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Sixth grade graduates jump joyously following their Moving in Ceremony on June 16.

Gabriela Coletta to leave Councillor Edwards office; takes manager position at New England Aquarium

Staff report

After nearly four years of service to District One, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards announced Chief of Staff Gabriela Coletta will

move on to her next role as External Relations Manager for the New England Aquarium's downtown waterfront planning initiative. Coletta will be leading the revitalization of the Aquarium's harbor-

walk and a campaign to ensure the downtown waterfront remains inclusive, accessible, and climate resilient for all Bostonians. "In April 2017, almost a year to the day that I lost the senate seat, I got a

call from a young woman who said, 'if you go for it, I will be with you.' I had no money and no way to pay her," said Councilor Edwards. "November of that same year, we walked

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ZUMIX gets \$1M as a gift

By John Lynds

At first Zumix co-Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski thought the news that MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett had gifted \$1 million to East Boston's popular music arts program through their foundation was some sort of internet scam.

However, once news started to spread of the gift and the couple's gifts to other organizations

across the country, Steczynski was convinced it was for real and overwhelmed by the generosity.

"It came at a time when we're celebrating our 30th anniversary in the neighborhood," said Steczynski. "Getting a big gift like this as we're looking back on 30 years made me stop and pause...I was like, 'Oh my god, we might truly

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THE BOBBY ORR WAY



District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick (left) and Officer Bob Anthony present Bruins legend Bobby Orr with an official street sign during Orr's visit to the East Boston Police Station last week. See more photos on Page 5.

NSMHA dedicates Hanton House

By Cary Shuman

In an impressive ceremony held on a picture postcard pre-summer day, the beautifully done souvenir program distributed to the guests said it very well about the outstanding contributions of Hanton to the North Suffolk Mental Health Association.

The program read: "NSMHA's Addictions Division wouldn't be what it is

today without the leadership, guidance, and vision of Kim Hanton."

Hanton retired from the organization in 2020 after 34 years of exceptional service. She is currently Chief of Staff to Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo's Office.

The tribute to Kim Hanton Wednesday was the Kim Hanton House - a fully accessible, 12-bed residence with co-occur-

ring mental health and substance use disorders - that was named in her honor. City and state officials joined Hanton's colleagues, friends and family at the dedication and official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

State Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders and NSM-

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Happy Valley's main showroom includes artwork, LCD displays and touch screens for ordering cannabis products.

Happy Valley to become Eastie's second adult-use cannabis shop

By John Lynds

After years of red tape, permitting, city and state approvals and construction, East Boston's second adult-use cannabis dispensary will open at 220 McClellan Highway--the former site of Enterprise Rental Car facility.

Newton-based Happy Valley Ventures LLC, which was originally approved to be a medical-use cannabis

dispensary before voters approved recreational use in the state, will officially open its doors on Thursday, June 24.

Inside Happy Valley's Eastie location customers will be buzzed into the foyer and then into the main showroom for what Happy Valley's VP of Technology and Marketing Gregg Weiss said is an experience like no other for a cannabis dispensary.

The sleek showroom has several display cases featuring Happy Valley's flower, edible and concentrated cannabis products complete with descriptions.

Customers can peruse the display cases or use one of the interactive touchscreen displays to find the product they are in search for.

"Some of the smaller dispensaries do not have the

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Kim Hanton and family. From left, Samantha Harrington, Haley Hanton Lindquist, Babe Cammarata, Kim Hanton, Charlie Hanton, and Dennis Hanton. Back row, from left, James Hanton, Dennis Hanton, and Tania Cornelio.



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East Boston High School, Kiwanis International Key Club, North Suffolk Mental Health Meridian House, Eagle Hill Civic Association, Tree Eastie and the Eagle Hill Beautification Committee during Saturday's Eagle Hill cleanup.



Ed Coletta (center) gets in on the action to help beautify Eagle Hill Saturday.

Bank branches slated to be closed

By John Lynds

As part of its \$1 billion merger with East Boston Savings Bank (EBSB), Rockland Trust announced that it will close several branches that EBSB opened as part of a massive expansion over the past decade.

While EBSB's flagship branches in Maverick Square on Meridian Street and on Bennington Street in Orient Heights will remain open, Rockland plans to close EBSB two branches in Allston, Brighton, one branch each in Chinatown, Dorchester, Mission Hill, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Brookline and two branches in Cambridge.

Rockland will also close one of its own

branches in Jamaica Plain at 725 Centre St. and keep the EBSB branch at 515 Centre St. near the Curley School.

In a statement to news outlets Rockland Trust wrote that the bank is looking forward to welcoming customers from EBSB as it deepens its presence in and around Boston.

"We have carefully considered where there are overlaps between our branch networks so that we may strategically consolidate and maximize the impact of each branch," read the statement. "These were very thoughtful decisions, the factors of which included how we can most effectively serve our customers and the proximity of

our retail branches."

Back in April EBSB, established in 1848, and Rockland Trust announced the two banks inked a merger agreement for Rockland to acquire EBSB's parent company, Meridian Bancorp., thus acquiring EBSB in a \$1.15 billion deal.

Under the agreement each Meridian stockholder will receive 0.275 of Rockland common stock for each share of Meridian common stock.

According to spokespersons for the two banks, the merger is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2021.

EBSB currently has 42 full-service locations, one mobile branch and three loan centers.

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into Kellys holding hands with tears in our eyes, when she yelled 'Ladies and gentlemen, your new city councilor!' Gabriela is an incredible person, fiercely intelligent, and to work with her and see her grow was a privilege. I am so proud of her. She will continue to do bigger and better things. Go get 'em Gabriela."

"It's been an incredibly rewarding experience to serve the residents of Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End," said Coletta. "I've gotten a chance to meet so many people and fight alongside them during pivotal moments in our district. I've continued to put the community first and place the voices of residents at the center of each conversation. I'm ready to continue my commitment of working alongside residents shoulder-to-shoulder, to help better define what our neighborhoods look like, and more importantly



GABRIELA COLETTA

who they are intentionally built for, for generations to come".

"I want to thank Councilor Edwards for her mentorship and support over the last two terms. I'm excited to hit the ground running at an anchor institution like the New England Aquarium and look forward to the important tasks ahead."

"We are excited to welcome Gabriela to our team and look forward to her many contributions as we work to reimagine our

downtown waterfront," said New England Aquarium President and CEO Vikki Spruill. "We are grateful for her years of service to Councilor Edwards and the residents of Boston," she continued.

The New England Aquarium is a catalyst for global change through public engagement, commitment to marine animal conservation, leadership in education, innovative scientific research, and effective advocacy for vital and vibrant oceans. With more than 1.3 million visitors a year, the Aquarium is one of the premier visitor destinations in Boston and a major public education resource for the region.

Coletta first joined Councilor Edwards in 2017 as her campaign manager for the Boston City Council seat. She's a lifelong resident of East Boston and currently lives there with her partner, Sebastian Zapata.

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space available for a large showroom and a lot of the product is featured and explained online,” explained Weiss. “Customers simply arrive at other dispensaries, wait in line, pick up their product and go home. We wanted this dispensary to be more of an experience. What’s different between this location and our location in Gloucester is that it’s about two or three times the size. We have the display cases, artwork, touchscreen displays where customers can answer a few questions and are then paired with a product so it is a very different experience.”

Weiss and Happy Valley General Manager Gilly Motta said they really want the Eastie dispensary to become a showcase for Happy Valley products.

“What’s different about Happy Valley, compared to some other dispensaries, is that we are a vertically integrated dispensary with our own Happy Valley cannabis

products,” said Weiss. “We cultivate and manufacture in Gloucester. So all our flowers, edibles, tinctures, oil solvents are done in Gloucester and shipped to East Boston. We also sell wholesale to other dispensaries across the state. So this store is really a showcase for our own product, our own brand. We are really building a premium brand here on the East Coast.”

Happy Valley can be compared more to an Apple Store than a run of the mill dispensary. With its cool vibe of artwork, screen displays and high tech software, Motta said Happy Valley really stands out in the dispensary industry.

“Our cannabis hosts are super knowledgeable about all of the products,” said Motta. “So as Gregg said, you can use the touchscreen displays but we’ll also have our hosts in the showroom to help guide customers into making a decision on what products best suit them.

That’s another benefit of being vertically integrated and not being dependent upon a wholesaler. We grow our own products and make our own edibles and things. This is our product line and that’s what you see--the brand that we’re building. Would you rather go to Best Buy and buy an iPhone or the Apple Store. Sure the sales rep at Best Buy knows a lot about the iPhone but has to know about all the other phones he’s selling whereas the Apple Store sales rep has way more knowledge about the iPhone because that is the only product he needs to sell. So Happy Valley is sort of that concept where our staff is really knowledgeable on the products because they are our products. Other dispensaries have a revolving inventory of products from different wholesalers. If you’re just a retailer and you’re not vertically integrated you’re just trying to fill up your shelves and move new products and you’re kind of constricted by the wholesale market. Here, all the education is around our own product and we get way more granular with our product line versus somebody dropping off an order of product from five different wholesalers. We have a two week training course that everybody goes through on our products because it’s way more thorough. It’s impossible for a typical retailer in this industry to be super knowledgeable about all his products when he has 50 different wholesalers on his shelf.”

