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A second air-carrier wants to join Cape Air in running a seaplane operation off Eastie's shores

By John Lynds

A second carrier wants to join Cape Air in running seaplanes from Boston Harbor, just off Eastie's shore, to New York City.

Cape Air, who got approval from the FAA to fly seaplanes on a route from Boston to a pier on Manhattan's East Side, began trial runs of the new operation last year.

Now Tailwind Air has scheduled two public community meetings with Eastie residents regarding their proposed plan for seaplane service from Boston Harbor to New York City.

The meetings are sure to be contentious given the fact that Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf and Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the water off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

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Rep. Adrian Madaro (center) presents the 2020 Massachusetts Manufacturing Award to the owners of Parlor Skis last week. The Eastie custom ski manufacturing company has produced thousands of units of PPE for frontline workers during the COVID pandemic.

Eastie's Parlor Skis honored by state for COVID response

By John Lynds

An East Boston-based independent custom ski manufacturer that switched gears during the pandemic and turned its factory's focus away from making skis and snowboards to making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for frontline healthcare workers was honored by the state last week.

Parlor Skis on McClellan Highway manufactured and shipped thousands of PPE face shields.

The company also donated numerous shields to the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and other local nonprofits.

For their efforts Parlor Skis received the prestigious 2020 Massachusetts Manufacturing Award. Last week, Rep. Adrian Madaro delivered the award and citation to the company's owners Mark Wallace, Pete Endres and Jason Epstein.

"We are honored to be recognized by the State of Massachusetts for our re-

sponse to the COVID19 pandemic and be awarded the 2020 Massachusetts Manufacturing Award," said the owners in a statement. "We were very lucky to have our State Representative Adrian Maduro stop by to present the award. We are incredibly grateful that we had the equipment, staff and ability to help in PPE production during crunch time and get it to those who needed it most."

At the time of the pan-

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'Don't Be Denied' band perform online benefit for Zumix

By John Lynds

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses like Mavericks restaurant and bar became the hub of a burgeoning live music scene in East Boston. On the weekends, crowds packed the bar and listened to professional musicians like Joey Blake, who tours regularly with Bobby McFerrin, play alongside amateur and underground musicians honing their craft live on stage.

One band to emerge, led by East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Vice President Steve Snyder, became the de facto house band for Mavericks and invited anyone willing to jam onstage for a session-much to the delight of patrons.

Many of these jam sessions included students

and instructors from Eastie's music program Zumix.

Sadly, live music became one of the casualties of the ongoing pandemic and places like Mavericks were forced to abandon live music and open mic

nights to ensure proper social distancing and reduce the spread of COVID.

However, an online fundraiser for Zumix Monday night by Snyder and his Don't Be Denied band, which includes Omar Sosa

and Kramer Gibson, was a slight return to live shows the neighborhood has been craving for months.

Dozens tuned into the Don't Be Denied band's

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Steve Snyder's Don't Be Denied band, which includes Omar Sosa and Kramer Gibson, performed an online live show to benefit Zumix Monday night.

Get Tested

EBNHC popup COVID testing site will remain in Central Square through at least Nov. 14

By John Lynds

If you have tried to get a COVID-19 test at one of the many free COVID testing sites in the area, like I did Monday, there's a sense of sheer panic in East Boston and surrounding communities. Drive-thru testing sites on Monday had lines of cars stretched for blocks and the wait time to get what has been dubbed the 'brain tickle' COVID test was nearly two hours.

This could mean one of two things--there are far more residents coming down with COVID-19 symptoms and want to know for sure if they've contracted the heinous disease, or residents are heeding the call of Mayor Martin Walsh and to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

Either way, it has become very nerve wracking

for those of us living in what the state has designated 'red zones', which sounds more like the set of a post apocalyptic horror flick.

In order to ensure more people get tested, Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates like Eastie.

The EBNHC announced on Friday that its free popup mobile testing site in Central Square will remain open through at least November 14. The hours there will be Tuesday-Friday 1:00 -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Residents must call to pre-register at 617-568-4500.

"This week, we have free testing regardless of symptoms at Central Square Park in East Boston and Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan," said Walsh of the city's targeted plan to get more res-

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East Boston Social Centers receives mini-grant from City

By John Lynds

The East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) was one of several organizations to receive a mini-grant last week from the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) to help support nonprofits that work in immigrant communities.

Mayor Martin Walsh said each \$5,000 grant to 20 nonprofits including EBSC would help celebrate Boston's rich cultural diversity and applaud the work immigrant-serving organizations in Eastie and across the city do each and every day.

"The coronavirus pandemic shined a bright light on the disparities in our community," said Mayor Walsh. "Immigrants have been on the frontlines from the beginning and they have also been the most impacted. This year especially, we need to celebrate immigrant contributions to our community and recover from this pandemic in a more equitable state than we entered it."

The mini-grants are

funded through corporate sponsorships for We Are Boston, an annual end-of-the year reception that honors the contributions immigrants have made to our City. This year's We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity is on November 19 from 5-6 pm.

EBSC's Executive Director Justin Pasquariello said the mini-grant to the Social Centers will be used to purchase and deliver groceries, formula, diapers, cleaning supplies, masks, gloves and any other basic needs that East Boston families cannot afford at this time.

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stricted sea base,” said Bonney at a community meeting in 2018 trying to garner support for the seaplane plan. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm with a second meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Both meetings will be held via ZOOM at <https://tinyurl.com/tailwindcommunitymeeting>.

To RSVP and submit questions beforehand, please email tailwindboston@gmail.com

“So let me get this straight...We are going from zero to two seaplane operations?”, said a frustrated April Abenza of Jeffries Point.

It seems a look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations. Something Wolf and Bonney were allegedly not up front about when pitching their own seaplane operation.

Also, when Cape Air began testing flights, Jeffries Point residents reported the planes seemed a lot louder than described by Wolf and Bonney.

The planes Cape Air would use are new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplanes.

“We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic

impacts would be to the surrounding area,” said Bonney at a community meeting. “The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal.”

Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

“They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts,” he said at the time.

However, they proved to be anything but, they did not climb to high altitudes in the harbor quickly, and usually banked right and headed over Beacon Hill.

Residents in Jeffries Point, as well as Beacon Hill, expressed disappointment over the operations and wished the planes were as quiet as Cape Air initially led on.

Wolf said Cape Air’s plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it’s not a new concept.

Cape Air’s seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie’s shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

“It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan,” said Cape Air’s Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently.

“But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that’s really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part.”

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie’s Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

“And on the other end in New York it’s the same thing,” said Bonney. “We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930’s.”

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of the water and horizon.

“There really isn’t the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...just not possible with seaplanes,” said Bonney. The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

“This is a private, restricted sea base,” said Bonney. “So you wouldn’t have to worry about other carriers using the area.”

NOAH to hold an East Boston Resilience Assembly on Nov. 14

By John Lynds

Last year, the East Boston Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) hosted a ‘release’ party at the East Boston Social Centers where NOAH staff released the East Boston Flood Prevention Design Workshop Report. The report followed two workshop events hosted by NOAH in 2018 to begin addressing the concerns, ideas and solutions to protect the neighborhood from Climate Change.

NOAH’s Executive Director Phil Giffie said on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9:30 am to 12 pm NOAH will host anm “East Boston Resilience Assembly” via ZOOM (link will be released soon according to Giffie).

