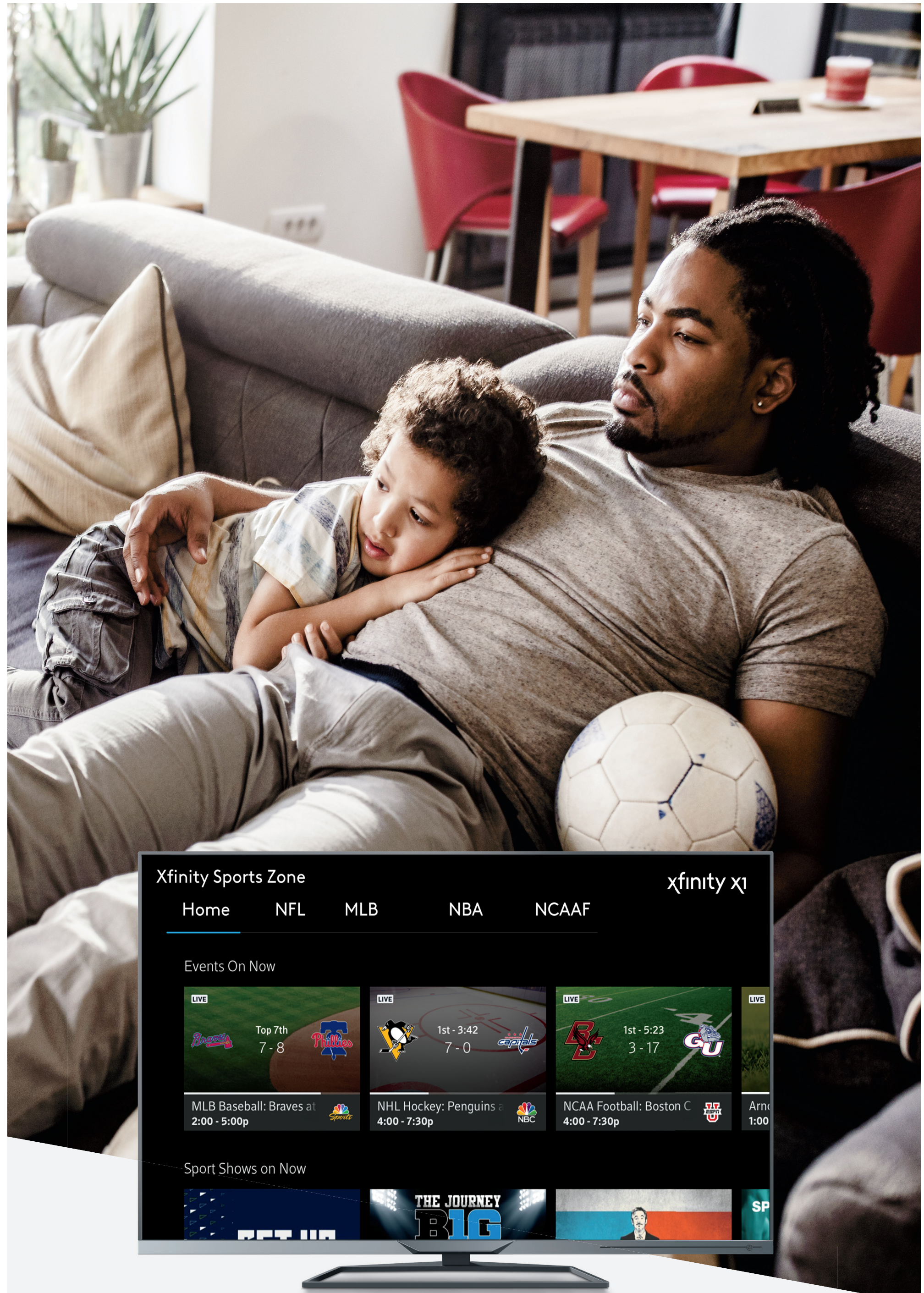
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Eastie COVID-19 cases start to level off

By John Lynds

After experiencing dramatic spikes in COVID-19 positive test rates and infection rates, the situation in East Boston have seemed to level out a bit

Three weeks ago the positive test rate jumped to 11.8 percent and the change in infection rates week over week was over five percent causing alarm among healthcare professionals and Mayor Martin Walsh.

However, last week the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) reported that the infection rate only rose by 4.3 percent and there was no change in the positive test rate.

According to the latest data released by the BPHC on Friday, Eastie's COVID infection rate rose only 4.3 percent and went from 448.6 cases per 10,000 residents

to 468.2 cases per 10,000 residents. The city-wide average is 231.5 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has the highest infection rate in all of Boston. The infection rate in Eastie had been steadily climbing since late July. The week over week infection rate rose by only 1.7 percent in early August but then jumped by 3.6 percent four weeks ago but jumped again by 5.5 percent the following week and then 6.8 percent two weeks ago.

As of Friday 92 more people became infected with the virus in Eastie and there were 2,197 confirmed COVID-19 cases, up from the 2,105 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

In response to Eastie's August COVID spike, Mayor Martin Walsh and his team launched a multipronged effort to start reducing the neighborhood's infection rate.

In partnership with the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) the city opened a mobile testing site in Central Square all last week.

The BPHC has mobilized teams to provide safety materials and education to residents and businesses in multiple languages, including English, Spanish, and Arabic. The health workers have been out at MBTA stations and key intersections, and will be expanding into neighborhood parks at times when people gather and play sports. They are distributing COVID care kits, sharing information about safety precautions, and answering questions that people may have about COVID-19.

