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Happy
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Baker-Polito administration announces \$668 million small business relief package

Special to the Times-Free Press

Last week, the Baker-Polito Administration launched a \$668 million program to provide financial assistance to Massachusetts small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The program in part relies on the pending federal COVID-19 relief bill recently passed by Congress. Regardless of the developments at the federal level, the Baker-Polito Administration will start releasing millions in new funding to restaurants, retailers, and other small businesses throughout the Commonwealth as soon as this week.

Earlier this week, the Administration announced nearly \$49 million in grants through the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) COVID-19 Small Business Program to support over 1,158 small businesses. More than 10,000 applicants had sought relief in this grant round.

Additional grants will be made available to eligible small businesses through MGCC. The Small Business Grant Program was established in the fall, and currently has a pool of eligible applicants awaiting funding. This

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Pictured (left to right) Manny Lopes, President and CEO, Dr. Jackie Fantes, Chief Medical Officer and Family Medicine Doctor, Morgan Brister, Nurse for South End Community Health Center, Dr. Mothusi Chilume, Family Medicine Director, Karina Mendoza, Nurse, Testing, Dr. Jaime Gallegos-Salazar, Infectious Disease Director and Adult Medicine Doctor, and Courtney Senechal, Employee Health Nurse Manager.

Right, Dr. Jaime Gallegos-Salazar – the first of EBNHC staff to receive the vaccine.



COVID-19 vaccines arrive in Eastie for EBNHC workers

By John Lynds

Last Monday front-line healthcare workers at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center breathed a collective sigh of relief as they became some of the first in the state to be vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

EBNHC medical staff received and administered the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to its staff Monday morning shortly after it arrived at the Health Center.

EBNHC's infectious

Disease Director and Adult Medicine Doctor, Dr. Jaime Gallegos-Salazar, MD, was the first of EBNHC staff to receive the vaccine as the Health Center's management team looked on. He held a sign reading "Take that, COVID" as he was vaccinated.

"It felt good," said Dr. Jaime Gallegos, EBNHC registered nurse Karina Mendoza, who was also one of the first at the Health Center to get vaccinated said, "It's amazing, overwhelming. It's been a long fight and

now that we have the vaccine it's a great feeling."

EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes said EBNHC will continue to vaccinate its staff beginning with those in the front lines treating COVID-19 patients and other clinical staff most at risk and hope to proceed with other staff as they receive more vaccines. EBNHC is preparing for what it will take to vaccinate those most at risk in the community once the state enters into that phase of the vac-

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Hot meals

Salesian Boys & Girls Club dinner program is a success

By John Lynds

Back in February before COVID, the Shah Family Foundation (SFF) partnered with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club to revamp the club's kitchen.

The SFF outfitted the Boys & Girls Club's kitchen on Byron Street with Welbilt ovens that can not only reheat, but cook and steam fresh foods. At the time, the Boys & Girls Club served more than 130 meals at the club each day the new kitchen allowed the Salesian to prepare hot, freshly cooked meals.

An added bonus was the meals were being prepared daily by Cunard's Executive Chef and former Boys & Girls member Anthony Pino.

However, the pandem-

ic cut down the Salesian afterschool and annual summer camp enrollment numbers in order to safely practice social distancing.

While the Boys & Girls Club may not be serving 130 meals in house as the pandemic continues, they are still able to feed all club members thanks to a recent Boston Resiliency Fund grant.

The Boys & Girls Club received the grant from the Boston Resiliency Fund to run a ten-week dinner program for club members and their families to enjoy at home.

A hot nutritious delicious meal is prepared by Pino on Wednesday evening to help families prevent food insecurity.

"Since the Club was

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Members of the Salesian Boys & Girls Club's After School program helping to prepare bags with pasta, sauce, hams, vegetables, etc. for families to enjoy over the holidays. Funding made possible by a Boston Resiliency Fund grant.

2020 PERSONS OF THE YEAR

Rita Lara, East Boston Times Woman of the Year

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit many leaders in the nonprofit sector took on roles in the community that they could have never imagined.

Executive Director of Maverick Landing Community Services Rita Lara was one of these leaders that has been tested in every way imaginable.

Lara's work with the low-income and immigrant-service nonprofit

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Rita Lara

Joseph Ruggiero III, East Boston Times Man of the Year

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck in mid-March industries all over East Boston, the city, state and nation were turned upside down.

One industry that was called upon as the pandemic spread across the neighborhood was the funeral home business.

When deaths from COVID began to soar in the spring Ruggiero Family Memorial Home Funer-

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closed for the holidays, bags of food were provided so families would not be without a meal last Wednesday evening along with extras to help families prepare for their holiday meal,” said Salesian Executive Director Michael Triant. “The food packages were made available with funds provided from the Boston Resiliency Grant. We are sincerely grateful to the Boston Resiliency fund for their hard work and generosity in providing

Pino said he will go to the club each Wednesday before heading to his regular shop at the Cunard at

"I grew up going to and working at the Salesian in high school and college," said Pino. "It's pretty cool being back in the building a few hours a week and seeing the smiles on the kids' faces again."

Throughout the pandemic, Ruggiero has seen it all. Young men struck

For all those who claimed the pandemic was overblown it was all too real for Ruggiero and his staff at the funeral home.

Recently, Ruggiero and the Funeral Home sponsored a toy drive in honor of the late Peter Felt. The toys were collected at the funeral home and distributed to nonprofits and agencies that help East Boston Families and children during the Holiday Season.

