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Final Sea Walls Boston public mural painted by Felipe Ortiz unveiled

By John Lynds

The seventh and final mural painted by artist Felipe Ortiz that is part of a new public art initiative known as 'Sea Walls Boston' was completed and dedicated last Tuesday on Bremen Street.

Presented by Linda Cabot, the local public art group HarborArts is collaborating with the international nonprofit Pangea-Seed Foundation to bring their globally renowned public art program to Boston. The initiative, known as Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans will install up to 15 public murals throughout East Boston in 2020.

Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans is part of global initiatives that has produced over 400 murals in 16 countries calling attention to climate change from New Zealand to Mexico to Indonesia to the Caribbean.

This was the first time Sea Walls: Artists for Oceans has come to the Northeast and Eastie is home to "Sea Walls Boston". The art initiative is going to be part of a bigger pilot project that will

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Shown above, volunteers pack up delivery trucks with Thanksgiving Deal meals for Eastie residents. Shown to the right, Rep. Adrian Madaro and his legislative aid Gloribel Rivas prepare meals for distribution inside the kitchen and the Boys & Girls Club.

On Thanksgiving Day the Salesian Boys & Girls Club was a beehive of activity as dozens of volunteers packaged and distributed meals to over 600 Thanksgiving Day dinners to the community. Shown above, volunteers package Thanksgiving Day meals last Thursday during the Madaro Family Community Fund's annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.



COMMUNITY LEADERS REMEMBERED

John Lawrence Forbes, longtime director of the East Boston Social Centers, at 91

By John Lynds

John Lawrence Forbes, who was a mentor to thousands of East Boston youth during his 15 year tenure as director of the East Boston Social Centers, has died.

Forbes, whose family name would become synonymous with youth activities and youth development in the neighborhood, died on Tuesday, November 24 surrounded by his loving family. He was 91 years old.

Forbes grew up in Quincy, the son of the late John J. and Ethel Forbes,



John "Jack" Forbes, longtime former EBSC Director, died on Nov. 24.

and after graduating high school was drafted into the US Army. He served during the Korean War in the Philippines in Army Intelligence and was a

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Judge Joseph Ferrino, retired East Boston judge and tireless civic leader, at 94

By John Lynds

Judge Joseph Ferrino, whose 25 year tenure as presiding justice at East Boston District Court was famous for compassion and fairness, has died.

Judge Ferrino, whose dedication to helping youth on the wrong path turn their lives around, died on Sunday, Nov. 22 in Boston. He was 94 years old.

Judge Ferrino was born in 1926, the son of Sicilian immigrants who arrived in America through Ellis Island in 1910. He attended Boston schools and



Judge Joseph Ferrino

later served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

After the war, Judge Ferrino graduated from Alabama University and later Boston University School of Law in 1951.

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Trustees of Reservation discuss their plan for Piers Park Phase III

By John Lynds

Two years ago, the Massachusetts Trustees of Reservation (MTR) submitted the only bid to Massport's call for a private/public partner to come forward and help fund the design and construction of Piers Park Phase III.

The dilapidated pier adjacent to Massport's award-winning Piers Park and the future Piers Park Phase II is being eyed by Massport as the future site of a third waterfront park.

Last week, MTR's Nick Black and Amy Eynatian briefed residents on where Massport and the MTR are in the process.

"We're going around talking to a number of neighborhood associations about our plans," said Black. "The reason why we're here tonight is an effort that we've been working on for about three or four years now to do something different and create something new within the City of Boston. What we're really trying to do is create a network of green public

open space that is an iconic world class type of destination--a park that really supports the community's needs and provides access to the waterfront in a public way. We're also trying to really bring some value to Boston's climate resiliency goals and the issues we face in terms of storm surge and sea level rise. We're all trying to do this in a financially feasible manner which would be great."

MTR operates 120 miles of protected coastline, which includes over 60 miles of trails, and a bunch of beaches and all sorts of other natural habitats in the state.

Black said Massport has been working with the community and other stakeholders over the last two to three years to build out Piers Park Phase II. It was around this time Black said the MTR started having conversations with Massport about their waterfront initiative.

"A number of years ago we talked about the possibility of what would hap-

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Applicants being sought for Climate Ready Advisory Board

By John Lynds

Since 2017, the City of Boston has been creating neighborhood solutions to coastal flooding from sea level rise and storms in East Boston. This Climate Ready East Boston initiative focuses on locations that face risks from coastal flooding and sea level rise and have identified short- and long-term solutions to protect the neighborhood.

In the latest study, the city worked in partnership with local residents, businesses, and regional partners to find coastal resilience solutions for Jeffries Point, Maverick, Central Square, and Lower Eagle Hill.

Now, the city's Climate Ready East Boston is switching focus to other areas in the neighborhood that are threatened by climate change and are looking for residents interested in joining the Community

Advisory Board.

According to the city's Climate Resilience Program Coordinator Peyton Siler Jones residents interested can fill out the online application at <https://tinyurl.com/ClimateReadyEastieApplication> through Dec. 7.

Jones said this planning process will expand the city's analysis to additional areas not covered in the prior phase.

"Basically, this is a really similar process to the

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Eastie’s positive test rate decreases for first time in weeks

By John Lynds

Those testing positive for COVID-19 in East Boston hit an all-time high two weeks ago with nearly one out of every five residents testing positive for the virus.

However, it seems that efforts by public health officials, the city and other stakeholders combined with an increase in testing has brought the numbers down in the neighborhood.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday the positive test rate in the neighborhood has dropped 35 percent last week.

The BPHC reported that of the 24,934 Eastie residents tested for COVID last week 12.3 percent were found to be positive

for the virus, a 35 percent decrease from the 19 percent reported two Fridays ago. Eastie has fallen behind Hyde Park, a neighborhood that now has the highest positive test rate in Boston.

Overall since the pandemic began 14 percent of Eastie residents here have been found to be positive. The citywide positive test rate also dropped by 50 percent and went from 10.2 percent of Boston residents testing positive for the virus to 5 percent last week.

Eastie’s infection rate rose by 5.7 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie’s COVID infection rate went from 716.8 cases per 10,000 residents to 757.7 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 391.9

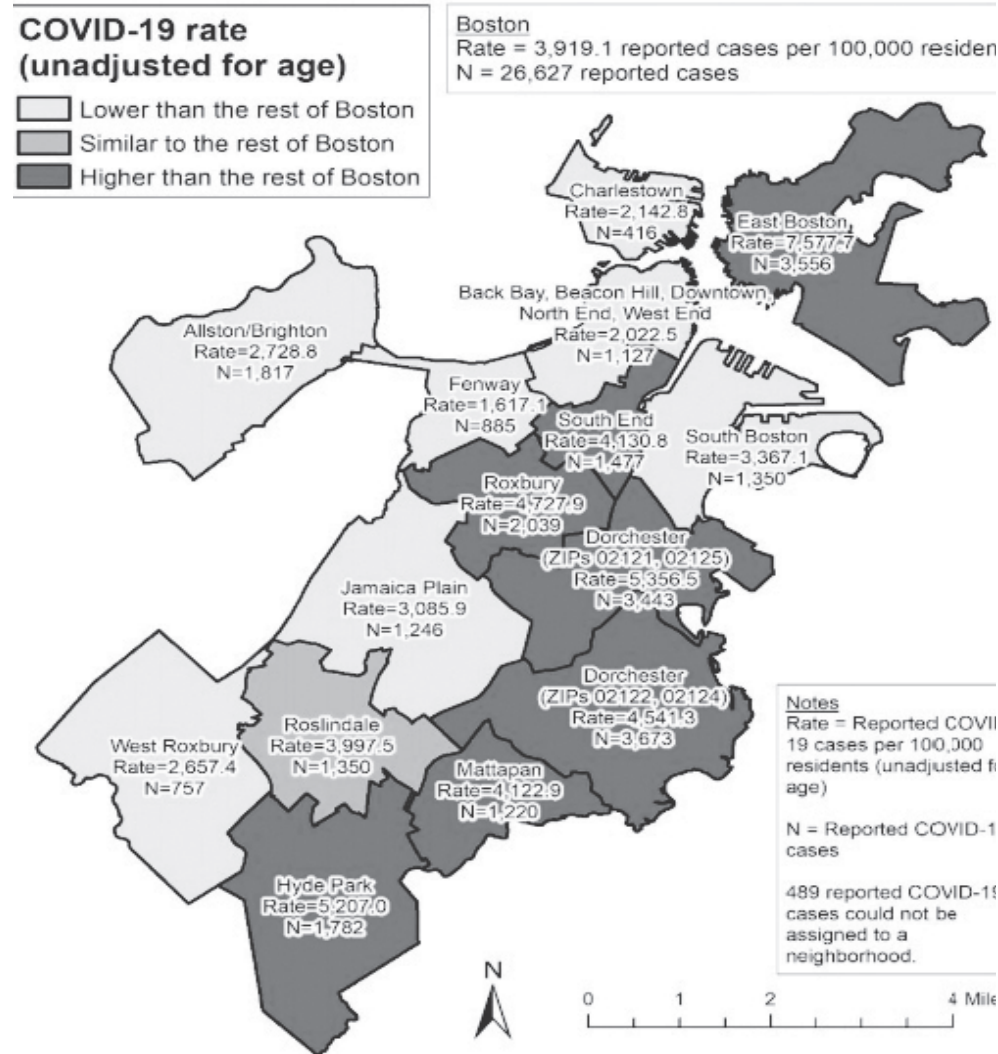
cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has one of the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

An additional 192 Eastie residents contracted the virus with 3,556 confirmed cases, up from the 3,364 reported two weeks ago.