“NOAH began this exercise after many people at climate events we have held over the past number of years have asked, ‘What do I do in an emergency? Where do I go? What happens to my family? How do I get to work? Who will help us? What if I am sick or injured? What will the schools do? Etc.,” said Giffie.

Over the summer, NOAH began collecting data via a community survey on resiliency.

“We started this effort on building resiliency because we believe that building a climate resil-

ient East Boston is predicated on a strong network of civic and governmental organizations - comfortable with working together,” said Giffie. “The survey, developed by an experienced team at NYU, uses their standard method of gathering data in order to describe the strength of relationships among organizations in East Boston. We are particularly interested in the extent to which organizations routinely share information and resources or coordinate activities with one another. It is not foolproof but we think that this will help illuminate the primary channels of mutual activity and what the web of responding East Boston relationships looks like, and reveal the types of organizations that might benefit from being more strongly connected to those more centrally networked institutions. We can then tailor and work with various folks to deliver communications about how to shape an effective multi-lingual response. At the assembly we (NOAH) hope residents, agencies and professionals will dialogue about what we all need to do in the event of a climate emergency – or even another disaster event, which could be COVID or racial justice concerns.”

NOAH began to collect

data in late summer and got 45 responses from 34 organizations, which Giffie said is not enough for NOAH to validate the outcomes presented thus far.

“We would dearly like to receive additional surveys from non-profits, government entities, LatinX, neighborhood associations, schools and commercial interests,” said Giffie “We realize no one loves filling out surveys but the goal here is to map communications in the neighborhood so that in the event of an emergency, we can coordinate activities and get the word out about relief to more people, faster. This will help save lives and the economy while enabling people and the community to bounce back quickly after a flood or other disaster, whose likelihood increases year after year because of sea-level rise and storm surge effects.”

The link to the survey can be found at <https://bit.ly/33zv1Dx>.

The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the City’s Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) will all be presenting at the Nov. 14 assembly followed by an open, participatory session on how we might respond to a climate driven disaster as a community.

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of Boston hardest hit by both COVID-19 and the related economic impacts,” said Pasquariello. “The city of Boston has been one of the Social Centers’ steadfast partners as we have worked to support our neighbors in this very challenging time. This mini-grant helps us continue the important work of meeting health/ safety, and basic needs of our immigrant community. We are deeply grateful to Mayor Walsh

and the Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Advancement for their partnership in service to our community. I am grateful too to our team, including the Family Engagement Network and Parent Partners, who are bringing this support to our neighbors.”

These mini-grants are made possible through the contributions from We Are Boston 2019 sponsors including State Street Corporation, Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Verizon; and this year’s corporate sponsors include Arbella Insurance Foundation, Eastern Bank and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

For this year’s We Are Boston 2020: From Resilience to Equity on November 19, Mayor Walsh will recognize the successes of the past year and name this year’s honorees. The evening will culminate with the City’s new Cabinet Chief of Equity, Dr. Karilyn Crockett, speaking on the convergence and divergence of African American and immigrant struggles and how the corporate and philanthropic sectors can support the fight for equity for all.

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New COVID express testing at Logan

By John Lynds

A new express COVID-19 testing facility at Logan International Airport for airport employees will soon open to the traveling public this month.

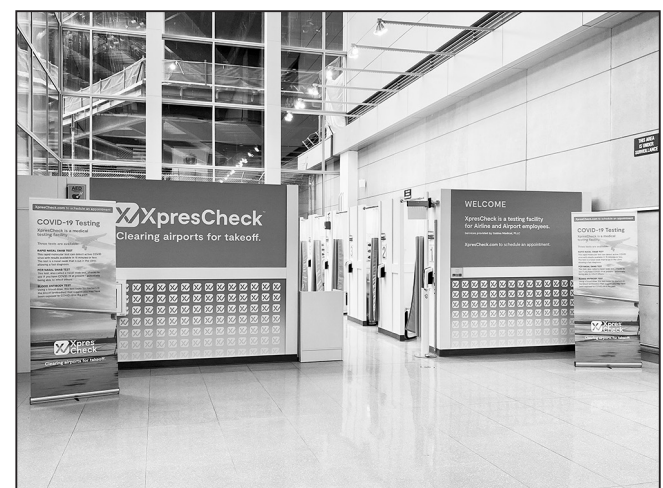
This will ensure travelers are properly tested before entering our communities or before boarding a flight to elsewhere.

MarketPlace Logan, an affiliate of New England Development and manager of the Boston Logan Concessions’ Program made the announcement last week.

President of MarketPlace Paul McGinn said the new XpresCheck COVID-19 testing facility is now open to airport employees and will be fully operational for passengers by mid-November at Boston Logan International Airport.

McGinn said the XpresCheck COVID-19 testing facility at Boston Logan is a modular constructed facility within the International Arrival area in Terminal E.

The new testing facility has seven separate testing rooms and has the ability to administer over 400 tests per day for passen-



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gers arriving and departing the airport within all terminals, as well as airport employees.

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“I am very excited about this new service that has opened in Terminal E,” said McGinn. “By expanding our preventative measures and adapting to new technology with the arrival of XpresCheck, we remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of our passengers and employees. Having easy access to a testing site at the airport will continue to provide a further sense of security for those who travel through Boston Logan now or in the future.”

McGinn said airport employees and travelers alike can visit the XpresCheck via walk-in appointments or by scheduling in advance. Pricing varies, \$75.00 for an individual PCR Test or individual Blood Antibody Test, \$90.00 for both (the PCR Test and Blood Antibody Test), \$200.00 for the rapid molecular COVID-19 test, or \$215.00 for the rapid molecular COVID-19 test plus additional tests offered.

XpresCheck also accepts insurance for the individual PCR and Blood Antibody Test. The entire testing process which involves introductions, administering the test, and the clinical visit takes up to approximately 20 minutes and results are provided onsite if having the rapid molecular COVID-19 test or shared via XpresCheck’s secure patient portal.

“We are thrilled to be opening XpresCheck today at Logan International Airport, which is our first testing facility outside of the New York metro area, and third to date,” said XpresSpa CEO Doug Satzman, who is overseeing the XpresCheck operation at Logan. “Our strategy remains focused on XpresCheck’s national expansion and we are in active discussions with other airports for further development of this highly relevant and timely concept. We anticipate announcing additional openings in the coming weeks.”

Travelers looking to make an appointment in advance for a more contactless experience can log onto XpresCheck’s website at www.XpresCheck.com. XpresCheck is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, November 17, 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 on the organization's website www.ebpierpac.org on or before **November 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

a. Attendance 6:30

b. Approval of Minutes October 20, 2020 6:35

New Business

c. Designation of Interim Treasurer (VOTE) 6:45

d. Treasurer's Report - 7:00 pm

Old Business

e. Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) 7:15 pm

f. Update on Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion) 7:20 pm

g. Discussion - Terms Of Directors (previously tabled)

h. Motion to adjourn

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.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.
By: Louise Montanino, President

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idents tested in city hot spots. “Also, this Tuesday and Friday we have a free site at New Hope Baptist Church on River St. in Hyde Park.”

Walsh noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston’s population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed to prevent further spread.

Last week, Walsh unveiled the city’s “Get the Test, Boston” pledge, campaign, and social media took it. The new initiative is to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe, and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

“The City is currently investing in more testing resources, more contact

tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine,” said Walsh. “But, despite increased access, we’ve seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks.”

Walsh said that we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone’s help.

“Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled,” he said. “In addition the virus is spreading among people who don’t have symptoms who may not know they’ve been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason.”