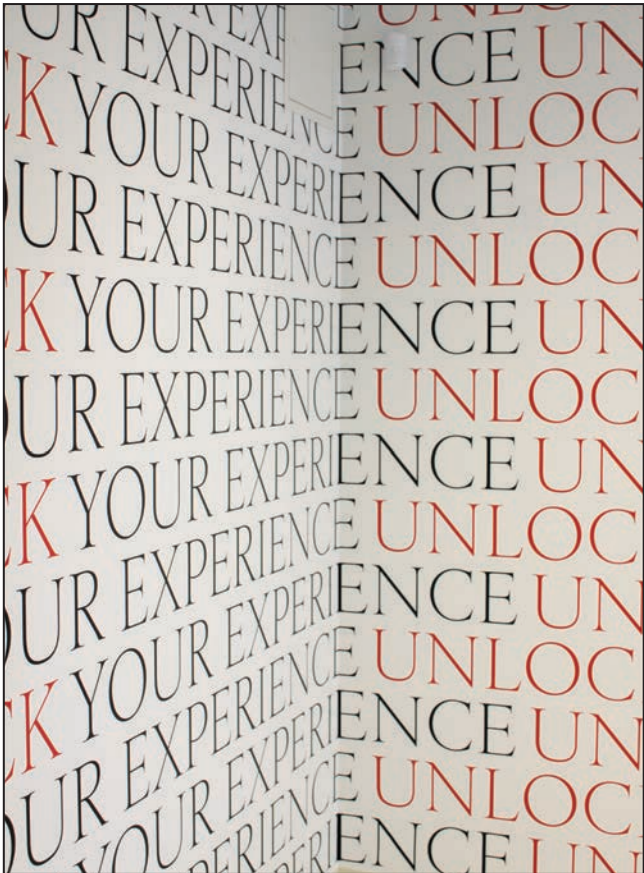
While most cannabis shoppers pick dispensaries for both price and convenience Weiss and Motta hope Happy Valley provides more of an experience. “We want them to leave saying, “Wow, that was an experience I’ve never had at a dispensary”, said Weiss. “And we want that experience to bring them back and hopefully they bring their



Happy Valley’s General Manager Gilly Motta.



Happy Valley’s main showroom and display cases. The adult-use dispensary will officially open on Thursday, June 24 on McClellan Highway.



Some of the walls are adorned with Happy Valley’s slogan, “Unlock Your Experience.”

friends because it was the best experience they had.” For more information on hours, products, online ordering and other info visit www.happyvalley.org.

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Invest in yourself

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The best investment you can make is in yourself.

You can work, invest, save and accumulate wealth but what good is it if you ignore yourself? A friend of mine once said, “If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself.”

A sure way to undermine your financial security is to neglect your health. Failing health always results in life insecurity. When your health fails you don’t feel like working. You aren’t able to enjoy life or take care of others. Whatever you have accumulated financially will go to pay for emergency medical costs, rehabilitation or a nursing home.

A family member was

sick years ago and the out of pocket monthly cost for her care was over \$15,000 a month. Obviously, this soon became financially debilitating.

While you are living life, working, going to school, raising your family, enjoying your golden years, keep this in mind, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I know there are no silver bullets when it comes to our health. I’ve had health issues, two cancer procedures and other ailments. I’ve spent the last 30 years eating grilled chicken and salmon. I’ve walked, jogged, played sports and lifted weights most all of my life. My doctor told me I have to do more. He literally said, “No red meat, no sugar, no dairy, no fried foods.” What is left? He did say I can eat some bison, veni-

son and elk which I have tried and enjoy them all.

My 100-year-old friend who lives close by says she eats a little of everything but very little of everything majoring on vegetables, fruits and staying active. There has to be something to her lifestyle because it works for her. She still lives alone, in her own house and cares for herself. She laughs a lot and has a lot of adoring friends.

So, while you are building your financial security, invest in your health. See you doctor. Have routine blood tests. Monitor your blood sugar, LDL (bad cholesterol), blood pressure and have an occasional CT or MRI scan to find out what you really look like on the inside. If your doctor finds something then you can tackle what you know about. If

you don’t know what your enemy is then you can’t put up a defense or an offense.

Investing time in taking care of yourself means you can enjoy your life longer. You will be in a better position to help your family or friends, instead of them taking care of you. Keep moving. Take your vitamins, eat as healthy as possible and try. What do you have to lose? Consider, all you might gain.

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be here another 30 years from now” and that is amazing to me. I won’t be here, but somebody will and Zumix might actually still be functional and that’s so cool.”

The gift made by Scott (who founded Amazon with her ex-husband Jeff Bezos) and her current husband, Jewett, is part of the couple’s ongoing philanthropy, and reflects Zumix’s 30-year track record of providing top-quality arts and creative technology education and employment for generations of Boston’s youth.

Steczynski said Zumix’s board is currently working on the details of how to best use the funds but investing the funds to establish long-term financial stability is a top priority.

“Officially it’s unrestricted money so our Board of Directors is really going to have to figure out what is the most prudent and best use,” said Steczynski. “My sense is we’re going to put it in some kind of an interest bearing account and it should earn a good chunk of money on the interest and that interest we can use as part of operations if we choose. I think that the most prudent thing to do is to in-

vest the money as a quasi-endowment that kind of fell into our lap and that will give us some security moving forward.”

In the past 30 years Zumix has received national recognition and received a National Endowment for the Arts from the Obama Administration, performed alongside Pink Floyd’s Roger Waters and has been the beneficiary of grant money from Pearl Jam’s Vitalogy Foundation.

“Our annual budget isn’t even \$2 million yet so we are considered a very small organization when compared to others,” said Steczynski. “So it’s very humbling that we’ve received recognition in the past and recognition like this gift now. This gift from MacKenzie Scott and Dan Jewett is national news and our organization has crossed the desks of millions of people and that is super cool.”

Steczynski added that young people and families in our community have disproportionately been set back by the effects of the pandemic and need programs like Zumix to bolster their emotional, creative, and educational well-being.

“The last year has shown us that the next

generation of creative leaders in Boston needs to be prepared, engaged, and empowered, and this gift positions ZUMIX to evolve to meet their needs,” she said.

After a year of virtual programming, Zumix will offer a mix of in-person, hybrid, and virtual programs this summer with hopes of being entirely in-person this fall. Programs are offered in instrumental music, songwriting, radio broadcasting and journalism, audio engineering, and video production.

“Receiving this degree of support and recognition from a national donor is incredibly validating,” said Zumix’s Chair of the Board of Directors Nikki Stewart. “This recognition honors the hard work, dedication, and leadership of ZUMIX’s staff, several of whom are program alumni.”

Zumix will celebrate with its youth, staff, board, and community at its first in-person events – the Walk for Music and its opening Summer Concert – on July 11th in Piers Park in East Boston.

“This donation means so much to Zumix,” said Board Member Steven Snyder. “Not only will it help us with our mis-

sion in very challenging times, but given the high profile of the donors we hope it puts Zumix on the radar of other potential supporters. It really speaks to the amazing impact Zumix has had on our city’s youth for over 30 years.”

Zumix’s mission is to empower young people to build successful futures for themselves – transforming lives and the community through music, technology, and creative employment. Zumix works with 1,000 young people ages 7-18 each year. Free and low-cost programs are offered out-of-school in instrumental music, songwriting, performance, radio, audio engineering, and audio and video storytelling. Zumix also partners with three local schools – the Bradley Elementary, East Boston High School, and the McKay K-8 – to bring more arts education opportunities to Boston’s youth. In addition to youth programs, Zumix offers free concerts and events for all ages.

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Two suspects in custody as a result of ongoing BPD human trafficking investigation

By John Lynds

An outstanding warrant out of East Boston District Court led to arrest of a Rhode Island man last week on human trafficking charges.

On Friday, June 18 a joint operation involving the Boston Police, the Arlington Police and the FBI arrested Kayleigh Santos, 32, of Providence, RI, in the area of 811 Massachusetts Avenue in Boston.

Santos was placed in

custody without incident pursuant to an outstanding warrant sought out of East Boston District Court on charges of Human Trafficking and Deriving Support from Prostitution stemming from an ongoing investigation of human trafficking in the area.

The ongoing investigation involved the Boston Police Department’s Human Trafficking Unit, the BPD Crimes Against Children Unit in coor-

dination with members of the Arlington Police Department and the FBI Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force.

During the booking process, officers recovered four plastic bags of powdered heroin as well as a container of unidentified orange pills which will result in additional charges for Santos.

He was arraigned Monday in East Boston District Court.

A second suspect, Marquis Campbell, 29, of Hyde Park, was also arrested as part of the investigation at 3699 Washington Street in Jamaica Plain. The suspect was placed under arrest without incident pursuant to an arrest warrant issued out of Boston Municipal Court on charges of Human Trafficking.

Campbell was arraigned in Boston Municipal Court.

BRUINS LEGEND BOBBY ORR VISITS DISTRICT A-7 POLICE STATION

Last year while working a detail at the Boston Garden Boston Police Department Officer, Historian and former East Boston High School hockey coach Bob Anthony spoke to former Boston Bruin and President of the Boston Bruins Foundation Bobby Sweeney about seeing if Bruins legend Bobby Orr would like to come to District A-7 station in Eastie and meet with the officers.

“Bobby Sweeney said he will reach out to Bobby Orr and send my request to him,” said Anthony. “This winter Bobby Orr reached out to me and at first I thought someone in my station was playing a game with me. Bobby told me that Sweeney had passed on my information to him. I asked him if he would like to come to the East Boston station and meet with our officers.”



Bruins legend Bobby Orr poses with the officers at District A-7 police station during a surprise visit last week. Former Boston Bruin and President of the Boston Bruins Foundation Bobby Sweeney is far right.

Orr told Anthony he would love to do that but he was in Florida for the winter and would like to do it in the spring or summer.

“A few weeks ago Bobby called me to set up a date and time,” said Anthony.

