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Boncore may leave State Senate for position at Biotech Council

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When Lisa Kashinsky of Politico Massachusetts Playbook first reported last week that State Sen. Joe Boncore was letting his colleagues know that he “plans to leave for a job at MassBio [Massachusetts Biotechnology Council],” it set off a lot of speculation and political activity in the senatorial district that includes East Boston.

The Boston Globe followed with a story stating that “Boncore, 39, still has more interviews for the leadership job, according

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South End State Rep. Jon Santiago ends mayoral campaign

By Seth Daniel

Though he has a gleaming resume for the job of mayor, South End State Rep. Jon Santiago’s campaign never took a strong foothold citywide and never caught the momentum needed to show strong in September, and as a result he ended his campaign for mayor on Tuesday morning.

His move to end the campaign leaves four announced major candidates still in the race.

Santiago has had a great run as a state representative in the South End, and was a natural fit when he

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ZUMIX WALK FOR MUSIC



PHOTO BY WAYNE EARL CHINNOCK

Zumix held its annual Zumix Walk for Music fundraiser on Sunday, July 11. Hundreds walked from the Zumix Firehouse on Sumner Street to Piers Park for live music. See Page 12 for more photos.

Update on the Ohabei Shalom Cemetery restoration

By John Lynds

At a community meeting last month Lisa Berenson, Director of Development for Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM) Charitable Foundation said the foundation is continuing to restore the historic Ohabei Shalom Chapel on Wordsworth Street with several projects in the works.

Built in 1903 the Ohabei Shalom Chapel served as a mortuary chapel for the adjacent Jewish Cemetery. The cemetery was established in 1844, and was the first Jewish Cemetery in Massachusetts that served Boston and Mystic Valley’s Jewish population.

According to plans the JCAM will complete a historic restoration of not only the chapel to create the neighborhood’s first immigration center but also the cemetery’s perimeter.

We’re in the process of doing a lot of restoration at the cemetery,” said Berenson. “We’ve completely restored the exits to the cemetery. We’ve completely renovated the exterior of the chapel and the entire exterior of that building and repointed it



The historic Ohabei Shalom Cemetery Chapel on Wordsworth Street. The Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM) Charitable Foundation is continuing to restore the cemetery’s chapel and launched other restoration projects at the cemetery.

completely. We’ve been able to do this with funds from the Mass Historical Commission, private foundations and donations.”

Berenson said JCAM’s latest project right now is the fence at the back of the cemetery that borders Byron Street.

“It’s kind of an eyesore and we realize that and it’s just been a matter of raising money to be able to do some work on that retaining wall that is crumbling,” said Berenson. “The chainlink fence is rusted and that is an eyesore as well. So, thankfully, we have been writing

grants and we’ve been doing pretty well with getting some funding. We’re very excited about starting the wall restoration and the replacement fence at the back of the cemetery. We’re hoping to have this completed sometime in the fall. We’re going to aggressively start working on that very shortly, and it’s not only going to be good for the Byron Street neighborhood but for us as well.”

Berenson explained over the years the cemetery has had its fair share of vandalism.

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Eastie’s Constitution Beach scores high marks on water quality report card

By John Lynds

With summer in full swing and beachgoers enjoying sun, surf and sand Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released its annual report on the water quality at Constitution Beach in East Boston.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Annual Beach Water Report Card, Constitution Beach scored an A+ and the beach’s water quality increased eight points in the summer of 2020 since posting one of its lowest grades during the summer of 2019.

Constitution Beach scored a 98 percent last summer after posting a 90 percent in 2019. In 2018 Constitution Beach scored a 94 percent; a 95 percent in 2017; a 96 percent in 2016; and an 89 percent in

2015--the beaches lowest grade in six years.

Overall Constitution Beach’s six year average for water quality is 94 percent.

Rainfall can have a significant impact on beach water quality and can vary greatly from year to year. Changes in the summer storm intensity and frequency can often explain the variations. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Bruce Berman said 2020 was a relatively dry year, with only a few large summer storms and relatively fewer wet weather impacts, hence the increase in score at Eastie’s beach.

The drop in some scores at beaches like Constitution Beach in 2019 was not surprising. Though places like Lynn, Swamp-

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Nine East Boston residents to participate in Pan-Mass Challenge

By John Lynds

East Boston resident Nicole Azero said she signs up each year for the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) bike-a-thon because she knows she’s part of an event that has one of the largest impacts on the cancer research community in the world but the pandemic has hampered many fundraising efforts.

“Over the past year, most fundraisers have not raised the amount of money they normally see through their events, including the PMC,” said Azero. “However, I know this year will be a turnaround year for many and I hope to help those who need it most through my ride in 2021. You don’t hear of many events where 100 percent of rider-raised revenue goes directly to a cause. But for the PMC, 100% of the proceeds support the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute located in Boston.”



Eastie’s Nicole Azero will be one of nine Eastie residents to participate in this year’s Pan-Mass Challenge bike-a-thon with the goal of raising \$52 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

On Aug. 7 and 8, Azero will join eight other East

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EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER’S FARMERS MARKET



MICHELLE HAGERTY PHOTOS

On July 7, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center kicked off another season of farm fresh produce and other treats with its farmers market in Central Square. The market will be open each Wednesday until 6:30 p.m. See Page 6 for more photos.



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Janey celebrates grand opening of new mixed-income housing

Staff Report

Acting Mayor Kim Janey on Monday joined the Boston Housing Authority (BHA), WinnCompanies and MassHousing to celebrate the opening of a new mixed income community on the East Boston waterfront.

The \$30 million Harborwalk development replaced 20 units of aging Boston Housing Authority public housing at Clippership Apartments on Lewis St. with 22 affordable modern apartment homes at Harbor125 Apartments and Harborwalk Residences, also featuring 30 condominiums available for sale to middle-income and market-rate households.

“The Clippership Apartments, housing 22 rental units, will be welcoming back many families who were living here before the development plans were fully realized. Now those families are returning to newly constructed high quality modern living spaces,” said Mayor Janey. “I am proud to be a part of powerful investment in the people and the community of East Boston.”

Original public housing households who previously lived at the Clippership property have returned to new modern apartments. Of the 30 new condominiums, 14 will be sold to middle-income homebuyers at subsidized prices. The remaining 16 condos are being sold to buyers at market rates.

“These new homes will be an essential part

of the East Boston neighborhood, securing Clippership’s affordable housing promise for the future,” said BHA Administrator Kate Bennett. “This new development ensures that low income families can continue to have access to the East Boston waterfront and enjoy a better quality of life in new modern homes.”

Located one block from the MBTA Blue Line station at Maverick, the one-acre property offers a stunning view of downtown and pedestrian access to the Harborwalk. The new two-building development includes ground-level retail space, a management office, a bicycle storage room, and a community room available to East Boston civic groups.

“This project is a great example of a public-private partnership to preserve and expand public housing while also creating new ownership opportunities for working households who otherwise would be priced out of the market,” said Gilbert Winn, CEO of WinnCompanies. “It’s very satisfying to replace 20 units of aging public housing with 52 modern homes available at the entire range of incomes.”

Financing sources included Inclusionary Development Program funding facilitated by the Boston Planning and Development Agency and contributed by Lendlease, Inc., in connection with the company’s Clippership Wharf apartment and condominium project located next door.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey and joined state officials, Boston Housing Authority and WinnCompanies officials to cut the ribbon on the new mixed-income Clippership Apartments redevelopment on Monday.

The Harborwalk project is part of the BHA’s continuing effort to preserve, expand and modernize public housing in the City of Boston. The agency kicked off the development process in April 2016 and holds the ground lease for the rental site. WinnCompanies owns Harbor125 Apartments and developed Harborwalk Residences with a deed restriction requiring the 14 middle income home ownership condos to remain affordable.

“By transforming the former Clippership Apartments into a dynamic, new mixed-income development, this project is preserving much-needed

affordable rental housing and creating new homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers,” said MassHousing Executive Director Chrystal Kornegay. “We congratulate WinnCompanies and the Boston Housing Authority for reaching this milestone. MassHousing is pleased to be a partner in this important work.”

The 22 rental apartments at Harbor125 include one one-bedroom unit, six two-bedroom units, 10 three-bedroom units and five four-bedroom units. The apartments are supported by federal Section 8 project-based vouchers administered by the BHA.

Of the 14 condos to be sold through a lottery process, five one-bedroom units are for households earning at or below 80% of Area Median Income (\$85,700); five one-bedroom units are for households earning at or below 120% AMI (\$142,800); one two-bedroom unit is for a household earning at or below 80% of AMI; and one two-bedroom unit and two three-bedroom condos are set aside for households earning at or below 120% of AMI.

MassHousing, the independent, quasi-public agency that provides financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts, provided a \$6.6 million

permanent mortgage and \$3.6 million in bridge loan financing for the development of Harbor125 Apartments and \$1 million from the agency’s Workforce Housing Initiative to subsidize the cost of the 14 workforce condos at Harborwalk Residences.

Additional funding was provided by Bank of America and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta through the competitive Affordable Housing Program. BlueHub Capital provided subordinate construction and permanent financing to both projects.

NOAH receives Cummings Grant

By John Lynds

East Boston’s Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) recently received a \$100,000 grant from the Cummings Foundation’s \$25 Million Grant Program. NOAH was one of 139 local nonprofits to receive grants ranging from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and will receive \$100,000 over a two year period.

“We are grateful to the Cummings Foundation and their steadfast commitment to the non-profit community,” Philip Giffie, Executive Director at NOAH. “This grant, in support of the Homelessness Prevention project, will strengthen NOAH’s ability to provide no-/low-income households bilingual homelessness

prevention services.”

NOAH, a community development corporation, promotes equity, community cohesion, environmental justice, and economic resiliency.

“We increase access to affordable housing, create social and economic opportunities, and empower residents to be leaders of change,” added Giffie.

During a highly competitive grant application process that included several rounds of applications, presentations and interviews, NOAH was chosen from a group of 590 applicants during.

The Cummings \$25 Million Grant Program supports Massachusetts nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and

Suffolk counties. Cummings Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Woburn-based Cummings Properties. The grant program aims to give back in the area where Cummings Properties owns commercial buildings.

“We aim to help meet the needs of people in all segments of our local community,” said Cummings Foundation Executive Director Joel Swets. “It is the incredible organizations we fund, however, that do the actual daily work to empower our neighbors, educate our children, fight for equity, and so much more.”

The Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$300 million to greater Boston nonprofits since its founding.

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SORRY FOLKS -- BUT THE PANDEMIC IS FAR FROM OVER

We in Massachusetts are living in a bit of a pandemic bubble right now, both literally and figuratively.

The high vaccination rate in our state, as well as in neighboring states throughout New England, has contributed to a dramatic drop in the number of COVID-19 infections, deaths, and hospitalizations in our part of the country.

The successful reopening of our economy serves as a testament to the value of having a highly-vaccinated -- and highly-educated -- population.

It's as if our region of the U.S. is equivalent to an island nation such as New Zealand, where COVID-19 has not made a dent in economic or other activity since the beginning of the pandemic because its prime minister, Jacinda Ardern, sealed off its borders to foreigners from the very beginning of the pandemic.

However, New England is not an island. Millions of our own citizens are traveling to other places and returning, and millions of non-residents are coming here to visit this summer.

The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the dominant strain of the virus both in this country and throughout the world. The troubling aspects of Delta are that it is much more highly-transmissible than the original, it is more lethal, and the vaccines are slightly less-efficacious against it compared to the original strain of the virus for which the vaccines specifically were developed.

In Australia (where vaccination rates are very low), the Delta variant has shown itself to be a whole new ballgame, so to speak, in terms of how contagious it is. The virus has been transmitted among people who simply came fleetingly into contact with each other and shared the same airspace in an indoor mall.

"It is the most hyper-transmissible, contagious version of the virus we've seen to date, for sure -- it's a superspreader strain if there ever was one," said Eric Topol, a professor of molecular medicine and an executive vice president at the Scripps Research Institution, in a recent interview in Scientific American.

The Delta variant is being blamed for the huge increases in infections and deaths throughout the world, particularly in places where vaccination rates are in the low single digits.

There also are many areas in the U.S., such as parts of Texas, Missouri, and Arkansas, where vaccination rates are low, that predictably now are seeing large increases in COVID-19 cases caused by Delta.

The Delta variant is concerning enough on its own, but the real problem is this: The more people who become infected with COVID-19, the more likely that the virus will mutate into additional variants, with the possibility that vaccination efficacy could begin to drop significantly if one of these strains develops an ability to evade the vaccines' protective effects.

It is nothing less than tragic -- and despicable, really -- that there are some in public life who are urging Americans NOT to get vaccinated. That mindset was on display this past weekend at the Republican-dominated CPAC conference, where some clown on a panel who spoke out against the nation's vaccination program was actually applauded by those in attendance.

There is a strong and vocal minority in this country who strive to create chaos -- that's what makes them tick.

Whether we as a nation can overcome the combination of venality and stupidity that was on display at CPAC this past weekend will determine whether we can beat the pandemic in the short term and whether our democracy and our way of life can survive in the long term.



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GUEST OP-ED

Financial suicide is not necessary

Dr. Glenn Mollette

There is some risk to all of life.

A friend and his wife had a house paid for and a substantial savings account. At the age of 65 he was retired and bored and bemoaned he had never been a business owner. He was aware of a family who had recently closed a business so he offered to buy it from them and even employed a family member to run it. He knew nothing about the business but was confident all would be well. The cost of the investment, his lack of understanding the business and the monthly outgo spelled disaster. Within two years he had lost his house and his entire retirement savings trying to make his dream business endeavor sustainable.

Another acquaintance had worked hard at an auto plant for twelve years but retired and took his \$150,000 retirement

savings and sunk it into a restaurant endeavor. He had never run a restaurant before and within one year the restaurant had failed. His money was gone and he had a sizable debt.

Another acquaintance retired and wanted something to do. He got into a cookie business that lasted three months. He spent \$30,000 a month for three months in a cookie franchise before he was able to get out of the venture.

Neither of the prior persons had any prior business ownership experience.

Life is filled with lessons. Education is often very expensive. You must decide if you are still young enough or too old to take on such a business venture. This is especially true if you could end up losing all your investment and further financially obligating yourself.

If you want or need something to do, then get into something that

you can afford and know something about. Being informed and applying as much research to any endeavor is crucial. If you can afford a large franchise fee, other investment costs and you can make the business successful, then by all means enjoy your endeavor. If you are risking being homeless then you should probably reconsider.

Years ago, an old friend was almost financially broke at 50. He had worked in various restaurants with others but had little to show for his efforts. He rented an old hamburger restaurant that had been closed and his rent and overhead were cheap. He went to work making the best hamburger in town. For 16 years his burger business netted him an annual salary of over \$300,000. He retired well.

Sometimes we simply need to be content with what we have. If you need

to work, consider what you know, what you have and how you can make it work for you. It could require a minimal amount of advertising. Or, it might simply require letting acquaintances know what kind of work you are doing and building your business by word of mouth. You may be able to use space or land that is sitting dormant and can be rented or bought reasonably.

Life's pursuits can be, and should be, approached with reasonable caution. Financial suicide is not necessary.

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to a person familiar with the hiring process."

The East Boston Times-Free Press has been unsuccessful in its efforts to secure a statement from Sen. Boncore about the job offer. However, Mass. State Senate Clerk

Michael Hurley has confirmed to the East Boston Times-Free Press that Sen. Boncore has filed disclosure forms stating that he is a prospective employee of the Massachusetts Biotechnology.

Boncore has served as state senator for East Boston since 2016 when he won a special election for

the seat previously held by Anthony Petrucci.

Potential candidates emerge for State Senate seat

The recent new items about Sen. Joseph Boncore being considered for a high-level position at the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council has led to candidates considering a run for the position in what would be a special election.

Boston District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards said in a statement Tuesday to the East Boston Times-Free Press: "It is

an opportunity. It's a rare one, and I'm looking at it. I'm going to talk with my friends and family and of course my supporters throughout the district to see what they think. Ultimately, I will have to make a decision and I'm not there yet."

State Rep. Adrian Madaro has been mentioned as a potential candidate for the state senate seat.

Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio is strongly considering a run for the seat.

Revere Council-

or-at-Large Steven Morabito, who ran for the seat in the 2016 special election, said, "Team Morabito is exploring the option to run for Senate if Sen. Boncore leaves. I will resign as Councilor-at-Large and remove my name from the ballot if I pursue a run for State Senate."

Revere resident Juan Pablo Jaramillo, who ran for state representative in the special election to fill the Winthrop-Revere seat previously held by Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo, is also considering a run for the state senate seat.

Amtrak to transform rail travel with \$7.3 billion investment

Staff Report

Amtrak is contracting with California-based Siemens Mobility Inc. to manufacture a new fleet of up to 83 multi-powered modern trains that will be leveraged for state and northeast services, with further options for up to 130 additional trains to support Amtrak growth plans. The new fleet will offer modern rail amenities that better serve Amtrak customers.

"These new trains will reshape the future of rail travel by replacing our aging 40-to-50-year old fleet with state-of-the-art, American-made equipment," said Amtrak CEO Bill Flynn. "This investment is essential to preserving and growing our Northeast Regional and state-supported services and will allow our customers to travel comfortably and safely, while deeply reducing criteria pollutants."

The new equipment will operate on the Northeast Corridor, long distance Palmetto and various state-supported routes that will replace Amtrak-owned Amfleet, Metroliner, and state-owned equipment on certain routes throughout the country. In addition to the Northeast Regional, other routes will include

the Adirondack, Carolinian, Cascades, Downeaster, Empire Service, Ethan Allen Express, Keystone Service, Maple Leaf, New Haven/Springfield Service (Amtrak Hartford Line and Valley Flyer), Pennsylvanian, Vermonter and Virginia Services.

"Amtrak's procurement of new rolling stock is historic. These state-of-the-art trainsets will allow Amtrak to operate and provide services more safely, efficiently, and reliably," said FRA Deputy Administrator Amit Bose. "More importantly, doing so will give riders the modern passenger rail accommodations, amenities and comforts they want and deserve."

The \$7.3 billion investment includes the purchase of equipment and a long-term parts supply and service agreement, facility modifications and upgrades, and other program expenses.

A long-term service agreement for technical support, spare parts and material supply will accompany the contract to manufacture the trains. The new trains include remote monitoring and fully integrated digital diagnostics for increased reliability. These advanced features

will enable Amtrak to test and develop new technology and introduce new maintenance approaches to drive efficiency, increase availability and reduce long-term costs.

The latest trains will feature more comfortable seating, individual power outlets and USB ports, onboard Wi-Fi, enhanced lighting and panoramic windows, larger vestibules, a more contemporary food service experience, including self-service options, as well as state-of-the-art customer trip information, digital seat reservation system and navigation display systems. The trains were designed with the latest health and safety standards, including enhanced HVAC, touchless restroom controls, and automated steps. The trains meet all the latest safety regulations and standards, providing improved structural safety. With expanded capacity and the ability to shorten trip time, Amtrak expects the new equipment to add over 1.5 million riders, annually.

Using multi-power systems, including hybrid battery operation for a portion of the fleet used for New York's Empire Service, these trains will also provide a substantial envi-

ronmental benefit through reduced criteria pollutants compared to the existing fleet. They will be designed with Amtrak's new standard of enhanced accessible features, including inductive hearing loops, accessible restrooms and vestibules, an accessible Food Service car, and lifts for customers with reduced mobility, including wheelchair users.

The trains will be manufactured at Siemens Mobility's rail manufacturing facility in Sacramento, California, and will comply with the Federal Railroad Administration Buy America Standards. The facility is celebrating its 30th anniversary of operations this year as it continues to add to its more than 2,100 team members. It is one of the largest plants of its kind on the continent, and also one of the most sustainable, using a 2.1 MW solar panel installation to provide the majority of its power coming from the strong, reliable Californian sun. Siemens Mobility designs and manufactures across the entire spectrum of rolling stock including passenger trains, light rail and streetcars, locomotives, and passenger coaches in Sacramento.

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East Boston’s Sarah deSouza crowned Miss Massachusetts

By John Lynds

Last month, the Miss Universe Organization crowned East Boston resident Sarah deSouza the winner of Miss Massachusetts USA 2021.

Born and raised in Dracut, Massachusetts, the 25-year-old deSouza has lived in Eastie for the past seven years and is the oldest of four sisters.

The competition, which was held at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium was one of the year’s most anticipated pageant events according to Laurie Clemente, Executive Director.

“After many years of working in the pageant industry, I feel confident that Sarah will be a wonderful representative of the state of Massachusetts,” said Clemente. “I know she will make us proud as she goes on to compete for the title of Miss USA in November.”

deSouza said her stud-



The Miss Universe Organization crowned East Boston resident Sarah deSouza the winner of Miss Massachusetts USA 2021. deSouza will now compete for the title of Miss USA in November.

ies have always been extremely important to her as she graduated from Dracut Senior High School in 2014 with High Honors and graduated from Suffolk University Cum Laude in 2018.

After receiving her Bachelor’s Degree in In-

terior Design, deSouza began working for a small residential interior design company as a junior designer, where she helped turn clients’ visions into reality. She had her first art show in Somerville in 2019, where she debuted multiple paintings that she created over the years.

“Creating art in any way, shape, or form is one of my greatest passions and being able to share that gift to the world makes it even more fulfilling,” she said.

As a first generation Brazilian-American, deSouza speaks Portuguese and Spanish. With both parents being born and raised in Brazil, speaking about immigrants and immigration reform is one of her greatest passions.

deSouza recently created a podcast called ‘ism-immigrant stories matter’, where she sits down with immigrants and children of immigrants and has

them tell their unique stories about their struggles and successes in this country.

She hopes to use her platform as Miss Massachusetts USA to continue to speak on immigration, “so that together we can change the negative stigmas around immigrants and instead, embrace our differences”.

deSouza said she hopes to one day turn ism into a non-profit, where she can help immigrants in this country by providing them with funds, connections, and resources to hopefully guide them towards their American Dream.

“I’m extremely proud of being from Massachusetts and I’m honored to be able to represent the state I love,” she said of her win.

deSouza lives in Eastie with her two French bulldogs, Prince and Penelope, which she considers her children.

A new look for East Boston, luxury homes now for sale at Mira

Staff Report

Gansett Ventures and City Realty Group, both real estate development firms active in Boston, are pleased to announce homes are now available for purchase at Mira in East Boston.

Located at 301 Border St., Mira is a style-forward luxury condominium development built to connect residents with the diverse cultural and international flavor of life in East Boston. Mira boasts a spectacular roof deck with stunning city and water views and offers a mix of one, two, and three-bedroom condos, some with private balconies and roof decks. An easy walk from the MBTA Blue Line with direct access to downtown Boston in minutes, Mira also has ground-level interior parking and several electric car charging stations. Mira residences are marketed exclusively by Charlesgate.

“After 2020 saw an understandable slowdown in condo sales, this year has



Pictured from the roof of Mira (left to right) Caleb Manchester, President of Gansett Ventures; P.T. Vineburgh, Founding Partner at Charlesgate; Fred Starikov, Managing Partner at City Realty Group; Stephen Whalen, Managing Partner at City Realty Group.

seen an amazing resurgence of people excited to enjoy the kind of vibrant urban lifestyle that Mira can provide,” said P.T. Vineburgh, Founding Partner at Charlesgate. “We have seen an unprecedented level of interest in this building’s unique features and have already sold 20% of the units in the first two days on the market.

Mira is a ‘new look for Boston’, created by one of city’s premier design

firms, Embarc. The design features heightened sophistication throughout, from the in-unit finishes including quartz countertops, to the wood flooring, Metropolitan cabinets, Carrara marble bathrooms and more. In addition to Boston’s most spectacular roof deck, Mira features a residents-only club room, work-from-home space, 70+ bike storage spaces, and a state-of-the art fitness center, among other

amenities. Retail space on the first floor will include an East Boston Museum Gallery and a cafe concept.

“Mira provides luxury living never seen in East Boston before,” said Caleb Manchester, President of Gansett Ventures. “Each unit reflects countless hours of careful design to provide the perfect next home. The spectacular roof deck and views will make owners the envy of all their friends and family.”

“Mira provided a great opportunity to connect East Boston’s storied past with its exciting future,” said Stephen Whalen, Managing Partner at City Realty Group. “Mira will be steeped in local history and culture, including an East Boston Museum display and space for local artists to display their work. Mira is designed to compliment and celebrate East Boston.”

To learn more about purchasing a home at Mira, please visit <https://miraeastie.com/>

Dangerousness hearing held in alleged kidnapping

Staff Report

A man accused of allegedly grabbing and trying to drag away a woman in East Boston at 4 a.m. was ordered held without bail pending the outcome of a dangerousness hearing, Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins said.

Korey David, 21, most recently of East Boston and previously of Lowell, was arraigned Monday in the East Boston Division of the Boston Municipal Court on charges of kidnapping, assault and battery and witness intimidation.

At the request of Assistant District Attorney Bader Abueid of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit, Judge Tracy-Lee Lyons scheduled the dangerousness hearing for 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

ADA Abueid told the court that on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, an unknown male approached the victim as she was walking to

work at 4 a.m. under the Callahan Tunnel approach road. The man grabbed the woman by the waist and attempted to drag her away, while telling her, “Come with me.” He forcibly prevented her from using her cellphone to call for help. The assailant ultimately fled after another man approached on foot.

The victim reported the incident to the Boston Police Department. Detectives found video footage of the suspect in the area of the assault that depicted him wearing what appeared to be a GPS monitoring bracelet. After consultation with Suffolk prosecutors, detectives sought GPS data from the Department of Probation. The data placed David at the location and time of the assault. David had been released on GPS monitoring in February 2021 in a pending Middlesex Superior Court case in which he faces multiple charges of rape of a child. At the request of Middlesex County prosecutors,

David had been held without bail under the state’s dangerousness statute but was granted release over the Middlesex County prosecutors’ objection with the condition that he remain under house arrest. In May 2021, the court allowed him to change his residence from a Lowell address to one in East Boston only yards from where last week’s attack occurred.

On July 9, 2021, Boston police detectives observed David walking outside his residence, in apparent violation of his house arrest, wearing a shirt consistent with the one worn by the assailant in the surveillance footage two days earlier. The detectives immediately arrested him.

“This individual is accused of preying on and attacking a woman walking to work alone in the early morning hours. We will assist probation in any way possible regarding this blatant and significant probation violation. Further, we intend to meet

our higher burden at the upcoming dangerousness hearing. This individual will be removed from our community because he has made very clear he cannot comport with the public safety requirements and conditions the Court imposed,” District Attorney Rachael Rollins said. “I’m grateful to the witness who observed the assault and ultimately helped scare away the attacker. I commend that witness for getting involved. When they saw something they got involved. Assaults on women are not a woman’s issue. These types of violent crimes are overwhelmingly committed by men, and we need male voices and allies loudly proclaiming that this type of behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.”

Alexander Jaramillo is the assigned victim witness advocate. Mr. Korey was represented for arraignment only by attorney Jillise McDonough.



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EAST BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER’S FARMERS MARKET

MICHELLE HAGERTY PHOTOS

On July 7, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center kicked off another season of farm fresh produce and other treats in Central Square.

The EBNHC Let’s Get Movin’ Farmers Market in Central Square is now open until October.

The market will be open each Wednesday until 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting)

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WHITE SOX WIN EAST BOSTON LL MAJOR DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP



The leaders of the 2021 Major Division championship White Sox are coaches, from left, Pat Aiken, Nick Surrette, Edwin Cosme, and Tom Granara.



White Sox players Tyler Rodriguez, Gio Shire, Justin Aiken, and Cam Testa are pictured with the team's Major Division championship trophy.

The East Boston Little League concluded another successful season with the White Sox winning the Major Division championship.

The White Sox, managed by Pat Aiken, had contributions from many players throughout the year. On the mound Sox ace

Cam Testa was solid all year, while the offense was provided by Justin Aiken, Lourdis Suriel, Caden Pelosi, and Tyler Rodriguez.

EBLL will now move to continue last year's successful addition of a fall league.



The White Sox, East Boston Little League's Major Division 2021 playoff champions, are pictured with the championship trophy.

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EAST BOSTON MEN’S HOCKEY LEAGUE’S BASH ON THE BEACH

The East Boston Men’s Hockey League hosted the fourth annual “Bash at the Beach” tourney, last weekend, July 9-11. Eight teams played three games prior to the play-offs for elimination. The tournament was organized by John Poto and Dom DiMarzo and because of their hard work and determination the event was a huge success. The organizers wish to thank their sponsors for the generous donations they made to make the tournament possible every year. Stepping up for the EBMHL, Kelly’s Pub, Renegades Pub, the Reel House, the Civic Club, Sunshine Landscaping, Ruggiero’s Funeral Home, Century 21, Woody’s Liquors, Milano’s Deli, Little Asia,

the Meridian Market, the Winthrop Pro Shop, Blackstrap BBQ, Swett’s Liquors, and JW’s restaurant. These generous donors from East Boston and Winthrop are acknowledged for their endless contributions to this and other community events between East Boston and Winthrop that are much appreciated. Saturday afternoon the “Bash” was held behind Porrazzo Rink on the Constitution Beach. Everyone enjoyed the hockey games and the delicious BBQ that was served outside. By tradition, everyone was served, the players, their families and including the spectators as well. On Sunday the finals were played and when the last slap shot was tak-

en, it was the Reel House versus Little Asia for the championship. With a final score of 5-2, Little Asia emerged the victor for the 2021 Bash on the Beach Tournament. Little Asia has bragging rights

for the year, and everyone had a great time on, and off the ice. Congratulations to the champions Little Asia, hope see you all next year, for “The Bash on the Beach 2022.”



Cheering from the sidelines, Dom DiMarzo, Ryan Luongo, Chris Farulla, Joe DiMarzo, Tyler Moran and “Duke.”



Winning Goalie, Jetta Rackleff, kept the Reel House down to two goals to take the win for Little Asia.



Tony Di Paulo in for a shot for Little Asia on goaltender Greg Huffey.



Jamie Chambers, for the Reel House, stretches before the final game.



Gerard Chioffe had lots of ice time for the Reel House.



The Bash Brothers, tournament directors, Dom DiMarzo and John Poto.



Captain Pickles for Little Asia (center) Referee Ken Capozzi and Dom DiMarzo.



Dave Chiara waits for his line to hit the ice.

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The Bash Champions, Little Asia took the title with a score of 5-2, defeating the Reel House on Sunday afternoon.



The Reel House, came up short in the final score, but everyone had a terrific time playing hockey in July, with their friends.

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CITY PAWS

How to pat a dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Do you know the signals a dog will give you if he loves how you are touching him or when he would prefer you leave him alone? Only by careful observation can you be sure the dog enjoys the interaction as much as you do.

With a strange dog, always introduce yourself (with the guardian’s permission) by gently moving the back of a hand for the dog to sniff. That hand should come from the side or below the head, not from above, and until you know the dog, try not to make direct eye contact.

The website Vetstreet suggests that you slowly extend your hand, “... and pet a neutral area, like his chest; if he backs up, turns away, cowers or stiffens, he does not want you to pet him.”

A dog enjoying your touch will lean in, not move away when you pause, and will maintain a relaxed and contented posture.

lished the following guidelines for dog massage:

- “Be gentle, patient, and attentive.
- Set your intention on healing.
- Watch for signs of discomfort and adjust your approach accordingly.
- Provide a safe, quiet environment when using “hands-on” modalities.
- Take note of bumps, areas of heat and sensitivity, and changes in the skin and fur.
- Discuss all abnormal findings with your vet.
- Follow your dog’s lead.”

We recommend that you check with your vet first. You could also work with a veterinary physical therapist to learn the specific movement that would most benefit your dog.

There is also a form of massage, called Tellington T-Touch, for dealing with anxiety and behavioral issues. Trained experts in T-Touch can work with reluctant and highly agitated dogs, but most of us have to choose which dogs we massage with foresight and knowledge of their personality.

You can learn how to calm your dog with the gentle circling touches used in this therapy online.

Dog People Can’t Resist!

Have you ever noticed that for some people petting a nearby dog is second nature? Many years ago, a friend had to make

a difficult decision about her dog’s future. This woman had terminal cancer and was about to leave Boston to spend her final days with her son on the West Coast. She asked if we would consider adopting her dog before she left. Of course, we decided that we would.

However, her son, who had never had a dog, suddenly offered to step in as the pup’s future guardian. Our friend asked Penny to meet her son and help her decide. Within a few minutes, Penny had evidence that it might be best for her and the dog to go west together.

As we sat and chatted, the dog jumped up on the sofa and settled near the son. Then, without a moment’s hesitation, he reached over and began gently scratching the pup’s back. He couldn’t resist touching her; the dog was very relaxed, and



PHOTO BY: ADAM GRIFFITH

This dog’s relaxed posture shows that these pats are most welcome!

their connection was evident.

That mindless and natural reach to the dog was a good sign that his guard-

ianship would be the best decision. And, we agreed that if it didn’t work out, our offer to adopt the dog would remain open. Fortunately, he never took us

up on our offer.

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

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2021 Annual Election of Directors

ELECTION TIMETABLE

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Persons interested in filing nomination papers may pick them up in person at the:
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OBITUARIES

Francesco “Frank” Diano

Well-known youth hockey coach and Salesian Boys and Girls Club member

Francesco “Frank” Diano of Revere, formerly of East Boston, passed away on July 9.

Frank was an active member of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club. He was also active in coaching youth sports in Revere and local neighborhoods.

Frank was a former employee of the City of Boston. He will be missed by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

The beloved husband of Nicole (McNeil) Diano of Revere, he was the loving son of Domenico and Maria (Mazzaferro) Diano of Winthrop, adored son in law of Patricia McNeil; devoted father of Domenic and Giana Diano; cherished brother of Marianna Cincinnato and her husband, Antonio of Revere, Lilliana Schiavuzzo and her husband, Leo of Middleton. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles,



cousins and many cherished friends.

Family and friends will honor Frank’s life by gathering at St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street (Orient Heights) East Boston for a Funeral Mass today, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Frank being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

In honoring Frank’s life and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Nicole Diano FBO The Diano Children Educational Fund. Details will be announced shortly.

Livercina Bakunowicz

Loving wife, devoted mother, cherished grandmother and great-grandmother

Livercina (Dos Santos) Bakunowicz passed away on July 8.

She was the loving wife of the late Anton Bakunowicz, devoted mother of Paul Bakunowicz and Maria of Boca Raton, Sonia Santilli and Pat of East Boston and the late Ronny and Stan Bakunowicz and cherished grandmother of Christopher Santilli, Nicholas Santilli, Dante Santilli and Paul Bakunowicz Jr. and adored great grandmother of Kateri, Aubreyana, and Maisley Santilli.

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.

Baker proclaims “Hurricane Preparedness Week”

Governor Charlie Baker has proclaimed July 11 - 17, to be Hurricane Preparedness Week to emphasize both the Commonwealth’s vulnerability to tropical storms and hurricanes and the importance of preparing for their impacts.

“As we saw during our recent experience with Tropical Storm Elsa, planning and preparing in advance for a tropical storm or hurricane can help protect individuals and families and limit damage to property,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “We encourage residents in every part of the Commonwealth to develop an emergency plan, prepare emergency supplies and stay informed throughout hurricane season.”

While hurricane season in Massachusetts runs from June 1 to November 30, historically, most tropical storms and hurricanes have hit New England during August and September.

“Our administration continues to work with cities and towns across the Commonwealth to

enhance their preparedness before the next hurricane or tropical storm,” said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.”As shown during Tropical Storm Elsa, that collaboration and coordination is key to keeping our residents and communities safe. We join MEMA is encouraging all residents to take the time to prepare this hurricane season.”

“Tropical storms and hurricanes don’t often happen in New England, but it only takes one storm to cause major damage,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Thomas Turco, “Every corner of the state is at risk and we remember especially Tropical Storm Irene, which caused significant flooding damage in Western Massachusetts ten years ago. As first responders prepare for these events, we’re asking everyone to take time make a household safety plan.”

Earlier this month, MEMA updated its annual Massachusetts Tropical Cyclone Profile, which includes information about tropical storms and hurricanes, associated hazards,

and a seasonal outlook for what is expected to be an above-normal hurricane season.

“MEMA and more than 70 Emergency Support Function organizations continue to prepare for disasters such as tropical storms and hurricanes,” said MEMA Deputy Director Pat Carnevale. “Hurricane Preparedness Week is a reminder for residents to prepare by learning if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and staying informed before, during, and after the storm.”

How Residents Can Prepare

- Know Your Evacuation Zone - Learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone:www.mass.gov/knowyourzone
- Make an Emergency Plan – Have an emergency plan of how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place that addresses the needs of all of your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with access and

functional needs, and pets. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>

- Build an Emergency Kit - Build or customize an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>.
- Stay Informed - Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts. Learn more about different types of alerting and information tools, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, social and traditional news media, 2-1-1 hotline, and local notification systems: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts>

For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, a social media toolkit, flyers, and more, visit MEMA’s Hurricane Preparedness Week webpage.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SATISFACTION AND VERIFICATION OF MORTGAGE

This is a NOTICE to hereby verify Satisfaction of Mortgage and title free of encumbrances of the LIVING TRUST OF DESMOND ROY DEMONTEGNAC OPERATING AS HELION PRIME FINANCIAL TRUST, Desmond Roy Demontegnac, Trustee, residing at 36 Wentworth St, Boston, MA County, Massachusetts 02124 of the following described real estate, situated in Boston, in the County of MA, State of Massachusetts It is by freewill and deed, that the LIVING TRUST OF DESMOND ROY DEMONTEGNAC OPERATING AS HELION PRIME FINANCIAL TRUST, Desmond Roy

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LOCAL STUDENTS

EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MUYSKENS EARNS DEGREE FROM CLARK UNIVERSITY

Isabella E. Muyskens, of East Boston, received a degree from Clark University during the University’s 117th Commencement exercises on Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13. Muyskens graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

The University awarded 490 bachelor’s degrees, 501 master’s degrees, and 10 doctorates, and conferred three honorary degrees during the two ceremonies. Graduates were urged to ask the hard questions, drive change, and even occasionally stir some trouble.

The weekend’s events marked President David Fithian’s first Clark Commencement ceremony since he himself graduated from the University in 1987. In his remarks, Fithian praised the persistence shown by this year’s graduating class in transcending the many disruptions posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“When you began your Clark journey, you could not have imagined what your junior and senior years would entail. Your grace, resilience, and adaptability throughout has been remarkable,” Fithian told the Class of 2021. “While I certainly would never have wished this experience on you, I do believe you may nevertheless extract from it a strength of spirit and resolve that is remarkable, and that may reinforce your own sense of what you are capable of overcoming.”

President Fithian said the Clark degrees that the students earned represented more than the culmination of formal study. They were also a “gateway to a life of learning.”

“Every opportunity to question - whatever the motivation: curiosity, confusion, uncertainty, defiance - is an opportunity to hear something you may not have heard before,” he said.

“At the end of each day, ask yourself, in the quiet of your own counsel, what did I learn today? And then do it again tomorrow and the next day.”

James McGovern, United States Representative for the Massachusetts 2nd Congressional District, delivered the Com-

mencement address and urged graduates to speak up for what they believe in, even when it’s hard to do so. McGovern recalled the accomplishment of his friend, the late Congressman John Lewis, to lead 600 peaceful protesters on a 50-mile march from Selma to Montgomery in 1965 to bring attention to Alabama’s discriminatory voting policies. Despite being beaten and barely escaping with his life, Lewis marched again a few weeks later. Subsequent demonstrations captured the awareness of the nation, and just four months later, Congress passed the Voting Rights Act.

McGovern stressed that issues like climate change, gun violence, racial injustice, and inequality will never improve unless like-minded people come together to demand change. He urged the Class of 2021 to become the “biggest class of troublemakers that Clark University has ever graduated” in service to a better nation and world.

“When the historians pick up their pens to write the story of this century, I know you’ll give them something to write about. That you’ll challenge convention. That you’ll change our world.”

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees were conferred on McGovern; Liberat Mfumukeko, MBA ‘94, former secretary-general of the East African Community; and Naomi Oreskes, the Henry Charles Lea Professor of the History of Science and affiliated professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Harvard University.

In his concluding remarks to the graduates, President Fithian told the graduates, “Take pride in who you are and what you are capable of. You have unlimited potential to do good, be compassionate, and shape those around you.”

For more about Clark’s Commencement visit the web.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow’s most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and

nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO EMERSON COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST

The requirement to make Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester. The following students have been named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Spring 2021 semester:

Maximo Lawlor of East Boston - Journalism, Class of 2022

Anna Moon of East Boston - Writing, Lit & Pub: Publishing, Class of 2022

Beatriz Andrade of East Boston - Media Arts Production, Class of 2022

Ana Hein of East Boston- Creative Writing BFA, Class of 2022

Rebecca Moore of East Boston, - Theatre Edu and Performance, Class of 2022

Maria Suevo of East Boston - Media Arts Production, Class of 2022

About Emerson College

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city’s Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has 3,700 undergraduates and 1,400 graduate students from across the United States and 50 countries. Supported by state-of-the-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups.

Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, Washington, DC, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals. The College has an active network of 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Cities and towns applaud increase in state climate resilience funding

Cities and towns involved in the Resilient Mystic Collaborative applauded the doubling of annual funds for the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant Program to \$21 million in the Baker Administration’s FY2022 Capital Plan.

“Chelsea has already suffered through two debilitating heat waves and a dozen days over 90 F even before July 1st,” said Alex Train, Director of Housing and Community Development. “Our same residents who suffered disproportionately through COVID are now at risk from heat-related illnesses. We need to upgrade our infrastructure and services for the summer of 2050, not 1950.”

In the latest MVP grant round, the Commonwealth received 92 applications requesting a total of \$28 million for action grants out of \$10 million available. “Extreme heat, storms, drought, and flooding are no longer a thing of the future. Climate resilience needs to become a core government function, just like schools and roads,” said Julie Wormser, deputy director of the Mystic River Watershed Association. “This funding increase is a critical down payment.” Below are some of the projects in Greater Boston’s Mystic Watershed seeking MVP funding this year.

“Twelve municipalities depend on the Charles River and Amelia Earhart Dams to prevent catastrophic coastal flooding of residential neighborhoods and businesses,” said Owen O’ Riordan, Commissioner of Cambridge’s Department of Public Works. “It is of critical importance that these dams and portions of our shoreline be elevated to ensure we protect tens of thousands of people and billions in property from harm. We could use every penny in the MVP program over the next decade just to solve this one issue.”

“Belle Isle Marsh is by far the largest remaining salt marsh in Boston Harbor providing a crucial buffer for flooding to neighboring communities and critical habitat for over 250 bird species, mammals and marine animals, said Mary Mitchell, president of Friends of Belle Isle Marsh. “Funding for restoration projects and nature-based resiliency projects within the marsh is needed now to best protect against climate change and sea level

rise.”

“One of Winthrop’s most valuable resources is Ingleside Park, a vast green space enjoyed by the entire Town,” said Rachel Kelly, Director of Planning and Development. The Park floods after heavy rains and snowmelt. Winthrop would greatly benefit from additional MVP funding to mitigate flooding with improved drainage and green infrastructure.”

The Resilient Mystic Collaborative includes 20 of 21 communities (Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Burlington, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lexington, Malden, Medford, Melrose, Reading, Revere, Somerville, Stoneham, Wakefield, Watertown, Winchester, Winthrop, and Woburn) and over 98 percent of the population and land base in the Mystic River Watershed. Together, RMC municipalities represent one percent of the state’s land base and 10 percent of its population. The partnership focuses on fresh water and coastal flooding, and protecting vulnerable residents and workers from extreme weather, including heat.

“The Resilient Mystic Collaborative and MVP Program has brought together cities and towns in ways that we could not foresee,” said Alex Rozycki, senior civil engineer for the Town of Reading. “As these communities continue to work together and evaluate shared MVP grant possibilities the scope and breadth of these complex projects quickly expands as well. Regional MVP funding is supporting a revitalized trail system and green stormwater treatment systems to increase storage and water quality in Reading, which provides similar benefits to downstream communities. The estimated cost to complete this project alone is over two million dollars.”

“Climate change is bringing intense rainfall that overwhelms our aging stormwater systems with increased frequency,” said Elena Proakis Ellis, Melrose Director of Public Works. “We are working with 16 other communities to manage local and regional flooding through expanded wetlands and other nature-based solutions. With enough small projects combined, we can make a real difference in our region. These projects are too costly for communities like Melrose to afford with local funding alone, however. This work is essential to the

region and brings other habitat and social benefits along the way.”

“The industrial district that spans Chelsea and Everett provides thousands of good-paying jobs and billions in annual economic activity,” said Chelsea’s Alex Train. “It was unfortunately also built by filling in the Island End River, which is now chronically flooding during heavy storms. The price tag for protecting this area from flooding over the next fifty years is north of \$50 million.”

Mystic River Watershed at a Glance

The 76-square-mile Mystic River Watershed stretches from Reading through the northern shoreline of Boston Harbor to Revere. An Anglicized version of the Pequot word mis-si-tuk (“large river with wind- and tide-driven waves”), it is now one of New England’s most densely populated, urbanized watersheds.

The seven-mile Mystic River and its tributaries represented an early economic engine for colonial Boston. Ten shipyards built more than 500 clipper ships in the 1800s before roads and railways replaced schooners and steamships. Tide-driven mills, brickyards and tanneries along both banks of the river brought both wealth and pollution.

In the 1960s, the Amelia Earhart Dam transformed much of the river into a freshwater impoundment, while construction of Interstate 93 filled in wetlands and dramatically changed the river’s course. Since then, many former industrial sites have been cleaned up and redeveloped into new commercial areas and residential communities.

The Mystic is facing growing climate-related challenges: coastal and stormwater flooding, extreme storms, heat, drought and unpredictable seasonal weather. The watershed is relatively low-lying and extensively developed, making it prone to both freshwater and coastal flooding. Its 21 municipalities are home to a half-million residents, including many who are disproportionately vulnerable to extreme weather: environmental justice communities, new Americans, residents of color, elders, low-income residents and employees, people living with disabilities and English-language learners.

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Zumix walkers on their way to Piers Park.



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The 'Hot Tamale' band performed as they walked.



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A joyful mood spreads throughout the walkers.



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All ages participated in the walk.



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The group made the trip to the gates of Piers Park.



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Zumix held its annual Zumix Walk for Music fundraiser on Sunday, July 11. The event also kicks off its Summer Music Concert Series at Piers Park. The walk started at the Zumix Firehouse on Sumner Street and ended in Piers Park (pictured above) with live music.



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Live music at Piers Park after the walk.



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The Don't Be Denied Band with Biggie.



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City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Zumix Executive Director, Madeleine Steczynski, Boston Harbor Now Director of Programs, Rebecca Smerling, City Councilor, At Large Michelle Wu.



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Zumix Summer Concert Series attendees.



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This event kicked off Eastie Week. Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards giving some remarks. After the speaking program, Zumix started the first of the series of Summer Concerts. This also marks the return of their public concerts since the start of the pandemic.

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