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### ABCD/APAC tax program returns \$6 Million to residents

By John Lynds

Over the course of a tax season, an army of East Boston APAC and ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) staff and volunteers provided virtual, drop-off tax assistance during the pandemic to ensure that residents were included in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and Child Tax Credit (CTC) programs.

These staff and volunteers sprang into action during the tax season—providing individuals, families and seniors with low to moderate income with expert assistance filling out and filing their federal and state income tax returns. All eligible participants received the significant EITC and CTC refunds.

APAC returned roughly \$1 million into the pockets of Eastie residents and its parent company, ABCD, returned over \$6 million in federal and state tax refunds at the other eight ABCD neighborhood locations. Those returns included \$1,353,994 in EITC and \$437,448 in CTC credits.

Each tax season East Boston APAC, in partnership with the City of Boston, kicks off the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and EITC program at its office on Meridian Street.

For many working people in Eastie, the program has provided some relief from the confusing process of figuring out taxes. Qualified hard working low-wage workers often receive significant EITC credits and see a big increase in their tax returns through the free program. This is money that can directly help low-income residents who work hard

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### TASTE OF EASTIE



East Boston Main Streets presented the 25th Annual Taste of Eastie on July 15 at Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor. Guests of A Taste of Eastie sampled new cuisines from 28 local restaurants. See Page 6 for more photos.



Heather Kobayashi and Catrina Carpenter sampling food from Pueblo Viejo. See Page 6 for more photos.

### Mayoral candidate Barros stops by OHNC meeting

By John Lynds

Boston Mayoral Candidate John Barros stopped by Monday night's Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) meeting to introduce himself to the members and discuss the pressing issues facing Eastie and Boston residents.

Barros, who served in the Walsh Administration Cabinet as Chief of Economic Development, was raised in Roxbury to immigrant parents from West Africa.

"My parents came here to help provide better opportunities and education," said Barros Monday night. "At the age of 14, I got involved with my neighborhood doing environmental justice work because I lived in a neighborhood that had some of the highest rates of asthma and I wanted to try to do



Boston Mayoral Candidate John Barros stopped by Monday night's OHNC ZOOM meeting.

something about it."

In his youth and working as a community activist Barros helped to clean up Roxbury, pushed against placing trash transfer stations in the neighborhood and fought for policies that would improve air quality for his hometown.

"Years later I became the Executive Director of

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### Janey and Eastie Farm celebrate growing food and building community

By John Lynds

There was a lot to celebrate at Eastie Farm last week.

Acting Mayor Kim Janey and City Councilor Lydia Edwards joined Eastie Farm Founder and Director Kannan Thiruvengadam and a whole host of volunteers and residents that have benefited from the farm to celebrate funding by the city to expand the farm as well as honor the farm's work throughout the COVID pandemic.

Janey made the announcement last Monday during a tour and celebration at the farm on Summer

Street. Janey said the city has awarded Eastie Farm \$332,400 in Grassroots and Community Preservation Act funding that will be spread across the farm's sites on Summer Street and Meridian Street. The money will also be used to expand the farm as part of a recent land conveyance on Chelsea Terrace from the City of Boston's Grassroots Program.

The expansion to 6 Chelsea Terrace will create a community gathering space and a geothermal greenhouse for growing food and engaging school children in experiential

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### Councilor Edwards seeking nominations for East Boston housing stabilization fund trustees

By John Lynds

When City Councilor Lydia Edwards was negotiating Suffolk Downs mitigation for East Boston she not only ensured that HYM would up the affordable component from 13 percent to 20 percent and construct more family-sized units she also helped create the first ever neighborhood stabilization fund attached to a development project in Boston.

Now, Edwards is seeking nominations of Eastie residents that are willing to serve on the trust of the neighborhood's new housing stabilization fund.

"This fund is the first of its kind in the city and is a huge win that the neighborhood got during the Suffolk Downs negotiations," said Edwards. "I'm incredibly excited to move into the next phase of the process and get Eastie residents on the trust to start distributing the money to help keep the neighborhood affordable."

Instead of reaching out to constituents in the neighborhood that Edwards thought might be

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### Eastie Pride Day to return August 21

By John Lynds

Last summer, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, city officials

canceled all city-permitted parades and festivals taking place outdoors through Labor Day 2020. The move was aimed at curbing the gathering of large crowds and keeping up social distancing throughout the summer months amid the pandemic.

The city's regulations last year forced the Eastie Pride Day Committee to cancel, for the first time in three decades, the annual August festival that draws thousands to Piers Park for a daylong family friendly celebration.

Eastie Pride Day has become a summer tradition for many families for over 30 years. Each year

in August the neighborhood celebrates Eastie's diverse culture, rich history, and community pride.

Now, with the neighborhood coming out of the darkness of the pandemic, the committee will once again foster Eastie pride, uplift one another, and support our beloved community.

This week the Eastie Pride Day Committee announced that it will host the 32nd annual celebration of the neighborhood on Saturday, August 21 in a new, COVID-19 safe way

According to Chair

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Acting Mayor Kim Janey (center) joined Eastie Farm Founder and Director Kannan Thiruvengadam (center, to the right of Mayor Janey) and a whole host of volunteers and residents that have benefited from the farm to celebrate funding by the city to expand the farm as well as honor the farm's work throughout the COVID pandemic.



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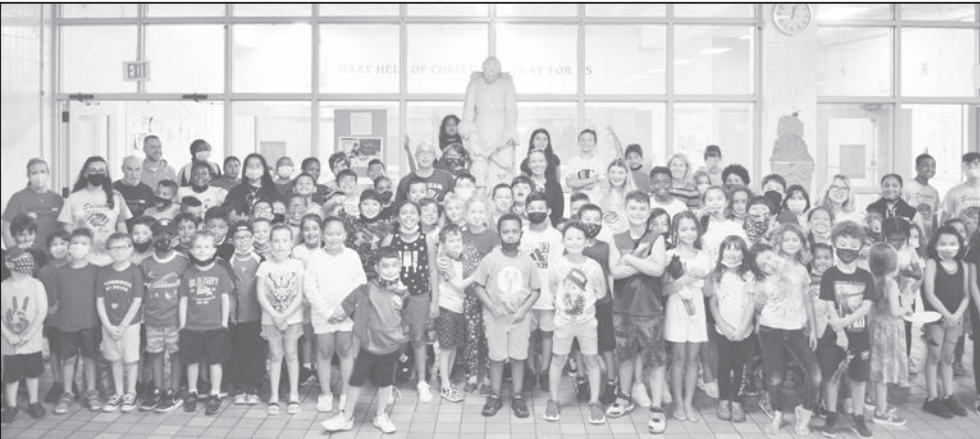
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Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola join Salesian Boys & Girls Club Director of Development Anita Belmonte, Program Director Adam Fetherston, Director of Operations Jim Geraci, and summer program participants.

# Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program celebrates 30th anniversary

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its Community Summer Jobs Program, which has supported thousands of local students through partnerships with community organizations. This year, 25 organizations are receiving grants to support nearly 300 seasonal jobs.

The annual program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to hire youth workers in Massport’s neighboring communities including Bedford, Charlestown, Chelsea, Concord, East Boston, Lexington, Lincoln, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, and Worcester. Without the assistance of Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program, many local or-

ganizations would not be able to offer affordable summer programs to local residents. Since 1991, close to 8,000 local students have gained valuable work experience in various jobs, such as camp counselor, office assistant, maintenance worker and lifeguard, paid for by the grant.

“Massport is proud to partner with and support the great work of these non-profit groups and community organizations, especially as they recover from the impacts of the pandemic,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “These summer jobs provide a great opportunity for young people to learn important life skills, gain professional experience, and earn a paycheck, while giving back to their communities.”

The 2021 program will support the following local organizations:

- East Boston Social Centers
- East Boston YMCA
- Harborside Community Center
- Martin Pino Community Center
- Maverick Landing Community Services
- Piers Park Sailing Center
- Salesian Boys & Girls Club

Massport also supports local youth athletic and enrichment programs throughout the year and offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors. For more information on Massport’s community initiatives and youth programs, visit [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com).

# Baker-Polito administration kicks off statewide small business tour

Staff Report

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito joined Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy and local business, community, and municipal leaders last Thursday on the first stop of a statewide small business and downtown conversation tour. The purpose of the tour is to celebrate the Commonwealth’s reopening and discuss the Administration’s \$2.9 billion proposal for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to jumpstart the Commonwealth’s economic recovery, including \$450 million for economic development.

“Small businesses are fundamental to the character of our downtowns and main streets and our proposal to use federal funding targets the communities and neighborhoods hit the hardest to ensure an equitable recovery,” said Lt. Gov. Polito. “We look forward to getting back out into communities across the state to engage with and work with our partners at the local level in order to restart and re-energize Massachusetts’ economy.”

The tour, which officially launched today, will continue throughout the summer and will stop at approximately two doz-

en city and town centers across Massachusetts. Each stop will include a tour of downtown and main street businesses and a roundtable conversation with business owners, community leaders, and state and local officials to engage directly on how the Administration can continue to offer necessary support for economic recovery.

While Massachusetts is known as a global leader in industries such as life sciences and the innovation economy, research conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration found that prior to the pandemic, more than 45 percent of the entire Commonwealth’s workforce was employed by a small business.

“COVID-19 created unprecedented economic pressure on the small business community across Massachusetts,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Kennealy. “As we continue taking steps to put the effects of this virus behind us, our proposal to direct \$2.9 billion to existing, proven programs will accelerate the Commonwealth’s economic recovery with a focus on equity and sustainability.”

In June, the Baker-Polito Administration filed a plan to put \$2.9 billion of Commonwealth’s direct federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to use immediately through existing, proven programs to support key recovery priorities including housing and homeownership, economic development and local downtowns, job training and workforce development, health care, and infrastructure. The proposal expressly targets support for lower-wage workers and communities of color.

Included in the Administration’s plan is \$450 million for economic development. Of that total, \$100 million will be allocated specifically for downtown development to concentrate economic growth activities, resources, and investments within local neighborhood areas in municipalities disproportionately impacted by COVID; \$250 million will support investments and regional collaboration aimed at invigorating downtowns and main streets throughout Massachusetts; and \$100 million will be designated for efforts to support cultural facilities and tourism assets throughout Massachusetts.

# Red Cross needs blood donors now

While donors across the country have rolled up a sleeve to give this summer, the need for blood and platelets remains crucial for patients relying on lifesaving transfusions. The American Red Cross continues to experience a severe blood shortage and donors of all blood types – especially type O and those giving platelets – are urged to make an appointment to give now.

Right now, the Red Cross needs to collect more than 1,000 additional blood

donations each day to meet current demand as hospitals respond to an unusually high number of traumas and emergency room visits, organ transplants and elective surgeries.

To thank donors who help refuel the blood and platelets supply this month, all who come to give until July 31 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, and will also receive automatic entry for a chance to win gas for a year (a \$5,000 value). More information and details are

available at [rcblood.org/](http://rcblood.org/) fuel. Also, all those who come to donate throughout the entire month of July will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for four to Cedar Point or Knott’s Berry Farm. To learn more, visit [rcblood.org/CedarFair](http://rcblood.org/CedarFair).

In most cases, those who have received a COVID-19 vaccine can donate. However, knowing the name of the manufacturer of the vaccine they received is important in determining donation eligibility.

# Eastie’s weekly COVID positive test rate spikes

By John Lynds

For two straight weeks at the end of June and the beginning of July, no East Boston residents tested positive for COVID. However, two weeks ago the local weekly COVID positive test rate increased to 0.07.

Last week, Eastie’s weekly positive test rate increased 2,000 percent and spiked to 1.5 percent according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

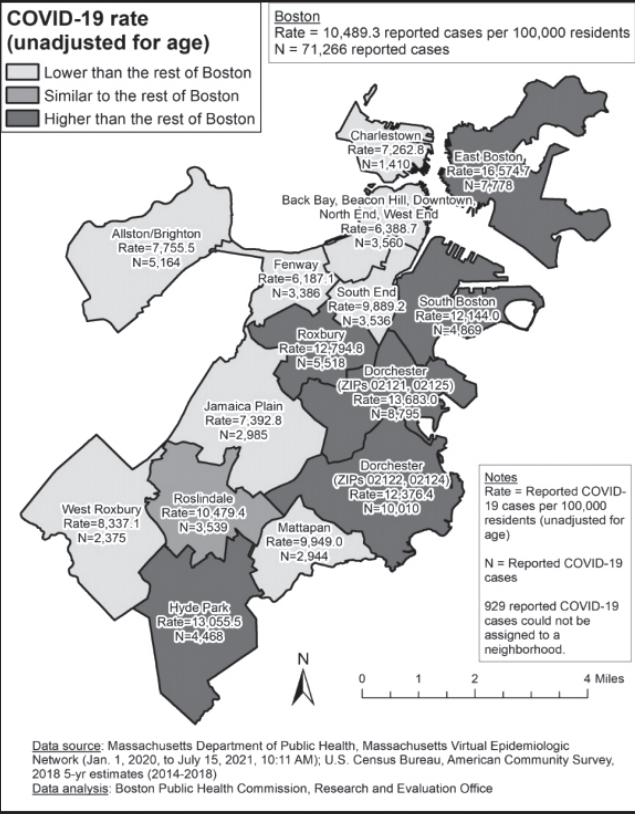
This was the first time the weekly positive test rate increased to over one percent in nearly two months.