Last week Bobby Orr arrived at the station.

“Being a big supporter of hockey, the Bruins and of course Bobby Orr I was like a kid in a candy store talking to a legend and a hero to Boston,” said Anthony. “There he was, the greatest player in the

game of hockey, spending time talking and signing autographs for the officers and others that came to the station.”

Orr signed numerous autographs and took numerous photos with the men and women of Station A-7.



Bobby Orr is presented with a “Bobby Orr #4” badge by Boston Police Department Officer, Historian and former East Boston High School hockey coach Bob Anthony.

“Bobby is a true professional,” said Anthony. “The Chief sent over a certificate making Bobby Orr an honorary Boston Police Officer and was presented two Boston Police “Bobby Orr” #4 badges, a “Bobby Orr” street sign, a Boston Strong Plaque along with

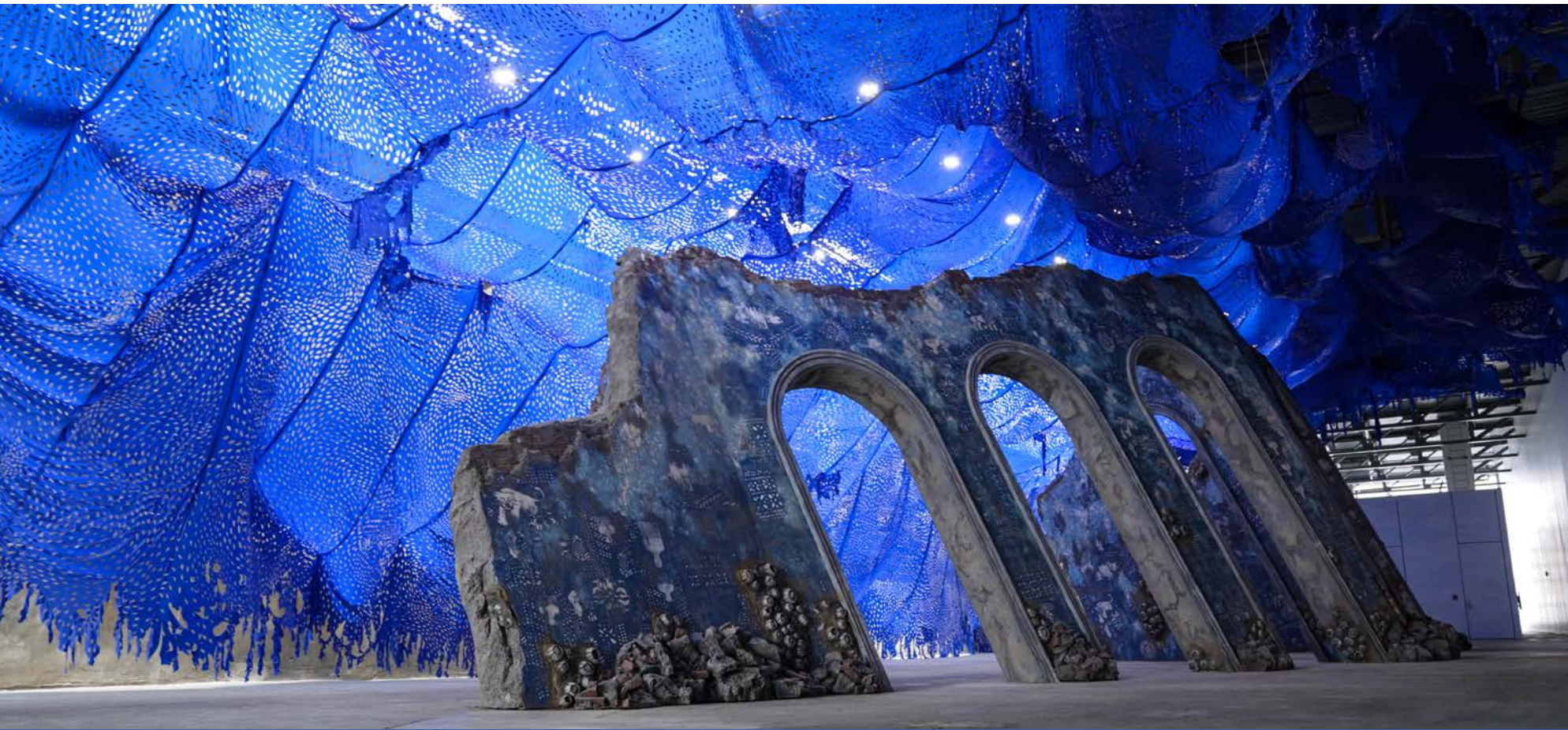
items from The BPPA, and BPD Hockey team. Bobby was overwhelmed with the showing and he gave his appreciation to everyone that was there. I will never forget this day and I consider it one of the highlights of my career.”



Bobby Orr spent the afternoon at the station signing autographs, taking photos and talking with the men and women of District A-7 station.



Bobby Orr is presented with a Boston Strong Plaque by Boston Police Department Officer, Historian and former East Boston High School hockey coach Bob Anthony as former Boston Bruin and President of the Boston Bruins Foundation Bobby Sweeney.



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NOAH FATHERS DAY EVENT

On any given Friday at around 11 am, despite smoldering heat or sprinkling rain, many low income and LatinX families brave the weather and begin to line-up to get food in the parking lot behind NOAH on Liverpool Street. Not unlike other organizations in East Boston, when the pandemic started NOAH had to take on different functions not necessarily listed on our Mission statement, roll up our sleeves and help out in new relevant and immediate ways.

Last Friday, June 18th in honor of Father’s Day, NOAH hosted an event to honor fathers with some extra meats for grilling, barbeque sauce, some hand sanitizers and a signed Father’s Day card



On Friday, NOAH held a special Father’s Day event at its food distribution center on Liverpool Street. NOAH hosted the event to honor fathers with some extra meats for grilling, barbeque sauce, some hand sanitizers and a signed Father’s Day card as well as lasagna from “Lasagna Love”.

as well as lasagna from “Lasagna Love”. Since last March,

NOAH started food distribution weekly and now has delivered more than

2,700 food boxes to East Boston families and is scheduled to give almost



NOAH’s Resiliency Coordinator Latifa Turner Ziyad (right) said on any given Friday at around 11 am, despite smoldering heat or sprinkling rain, many low income and LatinX families brave the weather and begin to line-up to get food in the parking lot behind NOAH. The agency wanted to do a little something for fathers for Father’s Day.

twice that amount when the end of June. it’s all said and done by

HYM to open Suffolk Downs racing oval to public

By John Lynds

After running a successful drive-in movie program during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic last summer, owners of Suffolk Down, HYM Investment Group, have decided to open the historic racetrack oval to the public this summer.

At the Orient Heights Community meeting Monday night HYM’s Site Activation Manager Jessica Feroli said the main goal is to try and provide a new interim open space for the community. “The plan is to have the track open daily from dawn till dusk for everyone to come and use the track for exercising, dog walking, running

and other activities,” said Feroli. “The track itself has never actually been open to the public other than a few special events.”

Feroli said the track’s oval is a mile long and is located between Suffolk Downs and Beachmont MBTA stations.

“We are just about to embark on starting the construction for the track entrance and right off the clubhouse parking lot is where the entrance will be,” she said. “It’ll be a double wide gate, it’s going to be ADA accessible and we’ll have some picnic benches, some portable restrooms there and there’ll be signage all throughout the property with information.”

Feroli said HYM, who

is redeveloping the entire 170 acre site into a mixed-use development over the next two decades, plans to open the track to the public after the 4th of July holiday.

“We’re anticipating that the track will be open through the late fall,” she said. “Once the snow falls it’s a little bit harder to maintain the track so basically it will be a weather dependent use until it starts snowing. We’ll have security open up the gates in the morning, close them at night, they’ll do rounds during the day to make sure we’re not locking the date with anyone inside. We’ll also post information on our Instagram and Facebook pages with all the rules and

Suffolk Downs

Interim Open Space Goals

Overview: HYM's focus for activating Suffolk Downs in 2021 is to open the former horse racing track as a new interim outdoor open space.

Goals:

- Provide a new interim outdoor open space for the community.
- Create a destination for walking, running, and dog walking.
- Activate the track by hosting a mix of seasonal outdoor programming like free fitness classes, run clubs, movie nights, resource fairs, youth programs, and family friendly events.
- Welcome community groups and nonprofits to utilize the interim open space for events and outdoor markets.



HYM’s Site Activation Manager Jessica Feroli discusses opening the Suffolk Down race-track oval to the public this summer.

regulations as well as onsite signage and both English and Spanish.”

Feroli said HYM started an email marketing database last summer with the successful drive-in summer series

and hopes to use that database to get the word out.

“We have a good amount of email addresses of people within the community so we can get the word out

about this easily,” she said. “Hopefully we will be having some free fitness events and things like that, but mainly the track will just be open daily for the community to use.”

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Outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill extended

By John Lynds

Last year, the owner of The Quiet Few on Sumner Street, Josh Weinstein, emerged as one of the most vocal proponents of the state legislature’s ‘to-go cocktail’ bill. During the height of the pandemic, Weinstein became frustrated by the fact the liquor store across from his business was booming but expensive liquor inventory was collecting dust on his shelves. Weinstein was forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and later reopened with limited capacity and outdoor seating but couldn’t sell any liquor at a profitable volume.

Luckily, the state legislature provided relief with the cocktail-to-go bill but that was set to expire this month after Gov. Charlie Baker lifted the state emergency order that was given back in March 2020.

In May, Rep. Adrian Madaro said restaurants and small businesses in Eastie and across the city need the tools to achieve

financial recovery from the pandemic.

