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Second seaplane company to begin operations off Eastie's shore

By John Lynds

A second seaplane company operating off East Boston's shore will begin shuttling customers from Boston to New York City on August 3.

Tailwind Air recently received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and U.S. Coast Guard approval to take off and land just off the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel near Jeffries Point.

Costing \$395 per ticket for a one way trip to Manhattan, Tailwind will shuttle passengers from the South Boston waterfront to the seaplane for the 75-minute flight to a dock off East 23rd in Manhattan. The company plans to run three flights per day during the week down to New York.



One of Tailwind Air's seaplanes landing in the Boston Harbor off Eastie's shore. Tailwind will begin shuttling passengers between Boston and New York on August 3. (Photo courtesy of Tailwind Air.)

"By offering nonstop, weekday flights at peak hours to and from Manhattan and Boston Harbor, we present exclusive time savings over all other modes of transportation, at a reasonable price premium," CEO and Founder of Tailwind Air, Alan

Ram, explains. "Our service combines the accessibility of the train with the speed of a flight."

Peter Manice, Director of Scheduled Operations, called the flights a 'game changer' for travellers between Boston and New York.

While he added, 'no one else is doing this' that statement is a little misleading.

Tailwind's rival, Cape Air, began testing seaplanes between the Harbor and New York back in

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Councilor Edwards endorses Michelle Wu for Mayor

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who represents East Boston, Charlestown and the North End said that Michelle Wu is a 'bold, brave woman who supports bold, brave women' and that is why she has endorsed her fellow colleague Michelle Wu's candidacy for Mayor of Boston.

At a press event last Wednesday at Lopresti Park, Edwards said in her time serving alongside Wu on the City Council she bore witness to her unflagging leadership for all Bostonians, of every neighborhood, background, and lived experience.

"That's why today, I wholeheartedly and proudly endorsed Michelle Wu, to be our next mayor," said Edwards. "We need Michelle's leadership. Boston is emerging from a pandemic and each and every single one of us is in some form of recovery. No one can say that they weren't impacted by 2020. Fewer and fewer of us can actually say that we've been made whole, or that things were fine. We watched George Floyd get murdered and we saw a racial reckoning emerge around the country. We were isolated from each other. We were angry. Some are financially crippled and many people still to this day have no



District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Boston Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu chat before Wednesday's press conference.

idea how they're going to care for their children. We have the right to ques-

tion all systems and how things are going. So we

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MRWA announce water quality grades for the Mystic and Charles Rivers

By John Lynds

For years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has been releasing beach reports cards that rate the quality of the water at state-run beaches from Nahant to

Nantasket.

Now the Mystic River Water Watershed Association (MRWA) and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are getting in on the act.

For the first time the

MRWA and EPA teamed up on a river report card for the Mystic River.

According to the report, continuing patterns from recent years in the Mystic Watershed, the main stem of the Mystic River received grades in the "A" to "B" range, with several smaller local tributaries receiving poor grades, such as an "F" for Mill Creek in Chelsea.

"The good news is that the Mystic—like each of the three great rivers of Boston Harbor—is a relatively clean urban river, safe and accessible for a variety of recreation," said Executive Director of the Mystic River Watershed Association Patrick Heron. "This news represents

a great success story of the Clean Water Act, and its 50-year history of improving environmental and even economic conditions in cities. But there is still work to be done, and the report card we publish with EPA's collaboration shows where effort should be directed on the ground,"

During the past 30 years, the focus of improving water quality in Boston Harbor has transitioned from addressing major outflows of raw sewage being discharged into the Harbor to identifying and addressing numerous smaller sources of bacterial and other contamination further up the

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Lt. Governor announces state grants for child care centers in East Boston

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday afternoon, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy stopped by the East Boston Social Centers (EBSC) in Central Square for a tour, and to announce \$7.5 million in Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EOST) capital improvement grants to 36 organizations to renovate childcare facilities that serve primarily low-income families like EBSC.

Polito said the Baker-Polito Administration teamed up with the Children's Investment Fund (CIF) and its affiliate the Community Economic Development Assistance Corporation (CEDAC) for the \$227,000 in grant money towards the Social Centers. EBSC and the other thirty-five recipients all received grants between \$100,000 to \$250,000 to provide capital funding needed to address health and safety concerns related to COVID-19.

"These awards announced today — which mark the largest total amount awarded since the inception of the EOST grants — will improve child care programs across the state," said Polito last week at the Social Centers. "Now more than ever, as families return to workplaces, investments in early education and care settings are vital to provide necessary resources to



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito during last week's tour of the East Boston Social Centers talks with one of the 300 children the Social Centers serves.

children and their families through high-quality early childhood education and out-of-school time programs."

The capital grants will help continue to support major renovation and construction projects at EBSC and improve the quality of learning environments for the over 300 children they serve.

The Social Centers previously received an EOST grant last July and EBSC Executive Director Justin Pasquariello was excited to show Polito how the previous round of funding helped improve the Social Centers' facilities. He also thanked the Lieutenant Governor for continuing to support

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CONGRATULATIONS



Ariel and Adrian Madaro are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Matteo Glantz Madaro, born on May 17, 2021 at 7 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 inches long. Grandparents Debra Cave, Jacopo Madaro, Robbie Levy, Michael Glantz and (bonus grandma) Heidi Skolnik are very excited about Matteo's arrival and are already spoiling the little guy. Ariel and Adrian feel lucky to be surrounded by such loving friends and family, and look forward to raising Matteo in this diverse and vibrant community.



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need a leader today that can see the moment and create a movement that brings us together. That leader is Michelle.”

Edwards said Wu has spent her eight years on the Boston City Council standing up for residents, families, and workers.

“She has a clear plan to end the ongoing housing crisis — one of the worst in Boston’s history — and amidst record-breaking heat waves and floods, understands the urgency of tackling the climate crisis,” said Edwards. “All that Michelle has done is based on her love of Boston. She is protective of our city. Protective of our city from Airbnb; protective of our city from irresponsible developers; protective of our city from those who want to threaten our clean air and water. She, like no one else I know, believes in what the government can do especially at the local level. So much of what the city is doing today is based on her legacy and ideas.”

Edwards continued, “To those people who look at our government and wonder, ‘Are you hearing me? Are you seeing me? Do you value me?’ and to those who are struggling with addiction, mental health, or struggle with childcare Michelle will never forget you. She will empower you. She will be there for you. Michelle is the best candidate for



Boston Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu thanks District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards for her endorsement at Lopresti Park in East Boston Wednesday.

this moment, to create the movement that we need to bring us together.”