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 increased 8.4 percent last week and went from 25,105 to 27,228 cases to.

Twenty more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 919 total deaths in the city from COVID.



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



Shown above, artist Felipe Ortiz’s mural titled “the Heart of the Ocean”. The theme of the aquatic mural centers on warming seas and ocean acidification, two pressing issues facing the Gulf of Maine. Shown right, from left, Evan Lank, Principal, Sharpe Venture Group, Muralist Felipe Ortiz, David Lank, Principal, Sharpe Venture Group, and Matthew Pollock, Director, Sea Walls Boston.

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involve more artists and more murals all in Eastie in the near future.

Prior to Ortiz’s mural, six other murals were painted around Eastie at the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina on Marginal Street and the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

The last mural titled “the Heart of the Ocean” was created by Ortiz, a local Columbian-American artist, at the Bremen Park Condominiums located at 260 Bremen St.

Ortiz has become an international presence in the global art scene as a sensational painter and muralist as well as the founder and organizer of “Fresco Exchange,” a reciprocating artist interspersed effort between Latin America and the US.

According to Ortiz, the theme of the aquatic mural centers on warming seas and ocean acidification, two pressing issues facing the Gulf of Maine. The Gulf of Maine is the fastest warming body of water in the United States, which has many harmful consequences for the local ecosystem, and causes cold water marine species in the US to migrate to colder waters. For economies like ours, which depend on fish and shellfish as a food source, this leads to a serious impact on humans as well. Ocean acidification has devastating implications for the health of calcifying organisms such as oysters, clams,

sea urchins, shallow water corals, deep sea corals, and calcareous plankton. Ortiz said this mural seeks to represent how our oceans are all connected to each other and to us.

Sharpe Venture Group, owned and operated by Bostonian brothers David Lank and Evan Lank, sponsored Ortiz’s mural for Sea Walls Boston. After the Lank Brothers reached out to Sea Walls project director Matthew Pollock in September with an interest in participating in the initiative and a blank wall, the Sea Walls

Boston team organized the 7th mural to help continue the momentum of the Sea Walls Boston public art initiative.

“Our goal is to make residents, passersby, neighbors and the community as a whole smile,” says Lank.

The bronze plaque Sharpe has installed next to the mural reads: “This mural is dedicated with love to the people of East Boston and the precious waters we steward by Sharpe Venture Group, November 2020.”

MBTA Transit Police to offer facemasks to riders

Staff report

The MBTA has announced that Transit Police officers will be offering facemasks to transit riders in need of a face covering. This effort is part of the T’s Ride Safer campaign to educate riders and shift behavior to the new way of riding on the T during the pandemic.

Boston-based New Balance recently provided the MBTA with 100,000 of the athletic brand’s general-use facemasks for riders.

“Transit Police are happy to have the resources available to assist passengers in need of a face covering,” said MBTA Transit Police Chief Kenneth Green. “As our region enters a second phase of the pandemic, it is more important now to be properly wearing a face covering when you are outside the confines of your home, and especially while you are traveling on public transit.”

“Wearing a face covering is one of the most effective ways to combat the virus, and we appreciate the help of Transit Police in offering face masks to our riders,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poflak. “I’d like to again thank New Balance for their contribution and promoting public health on transit. Ride Safer is a shared responsibility between the MBTA and our riding public, and we ask that riders do their part by wearing face coverings while within the MBTA

system and distancing while on public transit.”

On Nov. 2, the Baker-Polito Administration strengthened its Executive Order requiring people to wear face coverings in public places to require anyone older than 5 years of age to wear a face covering in public, including public transit, regardless of their distance from others.

The revised Executive Order authorizes Transit Police to enforce the order onboard MBTA vehicles and within the system by issuing a civil fine up to \$300 per violation.

Ride Safer consists of three components: providing face masks to riders in need at key stations during peak travel times; signage and messaging to promote the importance of keeping a safe distance and wearing face coverings while

on the T; and the Ride Safer webpage at mbta.com/RideSafer that provides travel tips and a behind-the-scenes look at the MBTA’s expanded efforts to clean and disinfect stations and vehicles.

Joining Transit Police in offering face masks to riders are Transit Ambassadors and MBTA Customer Service Agents. Facemasks are now available from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at Charles/MGH, Downtown Crossing, Forest Hills, Hynes Convention Center, Maverick, Orient Heights, Park Street, and Quincy Center stations.

For more information, visit mbta.com/RideSafer or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram @theMBTA.

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DEADLINE ANNOUNCEMENT

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

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 15, 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 December 10, 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 November 17, 2020 6:35

New Business

- c. Treasurer's Report - 6:50 pm
- d. Proposed Budget for 2021 - 7:00 pm

Old Business

- a. Discussion - Terms Of Directors
- b. Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) 7:15 pm
- c. Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion) 7:25 pm
- d. 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.

Virtual Information Session

PLAN: East Boston

Inner Harbor Designated Port Area Information Session

Wednesday, December 2 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/EB-DPA Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 528 2318

Event Description

Please join us for an information session about the East Boston Inner Harbor Designated Port Area (DPA). Based upon a request from the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) plans to conduct a review of properties located in the East Boston Inner Harbor DPA boundary to determine whether or not they meet the state's requirements for inclusion in the area. This determination will shape future land use and development scenarios in the East Boston Inner Harbor waterfront. Participants will learn more about how the boundary review process will work, and how it is related to PLAN: East Boston.

The event will be hosted in both English and Spanish.

For more information about PLAN: East Boston, please visit the project website at bit.ly/PlanEastBoston

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary



A site plan of the future Piers Park Phase III.

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pen with Phase III, which is this rotted-out pier that sticks off the end of Piers Park. For us it’s a really amazing location. It’s centrally located right in the heart of the harbor and we think it could provide a really great connection point between East Boston and the city as a whole. It also has a fantastic history.”

Black said MTR spent a lot of 2019 working with Massport and others to really investigate the site and understand what the conditions were so MTR could start to piece together what the possibilities would be for a waterfront park that is active and engaging.

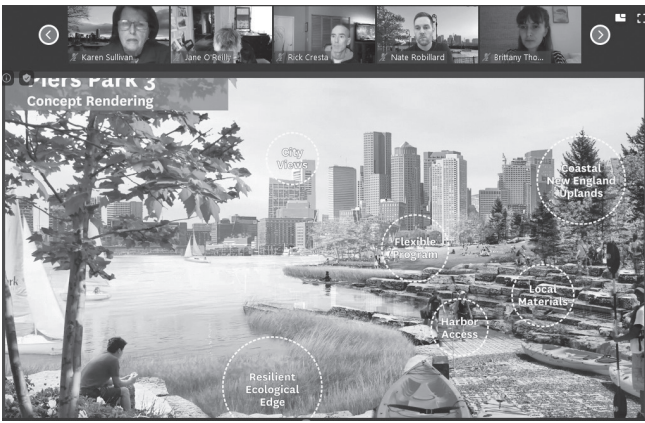
“So one of the places that we turn to for inspiration is Brooklyn Bridge Park,” said Black. “For those of you who may not have been there this is a series of five piers along the Brooklyn waterfront that overlooks the skyline in Manhattan. There’s a lot of similarities between what you see in this old industrial waterfront (in Eastie) and Brooklyn. Unfortunately we only have one pier to work with, not five.”

Black said as a result MTR really started to focus on what New Yorkers call Pier One in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

“This park is actually built into the footprints of the old pier that offers a wide variety of experiences for people and is a really close comparison to what we have opportunity wise at Piers Park Phase III,” said Black. “So this is really where we started our thinking in terms of what we would like to see happen at this location in East Boston.”

Black said MTR is looking to build a park that’s both robust and resilient in Eastie.

“And what that means to us is that it can stand



An artist rendering of what a future Piers Park Phase III might look like.

up to the elements,” said Black. “We’ve seen a lot of issues with not only storm surges in increasing frequency but also tidal flooding that’s happening on a regular basis, both in East Boston and across the city. The situation is probably just going to get worse. So we have to build a place, mindful of all of those challenges and also a place that can redevelop some of the ecology along the coast.”

Black said MTR will start a community process to bring the community together to build this park.

“We have a few ideas in terms of the direction that we want to go but we’re very excited about the community process to really start and have conversations with people in terms of what they would want to see there,” he said. “You’ll probably start to see a lot of us over the coming weeks. We’re going to try to be a presence here as much as possible, because we want to really hear from folks who would use this park.”

Eynatian, who is a Project Manager for the Waterfront Initiatives at MTR and an Eagle Hill resident, said the design phase for the future park will take the better part of the next year.

“We want to make sure we really have a chance to hear from the community about what you’d like to see happen there so

if the design can reflect that,” said Eynatian. “So things like, what type of programming you’d be interested in, what kind of concerns you might have about the project as well as increasing access to the water so there’s a way for residents to come down and really engage with the harbor at the park.”