“Supporting the local restaurant industry’s successful recovery is extremely important, as it was among the hardest hit by economic challenges associated with the state of emergency caused by the pandemic,” he said.

Rep. Madaro and the state legislature took the necessary steps to extend the outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last week.

“These options allow restaurants to serve patrons who prefer dining outdoors while making the streetscape in neighborhoods like Eastie more vibrant,” said Madaro.

During the height of the pandemic local restaurant and bar owners, like Weinstein, lobbied the state legislature for permission to start moving inventory of expensive liquor that had been sitting on shelves since the pandemic began.

The result was the

cocktail-to-go bill that was tied to outdoor dining programs across the city and state.

The bill let bars and restaurants sell to-go cocktails with takeout only or delivery food orders. Customers of bars and restaurants in Eastie will be able to continue to order two cocktails per entree. However, the total volume of liquor being sold can not exceed 64 ounces.

All cocktails must be sold in a sealed container, and the volume of alcohol-to-mixer must be the same as for on-premises consumption.

Numerous Eastie restaurants took advantage of the cocktail-to-go and the City of Boston’s outdoor dining program.

Restaurants that dot the neighborhood received a special permit from the city that allowed them to set up outdoor patios on roadways and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. That coupled with the cocktail-to-go legislation helped restaurants increase capacity, move inventory and in-

crease profits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

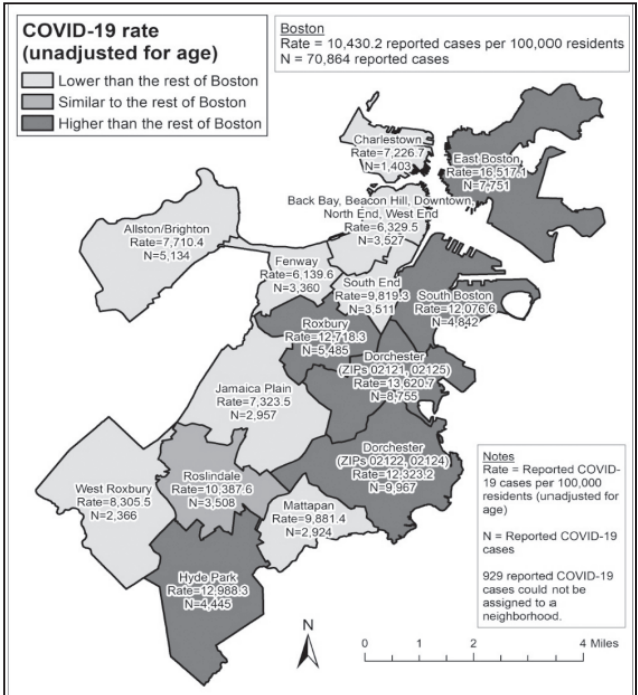
Over at The Quiet Few, Weinstein said he was humbled to be where he is right now--back serving whiskey and burgers and picklebacks and waffle fries but is trying to give back to businesses that haven’t been so lucky.

“While we do want to celebrate, there are a ton of businesses that we’re not as lucky,” he said. “We are all trying to put the pieces back together and we’d like to do our part to help out.”

On Monday, June 28, from 6 - 9pm The Quiet Few will be hosting a get together with Cocktails For Commonwealth .

“We will be selling T-shirts, along with select shots and cocktails with the proceeds being donated to the Thirst. Group to help more bars and restaurants get back on their feet,” said Weinstein.

“There are not enough thank yous to give but we are going to try by way of hugs and high fives,” he said.





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PATRICK J. KENNEDY SCHOOL MOVING ON CEREMONY



By Marianne Salza

Students and teachers cheered from the halls and watched from their classroom windows as the Patrick J. Kennedy School's (PJK) sixth graders proceeded to their Moving On Ceremony, on June 16. These panthers are the first sixth grade graduating class, and 88th to graduate from the PJK.

Students were celebrated for prevailing during the pandemic, through remote learning. They worked collaboratively in break out rooms, shared their screens, and virtually raised their hands while exemplifying the four keys to success: commitment, respect, responsibility, and knowledge.

"Commitment is the strongest key to explain this year," said Principal



Alex Irias hugging Principal Kristen Goncalves after receiving his certificate.

Kristen Goncalves. "At the PJK, you learn to respect others, and yourself. This year, even though we were fully online, we made sure you are prepared for middle school by giving you assignments, and making

sure you knew how to spend your time. We gave you all the knowledge you need to enter the seventh grade; but the most important to remember is that you can always learn something new."



Principal Kristen Goncalves high-fiving Kayke Alipio Lopes, as he proceeds through the halls to the Moving On Ceremony with his fellow sixth grade students. Shown left, Joel Ronquillo Vasquez, holding the American flag, and Janiya Pettway, leading PJK families in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Romer Basulto receiving his certificate from Principal Kristen Goncalves, and Mayra Correal, Family Liaison.



Valerie Beltran receiving her certificate from Principal Kristen Goncalves, and Mayra Correal, Family Liaison.



Sebastian Toledo and his mother, Hildaliz Toledo.



Families gathering at the PJ Kennedy School in celebration of the June 16 Moving On Ceremony.



Jazzmin Cooper with her brother, Kadeem Cooper, mother, Sonja Patterson, and uncle, Edward K. Evans



Abbe Pena Lopez with her mother, Aura Lopez, and sister, Kimberly Alexa Martinez.



Marifer Martinez Lopez signing her friend, Emily Gaviria's stuffed unicorn.



Gerardo Casco receiving her certificate from Principal Kristen Goncalves.



Nataly Lemus receiving her certificate from Principal Kristen Goncalves.

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Sick of Cooking?

Iby Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we slowly re-enter some degree of normal, many people (even those who have always loved cooking) find themselves weary of the demands that pandemic food preparation took on their time, mental energy, and creativity. They are sick of cooking!

For some, this is simply a need to take a break, and we have some tips for doing that. For others, including those who never found the “Joy of Cooking,” it may be time to find a different way to feed themselves and their family.

Take a Break!

If you have the financial resources to do so, you can take a break from cooking. Now is a good time to support restaurants and artisan food vendors who have lost income over the past year.

With our vaccinations providing some degree of comfort, we’ve been dining out more often and

prioritizing the businesses we want to be here when all this is over. We began with places we could walk to and who had outside dining areas.

If you’re able, tip well! We decided to spend our stimulus money on increased tips to the delivery people who endangered themselves by bringing us food during our months of isolation. Now that we’re shopping for ourselves, we add a bit extra to each tip on a check or increase the percentage when we have the option of tipping on a pay-by-phone transaction.

Semi-Cooking

If dining out often is beyond your budget right now, or you are not ready to interact with others to that degree, try to ease your time spent in the kitchen by semi-cooking.

This takes a bit of research and sampling, but we found an array of prepared meals that fit our personal guidelines for minimal processing and few unnecessary ingredients. (Trader Joe’s is a



When you’re too tired of food preparation to toss together a salad, it’s time to find another way!

good source.) We are also careful to check the “best used” or “freeze by” dates when we purchase these. Food waste can gobble up any effort to eat on a budget.

If you don’t mind leftovers, consider takeout from restaurants that serve large portions. Neither of

us ever finish the chicken pie at Cornwall’s in Kenmore square, but we often order that and make a second meal of the leftovers. Vegetable dishes at Asian restaurants are often good values and reheat well.

Meal Services & More

Some of our neighbors

subscribed to meal services during the height of the pandemic and plan to continue. When you consider the price of these options compared to buying all the ingredients, you may find the reduced food waste makes them comparable.

As those in the tradi-

tional hospitality business pivoted to find ways to make money while closed or unemployed, local versions of meal service plans emerged. For example, Stillman’s Quality Meats offers a range of prepared meat pies. Formaggio Kitchen has a weekly dinner menu at all locations. Mei Mei has pivoted from a dining-in restaurant to all take-out, offering their own menu options plus food from other local producers.

If you are a chief cook and bottle washer and need a break for your well-being, take one! However, our final word on the subject is that delegating some of the work of putting food on your table may be just what you need. Figure out precisely what you are tired of doing and see if anyone else in your household or a service provider can do it for you!

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

USS Cassin Young notes 40 years as a museum

Forty years ago, USS Cassin Young (DD-793) opened as a floating museum. Sunday, June 27, 2021, at 10:00 am the National Park Service and the U.S. Navy will host a short ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate this anniversary. The event will take place on Pier 1, in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Bring your “Passport To Your National Parks” and collect a new commemorative cancellation stamp designed for this special occasion.

USS Cassin Young was brought to Boston NHP to represent the ships that workers in the Boston Navy Yard built, repaired, and modernized. There were 14 Fletcher class destroyers built in the Boston Navy Yard. Cassin Young came to Boston a number of times during the 1950s for repairs and updated equipment.

In the last 40 years, 8.6 million visitors have come aboard the main

deck. Some of those visitors have explored other parts of the ship by taking a guided tour with a park ranger or a volunteer. Since 1981, visitors have discovered the role and function of a destroyer in times of war and peace. Visitors have seen and smelled the spaces sailors lived aboard. Visitors have learned about the 23 sailors who were killed in the spring of 1945 by kamikaze attacks.

Every year, volunteers, many of whom are veterans of the U.S. Navy, donate hours of love and sweat to the park and the ship. On behalf of the park and our visitors, I want to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the National Parks of Boston, the U.S. Navy, and the Cassin Young volunteers, please join us to mark this 40th anniversary. As we enter our fifth decade we continue to share the stories

of the men who serve and the workers who built; we continue preserving the legacy of USS Cassin Young.