The Mayor said that he gets tested regularly

and that it’s a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community’s defense against this virus.

“We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say “I got the test” to help raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested,” he said. “We also have a social media toolkit available and we’re asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks.”

Walsh recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

“The “Get the Test, Boston” Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can support testing access,” said Walsh. “It keeps your workforce

healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it’s a way to help our city avoid having to roll back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and will not be required to use sick or personal time for that hour.”

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

“All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested,” said Walsh. “You can also consider giving paid time off, or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours.”

East Boston Savings Bank named 2021 Best Small Bank in MA by Newsweek

Newsweek recognizes East Boston Savings Bank as Massachusetts’ 2021 Best Small Bank in their first ever ranking of the financial institutions that are working to meet the needs of customers during this unprecedented time.

The criteria for this award was extensive and focused on the 55 separate factors that would be most important to customers in choosing their bank. Factors that were assessed included current and historical interest rates, a wide array of fees, account terms, consumer service features, mobile app satisfaction and bank profile, among others.

“We are extremely proud to be named among the best banks in the country by Newsweek. 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone. At EBSB we focused on the safety of our employees as well as continue to provide our customers not only with great service but also provide them with resources to help them navigate through the crisis. Our directors, senior management and entire staff

work hard as a team for our customers every day. This recognition is a great reflection on the entire EBSB team,” said Richard J. Gavegnano, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

Newsweek published its inaugural bank rankings in September in partnership with LendingTree, an online loan marketplace and comparison site for financial services. The rankings were based on a subjective assessment of checking and savings accounts as well as digital banking tools from more than 2,500 FDIC-insured institutions.

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demic’s outbreak, Wallace said there was a real and obvious need for safety equipment on the frontlines for healthcare personnel, essential workers, and individuals who must venture out into public.

“We decided that we wanted to try to do our part, so we looked at the resources we had in the shop and realized that we are in the fortunate position to have the equipment and staff available to meet that need,” he said.

Wallace said it was an easy decision to pause on Parlor’s regular ski manufacturing processes, order the needed materials, and move its focus to supporting the community and beyond.

“We wanted to find a tangible way to contribute, and I’m proud that our operations and team members were nimble enough to execute on this shift in a matter of days,” said Wallace. “Plus, as a small business navigating an uncertain economy and a ski season cut short by social distancing, this was a good opportunity to keep our employees busy and well-motivated.”

The 9.5 inch long, 13 inch wide face shields are 7ml in thickness with a foam headband and 1 inch elastic fatner. The shields are available in packs of 10, 25, 50 and 100 and cost \$3.50 per shield for those

wishing to purchase.

“Congratulations to Parlor Skis in East Boston for receiving the Massachusetts Manufacturing Award,” said Rep. Madaro. “I stopped by their shop in Eastie earlier this month to take a look at their operation. This spring, as the COVID-19 pandemic took a heavy toll on PPE across the country, Parlor Skis stepped up, reworking their operation to produce hundreds of face shields, going to local organizations like the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. I’m deeply grateful for their commitment to the community and I was honored to nominate them for this year’s award.”

Parlor Skis began in an abandoned funeral parlor in Cambridge with Wallace and his two other friends, Endres and Epstein. After designing and building three models considered worthy by the three ski racers, Parlor sold an initial run of 25 custom pairs and never looked back.

“We are now the largest ski manufacturer in New England, and proud to be among a growing industry of ski builders and artisans across New England and the United States,” said Wallace.


As the business expanded the trio moved their manufacturing operations to Eastie.


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live performance that was streamed on Facebook and Youtube.

“Zumix is an incredible organization that I have been supporting as a Board Member for a number of years,” said Snyder. “They do amazing youth development through music and arts and have positively impacted inner-city youth for 30 years. COVID 19 of course has had a dramatic impact on programming, and any support you can show by joining this event will be greatly appreciated, whether you give one dollar or a million dollars or just tune in to share a positive vibe – Lord knows we can all use that.”

Snyder and his band played four original songs with the presidential election in mind.

The performance ended with an original video for

the Don’t Be Denied new song “World on Fire (How Do You Feel Now?)”--a song that explores the racial strife and inequity that exists in America today.

“After months with no live music, and a long cold winter on the horizon, Zumix Board member Steven Snyder thought of a remedy,” said Zumix Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski. “On Monday, November 2, the night before election day, he held a safe, intimate live concert to benefit Zumix and streamed the event so other guests could tune in safely, enjoy the music, and support the organization. A highlight from the night was the premier of his Steven’s new music video entitled World On Fire (How are You Feeling Now?), which is available on Itunes and

Spotify.”

Steczynski was at the event and was so grateful for the outpouring of support.

“On behalf of everyone at Zumix, I want to thank Steven Snyder, Omar Sosa, and Kramer Gibson for sharing their musical gifts with all of us, and for lifting our spirits during this tumultuous time,” said Steczynski.


Zumix has been teaching over 300 students remotely since March, and has also been providing core support for families in need through their Mutual Support Network.

Donations to ZUMIX can be made online at www.zumix.org/donate, or by making a check out to ZUMIX and mailing it to 260 Sumner Street, East Boston, MA 02128.

Let’s get it Together – Together!

Save the Date for the East Boston Resiliency Assembly

Saturday, November 14 - 9:30 am -12:30 pm



Please save the date for the East Boston Resiliency Assembly, a virtual (ZOOM) meeting that will bring together East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, City health and emergency management leaders, first responders, non-profits, civic associations, LatinX groups, and residents to think about actions we can take to prepare for emergencies and disasters before they occur and actions we can take once disasters strike.

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Eastie’s positive COVID-19 test rate declines, but just below 10 percent

By John Lynds

Eastie experienced a 24 percent decrease in COVID-19 positive test rates last week according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Eastie still remains one of the top ‘hot spots’ in the City of Boston.

Two weeks ago, Eastie posted a 120 percent increase in the positive test rates among residents with 11.9 percent of those tested for the virus testing positive.

Last Friday the BPHC reported that of the 20,720

Eastie residents tested for COVID last week nine percent were found to be positive for the virus, a 24 percent decrease. Overall since the pandemic began 13.5 percent of Eastie residents here have been found to be positive.

The citywide positive test rate was up 25 percent and went from 6.2 percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 7.8 percent.

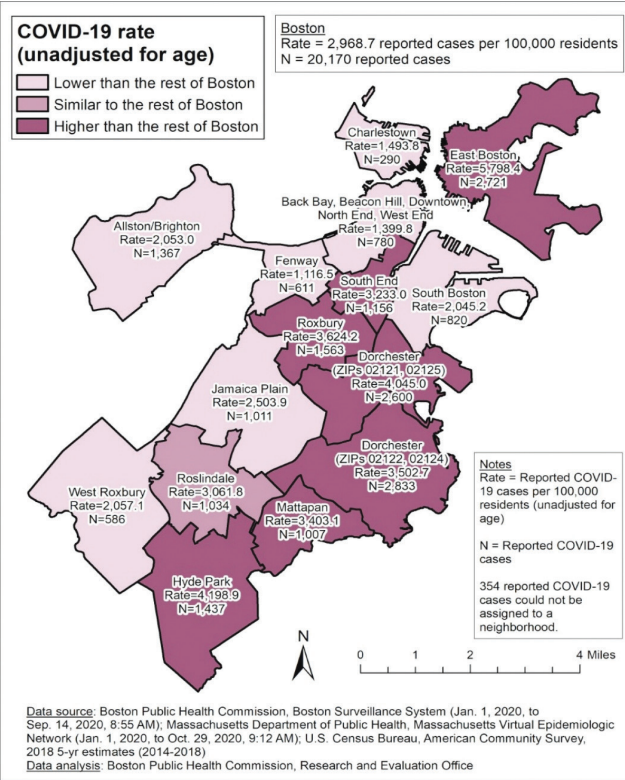
Eastie’s infection rate rose by four percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie’s COVID infection rate went from 556.8 cas-

es per 10,000 residents to 579.8 cases per 10,000 residents. The last increase two weeks ago was 3.4 percent. The citywide average is 296.8 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

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 last week

were set at 21,206 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 871. This seems like a huge jump from last week’s numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday “include a one-time increase that is part of an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last three to six months.”