Eynatian said MTR will be hosting a series of larger community meetings where MTR will invite residents to hear a little bit more about the project in more detail.

“This will give us the opportunity to really give folks a chance to engage in conversation about what you’d like to see at a new, free, open public park in East Boston,” she said.

The first in a series of meetings MTR is planning to host will be in January.

“So as the year goes on, I’m hoping that in the summer we can do some more creative in-person programs,” said Eynatian. “We’re hopeful to be able to get out and engage with you in person but in the meantime we’ll be doing a lot of different virtual opportunities and putting together some different ways to give us feedback. This is so folks can either join us live in meetings or give us feedback to make sure we can gather input from as many folks as we can.”

DECEMBER 2020 HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) will be on December 7, 2020 at 6pm. The meeting will be via Zoom.

Please check the website (harborvieweastboston.com) for instructions to participate by video or telephone. HVNA will continue to stream the meeting via Facebook live as well as at Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/harborview->

na. **Agenda**
Welcome/Introduction (5min)
Boston Police Station 7 Update Officer Dan Simons (10min)
Piers Park 3 Trustees of Reservation, Nick Black (15min)
647-649 Bennington Street 3rd Presentation and VOTE Attorney Marc LaCasse for owner Barry Caine. Proposal to convert a three family to a two family and subdivide the driveway to construct a new 2 family on the lot. A change from prior meeting. (20min)
175 Wordsworth Street 1st Presentation Attorney Derric Small for Robles

Brothers, LLC. Rehab existing 3 units and extend living space into the basement and rebuild rear porches. (15min)
7-11 Curtis Street/Saratoga Street. (Eastern Flooring) 3rd Presentation and VOTE, Attorney Jeff Drago for Seth Williams and Jim Grossman. To demolish the existing building and erect two buildings: one on Curtis Street with 21 Units and a second one on Saratoga Street with 8 Units. (20min)

Our next meeting is January 4, 2021

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process covered back in 2017,” said Jones. “We’re basically just looking at a different part of the neighborhood’s geography, but it’s really similar in that we’re looking at the location of flooding and going through a community engagement process to identify design solutions for mitigating the impacts of sea level rise and climate change.”

Jones said the new geographic area that the city is looking at now is the Chelsea Creek, the Belle Isle Marsh, Constitution Beach and Wood Island.

“These are the parts of East Boston that kind of wrap around the neighborhood,” said Jones. “So we want to work with the community, and Massport, along this area of the neighborhood that kind of wraps around back to where the Jeffries Point study happened in the first phase.”

Jones said the climate team wants to create the advisory board to include more opportunity for neighborhood input and feedback.

“We heard feedback after the first study that residents wanted to see even more opportunity for community engagement and a

more community driven process,” said Jones. “And we took that to heart and adapted our scope of work. So now we have this Community Advisory Board, which will be part of the project team to really help us identify the best engagement solution with a particular focus on racial equity in the context of COVID-19.”

Jones said any member of the community can apply to be an advisory board member.

“We encourage anyone and everyone who’s interested to apply,” she said. “We are estimating about 10 folks would be picked, although there’s some flexibility there. We may have up to 12 or 13 members.”

Jones said the role of the advisory board will be to help city planners drive the agenda and engage the community on coastal resiliency.

“The advisory board will be an important voice in the conversation,” said Jones. “We really want to have the members be the leaders on how we think about community engagement around design scenarios and design alternatives when it comes to sea level rise and coastal

flooding in this geographic area. Should we have a landscape berm? Should we create a seawall? The board will be working through those different alternatives with the underlying objective of really increasing transparency in city planning and how residents can be involved.”

However, once the board is in place the process may look a lot different than it did in 2017 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“So after the advisory board is in place it’s will look a lot different than the initial meetings in 2017-2018 where there was a real hands on approach of walking the Greenway with groups of activists and environmentalists in the neighborhood,” said Jones. “I think one thing we’re exploring is how we create as many educational opportunities that were so valuable to the community a few years back when we started the process.”

Jones said this may include uploaded video walking tours of the areas in focus, photos, history of the areas and other tools that can be interactive while remaining virtual.

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JUDGE FERRINO

The passing last week of Judge Joseph V. Ferrino marks the end of an era in the East Boston and Winthrop area.

It is fair to say that there is no person who has been more impactful and was more esteemed in the Winthrop and East Boston communities over the course of the past 50 years than Judge Ferrino.

He truly was a giant in so many respects and in so many varied ways.

Judge Ferrino, the son of Sicilian immigrants, was a veteran of World War II who went on to establish a remarkable legal career that culminated with his service as the First Justice of the East Boston District for 20 years from 1976 until his retirement in 1996.

He headed veterans groups and was the founder of patriotic organizations. He also was a leader in the Italian-American community and a volunteer for scores of causes both big and small.

Judge Ferrino epitomized the meaning of the term “community organizer” before it became fashionable.

Yet despite all of his professional accomplishments and personal achievements, Judge Ferrino remained true to his roots. He always was approachable and humble, traits that made him a beloved figure among both the personnel of the East Boston District Court and those who came before him in the courtroom.

Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo summed up how so many of us feel about the loss of this great man:

“[Today](#) we honor the memory of Judge Joseph Ferrino, who served in the East Boston District Court for more than two decades. A World War II veteran, Judge Ferrino advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans and the Boston community as a whole with his work on juvenile justice and his many contributions to the legal community. He was a pioneer of community courts, insisting that the court serve as a resource to people in need. He was a mentor and friend, and my thoughts are with his family and loved ones.”

We know we join with all of our readers in extending our condolences to the Ferrino family.

May he rest in peace.

‘TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING -- AND NEVER HAS THE NEED BEEN MORE URGENT

“**It was the best of times; it was the worst of times.**”
-- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that “perfect” gift for our family members and loved ones.

Despite the pandemic that has ravaged our nation in so many ways, most Americans actually are doing okay, if not extremely well. Sure, the pandemic has made life inconvenient and not as enjoyable as usual for everybody, but most of us are getting along just fine.

Those who are able to work from home have not suffered a loss of income. And for those among us who have any sort of investments, from real estate to the stock market to certain types of small businesses, the pandemic has been a boon.

However, the good economic news for the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable minority of our fellow citizens, the effects of the pandemic represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history. The lines of cars that stretch for miles and miles in cities all across the country are the equivalent of the iconic photos of the bread lines and soup kitchens of the 1930s..

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to the pandemic.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what has existed in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

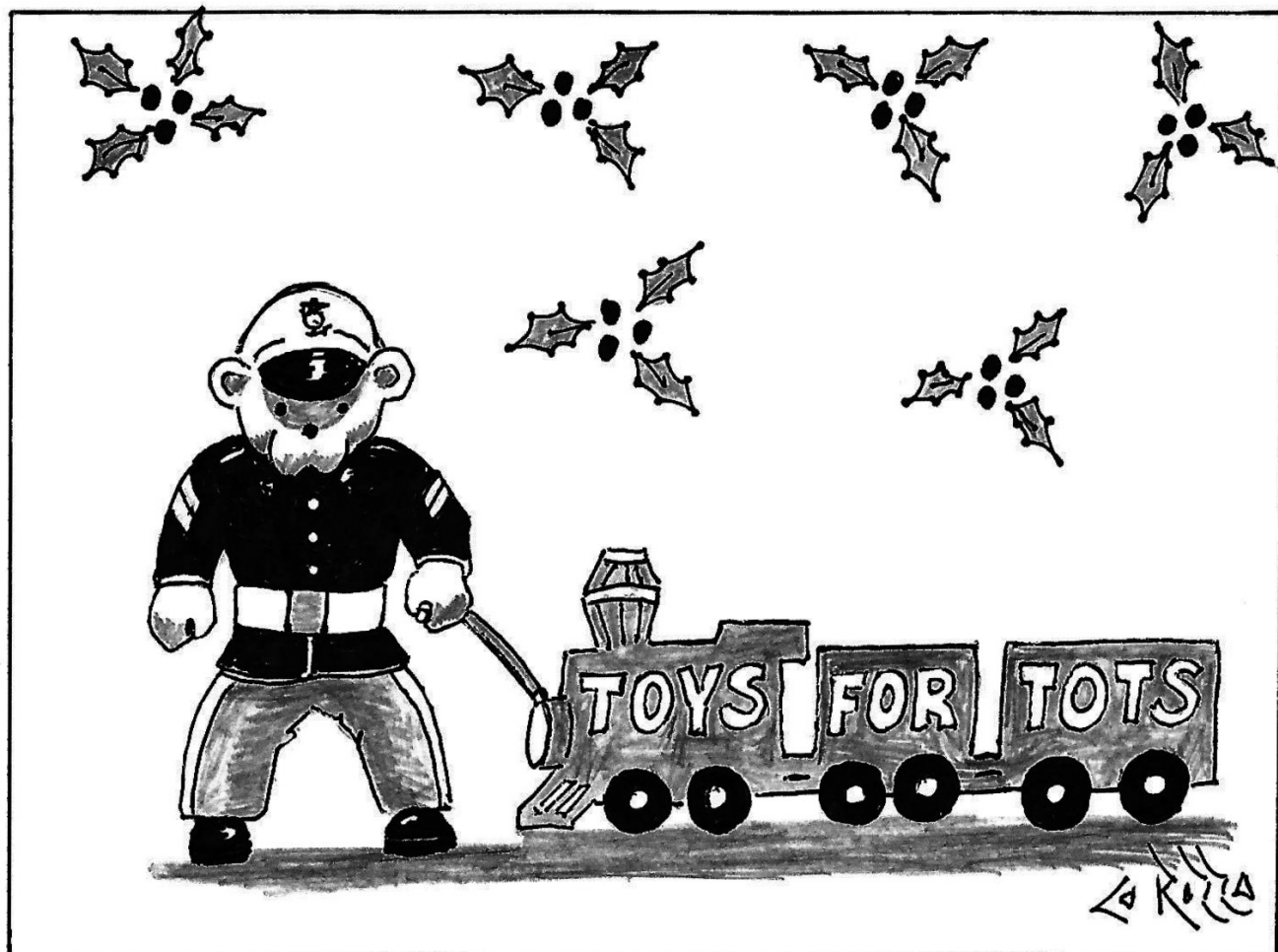
For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called “warm glow” effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for donations to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate -- and there is no excuse for failing to do so.