With new variants of the virus penetrating the US, the recent spike may be due to the Delta COVID variant that is sweeping across the US and infecting unvaccinated people with a vengeance.

Last week, 839 Eastie residents were tested for the virus and 1.5 percent were positive—a 2,000 percent increase from the 0.07 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Of the 44,097 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 17.7 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease of one percent from the 17.9 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate in-



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

creased. According to the BPHC 11,704 residents were tested and 1.5 percent were COVID positive—this was a 275 percent increase from the 0.4 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased only 0.07 percent and the rate is currently 1,657.4 cases per 10,000 residents.

Nineteen additional residents contracted the virus since July 9 and there are now 7,778 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released

by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.56 percent since July 9 and went from 70,998 cases to 71,399 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus in the past two weeks and there are now 1,395 total deaths in the city from COVID.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HAMILTON COLLEGE DEAN’S LIST

The following local residents were named to the Dean’s List at Hamilton College for the spring 2021 semester:

Clarissa Hurley of East Boston . Hurley, a rising junior majoring in economics and government,

is a graduate of Middlesex School.

Caroline Zuffante of Winthrop. Zuffante, a rising junior majoring in psychology, is a graduate of Winthrop High School.

To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have carried throughout the semester a course load of four or more graded credits with an average of 3.5 or above.

Originally founded

in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton College offers an open curriculum that gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework. Hamilton enrolls 1,850 students from 49 states and 49 countries. Additional information about the college can be found at [www.hamilton.edu](http://www.hamilton.edu).

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## NOT VACCINATED? COVID-19 WILL GET YOU -- AND YOUR FAMILY

When we were writing about COVID-19 last year at the height of the pandemic, we often put it this way: COVID-19 is a hunter and we, the human animal, are its prey.

In the summer of 2021, another way to think about it is this: COVID-19 is a microscopic version of the alien monsters in the popular sci-fi movies A Quiet Place or The Tomorrow War in which the aliens have invaded Earth and are seeking to exterminate the human race.

In both of those films, the humans have banded together to fight the aliens in order to avoid extinction.

In particular, the heroes in those movies do whatever they can to protect their families.

However, unlike in the movies, many of the humans on our planet, especially here in the United States, are not acting with the same degree of rationality and unity in fighting COVID-19.

Virus infections and hospitalizations are rising sharply across the United States thanks to the Delta variant, an updated version of the virus, that is both more transmissible and causes more serious disease.

However, as President Biden succinctly put it, the new surge in cases is occurring almost entirely among those who are not vaccinated.

More than 160 million Americans have received vaccinations, roughly half of the country. However, the vaccination rate varies widely depending upon the geographic region. In the Northeast and the West Coast, vaccination rates are in the range of 70 percent, compared to under 40 percent in large areas of the South and middle of the country.

Predictably, the increase in infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are surging in those under-vaccinated areas. The numbers don't lie. It was reported last week that the seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases across the country increased by 16%, but that 93% of those cases were among counties with low vaccination rates.

In states with high vaccination rates, new infections are occurring almost solely among the unvaccinated. In the state of Maryland, which has a high vaccination rate, 99% of new COVID cases are occurring in persons who are not vaccinated.

The Delta variant that is now prevalent in the U.S. and across the globe is more than twice as transmissible as the original version of COVID-19. Fortunately, all three of the vaccines being used in this country (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) are highly-effective against infection by the Delta variant.

In addition, we have more than enough of the vaccine to inoculate every American against this dreaded disease. America is the richest country in the world and we have used our wealth to encourage the development and production of vaccines and to purchase a supply sufficient to immunize every American.

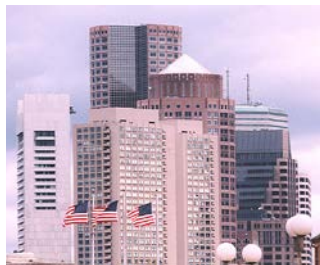
The incredible success in developing successful vaccines has been the equivalent of a 21st century Manhattan Project, which was the scientific effort to develop the nuclear bomb that eventually ended World War II.

So why are so many of our fellow citizens hesitant to get the vaccine?

President Biden noted that misinformation -- and outright disinformation -- on social media platforms are killing people. He also should have added that disinformation campaigns on certain so-called mainstream news networks similarly are contributing to vaccine hesitancy.

If you are relying on your Facebook friends or some other on-line (or mainstream news network) to persuade you from getting the vaccine, then you are a victim of bad information that can harm you and your families.

In short, the simple -- but brutal -- truth is this: If you and your loved ones are not vaccinated, it is inevitable that COVID-19 will find you, just like those science-fiction aliens in the movies. And just like the movies, for all too many of the unvaccinated, the outcome will be deadly.



# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Showing up for our aging residents

By Councilor  
Annisssa Essaibi George

This past year and a half has been devastating for so many, and with that has come a long list of changes and priorities that the City of Boston must address. But perhaps voices too often left out of these critical policy conversations belong to Boston's aging residents.

Here in Boston, it is projected that 20% of our population will be age 65 or older within 15 years. It's essential that our policies reflect this and that any future planning includes measures that make our city welcoming, accessible and inclusive of our aging residents.

We must prioritize housing. Our aging residents decided to call Boston home. Many raised their families here, worked here, and have become a part of the fabric of their community. They need affordable housing options: we must build senior-specific rental units, provide them options to downsize within their own neighborhood, and lower skyrocketing property tax-

es that have taken many residents by surprise. Good planning will allow us to create and maintain greenspaces, open space ideal for community gatherings, and make Boston truly accessible for all with more ramps, smooth sidewalks, and benches.

Our residents need transportation options that are close to their homes and go to and from local senior and community centers, community health centers and hospitals, places of worship, and to the grocery stores and pharmacies. By expanding shuttle services and providing free MBTA passes, we can provide our older residents the resources and tools to be mobile and lead healthy, happy and enriched lives.