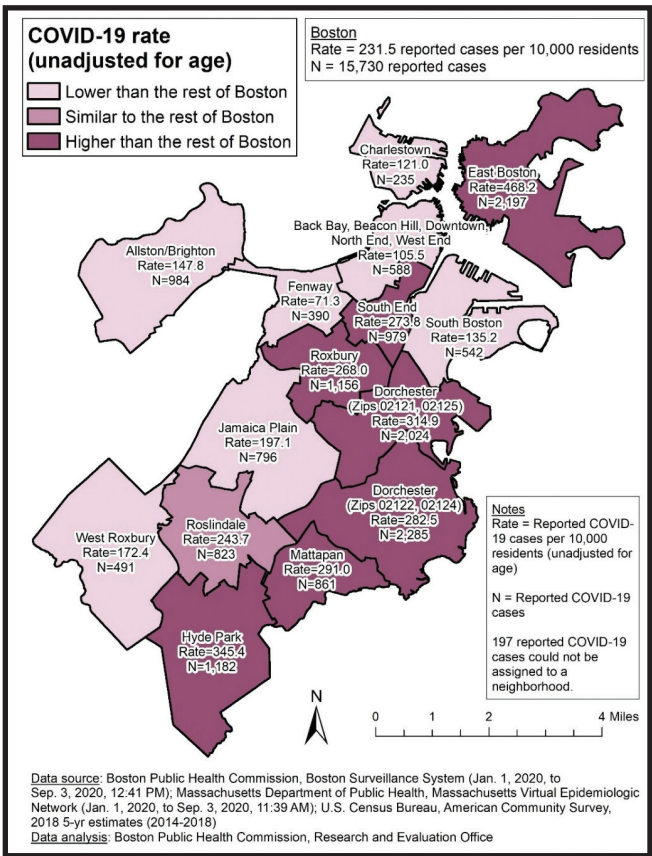
In addition, business outreach began last week

in multiple languages, to make sure management and staff know the regulations; have access to PPE, signage, and prevention efforts like social distancing and hygiene; and know that they need to report to BPHC when they have an employee test 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 only 1.4 percent last week from 15,573 cases to 15,7880 cases. So far 12,196 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and one additional resident died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 754.

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



Massport supports summer jobs for East Boston students

East Boston students were able to experience a change of pace and scenery while also gaining some valuable skills this summer through the Massachusetts Port Authority's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 29th year, Massport's program supported 53 East Boston high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations.

This summer, 279 area high school and college students will earn a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program. Massport is funding summer jobs at 7 East Boston organizations including: East Boston Social Centers, East Boston YMCA, Harborside Community Center, Martin Pino Community Center, Maverick Land-

ing Community Services, Piers Park Sailing Center and Salesian Boys & Girls Club.

Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to support youth employment in neighboring communities including: Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln and Worcester.

"During these challenging times, we strive to be a good neighbor by supporting the youth in our surrounding communities," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Creating work opportunities for these young people allows them to gain hands-on experi-

ence and give back to the communities in which they live."

Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded providing local high school and college students with the opportunity to gain important job skills while serving their community.

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Sports

Dodgers claim East Boston Little League Major Division title



Owen Flanagan of the Dodgers gets ready to hit in the EBLL championship series at Al Festa Field.



Emil Cepeda of the Dodgers stands ready to bat in the EBLL championship series.



Madden O'Brien of the Mariners stands in the batter's box ready to hit.



Isaiah Baires of the Mariners stands at the plate ready to bat in the EBLL playoffs.

The East Boston Little League held its Major Division championship playoffs last week with the Dodgers sweeping the Mariners to win the title.

The first-place Dodgers had beaten the fourth place White Sox while the second-place Mariners got by the third-place Yankees to secure spots in the finals.

The Dodgers won the opening game of the championship series, 11-1. Cam

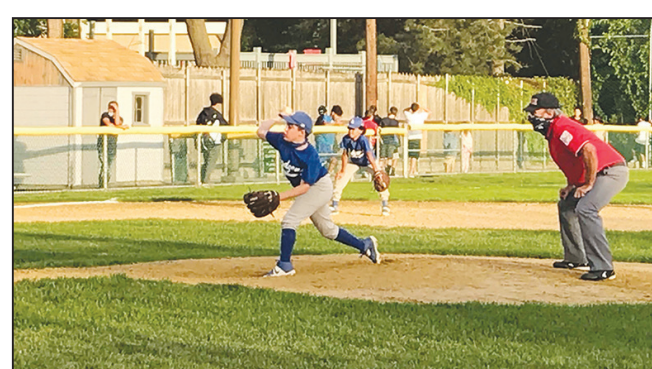
Testa pitched a complete game while dueling the Mariners' Mike D'Amelio.

The Dodgers also won Game 2 by an 11-1 score behind the pitching of Owen Flanagan who bested the Mariners' Isaiah Baires and Thomas Toponarski.

The Dodgers, under the leadership of Coach Nick Surrette, finished their championship season with an undefeated record.



Mike D'Amelio of the Mariners delivers a pitch in the East Boston Little League championship series.



Cam Testa of the Dodgers, pictured on the mound, was the winning pitcher in Game 1 of the championship series.



Thomas Toponarski of the Mariners awaits a throw at first base.



Angelica Gomez of the Dodgers takes off from first base with Coach Nick Surrette looking on from the first base coach's area.



The East Boston Little League Major Division Dodgers are pictured after receiving their championship trophy for the 2020 baseball season.



The East Boston Little League Major Division Mariners are pictured after receiving their playoff finalist trophy for the 2020 baseball season.



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KENNEDY TAKES CHELSEA

CHELSEA - Congressman Joe Kennedy III scored a rare win in Chelsea on Tuesday night, Sept. 1, in a Democratic Primary that was all about his opponent, U.S. Senator Ed Markey – who took the statewide vote decidedly.

In Chelsea, Kennedy got 2,097 votes (52 percent) to Markey’s 1,903 votes (47 percent), built on a campaign that came to Chelsea numerous times and especially in August when he dropped by Golden Cannoli and came last Saturday campaigning with New York Congressman Adriano Espaillat.

Kennedy also had the support of Councilor Judith Garcia, who had joined the campaign staff during the summer. Council President Roy Avellaneda was also very strongly in the Kennedy camp as well.