About the National Parks of Boston

The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites – Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our nation’s cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, www.nps.gov/boha



USS Cassin Young being towed.

Officials launch “Mass VaxMillions” Vaccine Lottery Program

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration, Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg and the Massachusetts State Lottery announced the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway for residents who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated residents 18 and older will have the opportunity to enter to win of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Eligible residents will be able to enter the drawing beginning July 1. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning the week of Monday, July 26 and continuing through the week ending Friday, August 27.

“The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating our residents, with almost four million people fully vaccinated, and our goal remains ensuring everyone that wants a vaccine has access to one,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “The VaxMillions Giveaway is one of

the many ways our administration is encouraging people to get the vaccine, and we are grateful for the partnership of Treasurer Goldberg and the Mass State Lottery in developing the program.”

The Commonwealth is launching the Massachusetts VaxMillions giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage residents to get vaccinated to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance, there will be a call center available. Sign up information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.

Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older, who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million cash

prizes. Massachusetts residents between 12 and 17 years of age who have received two doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529 College Savings Plan managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Funds in a 529 plan can be applied to cover tuition, room and board, and related expenses at any college, university, or technical or trade school or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Only lawful, permanent residents of Massachusetts who are fully vaccinated can apply. Residents must have received their vaccine doses within Massachusetts. Residents must be fully vaccinated prior to submitting their entry.

There are over 900 vaccineResidents seeking a vaccine can visit mass.gov/COVIDVaccine.

For more information on the Mass VaxMillions Giveaway, visit mass.gov/VaxMillions.

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Anthony Mainieri

Of East Boston

Anthony J. Mainieri died in East Boston on June 19.

He was the beloved son of the late Nicholas Mainieri Sr. and the late Mary (Broгна) Mainieri and Eva (Arsenault) Mainieri, who raised him as her own; brother of Nicholas Mainieri Jr of East Boston and the late Leonard Mainieri, step-brother of the late Phyllis Mayor; fiancé of Lisa Kenney of Beverly and her children Steven and Danielle Kenney.

Visiting will be in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston on Thursday, June 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited; Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church, 45 Brooks St., East Boston, Friday



morning, June 25 at 10 o'clock. (Please go directly to church). Interment at St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale

In lieu of flowers, donations in Anthony's memory to the American Heart Association would be appreciated.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on Anthony's Tribute Page MagrathFuneralHome.com

James Coady, Sr.

1929 — 2021

James T. Coady, Sr. died in East Boston on June 19.

The beloved husband of Eileen (Ryan) Coady, who was the love of his life, he was the loving father of Kerri A. Coady, who was the light of his life and caregiver for the past year, James Coady Jr., and Kristin Coady-Wein and her husband, Steven; grandfather of James III, Melyssa, John, Kelsey, Ryanna, Ryan, Jacob, Cammie, Joey, Jared and Lacey; great grandfather of Brody and Leo; brother of Rita Schiltz of Wisconsin, Paul Coady and his wife, Anne of Burlington, the late Elizabeth Kronk and Harold Coady Jr. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. He was the Special "Papa" to Daniel and Tinkabell In accordance with Jim's wishes, there will be no visitation or services at this time. Jim will be cremated and will return home. He will be buried



together with Eileen when the time comes.

The family wishes to thank the doctors and nurses at Massachusetts General Hospital, especially the ICU Blake 7 Unit, for their care and compassion during these past difficult months. Jim - Thank you for 52 wonderful years, but 1000 years with you would still not be enough. Till we meet again - Love, Eileen

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on Jim's Tribute Page at MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Teresa Gulla

Of Revere

Teresa (Colarusso) Gulla of Revere passed away on June 16 at the age 90.

Born in Boston on April 15, 1931 to the late Frank and Mary (Lespasio), she was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Gulla, devoted mother of Frank Gulla of Revere, Joe Gulla of Peabody, Joanne Winn and her husband, Dave of Peabody and the late John Gulla; cherished grandmother of Davida Winn, Michael Gulla and the late Joey Gulla; adored great grandmother of Matthew and Drayven Gulla; dear sister of Adeline Costanzo and her late husband, Tony of New Hampshire, Francine Ricupero and her husband, David of Melrose and the late Angela Colarusso. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



A visitation was held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, Revere on Monday, June 21, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church. Entombment was at Holy Cross Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Teresa's name to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Avenue, Boston, MA 02215 or at dana-farber.org. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Ann Mandatori

Of East Boston

Ann (DiGregorio) Mandatori was born in Boston on December 24, 1943 and passed away Sunday, June 13 after a long-term illness at her family's home in Peabody.

Ann worked for Verizon for 45 years and was a loving aunt, great aunt and a wonderful friend to many.

Ann was married to the late Michael Mandatori of Revere for 46 years. She is survived by her nephew, Paul A. Serino, his wife, Jeanette and their three children; Zachary, Alec and Sarah of Peabody and her brother in-law, Paul J. Serino of Revere. Ann was the daughter of the late Anthony and Phyllis DiGregorio of Revere and sister to the late Patricia Serino of Revere.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Tuesday, June 29 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service in the Funeral Home. Interment will be in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.



Ann was a patient of Care Dimensions for the past year and a half and the family would appreciate donations be made to Care Dimensions in lieu of flowers. How to Give - make a donation by check payable to Care Dimensions mailed to 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. Donate online by using our secure online service to charge your donation to your credit card. Download our form and mail with your check or credit card information. Your Support is Important - Care Dimensions <https://www.caredimensions.org/giving/your-support-is-important.cfm>

Marie Pirrello

Loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, East Boston on Friday, June 18 for Marie D. "Mary" (Salamone) Pirrello, a longtime East Boston resident, who died at her daughter's home in Revere on June 15 in the loving presence of her family and God following a brief illness. She was in her 98th year. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Marie was born to Benedetto and Angelina (Drogo) Salamone on June 26, 1923 in East Boston. Marie, was also known as Mary, remained in East Boston living in the same house all of her life. She was educated in Boston Public Schools and attended East Boston High School.

Like in so many families during her era, Mary had to go to work to help support the family. She began to work in Boston's Garment District. Mary began as a stitcher and quickly worked her way up to floor

lady. She left behind her work when she married her husband, Phillip Pirrello in 1947.

She then became a homemaker, raised her two daughters and took care of the home. She cherished her role as wife and mother. Mary was a woman of wit, smarts and humor. She loved being a grandmother and great grandmother. She had a special place for all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was truly the matriarch of her family. Mary loved to cook for any and all occasions. Anyone who knew Mary, knew that she loved her trips to the Casinos. She loved playing the slots for hours. She was also a longtime Celtics fan. Mary knew every single Celtics player, past and present. Her age represents a long life spent



loving, sharing, teaching and making memories.

She was the beloved wife for 48 years of the late Phillip "Lepo" Pirrello, loving and treasured mother of Josephine Parziale and her husband, Carmen and Angela Buchan and her late husband, Thomas J. Buchan, Jr., all of Revere; cherished grandmother of David Parziale of Reading, Phillip Parziale and his wife, Jenney of Boston, Karen Wells and her husband, Kevin of

Danvers, Carmen "C.J." Parziale and his wife, Jaclyn of Boxford, Linda J. Hart and her husband, David of Revere and Marie Russell and her husband, Edward of Ocala, FL; adored great grandmother of Ashley, Kayla, Olivia, Eddie, Stephanie, Andrea, Samantha, Tommy, Sydney, Matthew, Nathan and Peter; dear sister of the late Stella A. DiPerri, Benedetto Salamone, Paul Salamone, Robert Salamone and Josephine Forti. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and by many friends and extended family.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com.

Diana Wildhardt

Long time cherished IHOP Revere employee who also ran a Karaoke business

Diana (Fruciano) Wildhardt of Malden passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on June 15 at the age of 67.

Diana had a large extended family and many loving friends. The Great Eight will never be the same. Diana enjoyed working her karaoke business for many years with Michael at local clubs. Diana was a long time cherished employee of IHop Revere. Diana had a huge sparkling personality and will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Born in Revere on October 1, 1953 to the late Giuseppe and Maria (Fazio), she was the beloved wife of Michael Wilhardt, devoted mother of Saramarie Durgin and her late twin brother, Sean, Joey Wilhardt of Leesburg, VA, and Michael Sanders of Phoenix, AZ; cherished grandmother of Makayla, Sean, Michael, Cody, and Alysa and dear sister of Joseph Fruciano of Rowley, Sarah Fruciano of



Malden, and the late Frank Fruciano.

A visitation will be held at the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Monday, June 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a Prayer Service in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Private Interment. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Diana's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude PL, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or at www.stjude.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Lena Ferreri

Of East Boston

Lena (Petrillo) Ferreri of East Boston passed away on June 17.

The dear sister of the late Guy Petrillo, Joseph Petrillo, Nino Petrillo, Columbia LaRosa and Grace Staffia, she was the cherished aunt of James LaRosa, Anthony Petrillo, Ron Petrillo, Marsha Petrillo

and the late Richard and Ken Petrillo.

In accordance with the family's wishes, all services are private. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CANNABIS LICENSE BEING SOUGHT

CHELSEA - La Colaborativa Director Gladys Vega announced this week that her company, Vida Verde, would pursue a cannabis retail and transportation license at the former tuxedo shop on the Parkway in Chelsea. Vega and business partner, Leah Piantidosi, will pursue the Chelsea license with the goal of having three recreational cannabis shops in the region – with one already in the works for Somerville and another one in Malden. Vega said she considered the marijuana industry when it was first legalized more than three years ago, trying to decide if she would get involved in the new industry. She said coming from a home where there was drug use was prevalent, and she felt she would be the kind of responsible person to introduce the industry into Chelsea correctly.