As part of my public health plan, I lay out the important role community health centers (CHCs) play in our city. In addition to providing primary care, CHCs provide comprehensive community services to address food insecurity, housing instability, behavioral health, immigration support, and other social determinants

of health. Mental health services, in particular, will be key in the coming months after a year and a half or more in isolation with the added stressful burdens of living through a global pandemic. Our neighborhood community health centers can be a critical link between our aging residents and the services they need to lead healthy lives.

As Mayor, I will support and strengthen the lives of older individuals in Boston by ensuring that we are intentional about addressing their needs and improving their quality of life in our policies and initiatives. I'll make bold improvements to programs that will optimize the health, safety and inclusion of aging Bostonians, and continue to invest in the generational diversity of our residents by cultivating a safe and healthy community with resources to make Boston an enjoyable place to grow older. To do all of this and ensure older residents use these services, City Hall must make a concerted effort to conduct outreach in a way that reaches,

and includes, our seniors. We have to meet them where they are. From door knocking programs to phone calls, mailers to meetings at their local senior center, we have to be on the ground, listen to their needs, and allow what we learn to drive the City of Boston's agenda.

There's no question that Boston is such a special place because of the people who choose to call this city home, who build businesses here, who enrich our neighborhoods and contribute to our communities. So let's make sure we're creating more opportunities for aging residents to stay in them, such as more senior-specific affordable housing, improved and accessible infrastructure, and community-centered care. But even more importantly, let's intentionally engage our older residents in every aspect of these policies so that all voices have the opportunity to shape our city's future—I think we could all learn a thing or two.

*Councilor Annisssa Essaibi George is a candidate for Mayor of Boston.*

## GUEST OP-ED

### Fast track to turmoil

consensus by many is, "I don't want to wait until I'm old to have a nice house." Or, "I don't want to wait to enjoy the finer things of life."

An old acquaintance bought an expensive house in California a few years back and remarked, "I couldn't wait to get into that incredible house and then I couldn't wait until we sold it." Another friend remarked, "The greatest day in my life was when I bought my boat and the second greatest day was when I sold it." Our view of life's wants and needs change throughout life. We look at some things as if we can't live until we get them. After awhile we realize life was simpler and more manageable before we had them.

Consider pacing yourself. Remember this word

as much as possible -- afford. Try to buy, drive and live with the afford word as your ongoing theme. If you can't afford it you certainly don't need it, whatever it is. Don't overbuy on your house. Buy what you can afford now and maybe soon you can sell and buy greater. If you are living beyond what you can afford you will end up losing ground. Getting behind with making payments on property or having to file bankruptcy will only put the things you want out of reach. Destroying your credit rating only dismantles what you will want to buy next.

So, take your time. Trying to spend more and buy more than you can afford does not make you a greater person in anyone's minds or eyes. Keep in mind that it's your life and

there's nothing better than living life with peace of mind. If you can be comfortable, eat well and have a good daily life of health then what more do you really want? If you want more, then take your time, do good and more will probably become available to you. The wisdom writer of Proverbs said in 15:16, "Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil."

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Dr. Glenn Mollette

A happy and secure life does not mean immediate gratification.

We have heard these words before, "I want it all and I want it now." Wanting the things of life as quickly as possible is natural. Some climb the career ladder quickly achieving epic heights at young ages. Many burn the candle at both ends in order to have the biggest house the finance company will allow. Some want to have a certain number of children by a certain age along with a mega career, housing, cars and all that a segment of society considers successful.

However, is your mental sanity worth the stress of all that it usually takes to get as much and as fast as you can? The common

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration and the State Lottery reminded residents of upcoming deadlines for the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway, which opened for registration on July 1.

VaxMillions Giveaway Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning Monday, July 26 and continuing every Monday through Aug. 23. Registration for the first drawing closes on Thursday, July 22, with the first drawing occurring on Monday, July 26. Winners will be announced later in the week following each drawing.

Massachusetts residents ages 12 and up and who are fully vaccinated prior to each drawing are eligible to enter the giveaway.

Residents ages 18 and older who are fully vaccinated prior to each drawing will have the opportunity to enter to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Residents between 12-17 years of age who are fully vaccinated prior to each drawing may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Eligible residents are able to enter the giveaway at VaxMillionsGiveaway.com. For residents who do not have access to the internet or require assistance, a call center can be reached by calling 2-1-1 during the below hours:

•Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

•Friday: 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

•Saturday-Sunday: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Live call center workers are available in English

and Spanish, and 100 additional languages are available through translators.

Residents are reminded that they have time to get fully vaccinated in order to enter the drawings. An entry before one of the weekly entry deadlines makes you eligible for all of the weekly drawings that take place after you register.

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. Winners with a qualifying disability may elect instead to receive an equivalent financial contribution to a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account to cover qualified expenses.

Residents can email support@vaxmillionsgiveaway.mass.gov or call 2-1-1 to report any instances of fraud or suspicious activity associated with the VaxMillions Giveaway Promotion. Residents are reminded that official prize notification emails related to the VaxMillions Giveaway will come from a Massachusetts Department of Public Health email address ending in "@mass.gov."

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# Flaherty hosts community cookout at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday afternoon At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty hosted a community cookout with help from the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen (EBCSK) that operates out of the Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in East Boston.

For several years, the EBCSK has been conducting weekly food distribution operations and Councilor Flaherty has emerged as a staunch supporter of the soup kitchen’s efforts prior and during the pandemic.

Flaherty decided he wanted to do something special not only for those that benefit from the weekly soup kitchen but the team of volunteers that show up week after week to help distribute food to those who are food insecure.

“I had been down to the soup kitchen to volunteer a few times during the pandemic and had the opportunity to help prepare grocery bags for distribution,” said Flaherty. “Once things started to open up a bit I suggested doing something in July to give back to not only the clientele that the soup kitchen serves but also the volunteers. So we came up with this July Hot Dog Safari on the day the soup kitchen is distributing meals to residents. We just wanted to give everyone involved the opportunity to celebrate a slight return to normal, relax and enjoy the afternoon with a hot dog or two after this extremely difficult year.”

Manning the grill himself Flaherty cooked almost 400 hotdogs throughout the afternoon and the Councilor teamed

up with Captain Kelley McCormick and the Community Officers from District A-7 to bring down the police department’s Ice Cream Truck so children and adults could enjoy ice cream sandwiches for dessert.

“It was great to get out in the neighborhood, to accentuate the work that Sandra Nijjar and her team at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen have been doing throughout the pandemic, and bring some joy and levity to all those who could attend this afternoon,” said Flaherty. “I was lucky enough to volunteer with the Soup Kitchen and I am honored to continue to support them.”

The EBCSK distributes grocery bags full of kitchen staples and high quality, healthy food every Tuesday.

Founded by Nijjar and a team of dedicated volunteers EBCSK has fostered community through addressing food insecurity that was exacerbated by the pandemic.

“When I went there for the first time I was shocked to see just the sheer number of folks in the line,” said Flaherty. “So last week’s cookout was a chance to meet and engage not only with the folks that come to the pantry but also to celebrate the volunteers.”

Flaherty said he enjoyed the event so much he’d like to make the soup kitchen Hot Dog Safari an annual event in Eastie.

“Having Councilor Flaherty here to help out was a great experience,” said Nijjar. “Having the grill going with hot dogs, the ice cream, and the music brought smiles to the faces of our patrons today.”



At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty manned the grill during the event and cooked over 400 hotdogs for soup kitchen clients and volunteers.



At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty and soup kitchen volunteers serve hot dogs during last week’s event at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen that operates out of the Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in East Boston.



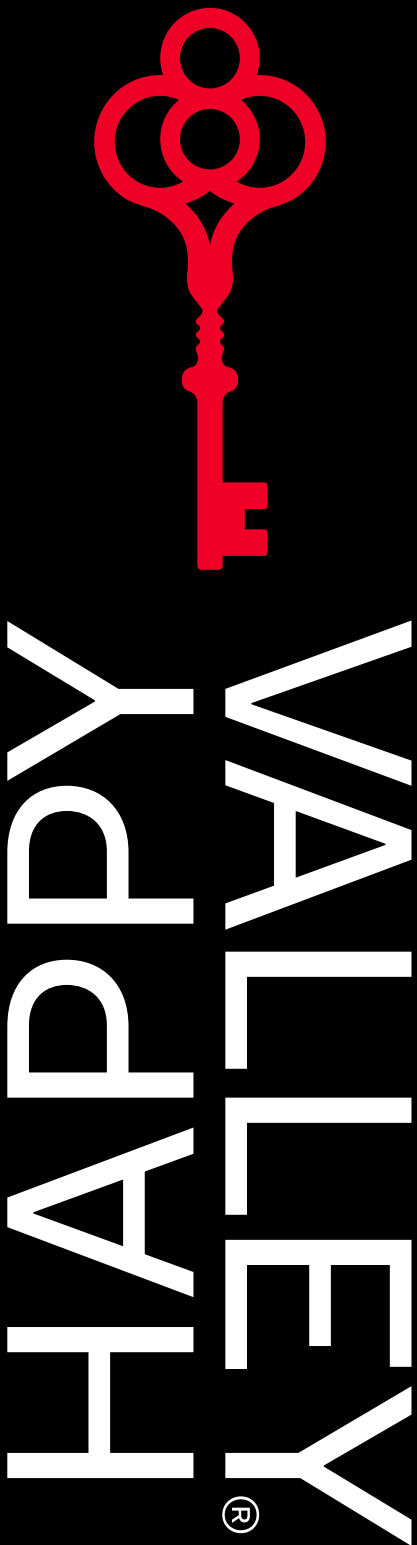
At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty said he wanted the event to give everyone involved with the soup kitchen the opportunity to celebrate a slight return to normal, relax and enjoy the afternoon with a hot dog or two after this extremely difficult year.



The line forms outside Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in East Boston for the Hot Dog Safari At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty hosted last week at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.



At-Large City Councilor Michael Flaherty coordinated with the Community Office at District A-7 police station to provide the department’s ice cream truck for Flaherty’s Hot Dog Safari he hosted last week with the help of the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.




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EAST BOSTON MAIN STREETS HOLDS A TASTE OF EASTIE

By Marianne Salza

East Boston Main Streets presented the 25th Annual Taste of Eastie on July 15 at Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor to encourage residents to revisit their favorite local restaurants, and explore venues new to them. Neighbors eagerly gathered with friends to sample Lat-

in, Italian, Samalian, and Chinese dishes -- such as spinach chaco, and freshly harvested kale salads -- from 28 restaurants.

“The Pandemic has affected many of the small businesses in our community. Many closed down temporarily, while others had to make the difficult decision to shut down entirely,” expressed the Board of Directors for East Boston Main Streets in the Taste of Eastie booklet. “The restaurants participating in this delicious event are a reflection of the energy, strength, entrepreneurial spirit, and diversity that makes our community special.”



Napoles Restaurant serving baked goods



Kenny, Natalie, and Jacque, from Dirty Water Dough, serving pizza



Eastie Farm serving salad made with kale, lettuce, cucumbers, and radishes that were harvested that morning



Alyssa, Scott, and Deepak enjoying spinach chaco from Tawakal Halal Café



Veronica Robles performing Mexican mariachi music



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learning.

“The Grassroots Program supports gardening and farming opportunities in all of Boston’s neighborhoods,” said Janey. “I am excited to announce the recent renovation and expansion of this beautiful community farm in East Boston. I want to also honor and thank the Eastie Farmers for their commitment to the East Boston community, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to support the success of Eastie Farm, and I want to thank the farmers and residents of East Boston for their work.”

The City of Boston’s Grassroots funding already enabled Eastie Farm to expand and upgrade their space on Sumner Street in Jeffries Point with a new water connection, create a retaining wall, build a tool shed, produce an ADA-compliant ramp, provide storm-water management equipment, build raised garden beds, and update the landscaping and irrigation.

The new improvements will beautify the farm, increase its accessibility and engagement with residents and support urban farming in Boston, which is designed to increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables in neighborhoods across Boston.

“We want to thank Mayor Janey for supporting community-led efforts and for celebrating the successes of bottom-up solution-building,” said Thiruvengadam. “Eastie Farm grows food and builds community. A little kid pulls out her first carrot here. An immigrant women’s cooperative is launched here. Many hands together plant a tree here. With the help of support from the City of Boston, foundations, and community members, East Boston has turned the abandoned lot at 294 Sumner into a community asset: supporting food security; serving as an informal learning space for growing food, building soil, conserving rainwater, and reducing food waste; and providing a relaxing open green space in an otherwise dense urban block.”

In 2020, Eastie Farm received over \$300,000 in grant funding through the Boston Resiliency Fund to tackle food insecurity in Eastie and respond to the growing pandemic. With this funding, they spearheaded an effort to provide hot healthy meals for food-insecure individuals in their community.

At last week’s event Thiruvengadam explained how Eastie Farm, like many other groups, had to switch gears during the pandemic to address growing food insecurities in Eastie. They partnered with local Bon Me restaurant locations, which helped the Eastie Farm team provide over 5,000 meals per week to Eastie and Chinatown residents. Their work with the Boston Resiliency Fund enabled Eastie Farm to buy these meals at cost, helping restaurants stay in business and even paying community members a living wage to deliver these meals.

Thiruvengadam said by turning the farm into a meal and produce distribution spot, the space proved integral in the areas resiliency during the food crisis caused by the COVID-19 shutdown.

They also partnered

with Tawakal Halal Cafe to provide halal meals to the community, stressing that it was important for recipients of these meals to get food that is not only healthy and hot but culturally appropriate.

“Eastie Farm has been an incredible partner in helping us live our community values, while also ensuring business sustainability,” said the owner of Tawakal Halal Cafe Yahya Noor. “Without Eastie Farm, we would not have gotten through the first part of the crisis before any other form of support became available. Eastie Farm has made us feel welcome in the East Boston family and held our hands in getting integrated. This is a sincere organization, a rare find, more than just a farm, and an asset for families in the community. I want to thank the City of Boston for supporting organizations like Eastie Farm and mom-and-pop businesses like Tawakal Halal Cafe.”

The community process for Eastie Farm effort began in 2014, which included a partnership between the City of Boston and East Boston residents, who have been active in both the redevelopment and management of the new farm and garden space. The redevelopment of this land on Summer Street, Meridian Street, and 6 Chelsea Terrace has been funded by more than \$282,400 in Grassroots Funding and \$50,000 in Community Preservation Act Funding.

Established in 2015, Eastie Farm is dedicated to pursuing climate justice, improving food access, and fostering community resilience through the development of inter-active urban agricultural spaces and environmental education programs. Programming encourages residents of all ages and backgrounds to learn and take part in the production of healthy, locally-grown, and culturally relevant foods.

“Now we offer a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program to increase the availability of locally grown fresh and healthy produce to residents,” said Thiruvengadam. “And we host budding musicians, comedians, and other artists. It’s a fun, positive, and active community space. With city and state funds, we look forward to setting up 6 Chelsea Terrace, just conveyed to us by the City of Boston, with a greenhouse for use as a nursery and a year-round learning space, powered by clean renewable energy. Spaces like 294 Sumner and the collaborative work of organizations like Eastie Farm with government and the private sector are a testament of the collective power and resiliency of our society.”

Since transforming the vacant lot, Eastie Farm has planted several fruit trees, hosted more than 300 volunteers, donated more than 5,000 pounds of fresh produce, herbs, and fruits to food security organizations in East Boston, and given more than 2,000 seedlings of food-bearing plants, as well as gardening supplies to the community members engaged in gardening. In 2016, they won the City of Boston Greenovate Award for Community Engagement.

“Before I got involved with Eastie Farm, like most of my friends, I used to think my life is about my

own success,” said Eastie resident and Eastie Farm volunteer Salvador Cartagena. “Now, I understand it’s about the well-being of my community. A resilient community is critical to the health and safety of

every individual in that community, especially the most vulnerable. I want to thank all the partners for helping make this farm a reality for the East Boston community.”



Acting Mayor Kim Janey talks with families during last week’s Eastie Farm celebration.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey ceremonially breaks ground on the expansion of Eastie Farm.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey with Tawakal Halal Cafe Yahya Noor.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey is presented with a flower grown at Eastie Farm by Eastie Farm volunteer Salvador Cartagena.



A group shot of Acting Mayor Kim Janey with Eastie Farm’s crew of farmers, volunteers and supporters.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey poses with families at East Farm.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Acting Mayor Kim Janey and Eastie Farm Founder and Director Kannan Thiruvengadam.



Acting Mayor Kim Janey greets residents at last week’s Eastie Farm celebration.

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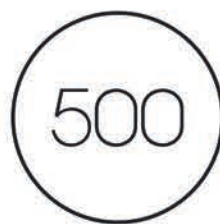


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# Gov. Baker signs Fiscal Year 2022 State Budget into law

Staff Report

Gov. Charlie Baker has signed the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) budget into law, a \$47.6 billion plan designed to support the Commonwealth’s communities, schools, families, small businesses, and workers as Massachusetts emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. The budget fully funds the implementation of the landmark Student Opportunity Act, strengthens local communities, and supports key priorities like job training and assistance for small businesses. The budget is in balance, does not rely on new taxes, and forecasts a \$1.2 billion deposit in the Commonwealth’s Stabilization Fund, bringing the total balance of the fund to \$5.8 billion, an increase of \$4.7 billion since the beginning of the Baker-Polito Administration.

The funding in this budget would complement the Administration’s recently filed legislation to immediately put to use \$2.915 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) discretionary funding to help jump-start the Commonwealth’s economic recovery and support residents hardest-hit by COVID-19, such as lower-wage workers and communities of color. This \$2.915 billion would include investments in housing and homeownership, economic development and local downtowns, job training and workforce development, health care, and infrastructure. Additionally, with state revenues continuing to exceed benchmarks, the Administration’s proposal for a two-month Sales Tax Holiday would provide further relief for small businesses and residents, especially lower-wage workers who are most impacted by the sales tax.

“The FY22 budget makes historic investments in our communities, schools, economy, and workers as Massachusetts emerges from the pandemic,” said Gov. Baker. “As we continue in our economic recovery, we are focused on supporting those communities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19, and this budget will complement our \$2.9 billion proposal to invest a portion of Massachusetts’ federal funds in urgent priorities that support communities of color and lower-wage workers. By working with our legislative partners to carefully manage the Commonwealth’s finances and by reopening our economy, we now expect to make a \$1.2 billion deposit in the Stabilization Fund through this budget, bringing the balance to \$5.8 billion, an increase of over 400 percent since we took office. We are able to responsibly grow our reserves without raising taxes, while continuing to make historic investments in our schools, job training programs and downtown economies.”

**FISCAL OVERVIEW**  
•This FY22 budget incorporates an upgraded \$34.3 billion tax revenue forecast. This represents an increase of \$4.2 billion over the FY22 consensus tax revenue estimate announced in January, based off better-than-expected actual tax collections in recent months. The budget includes a total of \$47.6 billion in gross spending, excluding the Medical Assistance Trust Fund transfer, which reflects approximately 3.6% growth in authorized spending over Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21).  
•The budget as enacted is in structural balance, with no planned Stabilization Fund withdrawal. Instead, the revised capital gains tax collections are expected to result in a \$1.2 billion deposit in the Stabilization Fund during

FY22, bringing the fund to an all-time high balance of \$5.8 billion. This represents an increase of \$4.7 billion or 421 percent since 2015, a significant achievement thanks to the collective fiscal discipline of the Administration and the Legislature that will help protect essential government services in the event of future economic uncertainty or downturns.

**INVESTING IN MASSACHUSETTS’ FUTURE**  
•The FY22 budget supports historic investments in local schools: The budget fully funds the Student Opportunity Act as it includes a \$219.6 million increase in the annual Chapter 70 investment. It also provides an additional \$28.2 million for special education circuit breaker reimbursement for local cities and towns, as well as \$34.3 million in additional funding for charter school reimbursement. This funding complements substantial federal resources including \$2.9 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding and \$3.4 billion in ARPA direct aid for local governments throughout Massachusetts.  
•As the impacts of the pandemic have fallen disproportionately on communities of color, the FY22 budget provides over \$35 million to continue implementing the recommendations of the Black Advisory Commission (BAC) and the Latino Advisory Commission (LAC). This includes funding across a range of initiatives and programs including Adult Basic Education, YouthWorks Summer Jobs, early college, teacher diversity, small business development, financial literacy, and workforce training. The FY22 budget also fully funds the newly elevated Supplier Diversity Office, which is responsible for ensuring accountability and


compliance with diversity goals, overseeing agency diversity spending, and auditing and reviewing spending data.  
•Recognizing the significant needs around workforce training identified in the Administration’s recently published Future of Work Report, the Administration is focused on connecting workers with career pathways in high-demand fields. The FY22 budget includes a total investment of \$17.9 million across state agencies for transforming vocational high schools into Career Technical Institutes and training 20,000 new workers in skilled trades and technical fields over four years. This initiative will increase student demand, involve businesses in program development and credentials, reduce barriers to licensure, and create incentives for completion and post-graduate employment.  
•The budget also supports Massachusetts’ small businesses and downtown economies as the Commonwealth’s economic recovery moves forward. The FY22 budget includes \$7 million for the Small Business Technical Assistance Grant Program for entrepreneurs and small businesses, especially those owned by women, immigrants, veterans, and people of color. It also provides \$6 million for regional economic development grants.  
•To continue supporting local communities throughout Massachusetts, the FY22 budget increases the Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) investment by \$39.5 million compared to the FY21 budget. This translates to a total UGGA investment of \$1.168 billion to cities and towns. Under the Baker-Polito Administration, total annual UGGA has increased by \$222.4 million (23.5 percent).  
•The budget provides

\$3.6 million in funding for Community Compact-related programs including best practices and regionalization and efficiency grants. Additionally, the budget includes \$4.8 million for the Public Safety Staffing Grant Program managed by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, as well as \$3 million for local technical assistance.  
•The Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, chaired by Lieutenant Governor Polito, continues to work closely with community partners and local stakeholders to ensure that survivors and their families have access to services and supports necessary in times of crisis. The FY22 budget continues these efforts with a \$103.8 million investment to address sexual assault and domestic violence, a 61-percent increase over Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) spending.  
•The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated substance misuse issues across Massachusetts. The FY22 budget continues to provide substantial resources toward this critical priority with a total investment of \$408 million across a variety of state agencies. This translates to an increase of \$72.8 million above the FY21 budget, and an increase of \$288.8 million (242 percent) since FY15.  
•The public health emergency has also intensified the housing crisis and disproportionately impacted vulnerable communities. The budget continues promoting access to sustainable and affordable housing through numerous programs and initiatives including \$197 million for the Emergency Assistance family shelter system, \$151 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, \$85 million for local housing authorities, and \$12.5 million in rental subsidies through the Department of

Mental Health.  
**OUTSIDE SECTIONS AND EARMARKS**  
The Governor also signed several outside sections attached to the FY22 budget. •One such section was filed by the Administration and creates a Disability Employment Tax Credit to support businesses that hire individuals with disabilities. For qualifying employees who work a minimum of 12 consecutive months, this credit will be \$5,000 per employee for the first year of employment and \$2,000 for subsequent years, furthering the Administration’s commitment to improving employment opportunities and economic security for individuals with disabilities.  
•Another section originally proposed by the Administration makes permanent the Massachusetts Education Financing Authority’s College Savings Tax Deduction Program, which was scheduled to sunset at the end of 2021. Nearly 30,000 tax filers across Massachusetts benefit from this program each year and save a total of approximately \$2.3 million.  
•The Governor vetoed \$7.9 million in gross spending. Of 149 outside sections, the Governor signed 122, vetoed 2, and returned 25 to the Legislature with proposed amendments.  
•Given the Commonwealth’s fiscal position, Governor Baker vetoed an outside section which would have delayed the implementation of the charitable tax deduction. This deduction was approved by voters 20 years ago and slated to go into effect when state finances allow, and the combination of strong state revenues and serious needs facing non-profits and charitable organizations necessitate this tax deduction’s going into place.

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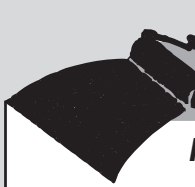
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John Zucarro, Sr.  
East Boston AmVets member

John E. Zucarro, Sr. of East Boston passed away on July 14.

John was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict who served with the 24th Infantry Division. He was also part of the East Boston AmVets.

The beloved husband of the late Grace Luongo, he was the loving father of John Zuccaro, Jr. and Catherine of Billerica, Richard Zuccaro and Mary Beth of Saugus, and David Zuccaro of Boston; adored grandfather of John Zuccaro III, Richard Zuccaro and Kyle Zuccaro. John was predeceased by eight siblings.

Family and friends honored John's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street (Ori-



ent Heights) East Boston on Sunday, July 18 and again Monday morning, July 19 before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass. Services concluded with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

Camille D'Amico  
Lifelong East Boston resident

Camille J. (DiDonato) D'Amico, 95, a life long resident of East Boston, passed away unexpectedly on July 16 with her daughter by her side.

Born on October 2, 1925 to Italian immigrants, the late Giuseppe and Carmella (Caliendo) DiDonato, she was the beloved wife of the late Anthony "Tony" D'Amico, loving mother of Colette D'Amico and the late Robert D'Amico and the caring sister of the late Louis, Ralph, Philip, Albert, Vincent, Lucy DiDonato and Margaret Ferullo. Camille is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Camille's life by gathering in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach Street, Revere on Thursday, July 22 from 8:30 to 10



a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass to be celebrated in her honor at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church in East Boston. Interment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Camille's memory to the Perkins Library ([www.perkins.org](http://www.perkins.org)) Perkins School for the Blind, 175 Beacon St., Watertown, MA 02472. For guestbook and directions please visit [www.vazzafunerals.com](http://www.vazzafunerals.com).

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MVES offer tips to beat the heat this summer

We have already had many heat waves descend upon us this summer and it is expected they will continue throughout the season. During these hot and humid summer months, Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) recommends that it's a good idea to keep a close eye on the older adults in our lives.

Older adults are much more likely to develop heat-related illnesses than younger people because as we age our bodies don't adjust as well to drastic changes of temperature. Also, some medications that older adults are taking can affect the way their bodies regulate heat. Here are some tips and resources to help you beat the heat.

- Slow down and avoid strenuous activity. Don't try to do too much on a hot day.

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect heat and sunlight and help maintain normal

body temperature. Protect your face with a wide-brimmed hat.

- Eat well-balanced, light, regular meals. Avoid high protein foods that increase metabolic heat.

- Cover windows that receive morning or afternoon sun with drapes, shades, awnings or louvers. Outdoor awnings or louvers can reduce the heat that enters a home by up to 80%.

- Air-conditioning can provide a lot of relief in the summer. On the most unbearably hot days when it's too hot for fans to be effective, air-conditioners can even help you stay safe. If you don't have air conditioning, stay on your lowest floor, out of the sun. Electric fans do not cool the air, but they do help evaporate perspiration, which cools your body.

- The heat affects more than just people. Our pets can be in danger when the temperature rises. Keep your animals safe and

healthy in this heat. Do not leave them in a hot car or without water.

**Staying Hydrated**  
The ability to feel thirst lessens with age so you may not realize when you need to drink more. You may find you have to use the bathroom more often, losing more fluid. As we age, our bodies start losing muscle (which holds water) and gain fat (which cannot hold water). Medications that increase urination or help constipation can also cause dehydration.

Dehydration occurs when you don't have enough fluid in your body. It can cause serious health problems, but luckily is easy to prevent. Dehydration may be caused or worsened by diarrhea, vomiting, overheating, diabetes, high fever, or excessive sweating. If you experience any of these, be aware and make sure you are drinking plenty of fluids.

Hydration tips:

- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink; by this time you are already dehydrated.

- Keep a glass of water near you and drink from it regularly.

- Eat foods which contain water (fruits, soups, gelatin).

- Keep a full water bottle in the refrigerator and take a drink every time you open it.

- Drink extra in extreme heat to replace the water lost from sweating.

- Start and end the day with a cup of water.

- Do not replace water with alcohol or caffeinated drinks.

- Recognize when your body is asking for more water.

In extreme heat, it's important that we watch out for each other and stay informed about how to remain healthy and safe when the thermometer climbs. Stay cool, hydrated and out of the harmful rays of the sun.

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## News in Brief

### MAYOR JANEY ANNOUNCES NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR SERIES

Mayor Kim Janey and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2021 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series, in collaboration with Dunkin', in local parks citywide from July 30 to August 27.

"I look forward to meeting residents one-on-one to discuss issues that interest them," said Mayor Janey. "The Neighborhood Coffee Hours bring neighbors together to connect with one another and get to know a variety of the City of Boston officials who serve our communities. Come by for a beautiful morning in your local park with iced coffee, treats, fresh fruit, and flowers."

Mayor Janey's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and other features

in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Janey looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and city services.

Participants will enjoy Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats provided by Dunkin'. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market. In addition, each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Residents at the event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin', including Dunkin' swag and gift cards.

All coffee hours will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., weather permitting. The full schedule of Mayor Janey's 2021 Neighborhood Coffee Hours is as follows:

Monday, August 9 - East Boston/Charlestown/North End  
Puopolo Playground

517 Commercial Street, North End

For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, on our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks).

### GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

(GSCA) Monthly Meeting will be held on Monday, July 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

The GSCA monthly meeting will be held ONLINE (and on phone) via ZOOM. The meeting will be held on Monday, July 26 at 6:30 PM. Registration is required. If you have not received an invitation to register or have difficulty registering or attending, please go to <https://govestreet.org/zoom>, send an email

to [secretary@govestreet.org](mailto:secretary@govestreet.org) or contact (781) 951-4111.

Though the agenda is subject to change, we plan to discuss the following items:

Attendance Roll Call  
Welcome and Announcements  
Boston Police Updates - Sgt Cintolo

Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli

Neighborhood Updates – Nat Taylor

Project Presentations:  
Bremen/Orleans Housing Project – Natasha Perez

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167 Maverick Street – Additional Information – Jeff Drago, Esq.

The BPDA and ZBA suggested that he increase

the number of units from 9 to 11 so "they could have an affordable unit."

We will not meet in August.

The next meeting – Monday, September 27, 2021

### EDWARDS NAMES MICHAEL BONETTI AS DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES

City Councilor Lydia Edwards has announced that Michael Bonetti will elevate to Director of Constituent Services for District One. He first joined Councilor Edwards' staff shortly after her inauguration in 2018 as her North End community liaison and took over the management of her schedule in 2019. He has also led the office through outdoor dining in District One and has worked closely with many other departments in that process. As director of constituent services, Bonetti will oversee all constituent cases throughout the district and will manage community liaisons within the office.

"Michael Bonetti is one of the hardest working people I know," said Edwards. "He is kind, funny, and follows through. He is passionate about constituent services and will serve the entire district well."

"I'm excited to serve the people of district one in this new capacity and look forward to the new challenges that come with this position," said Bonetti. "I look forward to meeting people and making new connections in East Boston and Charlestown while continuing my work in the North End. This is an exciting opportunity and I can't wait to get to work!"

In addition to his job on Edwards' staff, Bonetti serves as a Master of Ceremonies for his local parish of Saint Leonard's in the North End, and is a proud member of the Saint Anthony Society that hosts the annual Saint Anthony's Feast in the North End. He is a life-long resident of the North End and currently lives there with his family.

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197 Havre Street LLC  
177 Belmont Street LLC  
Cumani, Besnik  
Lynn, Layla A  
Havre St Apartments LLC  
Rodriguez, Miguel L  
Bussard, Nicole  
198 Maverick St LLC  
Robert, Kyle M  
Edeastboston LLC  
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Brown-Hall, Nathaniel  
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Groetken-Kaufman, Erica  
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