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GUEST OP-ED

Together, we must stop the MBTA service cuts

By Senator Sal DiDomenico

The MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board recently released their “Forging Ahead Initiative,” a series of ill-conceived cuts to MBTA services that will have devastating (and likely long-lasting) impacts on those who rely on public transit to get to and from work. Our district in particular will be uniquely impacted by these cuts, as we are one of the most transit-dependent in the state. Not to mention, we have been some of the hardest hit by COVID, while also having one of the highest percentages of essential workers. According to the MBTA’s Forging Ahead website, some of the main “proposals” impacting our community include:

- Subway: 20% Frequency Reductions Across All Lines; Service Stops after Midnight.

- Bus: 5% Frequency Reduction on Essential Routes & 20% Reduction on Non-Essential Routes; Service Stops after Midnight.

- Commuter Rail: Service Stops after 9 PM; Weekend Service Ends (as early as Jan. 2021); Decreased Peak and Midday Service.

- Ferry: All Ferry Service Will End; Charlestown Ferry Diverted to the Rt.93 Bus.

- The Ride: Some trips may become premium and be able to be booked 40 minutes in advance, instead of the current 30 minutes.

Without question, components of the MBTA’s plan, such as stopping bus service at midnight, will disproportionately impact essential employees who don’t work regular hours and need to travel late at night. It especially hurts my Chelsea and Everett constituents who already don’t even have access to subway or commuter rail, and solely rely on the bus to connect them with their jobs and their community. Every part of my district will be impacted by these cuts, and we should all be concerned that these “temporary” changes could become permanent, impacting our transportation system for years or even decades to come.

Our region cannot recover from this pandemic and get moving again until, and unless, we redouble our efforts to build a transportation system that facilitates the movement of people, not just cars.

Reducing public transit will severely limit access to these services for communities and residents that need it most, further exacerbating inequities that the pandemic has already brought to light. If we want to heal from this, we must invest more in our transit system, not take services away. We all recognize these are difficult fiscal times, particularly for the underfunded MBTA, but these unprecedented times underscore the need for further investment in our economic drivers, not less.

As for next steps and what we can do about this, please know I am already in talks with my Senate colleagues and leadership in the Legislature regarding action we can take in response to these cuts. I have also addressed my concerns and opposition to the “Forging Ahead Initiative” directly with the MBTA’s leadership team. Additionally, the MBTA has hosted several regional meetings regarding these proposals, where I have testified against these cuts.

While the public meetings for our district have already passed, you can still submit your feedback to the MBTA by emailing them at [\[ment@mbta.com\]\(mailto:ment@mbta.com\). I encourage everyone to do so; stopping these cuts will be a collective effort, one that requires advocacy from legislators like myself, but also grassroots opposition. The deadline for feedback is coming up soon on December 4th, so please do not delay in contacting the MBTA if you wish to register your concerns.](mailto:publicengage-</p>
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I have already heard from so many of my constituents on this, and many have indicated they will be contacting the MBTA as well. I am truly grateful for everyone’s advocacy on this issue. It is my sincere hope that, working together, we can stop these cuts from taking place and protect public transportation for generations to come.

Sal N. DiDomenico is an Massachusetts State Senator legislator who has served in the Massachusetts Senate since May 2010 and as Assistant Majority Leader since 2018. He is a Democrat representing the Middlesex and Suffolk district, which includes his hometown of Everett as well as Chelsea, Allston, Brighton, Charlestown, and parts of Cambridge and Boston.

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A MADARO COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING



Rep. Andrian Madaro hands off a turkey during last week's annual event.



Volunteers work on some cranberry sauce.

Things were a little different this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Madaro Family Community Fund was still able to distribute and deliver over 600 meals to East Boston residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Instead of the usual sit down dinner, the annual event switched gears and residents came to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club on Byron Street and picked up their fully prepared Thanksgiving Day meals with all the trimmings.

Dozens of volunteers pitched in to make the day

go as smoothly as possible. Working inside the Boys & Girls Club's large kitchen, volunteers prepared and packaged meals and residents simply drove up and picked up their turkey dinners as if it was a full-service drive-thru.

"There are a lot of families struggling and a lot of local organizations helping families," said Madaro. "The Boys & Girls Club is one of those organizations and it is an honor to work with them once again on this noble cause that is community driven."



Volunteers at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club start the process of packaging the fully prepared Thanksgiving Day meals.



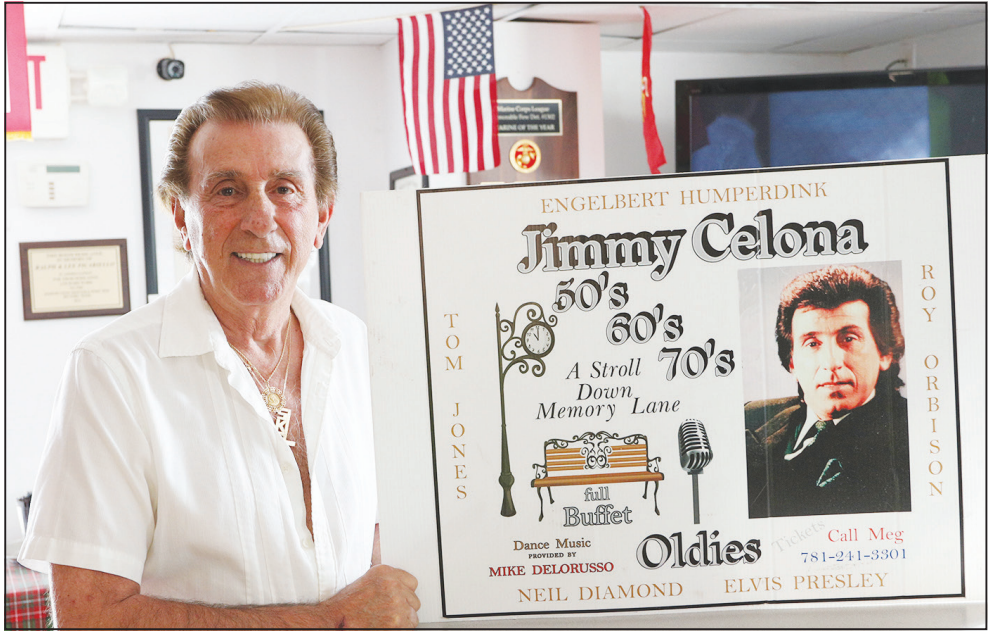
Rep. Adrian Madaro prepares some veggies.



Rep. Adrian Madaro joins volunteers, which included members of the Pizzicannelli Family, during last Thursday's event.

Entertainer Jimmy Celona sings with his supper at the VFW Joseph L Mottola Post #4524

As we all know by now Covid-19 has taken a toll on all of us, it has forced a lot of us to take up new careers, get pets, or start new hobbies. Local entertainer Jimmy Celona was out most nights entertaining crowds with dinner shows and local entertainment venues, well we all know how the night club and large venues events has gone. This caused Celona to look back into his past, as a chef and offer his talents in cooking, along with his daughter, Meghan, who is an RHS graduate and also has a degree as a chef and is a licensed IV Nurse at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. Jimmy Celona was born in East Boston, and now resides in Revere with his wife Loreena and family. Celona has been in the entertainment business for over 40 years, starting on Revere Beach and covering Las Vegas, Reno, and everything in between. He is now covering all local areas, Revere, East Boston, Topsfield, and all surrounding communities. His tribute shows feature



Coming Soon — hopefully. Celona is all set to bring you the best in tribute dinner shows, featuring the best in the business, brought to the stage by one of the greats in the music industry-Jimmy Celona. For information and possible show dates call Meghan 781-241-3301.

all the greats, Sinatra, Engelbert Humperdink, Tom Jones, Roy Oberon and many more, all this being on hold caused Jimmy and Meghan to offer their services to Celona's other life. The other life is a US Army Veteran, who served in Germany and is a life member of the Revere VFW Mottola Post.