Edwards’ endorsement adds to the Michelle for Mayor campaign’s coalition of multigenerational, multicultural grassroots supporters including leaders Senator Elizabeth Warren, State Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, former State Representative and Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing; unions Teamsters Local 25, New England Joint Board of Unite Here!, Alliance of Unions at the MBTA, MBTA Inspectors Union Local 600, OPEIU Local 453; environmental organizations Sunrise Boston, Sierra Club, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, 350 Mass Action; Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale; and fellow municipal elected officials from across Greater Boston and the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

“I’m honored to have the support of my friend and partner on the Council, Councilor Lydia Edwards,” said Wu. “In the years that we’ve known each other, even before serving together on the Council, I’ve always respected her tenacity, empathy and leadership. It’s been a delight to organize alongside her for economic justice, housing stability, and workers’ rights, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to make Boston a city for everyone. So I couldn’t be prouder today to stand with someone who I treasure, and to be in a community that I’ve worked with for so many years. We need to bring a sense of community building and a fierce relentless passion for what we could do together into City Hall and into the mayor’s office.”

Eastie’s weekly COVID positive test rate increases again by 20%

By John Lynds

For a second week in a row, East Boston’s weekly positive test rate has increased according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

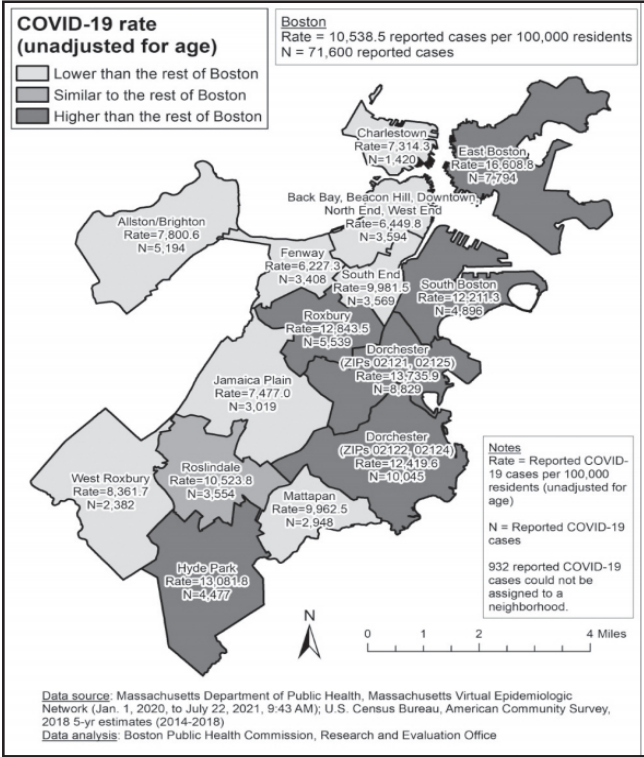
Earlier this month a COVID outbreak occurred in Provincetown with the Delta variant of the virus being confirmed among the cluster. The BPHC released an advisory on July 20 with new guidance to all residents of Boston who traveled to Provincetown during July until further notice. As of July 19, 2021, at least 35 COVID-19 cases in Boston residents have been traced back to this cluster and the overwhelming majority of those have been fully vaccinated.

Two weeks ago Eastie weekly positive test rate spiked 2,000 percent. This was the first time the weekly positive test rate increased to over one percent in nearly two months.

Last week, 1,008 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 1.8 percent were positive--this was a 20 percent increase from the 1.5 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Of the 44,565 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 17.5 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease of one percent from the 17.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased nearly 50 percent. According to the BPHC 13,702



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

residents were tested and 2.2 percent were COVID positive--this was a 47 percent increase from the 1.5 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC urged all City of Boston residents who have traveled to Provincetown since July 1 to get tested for COVID-19 at least 5 days after returning, regardless of vaccination status or symptoms. The BPHC also said residents should self-isolate and avoid groups or gatherings for at least 5 days until a negative COVID-19 test, regardless of vaccination status.

Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased only 0.2 percent and the rate went from 1,657.4 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,660.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Sixteen additional residents contracted the virus between July 16 and July 23 and there are now 7,794 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 0.62 percent since July 16 and went from 71,399 cases to 71,846 confirmed cases in a week. One additional Boston resident died from the virus in the past two weeks and there are now 1,396 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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EBSC’s capital improvements with the latest round of funding.

“We at the East Boston Social Centers were honored to host Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and EEC Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy for a tour of our early education and school age programs,” said Pasquariello. “We were grateful to show them the high-quality, safe facilities the EEOST grant has funded at the East Boston Social Centers. The Commonwealth’s recognition of the increased cost of providing high-quality, safe care during the COVID pandemic has been essential for our ability to be fully open for early education, school age programs, and full-day in-person remote learning support from July 2020. Their investments in our facilities, commitment to paying parent fees, additional grants, and investments in our workforce are critical as our essential sector continues to meet the needs of children and families across the commonwealth.”

The Early Education and Out of School Time capital improvement grants are financed through the state’s capital budget and provide matching funds that leverage private investment. More than \$200 million in public and private investments have been leveraged throughout the life of the grant program. The Baker-Polito Administration’s FY21 Capital Budget Plan included funding for the Early Education and Out of School Time capital improvement grant program.

“Every child deserves the opportunity to learn in high-quality, safe, healthy, and joyous education environments,” said Commissioner Aigner-Trewor-



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito during last week’s tour of the East Boston Social Centers in Central Square. Polito announced \$7.5 million in Early Education and Out of School Time Capital Fund (EEOST) capital improvement grants to thirty-six organizations to renovate childcare facilities that serve primarily low-income families like EBSC.



Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito was joined by Early Education and Care Commissioner Samantha Aigner-Treworgy during the tour of the East Boston Social Centers.

gy at last week’s event. “Well-designed classrooms and play spaces can greatly enhance early learning and support children to grow and thrive.”

In a statement after the event Gov. Charlie Baker said his administration is committed to supporting childcare providers like the Social Centers who have worked tirelessly throughout the COVID-19 pandemic to care for children and support families returning to work.

“Since the start of this grant program, we’ve invested more than \$39.2

million in capital funding at childcare programs that impact the learning experiences of more than 9,000 children in communities across Massachusetts,” he said.

City Realty pitches changes to approved Maverick Street project

By John Lynds

At Monday night’s Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting, zoning attorney Matt Eckel briefed members on changes his clients have made to the GSCA approved project.

City Realty purchased the parcels at 167-169 Maverick St. that once housed the Saints and Angels Ceramic Store and originally wanted to renovate the existing three-story brick structure and erect a five-story addition for a total of 28 housing units with 11 parking spaces at the ground level.

After several community and abutters meetings the developers reduced the overall unit count to nine. This change was accepted by GSCA members and the group voted in favor of the changes.

Eckel said after working with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) as well as hearing from elected officials and residents on the lack of affordability City Realty decided to add two additional units and designate one of those two as affordable.

City Realty’s James Caruso said, “We heard some feedback from the BPDA, elected officials and given the overall push around the city around affordable housing we feel

we found a solution with this project in a way that addresses the Affordable Housing aspect.”

Under the BPDA’s inclusionary policy, any development over 10 units must have an affordable component. Because the project was reduced to nine units the project was no longer subjected to the inclusionary policy.

“The good thing about this project is we did not have to change the square footage at all to fit the two additional units,” said Caruso. “So a lot of times you have to make the building bigger to get additional units in there but with this one we didn’t have to.”

However, there was some discussion on hammering out whether or not the project would have to

come back to the GSCA for a vote. While GSCA voted to approve the project they supported nine units and not 11.

GSCA Chair Lorraine Curry was of the opinion that the group should take another vote on the project at their next meeting in September because of the addition of two additional units. Meanwhile, Eckel seemed disappointed the group couldn’t just take a vote Monday night so the team can move to the next phase of the zoning process with the city.

“I would think because you’ve made a change that is different from the original project presented, and you’ve increased the number of units a new vote should be taken,” said Curry.



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YES, MISINFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS KILLING AMERICANS

Let's suppose that someone walked into our newspaper office and told us that he had a "big story," the gist of which is that COVID-19 is a hoax.

Or that vaccines for the coronavirus are part of a plan by Bill Gates to inject Americans with microchips.

Or....insert any number of the other conspiracy theories about the virus and vaccinations that have been floating on social media platforms since the pandemic began.

The first thing we would do, as would any other responsible media organization, is to ask the person, "Where's your proof?"

And if -- and when -- the person invariably would be unable to produce the evidence for his claims, we would politely show him the door.

That's how journalism works. We try as best we can to provide facts and information to our readers, who then can make their own judgment about the issue at hand.

We don't always get it right, but we try our best.

That is not the case however, with social media platforms. They do not even attempt to determine whether the information that gets distributed on their platforms is accurate.

The result is that the millions of Americans who have social media accounts are barraged daily with all kinds of misinformation on a host of subjects, of which the outright and preposterous lies about COVID-19 vaccines are only the latest example.

A private investigative group recently reported that 65% of the misinformation about the vaccines is attributable to just 12 individuals. The reason for that is simple: Thanks to the algorithms of social media platforms, the statements of these 12 persons literally can go viral (no pun intended) along the misinformation electronic superhighway.

To put it another way, the old adage often used by Winston Churchill, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on," today is an understatement.

When President Joe Biden, speaking off-the-cuff in response to a reporter's question last week, suggested that the lies about vaccines on social media platforms are killing Americans, he was not wrong.

Yes, the problem of vaccine misinformation is bigger than social media companies, but they unquestionably are responsible for spreading more misinformation to ordinary Americans about the vaccines than any other source.

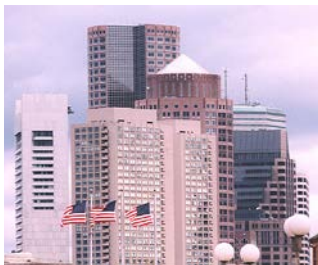
Our country is divided enough without the amplification of lies and misinformation that is being spread on the internet by social media. The virus, thanks to the Delta variant, tragically is spreading like wildfire across the country -- and the social media platforms, which make billions of dollars thanks to their algorithms, are throwing gasoline on the flames.

CONGRATULATIONS, RACHAEL ROLLINS

The announcement this week that President Joe Biden has nominated Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins to be the next United States Attorney for Massachusetts is welcome news for those who believe that our criminal justice system at all levels of government is poorly serving our nation.

Beyond the achievement of becoming the first Black woman to serve in that post, Rachael Rollins will bring a perspective of racial, social, and economic justice that has been lacking in the office of the U.S. Attorney.

We applaud President Biden's nomination of Ms. Rollins to this high post. We join with all of our fellow Massachusetts residents in offering our congratulations not only to Ms. Rollins personally, but also in her capacity as a trailblazer for Black women and others who for too long have been underrepresented in important offices such as this.



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GUEST OP-ED

City employees deserve our gratitude and respect

By John Barros

Public service is a calling, a passion for serving your neighbors, and a drive to create a better community now and for future generations. Almost all of the 18,000 women and men who work for the City of Boston share these values. Teachers, public works hokies, park designers, public safety officials, planners, tellers, parking enforcement attendants, schedulers, building inspectors, and more -- they love their city and take pride in their work. While some distrust government and think the worst of public employees, I know how hard they work, what they are up against, and that many of them are underpaid, overworked, and unappreciated.

When I left City Hall in March, I worried that I was leaving my colleagues just

as they would be starting to struggle through a transition with an interim mayor, against the backdrop of an election. All after a 15-month period in which City employees continued working and serving residents during a pandemic in which we lost 1,400 lives, thousands of jobs, and hundreds of small businesses. Employees worked through emotional and mental stress while juggling childcare, at-home learning, and family responsibilities. These same people worked around the clock to permit outdoor dining, distribute food and relief grants, and help keep residents as safe as possible. In those 15 months, I saw the true character of our city's workforce.

I had conversations with many anxious employees before leaving. I told them to continue working hard and delay any decisions

until the long-term trajectory of the City, under the leadership of a duly elected mayor, became clearer. Four months later, hundreds of people have left and are leaving City Hall -- a drain of talent and institutional knowledge that will have a grim impact on city services. Some were nervous about what was coming, and sought security in an environment where they wouldn't be subject to political whim. Some subscribe to the old wisdom that it's easier to find a job when you have a job. Some moved to the private sector, making more money working fewer hours and with less stress. Many spoke of an environment inside City Hall where they felt they were not part of the team anymore.

So, I want to address City employees who are still there. I see you. I know and appreciate you. I know

how much you sacrificed throughout the pandemic, and I am proud of the work we did together. I ask you to stay in place if you can for the good of the city. If I am able to earn the honor of being your next Mayor, I pledge to listen and explore options for increased flexibility and childcare resources. I pledge to invest in the technology and tools you need to do your jobs successfully. And I promise to invest in your well-being, professional development, and your family's future. Lastly, I pledge to work with you to unify the workforce, the city, and move us all forward to Boston's full potential.

John Barros is a candidate for Mayor of Boston and former Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

Massport's obligations to East Boston, Revere and Winthrop for environmental mitigation

predicted to increase with Massports' approval of five new airline destinations in 2019.

Not only do East Boston, Revere and Winthrop suffer daily from Logan Airport's constant noise impacts, exceeding the DNL 65 dB sound level which is the federally defined level for residential land use incompatible with aircraft noise, but just as important if not more so are the severe health impacts associated with the pollutants from Logan airport, identified in a recent environmental study as a "known polluter", describing "the airspace of Logan Airport as a pollutant source".

Among Logan Airport pollutants are carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, ozone and particulate matter (PM), identified by ep-

idemiologists as the most dangerous. PM particles are associated with the most adverse health outcomes, with ultrafine particles (UFPs) smaller than 100 nm in diameter the greatest threat. UFPs can penetrate deep into lungs, enter the bloodstream and cross the blood/brain barrier.

As Massport proceeds with a 2.6 billion dollar capital program at Logan Airport, and the agency is on the verge of receiving a huge amount of federal infrastructure funding to complement the \$144 million in federal Care funds received last year, it is imperative that Massport acknowledge the severe environmental impacts endured by its neighboring communities of East Boston's Orient Heights and Eagle Hill,

Revere's Beachmont and Winthrop's Point Shirley and Court Park sections. Massport must immediately proceed with the development of an effective, integrated environmental mitigation program for these three communities involving soundproofing and HEPA purifiers to cope with Logan Airport's deleterious environmental impacts. Massport should development this environmental remediation program regardless of the availability of federal funding, utilizing its own financing and bonding capability. The health of East Boston, Revere and Winthrop requires it.

John Vitagliano is a Former Massport Board Member and Boston Transportation Department Commissioner.

GUEST OP-ED

A return to normal for Jews of northern Greater Boston?

By Burton Figler

Halfway through the year 2021, the Coronavirus pandemic is finally winding down and the communities just north of Boston are "returning to normal". For Jews living in the cities and towns of northern Greater Boston -- Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, Revere and Winthrop -- the meaning of "normal", like elsewhere, is unclear. For many years prior to the pandemic, these Boston Suburbs had very large Jewish communities that included dozens of synagogues, temples and Hebrew Schools. Now, nearly all are gone. So, the questions arise: Where do the Jews of northern Greater Boston go for religious services? Where do they send their children for an education in Judaism? Where can Jewish families and individuals socialize and also obtain information on Judaism, Israel, Zionism and religion?

Sadly, only one temple remains in Chelsea and

it only holds infrequent services. One early 20th century synagogue is left in Chelsea as a national historic site. There are no Jewish institutions remaining in East Boston. In Everett, one synagogue remains and it holds services only one Friday night a month. Just prior to the pandemic, the last synagogue in Revere ceased operation.

In all the northern suburbs of Greater Boston, the one remaining organization that offers Jewish religious services on a weekly basis, on Jewish holidays and which also provides a Hebrew education for Jewish children is Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop. The Temple began its existence in September of 1912 under the name Tifereth Israel Congregation of Winthrop. In 1915, the corner stone of a new synagogue was laid and a year later, 1916, the first services were held in a new synagogue.

Some 50 years later, it was clear that a new and larger facility was needed and in a 1966, a bigger and

modern temple with offices, library, Hebrew School classrooms and other facilities was dedicated as Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop.

Then, another 50 years later, it was realized that an update was needed. This modernization was completed in 2013, a century after the original creation of Tifereth Israel Congregation of Winthrop

As with most other religious institutions, the Coronavirus pandemic necessitated a drastic change in day-to-day operation. For many months, Temple Tifereth Israel was closed. The Hebrew School ceased to hold classes. Instead of on-site services, online services were conducted via Zoom. This continued through the Spring of 2021 when the pandemic began to ease. Slowly, the temple began its return to "normal", first with limited on-site services. Then the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted and now, Temple Tifereth Israel has returned to full operation. The Tem-

ple is now preparing for the Jewish New Year which begins on the evening of Labor Day in September.

With so many of the Jewish institutions of northern Great Boston having closed, Temple Tifereth Israel of Winthrop is committed to picking up the slack and providing a comprehensive Jewish resource, not just for Winthrop, but also for Winthrop's surrounding communities of Chelsea, East Boston, Everett, and Revere. The Temple is planning an open house for those interested to meet with temple members and staff, tour the facilities (93 Veterans Road, Winthrop) and learn about activities and programs. Information will be available at: 617-846-1390 (phone), jewish-winthrop.org (web site), ttiwinthrop@gmail.com (email), and facebook.com/ttiwinthrop (facebook).

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HED Secretary Mike Kennealy tours Eastie’s business district

By John Lynds

East Boston’s business district from Maverick to Central Square was the fifth stop on Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy and the Baker-Polito Administration’s statewide small business conversation tour.

The purpose of the tour is to highlight the Commonwealth’s reopening and discuss the Administration’s \$2.9 billion proposal to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic through federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The tour started at Eastie’s Cunard Tavern where Secretary Kennealy talked with owner Phil Frattaroli and ended with a roundtable discussion at El Jardin Restaurant in Central Square.

At the Cunard Tavern, Frattaroli discussed with Kennealy the biggest challenges restaurants like his face in a post-COVID economy.

Frattaroli said the biggest challenge now is hiring staff to fill the gaps left by the pandemic.

“We were lucky that we were open for the most part throughout the pandemic,” Frattaroli told Kennealy. “The challenge now is hiring because some people have left the industry. With the additional outdoor seating we were able to provide and the restrictions on capacity over we really need even more staff now than we ever did.”

Frattaroli added that the extensions to unemployment benefits have also kept some from returning to the industry.

“Luckily, everybody who wanted a job during the pandemic we were able to provide them with a job because we were still open and doing the pick up and delivery service at the start of the pandemic and gradually opened to outdoor seating,” said Frattaroli. “But again, some decided to leave and now we need more staff.”

After leaving the Cunard, Kennealy toured dozens of small businesses that make up the neighborhood’s Main Streets District from Maverick to Central Square. There Kennealy received insight into the opportunities and challenges facing small businesses and entrepreneurs. He also discussed ways the Administration can partner with businesses to jumpstart the local economic recovery.

At El Jardin Kennealy said over the summer he and the Administration will be doing, “a lot of listening and a lot of learning”.

“As we go around the state and visit our small businesses and visit our downtowns we want to kind of celebrate the work we’ve done together to get through this okay,” he said. “It’s been an incredibly challenging 16 months. We all have worked together in a very focused way to help our small businesses grow capital and they have done a tremendous job. It’s been a time of incredibly intense collaboration between the Administration and the Legislature to get things done. Together across the state we’ve literally saved thousands of small businesses so we

should all feel great about that.”

Kennealy said now the conversation has sifted from recovery to ‘what’s next?’.

“We are here to hear from you, the small business owners, on what are the next things we should focus on as we continue to support our small businesses,” said Kennealy. “You have an incredible champion in Governor Baker and he was focused on us being the best, most engaged, most productive partner we can be to help our small business and help our main streets continue to grow and continue to get to the next level.”

Kennealy said small businesses are an incredibly important part of the fabric of who we are as a neighborhood, city and state.

“You serve your customers, you pay our citizens and you invest in our communities,” he told the crowd at El Jardin. “So this is really important work and we’re here to listen. I’m here to learn and try to figure out the best way to help you going forward. I’m incredibly grateful and humbled that people come out and want to spend time with us and want to share their thoughts. I know you all have a lot going on running businesses and you all have things to do but it means the world to come out and have us listen to



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy at El Jardin in Central Square during last week’s stop in Eastie as part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s statewide small business conversation tour.

your ideas and continue to work together.”

Kennealy called the tour of Eastie ‘terrific’.

“The best part of the job for me is getting out and getting into the communities and seeing what’s happening,” he said. “It’s how we learn and how we develop policies and how we develop ideas in these unbelievably challenging times. The good news is that we all have worked together in different ways. We’ve created partnerships that weren’t there before and so one of our big questions is how do we take those partnerships to the next level? How do we continue to be the best partner we can? So I loved hearing some of the ideas about what’s worked and what hasn’t worked. One of the things we need to focus on as we come out of this thing is growth of our small businesses.”



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy with East Boston Main Streets Director Gladys Oliveros.



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy talks with staff at Jak’s Pizza in Maverick Square.



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy talks with NOAH’s Latifa Ziyad.



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy talks with Cunard Tavern owner, Phil Frattaroli, during the first stop on the Eastie small business tour.



Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy with the owner of Brasil Brasil in Maverick Square.



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RMV announces 2021 Low-Plate Lottery

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is announcing that applications for the 2021 Low Number Plate Lottery are now being accepted online at Mass.Gov/RMV using the On-line Service Center. Applicants must apply by Aug. 27, and, if selected for a low number plate, will be notified after the virtual drawing takes place on Sept. 8.

This year, there are 200 plates available through the low plate lottery. Some of this year's low plate characters are 210, 2762, 1H, 24L, F1, J25 and X25. The complete list is online at Mass.Gov/RMV.

Applicants should note that there is no fee to apply. However, should the applicant be selected as a winner, there is a fee that will be required, as the fee is required of all new license plates, as well as a standard registration fee.

Customers are encouraged to visit the RMV's website or follow @MassRMV on Twitter for upcoming details on the virtual low plate drawing. The drawing will be live-streamed and a link to the event will be made available soon. In addition, applicants will be sent a notification via email. The lottery results will be posted on the RMV's website.

Lottery Rules and Eligibility Requirements

- The 2021 Low Number Plate Lottery is online submission only.
- Only one entry per applicant will be accepted, regardless of the number of active registrations the applicant has.
- An applicant must be a Massachusetts resident with a currently active, registered, and insured passenger vehicle.
- Companies/corporations may not apply.
- MassDOT (Registry of Motor Vehicles, Highway, Mass Transit, and Aeronautics) employees,

including contract employees, and their immediate family members are not eligible. ("Immediate family member" refers to one's parents, spouse, children, and brothers and sisters.)

• Requests for specific plate numbers will not be honored. Eligible applicants will be considered for all plates listed. Plates will be awarded in the order in which they are listed on Mass.Gov/RMV.

• An applicant's registration and license cannot be in a non-renewal, suspended, or revoked status at the time of entry, the time of the drawing, or the time of the plate swap. As such, an applicant must not have any outstanding excise taxes, parking tickets, child support, warrants, or unpaid E-ZPass/Fast Lane violations.

• Online entries must be completed by the end of day on Aug. 27.

• By law, lottery winners must be announced by Sept. 15. Lottery re-

sults will be available on the RMV website: Mass.Gov/RMV

• All winners will be notified by the RMV in writing with instructions on how to transfer their current registration to their new lottery plate. Winners will have until Dec. 31, to swap their plates. Unclaimed plates will be forfeited after Dec. 31 and the 25 selected alternate winners will then be notified as to what lottery plate they won. Plates will be registered to the winning applicant only.

• All plates remain the property of the RMV even after registration.

• All information received, including names of all applicants and the list of winners, is subject to release in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records law.

Low Number Plate Lottery rules and eligibility can also be found here - <https://www.mass.gov/2021-low-plate-lottery>.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

LOCAL STUDENTS RECEIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREES FROM UMASS AMHERST

Approximately 5,500 students received bachelor's degrees in over 100 majors at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Undergraduate Commencement on May 14, 2021 at the McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

Below is a list of students from your area who earned a degree.

Marlene Acuna Cardenas
Anthony Robert Catino
Samuel Costa
Leslie Garcia
Dariana Gerardi
Bridget Eileen Higgins
Herbert E Morales Jr
Hansen Tjo

EMMANUEL COLLEGE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2021 DEAN'S LIST

In recognition of their outstanding academic achievement, Emmanuel College in Boston has named nearly 900 students to the Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester. Local students earning Dean's List include:

Giuliana Barletta of East Boston

Emmanuel College is a co-educational, residential institution with a 17-acre campus in the heart of Boston's educational, scientific, cultural and medical communities. Enrolling more than 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students, the College provides boundless opportunities for students to expand their worldview through rigorous coursework, significant internship and career opportunities throughout the Boston area and beyond, collaborations with distinguished and dedicated faculty, and participation in a dynamic campus community. Emmanuel's more than 70 programs in the sciences, liberal arts, business, nursing, and education foster spirited discourse and substantive learning experiences that honor the College's Catholic educational mission to educate the whole person and provide an ethical and relevant 21st-century education.

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MALDEN CATHOLIC STUDENTS ACHIEVE HONOR ROLL FOURTH QUARTER

Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the fourth quarter of the 2020 - 2021 school year. The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: Headmaster's List (90 - 100 in all classes,) First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes) and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes.) Thew following students have achieved honors:

Samantha Seeley
First Honors
Rocio Rodriguez
Cabarcas
Headmaster's List

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org/>

State announces new funding opportunity to support air-quality sensors in communities

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration last week announced that \$200,000 in grants are now available to communities to place 10 air-quality sensors on homes, schools or businesses to measure fine particle pollution (PM2.5) throughout local neighborhoods.

These small sensors produce data that will be displayed on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's AirNow Fire and Smoke Map online, along with data from PM2.5 monitoring stations operated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

"Massachusetts is committed to helping commu-

nities affected by air pollution, especially those with Environmental Justice populations," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "I encourage cities and towns to partner with residents, schools, and local community groups to apply for the sensors, which will provide communities a tool to better understand local air quality and increase local awareness of fine particle pollution."

PM2.5 is a mixture of solid particles made up of hundreds of different chemicals and liquid droplets found in the air. PM2.5 is so small that it can be inhaled deep into the lungs, may enter a person's bloodstream, and

can cause serious health problems.

"Breathing particle pollution can result in serious health conditions like asthma and respiratory illnesses, which has disproportionately affected Environmental Justice communities," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "These sensors can be used to identify sources of particle pollution so that emissions reduction and mitigation strategies can be taken to protect residents' health. We look forward to providing air sensors to help communities collect data and develop measurable progress to ensure all families are breathing clean, healthy air."

The air sensor program

is administered by MassDEP, and the sensors – made by PurpleAir – are available to municipalities. Applications for the program must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Oct. 1.

Furthermore, the MassAir Online site provides up-to-date air quality information for Massachusetts, and the EPA's national AirNow Fire and Smoke Map provides air quality information for the nation. Additionally, MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.

OCEARCH launches white shark research expedition

Staff Report

OCEARCH is embarking on its annual ocean research expedition to help solve the life history puzzle of the Northwest Atlantic white shark.

Alongside 42 scientists and 28 research institutions the organization will collect data to support 23 science projects that will help form a complete picture of the ecology, behavior and health of the white shark in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean.

OCEARCH is headed back to the area where they first began their Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study nine years ago, off the coast of Massachusetts. But they're also expanding their area of work to reach a new part of the Northeast US, the waters off of New Hampshire.

"We know the area around Cape Cod and Nantucket Island is a summer aggregation site for the white shark. But not all white sharks in the Northwest Atlantic spend their summers off Cape Cod. A large component migrates as far north as Newfoundland and the Grand Banks, where prey species also abound. In between, the productive waters of the Gulf of Maine support the movements of white sharks, but to what degree these sharks use the Gulf is not well understood. So for our research this summer, we are returning to Nan-

tucket and Cape Cod, and exploring the Gulf off New Hampshire, in our quest to understand the complete life cycle of the white shark in the Northwest Atlantic," stated OCEARCH's Chief Scientist Dr. Bob Hueter.

This 22-day expedition will aim to build on the research previously conducted by OCEARCH and their collaborating scientists, while also increasing their sample size and ultimately knowledge of the overall health of white sharks in the Northwest Atlantic. With full health assessments of each shark, electronic tag application to track long-term movements, and microbiological studies of white shark's teeth and mouth to determine the best antibiotics to administer if a white shark bites a swimmer, OCEARCH's Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study is the most comprehensive, multidisciplinary research effort for white sharks in the world.

"With 70 white sharks fully worked up, tagged, and released, OCEARCH's Northwest Atlantic White Shark Study is the most comprehensive research study that has ever been done on a white shark population. In just seven years of fieldwork in the Northwest Atlantic we have taken the NW Atlantic white shark population from one of the least understood populations to the most well understood and comprehensively studied popu-

lations in the world.

Peer reviewed papers are steadily publishing with over 55 published so far and dozens more near completion. We are modernizing the approach to ocean research to make it more efficient, inclusive, collaborative and open sourced. We have brought the practical and academic together for the future, for our kids. It is a privilege to be a part of it and it is a great demonstration of individuals, companies and research institutions coming together for the future abundance of our oceans. It is going to take us all," stated Chris Fischer, OCEARCH Founder and Expedition Leader.

Expedition New England will depart from New Bedford, Mass., on

Aug. 1 and move up the coast towards New Hampshire with a final docking currently planned on Aug. 20.

Community events for the public are also planned throughout Expedition New England. On Saturday July 31, OCEARCH will host a virtual STEM Education camp allowing global students and teachers alike to join the expedition in a unique way. OCEARCH has also teamed up with Cisco Brewers to host white shark party community events that will help raise money for OCEARCH's research expeditions.

The public is encouraged to follow along with the expedition in real time on social media (@oearch) and online at oearch.org.

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Median housing prices continue to increase

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Association of REALTORS (MAR) reported that this month's data supports the sustained 2021 trend of increasing sale prices for the few homes available on the market. Closed sales on single-family homes rose a total of 27.1 percent while sales on condominiums increased 60.4 percent, compared to June of 2020. MAR data provided the following key indicators for June:

- Median sales prices hit record levels again in June; The median price for single-family homes was \$578,500, an increase of 27.1 percent, and condominium prices rose by 25 percent to \$500,000 as compared to June 2020 sales.
- Inventory for single-family homes are down 51.6 percent, a record low, and condos are down 37.9 percent from June of the previous year.
- With the steady decline in available properties, home builders are trying to meet demand; new residential construction projects housing starts are up 3.6 percent from April

to May, according to the Commerce Department, indicating that relief may be in sight in the post-pandemic future.

Buyers are desperate to get into homes and while some are forced to wait this market out, those who are able to often bid thousands over asking. Low interest rates and limited inventory continue to fuel record high sales prices.

"The current market is creating barriers for first-time homebuyers, who are new to this process and find themselves making multiple offers before securing a home," said Steve Medeiros, 2021 President of MAR and REALTOR at Keller Williams Realty. "For reasons such as the market conditions listed above, MAR is a strong advocate for wider adoption of First-Time Homebuyers Savings Accounts (FHSAs), which can save homebuyers an average of \$50,000 and encourage prospective buyers to be safe when making offers and avoid settling due to minimal choices. This record low affordability is precisely why MAR lobbies for fair legislation and home buyers' rights."

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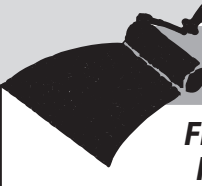
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John Zucarro, Sr.

East Boston AmVets member

John E. Zuccaro, 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.

Ariana Josephine Spagnuolo

Of Saugus

Ariana Josephine Spagnuolo of Saugus, formerly of the North End of Boston, passed away unexpectedly on July 22.

The loving daughter of Robert Spagnuolo and his wife, Daria of Saugus, formerly of the North End, and the late Andrea "Abby"(Petrigno) Spagnuolo, she was the beloved sister of Robert, Alexandria and Nicole, all of Saugus; cherished granddaughter of Josephine and Buddy Spagnuolo of the North End of Boston and the late Josephine and Gius- to Petrigno. She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Family and friends honored Ariana's life by gathering in St. Leonard Church, Hanover St. North End of Boston on Tuesday, July 27 for a Fu-



neral Mass. Services concluded with Ariana being laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Ariana's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to St Jude Children Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis TN. 38105. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Elaine Najaryan

Former East Boston resident

Elaine Najaryan of Lynn and Peabody, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on July 21.

The loving daughter of the late Peter and Elena (Catarozola) Najaryan and the cherished niece of Anna Kavjian of Lynn, formerly East Boston, she was predeceased by many loving aunts and uncles and is survived by many beloved cousins and friends.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to a memorial visitation at St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston on Friday,

July 30 from 10 to 11 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass in celebration of Elaine's life at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Elaine's ashes being laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

In honoring Elaine's life and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 520 8th Avenue 7th floor, New York, New York 10018, 800-628-0028, <https://secure.aspca.org/donate/> donate. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Grazia Gangi

Of East Boston

Grazia (Mattaliano) Gangi of East Boston passed away on July 20.

The beloved wife of the late Giuseppe Gangi, she was the loving mother of Grazia Gioioso and her late husband, Luigi of Walpole, Michelina Messina and her husband, Salvatore of Saugus and Josephine Maroun and her husband, Joseph of Walpole; cherished grandmother of Gino, Marco, Lora, Patrizia, Daniela, Salvatore, Davide, Victoria, Veronica and Amanda and great-grandmother of Lindsay, Ashley, Gracey, Gino Jr, Marco Jr, Daniel, Ava, Alexa, Jacob, Logan, Isabella, Sophia, Dominic and Luca. She was pre-

deceased by brothers and sisters and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. The family received visitors in the J.S. Waterman-Langone Chapel, 580 Commercial St., Boston and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, Brooks St., East Boston. Services concluded with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For online condolences, please visit: www.watermanboston.com.

Henry Vitale, Sr.

April 20, 1935 ~ June 17, 2021

Henry F. Vitale Sr., 86, of Revere and East Boston, passed away at Mass General & Brigham Hospital on Thursday June 17 surrounded by his loving family.

A US Army veteran, he started his career as a printer and worked several years

as union representative at National Press in Boston.

On August 4, 1973, Henry was elected President of the Boston Typographical Union, responsible for over ten thousand members. He led with courage, served with integrity and always acted with concern and respect for all union members. Henry was the Union President for 41years and a member of the Executive Board in the Typographical Union. He also was a member of the Wage and Scale Negotiating Committee, as well as the Union's delegate to multiple International Conventions, President of The Allied Printing Trades Council and a certified AFL-CIO Union counselor. Henry acted as labor representative on the Massachusetts Correctional Association and served as a notary public for union members, elderly and people in need.

Henry was recorded as sole recipient of the Guttenberg Award in the history of the Typographical Union for his achievements in Labor-Management Relations. This award represented his moral character, kindness and compassion for others. He lived by the philosophy to "always do the right thing, to the best of your ability." Henry was an empathetic man who related to all people, regardless of status in life. He was predeceased



by his wife, Concetta (Connie) D'Ambrosio and brother, Reynold Vitale. Henry was married for 40 years to his beloved wife. He laughed, cried and loved her with all of his heart. He was a loyal and devoted husband for all of those years, truly a beautiful person.

Henry is survived by his loving sons: Henry F. Vitale and his wife, JoAnne Shire-Vitale and John Vitale and his wife, Muna Vitale and four loving granddaughters: Bianca, Gabriella, Concetta and Sabah; his sisters: Annette Thompson and her husband, Bernie of Cape Coral Florida, Elaine Bougiouris and her husband, Koulis of Revere; his brother, Russell Vitale and Beverly Rogers of Revere and many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Mr. Vitale's wishes, a private service was held at Ruggiero Family Memorial Home on Wednesday morning, June 23 followed by a Christian Burial Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere celebrated by Rev. Thomas Conway, Executive Director of Saint Anthony Shrine of Boston. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in his memory, please visit our floral store: <https://www.ruggieromh.com/obituary/Henry-VitaleSr>

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Docket No. SU21C0140CA

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ily Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/12/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
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— July 17, 1936 —

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Davis Companies, EBNHC hold first community meeting since partnering with East Boston CD

By John Lynds

At Monday night’s Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) meeting the development team trying to construct over 400 units of housing on a series of parking lots owned by the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) held its first meeting since announcing a new partnership with the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC).

The Davis Company and EBNHC entered into partnership to redevelop four parcels along Bremen and Orleans Streets used for Health Center employee parking into a mixed-use development. The four parcels of land are located at 75-115 Bremen Street, 135B Bremen Street, 147-163 Orleans Street, and 164 Orleans Street, respectively.

At Monday night’s meeting the team said they have reduced the overall number of market rate units to 356 market rate units and the CDC will now develop 70 ‘deeply’ affordable units at the 164 Orleans St. parcel.

According to EBN-

HC’s General Counsel Ernani DeAruajo, under the agreement with the Davis Company the Health Center will make around \$80,000 per unit off the sale of the market rate units. These proceeds will be used to expand and enhance EBNHC programs throughout Eastie and the other communities the Health Center serves.

DeAruajo said in return the Health Center will commit \$2.4 million in proceeds back to helping the CDC create the 70 affordable units on Orleans Street.

While upping the affordable component of the overall project was met with open arms at the meeting the parcels’ close proximity to the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway has had community activists worried that the proposed height of the buildings would cast a portion of the bright and sunny greenway into darkness.

At Monday night’s meeting the development team said they were committed to working with the Friends of the Mary Ellen Greenway and other stakeholders on how to best address those concerns.

“A big part of our focus is on what we call the Green Heart of the project which is the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway,” said Pat Noone. “The Greenway is sort of the essential heart of the development and we want to be good neighbors and treat it with respect. I also want to just point out that we’re still early in the process and we welcome feedback and look forward to our continuing discussions with the Friends of the Greenway as well as our upcoming discussions that we’ll have with the Parks Department.”

At the meeting longtime activist and member of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Greenway Karen Maddelena said one of the main concerns for Greenway members is potential shading from the larger building being proposed that is five to six stories.

The development team pledged to look at how shading from the building would impact the Greenway and work with the community on addressing where, along the park, shading would be appropriate and less impactful.

News in Brief

PARKS DEPARTMENT HOSTS WILLIE O’REE STREET HOCKEY CLINIC SERIES

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with the Boston Bruins Foundation to host the Willie O’Ree Street Hockey Clinic Series for boys and girls ages 12 and under at five Boston parks. Learn or hone your street hockey skills at these free clinics featuring giveaways with all equipment provided. All clinics begin at 3:00 p.m.

Dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, August 17
Langone Park
529 Commercial Street, North End
Tuesday, August 24
Noyes Playground
86 Boardman Street, East Boston

To register, call Damien Margardo at (617) 961-3083 or email damien.margardo@boston.gov, or Mavrick Afonso at (617) 961-3039 or mavrick.afonso@boston.gov.

The rink at Smith Playground is named in Willie O’Ree’s honor. The first Black player in the

NHL, O’Ree was recently named to the Hockey Hall of Fame. Hailing from New Brunswick, Canada, he became the first Black player to compete in the National Hockey League when he took the ice for the Boston Bruins on Janu

Award to Officer Dan Simons (10min)

McLean Park (St. Mary’s Park) Update Barbie Puopolo (10min)

Coleridge Street residents proposal for resident parking signs. (10min)

80-84 Moore Street 3rd Presentation and VOTE. Attorney Richard Lynds for Trichilo Development, LLC. Demolish the existing two family home and erect 6 Units with 9 parking spaces. (30min)

68 Horace Street 1st Presentation Whitney Zelee owner. Proposal to renovate existing attic bathroom and frame new bedroom and closets per drawing. (20min)

1 Short Street (aka 114 Coleridge Street), 3rd Presentation by Attorney Jeff Drago for owner Joseph Ricupero. Demolish single family home and erect 9 Units with 8 parking spaces. (30min).

Our next meeting will be on September 13, 2021. Please note this is the second Monday of the month, as the first Monday September 6th is the Labor Day Holiday. Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborvieweast-boston.com> or check our website:(harborvieweast-boston.com).

Nearly 500,000 hotel jobs won’t return by year’s end

Staff Report

Midway through 2021, a new report and state-by-state job loss breakdown released by the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) found that while leisure travel is starting to return, the hotel industry’s road to recovery from the pandemic is long and uneven, with urban markets disproportionately impacted.

Industry projections have improved since January with the uptick in leisure travel, but the industry remains well below pre-pandemic levels. Key findings include:

1. More than one in five direct hotel operations jobs lost during the pandemic—nearly 500,000 in total—will not have returned by the end of the year

2. Hotel occupancy is projected to drop ten percentage points from 2019 levels

3. Hotel room revenue will be down \$44 billion this year compared to 2019

4. States and localities will have lost more than \$20 billion in unrealized tax revenues from hotels

over the past two years

The findings come as AHLA and the Asian American Hotel Owners Association host their Virtual Action Summit (July 20-22), where hoteliers from nearly every state across the country are scheduled to meet with members of Congress to share how COVID-19 impacted the industry and call for additional aid by urging Congress to:

- Cosponsor and pass the Save Hotel Jobs Act (S.1519/H.R.3093)

- Cosponsor and pass bills to establish fair per diem rates (H.R.2104/S.2160)

- Help provide hoteliers access to the Employee Retention Tax Credit, which currently excludes many hoteliers

“Despite an uptick in leisure travel, midway through 2021 we’re still seeing that the road to a full recovery for America’s hotels is long and uneven. These findings show the economic devastation still facing hotel markets and underscore the need for targeted relief from Congress for hotel workers and small businesses,” said Chip Rogers, president and CEO of

AHLA. “Hotels and their employees have displayed extraordinary resilience in the face of unprecedented economic challenges, but whether it’s the Save Hotel Jobs Act, fair per diem rates, or expanding the aperture on the Employee Retention Tax Credit, we need Congress’ help on the way to a full recovery. That’s why the industry is united behind our Virtual Action Summit.”

COVID-19 is the single worst economic event in the history of the American hotel industry. While the recent uptick in leisure travel for summer is encouraging, business and group travel, the industry’s largest source of revenue, will take significantly longer to recover. Business travel is down and not expected to return to 2019 levels until at least 2023 or 2024. Major events, conventions and business meetings have also already been canceled or postponed until at least 2022.

Despite being among the hardest hit by the pandemic, hotels are the only segment of the hospitality and leisure industry yet to receive direct COVID-related aid.

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EAST BOSTON SUPPORTS AT-LARGE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE RUTHEEZ LOUIJEUNE

Last Wednesday evening at the Cunard Tavern residents from all over East Boston came out to support At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune.

The event was hosted by the East Boston Friends of Louijeune which included Larry Keegan, Max Tassianri, Sandra Nijjar, Tiana Tassinari, and Anthony Gesualdi. The event also included support from Sen. Joseph Boncore, Rep. Adrian Madaro, former Rep. Carlo Basile, and former City Councilors Sal LaMattina and Paul Scapicchio.

Louijeune, a Boston Latin and Harvard graduate from Mattapan, brings seven years' experience

working on political and advocacy campaigns, fighting for working people and Black and Latinx communities on issues of housing, education access, and voting rights. Most recently, Louijeune started her own legal and advocacy business, The Opening PLLC. Previously, Louijeune served as Senior Counsel for U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. Prior to that, she was a lawyer at Perkins Coie LLP.

The daughter of Haitian immigrants, fluent in Haitian Creole, French, and conversant in Spanish, Louijeune would be the first Haitian-American to hold elected office in Boston city government.



Sen. Joseph Boncore, At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune and City Councilor Lydia Edwards.



Former City Councilor Sal LaMattina introduces At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune.



Steve Gingras, Sebastian Zapata and Veronica Robles.



At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune with NOAH's Phil Giffie and Jack Scalcione.



Dave Arinella, At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune and Cynthia Rozzi.



Larry Keegan and At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune.



At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune and former Boston City Councilor Paul Scapicchio.



Supporters from Sen. Joseph Boncore's office turned out to support At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune.



Jim Kearney and At-Large City Council Candidate Rutheez Louijeune.



Jason Ruggiero, Paul Franzese, Tiana Tassinari and Joseph Ruggiero III.

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