Baker-Polito administration announce stay-at-home order

The Baker-Polito administration announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Charlie Baker announced these changes at a time where public health data has indicated that cases are rising, with cases up by 278 percent and hospitalizations up by 145 percent since Labor Day. These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

New Orders and Advisories:

Stay At Home Advisory: The Administration issued a revised Stay At Home Advisory to ensure residents avoid unnecessary activities that can lead to increased COVID-19 transmission. The revised Stay At Home Advisory instructs residents to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The Advisory allows for activities such as going to work, running critical errands to get groceries and address health needs, and taking a walk.

The Stay At Home Advisory is available in full to read at www.mass.gov/stayhome.

Early Closure of Businesses and Activities: Governor Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 p.m. The 9:30 p.m. closure requirement is aligned with the Stay At Home Advisory and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

- Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., although takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)
- Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)
- Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)
- Indoor and outdoor events
- Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor

and outdoor)

- Youth and adult amateur sports activities
- Golf facilities
- Recreational boating and boating businesses
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- Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)
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The new executive order (including full list of businesses required to close at 9:30 p.m.) is available to read online at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-53/download>

Face Covering Order:

Governor Baker also signed an updated order related to face-coverings. The revised order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. The revised order still allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but it allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. It also allows schools to require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

Gatherings Order:

Governor Baker also signed an updated order restricting gatherings. The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at pri-

vate residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

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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New cafe with a focus on sustainability coming to Clippership Wharf

By John Lynds

Last year the neighborhood was abuzz when rumors started to circulate that celebrated local Chef Matt McPherson of South End Buttery, Porto, Menton and Craigie on Main fame was set to take over the former 303 Cafe on Sumner Street and transform the empty restaurant into a noodle house.

McPherson was spotted on several occasions checking out the neighborhood, sipping drinks at local bars and sampling the food at local restaurants all while getting a feel for the neighborhood and its culinary scene.

Sadly, plans to open the noodle house concept at the former 303 Cafe fell through, but McPherson was persistent in his desire to open something in Eastie.

It was announced that McPherson will now be bringing his new concept,



Chef Matt McPherson has served as a chef at several of Boston's most beloved eateries, including the South End Buttery, Porto, Menton and Craigie on Main. He plans to open a cafe on Eastie's waterfront with a focus on zero waste in 2021.

Café Iterum, to the Eastie waterfront via a café space at the Clippership Wharf development.

Lendlease, who built the mixed-use development

According to Lendlease, the café will serve morning commuters, telecommuters, Eastie residents and visitors alike, with refined coffee and food inspired from around the world.

Lendlease General Manager Nicholas Iselin said Café Iterum aligns with both the site's global sensibility and sustainability goals.

Iselin said as a climate resilient property, with a living shoreline and system of shore barriers, Clippership Wharf was an ideal home for Café Iterum's zero-waste, sustainable café that is focused on responsible sourcing and improving the food system. The café is set to open in early spring 2021.

"Café Iterum is the culmination of my life's work as a chef in Boston and around the world," said McPherson. "Having spent the last year refining

the concept of sustainable classic comfort food based around a fusion of world cuisine, through private dinners, in-home catering and food waste management consulting, I'm thrilled to finally bring this vision to life in my own neighborhood of East Boston."

Occupancy began at Clippership Wharf in August 2019, with over 100 units taking occupancy in the first month alone. Slip65 were the first condos of scale on the waterfront in East Boston, and sold out in just eight weeks, with 40 of the 80 units selling out in less than two days. Slip45 sales began last year and are already more than 90 percent sold. Clippership Wharf has also enabled new construction of 22 affordable housing units and 30 mixed-income condominiums at the neighboring site of the Boston

Housing Authority's Heritage Apartments public housing community. The site offers a mix of amenities available to the public, including a 1,400-foot stretch of Boston's 40-mile Harborwalk, outdoor events, on-site sculptural work and the ClipArt Gallery.

"Clippership Wharf came to life for the first time this summer, and we saw the incredible opportunity the site created for the East Boston community to come together over stunning waterfront views and event programming that served not just residents but the broader public," said Iselin. "Chef Matt's Café Iterum will complete a major piece of the puzzle here at Clippership, and we're thrilled to introduce his unique cafe and sustainable practices to the East Boston community."

EBSB donates hand sanitizer to East Boston Central Catholic School

With COVID-19 numbers on the rise in Boston and across the state, East Boston Saving Bank (EBSB) is doing its part to keep the community safe by donating individual hand sanitizer to East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) in preparation that the school will be able to bring students into the building for in-person learning.

Mr. Casaletto, Principal at EBCCS said, "East Boston Savings Bank has always been an amazing community partner and when we began the process to prepare for in-person learning, we reached out to the bank for help. Some supplies were more difficult to get than others and individual hand sanitizer was one of those items. As always, EBSB

didn't disappoint."

EBCCS is currently operating in a full remote model for grades 1-8 due to the high COVID-19 positivity rate in East Boston (currently over 9%) and the surrounding communities (Red Zones), but it is still taking steps to prepare for the move to Hybrid and then to all-in as soon as it is safe to do so. The school has al-

ready purchased portable sinks, air purifiers for every classroom, individual student privacy shields, a Clorox 360 electrostatic sprayer, and various other cleaning supplies and protective equipment to ensure the safety of the students and faculty.

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Sports

Fall baseball a success in East Boston

Cassaro says new league will return in 2021

By Cary Shuman

More than 125 baseball players competed in the East Boston Little League Fall League and League President Chuckie Cassaro couldn't be happier with the inaugural season.

East Boston Little League had started its regular season late due to COVID-19. When that season ended, Cassaro met with his top advisers, popular East Boston dentist Dr. Robert Gilbride, league treasurer and coach, and Nick Free, league official and coach, to consider running a fall league.

"We had a lot of people who were interested in continuing with a fall season," said Cassaro. "So we started a fall league for players 6-18 years old. We opened the league up to high school players (ages 17-18) because they had missed out on their high school season in the spring."

Among the high school players competing were EBLL graduates including Cassaro's son, CJ Cassaro, and the Festa twins, Nick and John. Nick Festa was simply awesome on the mound in leading the Brewers to the Senior Division title.

"It was so emotional when these young men – whom I've been coaching since they were little children, came up to me and said 'thank you' after the final game," related Cassaro. "Plus they know this fight [versus cancer] that I'm battling on the other



Coach Nick Free throws batting practice to a Minor League player at Noyes Park following last Friday's snowstorm.

side. It brought tears to my eyes. It was such a gratifying moment when Nick thanked me for everything that I had done for him and brother in East Boston Little League. Those Festa kids are great kids."