Celona's service to his country, continues as service to help his com-

rades in arms. Jimmy and Meghan's services are helping the post stay open for the members, why? Because of the state mandate that venues without full service of food can not be open. So here we are, two chefs who want to work and help veterans and a need to stay open for the post to survive for it's members, a perfect match. There is now a full menu of food offered to all that want to stop by. The Joseph L. Mottola Post/aka Casa Lucia at 61 Lucia Ave in Revere has opened its doors to all. Starting on Friday's at 3pm til 9pm, Saturdays from 11am - 5pm and Sundays from 1pm -6pm, and pre-

made meals are offered during the week. It is a complete menu, featuring pork chops, tripe, seafood specials, and a very popular sandwich called "the MEG", which is a chicken cutlet with mozzarella cheese red peppers on fresh Italian bread. Italian Wedding soup is freshly prepared and served piping hot. The menu includes the staples too, burgers, hot dogs, fries and other comfort foods for everyone's taste.

The next step in the near future for Celona, is that his tribute shows will be at the Casa Lucia, featuring all your favorite hits from entertainers from the past, Neil Diamond and



Chef Meghan Celona with her dad, entertainer and chef Jimmy are waiting to serve you the best in Italian style foods and other tasty treats at their new home at 61 Lucia Avenue, the member side (now open to the public) aka Casa Lucia. Service with matching smiles has no extra charge.



Jimmy Celona is happily at work at the VFW Mottola Post. Preparing tripe and other delicious lunches for the hungry lunch crowd last Saturday afternoon. Celona is a life member of the post and a US Army veteran.

Elvis to name a few. These shows will be limited for social distancing purposes and your safety and will include a delicious buffet and dancing music by local DJ Mike DeloRusso. Check local listings

in the coming months for a schedule as allowed or call Meg, 781-241-3301 for more information for shows and meals.

Jimmy Celona and his daughter Meghan have taken the Corona Virus by the horns and turned it around for the good of our veterans, stepping up to make a difference with food and song. It's this kind of determination and American get up and go that makes a difference in all of our lives. Stop by 61 Lucia Avenue (member entrance, left of main doors) for a great lunch or supper, and who knows you might get a song or two for dessert.

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Liana LaMattina pitches in during last week’s event.



An Eastie family receives a delivery during the annual Madaro Family Community Fund event.



Angel Rodriguez and Ariel Madaro during the event.



Gloribel Rivas prepares desserts.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and his wife, Ariel, during the event.



Charlie Lograsso cuts bread.



Volunteers practiced wearing masks throughout the day to ensure everyone was safe.



Angel Rodriguez and Jacopo Madaro make salad.



Liana LaMattina packages meals.



A group photo of the team of volunteers last Thursday.

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lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Forbes was discharged from the service and graduated from the University of Missouri. Around this time he met a family member and priest who suggested that he come and volunteer at the Boy’s Guidance Center in Boston.

“Dad said yes and this opportunity changed the course of his life,” said his eldest son, John Forbes during his eulogy for his father. “It inspired him to pursue a career as a social worker and he soon applied to the Boston University School of Social Work (where he received his Master’s Degree). From an early age Dad loved to help people and loved being a Social Worker. He was proud of the profession and what it meant to society.”

While at Boston University Forbes met a young Martin Luther King Jr. who was working on his PhD in Theology. After graduating from the University, Mr. Forbes went to work at the Denison House in Dorchester as a Group Worker. There he crossed paths with another Civil Rights leader, Malcolm X, who helped Forbes and the Denison House do community work in Dorchester.

“His calm demeanor, confident leadership style, and strong belief in others helped him to be promoted to Executive Director after a few short years,” said

his son, John. “During his tenure there he established a great reputation in both Dorchester and the city’s social work community.”

He served as director there from 1959 to 1965.

After a brief stint working at the United Community Services South Area Planning Division in Quincy, Forbes was appointed Director of the East Boston Social Centers in 1968.

Forbes was 36 years old at the time, a father of nine children and the husband of Nora Theresa Forbes.

As director of the Social Centers, Forbes, or ‘Jack’ as he was affectionately known in Eastie, oversaw the agency’s largest period of expansion. Forbes was responsible for expanding the Social Centers’ programs to include the Maverick Neighborhood Center as well as the Orient Heights Center. The new Jeffries Point Center also opened during his tenure.

East Boston Social Centers also became one of the first agencies to provide community-based services to youth through the Department of Youth Services, and Forbes was Executive Director at the time that program was put into place.

Other Social Center programs that began during his tenure included an afterschool day care, an elderly lunch program and Great Expectations, which was a tremendous youth leadership program.

“All of these improvements were instituted

while still delivering the traditional recreational and counselling services to the community,” said John. “He also created a very nurturing environment where everyone was treated like family. As a result he mentored countless individuals. Many of them went on to have successful careers in politics, education, human services, business, law enforcement and countless other careers where Jack’s influence can still be felt today.”

Former Boston School Committee President and Boston City Councilor John Nucci said Forbes inspired him to choose a career in public service.

“Jack Forbes was truly one of a kind,” said Nucci, who worked under Forbes at the Social Centers for six years. “He cared deeply about each and every person who stepped through the doors at the Social Center. He never sought credit. He never looked for glory. He just affected hundreds of people’s lives in so many ways. We will never fill the void he left behind. I consider him one of my greatest mentors.”

However, it was the Social Centers’s East Boston Camps in Westford, that Forbes truly cherished during his tenure. Many who attended camp and were mentored by Forbes went on to careers in youth development, social work and public service.

“The favorite part of Dad’s job was camp,”

said John “When he was offered the job in East Boston I believe that the summer camping program sealed the deal for him. Almost 50 years later we still hear stories about how dad changed the course of people’s lives through what he and his staff taught them at East Boston Camps.”

Robert ‘Junior’ Lewis, who went on to a successful career in youth development called Forbes ‘an icon’.

“Jack Forbes was a visionary, compassionate and incredible leader,” said Lewis. “He always saw the greatness and potential of East Boston and its people. I am fortunate to be one of his disciples. He was truly an East Boston Icon.”

Former Boston City Councilor Sal LaMattina, who was raised by a single mother, said Forbes was like a ‘father figure’ during his years at camp—first as a camper and later as a counselor.

“Jack Forbes was the Patriarch of East Boston Camps,” said LaMattina. “He was a father figure for hundreds of kids in East Boston. I know for me personally he was very influential in my life. He has always made a point to reach out to those kids that he knew that needed a little more attention. As Executive Director of the East Boston Social Centers he worked to improve the lives of many in our neighborhood by providing services to our seniors

and youth. Jack was an incredible man, father,husband,grandpa and leader. East Boston is a better place because of his service to our community.”

Debbie White, who had a long career in Social Work and Education, credited Mr. Forbes’s influence on her chosen path in life.

“What to say about Jack Forbes? Incomparable comes to mind,” said White. “Strong,compassionate, unassuming, leader, helper supporter. He saw the best in all of us and helped keep us focused on that. We will never know how many people he touched over the years because he never wanted or looked for accolades .On a more personal note he was my boss, teacher, mentor, friend and a Papa or Dad to not only his family but to all of us for over 50 years. He always let me know I was important to him—better yet he always made me feel I was important to him, Being in his presence was like being wrapped in a forever hug. I will miss him tremendously.”

Mr. Forbes resigned from his position at the Social Centers in 1983 and ended his working career as a lead investigator for The Massachusetts Treasury, Abandoned Property Division.

“All nine of his children and our mother were blessed by the fact that we were able to work with him in East Boston,” said John. “He taught us good val-

ues and more importantly how to be loyal and treat people well. As a result we have all been in some kind of community work since. Any career success that we had can be traced back to the Social Centers and what we learned from him and his co-workers. I was so fortunate to spend quite a bit of time during my formative years with him at the Social Centers and got to witness how he treated people. I was so proud walking in Central Square with him hearing kids yelling, “Hey Big Jack!.. Everyone who knew him loved him.”

Forbes was the beloved husband of the late Nora Theresa Forbes. Son of the late John J. and Ethel Forbes. Devoted father of John and wife Cindy of East Boston, William and wife Susan of Methuen, Peter and wife Kathleen of Braintree, Ann Sullivan and husband Duane, Mary Gallotto and husband Mario, Paul and wife Susie, Joan Dunn and husband Jim, Terry Free and husband Mark, all of Quincy, and Michael of East Boston. Brother of the late Joan Logue and husband Joe of Orono, ME and brother in law of Peggy and Sally Donohoe. Mr. Forbes also survived by 34 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 09, 2020
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After passing the Massachusetts Bar he opened up a small law practice in a brownstone in East Boston that started a stellar career in not only law but in civic engagement.

From the start of his law career Judge Ferrino served his clients, but also became involved in numerous civic organizations both locally and nationally.

In 1971 Gov. Francis Sargent appointed Judge Ferrino to the East Boston District Court and in 1976 Gov. Michael Dukakis appointed him presiding justice in East Boston.

Judge Ferrino’s 25 year tenure at the East Boston court was marked by transforming the court into a community asset. The court became a multi-dimensional community court complete with a totally unique in-court community medical clinic and a Boy Scout coeducational Explorer Post.

In an 1982 newspaper article on Judge Ferrino’s court, the East Boston Community News pointed out the uniqueness of his methods.

During a case involving teenagers arrested in connection with a string of commercial break-ins the newspaper said, “Judge Ferrino uses a unique form of sentencing for juvenile offenders, which requires convicted teenagers to perform up to 500 hours of community work. He may also require the offender to repay the victim any monetary damages involved.”