“Because I grew up in Chelsea, I have experienced growing up in a household where my brother used heavy drugs,” she said. “The abuse of marijuana in our family was very hard growing up. As I got older, I wondered what I would do if marijuana was legalized, and if I would get involved...I want to make sure Chelsea, these businesses go in and come out without doing anything for the residents. Many people become rich and are I and out of our city. I want to create a foundation and have this do things to support our city. I have invested my whole life into Chelsea and I want to make sure whomever makes an investment in Chelsea gives back to Chelsea.”

Vega said one of the main reasons she is involved is, one, for the health aspects that her business partner, Piantidosi, has testified to – finding that it helped her late mother when she had cancer. The other reason is to set up a foundation that will help La Colaborativa and other non-profits continue their critical work in the community.

“My plan is to kick-off these businesses and have Chelsea managers that are able to manage the operations and hopefully three years from now, I can be at all location three locations,” she said. “I want to be able to do that when I have the resources for La Colaborativa and the Foundation is intact and I don’t have to stay up late figuring out how to make our payroll. Right now we’re okay because of the pandemic, but the pandemic is old news and people will forget about it and our blanket of poverty will continue. The problems from this pandemic will be something we have to battle for years and years. I’m not going to say I don’t want to make money, but I also want to make money for our community.”

She said they will be hiring staff, and she said she probably would bring some people along that she trusts to help the business along. Meanwhile, she said security will be paramount, and she would not tolerate loitering, using the product in the surrounding neighborhood or throwing packaging on the ground. She said to prevent such litter, they would tag each package with a unique ID and anything found could be tracked to the customer

– who would face consequences if they returned.

She said she plans to really upgrade the old tuxedo shop (Russo’s) on the Parkway, and indicated the shop they are building in Somerville is very luxurious and professional. That will be the same case in Chelsea as well.

She said if anyone is to be trusted with this new industry, she said she hopes Chelsea will trust her and her company.

“I’ve invested years into Chelsea and I have nowhere else to go,” she said. “Chelsea is my hometown.”

GVLP Corp., known as Vida Verde, will have its community outreach meeting for the cannabis establishment on June 30, 6 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room. The location of the establishment is 320 Revere Beach Parkway. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

MATEWSKY RETURNS TO COUNCIL POST

EVERETT - Council President Wayne Matewsky visited death’s door for certain after having a critical heart attack three months ago while on vacation in Florida, but it was a door he did not pass through and now has recovered and was on hand to re-assume his post and tell the tale.

Last week before the early City Budget special meeting, Council Interim President Anthony DiPiero introduced Matewsky back to the body, and relinquished the seat back to Matewsky – where the long-time councilor relayed the harrowing tale of how he survived a major heart attack, recovered in Florida and at home, and discovered just how much he is appreciated in Everett.

He said he was in Ft. Lauderdale at a motel he has stayed at for the past four years, going there for some rest and relaxation from the COVID pandemic and ended up having a major heart attack.

“I went to Florida for a rest and I was there eight days and the heart attack hit me,” he said. “It was sudden. I had no chest pains but just couldn’t breathe. Thank God there is a fire station right behind the motel. I actually went there to get away from sirens and trains, but thank God for that fire station. The day of the heart attack, when I opened my door and told the manager at the pool to call 9-1-1, that fire department was there in a minute, and they rushed me to Holy Cross Hospital. They saved my life. For two weeks I was in an induced coma from what I’m told.”

Matewsky, 62, has spent the last month or more recovering at Spaulding Hospital in Cambridge, and had spent some time in Florida recovering and gathering strength for the trip back to Everett.

Once he got back to Everett, Matewsky said he was touched at the outpouring of support from all of his colleagues – each of which he named and from residents and friends throughout the City. Some of his colleagues and his friends also visited him in Florida, such as DiPiero and Councilor Michael Marchese and Library Board member Edna Micelin.

He said he has gotten more than 400 cards in the



Revere Police Officer David Wilson was recognized for saving the life of a young lady on Revere Beach and putting his life in peril while doing so. Wilson entered freezing water and carried the young lady back to shore all by himself. In the photo, Officer Wilson is shown with, Councillor Jessica Giannino, Council President Tony Zambuto, Revere Police Chief David Callahan and Councillor George Rotondo.

mail, baskets and gifts as well.

“I can’t thank the people of Everett enough,” he said. “I’ve never been sick in my life, but there were so many people who visited me or sent me notes to get well and I’ll never forget it. I’m lucky to be alive and I mean that. I want to thank the membership of this Council. I didn’t realize people appreciated me as much as they did. When something this serious happens to you, you just really appreciate the kindness you receive.”

Mayor Carlo DeMaria after the meeting sent out a statement welcoming Matewsky back to work.

“President Matewsky’s return was a pleasant surprise on Monday evening,” said Mayor DeMaria. “He gave us all quite a scare, but he has certainly come a long way and I look forward to continuing to serve the residents with him.”

After telling his story, Matewsky didn’t seem to miss a beat – launching into a Budget meeting and then conducting a full City Council meeting that went nearly three hours.

It was to the amazement of many in the Chambers and watching at home.

CRIGHTON ENDORSES NICHOLSON FOR MAYOR

LYNN - State Sen. Brendan Crighton (D-Lynn) has announced that he is endorsing Jared Nicholson for Mayor of Lynn.

In his announcement Sen. Crighton said that “throughout my 16 year career in public service I’ve had the opportunity to work closely with many dedicated members of the Lynn community. Today I am honored to announce my support for one of the brightest, hardest working individuals that I’ve ever worked with.”

Sen. Crighton cited his experience working with Jared, “even before Jared ran for office, he was fighting for many of our shared priorities including school funding, job creation, transportation improvements, and making sure that all Lynn residents have access to housing they can afford.”

Sen. Crighton also put the endorsement in the context of Lynn’s future, “it is crucial that we have a mayor with the vision, toughness, and skills to lead us. When I’m fighting for the priorities that matter to Lynn in the State House, I need a partner like Jared in City Hall. His vision for a future of Lynn that includes all of us is exactly the direction we need.”

Nicholson said, “Senator Crighton is an exemplary leader in Lynn with an outstanding track record and a true champion of the causes that we both

care about for Lynn’s future. I am thrilled and honored to have his support.”

This endorsement is a telling sign that Jared’s grassroots campaign for Lynn’s future is building momentum in the community.

POLICE OFFICER CREDITED WITH SAVING LIFE

REVERE - The Revere City Council presented Revere Police Officer David Wilson its highest honor – a Certificate of Merit – for his heroic actions of rescuing a girl from the frigid waters of Revere Beach on May 14, 2021.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo said he witnessed Officer Wilson’s miraculous efforts that saved the life of the despondent girl.

“Very few times in life you have the opportunity to see a miracle, pretty much the same time you see heroism in action,” said Rotondo. “You just hear this woman screaming for this little girl and she was just treading water 200-300 feet out. What you don’t understand is that it was 8 o’clock at night and it was dark out and the water was probably around 48 degrees.

“David starts making his way to the shoreline taking off his gear,” continued Rotondo. “This young girl - if you know anything about people who struggle because they don’t want you to help them, they fight and they fight hard – picture that in 48 degree water and pitch black by yourself, that’s what he did. That’s what Dave Wilson did to save this young girl.

“I’ve seen miracle in life. I’m a nurse. I’ve seen heroism, too. Very rarely do. You get to see it, but I got it to see it that night,” said Rotondo. “David Wilson saved her life. He did it in pitch black and he did it in frigid waters. He is the epitome of the Revere Police Department. He is a hero.”

City Council President Anthony Zambuto read aloud the Certificate of Merit which recognized David Wilson’s “extraordinary, distinguished, and meritorious actions.”

“Without hesitation, you jumped into action and dove into the waters and saved her life that day,” said Zambuto. “You have gone above and beyond the call of duty by putting your own life at risk and your actions will be forever remembered.”

Police Chief David Callahan extended the official congratulatory wishes from the Revere Police Department to Wilson.

“I just want to congratulate Officer Wilson,” said Callahan. “He’s been on the Police Department over 25 years and when I heard the story when I

was called that evening, it didn’t surprise me. Over the course of his 25 years, he’s always been selfless where he puts other people before himself. This instance could have been a very different situation, but he inserted himself in harm’s way, at nighttime in the ocean, in frigid temperatures. He didn’t think twice. He didn’t think a moment about it. He put himself in the ocean and his efforts alone saved that girl.”

State Rep. and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino presented a Citation on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Officer David Wilson.

“He was my resource officer when I was a student at Revere High School and it’s truly an honor to be able to present this to you as a state representative,” said Giannino.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETS IN-PERSON

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council held its first in-person meeting since the start of COVID on Tuesday, June 15, in the Harvey Room in Town Hall, where it voted on the FY22 budget. In attendance were all members of council, several department heads and six members of the public.

Technical Issues When they had first started talking about meeting in person again, the council vowed to make its meetings accessible remotely. However, if Tuesday was any indication, it has a long way to go.

For those present in the Harvey Room, only some of their voices were able to be heard on the WCAT livestream. In particular, the microphones of Interim Town Manager Terence Delahanty, Health Director Meredith Hurley, Council Pres. Phil Boncore, and Councilor Tracy Honan were compromised.

Around ten members of the public attended the meeting via Zoom, but their experience was not much better. Voices sounded gravelly and muffled, with many sentences trailing off into silence. The other problem with Zoom was the wide angle view of the council, which made it difficult to ascertain who was speaking.