A competitive season

For five weeks this fall in mostly outstanding weather, East Boston players enjoyed highly competitive games at Festa Field, Conigliaro Field, Noyes Park, and East Boston Stadium.

"It was a great season," said Cassaro. "The players and parents were really happy that we had an organized league that gave them something to do to feel normal for a few hours during this pandemic. There was a total outpouring of support by the community. I received many phone calls and text messages from parents thanking us for continuing this league through the fall."

Cassaro said the league

followed strict COVID-19 guidelines during the summer and fall seasons. Players were required to wear face coverings in the dugout, at-bat, and on-base. They could take off their masks while they were playing their positions in the field. "I'm proud to say we did not have one report of COVID-19 case," said Cassaro.

Cassaro, 45, a 1991 graduate of Dom Savio High School where he played three sports, said he is looking forward to the 2021 regular season (usually held April through July) and fall league.

"I'll definitely be back as president next year with my good friend, Dr. Robert Gilbride, and [school-teacher] Nick Free, who's been great," said Cassaro.

Thank you to the City of Boston

Chucky Cassaro expressed his gratitude to Boston parks official Paul McCaffrey for his professionalism and courtesy while issuing park permits to East Boston Little League and Anthony Guerriero and Christopher Zuffante of Massport for extending the use of Festa Field for games in the fall.



The Brewers won the East Boston Little League EBLL Senior League Fall Season championship. Front row (from left) are Francis Guzman, Brian Kelly, Carmine D'Amelio, Chris Testa, and Rich Diaz. Back row (from left) are coach Len Cambria, coach Daryl Martin, CJ Cassaro, Robert Gilbride, Cam Martin, Matt Decarney, Andy Fernandez, Chris Frazier, Nick Festa, coach Chuck Cassaro, and coach Dr. Robert Gilbride.



The Cubs won the East Boston Little League Fall Season. Front row (from left) are Thomas Granara, Roy Bella, AJ Manzo, and Jace Manzo. Back row (from left) are Devin Brandano, Miles Machado, Julio Castro, Brian Munoz, Antonio Capogreco, Dennis Antrim, Eric Chivazo, Cam Testa, Isaac Salmoran, and Angelica Gomez.



East Boston Little League Minor League players are pictured in the snow at Noyes Park on the final day of the fall season.

Cubs, Brewers capture EBLL fall titles

EBLL's inaugural fall season was a resounding success as teams in its Minor, Major and Senior divisions all competed, with championships in the latter two divisions concluding their seasons.

Cubs take Major Division title

The first-place Angels met the second-place Cubs in the championship game, with the Cubs prevailing by a 13-7 score in an exciting, back-and-forth battle.

Starting pitchers Michael D'Amelio of the Angels and Dennis Antrim of the Cubs both pitched well in the title game. The Cubs jumped out to an early 6-1 lead behind the hitting of Brian Munoz and Isaac Salmoran and the defense of Cam Testa and Eric Chivazo.

The Angels rallied for six runs in the bottom of the fifth to take a 7-6 lead on Junior Sarnaglia's clutch single. With their backs against the wall, the Cubs scored seven runs of their own in the top of the sixth with Antonio Capogreco's bases-loaded double the big hit. Devin Brandano pitched a scoreless bottom of the sixth to secure the victory for the Cubs and coach Nick Surette.

Brewers claim Senior Division title

The first-place Brewers, coached by Chucky Cassaro, breezed to a 17-2 victory over the second-place Diamonds to claim the Senior Division championship.

Sammy Santiago gave the Diamondbacks a 1-0 lead on a sacrifice fly. But the Brewers jumped on the Diamondbacks starter for five runs and then put the game away with a 10-run third inning.

Cam Martin, Robert Gilbride, CJ Cassaro, and Andy Fernandez each scored three runs. Matt Decarney, Rich Diaz, and Chris Frazier each drove in three runs. Nick Festa was the winning pitcher with an impressive performance on the mound.

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# Pressley urges Treasury to make emergency lending facilities more equitable

Congresswoman Ayana Pressley (MA-07) and Congressional Oversight Commissioner Bharat Ramamurti last week wrote to Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin urging the agencies to take immediate action to address the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our most vulnerable communities.

The letter offers several suggestions for improv-

ing the Municipal Lending Facility (MLF) and Main Street Lending Program (MSLP) to better serve people of color and women.

“You have both acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has had an outsized impact on Black and Brown communities and women, and the Federal Reserve recently proclaimed that its full employment mandate—which applies to the CARES Act programs—is a ‘broad-based

and inclusive goal,’” Pressley and Ramamurti wrote in their letter. “And yet, your design of these programs appears to be widening racial and gender gaps rather than closing them.”

State and local governments have been hit hard by the economic downturn resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, with governments laying off more than one million workers due to severe budget shortfalls. These targeted layoffs dis-

proportionately affect Black and female workers, with workers laid off in the public sector 20 percent more likely to be Black and 32 percent more likely to be a woman than those laid off in the private sector. The solvency of our nation’s states and cities is therefore a matter of racial justice.

Despite the many tools given to the Fed and Treasury by Congress to address this crisis, the agencies have designed a narrow, punitive lending program that has delivered aid to almost none of the state and local governments struggling during the pandemic. In contrast, the agencies’ corporate credit facilities and other interventions have boosted the stock market—prosperity, which has not been felt equally.

In their letter, Congresswoman Pressley and Commissioner Ramamurti recommended several changes to the MLF’s terms and conditions to make it a more generous and viable option for state and

local governments—all of which were endorsed by nearly every witness at a recent hearing of the Oversight Commission, as well as a broad, bipartisan group representing tens of thousands of state and local officials. The changes include: (1) extending the MLF’s duration into 2021; (2) lowering the MLF’s interest rate; (3) lengthening the repayment term; (4) expanding the permitted uses for loan proceeds; (5) expanding eligibility to more municipalities, territories and tribes; and (6) the creation of a secondary-market facility.

Congresswoman Pressley and Commissioner Ramamurti also expressed concern about the disparate racial and gender impact of the MSLP, and urged the Fed and Treasury to heed the lessons learned from the administration of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which saw rampant disparities in access, little transparency about which businesses were receiving

funds, and a notable absence of explicit fair lending protections. To address these concerns and increase access to the MSLP, Pressley and Ramamurti recommended (1) reducing the minimum loan amount; (2) establishing and enforcing strict anti-discrimination rules; (3) allowing Community Development Financial Institutions and Minority Depository Institutions to issue loans; and (4) collecting demographic data and conduct other analyses of program impact.

“[T]here are monetary policy tools at your immediate disposal to quickly and directly address the outsized impact of the pandemic on communities of color and women, as well as the large gap between White and Black and Brown unemployment,” Pressley and Ramamurti continued. “We hope you will take these steps with the speed and urgency this moment demands.”

In April, Congresswoman Pressley, along with Congressman Gregory Meeks (NY-05) and Sens. Kamala D. Harris (D-CA) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH), led more than 80 of their Congressional colleagues in calling for the Small Business Administration and Treasury Department to ensure that minority-owned businesses are not shut out of the PPP.

In May, Congresswoman Pressley, along with Sen. Harris introduced the Saving our Street (SOS) Act, legislation that provides federal support to small minority-owned micro-businesses—largely left out of federal relief efforts—during the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

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# Baker nominates Justice Kimberly Budd to become SJC Chief Justice

Gov. Charlie Baker nominated Associate Justice Kimberly Budd to serve as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court. The nominee and her family joined Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito for a formal announcement today at the State House. If confirmed, Justice Budd will be the second Black Chief; second female Chief and first Black female Chief. She will replace Chief Justice Ralph Gants who tragically passed away earlier this fall.