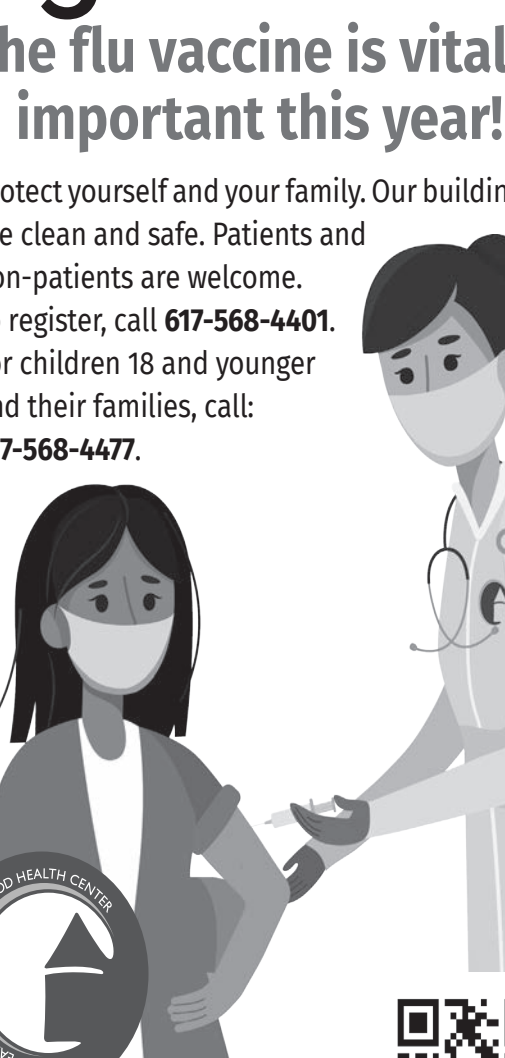
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Please join Boston Planning & Development planning and zoning staff for a virtual meeting to review the draft Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay, which will provide new zoning definitions, dimensional and use standards for development projects to promote resilient design and better prepare new and existing buildings for future coastal storms and sea level rise. The meeting will include a presentation of the draft zoning article and updates to existing zoning, followed by Q&A and comments.

The same presentation and content will be covered at the meetings on January 13th and 15th. We will take comments on the draft Resilience Zoning Overlay until Friday, February 12th.

Translation and interpretation services can be made available upon request by reaching out to chris.busch@boston.gov at least a week in advance of the meeting.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

New School Committee chair leans on experience with youth in new role

By Seth Daniel

Alexandra Oliver-Davila often tells the youth at the non-profit she leads in Mission Hill to be careful about what they say, because quite often it could come true.

That is the case for Oliver-Davila, who – as a consultant 21 years ago – said she would like to lead that organization due to her deep respect for the work they do with young LatinX youth. So it happened – and to her great happiness – that soon enough she was tapped to get that exact position she talked so much about wanting.

Part of that love she said is that the job has been a time for her to heal. Growing up in New York and Brookline – attending a private school on scholarship that wasn’t very diverse at the time – she said her Latin culture wasn’t celebrated and she experienced racism for the first time in Boston. Coming to Sociedad Latina, the organization she leads, began to reverse those experiences.

“Coming here as a girl and not speaking English, I was the only one in my classroom,” she said. “One little girl spoke Spanish and she was my translator and she was so annoyed by that. I felt like such a burden. It wasn’t easy. Having that lens for our ELL students, I definitely felt it. I didn’t feel my language and culture were assets. I felt the opposite. Part of working at Sociedad Latina...is like a personal healing. It helped me to heal my soul.”

For the past four years, that journey has also included being a member of the Boston School Committee, shouldering the role of community organizer and public official often in the same sentence. Her role there, however, changed dramatically last month when former Chair Michael Loconto made insensitive remarks to some Asian American parents and ended up resigning. Last month, Oliver-Davila was unanimously elected by her peers to be the new chair, and she said that new role will be a continuation of that healing and learning journey.

“We really want to learn from the incident that happened,” she said. “That’s one thing I really want to make sure we do – that we’re really cognizant. I had a great working relationship with Michael Loconto and stand by all my statements...However, his words were hurtful and I would love to use this as a learning experience. We plan to work with the Director of Equity and students in BPS and treat this like a learning journey.”

She said the healing will begin with retreats this month, and professional development to better understand what happened and to truly become an anti-racist board. She said she is ready to lead the Committee to that new place.

“We talk a lot about equity and we want to now go beyond equity and learn what that might look like,” she said.

COMING OF AGE IN BOSTON

Oliver-Davila, 52, is of



As School Committee chair, and also a community youth organizer for years, Alexandra Oliver-Davila said her job working with young people absolutely informs the decisions she makes on the Committee. She said she gets the “real deal” from the kids she works with.

Nicaraguan and Argentinian heritage, but was born in New York. That said, she lived her first years in Mexico and Argentina before returning to New York. She moved to the Boston area in middle school and settled in South Brookline. She said she was very fortunate to have earned a scholarship to Brimmer & May School, where she excelled academically and then went on to Emmanuel College.

Her first work experiences in Boston were for the late State Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald, who represented Mission Hill but was well-known in Charlestown too. She worked in his office and got a foothold in the Boston network through his help.

She said working on the School Committee, she has learned important lessons about both sides of the podium – that of advocate and that of pub-

lic official. It has not been an easy shift, she said, noting that as an advocate you want to do everything, but as an official decision maker, you understand there are finite resources and so many consequences to consider.

“Being on the School Committee side is tough because you want to do everything people ask you to do, but with finite resources, you can’t,” she said, noting that one has to consider a good decision for some could be a bad decision for others.

At the same time, her community organizing with young people provides very real and ground-level information that she said she often uses to inform her positions.

“My job is very informed by the youth I work with,” she said. “I get the real deal, on the ground information from them. That’s helpful. We

can forget what it’s like to be a young person.”

A NEW CHAIR, SOME NEW CHANGES

Oliver-Davila brings a diverse voice to the chair of the School Committee, though it was recently learned she is not the first Latina to chair the Committee (apparently former Chair Elizabeth Reilinger had a Cuban heritage and served in the early 2000s). But Oliver-Davila also brings the perspective of a parent (she has one daughter) and a former English Language Learner (ELL) student who came to the United States without knowing English.

With that will be some changes, first of all with the value put on language and culture – those being assets in a global economy and not deficits to overcome.

“It’s so important when young people really feel their language, culture, race and ethnicity are seen as an asset,” she said. “We’re living in a global world and economy. It’s a no-brainer. You’re bringing something of value to the table.”

She also wants to focus in on issues, and bring the meetings into check. Some of the meetings over the years, and especially under the COVID Zoom era, have lasted more than seven hours and into the next day. She said one thing she’d like to see is the Committee identify a few goals and work on those things routinely so they can be accountable.