In the article Judge Ferrino argued that Restitution to Victims of Crime, or RVC, helps to make many victims “whole” by the offender paying for his crime.

However, it was giving

youth a second chance that made his brand of justice unique.

“The juvenile may be placed to work in nursing homes, schools, recreation centers or the Department of Youth Services on a voluntary basis,” said Judge Ferrino in the article. “In this program the criminal also benefits by making himself or herself “whole” by providing useful services and personally gaining from the experience.”

This form of justice would carry over years later as Judge Ferrino dedicated himself in his retirement to ensuring youth in Eastie, whether it was through his work with the Kiwanis, the East Boston Social Centers, the Boy Scouts or numerous other local organizations, stayed on the right path and gave back to their community. Over the years he instilled a duty of community service and the importance of helping others that could be seen in the work thousands of local youth did on behalf of the civic associations in East Boston Judge Ferrino helped lead.

“Today we honor the memory of Judge Joseph Ferrino who served in the East Boston District Court for more than two decades,” said longtime friend Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo. “A World War II veteran Judge Ferrino advocated tirelessly on behalf of veterans and the Boston community as a whole with his work on juvenile justice and his many contributions to the legal community. He was a pioneer of community courts insisting that the court serve as a resource to people in need. He was a mentor and friend, and my thoughts are with his

family and loved ones.”

In 1989 the president of the Massachusetts Bar Association presented him their Public Service Award, calling his court “unparalleled in the state.” In addition to his court responsibilities, Judge Ferrino was a member of the Massachusetts, North Suffolk, and Boston Bar Associations.

“The Judge touched many lives both on and off the bench,” said members of the Superior Court Clerks’ Association Michael Sullivan. “He had a guiding principle - he cared. He was a friend and an all around great guy. He made people feel welcomed.”

After his retirement from the bench Judge Ferrino immersed himself and dozens of community and state organizations.

One of his proudest accomplishments was when he founded the Bay State Chapter of Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. It became a major focus of his energies, particularly after retirement from the bench in 1996. His work in building the

group from scratch ultimately provided hundreds of young people an immersive U. S. policy and education experience at the Freedoms Foundation national education center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

“An incredible man,” said Dr. Edith De Angelis, a local community activist who served on many boards over the years with Ferrino. “An extraordinary volunteer, a consummate leader and mentor, and a friend to all. He was a founder, organizer, and successful leader for innumerable organizations and activities. He was a cherished friend for over sixty years and will be missed.”

Judge Ferrino’s role in the Italian American community was legendary. Over the decades he served in every leadership role in the Dante Alighieri Society of Massachusetts and worked to establish the annual October Italian Heritage Month in Massachusetts. He maintained active membership in a plethora of Italian American organizations his entire life.

OBITUARIES

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OBITUARIES

Philip Marino

Former Principal of the Sam Adams Elementary School, Boston

Philip Marino, a former principal for Boston Public Schools at the Sam Adams Elementary School, he was the dear brother of the late Joseph, Pete and Nicolena Marino; loving longtime boyfriend of Helen Kennedy and her family, Peggy Kennedy; cherished uncle of Jean Nowicki, James Robinson, Dennis Marino and Steven Marino.

Family and friends will honor Philip's life by

gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Thursday, December 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. A Funeral Mass (please go directly to church) will be celebrated at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, East Boston, on Friday, December 4 at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Philip being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Peabody.

Camille Harney

Former Catholic Cemetery Association secretary

Camille (Palladino) Harney of Everett, formerly of East Boston, passed away on November 27 at the age of 76.

The cherished daughter of the late Louis and Marie (Martucci) Palladino, she was the beloved wife of Edward Harney, loving mother of Edward F. Harney Jr., of Everett, Kristen Walters and her husband, Bradley of Tyngsborough and the late Eric Harney; dear sister of Richard Palladino and his wife, Geraldine of Revere and adored grandmother of Ian and Kayla Walters.

Camille was employed as a secretary for The Catholic Cemetery Association in Beverly; she



will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Funeral arrangements were by Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, Revere. Entombment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden.

For online guestbook, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Jean Lazzari

Former employee of Suffolk Downs and East Boston Savings Bank

Jean M. (Garvey) Lazzari of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Thursday, November 26.

Jean is a former employee of Suffolk Downs and East Boston Savings Bank.

The beloved wife of the late Salvatore Lazzari, she was the devoted mother of Salvatore Lazzari and his companion, June, William Lazzari and his wife, Patty, Brenda Holgersen, and Peter Lazzari; cherished grandmother of Kristen, Kenny and his partner, Danny, Kevin, Michael, and Makenzie and the treasured great-grand-



mother of Hannah. She is also survived by her loving canine companion, Peanut.

In accordance with the Lazzari family's wishes, funeral services are private. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

John "Jack" Forbes

Former Executive Director of the East Boston Social Center

John L. (Jack) Forbes of Quincy, formerly of Woburn, died November 24.

Jack was a US Army veteran who served in the Korean War and was a lifetime member of The Disabled American Veterans. He was also a graduate of the University of Missouri and received his Master's Degree from the BU School of Social Work.

He began his career as a Group Worker at Denison House in Dorchester, eventually becoming Executive Director. He was also Executive Director of the East Boston Social Centers for many years. He was well respected in both communities and was a role model and mentor to countless young men and women. Many of them are currently active in community service today.

Jack ended his working career as a lead investigator for The Massachusetts Treasury, Abandoned Property Division.

He was a wonderful, caring father and Papa. Jack was loved by many.

He was the beloved husband of the late Nora Theresa Forbes, son of the late John J. and Ethel Forbes, devoted father of John and his wife, Cindy of East Boston, William and his wife, Susan of Methuen, Peter and his wife, Kathleen of Braintree, Ann Sullivan and her husband, Duane, Mary Gallotto and her husband,



Mario, Paul and his wife, Susie, Joan and her husband, Jim, Terry Free and her husband, Mark, all of Quincy and Michael of East Boston; brother of the late Joan Logue and her husband, Joe of Orono, ME and brother in law of Peggy and Sally Donohoe. Jack is also survived by 34 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Jack's memory can be made to Quincy Catholic Academy, 370 Hancock Street, North Quincy, MA 02171, or The Jack and Terry Forbes Scholarship Fund, 104 Byron St., East Boston, MA 02128.

Normally, the funeral is an opportunity for the community to gather in support of one another. Although we cannot gather together with Jack's family at this time, friends may still offer their support by visiting www.Keohane.com and sharing a special memory or video message. For those who cannot access the website, please call 1-800-KEOHANE to have your message added.

Ernest D'Ambrosio

Former Boston Water and Sewer employee

Ernest N. D'Ambrosio of Derry, NH, formerly of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on November 25.

Ernest was a veteran of the United States Army who served in the Korean Conflict. He was a former employee of Boston Water and Sewer and a past member of the Beachmont VFW.

The loving husband of the late Mary (Corrao) D'Ambrosio, he was the devoted father of Marc and his wife, Jean of Beachmont, Kenneth and his wife, Darlene of Derry, NH, David and his wife, Michele of Revere and Jaimey of Saugus; dear brother of Phyllis Kentrolis of North Carolina and John D'Ambrosio of Florida; cherished



grandfather of Marc Jr., Jack, Kenneth Jr., David Jr., Dante and Emily and adored great-grandfather of Madeline. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to a Funeral Mass to honor Ernest's life at Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston today, Wednesday, December 2 at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Ernest being laid to rest with his wife, Mary at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. 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 please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

City of Boston to offer two hours of free parking

Staff report

As a way to support Boston's small businesses during the holiday season, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that the City of Boston will provide two hours of free parking at the city's 8,000 metered spaces on Saturdays during the holiday season, beginning this Saturday, November 28 (Small Business Saturday). Parking meters are located throughout Boston's downtown, as well as in several of the city's residential neighborhoods that host commercial districts, including Boston's Main Streets.

The City is also offering a holiday discount for the Bluebikes bike-sharing program, including a 30 percent discount on annual memberships on Monday, November 30 (Cyber Monday). Additionally, free 90-day passes are still available for employees in retail shops and restaurants in Boston. These efforts build on the City's ongoing commitment to support small businesses that have been hit hardest during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While shopping during the holiday season will look different this year, we are doing more than ever to help our small businesses get through a very difficult time," said Mayor Walsh. "Our small businesses contribute so much to our local economy, and I encourage everyone to shop safely and shop local this year."

Two hours of free parking at metered spaces will be offered in Boston on the following days:

- Saturday, Dec. 5
- Saturday, Dec. 12
- Saturday, Dec. 19
- Saturday, Dec. 26

While payment at meters will not be required on these five days, the time limit on the meters will be in effect. The purpose

Councilor Edwards hosting 'Know Your Rights' workshop with ACLU

Following the recent arrest of a longtime East Boston resident by ICE, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards is hosting a Know Your Rights workshop in partnership with the ACLU and local immigration attorneys on Saturday December 5 at 1p.m. The workshop is meant to educate community members about what their rights are and what they should do if they or someone they know is approached by immigration authorities.

"This incident put a lot of fear into people and I'm worried that we're going to continue to see similar incidents," said Councilor Edwards. "I want people to know what their rights are if they're approached by ICE or if they see someone else get approached. People shouldn't have to worry about being detained on their way to work or while they're playing with their families in our parks. I'm grateful to have some local experts partner with me on this event."