“Justice Kimberly Budd is a distinguished and well respected jurist who will bring years of calm, steady and collaborative leadership experience to the Commonwealth’s highest court serving as Chief Justice,” said Gov. Baker. “I have the utmost confidence that her unique perspective and understanding of the law will aid her as she transitions into the role of Chief and that under her leadership, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court will continue its tradition of excellence in promoting the rule of law and fostering public trust.”

“Throughout her career, Justice Budd has served as a role model for women and people of color and she has given a voice and a seat at the table to those who have not always been heard,” said Lt. Gov. Polito. “Her qualifications and character make her well suited to continue to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth with justice and integrity and I look forward to the consideration of the Governor’s Council in her appointment.”

“This was a wonderful appointment by the Governor,” said former Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland. “Justice Budd will do

a fantastic job because she has all the tools necessary for the role. She is brilliant, hardworking, analytical, collegial and astute. She is a great writer and a tremendous human being. I have watched her career over the years and am certain that Justice Budd will do an outstanding job as Chief Justice.”

The Supreme Judicial Court is the Commonwealth’s highest appellate court, consisting of the Chief Justice and six Associate Justices. The seven Justices hear appeals on a broad range of criminal and civil cases from September through May and issue written opinions that are posted online.

About Justice Kimberly Budd:

Kimberly S. Budd, Associate Justice, was appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court by Governor Charlie Baker in 2016. Since her appointment, she has authored over 85 decisions. She also serves on the Hearing List Committee. Justice Budd is President and Dean of the Flaschner Judicial Institute, designing continuing education programs for judges. She also serves as the Court’s liaison to the Committee on Judicial Performance Evaluation, the Trial Court Leadership Group, the SJC Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Services and the Judicial Youth Corps.

Justice Budd earned her Bachelor’s degree in English from Georgetown University, and a law degree from Harvard Law School. She began her legal career as a law clerk to Chief Justice Joseph P. Warner of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Justice Budd was a litigation associate at Mintz Levin,

before serving as an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Massachusetts in the Major Crimes and Drug Units. After that, she was a University Attorney for Harvard University in the General Counsel’s Office. Justice Budd later served as Director of the Community Values program at Harvard Business School. Justice Budd was appointed as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court by then-Gov. Deval

Boston-based food rescue Lovin’ Spoonfuls will host their 10th annual Ultimate Tailgate Party online this year on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The virtual program will begin at 7 p.m., and features a timely keynote on the intersection of food justice and racial equity from Wes Moore, CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation.

For the first time in the event’s history, tickets to Tailgate are free, however registration is required and can be done here or by visiting [LovinSpoonfulsInc.org](http://LovinSpoonfulsInc.org). TV personality, chef, social justice advocate and Lovin’ Spoonfuls Culinary Panel member Andrew Zimmern returns as this year’s master of ceremonies. In addition to a musical performance from Lake Street Dive, Spoonfuls will also debut its new video highlighting the efforts of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Since 2010, our Ultimate Tailgate Party has attracted thousands of guests and dozens of the area’s best restaurants, all in the name of raising money and awareness for Spoonfuls,” says Ashley Stanley, founder and executive director of Lovin’ Spoonfuls. “For the safety of all our guests, employees and vendors, this year’s Ultimate Tailgate will take the same lively

spirit of our largest annual event online, and I’m confident we’ll replicate the same energy and enthusiasm it creates every year. We know that this year has taken a financial and emotional toll on everyone and are grateful to Wes Moore and Lake Street Dive for joining our 2020 program. Though not physically together with our friends in hospitality this year, we remain grateful for them and are committed to supporting them anyway we can, and making sure they stay healthy and focused on their businesses.”

Leading one of the largest anti-poverty forces in the nation, Wes Moore is also a New York Times bestselling author, combat veteran, and social entrepreneur. Wes’ first book, *The Other Wes Moore*, captured the nation’s attention on the fine line between success and failure in communities and in ourselves. Wes’ latest book, *Five Days*, explores the uprisings in Baltimore in 2015 after the death of Freddie Gray in police custody, through a kaleidoscope of perspectives and examines critical questions about the deeper course of violence and poverty.

Various donation opportunities will also be available during the Virtual Ultimate Tailgate Party.

Patrick in 2009. In 2016 she served as the Regional Administrative Justice for Middlesex Criminal Business. Justice Budd teaches in MCLE and Bar Association programs, is a former adjunct instructor at New England Law Boston, and

Proceeds raised during the event will enable Spoonfuls’ ongoing efforts to rescue an average of 75,000-80,000 pounds of fresh, healthy food per week and distribute it to organizations across the Commonwealth that serve people facing food insecurity. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Senior Director of Development, Erin Keohane.

“By making admission to Tailgate complimentary this year, it allows Spoonfuls to engage with both our larger community as well as with new supporters - people from all over who have never had the chance to attend this event in person - to discuss the importance of food rescue and food insecurity, while also highlighting all of the organization’s accomplishments during a turbulent year,” says Erin Keohane, Lovin’ Spoonfuls Senior Director of Development. “It is our hope that this year’s Tailgate program will bring some light to everyone’s week and inspire attendees to support Spoonfuls’ continued work throughout the Commonwealth.”

Since 2010, Lovin’ Spoonfuls has rescued and distributed over 18 million pounds of fresh, healthy food - the equivalent of more than 15 million meals. Driven by a

has taught trial advocacy at Harvard Law School. She is married with two sons.

For more information about the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, visit: <http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/sjc/>.

passion for change, Ashley Stanley established Spoonfuls after realizing hunger isn’t a problem of supply, it’s a problem of distribution. Since the start of the COVID pandemic, Spoonfuls has rescued nearly 3 million pounds of food, as well as onboarded 20 new beneficiary partners and launched a new permanent eighth route in response to the rising need. About 14 percent of partners rely on Lovin’ Spoonfuls’ deliveries for all of the food they serve their clients.

To learn more about Lovin’ Spoonfuls and the 10th Annual Ultimate Tailgate, or to donate to the organization, please visit [lovin-spoonfulsinc.org](http://lovin-spoonfulsinc.org). For the latest updates and events, join Lovin’s mailing list or follow on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook.

Each week day, Spoonfuls’ 12 Food Rescue Coordinators work with over 200 vendor partners across eight truck routes to pick up wholesome, perishable food from grocery stores, produce wholesalers, farms and farmers markets, and distribute it to more than 160 community nonprofits that address food insecurity in Greater Boston, MetroWest and Western Massachusetts. Communities served include: Boston, Chelsea, Everett, Revere and others.

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## OBITUARIES

### Alfred “Freddy Sunbeam”

#### Amendola, Sr.

Past member of the DAV

 Alfred “Freddy Sunbeam” Amendola, Sr., of Winthrop, formerly Newton, passed away on Friday, October 30, 2020.

A past member of the DAV and a late Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was the beloved son of the late John and Josephine (Gatti) Amendola, devoted father of Alfred Jr. of Malden, dear brother of Anthony of California and the late Nancy Earle, Florence Helton and John and Joseph Amendola, former husband of Linda Levy, treasured grandfather of Felicia and Christina Amendola and the cherished great-grandfather of Domenic and Cameron. He also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

In honoring Freddy Sunbeam, family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,



971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, November 12 from 9 to 11 a.m. followed by a service in our chapel at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Military Honors in Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section. 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 and social distancing measures are encouraged. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Gloria DeAngelis

#### First President of the City of Boston Ladies Crossing Guards

Gloria L. (Selvitella) DeAngelis of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Tuesday, October 27.