Ultimately, only those who were present in the Harvey Room know what was discussed. Luckily, the Transcript was able to obtain some of the meeting contents from individual speakers.

FY22 Budget Council voted on the budget submitted to them at the June 8 meeting. They first voted on the budget as a whole, then on individual funds and projects separately. Some small amendments were

made. The public is encouraged to read the full ten-page Finance Commission report, available on the Town website.

Town Manager Delahanty praised the hard work of the Finance Commission, which met for over 50 hours on the budget in recent months. He also noted the lack of competition between departments.

“The budget process tends to bifurcate us and pit us against each other,” he said. “We have become one—one community, one team.”

Pride Flag Town Manager Delahanty has received correspondence from community members urging the town to put rainbow flags on town property in honor of Pride Month. Currently, the town is only able to raise the American Flag, the Massachusetts State Flag and the Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flag on town property.

However, the town manager said, “I think we need to modify that policy.”

Council Pres. Phil Boncore concurred, stating, “We want to see diversity and inclusion.” COVID

Health Director Meredith Hurley gave her usual COVID update. Winthrop has had 2,314 total cases, with 2,277 recovered, 35 deceased, and two in isolation. As of July 9, fewer than one percent of tests over the past two weeks were positive. Almost three quarters of all eligible residents have received at least one dose of the vaccine, and 65 percent are fully vaccinated. Center Business District

DPW Director Steve Calla discussed ongoing construction in the Center Business District, which is now moving from the utility infrastructure phase to the surface restoration phase. This will include restoring streets, sidewalks, lighting and landscaping. Cast removal starts next week in preparation for the full-depth reclamation of all roadways that will commence June 21 and take about a month.

Middle School Zoning The Rules and Ordinances Committee has been meeting for a year and a half to review the zoning for the old middle school site. The current zoning for the area restricts what could potentially occupy that site. Under the new recommendations, there is more flexibility in terms of occupancy. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be put out to see what kind of interest there is for developing the site. Town Manager Delahanty suggested that the RFP process involve community meetings similar to the middle school zoning process, so the public can decide what will eventually go in that space.

NORTHEAST METRO TECH CLASS OF 2021 GRADUATION

Staff report

Superintendent-Director David DiBarri and Principal-Deputy Director Carla Scuzzarella are pleased to announce the graduation of the 301 students in Northeast Metro Tech’s Class of 2021. Northeast Metro Tech held four mini-graduation ceremonies, two each on Thursday, June 3 and Friday, June 4, smaller events planned before the state lifted its COVID-19 restrictions. Each ceremony contained graduates from four of the school’s 16 Career Technical Education paths.

Graduates in each ceremony walked on to the School football field to different music, from the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance” to the classic Queen song “Don’t Stop Me Now.” Superintendent DiBarri praised students for their commitment to Career Technical Education amid the trying times of a pandemic.



Senior Class President Anna Falasca and Class Advisor Ryan Kelly lead the student procession in the first of four graduation ceremonies.

“You are resilient, capable, and hopeful -- exactly what the world needs right now. With a career and technical education, you have a leg up. You have industry knowledge and hands-on experience that many of your peers don’t have,” Superintendent DiBarri told graduates. “I firmly believe that each one of you has tremendous potential, and that your futures are bright.” Superintendent DiBarri then challenged graduates to reflect on the dreams they had during a year-plus of COVID-19 restrictions, and to run toward those dreams in the coming year. Principal Scuzzarella spoke about the return to a post-COVID-19 world and about interpersonal contact, and how the Class of 2021 remained resilient. “You have been truly tested, and you have not faltered,” Principal Scuzzarella said. “As the sign at the bottom of the hill



Graduates sing the National Anthem.

says: You are on your way!” Valedictorian Victoria Vieira, a drafting and design student from Revere, reflected on the journey of the past four years. She then quoted Albert Einstein: “Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one learned in high school.” Vieira continued: “Although we many not always remember how to read old English or how to balance chemical equations, we must remember our determination and the obstacles we have overcome. I urge you to continue taking that step forward, no matter how cumbersome life appears.” Salutatorian Victoria Fama, a drafting and design student from Malden, spoke about the obstacles the Class of 2021 overcame. “Our time at Northeast has brought us opportunities to be mentored by understanding teachers, build lifelong bonds with our peers, and even find a

sense of who we are as individuals,” Fama said. Class President Anna Falasca, an early childhood education student from Saugus, focused on the unexpected lessons learned along the way. “Class of 2021, you have taught me so much in a short time: Strength, de-

termination, perseverance, and how to avoid Zoom,” she said. “We’re going to have one crazy story to tell one day.” The first of four graduations included a surprise presentation. Bryan Garosano, an HVAC student from Exeter, N.H. and formerly of Wakefield, was

presented his diploma by his brother, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Garosano. Sgt. Garosano, an armored crewman currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, and a nine-year military veteran, had been home visiting his family a few weeks ago. The surprise of his return was well-kept. “He thinks I’m working,” Sgt. Garosano said, referring to his brother, before the surprise. Sgt. Garosano sat behind the stage, appearing when his brother’s name was announced. The brothers hugged as Kevin presented Bryan his diploma. The following East Boston residents have graduated in the Northeast Metro Tech Class of 2021.

- Emmanuel Gil Zapata
- Tirza Moreno Guzman



PHOTOS COURTESY NORTHEAST METRO TECH

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Garosano, right, surprised his brother Bryan Garosano, and presented him his diploma. Posing with them are their parents, Bryan and Kathleen Garosano.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

EAST BOSTON RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST
Dean College is pleased to announce that Patrick Aiken Jr. of East Boston has earned a place on the Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester. Students named to the Dean’s List have demonstrated a serious commitment to their studies while at Dean College. Founded in 1865, Dean College is a private, residential college located in Franklin Massachusetts, 45 minutes from Boston, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island. Dean College offers baccalaureate degrees, associate degree programs, as well as a robust schedule of part-time continuing and professional education credit and certificate programs throughout the calendar year.

LYERLY GRADUATES FROM UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES
Ta’teanna Lyerly of

East Boston, was among the graduates recognized during University of the Sciences’ 200th commencement celebration, a virtual event, held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Lyerly graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Medical Laboratory Science. University of the Sciences has prepared students to be leaders and practitioners in the health-care and science fields for nearly 200 years. Key to its distinctive education is a tradition of hands-on research and experiential learning that is evident in every graduate who has walked its campus. Since its founding in 1821 as Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, the first college of pharmacy in North America, USciences has grown to more than 30 degree-granting programs from bachelor’s through doctoral degrees in the health sciences, bench sciences, and healthcare business and policy fields. Discover how USciences students are proven every-

where they go at uscience.edu.

PENINNA DELINOIS-ZEPHIR NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST
Springfield College has named Peninna Delinois-Zephir from East Boston to the dean’s list for academic excellence for the 2021 spring semester. Delinois-Zephir has a primary major of Human Services. The criteria for selection to the Dean’s List are as follows: The student must have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded coursework for the term, exclusive of “P” grades. The student must not have any incompletes or missing grades in the designated term. The student must have a minimum semester grade average of 3.500 for the term. Springfield College is an independent, nonprofit, coeducational institution founded in 1885. Approx-

imately 4,100 students, including 2,500 full-time undergraduate students, study at its main campus in Springfield, Mass., and

at its regional campuses across the country. Springfield College inspires students through the guiding principles of its Humanics

philosophy - educating in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to others.

Boston Logan International Airport

Project Information Meeting

RUNWAY 27 SAFETY AREA PROJECT

Massport will host a virtual information meeting on the upcoming Environmental Notification Form (ENF) for proposed Runway Safety Area (RSA) enhancements at Runway-End 27 at Boston Logan International Airport. The meeting will be streamed in English and Spanish.

The virtual information meeting for the upcoming ENF is scheduled for:

- Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 6:00 PM
- To register for this meeting, please visit www.massport.com/massport/about-massport/project-environmental-filings/logan-airport

This project is being advanced in compliance with the Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA) requirements to enhance safety at this runway end. **RSAs are safety measures and do not extend runways or have any effect on normal runway operations, runway capacity, or types of aircraft that can use the runways.**

This pre-filing information meeting will discuss the purpose of, and need for, the proposed RSA enhancements, the alternatives considered, and potential environmental impacts, including temporary construction impacts. Massport expects to file an ENF in late summer 2021, to be followed by a combined federal *Environmental Assessment* and state *Environmental Impact Report*, both of which will include opportunities for public comment.

For questions, please contact community@massport.com.



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CITY PAWS

First know your dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We see a lot of training going on with the pandemic pups. That’s a good thing! It’s the beginning of a lifetime of learning how to be great human/dog teams. It creates more ambassadors for the dog community. Well-behaved dogs with responsible guardians help offset the harm done by scofflaws and uncaring individuals.

Dogs Are Individuals

To train a dog, you have to figure out what will work for the specific creature at the end of your leash. Take into consideration your style of teaching and discipline. To relate to this, think about how you approach learning. Some of us succeed by reading, while others prefer oral presentations or videos. You may prefer to take a series of classes with assignments to complete, while your sibling may choose to research and learn by trial and error.

Our Experience

We’ve lived with three West Highland White Terriers and have fostered and known many more. There were some breed traits we could observe. However, these dogs differed in personality, intelligence,

responsiveness, and motivation.

Our Sassy was raised in the suburbs and didn’t interact well with other dogs. She was stubborn, food-obsessed, intelligent, funny, and pushy. She loved most people.

Maggie Mae was raised in the city and was a social bee. She loved everyone and every dog except one pack of Dalmations who frightened her and one poor Gordon Setter that she would bark away. Maggie was a picky eater and was more motivated by praise than food. Overall she was easy-going and easy to train once you found the right motivation.

Poppy is a scared little Westie. She does not like to be outside and is afraid of many sights and loud sounds. She loves her food and treats, but will decline even the tastiest tidbits when she’s anxious. She is a cuddler with those she loves, but only responds positively to a few special people in her life. She also responds better to hand signals and body language than she does to words.

A Few Basics

Begin your training efforts by working on basic tasks that will serve you well in many situations. As you train for “sit” or



Training a dog to go to, and stay on, a specific piece of cloth or pad can be a great asset when you’re out and about.

“down,” observe how your dog reacts to your efforts. Think about what you did that brought the proper response. We always recommend combining a hand signal with a short word cue. (You never know when you’ll want to deliver a silent message to your dog.)

Try to keep your voice inviting in order to change an unwanted behavior like barking. Ask your dog to

do something he already knows how to do—like, “come-to-me,” “sit,” or “leave it.” Then you can deliver praise for a correct response that ends the bad behavior. Develop your own consistent way to gain your dog’s attention. That could be a clicker, but it’s even easier to make a sound with your mouth since you always have it with you.

To ensure your training

efforts do more good than harm, use your favorite way to research and learn to bring yourself up-to-date on current training recommendations. Today, researchers and behaviorists recommend positive reinforcement. The days of dominating actions, shock collars, and other punishing gadgets are over.

Your canine is one of your best friends so treat

her with kindness as you help her adapt to your human world. If you find you are not making progress, it could mean that you need a bit of guidance from a professional trainer or behaviorist. Ask other members of your dog community for recommendations.

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

MassDOT underscores importance of avoiding distracted driving

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is underscoring the importance of removing distractions while driving, urging drivers as summer vehicle travel increases to please pay attention to the road, reduce speed and drive hands-free of devices. The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has recorded 53,638 motor vehicle citations which includes 40,181 warnings for distracted driving since the Baker-Polito Administration’s “hands-free” law took effect on February 23, 2020.

The “hands-free” law stipulates that operators of motor vehicles cannot use an electronic device unless the device is being used in hands-free mode. Operators cannot read or view text, images or videos, unless what is being viewed is helping with navigation, and the de-

vice is mounted in an appropriate location. Motorists also cannot make phone calls unless they can do so without holding their phones, by utilizing technology such as Bluetooth. The law also requires law enforcement officers to report data on violations that will be shared with the public. The use of phones and all electronic devices, including phones in hands-free mode, remains illegal for drivers under the age of 18.

“Distracted drivers are a hazard on the road,” said Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler. “Drivers must have eyes on the road ahead because even the smallest distraction in a vehicle can have deadly consequences. For your sake and the sake of others traveling on the roads, please put the phone away, drive sober, travel at or below the posted speed limit and pay at-

tention to what’s going on around you while driving.”

“As we look forward to a great summer across New England, we’re counting on every Massachusetts driver to do your part and put the phone away,” said Secretary of Public Safety and Security Thomas Turco. “All of us in public safety remain committed to enforcing the hands-free law and ending distracted driving – to protect motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and all our neighbors on the road. Texting, scrolling, and posting can wait – please stay alert and travel safely.”

“The RMV encourages drivers to stay vigilant, remain focused, and be aware of others sharing the roadways across the Commonwealth,” said Acting Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “Distracted driving can have serious and fatal consequenc-

es for both experienced drivers and junior operators who have just secured a driver’s license or learner’s permit, so it’s critical to spread the word and communicate the dangers of distracted driving to family members, friends, co-workers and others.”

Punishment for violating the hands-free law includes a \$100 fine for a first offense, a \$250 fine for a second offense, and a \$500 fine for a third or subsequent offense. Operators who commit a second or subsequent offense are required to complete an educational program focused on distracted driving prevention. To date, the program has been assigned to operators 161 times, with 74 individuals having completed the online training requirement, and 87 individuals currently required to complete the training. A third or subsequent offense will count as a surchargeable incident.

“We cannot be attentive and defensive drivers if we are distracted by our phones,” said Safe Roads Alliance President Emily Stein. “Hang up and drive for your own safety and for everyone else you share the road with. Hang up for your kids in the backseat, who one day will be drivers themselves. They are watching you closely, and if you text or talk while driving, then it’s more likely for your kids to be distracted when they start driving.”

Key findings from the

FY22 Massachusetts Highway Safety Plan are as follows:

From 2015 to 2019, there were 14,982 fatal crashes involving a distracted driver out of 169,009 total fatal crashes across all fifty states.

204 fatal crashes of 1,675 during the same time frame, the percentage of fatal crashes involving a distracted driver in Massachusetts was 12%.

From 2015 to 2019, there were 213 distracted drivers involved in 204 fatal crashes involving a distracted driver.

From 2015 to 2019, there were 216 fatalities reported in 204 fatal crashes involving a distracted driver.

From 2015 to 2019, fatal distracted driving crashes occur most often in October, July, and June. These three months accounted for a third of all fatal crashes with a distracted driver.

Unlike speeding and impaired driving, distracted driving fatal crashes occur more often during the week (Monday - Thursday) than the weekend (Friday - Sunday).

Massachusetts ranked 27th out of 50 states for fatal crashes involving a distracted driver.

By roadway type, over half of fatal crashes involving a distracted driver took place along either principal arterial or minor arterial roads.

Fatal crashes involving a distracted driver are more frequent along roadways with higher

traffic volumes and higher posted speed limits than collectors or local roads. For example, nearly 80% of distracted driver-involved fatal crashes occurred on interstates and arterials in Massachusetts, all of which have 35 mph or higher speed limits.

Overall, 29% (59 of 204) of all distracted driving fatal crashes involved speeding.

Under the new law, vehicles without built-in GPS, Apple Car Play, or Android Audio must be equipped with a phone mount on the dash or windshield for GPS navigation. For motorists not using hands-free technology, the EOPSS Office of Grants and Research offers these additional tips:

Before driving, please turn your phone off and put it out of reach.

Set your mobile phone to “Do Not Disturb While Driving” mode.

Let your friends and family know that you’ll be driving and can’t take their calls or texts.

If you have to make a call or send a text, pull over.

Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists – especially at night.

Remember to buckle up! Seatbelts are your best defense against a distracted driver.

Please to learn more information about the new Hands-Free Law visit <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/hands-free-law>.

Encore Boston Harbor announces outdoor summer activations

Staff Report

Just in time for summer’s official kickoff, Encore Boston Harbor announces new and returning outdoor summer activations. All located on the property’s lush South Lawn, guests will enjoy brunch, live music and beer gardens.

HARBORSIDE LIVE MUSIC SERIES: Thursdays starting June 24 – Live music is back at Encore Boston Harbor. Every Thursday this summer, enjoy local musicians including reggae, pop and rock guitarists and more. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. This event is free with reservation. The lineup and RSVP links are as follows:

•June 24 – Conscious Reggae Band - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/>

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WEEKEND BEER GARDENS: Thursday through Sunday starting June 24 – Encore Boston Harbor and Night Shift Brewing expand their partnership every Thursday through Sunday with an outdoor beer garden. Small bites and Night Shift favorites will be available along with lawn games.


The beer garden is open Thursday from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Entry is free, and guests must be 21+.

GARDEN CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH: July 11, 18 and 25 – Patrons will relish all-you-can-eat buffet stations, a la carte menu items, mimosa and margarita flights and other beverages. Local DJs will spin and lawn games are available. Brunch will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and starts at \$55 per person. To reserve your spot, please visit: <https://www.encorebostonharbor.com/experiences/garden-champagne-brunch>. DJ lineup includes:

•July 11 – DJ Rich DiMare

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Encore Boston Harbor to bring on new president in August

By Seth Daniel

Encore Boston Harbor President Brian Gullbrants will move on from his role as president of the Everett resort casino at the end of July, and current Encore Executive Vice President of Operations Jenny Holaday will take over as the next president of the casino on Aug. 1.

Holaday, an East Boston resident, has been the EVP of Operations since 2019 and has excelled before and in the re-build as the pandemic lifted. She will become the third president of the Encore Boston Harbor since its inception.

In her current role, she leads all marketing functions, including advertising, direct and database marketing, casino marketing, analytics, promotions, special events, entertainment, player development and Wynn Rewards, the company's loyalty program. Additionally, she is

responsible for overseeing all casino operations for the resort.

Gullbrants is reportedly headed back to the operations in Las Vegas, after having a good run at Encore that began in October 2019 when former President Bob DeSalvio was suddenly ousted from the position. Gullbrants had been the EVP of Operations since coming to Boston in 2017 and beginning to make the pre-opening rounds in May 2018. He had transferred employment to Boston from Las Vegas at the time.

During his tenure, Gullbrants was able to begin to better-tailor Encore to the Greater Boston market – and according to several investor calls over the last few quarters, that has been a success.

Holaday joined Encore bringing an extensive background in the casino industry to her role.

She has lived and worked in eight separate gaming

regions from the East Coast to Nevada and many places in between. She started her career in loyalty marketing before moving to large scale retail marketing, and eventually into senior-level property operations. She has held executive positions for companies such as Harrah's, Caesars and Mandalay Resort Group and launched two enterprise-wide casino player programs. In 2016, she left the gaming industry to follow a new career path as a marketing and operations consultant, helping millennials with professional development. However, she was drawn back into the gaming industry in 2019 when she began her tenure at Encore.

When she isn't on property, Holaday said she enjoys cooking and golfing. She said she loves to spend time and catch up with her two adult children, and currently lives in East Boston with her dog, Snoopy.

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