Kennedy’s win in Chelsea follows a clear trend where he did very well in Latino and Spanish-speaking communities. In Everett, the race went to Markey, but was much closer than expected for a Senator who grew up the next city over and had huge institutional support.

In Revere and Lynn, where there are huge Latino communities, Kennedy also won over Markey. That was also true in Boston, where areas of that city which are heavily Spanish-speaking bucked the trend and voted for Kennedy. That was likely due to the fact that Kennedy frequently spoke fluent Spanish when he showed up to events where Spanish-speakers were present.

In Boston overall and everywhere else, however, Markey cleaned Kennedy’s clock in a decisive win that was over very quickly in the evening.

Markey pulled out the statewide win with 55 percent of the vote to Kennedy’s 44.6 percent of the vote. In Boston, it was even more lopsided as Markey

collected 59 percent of the vote (77,518) to Kennedy’s 40 percent (52,485).

Markey enjoyed strong support in western Massachusetts, and also on Cape Ann. Kennedy showed strength in southeast Massachusetts and central Massachusetts.

Kennedy jumped out to a fast start more than a year ago, and as time went on, few gave Markey a chance as Kennedy seemed to have the rising star. However, one should never count Ed Markey out of the picture. Markey’s campaign came alive down the stretch with the ‘Leads and Delivers’ bus tour, and grabbed a key endorsements from local leaders like State Sen. Sal DiDomenico.

In Kennedy’s concession speech Tuesday night, he said his coalition will continue.

“The Senator is a good man,” he said of Markey. “You’ve never heard me say otherwise. I know it was difficult between us at times -- good elections get heated -- but I am grateful for our debates, for his commitment to this Commonwealth, and for the energy and enthusiasm that he brought to this race. Obviously, these results are not the ones we were hoping for...We built a campaign for the people that our politics too often locks out and leaves behind. We built a campaign for Lawrence and Chelsea and New Bedford and Roxbury and Brockton and Springfield and Lowell and Worcester. We built a campaign for working folks -- of every color and creed -- who carry the economic injustice of this country on their backs. This campaign’s coalition will endure.”

•OTHER UNCONTESTED RACES

In other races voted on in Chelsea Tuesday that weren’t contested, the following were the results:

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley – 3,378 votes

State Sen. Sal DiDomenico – 3,323 votes

Register of Probate Felix Arroyo beat Kerby Roberson 2,932 votes to 637 votes.

Governor’s Councilor Terrence Kennedy beat Helina Fontes, 2,222 votes to 1,365 votes.

•REPUBLICAN BALLOT

There was one contested race on the Republican ballot, but a lot of action in the write-in category it has been said.

In the U.S. Senate race on the Republican side, Kevin O’Connor beat Siva Ayyadurai, 201 to 192.

ST. STANISLAUS PARISH CLOSES

CHELSEA - The long-standing St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church on Chestnut Street held its last public Masses after 115 years of perseverance – surviving two conflagrations – in serving the faithful in the Polish language.

Parishioners held a bittersweet remembrance of all the history and hard work put into the Parish over the decades – particularly thanking Pastor Andrew Grelak, a Polish priest who came to the Parish in 1996 and has served tirelessly with time, devotion and his own money.

“It is with the same Bóg zapłać that I turn to you, the most faithful parishioners,” read a letter spoken aloud during the last Mass. “You maintained the Parish spiritually with your regular participation in the Holy Mass as well as financially paying your dues and contributing your hard-earned money to various renovation projects over the years. For you this was simply a holy obligation that will never be forgotten.

“Today, the long and glorious history of St. Stanislaus Parish in Chelsea come to an end,” it continued. “The doors to our church will be closed forever. Among those of us for whom this church was a place of prayer in our native language and a bastion of

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Polish culture, this awakens in us deep anguish. Leaving this church for the last time, we will fondly recall what a unique place this truly was. But, we must also carry with us the disappointment that we were unable to fulfill the promises of our forefathers and maintain this Parish longer.”

It was as sad an ending as it was joyous in its beginning.

St. Stan’s, as it is affectionately known in Chelsea, began in 1903 when Polish immigrants settled in Chelsea and wanted respite from their long hours of manual labor by being able to go to a Polish church. When asked at the time by the Archdiocese of Boston if they wanted their own church and would bore the costs of maintenance, records show they said, “We want God in this country, in the Polish language and tradition...”

Over the next two years, Polish families in Chelsea contributed 25 cents a week for the Parish Fund. They finally purchased the former Congregational Church on Chestnut Street and consecrated it as a Polish Roman Catholic Church on July 2, 1905. In 1908, the Great Chelsea Fire hit the building and burnt it down. One year later, the church had been rebuilt.

It’s height came in the 1930s when the Parish had assets of what would today be \$4 million and a thriving religious community. They added a convent to the campus, and also built a school.

A big part of the last services was thanking Pastor Andrew, who in a phone call with the Record, de-

clined to comment on the matter – clearly sad to see the community dissolve.

“Father Andrew, we are thankful for your tireless service at the altar of Christ, for our sick and for our deceased over the past 24 years,” the wrote. “You prepared us for the jubilee year that was the 100th anniversary of the parish in 2005 and have been with us in good as well as in difficult times.”

About eight years ago, St. Stan’s sold the school, which was developed into housing and is now operated by TND in Chelsea for housing units.

It is uncertain right now what will happen with the church building, but that will likely be discussed in the near future. Parishioners seeking Polish language Masses are being directed to a Parish in South Boston.

TIPPING COW ICE CREAM TOPS LIST

EVERETT - There were a few key priorities for David Lindsey and his wife, Everett Councilor Gerly Adrien, when they took over Somerville’s Tipping Cow Ice Cream in 2018.

They promised to be all-natural, nut- and allergen-free, create a welcoming place for people to visit, and – as the cherry on top of that creation – to win the Best of Boston award for ice cream.

This month, they checked off the top of the list with Boston Magazine naming the shop the best ice cream in Boston – a major feather in the cap for the

business that Lindsey and Adrien have been steadily growing for the last three summers.

“In 2018, we said we wanted to get that Best of Boston designation, but knew it would take a lot of work,” said Lindsey last Friday, amidst mixing up a new batch of ice cream at his shop. “I said if we do things right and stay consistent, good things will come. We’ve creating a welcoming environment and treat people that come in with care and respect. We feel like we sell pints of love and happiness. That’s what’s important – giving people a good quality product made from scratch.”

Lindsey had never really been in the ice cream business before, but he said he knew he wanted to own his own business. He was familiar with making home-made ice cream with his family growing up in Missouri, and he also had a lot of first-hand experience with culinary principles from working in fine dining. However, running an ice cream shop was new territory.

“Used to make ice cream with my grandparents used the old-style churns,” he said. “You earned that ice cream. In college I worked with pastry chefs and they showed me things. Coupled with that was the experience in my own family and my own creativity and experimentation.”

They kept the name of the show, Tipping Cow on Medford Street in Somerville, when they purchased it, but Lindsey said they

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were quite clear from day one they were taking it to a higher level. Starting with 12 core flavors, they experimented, researched and brainstormed until they have a huge variety of different tastes and gourmet offerings.

“We’ve created over 100 different flavors that we rotate in and out,” he said. “We even have things like roasted honey fig, and I’m working now on a fig and goat cheese flavor. We make all our ice cream without the ego... Part of making ice cream is instinctive, but part of it is other aspects of understanding culinary arts and how foods work together...We say we’re trying to bring a piece of gourmet down to Earth in a fun and friendly environment.”

One of the more interesting flavors he came up with is Vanilla Plum Cardinal.

“We’ve only made it four times ever,” said Lindsey. “That’s because we have to find the right plums.”

Though he has nine different chocolate ice creams, Lindsey said he really never liked any kind of chocolate ice cream until he experimented with a Triple Chocolate. Now, out of all the choices on hand, he said that has become his favorite flavor.

For the shop, which has now been open in phases over the last two months after the COVID-19 lockdowns, the most popular summer flavors have been Sweet Corn, Teddie Berry Cherry and Key Lime Pie.

And they do it all in a way that’s safe for people who have allergies, or who require dairy-free offerings (they have 30 dairy-free flavors).

Right now, they are also expanding their pint sales in gourmet shopping markets, and they have recently won the ability to feature their ice cream at Earl of Sandwich on the Boston Common – getting rave reviews so far.

Yet, at the same time, all of the fun listed above cannot be a success unless there is consistency, said Lindsey. It’s something Tipping Cow has achieved with many hours of work – sometimes as many as 80 to 90 hours put into the business in a week.

“The biggest thing with any business, especially food and food service, is consistency – providing a product that consistently tastes the same,” he said. “That requires a lot of care and attention to detail...We’ve been consistent since we first opened. We’ve continued to build on it.”

For Lindsey, despite the long hours and constant brainstorming about creative ideas, it is rewarding and worth it – something that was shown in the Best of Boston designation.

“It’s fun and it’s rewarding,” he said. “You get an opportunity to do something that people love and really like. Being able to make people happy is cool. I don’t miss putting on a shirt and tie and running to the Orange Line from Everett to fight to get downtown. It was chaotic, but that’s not to say I didn’t enjoy it. However, it’s a whole different thing being able to come in and create something people love.”

Tipping Cow is located at 415 Medford St. in Somerville, and Lindsey said they frequently find folks from Everett making their way over to the shop.

open schools for in-person education, the recently formed Coalition to Safely Reopen Schools, has issued its position statement citing a number of issues that need to be addressed to ensure that schools can be reopened without jeopardizing the health and safety of students, staff, or the communities schools serve. As a result of that analysis, the Coalition is calling for a phased approach to reopening, with no in-person learning unless and until those issues are resolved.

The Coalition is a statewide collaboration of school nurses, teachers, parents, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, librarians, school support staff, janitorial staff, labor, occupational health and community advocates, who came together to provide a front-line perspective and concrete medically-informed recommendations for what is needed to safely reopen for in-person learning. The group complements and builds on a number of other position statements issued by local and national teachers associations, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, as well as expert analysis and reports provided by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, the Massachusetts Education Equity Partnership and the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health. It also relies on the perspective of school nurses from throughout the state, who are responsible for the health and well-being of students and every member of the school staff, all of whom will be placing their own well-being and that of their families and communities at risk as a result of reopening during this unprecedented pandemic.

“This process represents one of the most consequential decisions our communities and our state will make as our state and nation construe to grapple with a pandemic that is still surging across the nation, showing signs of a second wave in our state, with the threat of the flu season looming,” said Patty Comeau, RN, a member of the Coalition, the Massachusetts Nurses Association and a school nurse in Methuen. “In confronting this challenge a safe, scientifically guided, well planned, adequately funded and appropriately resourced process must be the priority for all involved, as the stakes couldn’t be higher and the outcome of our decisions truly have life and death consequences.”

The statement also highlights the need to keep equity as the central focus of reopening in order to address the needs of families, and communities; particularly Black, Latino and those residents of disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth, who have been hardest hit by the pandemic, and whose

communities often lack the funding and school infrastructure to support a safe reopening at this time.

The position statement addresses 16 different areas of concern that need to be considered and addressed appropriately to ensure a safe reopening of schools for in-person learning, including:

- Proper ventilation and circulation of air;
- Assessing community resources for alternative school settings;
- Ensuring proper social distancing;
- Standardization and availability of PPE for all staff and students
- Resources and infrastructure to support hand hygiene and mask wearing;
- Safe cleaning practices;
- Addressing the health and safety of students with special needs;
- Access to rapid testing;
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- Resources for safe transportation of students;
- Safe re-entry into school protocols;
- Comprehensive education and training of staff prior to reopening;
- Disparities in access to in-person learning;
- Preserving school staff pay and benefits.

The position statement clearly describes each specific area of concern as well as how each must be addressed to ensure a safe reopening. After completing this review, the Coalition position statement concludes:

“In light of all the issues we have presented, the current lack of funding appropriated to address these issues, and the increased need for staff, PPE, testing and other resources to implement a safe reopening, at this time; we don’t believe our State is ready to pursue in-person learning safely. And until these issues are resolved, it is also not safe to have staff stationed in these schools to conduct remote learning for students.”

The Coalition calls for the state and school districts to reopen for remote learning, while taking the time to develop comprehensive plans with the infrastructure, protocols, staffing, funding and training “to safely institute in-person learning that we all know our students deserve.”

The organizations that have endorsed the document to date include: American Federation of Teachers Massachusetts, Massachusetts Association for the Chemically Injured, Massachusetts Coalition for Safety and Health, Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, Massachusetts Nurses Association, Massachusetts Teachers Association and Service Employees International Union Local 888.

HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00pm (note this change from 6:30pm). Just like our July and August meetings we will be meeting in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club Parking lot, practicing social distancing and wearing masks for safety. We are using a hybrid model: In Person and Online. Due to the COVID situation we will be offering our members to participate in person or online.

In Person: we will be having our meeting in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club Parking Lot across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. We are limiting our meeting to one and a half hours, practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Feel free to bring your own chair, but we will have chairs for anyone who wants one to sit down. In case of rain we will meet the following day September 15, 2020, same time and place.

Online: we will also be broadcasting our meeting live to members of our Facebook group. (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna>). At 6:00pm log onto Facebook, open up the HVNA group and look for the live broadcast by our Secretary, Chris Assanti. If you are attending via Facebook, please inform Chris that you are present for attendance purposes.

You can do so via video live chat or the direct message.

Agenda

Welcome/ Introduction (5min)

Announcements(5min)

Matt Warfield, LTD, Mobility Hub (10min)

7-11 Curtis Street (Eastern Flooring) Attorney Jeff Drago, 2nd Presentation, to demolish the existing structure and erect two buildings, one on Curtis Street with 21 Units and a second one on Saratoga Street with 8 Units. (20min).

95-97 Addison Street, Attorney Mike Ross, Architect Mark Sangiolo for developer Nick Earls and Eric DiNicola, 1st Presentation, to demolish existing home and build 12 Condo Units with 12 parking spaces. Addison Street is not zoned for residential units. (30min)

2 Swift Terrace/150 Swift Street, Owner Joseph Steffano Jr., 1st Presentation, Legalize storage shed,(rear yard set back) and change zoning to commercial for truck parking. (10min).

Next Meeting October 5, 2020

Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna>.

JPNA MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association will hold its September meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm via Zoom

Video Conference

Registration required for this meeting. We encourage everyone to register at least 24 hours prior the event, especially if you are a project abutter.

PLEASE NOTE

In order to qualify to vote at a voting meeting each person must be registered and join the meeting as an individual. You will not be counted as an attendee at a meeting should you participate in the Zoom call as a couple or family.

Below please find the agenda for the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association scheduled monthly meeting for September, 2020. The meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conference due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

Local restaurant Pazza on Porter is raffling off dinner for two! To be eligible you must register for the meeting before 24 hours in advance, making the cutoff 7pm on Sunday, September 13th. Everyone needs to register individually, and will be entered into the raffle once. May the odds be ever in your favor.

AGENDA (subject to change):

Greetings & Announcements

Boston Police Update

Nominations for available Board Position

State Senator Joe Boncore - Update

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OBITUARIES

Anna Spada

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Anna D. (DePaula) Spada, 92, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Monday, August 31.

The cherished daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Anastasia) DePaula, she was the beloved wife of the late John B. Spada, loving mother of John A. Spada and his wife, Nancy M. of Peabody and the late Marianne Spada; adored grandmother of Stephen Spada and David Moore and his wife, Miranda and great grandmother of Joshua, caring sister of Carmen DePaula of Florida and the late Josephine Galbo. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends will gather in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere today,



Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service in our Chapel of the Resurrection at 11 a.m.

Interment will follow at St. Michael Cemetery in Roslindale.

In accordance with State and CDC Federal guidelines masks must be worn at all times and social distancing must be practiced. For online guest book and directions, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Julie VanValkenberg

Of Revere

Julie (Carnazzo) VanValkenberg of Revere passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 4 at the age of 50.

Born in Medford on June 13, 1970 to Paul and Nancy (Fitzgerald) Carnazzo of Revere, Julie is survived by Michael VanValkenberg of Danvers, the father to their beloved children, Michael VanValkenberg of Revere and Morgan VanValkenberg of Danvers, dear sister to Paul Carnazzo and his wife, Agata of Revere and adored grandmother of Emily Heres-VanValkenberg. She is also survived by many dear cousins and friends.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, September 10 from 4 to 6 p.m. followed by a private Prayer Service for the immediate family. Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and lo-



cal officials we are limited to 25 people at a time and social distancing and masks are required. If you could, please make your visit brief to allow others to attend. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Julie's name to the MSPCA Angel, Att. Development Donation, 350 S. Huntington Ave, Boston, MA 02130. Private Interment. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

John Eldridge

Musician known for his great sense of humor

John A. Eldridge of Revere, formerly of East Boston, died on September 1.

John loved music and played several instruments. He was also known for his great sense of humor and loved spending time at the ocean.

He was the beloved father of Julie Villada and her husband, Lucas, Christina Harris and her husband, Scot and Amy Eldridge; former husband of Marianne Eldridge, son of the late Mary E. (Cutcliffe) and Eugene A. Eldridge Sr., brother of Judy Clark, June Dennen, Janet and Edward Eldridge and the late Joyce DeGenio, Eugene Jr, Jacqueline, Charles and Ronald Eldridge and grand-



father of Leanne, Scot Jr., Troy, Harmony, Kamari, Aviana and Rafael. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Private interment services will take place at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton on September 10.

Please send messages of condolences to the family on the funeral home Tribute Page - MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Thomas Serra, Jr.

Worked for Eastern Airlines and Mass Turnpike

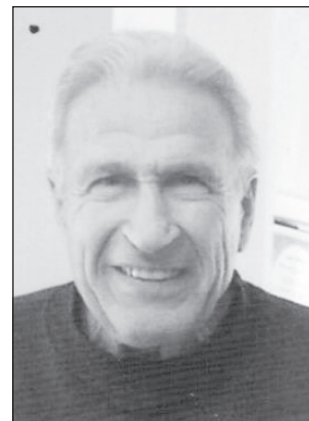


Thomas A. Serra, Jr. of St. Andrew Rd., East Boston passed away at the West Roxbury VA on Sept. 2. He was 80 years old.

Born in East Boston, the beloved son of the late Lillian (Quartarone) and Thomas A. Serra, Sr. and a resident of East Boston and Winthrop, he was a graduate of Boston English High School. He went on to serve in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, reaching the rank of SP4. After his honorable discharge, worked for Eastern Airlines for the fleet services department. He also worked at the Massachusetts Turnpike.

He was a standout football player in the East Boston Sandlot League and became Sandlot Player of the Year, a longtime member of the Winthrop Golf Club and a member of Survivors by the Sea.

The devoted husband of the late Norma (Ramirez), he was the loving father of Nadeen Moretti and her husband, Rich of Medford, Thom Serra and his wife, Kristen of Andover and Natalie Bayersdorfer and her husband, Brad of Winthrop;



the dear brother of Marilyn Pacillo of Reading and the late Lorraine Bono and the cherished grandfather of Richie, Mia, Noah, Lily, Ryan and Elyse. He is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

The funeral will be conducted from the Caggiano-O'Maley-Frazier Funeral Home, Winthrop today, Wednesday, September 9 followed by a Funeral Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church. Services will conclude with interment with military honors in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Memorial donations may be made to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans at www.nechv.org. To sign the online guestbook, go to www.caggiano-fuenralhome.com.

Joseph Pedoto

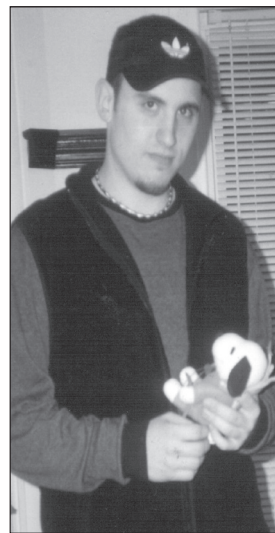
Loyal and devout family man

Joseph L. "Joe" Pedoto of Saugus passed away unexpectedly on September 3 at the age of 60.

Joe was a loyal friend and a devout family man. He was born and raised in the Highlands of Winthrop, a graduate of Winthrop High School, class of '79. He has been employed in the energy industry for 40 years, recently with Perley Burrill Oil Company.

Joe was a car enthusiast who enjoyed reading about the history of Detroit, most notably, the muscle car era. He enjoyed local travel throughout New England and summers on the beach. Joe had a heart of gold and will be missed by all who knew him.

Born in Winthrop on March 18, 1960 to the late John M. Pedoto and Jeanette (Fagone) Pedoto, he was the cherished husband of 32 years to Lois Sacco of Saugus, devoted father of Joseph L. Pedoto II, dear brother of Charles Pedoto and the late John M. Pedoto Jr., adored son in law of Rose Sacco of Revere and the late Nicola Sacco, beloved brother in law of the late Geraldine Sacco of Chelsea and beloved uncle



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Florence "Tootsie" Correia

Of Stoneham, formerly of East Boston

Florence "Tootsie" (Catrone) Correia of Stoneham, formerly of East Boston, passed away on August 30, at the age of 93.

The devoted wife of the late Antonio Correia, she was the loving mother of Janice "Jan" Russo of Stoneham and the late Anthony Correia and his surviving wife, Lourdes of East Boston and Carol Correia; adored grandmother of Dawnmarie Russo; dear sister of Patrick Catrone of Lynn and the late Gloria Moccia, John and Robert Catrone. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.



Funeral arrangements were by Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St. Revere. Interment was at Lindenwood Cemetery in Stoneham. For online guest book, please visit: www.vazzafunerals.com.

Nancy Ciarlone

Loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother

Nancy M. (Nicolo) Ciarlone of Revere passed away peacefully, September 1 at the age of 90.

The beloved daughter of the late Diego and Mariana (Compolo) Nicolo, she was the devoted wife of the late Louis H. "Cheako" Ciarlone, loving mother of Louis Ciarlone, Jr. and his wife, Corazon (Parcon) and Michael Ciarlone and his partner, Linda Sarno, all of Revere; cherished grandmother of Kiana Ciarlone Cameron and Dominique Ciarlone and great-grandmother of Eden Cameron; dear sister of the late Demetrie, James, Joseph, Salvatore and Nicolas Nicolo, Angie D'Amico and Marion Raponi. Nancy is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Due to the current spike in Covid-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Archdiocese of Boston and local officials, funeral ser-



vices will be privately held for the immediate family and under the direction of the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Ciarlone Scholarship Fund, 410 Park Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

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David Dedrick, Jr.

Retired heavy equipment truck driver and faithful and loving family man

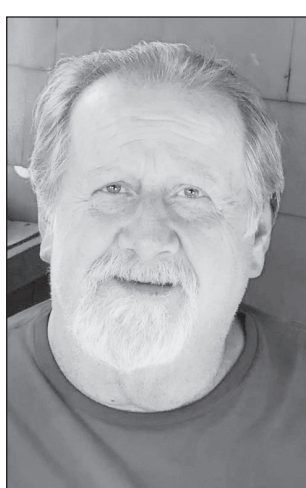
Funeral Services and interment were held privately for David B. Dedrick, Jr. 69, who died unexpectedly on Thursday, September 3 at Boston Medical Center.

Born and raised in Charlestown, the family came to live in Revere in 1962. David was educated within the Revere School System, at St. Dominic Savio High School of Orient Heights, East Boston and was a 1968 graduate of Revere High School.

For the majority of David's working career, he was a heavy equipment truck driver for several New England trucking firms.

David was a faithful and loving "Family Man" who thoroughly enjoyed the company and camaraderie of his children and grandchildren.

He was the beloved husband of 39 years of Catherine A. (Pearl) Dedrick and the cherished father to Katie A. Dedrick and her companion, Jeffrey Gaston, Matthew D. Dedrick and his wife, Molly and Alex and Brian D. Dedrick, all of Revere; the dear brother of Helen V. Molbeck and Daniel F. Dedrick, both of East Boston, Donna M. Nam of California, Mary G. Dedrick and her companion, Rocky Pellucci of Re-



vere and the late Annmarie Corcoran. David is also lovingly survived by two grandchildren, Christena E. Dedrick and Chase Gaston, both of Revere and by several caring nieces and nephews. He was also the devoted son of the late David B. Dedrick, Sr. and the late Helen (Sullivan) Dedrick.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's

Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959.

The staff at Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals of Revere is honored and most grateful to have assisted the family in the completion of David's funeral arrangements. To send online condolences, please visit: www.vertuccioand-smith.com.

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Treasurer Goldberg announces \$30 million in grants for municipal water projects

State Treasurer Deb Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (Trust), announced last week the allocation of \$30 million in additional grants for municipal projects to address lead in drinking water for disadvantaged communities.

The Trust voted on Wednesday, Sept. 2, to administer the funds to sup-

port future investments in local water projects. The new grant program will be implemented with guidance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and engineering and technical support from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

The funds will assist cities and towns most in need of financial assistance to help pay for remediation efforts addressing lead in

drinking water or planning projects to identify sources of lead for remediation.

Eligible project types include but not limited to:

- Planning and design
- Replacement of lead service lines
- Corrosion control projects
- Lead removal/treatment

“As Chair of the Clean Water Trust, I am pleased to work with the Baker-Polito Administration, MassDEP, and EPA to provide funds to

local communities that will protect the health of our citizens and create a cleaner environment,” said Treasurer and Receiver General Deborah B. Goldberg. “This \$30 million will help reduce the cost of these projects and assist commu-

nities in providing lead free drinking water to our most vulnerable residents.”

The Trust improves the water quality in the Commonwealth by providing capital financing to cities, towns and other eligible entities to help protect and

improve their water infrastructure. These funds will be awarded to disadvantaged communities that have eligible projects on the 2020, 2021 and 2022 MassDEP Intended Use Plans.

Land Court launches virtual recorder’s office

Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey, Court Administrator Jonathan Williams, and Land Court Chief Justice Gordon H. Piper today announced that the Land Court Recorder’s Office is now using videoconferencing technology to operate a virtual Recorder’s Office to assist the public.

“This pilot program in the Land Court, modeled on the early success of the ‘Virtual Registry’ in the Probate and Family Court, is an excellent way to leverage technology to offer remote court services to the public,” said Trial Court Chief Justice Paula Carey.

“The Land Court has launched yet another Trial Court technology initiative to enhance access to our courts,” said Court Administrator Jonathan Williams. “Given the Land Court’s

statewide jurisdiction, court users all across Massachusetts will benefit.”

The virtual Recorder’s Office can be accessed by videoconference or by phone using a videoconferencing connection during designated hours. Court users are admitted into a virtual waiting room and then into the virtual Recorder’s Office. There, Land Court staff can answer general questions, provide Land Court case and docket information, and assist with accessing forms, instructions and other documents. If the pilot is well received, the Land Court may expand hours to provide additional services, including virtual contact with Land Court title examiners, tax title examiners, and survey staff.

“We are pleased to add this new virtual service to

other remote services the Land Court has implemented in response to the pandemic, including telephone and video conferencing of court events and remote public access to live court events,” said Land Court Chief Justice Gordon Piper. “This provides a great alternative in response to public health and safety concerns. I commend the creativity of Land Court Recorder Deborah Patterson and her staff to meet the needs of our court users.”

The virtual Recorder’s Office is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (except holidays) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Information on how to access the virtual Recorder’s Office is available at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/land-court-virtual-recorders-office>.

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State agencies, 13 communities find ways to cut construction costs on mobility

Staff Report

The MBTA, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Massport, the City of Boston, the City of Cambridge, the City of Somerville, the Town of Brookline, the City of Everett, the Town of Woburn, the City of Quincy, the City of Chelsea, the City of Revere, the City of Medford, the City of Malden, the Town of Arlington, and the City of Lynn last week announced a new collective purchasing agreement for bus and bike lane road markings in order accelerate multimodal infrastructure throughout the metropolitan area.

This collective procurement effort will allow pub-

lic transportation agencies to cooperate and achieve a greater economy of scale in building projects, ultimately bringing costs down.

“This is another example of the region working together to move everyone forward. Increasingly, we all need to collaborate in new ways to better serve our riders and constituents,” said General Manager Steve Poftak. “This agreement will ensure that public agencies like the MBTA will be using their funds as cost effectively as possible, especially throughout the current public health and economic crisis.”

“Establishing more bus and bike lanes is critical for the region as we continue to re-open the economy during this pandemic,” said MAPC Transportation Director Eric Bourassa. “By reducing

costs for the MBTA as well as cities and towns, we can stretch our public dollars further to make public transit and cycling better and safer.”

The winning bid from construction firm K5 – \$4.70 per square foot for red bus lane material – is very competitive and will aid an unprecedented expansion in multimodal projects at a critical time. Previous costs ranged from \$7 to \$12 per square foot, depending on the municipality.