Councilor Edwards is also submitting a formal records request to get information about Massport's relationship

of this is to allow as many customers as possible a chance to take advantage of this opportunity.

"We are pleased to provide this incentive for Boston residents to shop locally this holiday season," said Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Greg Rooney. "Parking meters are located throughout several of Boston's neighborhood commercial districts, and I encourage drivers to take advantage of this opportunity."

The City is asking everyone who participates in in-person shopping this weekend and this holiday season to take steps to stay safe from COVID-19, including: wearing a face covering in public, staying 6 feet apart from others whenever possible, avoiding crowds and crowded places, bringing an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and washing your hands often, and staying home if you are sick. The City is also encouraging shoppers to consider alternative, safer options including shopping online, using contactless services, such as curbside pick-up, and shopping in open air markets.

To date, a total of more than \$9.6 million in debt-free grants have been issued to 3,391 small businesses across Boston. The Office of Economic Development's Small Business Unit continues to engage with Boston's business owners through weekly calls, office hours, and ongoing surveys in order to best understand their needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Small Business owners are encouraged to complete Survey #10 to share their thoughts and experiences to better shape our programs and policies to serve the small business community. For additional questions, the Small Business Unit can be reached at smallbiz@boston.gov.

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GRANT

CHELSEA - The City has reported it has secured the largest MassWorks grant in the Commonwealth this year to help further cement the mixed-income Innes Housing redevelopment project – a grant that will provide \$5 million to helping lay the groundwork for the project before it begins.

City Planner Alex Train said the grant was a key part of the overall Innes package and will allow the project stability to go to the open market for financing.

“The Department of Housing and Community Development, Chelsea Housing Authority, the City of Chelsea and the Corcoran Companies are excited to announce we have received the largest MassWorks award in the Commonwealth - a total of \$5 million for critical infrastructure like streetscape improvements, utility work, and site infrastructure. It will allow the project to move forward now in 2021.”

A total of \$1 million will be dedicated to reducing flooding and mitigating things around the site with utilities and streetscape improvements – likely eliminating the persistent flooding issues at Highland Park. That will include new lighting, sidewalks, roadways, crosswalks and bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

The remaining \$4 million will be used for demolition on the Innes site and for site improvements needed ahead of construction.

“This is huge and definitely the catalyst of the project, particularly on the streets and critical infrastructure,” he said. “With that, we’ll soon be able to transform the corridor for Chelsea Housing Authority residents and elevate the transportation connections between the City’s neighborhoods and the surrounding waterfront.”

Jenn Corcoran, of Corcoran Companies, said the MassWorks grant was a centerpiece of the entire development, and they had been working very closely with the state to impress upon how important that money was to unlock private financing.

“I’d go as far as to say

this was something we needed to get,” she said.

Corcoran said last summer they were able to get a Home Rule Petition passed to move the development forward, and this was one of the last governmental pieces. Now, she said, though they are about one year behind due to COVID-19 delays, they are ready to move into the next phase of the development.

“All I all, we’ll probably be about a year behind where we had been before all this,” she said. “We’ll pick up in December where we left off in March.”

She said they are taking the project to the financial markets and will be looking to develop financial partners.

CHA Director Al Ewing said this is a big milestone his agency has been waiting for.

“It really is a big milestone for the project at Innes Development,” he said. “We’re excited to get this grant from the state and continue moving the project forward.”

Sean McReynolds, of Corcoran, said getting the largest grant shows the state is prioritizing this kind of partnership.

“I think the MassWorks grant highlights the priority the state put behind construction projects, public/private partnerships and something as important as the Innes Development being in the Smart Growth District,” he said. “There was a lot of work done behind the scenes to get the Smart Growth District established there.”

Train said they hoped to have a contractor on board in early 2021 and begin the infrastructure work just ahead of the overall construction project getting underway.

AGENCY RECEIVES
5-STAR RATING

CHELSEA - The Chelsea Jewish Visiting Nurse Agency (VNA) received the prestigious 5-Star rating from Home Health Compare. This designation reflects the highest number of stars allotted to a home health agency. Notably, there were only three home health care agencies with a 5-Star rating in the entire state of Massachusetts as of September 2020. In fact, only a select number of agencies across the country have been awarded this distinction.

“We are so pleased that our VNA Home Care has been recognized as being among the top home health agencies not only in Massachusetts, but throughout the country,” said Chelsea Jewish Lifecare President Adam Berman. “Earning this 5-Star designation is a testament to our skilled and compassionate staff, our strong commitment to excellence and our dedication as an organization to provide the highest caliber of care possible.”

These ratings are based upon two separate categories: “Quality of Patient Care” and “Patient Satisfaction.” A rating of 5 stars means the agency achieved the highest possible evaluation. Home Health Compare, part of the Medicare website, serves as a key resource to help consumers choose a quality home health care provider.

Chelsea Jewish VNA provides exceptional home care services in the comfort of one’s home or assisted living facilities. By creating a care plan that best suits each client’s needs and scheduling preferences, an individual will receive a treatment plan that is customized specifically for his or her needs.

Today the five-star rating system has become a critical way for the public to measure the quality and satisfaction of a home health care provider. Five stars are considered well above average. Adds CJL’s Berman, “We work very hard, day in and day out, to achieve and maintain this 5-star rating. I am incredibly proud of our home care staff.”

5 star survey and patient satisfaction. One of three with 5 star quality of patient care ratings in the state, and one of 3 that has both 5 star quality of patient care and patient survey ratings.

EHS TAKES STEM
CROWN

EVERETT - When it comes to COVID-19, despite lots of attempts to get information out, some Everett High students found that their friends affected by COVID had trouble finding help, and so the students set out to solve that issue with a new online application.

And in helping others, they helped themselves

WINTHROP HIGH SENIORS POOL TIME,
RESOURCES FOR THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY



Friends and WHS seniors, Cody Bell, Matt Stoddard, and Cody Wojcik, have been volunteering every Wednesday after school since the beginning of November. The friends have been collecting and sorting food, restocking shelves, and asking local businesses for monetary donations as a way to help out their local food pantry in Winthrop. Shown above, the three sorting through Food Pantry donations in the St. John’s Episcopal Church hall.

to first place in the statewide 2020 STEM Week Challenge – an honor the highly-respected program at EHS had been shooting for over a number of years.

“We started by interviewing some of our friends who have been directly affected by COVID,” said Breetika Maharjan, a junior. “They told us some of the biggest challenges were finding information and locating resources. We tried it ourselves and it was really challenging so we wanted to do a project that would make that more accessible.”

The project was a collaboration between Maharjan and fellow Juniors Alyssa Hurley and Lakisha Kirnon. All three worked on the project remotely, as they are in fully remote schooling at EHS right now. So it was even more difficult to connect with the team and plan out their work – but they overcame, said Hurley.

“Remote learning overall has been tough,” she said. “It’s hard to connect with people via Zoom. Working on this project is more enjoyable than regular class because we were able to incorporate our own experiences and our academics to help our community.”

At Everett High School, the first place Challenge Champions are in teacher Anna Seiders’ class. Under her oversight, the students designed an app for Everett that includes local case count statistics, information on testing sites, centralized resources, and even a section dedicated to self-care for those experiencing anxiety or facing isolation due to the pandemic. Students reached out to City officials to ask questions about current resources and designed their app to fill in gaps in service they identified. One app feature, for example, is a 24/7 helpline offering guidance and support.

“Teaching has never been more challenging,” said Seiders, who is a STEM teacher at EHS. “In a district that is nearly 100 percent remote, developing authentic learning experiences feels almost insurmountable. This project could not have come at a more perfect time. Not only did it fit perfectly in my

curriculum, but it also allowed my students to engage in a real-world problem that drastically impacts their community. To be able to integrate the COVID-19 pandemic into our class and give my students an opportunity to discuss, design, and develop meaningful solutions was so powerful. “This applied learning project was a meaningful way for them to see how what they learn in class directly affects their neighborhood as well as inspire them to consider different STEM career pathways for their futures.”

Mass STEM Hub announced the 2020 STEM Week Challenge Champions after industry professionals reviewed the innovative and practical solutions they developed to real-world problems. Top teams like EHS’s will now have the opportunity to further collaborate with industry partners at IBM iX, Dell Technologies, and the New England Aquarium, along with experts from Partners In Health and Bionic Project, Inc.

Mass STEM Hub also worked closely with high-quality STEM applied learning partners Innovative Learning Partners, PBLWorks, Project Lead The Way, and ST Math to design each of the grade-level prompts.

“The projects submitted for the STEM Week Challenge reinforce how effective applied learning is when it comes to engaging students and driving authentic learning,” said Katherine Skrivan, Director of Mass STEM Hub. “We’re proud of all the students who took their learning to the next level by submitting their projects for review and feedback by STEM professionals.”

Industry feedback and engagement is a critical component of the STEM Week Challenge. More than 200 volunteers across 61 companies participated by reviewing projects and giving tailored feedback.

In the industry review of EHS’s winning project, a Boston-based civil engineer congratulated the students on their ingenuity and wrote, “this app goes above and beyond the task of contact tracing, devising a comprehensive view of how to flatten the curve. I

would absolutely download this app and feel confident that my community would be safer as a result.”