Gloria was a member of the Malden Moose Ladies Lodge, the VFW Beachmont, the Ladies Sons of Italy and first president of the Ladies Crossing Guards in the City of Boston. Gloria was also a volunteer at Whidden Memorial Hospital and Winthrop Health Center.

The beloved wife of the late Angelo “Lobo” DeAngelis, she was the devoted mother of Steven DeAngelis of New Hampshire and Robert DeAngelis and his wife, Laurie of Lynn; dear sister of Elaine Olson of North Ridge, California, and the late Francis Oshbar and Henry Sevitella; cherished grandmother of Robert Jr., Allie, Stephanie, and James and the adored great-grandmother of Evelyn Rae. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Family and friends honored Gloria’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home (Orient Heights) East Boston on Sunday, November 1 for a visitation followed by a prayer service in our Serenity Chapel. She was laid to rest with her beloved husband, Angelo, on Monday, November 2 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to St Jude Children’s Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis TN 38105. For more information or to leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

### Sophie Galardi

#### Retired seamstress who loved family and enjoyed life

Sophie (Rizzo) Galardi of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 27 at the age of 98.

Sophie worked as a seamstress for many years in Boston, Revere and Chelsea. She was in the Teamsters Union 841 of Boston. She was a woman who loved family, enjoyed life and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Born in Boston on July 1, 1922 to the late Martin and Elizabeth Rizzo, she was the beloved wife of 61 years to the late Guy Galardi, devoted mother of Elaine Draper and her late husband, Fred “Skip” of Revere, Cheryl DiChappari and her husband, Frank of Burlington and the late Robert “Bobby” Galardi and his surviving wife, Ruthann; cherished grandmother of Eric Galardi and his wife, Kim, Marc Galardi and his wife, Olga, Craig Draper and his wife, Lynn, Wendy Ward and her husband, Joe, Derek DiChappari and Ashley Moore and her husband, Kyle; adored great grandmother of Michael, Kimberly, Joseph, Joshua, Jack, Benjamin, Adelina, Capriana and Bellezza and the dear sister of the late Arthur Rizzo and his surviving wife, Josephine “Tootsie,” Salvatore Rizzo, Carmella Lombardi, Florence Rizzo, Samuel Rizzo and Edith Mercurio. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-



ews.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, November 5 from 4 to 7 p.m. (The family respects your decision if you can’t attend due to the current circumstances we are facing with Covid-19). Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Due to Covid-19 guidelines and due to strict capacity limits, we ask everyone to make a brief visit and then exit the funeral home so others may enter. Social distancing and masks are required at the funeral home and church. Funeral Mass at St. Anthony’s Church in Revere on Friday, November 6 at 11 a.m. Everyone to meet directly at church (Names and temperatures will be taken upon entrance). Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sophie’s name to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 West 44th St, suite 609, New York, NY 10036 or at [give.bcrf.org](http://give.bcrf.org). For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

### Mary Vigilante

#### Former resident of Revere and East Boston

Funeral Services were held privately for Mary (Simonelli) Vigilante, 94, formerly of Revere and East Boston, who passed away in Arlington on October 25 following a long illness.

She was the beloved wife of the late Edward A. Vigilante, Sr., cherished mother of Joyce Mastrogiovanni and her husband, Carmine of Arlington, formerly of East Boston and Salem and Edward A. Vigilante, Jr. and his wife, Grace Kim of Burnsville, MN; devoted grandmother of Cheryl Mastrogiovanni and her husband, Thomas Dentremon of Arlington and Sarah K. Vigilante R.N. with the U.S. Airforce of Burnsville, MN. She was the dear daughter of the late Domenico and Giovanina “Jennie” (Ambrosino) Simonelli, precious sister to the late Anna M. Simonelli, adoring great grandmother to Louie Carmine Dentremon and faithful friend to Joan, Carol and Arthur.

For the extraordinary care, attention and respect accorded our dear moth-



er and grandmother, we are most grateful and will long remember the many acts of comfort and love bestowed upon her by the entire staff at the Park Avenue Health Center of Arlington.

Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. Remembrances may be made to the Beth Israel – Lahey Health at Home & Hospice, One Arsenal Market Place, Watertown, MA 02472.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccioandsmith.com](http://www.vertuccioandsmith.com).

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

### Phyllis Margaret Carbone

October 27, 1943 – October 7, 2020

Phyllis Margaret (Anzalone) Carbone passed away October 7, 2020 in Jupiter, FL.

Born in East Boston, she later moved to Newton and finally relocated to Jupiter, FL to be closer to family.

A graduate of East Boston High School and later Boston College, she always excelled at her studies and whatever she put her mind to. Phyllis loved to read, travel and enjoy her family’s company. She was content in always being a devout Catholic, always being kind to others and passionate about great conversation. She will be forever missed, but always in our hearts.

She is survived by her two sons; Edward Carbone and Paul Carbone (Susan) her three grandchildren; Caroline Carbone, Cecilia Carbone and Nico Carbone. She is also survived by her sister, Geraldine Costigan of Massachusetts and her brothers and their wives: Edward and Marie Anzalone and William and Carol Anzalone, all of Florida.

Her Funeral Service will be held November 7 at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 1701 Indian Creek Parkway, Jupiter, FL 33458. Online condolences may be made at [aycockfuneralhomejupiter.com](http://aycockfuneralhomejupiter.com).

### Theresa Marks

#### All who loved her dearly will never forget her tenacity, thoughtfulness and undying love and devotion for her children and family

Theresa (DiRuzza) Marks of Saugus, formerly of Revere, passed away surrounded by her loving family on October 27 at the age of 92.

Theresa was born and raised in Revere and left school at an early age to help her mother and father support the family. She worked in the factories her whole life and Standard Box of Chelsea is where she would retire from after 20 years. Theresa was great at what she did and was a hard worker and recalled after many layoffs she would be the only woman that they kept on the payroll. Our mother was 4’6 feisty little fire cracker who had no problem telling you what was on her mind and was the strongest woman you would ever know. She was loyal, loved unconditionally, and was the sweetest most forgiving person. Our mom would give all that she had and go without. She was nurturing and loved playing with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Theresa enjoyed bingo, playing cards and Pokino with her family, and was a great bowler. We have many fond memories of our camping trips with mom like making apple pies, building the fires (she would stand in the fire pit to build because she was so little), and driving the golf cart and boat. She was a great cook that made awesome gravy. Her famous spicy hot sausages and potatoes as well as her onion, pepper and mushrooms were loved by everyone. All who loved her dearly will never forget her tenacity, thoughtfulness, and undying love and devotion for her children and family.

Born on July 27, 1928 to the late Philip DiRuz-



za and Mary (Christello), she was the beloved wife of 34 years to the late Joseph Marks, devoted mother of Al and his late wife, Judy, Charlie and his late wife, Carmela, Mel and his wife, Terry, Phyllis and her husband, Jim and Joseph; dear sister of Jeanne, Dolores, Pat and the late Mariano, Mario “Sonny,” Angelo “Mousie,” Felix “Junior,” Antionetta “Netta,” and Geraldine “Gerry.” She is also survived by her god daughter, Lynda and by many loving grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Theresa was born and raised in Revere and left school at an early age to help her mother and father support the family. Due to the current spike in COVID-19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and local officials, funeral services will be privately held for the immediate family under the direction of Paul Bounfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Theresa’s name to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1905 or at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) For guest book please visit [www.buonfiglio.com](http://www.buonfiglio.com).

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# Comprehensive measures to further promote diversity in state contracting announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of measures to continue ongoing efforts to ensure equal opportunity and increase access for diverse companies in state contracting. As part of today’s announcement, the Administration is filing legislation entitled, “An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting.” The bill would establish the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) as a separate state agency with tools and resources to ensure accountability and compliance with diversity goals, oversee agency diversity spending, and audit and review spending data.

The Administration also announced it will implement several other improvements in the supplier diversity space. These include a more active role for the SDO in engaging diverse and small businesses in public procurements, expanded reporting for spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners, the publication of minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity, the expansion of the Small Business Purchasing Program, increased bid evaluation percentages for certain procurements in order to promote more diversity (a component of the “Massport Model”), and the translation of SDO materials into multiple languages.

“Our administration is committed to continuing to promote growth and opportunity and ensure the Commonwealth takes every opportunity to support and benefit from its diverse business community,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “In launching these new initiatives, we have worked closely with leaders in the minority business community, Black and Latino Caucus, and Black Advisory Commission and Latino Advisory Commission. We look forward to continuing our work with these partners to strengthen the state contracting process with greater diversity, transparency and accountability.”

“We are committed to

collaborating with diverse companies throughout Massachusetts and ensure equity within the public marketplace,” said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. “Increasing economic development – for all businesses and communities – is a critical priority given the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impacts, and we are pleased to continue pursuing improvements that optimize our supplier diversity program.”

Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has focused on expanding opportunities for diverse business enterprises to work with state government and has increased direct spending on minority-business-enterprises by the Executive Branch by nearly \$8 million. The Administration has consistently met and raised annual benchmarks, grown the supplier diversity program, and filed legislation in February 2020 to promote participation by minority and women-owned businesses in state construction projects. The Administration also included \$50.8 million in grants in its recently-launched economic recovery plan to support small minority-owned businesses in Massachusetts, which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislation Filed Today:

“An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting” would establish the SDO as a separate state agency under the authority of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. The SDO would oversee monitoring and reporting of agency diverse spending and the development of annual comprehensive diversity spending plans for agencies. The legislation would also create a Supplier Diversity Compliance Unit within the SDO, which will systematically audit and review direct and indirect spending data to ensure compliance and accuracy.

Additional Supplier Diversity Improvements:

Going forward, the SDO annual report will separate indirect spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners by subcontracting and ancillary products and services and itemize minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity. The Administration will also raise the threshold for the Small Business Purchasing Program from \$150,000 for the total value of the contract to \$250,000 per year, which will help increase preference and access for minority businesses, as many are small businesses.

The SDO will align its supplier diversity program with a component of the “Massport Model” by expanding the percentage of bid evaluation scores dedicated to the supplier diversity plan from 10 percent to 25 percent, for procurements above a certain threshold. Additionally, the SDO will work with state and private sector partners to translate existing materials into foreign languages to further accommodate diverse businesses seeking to do business with the Commonwealth.

“The Baker-Polito Administration continues to implement creative reforms that empower di-

verse businesses across the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Administration and Finance Michael J. Heffernan. “We look forward to continuing to work closely with the minority business community, our colleagues in the Legislature, and other key stakeholders to enact and implement these critical measures to support and promote any businesses seeking to work with the Commonwealth.”

“Expanding opportunities for minority-owned businesses working with state government is a crucial way that we can expand economic opportunity for people of color, and I am glad to see the Baker-Polito Administration take further steps to advance that goal,” said Deborah Enos, Chair of the Black Advisory Commission. “The legislation elevating the Supplier Diversity Office and additional steps to strengthen the program will support our shared efforts to enable more diverse businesses to access state contracting opportunities.”

“The Commonwealth benefits from ensuring equal opportunity for diverse companies to participate in state contracting, and the Baker-Polito Administration has done im-

portant work to strengthen the Supplier Diversity program in support of that goal,” said Josie Martinez, Chair of the Latino Advisory Commission. “The new initiatives announced today build upon the Administration’s efforts to promote opportunities for minority-owned businesses, and I thank the Governor and Lt. Governor for their focus on these important issues.”

These new measures build upon the Administration’s previous efforts to optimize the supplier diversity program such as expanding the catego-

ries of diverse businesses that participate in the supplier diversity program, streamlining and simplifying the certification process, upgrading systems to allow for electronic applications and to better manage records, entering into multi-year agreements with third party certification organizations to provide free certifications for Massachusetts businesses, increasing compliance with program guidelines, implementing new training, and hiring additional personnel to further improve the program.

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## CITY PAWS

### Enriching life for urban dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A few years after we moved to Boston, we had to convince a longtime Westie breeder and rescuer to let us have one of her puppies. She was totally against allowing a dog to go to a home in the city. We had references from two Westie people she knew well and sent her

dozens of articles we had published about living in the city with dogs. She finally relented and allowed Maggie Mae to join our family. We quickly became her city ambassadors. Before long, Maggie had a couple of half brothers, Edgar and Wallace in the neighborhood. A lovely 12-year-old Westie named Lily found

a home in our community. This woman taught us about Westie rescue. The volunteering we've done over the years has been in her honor.

#### Better Monitoring of Health and Safety

Some people may not see the positive aspects of living with a dog in close quarters. However, we know city dogs can have a great life if their guardians give them the care and training needed.

Dr. Stephanie Liff, a veterinarian at Brooklyn Cares Veterinary Clinic, spoke to the website PolicyGenius about the positive aspects of city life for dogs. She pointed out that people who live with a dog in a small space and take that dog for walks on a leash are more aware of important aspects of their animal's health, saying, "They know every bowel movement, every morsel of food that goes into their mouths."

We would add that city dogs are safer from wildlife since they spend less time alone outside than dogs that are either left outside for long periods or let out alone to relieve themselves.

Most city dogs are better socialized with people and other animals since they have more positive contact with both. These canines may be easier for veterinary professionals, groomers, and others to handle because they have



A surprising number of city dogs love to spend time watching the world go by from a comfortable park bench. This lovely Bernese Mountain Dog is one of them.

experience with dog walkers, doggie daycare attendants, and other people who take them for walks without their guardians.

#### Training Makes It Better

Some aspects of city life require a bit of training for a dog to become comfortable day-to-day. There is a specific Urban Canine Good Citizenship certificate you and your dog can earn that includes the particular skills required to be a well-behaved dog in a city.

Some of the requirements for passing this test include using and sharing stairs, elevators, common hallways, lobbies, and

doors to the street with behavior and housetraining under control.

Your dog must also be able to walk on a busy sidewalk and cross streets politely without inappropriate response to distractions like sirens, horns, bikes, delivery trucks, etc. The test for using urban transportation like buses, subways, and cars requires training for a dog. The most challenging test for our dog, Poppy, would be ignoring food on the sidewalk. She's food-obsessed.

#### Fun Times Are the Best!

The best aspect of an enriched life for an urban dog is fun with his

or her people. That might be playing fetch with a favorite toy or having a playdate with a favorite friend. You can teach your dog to initiate playtime by responding when they approach you with a toy.

Yes, there will be times when you have to give out a treat and an IOU, but take a few moments to play whenever you can. It will be good for both of you and will enrich that particular day for your canine companion.

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

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