Combined, the participating municipalities represent more than one-fifth of the Commonwealth’s total population and account for most major regional transit corridors in the metropolitan region. Based on past construction costs across the region and projected project budgets, the MBTA

estimates that this joint procurement effort could save taxpayers over \$2 million next year, or about 10 percent of what the MBTA plans to spend on the Rapid Response Bus Lanes Program. Additional savings are expected if the procurement is renewed for future years and potentially expanded to more municipalities.

The MAPC has led collective purchasing efforts in the past to procure often expensive equipment like emergency vehicles and parking meters for cities and towns. As Massachusetts municipalities have implemented more quick-build design solutions like bus and bike lanes through road markings, flexposts, and signage in recent years, costs have remained a barrier for some localities.

The MBTA is partnering

with many of these cities and towns over the next year to advance projects that make regional roadways more reliable for tens of thousands of daily bus riders. The MBTA and the Cities of Boston, Somerville, Everett, and Chelsea previously announced several projects to be implemented by spring 2021, adding up to fourteen new miles of bus-only infrastructure for routes with some of the highest ridership since the pandemic began. For many projects that include transit priority measures, the MBTA provides funding for design costs and for bus lanes’ red paint while the municipality pays for other multimodal corridor improvements.

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Pressley, Warren, Lee introduce legislation to confront the public health impacts of structural racism

Staff Report

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley (MA-07), Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and others last week announced their bicameral bill to confront the public health impacts of structural racism through two bold new programs within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

“For far too long, our federal government has failed to recognize and address the structural racism that has devastated Black and brown communities and denied access to quality health care,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “With the COVID-19 pandemic unveiling and exacerbating racial disparities in health outcomes, it is time we rec-

ognize and treat structural racism and police brutality as the public health crises that they are. This first-of-its-kind bill would expand federal research and investment into the public health impacts of structural racism, require the federal government to proactively develop anti-racist health policy, and take a public health approach to combatting police violence. We must have a coordinated public health response to structural racism, and this bill would do just that.”

“It is time we start treating structural racism like we would treat any other public health problem or disease: investing in research into its symptoms and causes and finding ways to mitigate its effects,” said Sen.

Warren. “My bill with Representatives Lee and Pressley is a first step to create anti-racist federal health policy that studies and addresses disparities in health outcomes at their roots.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to ignore how centuries of structural racism have created deep disparities in health outcomes for Black and Brown communities: Black and Brown people are nearly three times more likely than white people to contract COVID-19 and one to two times more likely to die from the disease. People of color are also disproportionately affected by chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, hepatitis, and hypertension; infant mortality; maternal

mortality and morbidity; and police brutality -- and also less likely to be insured and have access to health care providers.

The federal government’s failure to adequately collect race and ethnicity data on COVID-19 testing, hospitalization, and deaths has also demonstrated why comprehensive research is needed to study the health impacts of structural racism and to develop race-conscious public health approaches and reverse disparities that have plagued our nation for too long.


To help expand research and investment into the public health impacts of structural racism, as well as to require the federal government to begin actively developing anti-racist health policy, Congresswoman Pressley, Senator Warren, and Congresswoman Lee have introduced the An-

ti-Racism in Public Health Act, which would:

- Create a “National Center for Anti-Racism” at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to declare racism as the public health crisis that it is and further develop the research base and knowledge in the science and practice of anti-racism. The Center would undertake such activities as:
- *Conducting research, collecting data, awarding grants, and providing leadership and coordination on the science and practice of anti-racism in the provision of health care, the public health impacts of systemic racism, and the effectiveness of interventions to address these impacts.
- *Creating at least three regional centers of excellence in anti-racism.
- *Educating the public on the public health impacts

of structural racism and anti-racist public health interventions.

- *Consulting with other Centers at the CDC to ensure that scientific and programmatic activities initiated by the agency consider structural racism in their designs, conceptualizations, and executions.
- Create a Law Enforcement Violence Prevention Program within the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the CDC. Physical and psychological violence perpetuated by law enforcement results in deaths, injuries, trauma, and stress, and disproportionately affects marginalized populations. This bill would take a public health approach to combatting police brutality and violence by creating a dedicated law enforcement violence prevention program at the CDC.




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Nine Probate and Family Court Registers’ offices operating virtual registries

Nine Probate and Family Court Registers’ Offices, including Middlesex and Suffolk Counties, are now using Zoom videoconferencing to operate virtual registries to assist the public.

On June 15, Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey and Probate and Family Court Chief Justice John D. Casey announced a virtual registries pilot program in Barnstable, Essex and Middlesex Counties. The success of the pilot program led to its expansion to the counties of Bristol, Hampden, Hampshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Worcester.

The pilot program, developed by Probate and Family Court Field Coordinator Keith Nalbandian, creates a virtual registry for Probate and Family Court matters using a recurring Zoom vid-

eoconference meeting link that operates during normal business hours when a host from a register’s office is logged in. Virtual registries offer all of the assistance normally available during an in-person visit, including face-to-face contact, the ability to obtain and get assistance with court forms, and access to court documents and docket information.


Court users who enter the virtual registry are placed into a waiting room and appear as participants to the host, who admits individuals into the virtual registry. The host is able to answer general questions and send a participant into a pre-designated breakout room for additional assistance on more complex matters. Breakout rooms are staffed with registry employees,

and if available, a lawyer with a Lawyer for the Day program, to answer questions. The breakout rooms are managed by the host, so as one guest leaves a room, another guest is able to enter. With the exception of Hampshire and Barnstable Counties, the virtual registries are available Monday through Friday.

In addition to virtual registries, members of the public can also reach Probate and Family Court Registers’ Offices by phone or email. The public can also call the Trial Court Help Line to ask general questions about their cases and help them navigate the court system. The Help Line is staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and can be reached by calling 1-833-91COURT.

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