Kirnon said they didn’t expect to win at all, but simply wanted to solve a problem in the community – that being easily accessible information to the pandemic crisis in Everett.

“Alyssa, Breetika, and I didn’t expect to get first place,” said Kirnon. “It was very shocking given the circumstances of being online for the school year. The best part of the project is that our group had good chemistry and good work ethic.”

K-12 schools across Massachusetts can continue to participate in the STEM Week Challenge and submit projects for industry feedback through November 25. To learn more about the STEM Week Challenge and other hands-on learning experiences offered by Mass STEM Hub, visit mass-stemhub.org.

CRIGHTON
HONORED FOR
WORK

LYNN - The Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (MHSA) announced that it will honor Senator Brendan P. Crighton (D – Third Essex District) for his commitment to providing comprehensive housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Senator Crighton will receive the “Canon Brian S. Kelley Public Servant Award” at the 2020 MHSA Annual Meeting, which will be held virtually on December 10, at 9 a.m.

The award is named in honor of Canon Brian S. Kelley, a longtime advocate committed to ending homelessness through his tireless work at Boston’s Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

“While Senator Crighton has always been a leader in addressing the issue of homelessness, he stepped up in a big way from the outset of the pandemic,” said MHSA President & Executive Director Joe Finn. “Senator Crighton recognized the impact that COVID-19 would have on people experiencing homelessness and, in his role as Chair of the Joint

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Committee on Housing, ensured that the needs of those living in permanent supportive housing did not go unnoticed.”

“I am humbled to receive the Canon Brian S. Kelley Public Servant Award,” said Senator Crighton. “It has been an absolute honor to work with Joe Finn and the outstanding staff at the Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance. Their decades of commitment and dedicated service assisting people who are experiencing homelessness are truly remarkable. COVID-19 has had devastating effects on housing-insecure families and individuals throughout the Commonwealth. MHSA works to meet people where they are, to maintain and recognize their dignity and to help them get back on their feet. I am proud to call them a partner and I am deeply moved and greatly appreciate this recognition.”

Elected to the State Senate in 2018, Senator Crighton represents the Third Essex District, serving the City of Lynn and Towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant, Saugus and Swampscott. As Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, Senator Crighton advocates for legislation and programs that prevent homelessness, promote housing affordability, incentivize transit-oriented development, and help build diverse housing stock.

More information about the MHSA Annual Meeting is available at <https://www.mhsa.net/AM2020> or by contacting Meg Hoffman Calleja at mcalleja@mhsa.net.

The Massachusetts Housing & Shelter Alliance (MHSA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending homelessness in Massachusetts. Through advocacy, collaboration, education, and innovative program development, MHSA focuses on evidence-based solutions that reduce public reliance on emergency resources and prioritize access to stable housing

and individualized support services. MHSA draws on the on-the-ground experience of its 89 member agencies from across Massachusetts to inform its advocacy and program development. MHSA’s unique position as an intermediary between public agencies and homeless service providers enables it to create solutions to homelessness that have the greatest impact. For more information, please visit www.mhsa.net.

ART COMMISSION DISCUSSED

REVERE - Revere Project Manager Elle Baker appeared at the City Council last week to speak on behalf of Mayor Brian Arrigo’s request to establish a five-member Public Art Commission. The Council enthusiastically embraced the idea.

Baker opened the discussion by terming the Mayor’s proposal “an exciting opportunity for our community to embrace art.”

Baker said that creating a Public Art Commission would give the city an opportunity to elevate and promote public

within the community of Revere. “In a lot of the public art initiatives, there are many layers and a myriad of steps that go from the idea of a public art project, from either the city’s side or the artist’s side, all the way to implementation including a lot of public spaces where we have to go through a permitting process,” Baker told the Council.

Baker said forming a team to assist artists and the city to navigate through the process will give artists a connection to the city and help with the advocating of new projects.

“It [the Public Art Commission] will help spearhead funding and grant-funding sources and essentially it will expedite more public art that will help to brighten the city,” said Baker.

The new Revere Public Art Commission would

consist of five members, with the capacity for two additional members. The first order of business would be to establish what the Commission’s roles and responsibilities will be.

Ward 6 Richard Serino said the Public Art Commission was “a great idea and I look forward to supporting it.”

“I think more public art will certainly help to beautify our city even more than it already is,” said Serino.

Ward 1 Councilor Joanne McKenna said the establishment of a Public Art Commission was “long overdue.”

“I know we talked about this four years ago with the Mayor when we were putting up the development,” said McKenna. “I think it’s a wonderful idea and thank you for initiating it.”

Council President Patrick Keefe also spoke in favor of the new Commission.

“We’re such a vibrant city and we already have some really nice art and cultural projects happening throughout the city, but certainly not enough,” said Keefe. “I think this Commission will help reinvigorate that effort and I’m very happy and excited for you to put this forth. I look forward to having this come to fruition.”

The Council will further discuss the establishment of a Public Art Commission at a public hearing on Dec. 7.

SELEVITCH HONORED FOR WORK

REVERE - Robert Selevitch has had a distinguished career in the field of private investigation for 40 years. He has worked on some of the state’s most high-profile cases.

Selevitch was honored in a ceremony on Nov. 17 with the Massachusetts Innocence Program’s Committee for Public Counsel Services’ prestigious “Investigator Award” for outstanding investigative service.

Lisa M. Kavanaugh,

director of the Innocence Program, lauded Selevitch’s excellent work for the agency and his overall professionalism while investigating cases and helping people.

“Rob has been an integral member of the Innocence Program team for many years,” said Kavanaugh. “His investigative work on two cases in particular was absolutely integral to our success in convincing the DA in both cases to assent to our motions for a new trial and to the dismissal of the charges. Thank you, Rob, for all you do.”

The two individuals whom Selevitch assisted had been incarcerated for 38 and 41 years respectively.

“It was very gratifying to help these men,” said Selevitch. “I know I have a purpose in life.”

Selevitch described the award recognition as “one of the highlights of my career.”

Selevitch, 66, worked in the investigation unit for the U.S. military and later for the Department of the Defense before starting his own private investigation firm.

A lifelong Revere resident and 1972 graduate of Revere High School, Selevitch has two children, Sara Selevitch and Steven Selevitch. Sara is a graduate of Emerson College and holds a Master of Fine Arts from California Institute of Art. She is a writer. Steven is a graduate of Syracuse University and works for BNY Mellon.

“I have two great kids who are really doing well,” said Selevitch. “The Revere Public School did very well for my kids.”

Following is the text of Robert Selevitch’s award acceptance speech:

Thank you, Richard. Thank you for the kind words. the first thing I want to say is how honored I am to be here tonight receiving this award. I know there are many incredibly talented and dedicated criminal defense investigators across the state, any number of whom have done things worthy of

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this award.

I also want to talk briefly about the job Richard Slowe has done as the chief investigator of the public defender division. While many indigent defendants have never heard the name Richard Slowe, many owe him a debt of gratitude. As chief investigator Richard Slowe has advocated for and developed training programs and initiated best practice protocols that have elevated the performance of every criminal defense investigator in the state. The improved skill set of the investigators has a direct correlation to better outcomes for our clients. Thank you Richard for your leadership. It all ties together.

I have been blessed to work with incredible lawyers throughout my career, both as a private investigator in Massachusetts and while working at Committee for Public Counsel Services. The attorneys were all different in the way they approached their jobs, but the one thing the great ones all have is a determination to get it right...to give every client the opportunity for a fair trial, often in the face of daunting odds.

I work in two separate and distinct divisions within CPCS. I am the staff investigator for the Middlesex County Trial Unit where I investigate serious felonies for public defenders in Middlesex County. I am also a regional supervising investigator where I supervise 11 criminal defense investigators in Boston, Roxbury, Lawrence, Lowell, and Framingham for the public defender division.

For the past several years I have also been the lead investigator for the Innocence program for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts where I work with with an incredibly talented and dedicated group of legal professionals who fight injustice every day.

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Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic the population served by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center had a food insecurity rate of 50 percent.

The virus outbreak has put more and more people at risk of being food insecure as many residents lose jobs or experience a reduction in income.

The distribution ensured many Eastie families did not go without a Thanksgiving Day dinner this holiday.



EBNHC staff unload the delivery of meals for distribution last Monday--ahead of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.



The Health Center’s Community Resource & Wellness Center team packs up deliveries to be distributed around the neighborhood.



The Health Center partnered with the American Red Cross for the event. The virus outbreak has put more and more people at risk of being food insecure as many residents lose jobs or experience a reduction in income. Shown left, staff and volunteers begin handing out turkey dinners to residents.



Shown above, the Health Center’s Community Resource & Wellness Center team awaits the arrival of residents that will come pick up a dinner.



Staff and volunteers unload pallets of food with the help of the American Red Cross.



The event helped hundreds of residents have a proper meal for the holiday.



Inside the Health Center’s Community Resource & Wellness Center hundreds of meals were packaged for distribution.



For several hours last Monday residents lined up to pick up their holiday meals.



A Health Center Community Resource & Wellness Center staff member works the front door and hands off a pre-packaged dinner.

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A decorated Christmas tree with red and white ornaments and a red bow at the top. Several wrapped gifts in red and white paper are placed at the base of the tree.