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### JETS VOLLEYBALL ACTION



**REVERSE RETURN:** Jaden Pacitta (18) has her back to the net as she makes a nifty return during the Jets volleyball team opened the season with a pair of wins, 3-0 over TechBoston. See Page 7 for more photos.

## Eversource Substation question will appear on November’s ballot

By John Lynds

A non-binding ballot question regarding the proposed Eversource Substation in East Boston sponsored by 10 Eastie residents and supported by Councilor Lydia Edwards will appear on the November Ballot during Boston’s Municipal Election.

The non-binding ballot question calls for meaningful participation from Boston residents in the approval of public utilities and was recently approved by the Boston City Council.

The question to voters will read, “Should a high voltage, electric substation be built at 400 Conductor Street in East Boston,

along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?”

Councilor Edwards was supportive of the 10 Eastie residents who petitioned the City of Boston to put equity on the ballot this Fall. Edwards argued that Eversource failed to hold a public hearing in the community during the original review process for this project, which denied the Eastie community an opportunity to participate in the discussion of the need for this project. She added that any signif-

icant energy project such as this requires the full and informed input of the public, especially in an already disproportionately overburdened Environmental Justice community like Eastie.

“Ten incredible citizens of East Boston came into the Elections Department and filed a citizen petition to be put on the ballot,” said Edwards. “It is non binding, which means if it is successful it actually cannot be enforced but it is still a moral statement if you will from the people of Boston that projects like the proposed substation should not be near homes, parks, playgrounds, etc.”

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### ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

## City Councilor Edwards officially launches campaign for State Senate

By John Lynds

On Saturday, flanked by a group of local supporters in Central Square, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards officially launched her campaign for the First Suffolk & Middlesex State Senate seat recently vacated by Joe Boncore. A Special Election for the seat has been set for Tuesday, December 14.

Speaking of her successes as a district city councilor, her advocacy for her constituents and her ability to bring all people together to address the most pressing issues as qualifications for the seat Edwards began, “It has been the coalition that we’ve built that is based on working families and

working people of all colors and all abilities to come together and bring a true coalition all the way to the State House.”

“My name is Lydia Edwards, and I am running officially as of right now, to be your next state senator,” she declared.

Edwards said before she was a city councilor or a human rights attorney or an activist she was a little girl her mom called ‘Liddy’ and it was her mom’s ethics and abilities that inspired her to take on a life of public service.

“I watched her,” said Edwards. “My mother worked two jobs to make sure that myself and my twin sister we’re well fed and had a roof over our

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## Anthony D’Ambrosio announces his candidacy for State Senate

Special to the Times-Free Press

Revere School Committee member Anthony D’Ambrosio has announced his candidacy for State Senate. The following is his statement:

“My name is Anthony D’Ambrosio, and I ask for your vote in the Special Election of December 14, to represent you and the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex District in the Massachusetts State Senate.

Encompassing Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, the North End, Chinatown, and parts of Cambridge, our Senate District is one of the largest and most diverse in the Commonwealth. Whether we’ve lived here all our lives or arrived just yesterday, all 188,000 of us were

drawn to the many opportunities that this District provides. For me and my family, these opportunities have included life-changing education, good jobs, and a welcoming place to call home.

I have deep roots in our community. My paternal grandparents immigrated to East Boston in 1972 and later started a successful landscaping business, Revere Gardens Company, which serviced the local area. My maternal grandparents immigrated to the US in 1968 and have lived in Winthrop. My mother, aunt and uncle are all proud Winthrop High School graduates. My father, also an immigrant to the US, attended both East

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## Eastie went with the winners during Preliminary Election

By John Lynds

East Boston has always been a bellwether of sorts in municipal elections and last Tuesday’s City Preliminary Election that narrowed the field of Boston Mayoral candidates down to two and the field of At-Large City Council Candidates down to eight was no different.

Citywide, Michelle Wu and Anissa Essaibi George advanced to the November general election and here in Eastie voters currently

picked the two candidates that would advance.

In Eastie Wu received 1,654 votes followed by Essaibi George who ended election night in Eastie with 1,283.

And like the rest of the city the top two vote getters were followed by Acting Mayor Kim Janey who received 662 votes in Eastie followed by Andrea Campbell with 648 votes and John Barros who only received 81 votes from

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### APPRECIATION

## Peter Koff, longtime environmental advocate and protector of Eastie against airport expansion, dies at 80

By John Lynds

In the early 1970s, Attorney Peter Koff fired the first salvo across the bow of Massport’s ship and began a lifelong career of advocating for and defending the community against noise and air pollution as well as Logan Airport expansion.

“He was always a decent person, and a tireless advocate for East Boston in the conflicts with the airport,” said former State Secretary of Transportation under Gov. Mike Dukakis and East Boston’s Little City Hall Manager under Mayor Kevin White, Fred Salvucci.

Koff, who served in the City of Boston Law Department under Mayor White and later became



Attorney Peter Koff.

counsel Eastie’s Airport Impact Relief (AIR Inc) and the Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, died on Saturday, Sept. 11 at his home for the last five years, the Brudnick Center for Living in Peabody. He devoted his legal career to environmental and land

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### YOGA FUNDRAISER



Yoga enthusiasts participate in a yoga class at the Tina Hinojosa Lauria Memorial Fundraiser Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere. See Pager 12 for more photos.



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Boston and Revere public schools. Today, he operates a community law office in Revere. I have spent years in the District, living primarily in Revere but frequently visiting family in Winthrop, East Boston, and the North End. I stand on the shoulders of my grandparents and parents, who came to this country from Southern Italy with literally the clothes on their backs and have given me the privilege to run for Senate today.

As an adult, after graduating from Yale University and the University of Cambridge in England, I returned to Revere and began working as a financial analyst in the technology industry. My job gave me a front row view of the ways in which technology is radically transforming our economy. With a job at the intersection of finance and technology, I wanted to ensure that future generations of students are likewise prepared for the 21st century economy. That is why I ran for the Revere School Committee and why I am now running for Senate. I hope to give back to my community and bring a new, outsider's perspective to the State House.

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our community in virtually every way imaginable. It laid bare all our society's vulnerabilities and inequities, as well as the ways in which our leaders are failing in their obligations to Massachusetts residents. Like so many others, I watched loved ones be hospitalized with Covid-19. One of the most painful periods of my life was watching my father struggle to breathe while hospitalized despite supplemental oxygen and incredible medical care. Even with the progress Massachusetts has made in containing the virus, the fear and pain of losing loved ones or seeing them suffer has still not dissipated for my family and



Anthony D'Ambrosio.

countless other families in our community.

As a member of the Revere School Committee, I took calls over the last eighteen months from dozens of Revere parents who had to make the extraordinarily difficult decision to quit their jobs to provide care and educational support to their suddenly homebound children. This decision meant sacrificing half or even the entirety of their household incomes.

I similarly heard students describe falling months behind in their schoolwork because they did not have access to consistent, reliable Internet, despite living just a few miles away from some of the top research universities in the world. This inequity, among others, inspired me to lead the creation of an Equity Advisory Board in Revere that will work to eliminate educational disparities.

Additionally, I pushed for increased mental health services for children in Revere Public Schools. Through my research and conversations with city leaders across the

District, I know that similar numbers of students in Winthrop, Boston, and Cambridge public schools have also struggled with mental health issues over the past year.

These situations are unacceptable. We need to immediately allocate federal relief funds to help our children TODAY, not in two or three years when the damage cannot be repaired. While the old ways of Beacon Hill are still prevalent, we need new, modern ways of examining our problems and planning for the future.

We are at a pivotal moment where we can not only recover to a pre-pandemic normal, but also rebuild in a way that prepares our residents—and especially our children—for the challenges and promises of the 21st century. I am running for State Senate because I want to help ensure that the District that has given so much to me and my family can continue to do so for generations of families to come.

Join me. I again ask for your vote.”

# Said Abdikarim endorses Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large position

Said Abdikarim, whose inspiring story and vigorous campaigning energized Bostonians across the city, has endorsed Erin Murphy as Boston's next At-Large City Councilor, praising her vision and work ethic as Erin continues to build support before the November 2, Final Election.

Abdikarim, whose signature orange shirt became a familiar sight on the trail during his months campaigning as one of Erin's fellow candidates, said he had gotten to know Erin and admired her commitment to core issues that affect Bostonians in every neighborhood.

“When I was a candidate, I centered solutions to address affordable housing, education and job disparity, and the opioid crisis,” said Abdikarim. “These are Erin's values and goals, too, and I'm confident that she will do the hard work necessary to achieve them. The biggest factor is that Erin is a teacher, and teachers played a significant role in my life when I arrived here from Somalia.”

Erin said that Abdikarim became a friend during their months blanketing the city for candidate forums, special events, and out door knocking connecting with residents..

“Said has been such a pleasure to campaign



Said Abdikarim (left) and Lisa Searcy (right) with Erin Murphy.

alongside,” said Erin. “Together, we both learned so much about what matters to Bostonians and what we can do to help them. I was inspired by his story and I couldn't be prouder to have him on my team as we enter the final weeks of the campaign. Once I'm elected, I'm hopeful that I'll be able to call on Said for counsel and advice to be the best at-large councilor I can be.”

Erin placed a strong fourth in the September 14 Preliminary Election, in a crowded field of sev-

enteen candidates, and has been in every neighborhood in the city talking and, more importantly, listening to residents who want a better, safer, more welcoming city.

Said's endorsement is just the latest sign of Erin's broad appeal.

Said came to Boston as a child refugee from the civil war in Somalia, and wears the signature orange shirt because it matches the first shirt given him by a refugee agency in Bos-

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# International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103 endorses Essaibi George for Mayor

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 103 today endorsed At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George in her candidacy for Mayor of Boston during an event at their office on Freeport Street in Dorchester. IBEW Local 103's membership includes 10,000 highly skilled electricians and technicians in the Boston area.

“IBEW Local 103 is incredibly proud to stand with Annissa Essaibi George in her candidacy for Mayor of Boston,” said Lou Antonellis, Business Manager for IBEW Local 103. “As a former union member herself,

Annissa knows our values firsthand. She will advocate and fight for us every single day as our Mayor, and will always govern with Boston's hard working residents and families in mind.”

“To the members of IBEW Local 103, thank you for your support in this race,” said Essaibi George. “As your Mayor, I will work hand in hand with our unions to fight for fair wages, increase benefits, and maintain safe working conditions for all. Labor will always have a seat at the policymaking table in order for us to do this work, together.”

Essaibi George's economic justice and work-

ers' rights policy plan includes the creation of the first-ever City of Boston Department of Economic Justice and Workers' Rights, headed by a cabinet-level chief who will report directly to the Mayor and have a seat at the policymaking table to assess the potential impact proposed policies and initiatives may have on Boston's working families.

Additionally, Essaibi George has been a strong advocate for improvements to Madison Park Technical Vocational High School and vocational programs in the Boston Public Schools to provide students with career readiness after graduation.

# Essaibi George endorsed by Sprinkler Fitters Local 550

Following a preliminary win that will advance her to the November 2nd Mayoral Election, At-Large City Councilor Annissa Essaibi George was today endorsed by Sprinkler Fitters Local 550. The union represents approximately 800 skilled members in the Greater Boston area.

“Annissa Essaibi George has shown up and stood up for Boston's hardworking families and residents time and time again—not just during campaign season. Now we're proud to support her in her candidacy for Mayor of Boston,” said Peter Gibbons, Business Manager of Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 550. “Annis-

sa shares our belief that to build a strong middle class we must invest in apprenticeship programs and bolster our local workforce. We know she'll prioritize all of us as our next Mayor of Boston.”

“I want to thank Sprinkler Fitters Local 550 for their support in this race. This campaign is about building coalitions across our neighborhoods, industries and workforce. Unions like Local 550 and their members play a critical role in that work and will always have a seat at the table under an Essaibi George Administration,” said Councilor Essaibi George.

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# Collins endorses Murphy in latest sign of momentum

Democratic State Senator Nick Collins -- who represents the First Suffolk Senate district -- endorsed At-Large City Councilor candidate Erin Murphy.

“I represent great neighborhoods in Boston-South Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park- and Erin has spoken to the needs of all of them,” Collins said. “She has worked incredibly hard throughout this election, she shows up, and I have no doubt that's what she will do as an At-Large City Councilor.”

Senator Collins's endorsement comes as Erin has continued to build support, also announcing on Sunday endorsements from the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2222, and the Boston Police Superior Officers Federation.

Erin is, through the random selection lottery, #14 on the ballot on Tuesday, a lucky number on this

September 14th Election Day. Erin has been in every neighborhood in the city talking and, more importantly, listening to residents who want a better, safer, more welcoming city.

“I'm so grateful for Senator Collins's endorsement and look forward to partnering with he and his colleagues in the Boston Delegation in the Massachusetts Legislature to work collaboratively on the issues affecting the residents of Boston.”

Erin's campaign has been gathering steam all year, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilor Frank Baker and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local

718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston's go-to call at City Hall.

Erin's vision for Boston and her campaign are built on her core beliefs:

-Thriving, best-in-class public schools for every student in every neighborhood

-A friendlier city for seniors, with a more compassionate policy focus

-Stronger outreach to veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs

-Safer streets and policing across the City, prioritizing community policing

-All hands-on-deck to pull us out of the pandemic, particularly our most vulnerable

-Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bostonians.

# Jaramillo decides not to run for State Senate

Juan Pablo Jaramillo of Revere has decided not to run for State Senate seat that was recently vacated by Se. Joseph Boncore. The following is his statement:

“The First Suffolk and Middlesex District's communities of East Boston, Revere, Cambridge, and Winthrop took me and my family in when we immigrated to the United States. It's a district steeped in history and biodiversity with some of the most humble and hard working people in the Commonwealth. Over the past month, I have received innumerable calls, texts, e-mails, and even letters urging me to run for the open seat left behind, by my friend, mentor and

former boss Senator Boncore. To all those who have reached out, thank you and know that I am committed to preserving and strengthening our community because it's worth fighting for. This community deserves someone who will prioritize environmental justice so that we can preserve our beautiful coastline at Revere, Constitution, and Magazine Beaches. The front line workers in our district not only deserve a free transportation system, and affordable housing, but a healthcare system that is 100% debt free. These are the values that we are fighting for in this special election and we fought for earlier in the year, and Crystal and I

will be right there to elevate that conversation because we plan to raise our family here. This year has been a blessing for Crystal and me, from a historic state representative run, to our nuptials and more; and while we are honored that so many have reached out for us to lead this particular fight we have decided to sit and lead from within the ranks by continuing to fight for the the values that working families in our community stand for. I am excited for the conversation that will take place and look forward to supporting a candidate that will stand by the movement that you and I have built together.”







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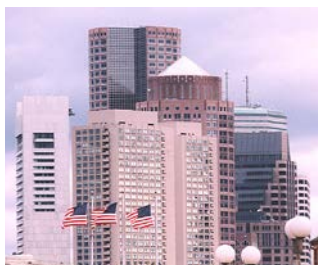
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# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### Focus on what you do

It will come back to you from others. Sometimes it won't this is why you have to be realistic in building your network of friends and relationships.

Many years ago, a prospective student called about enrolling in our school and asked, "If I enroll in this school will I get anything out of it?" I said, "If you don't put anything into it, you won't get anything out of it. If you put a lot into it, then you'll get a lot out of it." The man enrolled and went on to become a President of a college.

Growing up I remember my relatives being hard workers. Some of them raised amazing gardens, while keeping their property clean and maintained. It took work but they took pride in their homes and how they lived their lives. They put a lot into where they lived and it showed.

If you put a lot into something it shows. Your marriage, job, children, career and your life in general. School work will reflect your effort. If you put money into an Individual Retirement Account or 401k or 403b every month your wealth will eventually grow and reflect your efforts. Social Security income checks reflect years worked and how much paid into the system.

However, anyone can put a lot into something without experiencing success. Businesses, marriages and careers have come short or even failed even though people invested everything. Often there are other factors beyond our control that all the work and focus will not resolve or overcome. You can't control what other people may or may not do that impacts your life's work and ambitions.

With this said, we have to remember the principle of reaping and sowing. If you want a good garden You have to sow and care for the garden. Neglecting the garden is a sure path to failure.

Important aspects to relationships, wealth, health, career success and more are focus and investing wisely. The more you sow, the more you will reap. You can't control all of life's circumstances and influencers but you can control what you do.

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## HEY YOU -- TAKE A HIKE!

For many New Englanders, fall is their favorite season. The warm days and crisp evenings serve as the perfect midpoint between the heat and humidity of summer and the chill of winter.

When you add in the spectacular colors of the foliage throughout our region, it is no wonder that the anticipation of autumn makes us feel alive and eager to enjoy the outdoors.

We've always found that this is the best time of year to take a daytime hike in the mountains in our region, whether it be in the Berkshires or in Vermont and New Hampshire. There is something about being in the outdoors, under a canopy of brightly-colored trees with the sound of a running stream, that soothes us both physically and spiritually in a way that is altogether lacking amidst the constant noise and congestion of our lives in the city.

So we urge all of our readers to make the time for themselves and their families to travel west or north over these next few weeks and go for a hike in the mountains.

A hike, particularly during this time of COVID-19, will be a reminder that the best things in life are free.

## A SAD -- BUT PREDICTABLE -- OUTCOME

Amidst all of the big news stories during these past two weeks, perhaps the one that has grabbed the most attention from Americans of all ages involved the mysterious disappearance of 22 year-old Gabrielle Petito, the young woman who had been on a cross-country trek in a van with her 23 year-old fiance, Brian Laundrie.

When Laundrie returned home in early September without Petito, and with no explanation as to where she might be, it was obvious that Ms. Petito -- whose body was found this past Sunday in a camping area in Wyoming -- had become yet another tragic victim of domestic violence in this country.

Despite all of the strides we have made to combat domestic violence since the 1980s, the fact remains that a woman in this country is in more danger from an intimate partner than from any other source. Intimate partner violence accounts for 15% of all violent crime in the United States.

The cold, hard statistics paint a grim picture:

-- 1 in 4 women have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

-- 1 in 7 women have been stalked by an intimate partner during their lifetime.

-- The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of homicide by 500%.

-- Women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner.

That last statistic fits the profile of the relationship between Ms. Petito and Mr. Laundrie.

As this is being written, the authorities are searching for Mr. Laundrie, who disappeared early last week, according to his family.

The tragic death of Gabrielle Petito is yet another sad reminder of the pervasiveness of domestic violence in this country, a problem for which there appears to be no end in sight in our society.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you want a friend be a friend. There is never a guarantee. However, if you do not put anything into a friendship it's certain the friendship will never grow.

Keep in mind that friendships take time. The Bible says a man of too many friends will soon come to ruin," Proverbs 18:24. Why is this? Because too much time maintaining too many friends doesn't allow you the time you need to work your job, spend time with your family, do your school work, life work and take care of your business. If a person has ten or twenty friends to spend time with every week or even month, they will eventually neglect their family or careers.

The key is balance. Invest in people with your time and life and some of

## The East Boston YMCA's 5K will return in-person next month

By John Lynds

Each year in October runners would get dressed in Halloween Costumes and head down to Mary Ellen Welch Greenway to take part in the East Boston YMCA's annual "East BOOston 5K" road race and fundraiser.

However, last year the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to in-person fundraisers for many Eastie nonprofits and the Y's annual 5K was no different and was forced to be creative and take part in a virtual version of the annual event.

This week, East Boston YMCA Executive Director Joe Gaeta shared some good news and said the 7th Annual "East BOOston 5K" will return in-person to the greenway on October 17.

"The East Boston Y is holding its 7th Annual 5K in-person along Boston's beautiful Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and Piers Park waterfront," said Gaeta. "Families are encouraged to participate and wear their favorite Halloween costume. The first 200 registrations will receive a free shirt and there will be prizes given



Scenes from the last in-person "East BOOston 5K" back in 2019. After going virtual last year due to the pandemic, the annual Halloween-themed race to benefit the East Boston YMCA will return in-person.

for different age groups and best costume. Please join us for the return of this fun community event."

Gaeta said registration for the 5K is \$30 for an adult or \$15 for a youth and those interested in participating can register online or as a team at: [www.racemenu.com/east-boostony5k](http://www.racemenu.com/east-boostony5k).

"Use coupon "SAVE5" to save \$5 on an Adult Registration," he suggest-

ed.

"We are so happy that we are able to bring back our 5K this year for an in-person run/walk after taking a break by going virtual last year," added Gaeta. "Our East BOOston 5K is a community staple that avid runners and families look forward to dressing up and showing out. Each registration fee goes directly back into the East Boston community

and allows us to continue our life-sustaining work here at the East Boston Y."

The course will take runners from the entrance of the Y on Bremen Street to the beautiful Piers Park via the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway and then back to the East Boston Public Library.

"This is an all age's family event that can be done at your own leisure," said Gaeta.

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The ten Eastie residents gathered the required signatures to place a question on the ballot and it was approved by the Council.

According to state law, a non-binding public option question may be placed on the ballot for a regular municipal election by vote of the City Council with the approval of the mayor. The petition must include the signatures of at least ten registered voters of the City of Boston and deemed sufficient by the Board of Election Commissioners before a hearing takes place.

Historically, a non-binding ballot question provides information to elected officials and the public of voter sentiment on a particular issue.

Despite widespread community opposition as well as opposition from over a dozen Massachusetts elected officials the state's Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) unanimously approved Eversource's highly controversial plan to build a new substation back in February.

The substation was originally approved to

be sited at the City Yards back in 2017. The proposal voted on by the EFSB was to allow Eversource to move the proposed substation to western edge of the City Yards and further away from the American Legion Playground.

In a marathon meeting on February 25 that lasted several hours and included the adoption of several amendments to Eversource's plan such as a safety plan, flood zone management and community mitigation the board eschewed Eastie's already overburdened industrial

infrastructure and rubber stamped the plan.

Despite state Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides saying at Monday's hearing that the substation would be placed in a "heavily, heavily industrialized area within an environmental justice community that has historically suffered disproportionate environmental harms and a heavy burden of infrastructure" she still voted in favor of Eversource's plans as an EFSB board member.

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head. My mother is a retired US Air Force veteran who fought for this country. She joined during Vietnam, and left during Iraq (1991)—that was a majority of my childhood. I watched my mother put on her combat boots or put on her heels and proudly be the patriotic woman that she is. I also watched my mother come home after she retired, and try to make it and pay bills on the then minimum wage of \$5.15 an hour. That’s why she had two jobs and a part time job on the weekend. I had a job and my sister had a job. I know what it’s like to pull together to pay for those bills and every single one of us knows someone in this district in our community who is doing the same thing right now.”

While Edwards said her mom was the most influential person in her life because she taught her how to serve, it was also the area in which she grew up that taught the value of community.

“What inspired me to get into the law was the community that wrapped themselves around me—who helped my family financially and would leave money in our mailbox if we needed it anonymously, and let me know to keep going and to keep dreaming,” she said.

Edwards became a legal services attorney after graduating law school and it was then she began to roll up her sleeves and fight for social justices and equity.

“It is something to sit there and represent and fight for somebody who has nothing, who may not know their own value and have been treated with total disrespect,” she said. “That is the fighter you have in me. That is why I got into politics. I was actually fighting for domestic workers, fighting for those women who had no rights, and changing the law in that process. What I want to do is serve. I see this job as a matter of service at a different level and I know the voters will choose the level of service I’m supposed to do for this community. I love this district. I love East Boston, specifically because I became a homeowner here. I know what it’s like to rent and not have the money. I also know what it’s like to be a landlord. It’s that perspective and that pathway

that allows me to represent this district the best. We built coalitions with people who were technically supposed to be on the opposite sides (of an issue) and have them come together to create beautiful things, beautiful laws and make them all feel valued when they leave my office.”

Edwards said advocacy has defined her tenure as a Boston City Councilor.

“It is who I am,” she said. “Advocacy has been necessary to make sure that we as a community are still a neighborhood. You want to know what I’m gonna do as your Senator, look at what I’ve done for East Boston so far. The fight against the (Eversource) substation, holding Massport accountable. We need to make sure that we have a senator who is unafraid. Matter of fact, we need a Senator who is fearless. I am those things. Most importantly, you’re not interested in someone who could come up with academic ideas and a bunch of wonderful things to talk about, you want someone who can bring it home and get things done and I can do that and I have done that.”

Saturday’s kickoff was also an opportunity for Edwards to get residents to think about volunteering for her campaign. After the announcement supporters canvassed the neighborhood for Edwards.

“I will fight for you in the State House,” she said “I cannot do this campaign alone. I will need each and every single one of you. This is a grassroots campaign. Like all the other campaigns we run it takes talking to each other. It’s going to take meeting each other where we are. It’s going to take everything we got because it’s on December 14 that we will be deciding who the next senator is for the First Suffolk & Middlesex district and with your help, it will be me. With your help, it will be all of us going to the State House. This is about our future and I need you to fight for it. I need you to not only vote for it but to make the calls for it and to knock on the doors throughout the district. I am honored to serve you as your city councilor, it would be the greatest honor to serve you as your senator.”



City Councilor Lydia Edwards talks with Saritin Rizzuto Saturday in Central Square during her campaign kickoff for state senate.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards talks with Pat Capogreco and Ed Coletta during her state senate campaign kickoff.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards was introduced and endorsed by Tim Lasker, president of Local 453—the second largest union at the MBTA.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards told the crowd that as she has a city councilor she will continue to fight for all at the State House if elected.



On Saturday in Central Square, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards officially launched her campaign for the First Suffolk & Middlesex State Senate seat.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards addresses the crowd during her campaign kickoff for state senate.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards kicked off her campaign for senate Saturday in Central Square and took the opportunity to talk to friends and supporters of volunteering for her campaign.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards with her current Chief of Staff Ricardo Patron and former Chief of Staff Gabriela Coletta.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards poses with supporters and volunteers who later canvassed the neighborhood on behalf of Edwards.



# Eastie’s weekly COVID infections increase above 5 percent

By John Lynds

Last week, East Boston went over the five percent COVID positive test rate threshold that the CDC and city have used during the height of the pandemic last year to begin reconsidering the phased reopening of certain businesses, public spaces and events.

Aside from a citywide mask mandate, there has been no cutback on indoor occupancy, in-person learning or other measures to protect against the ragging Delta variant that has caused numerous breakthrough infections for vaccinated people as

well as hospitalizing the unvaccinated. In schools across Eastie and Boston, hundreds of students under the age of 12 are unvaccinated and it seems the virus is again taking a foothold once again in Eastie--a neighborhood decimated by the virus last year.

Last week, 1,715 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 5.4 percent were positive--this was a 15 percent increase from the 4.7 percent reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on September 13.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate in-

creased nearly 14 percent last week. According to the BPHC 24,016 residents were tested and 4.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13.9 percent increase from the 3.6 percent reported by the BPHC on Sept. 13.

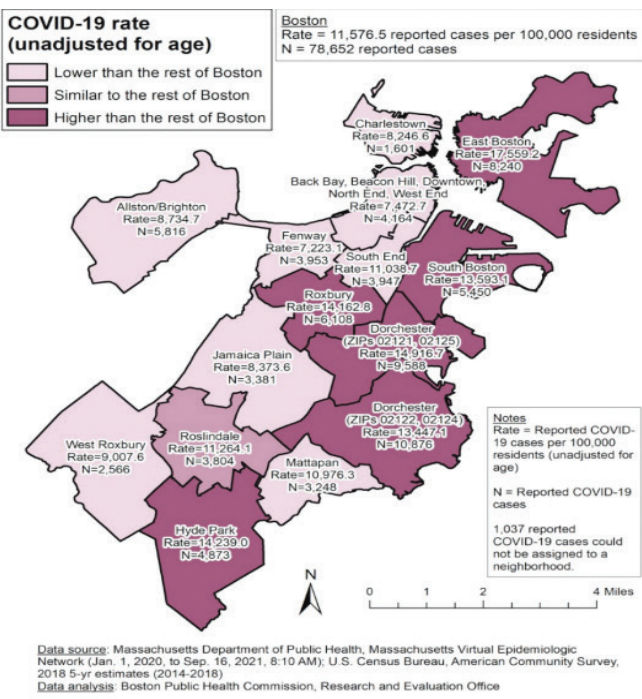
Eastie’s COVID infection rate increased 1.2 percent and the rate went from 1,734.4 cases per 10,000 residents to 1,755.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

In all 164 additional residents contracted the virus between Sept. 13 and Sept. 20 and there are now 8,240 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 2.2 percent since Sept. 13 and went from 77,549 cases to 79,268 confirmed cases in a week. There were six additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,418.



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

## CITY PAWS

# Can dogs read minds?

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The media is abuzz with articles about the research findings from a study headed by Dr. Britta Schunemann from Gottingen University, “Dogs Distinguish Human Intentional and Unintentional Action.” Some reports interpreted this as dogs having the ability to read our minds.

In our experience, dogs “read our minds” the same way we “read the minds” of the people around us. They take in our body and facial language and add what they know of our habits, moods, and previous reactions. Then they conclude what we are feeling or are about to do at a given moment.

Study authors say that determining if an action is intentional or unintentional is essential to the “Theory of Mind.” Wikipedia



Recent research used “withholding food rewards” to study dogs’ reactions. Don’t worry, this little pup did get the prize hidden in that hand.

defines this theory as “... the mental capacity to understand other people and their behavior by ascribing mental states to them.”

This ability is essential for success in everyday human social interactions. Wikipedia says it, “... is used when analyzing, judging, and inferring others’ behaviors.” This particular study suggested that dogs share our ability to differentiate between

when something is done on purpose or by accident. Just as we use food rewards to train dogs, the study used withholding rewards to study dogs’ reactions.

**Dogs Have an Advantage**

Perhaps dogs are better at this task than humans since they evolved to depend on us for their basic needs. What’s more, through years of selective

breeding, we’ve chosen and rewarded traits responsive to what we want. Then throughout our dogs’ lives, we teach them what we want and need from them by our reactions or intentional training.

For herding dogs, it is working with a shepherd to protect and herd animals. In sporting breeds, it may be pointing out prey or retrieving it. In toy breeds, it’s having the traits of a companion and friend.

Herding, guard, and sporting dogs receive training to do their jobs. Companion animals learn to please people by watching, learning, using their senses and instincts, and by the rewards the humans around them provide.

What’s more, they are great students of patterns. When you begin to gather your backpack, jacket, and keys, your dog “reads”

that you are going out. When you pick up their leash, they know they are going with you.

**We Read Dogs’ Minds Too!**

This mind-reading is a two-way street. Since dogs can’t talk to us, we use our knowledge of their body language, expressions, vocalizations, and attempts to communicate to figure out what they want or need. We have to determine if they are hungry, want to play, need to go outside, or require veterinary care.

Sometimes it is evident and cute, like when our Poppy brings a toy to us. Other times you have to work harder to figure out if your dog is in pain or what has frightened him. And, just as dogs give us leeway when something is an accident, we have to reciprocate and understand that there are times when

they, too, have unintentional accidents.

**The Best News From the Study**

The overriding conclusion of the study will give many of us relief the next time we accidentally bump into or step on a paw underfoot. Lead author Schunemann said: “The dogs in our study clearly behaved differently depending on whether the actions of a human experimenter were intentional or unintentional.” So, the next time this happens, say you’re sorry, check to see if your furry pal is okay, and understand that the dog most likely knows you didn’t do it on purpose!

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

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# Sports

## EAST BOSTON JETS IN VOLLEYBALL ACTION

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

The Jets volleyball team opened the season with a pair of wins, 3-0 over TechBoston in the season opener, and 3-2 over O'Bryant on Wednesday September 15. The Jets season continues with home games September 21 against Charlestown, September 23 with Madison Park, and Sept 24 with Snowden. All games start at 4 p.m.



GETTING LOW: Luisa Sanchez (19) goes to the floor to keep the ball alive.



EYE ON THE BALL: Captain Luisa Sanchez has her eye on the ball as she returns a volley.



MAKING THE SAVE: Brittany Elliott (17) rushes forward to make a save.



DOUBLE TEAM: Emely Cruz (24) and Jennifer Delgado (9) in play close to the net.



WATCH THE LINE: Captain Jennifer Delgado backs off as she watches an O'Bryant serve land just out of bounds.



OUCH: Sophomore Liliana Vargas (5) takes a hit on the nose as she returns a volley.



STEADY PLAY: Junior Salome Arango keeps the ball in play in front of teammate Jaden Pacitta (18)



WE'VE GOT THIS: Jennifer Delgado (9) and Liliana Vargas (5) are in position to keep the ball in play.



NET PLAY: Luisa Sanchez (19) makes a play at the net.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### SNHU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2021 PRESIDENT’S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the summer 2021 President’s List.

Full-time students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate

day students must earn 12 credits in fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 & EW2, EW3 & EW4, or EW5 & EW6.

Anapaula Perez-Gaitan of East Boston  
Jose Morales of East Boston  
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 150,000

learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as the “Most Innovative” regional university by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

### GSCA TO HOLD MONTHLY MEETING ON MONDAY

The Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA) monthly meeting will be held ONLINE (and on phone) via ZOOM. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. Registration is required. If you have not received an invitation to register or have difficulty registering or attending, please go to <https://govestreet.org/zoom>, send an email to [secretary@govestreet.org](mailto:secretary@govestreet.org) or contact (781) 951-4111.

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

- Attendance Roll Call
- Welcome & Announcements
- Boston Police Updates - Sgt Cintolo
- Office of Neighborhood Services Updates – Lina Tramelli
- Board Updates
- Presentations:
  - Update regarding the Bremen/Orleans Housing Project – Natasha Perez
  - Update regarding Cargo Ventures
- City Councilor Lydia Edwards - Candidate for State Senator
- The next Zoom meeting – Monday, October 25, 2021

### BOSTON DESIGN WEEK RETURNS FOR A SPECIAL FALL SEASON

Boston Design Week returns for a Special Fall Season until October 16, 2021, featuring 50+ in-person, virtual and outdoors events. Under the theme “Fall Into Art and Design,” this three-week design festival offers a range of programs featuring nationally known guest speakers, panel discussions, design tours, museum exhibitions and more. Boston Design Week has also invited six other art and design festivals to cross-promote their September and October events, linking website visitors to literally hundreds of other events near and far: Design Edge, Design Week Rhode Island, Atlanta Design Festival, Boston Fashion Week, Cape Ann Plein Air festival, Design Week Mexico and the Fenway Alliance’s 20th Anniversary ‘Opening Our Doors’ festival. All events are open to the public and most are free. The full calendar of events is now online at [www.BostonDesignweek.com](http://www.BostonDesignweek.com). For more information call 617-363-0405.

## News in Brief

“We want Boston Design Week to be known as a portal to all things art and design,” comments co-producer Tony Fusco. “Our Partner Events are simultaneously offering hundreds of art and design events.” Along with his partner Robert Four, Fusco & Four/Ventures has grown Boston Design Week over the past eight years, becoming an active member of World Design Weeks, an international coalition of more than 30 design festivals around the world. Boston Design Week’s mission is to increase public awareness and appreciation of all aspects of design, foster recognition of the vital role design plays in our lives, and bring new audiences to a wide array of design industries and organizations. This fall, attendees are invited to experiencing groundbreaking ideas in architecture, interior design, placemaking, plein air painting, teen programs, and to enjoy art and design tours, historic design, auction previews, galas, and more.

Boston Design Week is produced by Fusco & Four/Ventures, LLC. Contact us at: [bostondesignweek@fuscofour.com](mailto:bostondesignweek@fuscofour.com)  
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### GOLDBERG ANNOUNCES LATEST RELEASE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LISTINGS

Massachusetts State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced the latest grouping of names that have been added to the state’s list of unclaimed property owners. Over 49,000 new properties worth millions of dollars are owed to individuals and businesses throughout the Commonwealth.

“We currently hold over \$3.4 billion in unclaimed property at Treasury and it could be yours,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “One in ten Massachusetts residents are owed money. Call our office today to begin the claims process.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten savings and checking accounts, un-cashed checks, insurance policy proceeds, stocks, dividends, and the contents of unattended safe deposit boxes. Most accounts are considered abandoned and are turned over to the state after three years of inactivity. Last year, Treasury processed over 120,000 claims and

returned over \$139 million in property to its rightful owners.

This newly released list includes only individuals and businesses with unclaimed property over \$100. Treasurer Goldberg urged all citizens to check the comprehensive list for all amounts at [www.find-massmoney.com](http://www.find-massmoney.com) or call our live call center at 888-344-MASS (6277).

The full list of the new individuals and businesses added to the unclaimed property list was published in the Boston Globe on September 12th and will be published in the Herald on September 19th. In addition, the list of names will be published in regional and local papers.

The Treasury releases an updated list of unclaimed property assets every six months as the new accounts are turned over to the Commonwealth. There is no time limit for a person to claim this property and, in many cases, claimants will receive interest.

### LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES OFFERED AT 10 GREATER BOSTON RINKS

The 2021-2022 skating season is about to begin. Bay State Skating School is one of Greater Boston’s most established and popular skating programs. We have taught Learn-To-Skate classes to children ages 4-18 in the Greater Boston area for over 50 years.

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Professional Instructors teach Recreational, Figure and Hockey Skating Skills to the beginner, intermediate and advanced skaters. Students can wear either figure, recreational or hockey skates.

New FALL lessons begin September, October and November. Lessons are held at 10 Greater Boston Rink locations including: Brookline-Cleveland Circle, Cambridge, Medford, Newton-Brignton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, West Roxbury, and Weymouth.

Our emphasis is on having fun while learning to skate. We have taught over 90,000 students to ice skate. Come skate and feel great!

For more information and to registration, visit [www.BayStateSkating-School.org](http://www.BayStateSkating-School.org) or call Bay State Skating School (781) 890-8480.

## Real Estate Transfers

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Macinnes, Mary L	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #402	\$1,339,900
Jaysing, Elsa R	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #407	\$445,100
Gazis, Jack F	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #409	\$703,363
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Daume, Samuel D	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #425	\$1,442,839
Kovacevie, Mary	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #506	\$869,900
Scanlan, Lily	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #507	\$449,900
Goldsmith, Megan S	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #510	\$783,000
Jarus, Thomas R	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #515	\$844,900
Sorkin, Steven	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #525	\$1,413,900
Zhao, Eric	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #602	\$1,520,000
Fan, Wei	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #607	\$479,900
Kirpalani, Pranay R	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #608	\$509,900
Jose Carlos 2019 IRT	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #619	\$809,000
Allaire, Joseph E	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #623	\$680,900
Braunestein, Bradley	Div Sumner Street LLC	99-111 Sumner St #209	\$563,325
Joughin, Tram	Div Sumner Street LLC	99-111 Sumner St #606	\$875,000
Tilford, Michael S	143 Trenton St LLC	143 Trenton St #1	\$485,000
Roper, Zachary J	Walley 19 LLC	11 Walley St #104	\$470,000
Hill, Jenna Y	Walley 19 LLC	11-19 Walley St #204	\$495,000
Tierney, Evan M	Mercer, Cynthia S	218 Webster St	\$1,500,000
Trichilo Development LLC	Forina, Cynthia M	106 Bremen St	\$735,000
Victoria Capital LLC	Capone RT	152 Chelsea St	\$1,650,000
Victoria Capital LLC	Capone RT	154 Chelsea St	\$1,650,000
Nguyen, Long	Evergreen Equities LLC	74 Eutaw St	\$525,000
Raveendran, Yoshnee	10 Everett Dev LLC	10 Everett St #205	\$745,000
Larson, Roman M	10 Everett Dev LLC	10-16 Everett St #404	\$755,000
Mayer, Tyler R	216 Havre Street LLC	216 Havre St #2	\$649,000
Baribeau, Joshua R	216 Havre Street LLC	216 Havre St #3	\$680,000
Fraser, Michelle	Monahan, Scott	59 Horace St	\$593,000
Serrato, Veronica	287 Maverick LLC	287 Maverick St #401	\$799,000
Martinez, Jose	287 Maverick LLC	287 Maverick St #507	\$585,000
Ledezma, Cesqar	Deamelio, Lisa M	37 Montmorenci Ave	\$905,000
Batra, Neelesh	Jenkins, Eddie	156 Porter St #137	\$510,000
Haiser, Henry	57 Saratoga Street LLC	57 Saratoga St	\$735,000
Chopra, Amit	Div Sumner Street LLC	99 Sumner St #313	\$509,900
Coons, Samuel F	Perkins, Kristopher	207 Webster St	\$1,325,000

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Date of Death: 02/18/2021

A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Bryan A. Portillo of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.  
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# Three Eastie students receive City of Boston scholarships

By John Lynds

Last week, Acting Mayor Kim Janey announced the City of Boston Scholarship Committee awarded three East Boston students up to \$10,000 in scholarships to help fund their higher education.

Eastie’s Cristina Vasquez who is attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Paola Ruiz who is attending Tufts University and Gabriela Ramirez who is attending Boston Univer-

sity were among the 19 scholars to share in nearly \$240,000 in scholarships this year, making college more accessible for Boston residents.

“I’m thrilled to award these deserving students with the financial tools for success,” said Janey. “Education is key to a bright, equitable future for Boston’s residents and the City as a whole, and no one should be barred from pursuing higher education because of cost. I know this year’s recipients

will represent Boston in a positive light for years to come.”

The City of Boston Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 to provide assistance to residents who plan to pursue a two- or four-year undergraduate program in Massachusetts. Applicants must be residents of Boston and must have graduated from high school by the time the students are selected for the scholarship program in June.

While 12 of the scholars

are high school seniors the three Eastie students are among the six scholars already in college.

The City of Boston Scholarship Committee has awarded over 1,000 students scholarships since 1995. This year, the Scholarship Fund celebrated the nineteenth year of an endowed scholarship donated by the Rosen Family in memory of Jeffrey Dunipace Rosen. The Fund celebrated the sixth year of the Community Development Scholarship, es-

tablished in remembrance of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, and a Community Spirit Scholarship in memory of former public servant and City of Boston Scholarship awardee, Dawn Jaffier.

Janey said funds for the scholarships are made possible from contributions made by residents and corporations. This year’s scholarships were supported by generous donations from Arbella Insurance Foundation, Jonathan and Margot Davis, Har-

vard Pilgrim Health Care, Herb Chambers Foundation, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Lewis Family Foundation, Santander, and Rapid7 as part of their ongoing commitment to Boston’s students.

Residents who fit the criteria are encouraged to participate in the next application process, which will begin in early 2022. For more information on the City of Boston Scholarship send an email to [cobscholarship@boston.gov](mailto:cobscholarship@boston.gov).

# Tall Ship bouncers arrested on assault and battery charges

By John Lynds

Last Monday, Mass State Police arrested two bouncers at the popular Tall Ship concept bar and patio along the Eastie waterfront for allegedly assaulting two nurses that were drinking at the establishment.

State Police arrested David Ortega, 38, of Tewksbury and Mario Reyes, 28, of Chelsea were arrested for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a shod foot. Ortega was arraigned and released on personal recognizance while was held on \$250 bail because of an outstanding warrant for leaving the scene of personal injury.

Police were called down to the Tall Ship a little after 8 p.m. last Monday night to assess injuries sustained by a 23-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman that alleged they were attacked by the two

bouncers.

The two were taken to Mass General by Boston EMS for evaluation after the incident

One victim, who works as a nurse at Brigham and Women’s Faulkner Hospital, told Boston media after the incident that she and her colleague were at the Tall Ship having drinks when they were asked to leave.

She said bar staff accused her of being drunk after she tripped on a mat. She and her male colleague began to leave the bar and after words were exchanged security ran after the two and accused them of yelling at people to not go into the Tall Ship.

The two accused the two bouncers that were later arrested and charged of kicking the female nurse’s legs out from under her and then sucker punching the male nurse. The two then said they were set upon by the bouncers and

kicked, with the male being kicked in the legs and head.

The female nurse suffered multiple bruises while the male nurse suffered from an apparent concussion.

In a statement to the media, the Tall Ship said staff asked the group of nurses to leave the property because they were acting rowdy. The establishment also stated that the nurses refused to leave after they were escorted out and accused them of heckling customers as they were leaving.

“After complaints from our customers our manager approached the group again and politely asked them to leave,” read the statement. “At that time one of the members of the group attacked our security staff. We have video evidence that supports these events that we have turned over to the police and we are working with them in

their investigation.”

However, some in the community are not impressed by the new waterfront bar that opened earlier this summer and there have been more and more complaints about the establishment from Jeffries Point residents and business owners.

“I wish they’d just shut the stupid thing down,” said resident Jeff Robinson. “It’s fun, yeah, but not worth the problems it continues to bring to our community. I’m over it.”

As complaints grew, City Councilor Lydia Edwards recently held a meeting with the owner, Charlie Larner, to address some of the complaints from the community.

“We had a meeting with (the owner) late last week,” Edwards’s Chief of Staff Ricardo Patron confirmed. The meeting with Edwards was followed by an update to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood As-

sociation by Larner.

Members of the JPNA sent Larner a letter stating that while the Tall Ship is undeniably popular, there is a significant impact on the neighborhood.

“The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association board has received a number of complaints,” the group wrote in an email to Larner. “We’d like to share these complaints with you and ask that you work to mitigate the impact of your operations.”

Complaints included traffic and parking, after hours noise and litter.

“Neighbors have complained about loud music late at night on weeknights, and people shouting late at night,” the JPNA members wrote. “In addition, we have received complaints about the noise from the on-site electrical equipment which runs all night.”

In response Larner told

JPNA members to help mitigate traffic issues he has hired details from Massport Police and Mass State Police.

“We have two details from one of the units from Thursday - Sunday,” he said. “They have been doing a great job with helping to mitigate the traffic along E Pier Drive.”

As far as after hours noise Larner said his team is willing to have a limit that is below the required 70 dbs and are meeting with Roseland to take decibel readings from balconies on their building.

“It’s the closest building to the venue and we want to work with the community to find a level that is appropriate for residents,” he said. “However, we also understand that what is the legal limit might not be the practical level.”

# Rockland Trust, Metro Credit Union partner in community-minded agreement to preserve jobs

Independent Bank Corp. (Nasdaq Global Select Market: INDB), parent of Rockland Trust Company, and Metro Credit Union announced an agreement whereby Metro Credit Union will acquire four of the East Boston Savings Bank branch locations that Rockland Trust previously announced would be closing following the Bank’s impending acquisition of East Boston Savings Bank. The mutually beneficial transaction will enable further retention of jobs for former East Boston Savings Bank employees and will enable Metro Credit Union to expand

as Massachusetts’ largest state-charted credit union.

With this transaction, Metro will acquire four physical branch locations and the employees working within them, enabling Metro to open two new locations at 960 Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester and 1985 Centre Street in West Roxbury and relocate two existing branch locations in Burlington and Melrose to 50 Summit Drive and 108 Main Street, respectively.

The four locations are scheduled to open as Metro branches in early 2022. The closing of the four branches by Rockland

Trust and the opening of the four new branches by Metro is subject to receipt of customary regulatory approvals. The sale transaction between Rockland Trust and Metro is structured as an assignment of the applicable leases and is limited to the physical branch facilities, as Rockland Trust intends to maintain the existing customer relationships.

As part of the agreement, Rockland Trust and Metro Credit Union agreed that employees working within those branches at the time of the East Boston Savings Bank acquisition will be extended job

offers with Metro, subject to a background check. Additionally, branch employees at these locations will receive a generous severance package from Rockland Trust during the bridging period.

“We approached this branch sale with the priority of securing as many jobs as possible, while minimizing the disruption to the neighborhoods around these branches,” said Robert Cozzone, Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President of Consumer and Business Banking at Rockland Trust. “We share and appreciate Met-

ro’s high level of commitment to customers and employees, and we’re grateful this agreement will benefit the communities we serve.”

In addition to these four locations, Metro plans to open two additional new offices in the fall of 2021 – a new location on Main Street in Reading, and a second Peabody location on Andover Street. In total, Metro plans to open six new locations over the next six months, bringing its branch network to 18 locations.

“Metro has stayed strong and not wavered over the past year. In do-

ing so, we have been able to maintain and build upon our strong foundation,” said Robert Cashman, President & CEO, Metro Credit Union. “With these new locations, Metro will serve the needs of local neighborhoods in terms of banking options, while also offering jobs and supporting communities. Each new branch is a terrific opportunity on many levels for everyone involved. We’re excited to welcome to the Metro family, new members and employees at these locations.”

# MDAR announces the opening of the Massachusetts State Exposition Building for the 2021 “Big E” Fair

In collaboration with the Eastern States Exposition, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) announced the annual opening of the Massachusetts State Exposition Building during the “Big E” fair. This year, the 2021 “Big E” Fair will through Sunday, October 3, 2021. The Massachusetts State Exposition Building is one of six original statehouse replicas representing each of the New England states that are located on the Eastern States Exposition fairgrounds’ “Avenue of States.” The mission of the Massachusetts building is to showcase Massachu-

setts agriculture, culture, commerce, and tourism through informational, educational, promotional, and retail exhibits. Additionally, in 2019, the Massachusetts States Exposition Building celebrated its 100-year anniversary.

“Following a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are especially excited to celebrate the Big E fair and showcase much of what makes the Commonwealth so special,” said Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux. “Importantly, the public will be able to visit the Massachusetts Building, which is open

for business and happy to provide everyone with a sampling of Massachusetts’ agriculture, culture, tourism and commerce sectors.”

Attendees of the 2021 “Big E” fair can visit over 30 vendors including small business owners, agricultural commodity groups, commercial vendors, and state organizations located within the Massachusetts Building. Visitors can also expect to find a wide variety of products, including clam chowder, apples, Finnish pancakes, honey, chili, fruit, maple syrup, candles, soaps, chocolate, jewelry, photography, dips, lobster rolls, kettle corn,

smoothies, sandwiches, ice cream, and more.

“We are delighted to welcome back The Big E, New England’s premier agricultural fair since 1919,” said Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Executive Director Keiko Orrall. “As the largest event of its kind on

the East Coast, this iconic event attracts a strong drive-market of visitors from the New England and Mid-Atlantic states in particular. The Big E provides a tangible economic boost to our tourism industry and gives visitors yet another reason to visit Massachusetts.”

Special days for the Massachusetts Building will include Military Day on Friday, September 17, 2021, Massachusetts Day on Thursday, September 23, 2021, and Harvest New England Day on Friday, October 1, 2021.

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# Massachusetts unemployment and job estimates for August

The state’s August total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.0 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 2,600 jobs in August. This follows last month’s revised gain of 41,600 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Construction and Other Services. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 147,200 jobs.

From August 2020 to August 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 184,700 jobs. Gains occurred in all sectors, except for Government, led by Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Trade, Transportation and Utili-

ties.

The August unemployment rate was 0.2 percentage point below the national rate of 5.2 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 7,900 from 3,701,600 in July, as 2,900 more residents were employed and 5,000 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 4.3 percentage points.

The state’s labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was up 0.1 percentage point at 65.7 percent. Compared to August 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 1.7 percentage points.

August 2021 Employ-

ment Overview

Government gained 3,800 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 700 (-0.2%) jobs were lost.

Construction gained 1,500 (+0.9%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 13,300 (+8.6%) jobs were added.

Other Services gained 1,300 (+1.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,200 (+8.7%) jobs were added.

Leisure and Hospitality gained 400 (+0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 62,500 (+26.2%) jobs were added.

Education and Health Services lost 200 jobs (-0.0%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 10,800 (+1.4%) jobs were added.

Manufacturing lost 300 (-0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,100 jobs (+4.0%) jobs were added.

Trade, Transportation and Utilities lost 800 (-0.1%) over the month. