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The Wallis family from Malden joined Triangle Inc. and Save the Harbor at Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach. Shown are dad Theron with daughter Sylvie using a floating swim chair.

Disability community celebrates Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach

By John Lynds

On Saturday, more than 125 individuals with disabilities came together to enjoy a fun-filled day at Constitution Beach.

The Beach:Ability at Constitution Beach program was created several years ago through a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches program with support by DCR's Universal Access program. The yearly event hosted by Triangle, Inc. highlights programs that make Massachusetts public beaches, like the one in Eastie, ac-

cessible to the disability community.

As part of this year's event, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay donated beach wheelchairs to three local non-profit organizations serving the disability community of greater Boston.

"It fills my heart with joy to see people of all ages and abilities come together on a beautiful summer day to celebrate clean water at Constitution Beach," said Rep. Adrian Madaro, who Co-Chairs the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and was instrumental in securing funds to make



Triangle community members Liam (left) and Darrin (in chair) from Danvers head for the water's edge with Triangle staffers Melissa Strout and John Kaiser and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Chris Mancini.

Beach:Ability possible. "Thanks to Triangle, Inc. and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for taking the lead and making it happen again this year."

CEO of Triangle, Inc. Coleman Nee said Triangle was excited to return to Constitution Beach for

its second Beach:Ability event.

"For many in the Disability Community, awareness of these amazing beaches and/or perceptions of their accessibility have, in the past, presented

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Two Haitian Americans running for At-Large City Council ask for help for their homeland in the wake of latest earthquake

By John Lynds

Haiti was still recovering from the violent 2010 earthquake that killed 200,000 Haitians when another magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck the Ti-

buron Peninsula the impoverished country on Saturday.

The latest earthquake killed at least 1,419 people and injured another 6,900 and the country is once again in need of re-

lief.

In Boston, two Haitian American At-Large City Council Candidates, James "Reggie" Colimon and Ruthzee Louijeune took a break from campaigning over the weekend to ask for help and support for Haiti.

Colimon, who emigrated to Boston as a teenager to join his parents, was shocked by the news over the weekend.

"My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to the people of my homeland of Haiti, reeling from yet another tragedy," said Colimon. "The devastating earthquake has rallied the Boston Haitian community together to immediately start the process of providing much-needed

relief. Boston has the 3rd largest concentration of Haitians behind Miami and New York, and there are so many of us who are personally affected by this tragedy. We are a strong and resilient community that has always come together to help our brothers and sisters in Haiti, and let them know that we are here for them".

Louijeune, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, asked voters to donate to Haiti relief funds

"I'm saddened to hear about another earthquake in Haiti," said Louijeune, who lost a relative during the 2010 earthquake that devastated the country. "So far, all

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Lopes to leave EBNHC for Blue Cross Blue Shield

By John Lynds

Manny Lopes' ascension to the role of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's President and CEO is a story that embodies EBNHC's mission and commitment to the community.

Nearly three decades ago Lopes, who grew up in Jeffries Point, joined the health center as an 18-year-old researcher, working with the late Dr. Jim Taylor on a blood pressure study. In the ensuing years, Lopes went on to hold positions in the Human Resource and Operations Departments. Lopes later served as the Health Center's Vice President and Chief Information Officer, providing organizational vision and leadership with an eye for technology and collaborative innovation.

So it came as no surprise when Lopes took over the helm as CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Craddock retired in 2012. Lopes has served as CEO of East



EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes will leave the Health Center in October to serve as Executive Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Boston Neighborhood Health Center since then and as its president since 2015.

However, the community was shocked when news broke last week that Lopes, who has in many ways become the face of EBNHC, will leave the Health Center to become Executive Vice President of Blue Cross

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Eastie man charged in fatal Winthrop car accident

By John Lynds

An 84-year-old East Boston man has been charged with vehicular homicide and driving under the influence of alcohol in connection with the fatal car accident in Winthrop last Friday.

Winthrop Police arrested Kenneth Thompson, 84, of Eastie with one count each of motor vehicle homicide and OUI as well as an additional charge of failure to stop and/or yield. The incident occurred just before 3:30 pm Friday afternoon when Thompson's car collided with a Jeep at the intersection of Hagman Road and Walden Street in Winthrop.

Police received multiple 911 calls of the car crash



Family and friends made a memorial for Tina Hinojosa.

and when police, fire and EMS arrived on the scene they observed the Jeep was overturned and the female occupant was ejected from the vehicle. The Hyundai Elantra Thompson was driving was also severely

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Eastie's population grows but doesn't reach predicted levels

By John Lynds

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Research Division and the Office of Digital Cartography and GIS today released the preliminary findings of the 2020 U.S. Census data, which found the total population of East Boston grew by 6.3 percent from 2010 to 2020 while the total population in Boston grew 9.4 percent with 675,647 current residents.

There are now 43,066

residents living in the neighborhood, up from the 40,508 residents reported during the 2010 Census.

Like the last census, Eastie is still a minority majority neighborhood with the largest share of Hispanic residents in 2020 than any other Boston neighborhood at 50.4 percent.

However, while the Hispanic population here increased 1.3 percent between 2010 and 2020 and

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Rep. Madaro testifies on his bill to end housing discrimination

By John Lynds

Last week Rep. Adrian Madaro testified at a Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure hearing in support of his bill to end housing discrimination in the Commonwealth.

“Our fair housing laws work best when they’re well understood and consistently enforced,” said Madaro. “My bill would increase fair housing training for real estate brokers, streamline the process for suspending real estate brokers engaged in illegal discrimination, and add a fair housing and civil

rights expert to the Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons.”

Madaro said a recent study by Suffolk University found that Black renters and renters with Section 8 vouchers face deep discrimination in Greater Boston.

“This is unacceptable,” he said. “Therefore, we need to ensure real estate brokers receive periodic training on fair housing laws and principles. By gaining a better understanding of our fair housing laws, real estate brokers will be more prepared to adequately deliver their services. Additionally, we

must also ensure that fair housing laws are being actively enforced and that fair housing violations are not just the cost of doing business for offending real estate brokers. By enabling qualified Fair Housing centers to directly report suspected discrimination to the Board of Real Estate Brokers, we can enhance the strength of existing fair housing laws by enhancing by enhancing the strength of existing fair housing laws.”

Madaro said the bill, if passed, can create a more robust response to the housing crisis we’re dealing with here in the Com-

monwealth.

“As policymakers, we have often relied on vouchers to assist families struggling with housing affordability,” said Madaro. “Yet time and time again researchers have found that families with vouchers face discrimination in the housing market, limiting where they can go, and their ability to secure housing within a reasonable time. A failure to address discrimination against voucher holding renters jeopardizes the efficacy of one of the best tools we have available in our fight against the housing crisis.”

Madaro added that the state must increase penalties for discrimination

in fair housing violations.

“This way we can begin to drive a deeper cultural shift and change within the housing market by making clear that housing discrimination is unacceptable in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,” he said.

Lastly, Madaro argued that this legislation is an important step towards addressing historic and systemic segregation and racism within our housing market.

“Black renters in the Greater Boston area are more likely to experience discrimination by real estate brokers, as demonstrated by recent studies conducted by the Suffolk University housing dis-

crimination Testing Center,” said Madaro. “As we witnessed throughout the pandemic, our black and brown neighbors in historically redlined communities, experienced greater rates of COVID-19 and more serious forms of the illness. From this observation, we can see how housing discrimination and segregation have negative, long lasting consequences on the health and wellness of communities. It’s imperative that we pass this legislation so that all families, regardless of their background, composition, or source of income can have fair and equal access to housing.”

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Blue Shield Massachusetts.

“It’s definitely bitter-sweet but it’s a good opportunity,” said Lopes, who has served as Director of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Board as well as Chair of the Blue Cross Foundation. “It has been a little more than 28 years in total at the Health Center, more than half my life, and there have been so many good memories and so many great milestones.”

When Lopes started he was honored to work as a research assistant for Dr. Taylor.

“Getting a chance to get to know him, meet him and have him as a mentor was just incredible,” said Lopes. “Then moving into different roles at the Health Center, getting the opportunity to meet all the great people that work here and to witness the commitment of the organization to our mission and the people we serve has been amazing. I have had a lot of great mentors that were just amazing leaders who were really passionate about the work and taught me a lot. Then I was blessed to have a board that gave me the opportunity to be in this role as President CEO and had the faith and trust that I could do this work and take the organization even further from where Jack (Craddock) and Jim (Taylor) brought it was truly humbling.”

This past year with the COVID pandemic was tough on everyone, especially those in the health-care industry and the only regret Lopes said he has is leaving before the virus was eradicated. However, Lopes said he is so proud of the work the EBNHC staff has done over the course of the pandemic.

“I just wish it was pretty much over by now but there’s still some work to do,” said Lopes. “But it has been great to have a senior team and the entire staff who really supported me along the way and accomplished all the great things we’ve accomplished in the past year with our COVID response. This past year

and a half, when our community needed us the most I think we really stepped up and really helped our community.”

But for Lopes the EBNHC family extends past the doors of the clinics.

“When you talk about what makes a great community, I think about what we have here in Eastie,” said Lopes. “From my personal relationship growing up here to my professional relationships with the leaders of this community or patients it has grown into an extended family. Again, I was so proud to see everyone in this community come together and help one another during this pandemic and we played a role in that—in connecting people with each other because we’ve been here so long and know the community and our supporters and champions here. It was really a community effort and this community is family.”

In 2018, Lopes added another career milestone to his resume when former Boston Mayor Martin Walsh announced the appointment of Lopes as the Chair of Boston’s Board of Health. The Board of Health is the seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Lopes succeeds Francis Doyle, who stepped down in October from the Board to assume a leadership role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Lopes attended Lesley University School of Management and has a master’s degree in business administration from Northeastern University’s Graduate School of Business.

In 2010, Lopes assumed the role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and began working closely with former EBNHC President and CEO Jack Craddock as part of the Health Center’s strategic succession plan.

As for leaving Eastie, a place he has called home and a place he has worked every day for 28 years, Lopes said he will still be

around.

“Eastie is home for me in many different ways and it will continue to be my home,” said Lopes. “I will still have the same passion and love for the community and hopefully through Blue Cross I can continue to find ways to make sure that Eastie continues to have a voice. I’ll still be around in a different capacity attending events. I still have family that lives here. I still get my health care here, my family still gets their health care here and we still do a lot of our activities here in East Boston from shopping to eating. As the saying goes, “You can take the guy out of Eastie but you can’t take the Eastie out of the guy.”

On behalf of the EBNHC Board of Directors, Chairwoman Rita Sorrento said, “I would like to thank Manny Lopes for his years of service and dedication to EBNHC. We will work closely with him to ensure a smooth transition before his departure on October 29, 2021. We have begun the process to identify a new CEO and will be appointing an interim CEO in the coming weeks. Thanks to the hard work of our leadership team and despite the COVID-19 pandemic, EBNHC is in a strong position. We are now serving 120,000 patients and employ 1,400 dedicated staff members, many of whom come from the communities we serve. We have proven to be a leader in combating the COVID-19 pandemic, providing equitable and accessible care including more than 150,000 tests and more than 100,000 doses of the vaccine to community members. Above all, for more than 50 years we have prioritized health equity for those in our community and we remain committed to that mission.”

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damaged by the crash.

First responders performed lifesaving measures on the driver. She was taken by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

The woman was later identified as former Revere resident Tina Hinojosa. Hinojosa had been living in Winthrop. Hinojosa worked as an accountant for Roof Repairs Corp in Winthrop and was owner and founder of SoulDrink as well as the co-owner of The Yoga Lounge in Winthrop.

“Today, I write this post with a heavy heart like many of you, trying to grasp the senseless accident in Winthrop that took the life of a beautiful person inside and out, Tina Hinojosa,” said Revere City Councilor and friend of Hinojosa Steve Morabito in a statement. “Tina was a kind person with a personality that made it easy for many to connect with, and love. The community lost a friend, and her family lost an aunt, a cousin, a sister and a mom. My heart breaks. I’m sending love

Edwards announces major endorsements

Councilor Lydia Edwards announced a group of major endorsements for her re-election campaign from organizations representing hundreds of thousands of working families and advocates across Massachusetts:

- EMILY’s List
- Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus
- Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Nurses Association
- The Sierra Club

- Environmental League of Massachusetts
- The Greater Boston Labor Council AFL-CIO
- Boston Teachers Union
- Boston Firefighters Local 718, International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO
- 32BJ SEIU
- IBEW Local 2222
- IBEW Local 103
- SEIU Local 509
- UAW Region 9A
- UNITE HERE Local 26
- Boston Plasterers’ & Cement Masons Local 534

“Lydia Edwards is a committed advocate, activist, and public interest attorney who fights for the most vulnerable. As a city councilor, she led efforts to protect Boston’s affordable housing through innovative and bold policy proposals. EMILY’s List is proud to endorse Lydia in her re-election campaign for Boston City Council, District 1,” said Sarah Curmi, vice president of state and local campaigns at EMILY’s List.

“We are excited to endorse such a star in Massachusetts politics. We are grateful to Lydia and the other courageous female candidates across the Commonwealth running

for election this year,” said MWPC Chair, Samantha Kelly. “Representation in government matters, and we are proud to back such a strong, competent leader who cares deeply about their community. Lydia is still the exception, not the norm, in a state where fewer than 31% of state offices are held by women.”

The Greater Boston Labor Council AFL-CIO endorsed Lydia’s re-election, noting that as Massachusetts rebuilds and recovers, our elected officials have an opportunity to reshape and build an equitable economy that works for everyone. IBEW Local 2222 applauded Lydia’s work and her commitment to working families everywhere. The Boston Teachers Union shared their enthusiastic endorsement and the Sierra Club called Lydia “an environmental champion and ally.”

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society’s most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council.

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Only vaccine mandates and masking can end this

With the Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus now ripping through America, especially in the South where folks are neither vaccinated nor take precautions such as wearing masks, it is obvious that the only way out of this pandemic is for government and businesses to mandate vaccinations for their employees and to require mask-wearing indoors.

The Delta variant -- which constituted one percent of the COVID cases in the U.S. in May but now is over 90 percent of the cases -- is proving both more transmissible and deadlier than the original COVID, especially among young people who formerly had escaped the most virulent effects of the first wave of the virus.

The hospitalization and death rates in the South are reaching cataclysmic proportions -- and this is occurring in the summertime, when people are outside and school is just getting underway.

Every private business in America should require their workers to be vaccinated for the safety and well-being of both their employees and their customers.

This also makes good business sense. After all, who wants to fly on an airplane with unvaccinated flight attendants? Or go on a cruise with an unvaccinated crew? Or go to a hospital to be treated by nurses, doctors, and others who are unvaccinated? Or be served at a restaurant by unvaccinated staff leaning over you?

All levels of government -- local, state, and federal -- also should mandate vaccines, both for the benefit of all of their workers and members of the the public with whom these employees interact.

This also includes students in universities as well as public school students for those age groups for whom the vaccine has been approved. Vaccines of all kinds already are required for enrollment in school and the COVID-19 vax is just another vaccine.

In addition, every business and government office should require masking by employees and customers to protect them from the unvaccinated and to prevent breakthrough transmissions.

The bottom line is simply this: Unless Americans find the will to get tough, get smart, and just suck it up, life never will return to normal.

Afghanistan: Deja-vu all over again

For those of us of a certain age, the sad and tragic debacle that has been unfurling in Afghanistan this past week is deja vu all over again.

We have seen variations of this theme over the course of 60 years of our interventions into the civil wars of other nations. There was the ill-fated, American-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961; the fall of Saigon in 1975; the 1984 withdrawal of American forces from a multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon after suicide bombers killed 220 Marines, 18 sailors, and three soldiers, in their barracks in Beirut; the misadventure into Somalia in the early 1990s; the total debacle of the war in Iraq; and now, the ignominious conclusion of our 20-year involvement in Afghanistan.

Presidents of both parties have been at the helm of these various incursions into the internal affairs of other nations, only to preside over humiliating and costly defeats. Three generations of American political and military leaders have not learned the lessons from these unsuccessful endeavors and therefore have been condemned to repeat the mistakes of their predecessors.

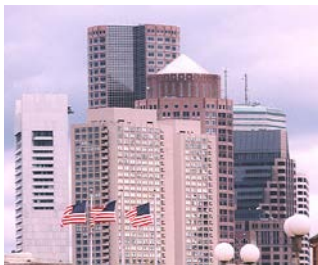
We invaded Afghanistan in the aftermath of 9/11 expressly to root out the al-Qaeda terrorists in the safe haven that they had been given by the Taliban. We accomplished that goal quickly and decisively.

Somehow however, the mission morphed into one of nation-building Afghanistan into a Western-style democracy. When the facts come out about how and why this transformation happened, we have no doubt that they will show that the cabal of the military-industrial complex, with the added wrinkle of the influence of the plethora of so-called “private contractors,” proved to be the chief architects of our policy in Afghanistan.

Even in the best of circumstances, people generally do not want soldiers from another country becoming involved in their civil matters. No amount of military might is going to persuade people from achieving their own national goals -- we cannot force other nations to accept our values.

Yes, we’re saddened at contemplating the fate of women and our Afghan supporters under the Taliban. And we’re disappointed that the Biden administration did not have better contingency plans to factor in the swift takeover of the country by the Taliban.

The lessons of the past should have taught us that our intervention in Afghanistan never was going to end well. But it did have to end, for better or worse.



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Afghanistan – God help them

been wounded.

America spent a trillion dollars setting up military bases and supposedly training the Afghan army how to fight. Yes, we were angry after September 11, 2001, but did it justify killing thousands of our men and women? Did it justify the thousands who were wounded and the thousands more who were mentally wounded? The only people who profited from our 20 years in Afghanistan are the political investors in weapons of war. Large stockholders in any entity that makes weapons or other supplies shipped to Afghanistan are not in favor of the war being over, but they and their families will most likely be forever rich.

We did one poor job of training the Afghan soldiers. The Afghan army ran in fear from the Taliban, many being executed upon their surrender. Twenty years of training went down the drain in several weeks and billions of dollars in weapons were handed over to them. The city of Kabul was taken over without hardly a shot fired from the Taliban.

No, we should never have gone to Afghanistan the way we did. The mission of taking out key leaders of the Taliban and other terrorist groups could have been carried out more covertly. Tragically, we made the Afghanistan army and people dependent on

America. Our government has done the same thing to our own nation with welfare. So many Americans are so used to the American government taking care of us and sending out government money that many Americans can no longer take care of themselves. The only thing we taught the Afghan soldiers was that they didn’t have to worry about fighting because the United States was present and would take care of them.

Going there is water under the bridge. We are now forever faced with the tragic way we have left Afghanistan. We crippled them with our money and their dependency on our military. After 20 years our Government leaders finally tired of carrying a crippled nation. Knowing these people cannot swim, we threw them out of the boat to sink or swim while a massive number of great white sharks were watching in the near distance.

One thing the Taliban has taught us is that they are very patient. They knew the United States would finally become tired and financially broke and would leave. They have spent years organizing, planning and preparing for this moment and in a few week’s time they totally humiliated America.

Many of us never wanted to be there but we didn’t want to leave with the Taliban kicking our butts out the door. The horrific

scenes of executions, tortures, rapes, and women treated inhumanely will be graphic and repulsive in the weeks ahead.

We could have left differently. There could have been a plan. We demonstrated that we spent 20 years and really did not train an Army. We did not train or equip the people to care for themselves. We left without any support contingency in place for an obvious inept military and people. We displayed our ignorance and arrogant denial of the Taliban’s preparedness to move forward. As quickly as flipping a light switch America conveyed to Afghanistan that we no longer give a dang.

Will the shame and humiliation of Afghanistan teach our political leaders anything? Are we too arrogant to care? How many years will it take before politicians need another Afghanistan to line their pockets?

May the real true God who we pray to help the people of Afghanistan. At the moment, He is all they have.

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rose from 21,419 to 21,700 the Latino population’s share in the neighborhood dropped from 53 percent in 2010 to 50.4 percent.

Citywide, the Hispanic population grew by 16.9 percent from 2010 to 2020. The Hispanic population grew 226 percent in the South Boston Waterfront and 181 percent in Chinatown. Dorchester added the most Hispanic residents with 5,878 but the Hispanic population fell in Jamaica Plain 5 percent since 2010.

The white population was 4.7 percent and went from 15,051 residents to 15,760 residents. The white population’s share decreased slightly from 37.2 percent to 36.6 percent between 2010 and 2020.

Citywide, the white population grew by 3.8 percent from 2010 to 2020. The white population grew 169 percent in the South Boston Waterfront and 107 percent in Chinatown. South Boston added the most White residents with 4,206. The white population fell 20

percent in Allston and 16 percent in Hyde Park. The North End had the highest share of white residents in 2020 with 86 percent.

Eastie’s black population increased 9.4 percent and went from 1,283 to 1,403 since 2010 and now make up 3.3 percent of the population.

The largest increase in the neighborhood were from people that responded to the 2020 Census as “other” or those who are “multiple” races. That population increased in Eastie 69.2 percent and went from 1,342 residents to 2,271 and now make up 5.3 percent of the neighborhood, up from 3.3 percent.

The second largest increase was among the Eastie Asian or Pacific Islander population, which rose 36.7 percent and went from 1,413 residents to 1,932 residents with a share of the population at 4.5 percent, up from 3.5 percent in 2010.

However, when compared to predictions from the American Community Survey (ACS) Eastie’s

population did not grow as expected.

The ACS is a demographics survey program conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. It regularly gathers information previously contained only in the long form of the decennial census, such as ancestry, citizenship, educational attainment, income, language proficiency, migration, disability, employment, and housing characteristics. These data are used by many public-sector, private-sector, and not-for-profit stakeholders to allocate funding, track shifting demographics, plan for emergencies, and learn about local communities.

The ACS predicted Eastie would have a population of 47,263 residents in the 2020 Census.

However, the ACS’s

prediction of a 16 percent increase in Eastie’s population was off by 9.75 percent.

The ACS also predicted Eastie’s Hispanic population would increase 25 percent between 2010 and 2020 and be at 26,707 residents but this was also off by 23 percent.

They also predicted the neighborhood’s black population would decrease but it increased; mixed race residents would decrease but it exploded; and the Asian population would be larger than the Census showed.

A summary of the preliminary findings can be found at <http://www.bostonplans.org/research/2020-census> and a more detailed analysis is available on the BPDA’s website.

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Eastie’s weekly COVID positive test rate increases 59 percent

By John Lynds

Health officials are ringing the alarm and trying to get a handle on the Delta variant of the virus that has caused breakthrough infections among vaccinated residents and is decimating the unvaccinated population across the city, state and country. In Boston the positive test rate has hovered near 4 percent since July 30.

After experiencing a 18.5 percent drop in the weekly COVID positive test rate between July 30 and August 6, the weekly positive test rate has jumped once again in East Boston.

Last week, 1,447 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 3.5 percent were positive--this was a 59 percent increase from the 2.2 percent reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) two weeks ago.

Of the 46,225 Eastie residents tested for COVID since the pandemic began, 17.1 percent overall were found to be positive for the virus. This was a decrease of 0.58 percent from the 17.2 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased another 5 percent last week. According to the BPHC 18,232 residents were tested and 3.9 percent were COVID positive--this was a 5 percent increase from

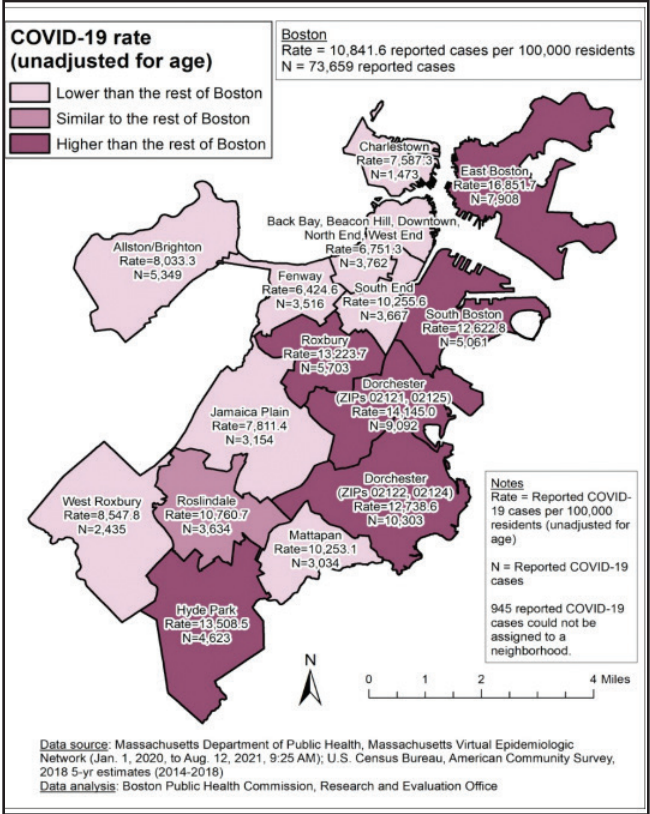
the 3.7 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

With a new school year right around the corner, the CDC is still studying the effects of the Delta variant on the vaccinated and the unvaccinated, especially children.

Dr. Mark Kline, the physician in chief of Children’s Hospital in New Orleans, which has some of the highest COVID infections among children, told ABC’s Good Morning America, “We are hospitalizing record numbers of children. Half of the children in our hospital today are under two years of age. Most of the others are between five and ten years of age—too young to be vaccinated just yet.”

Dr. John Brownstein, an epidemiologist at Boston Children’s Hospital, has warned that children will soon become the “main vectors of virus spread” because they are the “remaining population ineligible for the vaccine.”

This, many health experts warn, could cause the Delta variant to smolder among children populations across the country and lead to new mutations of the virus as it jumps from children to unvaccinated adults. This may set the stage for yet another mutation of COVID 19 that can ultimately become vaccine resistant.



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

Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased only 0.68 percent and the rate went from 1,673.8 cases per 10,000 residents to 1685.1 cases per 10,000 residents.

Fifty-three additional residents contracted the virus between August 6 and August 11 and there are now 7,908 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 1.13 percent since August 6 and went from 73,228 cases to 74,052 confirmed cases in a week. There was one additional death in Boston from the virus in the past two weeks and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,401.

Sen. Markey joins Senate colleagues in bipartisan letter urging Biden administration to protect Afghan women leaders

Staff Report

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and Sens. Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) on Monday were joined by 44 of their Senate colleagues, including Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Jack Reed (D-R.I.) and Ranking Member Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), in urging the Biden administration to take swift, robust action to protect and support Afghan women leaders facing unparalleled danger following the Taliban’s violent sweep across Afghanistan and seizure of Kabul. In a bipartisan letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Homeland Security

Alejandro Mayorkas, the senators called on the Administration to create a humanitarian parole category specifically for women leaders, activists, human rights defenders, parliamentarians, journalists, and members of the Female Tactical Platoon of the Afghan Special Security Forces, and to streamline the paperwork process to facilitate referrals to allow for fast, humane, and efficient relocation to the United States.

“We and our staff are receiving regular reports regarding the targeting, threatening, kidnapping, torturing, and assassinations of women for their work defending and promoting democracy, equality, higher education, and

human rights. While we welcomed the expansion of the eligibility requirements for Special Immigrant Visas and the creation of the Priority 2 category in the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, we must also protect those women who might fall through the cracks of the U.S. Government’s response,” the senators wrote, raising concerns over reports of rampant war crimes – including public beatings and flogging of women, sexual violence, and forced marriage – in areas captured by the Taliban. “We greatly appreciate your efforts to help save the lives of Afghans who have advanced U.S. and Afghan joint interests over the last generation, standing for peace,

democracy, and equality. We are all in agreement that we owe them our unqualified support.”

In addition to expressing their support for the Administration’s efforts to evacuate those who are applying for humanitarian parole and those applying for Priority 1 or 2 pathways, including by allocating seats for them on SIV evacuation flights, the senators urged the Administration to increase processing capacity within U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and to immediately appoint an interagency refugee coordinator.

Sen. Markey was joined by 43 other Senators on the letter, including fellow Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

Beach:Ability// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

barriers to a fully inclusive public waterfront,” said Nee. “We hope that this event helps change those beliefs and highlights the great work of our partners at DCR’s Universal Access Program and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to ensure that equipment such as mobi-mats, sand wheelchairs and floating swim chairs are available at all of Massachusetts public beaches.”

Executive Director of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Chris Mancini said as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s steadfast commitment to accessibility, inclusion, diversity, and equity, he was thrilled to partner with Triangle to make sure the region’s amazing public beaches are welcoming to the disability community.

“We are proud to extend these efforts by donating additional accessible sand and swim wheelchairs to area nonprofits serving the disability community, including the South Boston Neighborhood House, ARC of the South Shore,

and Triangle,” he said.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Director of Development Patricia Salic was also moved by Beach:Ability and thanked all those that took part. She took a few moments on Saturday morning to thank Save the Harbor’s Better Beaches program and policy partners and event sponsors. These included Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, the Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, National Grid, Comcast, Beacon Capital Partners, Mix 104.1, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, The YMCA of Greater Boston, The Daily Catch, Boston Event Specialists, the Blue Sky Collaborative, and Keezer Sportswear for their support, as well as the nearly 1,000 individuals who contributed to the support of the Harpoon Shamrock Splash.

Saturday’s event was one of scores of events planned for the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket this



Triangle staff member Drew Warren and son Miles assist Triangle community member Rob from Reading as he takes a dip in the cool clean water of Constitution Beach on Saturday.

summer, as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Better Beaches program partnership with DCR. To find out more about events

on your favorite beach, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

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City hosts Phase II Climate Ready East Boston workshop

By John Lynds

The City's of Boston's Environment Department continued its series of workshops to help kick-off Phase II of the Climate Ready East Boston/Charlestown project.

Boston Environment Department Project Manager Catherine McCandless gave an update on the work being done to develop a thorough plan for future protection and recovery from coastal flooding in Eastie. Attendees of the workshop were encouraged to take the Climate Ready Charlestown survey at <http://comap.sasaki.com/crsboston/>.

McCandless said Eastie is already seeing the impacts of climate change with seeing extreme temperatures. There has also been more extensive precipitation, sea level rise, and coastal storms. Those three things coupled together are leading to more storm water flooding inland in areas that residents wouldn't think would be subject to flooding because they're away from the coast.

At the workshop different scenarios at the three

Eastie locations were presented that could help protect the neighborhood against future flooding.

For example a drawing of Constitution Beach showed raised pathways and flood walls that would still allow for recreational activities while providing additional protection to the neighborhood. There was also a scenario of adding better sand and reinforced dunes to the neighborhood's only public beach.

Over at Belle Isle March there were scenarios that ranged from adding raised berms around the pathways to raised roads, pathways and adding a seawall.

Over at Chelsea Creek the team presented a plan to add raised Berms with ecological restoration as well as adding raised roads with a floodwall.

Climate Ready Eastie was first launched in 2016 and in 2017 the city conducted the first phase of Climate Ready Boston in East Boston/Charlestown.

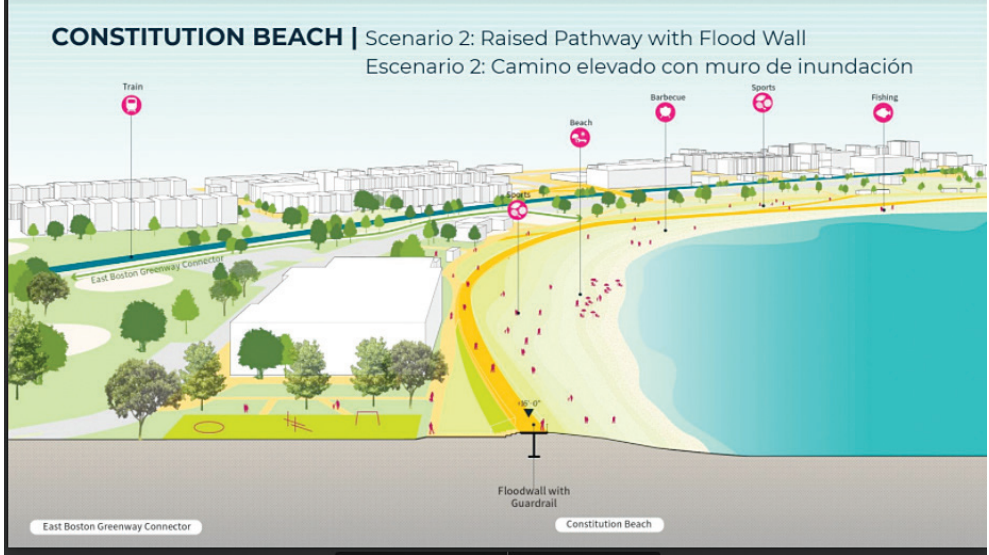
Eastie and Charlestown were chosen because segments of these two communities are already prone to flooding and in

50 years, if climate change continues, will experience more coastal and inland flooding as sea levels rise.

McCandless said we're expecting to see about 40 inches of sea level rise by 2070. So in the next 50 years, if we don't intervene by adapting to climate change impacts and coordinating climate change impacts by reducing our greenhouse gas emissions there will be more flood entry points into the neighborhoods. These low lying areas in the neighborhood are more susceptible to flooding, both during extreme weather events, such as hurricanes or rain events, but also gradual sea level rise. Some of these entry points are issues now whereas others will become an issue over time.

McCandless said the city's aim with the project is to look at the temporal nature of climate change impacts between now and 2070 and what the flooding scenarios will look like over time in different situations.

McCandless said the Climate Ready East Boston project is specifically looking at coastal solu-



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tions along the waterfront here to build a more resilient Boston.

The Phase II study in Eastie will focus on areas of coastline not addressed during the Phase I study in 2017. The study area includes Constitution Beach, Belle Isle Marsh and Chelsea Creek.

In consultation with the Climate Ready Boston team, the project team developed draft "intention statements" to help center the project on common ground and ensure that the team, community members, and project stakeholders are frequently reminded of the project's overarching goals and areas of focus. These statements will be further refined with the project's Community Advisory Boards and with other community members.

Throughout Phase II planning the City will work closely with the community to co-develop a series of layered flood defense and coastal adaptation approaches that provide protection from rising sea levels and storm surges.

With help from Eastie residents the City will draw on prior planning and local knowledge to propose buildable projects and responsive policies and programs with lasting social, environmental, and economic benefits.

The City will then produce a coastal resilience roadmap that protects and creates value for the community.

Large development on Maverick Street seeks to switch from rentals to condos

By John Lynds

A Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved mixed-use condo project on Maverick Street that broke ground recently and will bring 49 new units to East Boston is looking to get approval from the city to switch the project from rental to condos.

The project at 205 Maverick St., dubbed EBO, was approved by the BPDA in 2018 after developer Jo-

seph Nogueira made several changes to the design, scale and scope of the proposed building and cut down the number of total units. Originally the developer proposed a five story, 55 unit building with two commercial spaces.

However, Nogueira caused some concern in the neighborhood when residents saw a banner hanging from the construction site advertising condos for sale.

Because the project was originally approved

as a rental development the BPDA made Nogueira come back to the community Monday night and pitch his switch from rental to condos.

At the meeting Monday no one opposed the plan and it will most likely get BPDA approval because nothing else concerning the project has changed.

The plans approved by the BPDA call for the demolition of the existing single-story commercial structure that houses a laun-

dromat and convenience store in order to construct a five-story, mixed-use building with 49 residential rental units, seven of which will be affordable units.

According to Nogueira, Nauset Construction has begun its work on the project that will consist of 12 studio units, 17 one-bedroom units, and 20 two-bedroom units.

Nogueira has called the project 'development without displacement' because plans to bring back the two

commercial properties after construction was completed. The two tenants, Maverick Street Market and Swish & Swash Laundromat, are popular businesses in the area and residents expressed a desire for both to return.

However, at Monday night's meeting it was unclear if those two businesses that had to relocate would return but the community was assured two similar commercial businesses would occupy the

ground level space.

As part of his BPDA approval Nogueira agreed to a \$20,000 contribution to fund a transportation analysis, and/or implement pedestrian safety enhancements, vehicle calming measures, and public realm improvements in and around the Maverick Street corridor.

The developer also plans to make donations to the Piers Park Sailing Center as well as the East Boston Social Centers.

Boston and Cambridge City Councils to hold press conference on the creation of a TDMD

Members of the Boston and Cambridge City Councils, along with representatives from the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureaus, will hold a press conference to discuss the creation of a Boston-Cambridge Tourism Marketing District (the TDMD) before a scheduled vote at the Boston City Council's Wednesday

meeting. The TDMD has already been approved by Cambridge and only requires Boston City Council approval for creation.

The Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau partnered with Councilor Lydia Edwards to create the TDMD. The plan sets forth the services, programs, budget, assessment struc-

ture, criteria for businesses, management, and committee for the TDMD area.

The TDMD will be a crucial part of a strong economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The tourism industry and its employees have been some of the hardest hit during this pandemic. The tourism industry disproportionately

employs women and people of color at much higher rates than other industries, and is often a stepping stone for meaningful wages and union membership.

The TDMD will permit hotels in Boston and Cambridge to assess its members a fee that will be directly reinvested back into tourism, similar to a

business improvement district. The estimated \$10 million investment in the first year of the TDMD will promote tourism in Boston and Cambridge, help beautify and maintain green and open spaces in the TDMD, increase supplier diversity, and create a reserve fund to help the tourism industry weather economic down-

turns.

The press conference will be held on the fifth floor of Boston City Hall on Wednesday August 18 at 11a.m.

For more information: <https://www.boston.gov/sites/default/files/file/2021/07/Docket%20%230834.PDF>.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 20th

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Pick-up to-go arts and crafts kits from 10:00-1:00pm at 20 Maverick Sq.

NSMHA's Recovery on the Harbor & Chelsea's House

Stop by 965 Bennington Street for a family friendly event from 12:00-4:00pm including face painting, corn hole, bounce house, and a scavenger hunt

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st

Cinderbella's Eco-Cleaning

10% off first time eco-cleaning

Eagle Hill Civic Association

Ice cream, balloons, and a magician at the American Legion Park 12:00-2:00pm

East Boston High School's STEAM Day

Explore the world of science, tech, engineering, art, and math, and win raffle prizes at the EBHS parking lot from 10am-1pm. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/swn6prtt>

East Boston Chamber of Commerce

Showcase of East Boston organizations and the community from 1:00-3:00pm with refreshments, giveaways, and membership drive

NOAH

Free kayaking at Constitution Beach from 10:30-5:00pm and activities from 11:00-1:00pm at NOAH including free ice cream, music, and painting

Salesian Boys & Girls Club and Curative

Mobile COVID-19 testing centers from 10:00-6:00pm at 294 Sumner Street and 150 Byron Street, and COVID-19 vaccination clinic from 4:00-7:00pm at 150 Byron Street

Slush King

Free slush from 1:00-3:00pm at the Slush King store, located at 211 Bennington Street

Spinelli's

Free cupcakes at 282 Bennington Street from 12:00-5:00pm, or while supplies last

The Point East Boston

Free vinyasa flow class at The Point's studio at 9:00am. Register at www.thepointeb.com

Veronica Robles Cultural Center

Free Mexican street corn and a musical performance at the VRCC from 4:00-8:00pm

YMCA of Greater Boston

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd

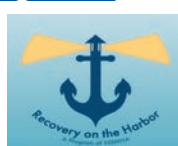
Zumix

Eastie Pride Day is sponsoring the final Zumix summer concert event at Piers Park from 6:00-8:00pm featuring Zumix youth musicians and DopeLotus

East Boston High School's Varsity Cheerleaders

Bake sale every Tuesday at the East Boston Waterfront (50 Lewis Street) 10:00am-3:00pm

Eastie Pride Day thanks all our sponsors, vendors, and community partners for their generous support! A special thank you to The East Boston Foundation, Massport, The Crespo Group, and Moscone Law. For more Information, visit us at eatieprideday.com and follow us on Facebook and Instagram at @eatieprideday



Sports

Local NHL Draft Pick hits the ice in Eastie

On Saturday August 7, officers assigned to the District A-7 Community Service Office in Eastie, hosted an on-ice hockey drill program at the Porrazzo Skating Rink at the beach.

The young skaters took to the ice where they were welcomed by local hockey star, Braden Doyle, who donated his time to share his skills and experience.

Braden, a Lawrence Academy Graduate, played in the United States Hockey League (USHL) and was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings in 2019. Braden will be playing at Boston University this season.

Community Officer Gary Marino, who has been running a youth hockey league for the Boston Police at the rink, thanked Captain Kelly McCormick, Sgt. Joe Cintolo, the Police Activities League and FMC for donating ice time at the rink. Without all their help the program would never be possible.

“I was fortunate enough to coach Braden for a short time on and off the ice when he was young,” said Marino. “His determination and work ethic was and is off the charts. He comes from a great family who taught him well”.



Local hockey star Braden Doyle joins Community Officer Gary Marino, who has been running a youth hockey league for the Boston Police at the rink, Sgt. Joe Cintolo and Detective Ivan Bermejo for an afternoon of hockey skills and drills training with Police Activities League youth members at the Porrazzo Skating Rink.



Braden Doyle, who was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings in 2019, poses with his former coach, District A-7 Community Officer Gary Marino.



Detective Ivan Bermejo runs drills with the Police Activities League youth members at the Porrazzo Skating Rink.

State announces new funding opportunity to support free swimming lessons across the commonwealth

Staff Report

In an effort to increase access to swimming lessons and enhance water

safety in Massachusetts, the Baker-Polito Administration last week announced a new funding opportunity to support

partner organizations in offering free swimming lessons to children and adults across the Commonwealth.

The new Safe Water Initiative Massachusetts (SWIM) Request for Responses (RFR) makes available \$475,000 for

nonprofit and private entities to apply for funding so they can expand free beginner swim lessons to Massachusetts residents of all ages. The announcement, part of a larger water safety initiative including new safety infrastructure at state waterfronts and the launch of a new Swim Safe Massachusetts collaboration, was made by Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides, who joined Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Jim Montgomery, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Undersecretary Jeanne Benincasa Thorpe, Massachusetts Environmental Police Colonel Shaun Santos and representatives from the Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs of Massa-

chusetts, the Alliance of Massachusetts YMCAs, and the American Red Cross of Massachusetts at the Melnea A. Cass Recreation Complex in Boston.

“The Commonwealth is fortunate to have beautiful waterfronts and great places for residents to cool off and have fun, but too often we have seen tragic incidents at these locations,” said Governor Charlie Baker. “Our Administration is committed to expanding access to swim lessons and providing residents in underserved communities an opportunity to develop this important skill to help prevent tragic accidents in and around the water.”

The SWIM program builds on the Administration’s efforts to pro-

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Cardinal appoints Gavan P. Mooney new Chief Philanthropy Officer

Staff Report

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, has appointed Gavan P. Mooney as Chief Philanthropy Officer for the Archdiocese of Boston. With more than two decades advising hundreds of non-profit organizations and foundations, including many Catholic dioceses, Mr. Mooney is a nationally recognized leader in philanthropy. Mr. Mooney most recently served as President and Chief Client Officer at Changing Our World. His appointment is effective Sept. 7.

Cardinal Seán said, "Gavan Mooney is an experienced and widely respected leader in Catholic and nonprofit philanthropy. He knows the Archdiocese of Boston well and brings a unique perspective and proven track record to his new role. We look forward to Gavan building on the Archdiocese's well established development efforts as we respond to the needs of our communities today and plan for their growth in the future."

Mr. Mooney said, "Now, more than ever, our parishes, schools, human service programs and support networks will play a critical role in serving those most in need across the Archdiocese. I want to



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thank Cardinal Seán for this wonderful opportunity and I look forward to working with our priests, religious and volunteer leadership, staff, and generous parishioners to raise important resources for our faithful community.

Since joining Changing Our World in 2002, Mr. Mooney has managed a diverse portfolio, helping advise and build foundations that have become successful agencies in philanthropy and raising more than \$1 billion across organizations over the course of his career.

Originally from Bray, County Wicklow in Ireland, Mr. Mooney received his Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Dublin and is a graduate of the Senior Management Executive Program of Omnicom University.

Mr. Mooney will serve on the Cardinal's cabinet.

The Cardinal expressed his appreciation to Patricia Kelleher Bartram, who has served as Interim Secretary for Institutional Advancement since early 2020. She previously served as Executive Director of Boston Catholic Development Services (BCDS) as well as has served as President, Catholic Community Fund and Catholic Health Foundation of Greater Boston. She will conclude her service to the Archdiocese on Oct. 1.

The Cardinal said, "Pat Bartram has done an outstanding job in securing financial support for our parishes and pastoral agencies. Facing the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, she successfully led her team in securing funding for our programs and services at a time of greatly increased requests for assistance. Her leadership of the Inspiring Hope capital campaign and the Catholic Appeal established a strong foundation for our ministries and outreach to the many communities we serve. I am personally grateful to Pat for her commitment to the work of the Church as we wish her the best in all her endeavors going forward."

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Obrien, Brendan D	287 Maverick St #203	287 Maverick St #203	\$569,000
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Remar, Alexandra J	Mckinley Inv Group LLC	221 Paris St #2	\$422,000
Kasle, Lauren	Daddona, Nicholas J	156 Porter St #225	\$510,000
Cheung, Keith	57 Saratoga Street LLC	57 Saratoga St #6	\$865,000
Eastes, Bridget	Vadnais, Lynne	273 Sumner St #6	\$615,000
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Finn, Steffanie	66-68 Trenton Street LLC	66-68 Trenton St #197	\$1,605,000
Trenton Hill LLC	Wahenschafft, Oliver M	89 Trenton St	\$955,000
Garden Hue LLC	258 Webster Street RT	258 Webster St	\$1,750,000


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vide free swimming lessons, which are offered every summer at select DCR-managed pools. This summer, DCR provided free swimming lessons to over 315 young people over three, two-week ses-


sions. However, demand far exceeded the agency's ability to provide enough swim lessons for all those interested. The SWIM program will significantly expand the program by reaching more residents in

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OBITUARIES

Rose Marie White

A strong advocate for music who could humorously recall the joys and challenges of her East Boston upbringing

Rose Marie White has passed away peacefully and unexpectedly in her home.

Rose Marie was the second child of Americo and Eva (Orcione) D’Alessandro and grew up in East Boston on Everett and Sumner Streets. She graduated from East Boston High School in 1963.

Rose Marie worked for several years at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. In 1972, she married Francis White and in 1974 they welcomed their son, Anthony, to whom she was an extremely devoted mother.

In the 1990s, Rose Marie was a regular patron of the Wonderland Ballroom where she truly loved jazz and big band music. Rose Marie had an ongoing knowledge of most of the great jazz musicians of the 20th Century and was also involved with the New England Jazz Society and the East Boston Healthy

Boston Coalition where she was a strong advocate for music in public places such as Maverick Square and Piers Park. She has always been a strong supporter of Zumix.

Rose Marie had a true appreciation for authenticity. She loved honest people, a good meal in any restaurant or home, an excellent musician, the ocean, a good haircut or a nice car. She bought her first Cadillac before she even had her driver’s license.

An avid pedestrian, she frequently took the “T” to Chinatown for a wonderful lunch, followed by a visit to Saint Anthony’s Shrine on Arch Street. She enthusiastically complimented bus drivers and street cleaners on their work and happily engaged in conversation with people from all walks of life. She was funny, outspoken, and direct.



Rose Marie was devoted to Saint Anthony and attended Catholic Mass regularly, in both English and Spanish. She prayed regularly for her family and friends.

Rose Marie appreciated her East Boston upbringing and could humorously recall its joys and challenges.

And, she was able to introduce new friends and neighbors to the physical and social landscape of East Boston and the community, culture and neighborhood she knew so well. She had a keen understanding of people and an insightful view of life. Every moment with Rose Marie was lively. When asked how she was doing, she’d often reply “up and down and all around.”

Besides “my Anthony” and “my husband Franny”, Rose Marie is survived by her sister, Janet and by many friends and relatives. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister, Angelina (Tootsie), her Nephew, David and more recently her lifelong best friend, Anna Speciale Colvario.

Family and friends honored Rose Marie’s life by gathering in Vazza’s “Beechwood” Funeral Home, Revere on Tuesday morning, August 17, followed by interment at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. A musical celebration of Rose Marie’s life will take place at a later date.

www.vazzafunerals.com.

Eleanor Louise Bernabei

Of Maine, formerly of East Boston

Eleanor Louise Bernabei, 85, passed away peacefully on August 10 surrounded by family and friends.

She was born in East Boston on March 7, 1936, to Joseph E. Gleason and Elizabeth P. Gleason (Crawford). She was the tenth of 11 children and their youngest daughter. She attended Catholic schools in East Boston, graduating from high school in 1953 from Most Holy Redeemer Catholic High School for Girls.

After graduation she worked briefly at Sears & Roebuck Co. before beginning a career with New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. She remained at the Telephone company for 15 years until 1968 when she began her family.

On April 1, 1967 she married her husband of 53 years, Domenic W. Bernabei and moved from East Boston, to Portland, ME to begin her family. She had five children; four daughters Judith, Lenore, Kathleen and Maureen before she gave birth to her son, Andrew.

For 13 years she was a stay at home mother before beginning her second career with St. Joseph’s Parish in Portland, ME as Director of Religious Education, a position she held until her retirement in 1997.

She was active in her parish, St. Joseph’s as member of the Home & School Association and is remembered for her fundraising with the “Giant Yard Sales” and the “Adopt a Student” program which raised funds for tuition assistance.

As her children entered high school, she continued to be active in the Parents’ Clubs of both Cheverus and Catherine McAuley High Schools. In addition to preparing young people for the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation; she would direct the Stations of the Cross productions at St. Joseph’s that were performed each year as part of Holy Week.

When school ended for the summer, you could find her at camp in Belmont, NH at Lake Winnisquam. There, family and friends were always welcome and on weekends it wouldn’t be unusual to see 30-40 friends and family gathering for the Sunday BBQ. She would remain at camp each summer until school began in the fall, returning one final time each October to close the



camp for the winter and to say goodbye to her camp friends until the next summer.

Other activities she enjoyed were watching Boston sports teams, reading, crafting, knitting, and attending her children’s various sports and school activities. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, either playing board games such as “Sorry” or card games, especially Michigan Rummy. Each grandchild had their own jar of pennies at Nana’s to use when they played.

In her later years she was able to keep in touch with family and friends through social media, especially Facebook.

She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, and her siblings; Joseph E. Gleason Jr, George L. Gleason, Robert H. Gleason, Charles P. Gleason, Isabel M. Gleason and Mary Alice Corlito. She is survived by her children; Judith M. Carlstrom and her husband, Erik of Portland, ME; Lenore A. Hilton and her husband, Todd of Portland, ME; Kathleen M. Lawrence and her husband, Ken of Roswell, GA; Maureen E. Smart and her husband, Brian of South Portland, ME; Andrew D. Bernabei and his wife, Stephanie (Martinson) of Leicester, MA. She is also survived by her grandchildren; Nicholas and Rachael Lawrence, Abigail and Emma Bernabei, Griffin, McKenzie and Grady Smart and Alison Hilton; her sister, Pauline E. Miozza of Dover, DE; her brother, James W. Gleason of East Boston and many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours for Eleanor on Friday, August 20, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Jones Rich and Barnes Funeral Home, 199 Woodford St., Portland, ME 04103. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 21, at 11a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 673 Stevens Ave, Portland ME 04103. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Portland ME.

Tina Hinojosa Lauria

Former owner of the Yoga Lounge, owner of SoulDrink, and an advocate for people in recovery

Tina Hinojosa Lauria, age 45, died unexpectedly on Friday, August 13.

Tina was the daughter of the late Herberto Hinojosa and Maria (Imbrascio) Doherty. She leaves behind her proudest accomplishment, her daughter, Kayla. Co-parenting together, Tina and Kayla’s dad, Matt Parlante of Saugus, channeled all their energy and focus on raising their beautiful daughter. She also leaves her brother, Michael, his wife Marie-Elena and their children, Christopher and Ally, all of Revere, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Tina was previously married to Officer Andrew Lauria and was step-mother to his three children, Drew, Dante and Andrea, all of Revere. Tina also had a love for animals. Espy, her 17 year old dog, was a constant in Tina’s life. Espy went with Tina everywhere, even to classes and work! Losing her in July was devastating to Tina.

Tina was a 1993 graduate of Revere High School, Tina continued her education at Salem State and received her Associates Degree. She was the owner of Unlimited Bookkeeping Services and worked as a bookkeeper for Roof Repairs Corp. and Power of Recovery. Her passion was yoga. She was the previous co-owner of The Yoga Lounge and also owned SoulDrink. Her classes were well known in the area and



people loved the energy and positivity she radiated. She was a wellness advocate for Doterra and was also heavily involved in NamaStay Sober, a recovery based non-profit, at one time acting as their Director of Events.

She was a strong advocate for people in recovery. Tina’s beauty and strength were her biggest assets and she used her personal experiences to help people through their darkest days. She touched countless amounts of lives. Her infectious grin and love of life was the greatest gift she could pass on to her daughter.

Everyone is welcome to pay their respects to Tina on Thursday, Aug. 19, from 3-8 pm at St. Anthony’s Church in Revere. Visitation on Friday morning will be private, however, all are welcome to her Mass at 10 a.m., also at St. Anthony’s.

Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to NamaStay Sober, 80 Cottage Street, Boston, MA 02128 or at namastaysober.com.

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Ronale Polito

Of East Boston

Ronaele R. (Small) Polito died in East Boston, August 11after a long illness.

The beloved wife of the late Richard O. Polito, she was the daughter of the late Eleanor (Carlson) and Samuel Small, loving mother of Everett A. “Chico” Fraser Jr. of East Boston and the late Dorothy Grace Polito, devoted Nana to Illyana Polito and dear sister of Catherine Clapp of Maryland, Suzanne Small of Everett, Lillian Nesbit of East Boston and the late Carol Kil-

breth, Louise Shepherd, Marion Cheffro, Patricia Brown, Barbara McCormack, Charles, William and Samuel Small.

She was godmother to Ronaele Nesbit of New Hampshire and she also leaves behind many family members, cousins and friends.


Private family committal will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery. Please leave messages of condolence for the family on her Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ann DeSimone

A warm, loving and kind person

Ann (Bellofatto) DeSimone, a lifelong resident of Revere, passed away on August 12 with her loving family by her side.

Ann was a warm, loving, and kind person who loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed going to Encore and traveling with her husband. She worked as a secretary for many years. Most recently, she worked as a substitute teacher at the Lincoln School. This brought her much happiness and long lasting friendships. No words can express this incredible loss. She will be deeply missed.

Born in Revere on June 28, 1938 to the late Frank and Emma Bellofatto (Llewellyn), she was the beloved wife of 65 years to Michael DeSimone Sr., devoted mother of Michael DeSimone Jr. and his late wife, Cheryl of Plymouth, Diana Bright of Revere, Karen Vecchione and her husband, Richard of Danvers and Joanne Perullo and her husband, Charles of Revere; cherished grandmother of Jennifer DeSimone and her partner, Damien Britto, Michael DeSimone III, Amanda, Dayna, Diandra and Danae Bright, Richard and Stacy Vecchione, and Charlie, Nicole and James Perullo; adored great grandmother of Sophia, Nicholas, Reese, Lucas, Julianna and Cameron; dear sister of



Emmalyn Grillo of Woburn, George Bellofatto and his wife, Doreen of Revere and the late Frank Bellofatto and his surviving wife, Norma, and the late Richard Bellofatto and his surviving wife, Maryann. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Ann was a warm, loving, and kind person who loved spending time with her family. She enjoyed going to Encore and traveling with her husband. She worked as a secretary for many years. Most recently, she worked as a substitute teacher at the Lincoln School. This brought her much happiness and long lasting friendships. No words can express this incredible loss. She will be deeply missed.

All services were held privately by the immediate family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ann's name to the Make-A-Wish Foundation at wish.org or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at stjude.org. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

Alice D. (Morris), DeRosa

of East Boston

Alice D. (Morris), DeRosa of East Boston, formerly of Revere, passed away on Monday, August 16, 2021 at ninety-six years of age. Beloved wife of the late John DeRosa. Devoted mother of Catherine DeRosa-Karpowicz and husband, Michael, of West Peabody, and Heidi DeRosa of East Boston. Dear sister of Elynor Fabian of Florida, Barbara Chiamonte of Revere, and the late Charles Morris and Nelson Morris Jr. Cherished grandmother of Allison Woolf and husband, Matt. Treasured great-grandmother of Kayleigh. Also survived by her many loving nieces and nephews. Family and friends will honor Alice's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Friday, August 20th, from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. before



leaving in procession to the Immaculate Conception Church, Revere, for a funeral Mass celebrating Alice's life at 11:30 A.M. Services will conclude with Alice being laid to rest with her beloved husband, John, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. May they rest in peace. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Alice's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Places, Memphis, TN 378105. to leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com

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AARP analysis shows nursing home vaccination rates still short of benchmark

Staff Report

Cases of COVID-19 decreased among Massachusetts nursing home residents and staff over the four weeks ending July 18, according to the latest release of AARP's Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard.

Any number of cases is concerning given the rise of new variants, the gaps in vaccinations among those in nursing homes, and the disproportionate numbers of deaths due to COVID-19 and high risk in nursing homes throughout the pandemic. More than 9,000 residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care facilities in the Bay State have died from COVID-19 – representing around 50 percent of deaths, even though less than 1 percent of the population lives in these facilities.

Nationally, 60 percent of healthcare workers in nursing homes were fully vaccinated and about 82 percent of residents were fully vaccinated as of the week ending July 18. Here in Massachusetts, 90.6 percent of residents have been fully vaccinated and 75.6 percent of staff.

“The high COVID-19 death rates of residents and staff in nursing homes has been a national disgrace. As the new variants are emerging, facilities cannot let preventable problems be repeated. The key is to increase vaccinations, and do it now,” said AARP Massachusetts State Director Mike Festa. “AARP supports the Commonwealth’s decision to require nursing home vaccinations for staff. The lower levels of staff vaccinations in particular create an unacceptable

level of risk, since the disease spreads so easily in these environments. Also, AARP believes that facilities must ensure all residents are vaccinated. Facilities must be open and transparent with how they are progressing toward the vital goal of vaccination for all staff and residents.”

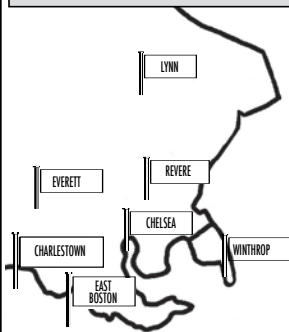
In Massachusetts, short ages of staff and personal protective equipment (PPE) decreased slightly from the last AARP dashboard, with 5 percent of nursing homes reporting a staff shortage and 1.7 percent noting an urgent need for more PPE.

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020. Using this data, the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus’ infiltration into nursing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, with the goal of identifying specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner.

The full Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is available at <http://www.aarp.org/nursinghome-dashboard>.

AARP is providing information and resources about COVID-19 to help older Bay State residents and has developed key questions for families to ask if a loved one is in a nursing home. For more information on how COVID is impacting nursing homes and AARP’s advocacy on this issue, visit www.aarp.org/nursinghomes.

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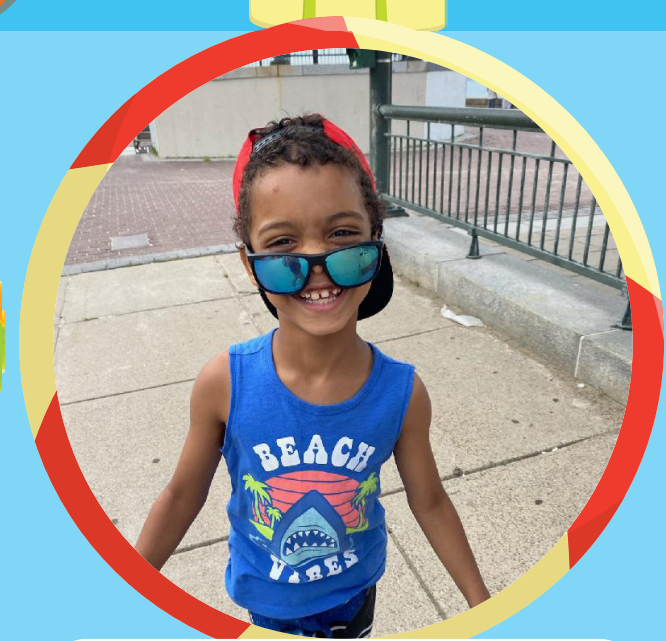
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