“We cover a lot of things on the School Committee and everything seems urgent and import-

ant,” she said. “But it does feel watered down to me because we’re all over the place. We need to focus on one or two things in year one and have a long-term plan. It helps us to be more grounded.”

And naturally, the topic du jour for the Committee is the remote-only learning situation that has been in place since September, with a vast majority of students and teachers trying to conduct school from home via online resources. It has been challenging, she admitted, as the parent of an 11-year-old daughter who is doing remote learning. But she also said she believes the district has done a much-improved job since the emergency learning that took place last spring.

She said getting the technology out to students has been done very well, and having a consistent schedule with teachers on screen is a vast improvement. However, she also said she knows many students and parents want to be back in buildings learning in person.

“I truly understand people’s frustration and truly get it as a parent,” she said.

“I think everybody wants to be back,” she continued. “That’s our goal to be back. It’s going to have to be slow and making sure everything is safe. But I understand and am very aware...I understand parent frustrations.”

Oliver-Davila was re-appointed to the Committee this past January, and will serve the next year as the chair.

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-MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH



COVID positive test rate creeps to nearly 30 percent Eastie

By John Lynds

Last week the COVID-19 positive test rate in Eastie crept to nearly 30 percent and Mayor Martin Walsh said there's still a long way to go in this worldwide crisis.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), Eastie residents testing positive for COVID last week increased 10.4 percent and nearly three out of every 10 residents are testing positive for the virus.

Of the 29,108 Eastie residents tested for COVID 29.6 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus, a 10.4 percent increase from the 26.9 percent reported two Fridays ago. Eastie still has the highest positive test rate in all of Boston. Last week 2,796 residents were tested and 12.8 percent were positive.

The citywide 36,332 residents were tested and 7.3 percent were COVID positive.

Overall since the pandemic began 16.3 percent of Eastie residents here have been found to be positive.

Governor Charlie Baker announced a 25 percent capacity limit for most industries. These restrictions went into effect on Saturday, December 26 and will last until January

10.

At his daily press briefing Mayor Walsh reminded resident that on December 16, Boston moved back into a modified Phase 2, Step 2 of reopening, for at least three weeks.

"We are also going to be following the State's rollback on capacity but that does not change the industries temporarily closed to in-person use in Boston," said Walsh. "Museums, movie theaters, gyms, etc. will not reopen to in-person use until at least January 6."

Walsh said on Saturday, in accordance with the State's new restrictions, restaurants, close contact personal services, places of worship, indoor golf facilities, and retail businesses in Boston will be reduced to 25 percent capacity. Office spaces will be reduced from 40 percent to 25 percent as well.

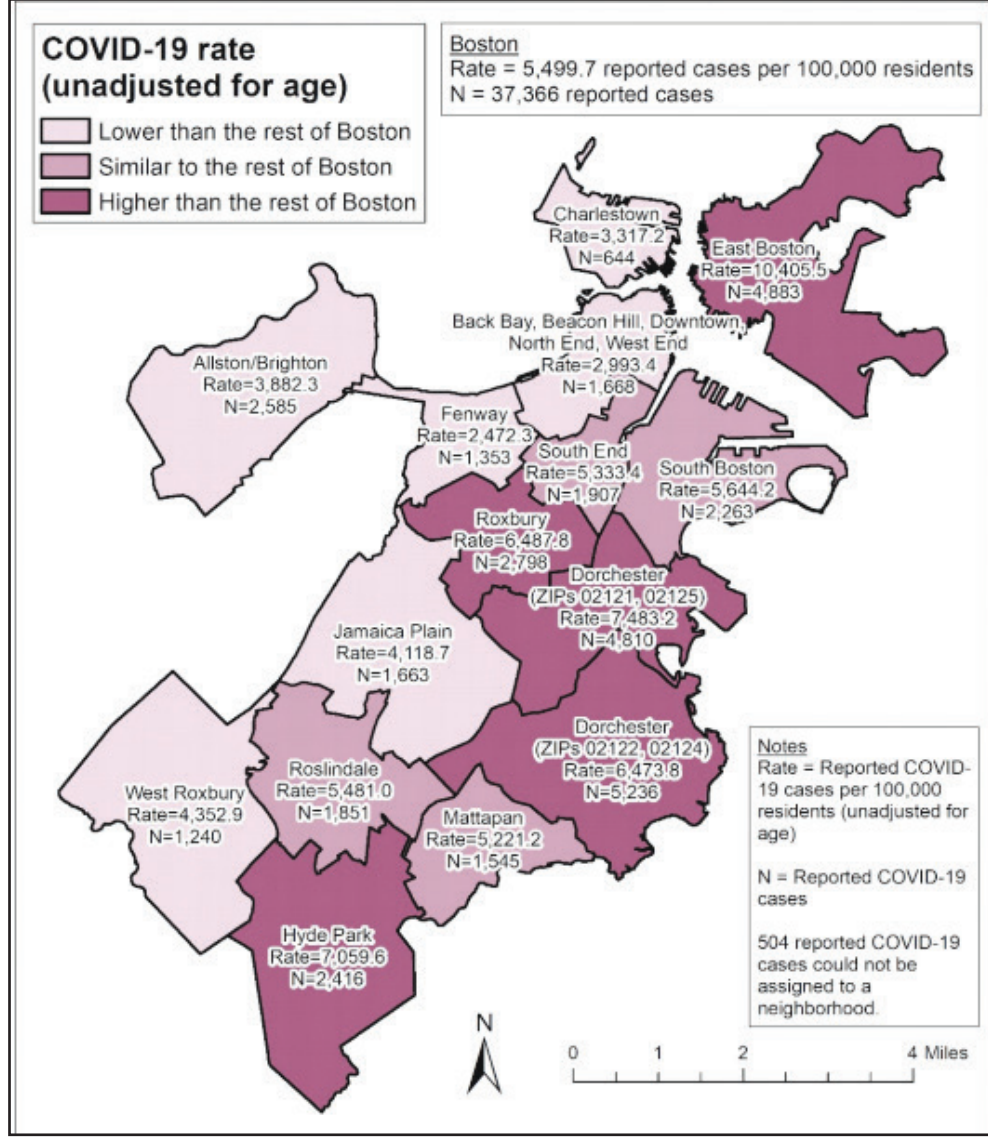
The Mayor reminded everyone that the goal of these rollbacks is to slow the spread of the virus now, so the city can avoid a more severe shutdown later.

"We still have a long way to go in this crisis. But we have turned a corner in this pandemic. And we have reasons to be optimistic," said Walsh. "The vaccine is rolling out. Every day, people are getting vaccinated -- in-

cluding right here in Boston. When the time comes, I ask everyone to follow the lead of our health care heroes and medical experts and take the vaccine. It's another act that we can all take as individuals to protect our families, and ourselves and bring our community safely through this crisis. We are finally at a point where we feel like we have fewer days ahead of us in this virus, than we do behind us. And while we don't know exactly when this pandemic will end, we know that better days are coming. So I am asking everyone to hang in there. Take care of yourself, and look out for one another. Listen to the public health officials and keep doing your part to stay safe and protect those around you. We will get through this difficult time, if we all continue to work together."

Eastie's infection rate rose by 6.5 percent according to the data released by the BPHC last Friday. Eastie's COVID infection rate went from 977 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,040.5 cases per 10,000 residents. The citywide average is 549.9 cases per 10,000 residents and Eastie still has the highest infection rates in all of Boston.

An additional 298 Eastie residents contracted the



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

virus and there are now 4,883 confirmed cases, up from the 4,585 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 6.1 percent percent last week and went from 35,201 cases to 37,366 confirmed cases in a week. Twenty-two more Boston residents died from the virus and there are now 988 total deaths in the city from COVID.

DA Rollins invites high school students to apply for paid internship in memory of fallen prosecutor

In memory of Suffolk prosecutor Paul McLaughlin, and in honor of his commitment to using the law as a means to improve the communities he served, District Attorney Rachael Rollins has created the Paul R. McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship and invited high school students in their junior year from Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop to apply.

"I never had the privilege of working with Paul, but more than 25 years after his murder, his passion for justice and second chances still stand as an inspiration to all of us.

This scholarship opportunity is one way that we can continue the work that Paul dedicated his life to," District Attorney Rollins said. "He saw the role of the prosecutor as more than just holding individuals accountable for their actions. He knew that serving the community means engaging with the community not just on the worst days of their lives, but every day; not just in courtrooms, but in neighborhoods."

Beginning in the Summer of 2021, McLaughlin Scholars will have the opportunity to join District Attorney Rollins' office

for a two-month, paid internship. The program pairs each student with a mentor within the office and allows the Scholars to work alongside SCD-AO staff. Scholars will be immersed in one of five internship focus areas: Public Policy and Strategy, Community Affairs and Relationships, Child Protection and Advocacy, Neighborhood Safety and Strategic Prosecutions, and an Executive Team placement.

This office's relationship with the McLaughlin Scholars will continue well after their internship ends. Upon acceptance

into college, the Scholars will receive financial assistance toward their higher education.

"Paul's legacy lives on in the work that we are doing here at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, at the Dorchester youth center that bears his name, and now with the McLaughlin Scholarship. This fund will help the next generation of aspiring civic leaders achieve the education necessary to continue the work that Paul committed his life to. Paul's work continues through all of us, and with this scholarship fund, we're able to

ensure that his work continues for generations," District Attorney Rollins said. "We've reached out to our partners at Suffolk County high schools and the community nonprofits we work with to spread the word about this high school scholarship opportunity. We also made sure that our partners at the Department of Youth Services are aware of this opportunity. I encourage all youth to apply for the Scholarship, regardless of their interactions with the criminal legal system. I want to ensure that eligible young people in every neighborhood my

office serves are able to apply for this opportunity. It is my hope that our pool of applicants reflects the diverse backgrounds and experiences of our community, as well as the commitment to service that Paul's legacy embodies."

The deadline for applications is February 5, 2021. An online information session will take place on January 6, 2021. For more information or to apply for the Paul R. McLaughlin Scholarship, please visit suffolkdistrictattorney.com/scholarship.

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throughout the pandemic to create equity for Eastie residents devastated by loss of income and food insecurity due COVID was unmatched.

For this Rita Lara is the East Boston Times 2020 Woman of the Year.

With Eastie hit particularly hard by COVID with its high infection rates, Lara worked tirelessly to make sure residents struggling to pay their bills, rent, or put food on the table did not fall through the cracks.

Lara, who was the 2020 "We Are Boston Community Champion Award" recipient from Mayor Martin Walsh, was instrumental in helping coordinate community groups and mount a unified coronavirus response.

Throughout the pandemic Lara organized

a collaborative of East Boston organizations to provide relief and food to those in need, including those who do not qualify for any benefits.

Lara became a citywide symbol of how neighborhood collaboration played a vital role in the response to the COVID-19 crisis, here in Boston and all across the United States.

Lara fought tirelessly since last spring to protect the wellbeing, the rights, and the dignity of everyone who calls Eastie home.

Lara worked closely with not only local community groups to help struggling residents daily but also with the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA)

With the help of MOIA Lara was able to amplify the voice and represen-

tation for the immigrant community throughout the pandemic, which is one of Eastie's most vulnerable communities right now.

"We're struggling in ways that we have not seen before this moment in time," said Lara in November. "We've put community interests over anything else and we need to continue to do that. I'm really deeply grateful to all the people who give their heart and soul to creating a more socially and economically and racially just community, especially for immigrants, they are our bedrock."

When she was named a "We Are Boston Community Champion Award" recipient, MOIA's Director Yusufi Vali thanked Lara for helping families survive this pandemic.

Wishing you and your family

Happy New Year



Eastie’s Vinny Schettino featured in national boat magazine

By John Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident, Boston Police Officer and avid fisherman Vinny Schettino was recently featured in the latest edition of NauticStar Boats national online magazine.

Schettino, who lives in Orient Heights with his wife, Jessica, works as an officer out of Boston Police’s A-1 station, recently attained his captains license and is also a commercial fisherman in his offtime.

Schettino told the magazine that growing up on the ‘island’ of East Boston he was exposed at a very young age to one of one of the most unique urban fisheries in America.

“My grandfather used to take me out to the bridges and the piers around the city growing up,” Schettino told NauticStar. “Just really basic fishing, chucking bait, sitting there...hoping a striped bass or bluefish would swim by. A little later I started getting a lit-

tle more into surf casting and tried to take it to the next level.”

Schettino made the latest issue of NauticStar because he bought one of their more popular boats in 2017, a NauticStar 2302 Legacy--a boat he has used to fish everything from cod and haddock to striped bass, bluefish, and bluefin tuna from the harbor to Stellwagen Bank.

“My friends and I fish right under the planes landing and taking off at Logan Airport for striped bass and bluefish all the time,” he told NauticStar. “It’s a little bit of a hidden secret, it’s a great little spot. We fish from there all the way down to the south side of Cape Cod. I’ve trailered the boat down there and as far north as Gloucester, MA.”

Schettino said his three year old NauticStar is great for doing what’s called “Run and Gun style” fishing. According to fishingworld.com, the Run and Gun strategy entails fishing as many different spots as possible in

as little time as necessary. “We’ll throw in big lures and look for tuna jumping out of the water,” he said. “Bluefin swim pretty fast, so you’re going to try and catch up, get in front of them, make a perfect cast. You might be out for 10, 12 hours and only get one or two shots at them. It’s a really, really fun way of fishing.”

Schettino recently hauled in a 170-pound bluefin tuna in the fall.

Schettino said everything revolves around the water in Eastie and the online magazine concluded that he is the product of his environment--a seaman through and through.

“I love sharing the water with my family and friends,” Schettino said.

The publication said it’s stories like Schettino’s that mean everything to the company.

“We (NauticStar) build for these experiences that matter most to our boaters,” the company said in a statement. “They are the experiences that matter most to us.”



Vinny Schettino and his wife, Jessica, catching striped bass on their NauticStar 2302 Legacy.



Vinny Schettino recently hauled in a 170-pound bluefin tuna in the fall.



Eastie resident Boston Police Officer and avid fisherman Vinny Schettino catches a striped bass off the shores of Eastie.

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nation plan and eventually all patients EBNHC serves.

“This is a great moment,” said Lopes. “We have been waiting a long time for this. Our staff has been through a lot. Our community has been through a lot,”

This week the Baker-Polito Administration launched a COVID-19 vaccine dashboard to update the public on vaccine distribution and progress on a weekly basis. The dashboard will be posted every Thursday by 5 p.m. and will include information on vaccine supply distribution, administration and other data. The new dashboard can be found on the mass.gov/covidvaccine website.

So far the state has vaccinated just over 35,000 during the first wave of vaccinations last week.

“This vaccination dashboard report builds on the state’s ongoing efforts to publicly report out data and will help track the state’s vaccination efforts for COVID-19,” said Gov. Charlie Baker. “Currently, the Commonwealth produces one of the most comprehensive public data reports on COVID-19 in the nation and includes detailed municipal-level data, information on contact tracing, COVID-19 clusters and more.”

The state will roll out vaccines during a three phase approach that will take place between now

and April.

The first phase, which was kicked off last week, includes clinical and non-clinical health care workers doing direct and COVID-facing care. Most health care workers and first responders will be vaccinated at their place of employment. Individuals living and working in long term care will be vaccinated as part of the Federal Pharmacy Partnership Program.

Phase II will be between February and March 2021 and will include individuals with two or more conditions with a high risk for COVID-19 complications; other workers including early education, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, restaurant and cafe workers; employees across the food, beverages, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, and foodservice sectors; meatpackers; sanitation, public works and public health workers, vaccine development workers, food pantry workers, Uber/Lyft/ride-share services/pharmacy delivery drivers, workers in the passenger ground transportation industry; water and wastewater utility staff; and adults 65 and over.

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HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

The arrival of a new year marks a time for reflection, as to both the year that has passed and the year that lies ahead.

In the words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

*Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.*

To put it another way, we might ask ourselves, "Where have we been -- and where are we going?"

The latter question asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay to waste even the best-laid of our plans for the year to come.

Who among us imagined on December 31, 2019, that 2020 would bring a world-wide pandemic that already has killed more than 330,000 of our fellow Americans, devastated our economy, and directly impacted the lives of each and every one of us?

As bad as 2020 has been, we dread to contemplate what 2021 might have in store for us. There is no certainty that 2021 will be any better.

However, the former question is equally as tricky. Answering it requires both introspection and self-awareness, two qualities that typically are in short supply, even during a pandemic when most of us are house-bound for more hours of every day than we ever have experienced.

But trying to figure out the, "Why?" of what we have done with our lives is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the future.

As the philosopher said, if we do not learn from our mistakes, we are condemned to repeat them.

We do not pretend to have all (or any) of the answers, but we do know that in the difficult days ahead one thing is true: Each of us must step up to do our part to ensure the safety of ourselves, our loved ones, and everyone around us.

We all have a role to play in combating COVID-19 (by wearing masks, not gathering in large groups, and maintaining a physical distance from others wherever we may be) AND in helping those who desperately are in need of assistance because of the devastating economic effects of the pandemic.

Although a New Year is here, our problems are not magically going away.

We wish all of our readers a happy, safe, and healthy New Year.

K.C. JONES ALWAYS WAS FIRST-CLASS

For those of us who are old enough to remember the great Boston Celtics teams of the 1960s, the passing this week of K.C. Jones, an integral member of that championship dynasty, is bittersweet.

K.C. Jones led an incredible life, rising from his dirt-poor childhood to the very heights of athletic accomplishment, becoming one of only a handful of athletes to be a member of NCAA, Olympic, and professional basketball championship teams.

One of the most amazing facts about K.C. Jones is that after graduating from the University of San Francisco (where he was a teammate with Bill Russell) in 1956, he entered the U.S. Army for a two-year hitch before embarking on his career with the Celtics (who had made him their second draft pick in 1956) in 1958.

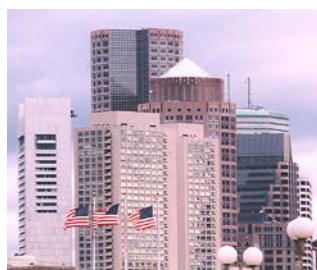
K.C. Jones epitomized the concept of a team player -- he was a leader in assists and always drew the toughest defensive assignment from the opposing team. His willingness to do whatever it took for the good of the team was a character trait that he later imbued in the great Celtics teams that he coached in the 1980s.

K.C. Jones exuded a quiet confidence. He let his actions on the court, both as a player and as a coach, speak for themselves with no need for the sort of self-aggrandizement and hyperbole that is typical among athletes today.

We found it hard to believe that K.C. Jones was 88 years old at his passing -- it makes us realize the truth of the axiom, "Time flies."

K.C. Jones will be remembered as a wonderful athlete, coach, and role-model. He was a first-class person in everything he did, both on and off the court.

May he rest in peace.



Forum



~ HAPPY NEW YEAR ~

GUEST OP-ED

Decisions for 2021

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

2021 is here, and will it be just another year? If it's just another year then that won't be bad at all because too many will not have another year. The opportunity and privilege to have another year is the gift of life. Being alive and living your life is about as good as it gets. Aim for being alive this time next year.

Make some decisions about 2021. Where do you want to be this time in 12 months? Would you like to be ten pounds heavier? Maybe you would like to be ten or twenty pounds lighter? If you cut back on your portions and get off the couch you can lose a pound a week on average. This is daunting but just think about where you can be the first of March if you start today? Don't start tomorrow. Start right now. Today. This minute. Throw all that junk cake and pie in the trash. This is a tough decision because

we hate to say goodbye to all those holiday cookies and candies. Your body will thank you and you will feel so much better very soon.

Decide about financial habits. Millions of Americans carry credit card debt. Minimum payments on \$3,000 of credit card debt is like swimming up river. If you have missed a few payments your credit card company may be anxious to hear from you. Ask them if they will consider a settlement payoff. A friend of mine owed \$5,000 and his credit card company settled for a \$2800 payoff. Your company might or might not but it never hurts to negotiate. You might be able to sell some things in order to erase that back breaking high interest debt.

Make some money in 2021 - if you want to. Most Americans need to make money in 2021. Work on job applications. Peruse the newspaper. Search on-

line. Consider places you have heard about and call them, go see them. Knock on doors of opportunity. You get nowhere if you do not try. You might complete 20 or 30 applications to get one job interview. Complete the application thoroughly. Give them a reason to consider you. Put together a good biographical sketch, resume. Have a friend or two to review and edit because two heads are better than one. Have some good trusted references. Wherever you work do a good job because you want them to say a good word about you. A good word may seal the deal on your next job opportunity.

Jobs sometimes are scarce. Consider your personal knowledge and abilities and what might you do to make a dollar or two? What do you know that others need to know? What can you offer that others need or might want? Can you make something?

Can you fix things? How can you help others? Creating your own life and business might be the financial and mental sanity answer for you. If you create your own work and are good at what you do, you will not run out of something to do.

Our decisions determine our destiny. Whatever decision we make we have to put into action. Faith without works is dead. May your life be good, healthy and filled with wonderful love, family and friends in 2021. Let's work together for a good year.

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

News in Brief

JANUARY 2021 HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association, (HVNA), will be on January 4, 2021 at 6 p.m. Please note this meeting will be presented in English and Spanish for our Harbor View residents. The meeting will be on 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)

175 Wordsworth Street, second Presentation and vote. Attorney Derrick Small for owner Robles Brothers, LLC. Rehab existing 3 Unit dwelling, extend living space into the basement and rebuild the porches. (15min)

80-84 Moore Street,

1st Presentation. Attorney Richard Lynds for Trichilo Development, LLC. Demolish the existing two family home and erect a 4 story, 9 Unit housing complex with parking. (30min).

As stated above this

meeting will be presented in English and Spanish for our Harbor View residents.

The next meeting will be on February 1, 2021.

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

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHELSEA NURSE GETS COVID-19 VACCINE

CHELSEA - When Belza Betancur went into work last week, she had no idea she would make history as one of the first people in the country – and the first in the MGH system – to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

On Wednesday morning, as a priority health care workers in direct contact with COVID-19 patients for months, the Chelsea resident volunteered to be the first and got her first-round vaccination at the hospital during her shift. It was a moment for her that seemed long-awaited, but soon the historic nature of it began to dawn on her.

“At Mass General, they have a lot of diversity, so they wanted someone that represented the Latino population specifically because we’ve had probably 70 percent of our patients that are of Latin background,” she said. “I wasn’t expecting it at all, but I was humbled and thrilled...It was a big moment. I don’t know if I still understand the full impact yet of it being history, but I was honored because of all we’ve gone through. It is history. We’ve had pandemics before, but maybe not to this extent...I feel I now have a responsibility to make sure people do get vaccinated and give us a chance to end this. We all need to get back to a normal life. It was a historic moment, and I feel that way about it too.”

For Betancur and her co-workers at the Blake 12 ICU unit at Mass General’s main campus, the vaccine could not come soon enough as they have spent the last 10 months caring for COVID-19 patients to the best of their ability. The challenges were monumental, but it was something she said she signed up for.

“This is what we signed up for,” she said, noting that she also cared for several injured people in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing in 2014. “I care a lot about people’s health and doing my best for them. It has been very challenging... With me, since all this happened, I have a headache every day when I come home from work. It comes with the job and

it’s okay because at the end you see patients recover and you hear good news and they send you pictures. It makes you encouraged and we feel it’s all worth it.”

Betancur came to Chelsea from Colombia, and got an Associates’ Degree in nursing from Northern Essex Community College. Then, while working at various medical facilities, she graduated from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. After stints at Elliot Hospital in New Hampshire, and at Beth Israel Hospital, she began working in the ICU at Blake 12 in 2012.

When the pandemic hit last spring, Betancur said they often felt like they were in the bowels of the Titanic being thrown back and forth. She recalls April 11 as one of the most difficult days. On that day, they had to set up an expanded, temporary ICU unit. All of the equipment was there, but it wasn’t the same and became very difficult to take care of the surge of patients. It was at that time they were no longer just taking care of one patient, but two at a time.

Or there was the time when a man from the community showed up early in the pandemic sick with COVID after having been required to go to work cleaning an office building.

“One of his co-workers had COVID-19 because they were cleaning buildings and he couldn’t miss work and then he got COVID-19,” she said. “He ended up in the (ICU). People had to go out there and go to work and no one knew about the protocols we know about now. I wish we had known the things we know now in the beginning of all this.”

And so it is why Betancur and all of her colleagues have been waiting for the day the vaccine arrived, and why she jumped at being the first person vaccinated. She said she is confused by the skepticism in Chelsea, and said people need to educate themselves about it and make an informed decision based on the science and not hearsay.

“I’m surprised by that and it makes me sad,” she said. “We were looking forward to this vaccine coming since it started. I feel like the more you know about the vaccine, the more at ease you feel

about it. I was nervous at one point, but I educated myself on it and read three or four articles and understood what the science was behind it. I worried it was made so quickly, but now I understand it... They have been working on this type of vaccine for decades. It just so happens we are now using that technology for the virus.”

Betancur reiterated that she not only felt the history of the moment, but also feels the weight of convincing others in Chelsea to get the vaccine if they might be skeptical – or simply just to put them at ease.

She said she will get the second “booster” shot in about 21 days, and they say it takes three weeks to build up full immunity. Still, she will take the precautions that she has been taking for the past 10 months. Until about 70 to 80 percent of the population is fully vaccinated, it is suggested that people continue to wear masks and follow the safety protocols. She will do that, but said she looks forward to a day when people don’t have to wear masks in Chelsea – when you can go into a restaurant on Broadway at ease and without being six feet apart.

“Imagine the day we don’t have to wear masks?” she said. “It is the right thing to do right now. You have to protect yourself, and by doing that you’re protecting others too. In my case, I thought more about the community and protecting my patients as well.”

ZONING CHANGES COMES TO COUNCIL

CHELSEA - A major zoning package with wide-ranging changes from Prattville to downtown Chelsea cleared the Planning Board last week, and will head to the City Council at the beginning of next year for consideration.

The package passed muster with the Planning Board last Tuesday, Dec. 15, except for one piece from the Administration which sought to create a parking district downtown.

One of the more heralded changes was proposed by Council President Roy Avellaneda to the zoning

in Prattville on the Parkway. That zoning change seeks to alter the existing zoning, which is a residential district in what is mostly commercial businesses on the highway (Rt. 16).

Avellaneda said he sees his proposal as tidying up something that should have been done long ago. Because every commercial use there is non-conforming due to the residential zoning, everyone has to go through a process just to locate there.

Avellaneda said that leads to vacant buildings and unreasonable expectations.

“This is the third one I’ve done and the fourth zoning change I’ve proposed in four years,” he said. “this is the third rezone change I’ve advocated for in terms of business uses...The reasons behind this one is simple. The zoning doesn’t allow for what exists there. In a couple of corner storefronts, they are left vacant because they lost the ability to transfer a non-conforming use to another non-conforming use. By properly zoning this for what they have there – which is retail businesses – we’re allowing that to happen.”

He said the owners of the popular Tombo 22 Restaurant on the Parkway had troubles opening up because of this, and the old bottling plant cannot find a tenant and was just rejected by the Planning Board for a church.

“The zoning makes no sense,” he said. “No one down there will take down a convenience store and build and single-family home and live on Rt. 16. No one is going to knock down the rug store and build a two-family.”

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said he agrees with the change, but pointed out his administration did not suggest it.

“I think it makes sense that area, which is commercial in nature, ought to have some commercial zone,” he said. “We’ve never pressed too hard in the past because of neighborhood concerns.”

Some of the other zoning changes offered by the administration are more far reaching.

•Two high-profile changes recommended by the Planning Board include allowing marijuana

SANTA, AND MRS. CLAUS, VISIT CHELSEA



A big hello from Mrs. Claus during the annual Santa visit through Chelsea.

businesses to locate stores and delivery-only locations in more zoning areas – including the downtown business district. Delivery-only businesses would also be able to be an accessory use in any residential zone, and as a permitted use in several of the commercial zoning districts – including the Naval Hospital Residential and Commercial districts.

•In another land-use change – one that Avellaneda proposed in part several years ago – Ambrosino said they are looking to spur development on the waterfront area of the Chelsea Creek. There, they would replace the Waterfront Industrial Overlay District with a new Port District and Waterfront Upland District. The change would also create a Waterfront Improvement Trust Fund, and virtually institute a type of Master Plan for the entire area – including new landscaping requirements, new Special Permit criteria and the principal uses for those areas – which mostly lie on the west side of Marginal Street.

•The changes would also increase density in the two largest residential districts, which many see as appropriate, both

Ambrosino and Avellaneda said. These would decrease the minimum lot sizes in the Residential 1 district, and decrease the minimum lot size and the minimum useable open space requirement in the Residential 2 District (R2). The R2 district is one of the largest in the entire city, and includes the neighborhoods on Bellingham Hill, as well as the Orange/Addison areas.

•Finally, another change would include creating a new Mixed-Use Overlay District for the area at Everett Avenue, the railroad and the Everett City Line. This district allows for much taller buildings and is seen as an accommodation to allow the redevelopment of the Stop & Shop to file its project in Chelsea. That project was filed in Everett earlier this year and went through a tremendous amount of review there, and has now been fully approved.

The matter moves from the Planning Board to the City Council for a final vote into law, but Avellaneda said he didn’t expect a vote until early February – noting there is a great deal to discuss when it comes to some of the changes.

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John Aulino

Well known in the parking and transportation industry

John “Jackie” Aulino, 71, a lifelong resident of Revere, died suddenly at home on December 25.

Jackie was well known in the parking and transportation industry. He was a member of RHS, Class of 1967 and a graduate of UMass Boston.

The devoted son of the late Alphonse and Rose (Belmonte) Aulino, he was the loving father of Jacquelyn Aulino, Erica Aulino and Alexandra Aulino, beloved companion of Marianita Gonzalez, loving nephew of Joseph and Rose Belmonte, dearest cousin of Debra Belmonte, (who was more like a sister to him), Joseph Belmonte Jr. and Michael Belmonte. He is also survived by his former wife and mother of his daughters, Celeste Ianniciello and by many loving cousins and friends.

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of MA, capacity limits are in effect and masks and social distancing are mandatory while



attending services. His Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Thursday, Dec. 31 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass in St Anthony’s Church at 10:00 am. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting hours will be today, Wednesday, from 5 to 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere St, Revere, MA 02151. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. For guestbook, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Jeremiah Manfra

Retired Detective Sergeant
Boston Police Department

Jeremiah J. “Jerry” Manfra, Ret. SGT. Det. BPD, in Florida, of Saugus, passed away peacefully on December 6.

Jerry was an avid golfer and was founder of Sunday Morning Golf League. He was also a US Army Veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Laura) Manfra, for over forty-one years, loving son of the late Joseph and Anna (Bossi) Manfra, dear brother of Joseph Manfra and his wife, Gerry and the late Joanne (Manfra) Previte; cherished uncle of Kristen and



her husband, Keith Cote, Jeffery Manfra and his wife, Lisa, Steven Previte, and the late Jarrod and Jason Previte; brother-in-law of Paul Laura and Gerry Gatchel and her husband, Robert and sons James Nestor and the late Paul Nestor. He is also survived by his loving cousins and four children.

Family and friends will honor Jerry’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Saturday, January 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. for a memorial visitation.

All services will be held with COVID-19 phase 2 protocol. Masks are required and social distancing measures are encouraged.

Linda Secatore-Gerry

Longtime parishioner of St. Anthony’s Church, Revere

Linda Secatore-Gerry of Revere died on December 22.

Linda loved her dog Lucky. She was a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St Anthony’s Church. Linda enjoyed ballroom dancing at Hillview Country Club in North Reading where she met the love of her life, Richard. She enjoyed gardening, dining out and spending time in Maine.

The beloved wife of the late Richard Gerry, she was the devoted daughter of the late Amleto and Enes (Avallone) Secatore, loving cousin of Marilyn and Dave Ellis of Randolph and Lorna Grande of the Berkshires and is also survived by dear friends: Diane Colella, Julia Malvarosa, Camille Cristello, Noelle Smith and Barbara Peterson.

Her Funeral was held



from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere on Tuesday, December 29th at 9:30 AM followed by a Funeral Mass in St Anthony’s Church and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St Anthony’s Church, 250 Revere St, Revere MA 02151. For guestbook, please visit www.Buonfiglio.com.

Angelo LaRosa

Of Revere, formerly of East Boston

Angelo LaRose, 75, of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Monday, December 28.

The beloved husband of Carmela (Pastore) LaRosa, he was the loving father of Paolo LaRosa of Revere, Antonietta Mario and her husband, Martin of Winchester, Antonio LaRosa of Revere and Teresa Rossetti and her husband, Robert of Tewksbury; adored grandfather of Mollie, Christy, Angelo, Martin, Sofia, Nicholas, Robert, Jonathan, and Jenna; caring brother of Maria LaRosa, Anthony LaRosa, Frank LaRosa and his wife, Linda, Giovanna DeFeo and her husband, Giovanni and the late Baldassare LaRosa and his surviving spouse, Rosanna. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, dear family and friends. Family and friends will honor Angelo’s life by gathering in Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere on Sunday, January 3 from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Monday



morning at 9 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Anthony’s Church in Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in his honor at 10 a.m. Entombment will follow at Holy Cross Mausoleum in Malden.

For online guest book please visit www.vazzafunerals.com

Due to the Current spike in Covid- 19, the guidelines issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Archdiocese of Boston and local officials mandate that all Funeral Home services be held privately for the immediate family with a maximum of 25 people.

Carmine Ciampa

Boston Letter Carrier for 37 years

Carmine J. Ciampa, 84, of Lynnfield, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Wednesday, December 23.

A Boston Letter Carriers member for thirty-seven years, he was the beloved husband for 60 years of Joanna (Mei) Ciampa, devoted father of James Ciampa and his wife, Maryann of New Jersey and Janet DiCesare of Peabody; dear brother of the late John, Theresa, Fred, Ralph, Gracie, Caroline, Joseph and Jimmy and the cherished grandfather of Carmine and Tonina DiCesare. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Carmine’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Sunday, December 27 and again on Monday



morning, December 28 for a prayer service in our Serenity Chapel. Services concluded with Carmine being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Carmine’s name to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Centre Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 or online at <https://www.italianhome.org/give/>. For more information or to send an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Joseph Fama

Mystic Valley Gun Club member

Joseph D. “Butch” Fama of Everett, formerly of Chelsea and the West End of Boston, passed away unexpectedly on December 26.

Joseph, also known as “Butch,” was a longtime member of the Mystic Valley Gun Club.

The beloved husband of the late Marie (Magazzo) Fama, he was the devoted father of Diane Giovannucci and her husband, Joseph, Maria Ciampa and her husband, Nicholas; dear brother of Leo and John Fama and cherished grandfather of Matthew, Amanda and Briana. He is also survived by his many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to visiting hours in the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston today, Wednesday, December 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Raphael Church, 512 High



Street, West Medford (PLEASE GO DIRECTLY TO CHURCH) for a Funeral Mass in celebration of Joe’s life.

Services will conclude with Joe being laid to rest with his beloved wife, Marie, in Woodlawn Cemetery. All services will be held in accordance with Phase-2 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts phased reopening plan due to COVID-19. Capacity will be limited. Face coverings are required to be worn and social distancing measures are encouraged. For more information, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Frances DeSantis

She will be truly missed
by all who knew her

Frances (DePaolo) DeSantis of Revere passed away surrounded by her loving family on December 15 at the age of 89.

Born in Chelsea on April 19, 1931 to the late Anthony and Lena (Belmonte), she was the beloved wife of 67 years of Joseph DeSantis, devoted mother of Joseph DeSantis of Revere, Janice DeSantis and her longtime companion, Rob McPherson of Chelsea and James DeSantis of Revere; cherished grandmother of Joseph DeSantis Jr. and his wife, Erin, John, Jenae and Rachael DeSantis; adored great grandmother of Lola Bartlett and she is also lovingly survived by many cousins. Frances graduated Revere High School with the Class of 1949 and went on to graduate Fisher Junior College. Frances was a homemaker who took great pride in raising her three children and later on her grandchildren. She enjoyed bowling and loved to travel. She will be truly



missed by all who knew her.

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 Buonfiglio & Sons - Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere, MA 02151. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or at alz.org. For guestbook please visit www.buonfiglio.com

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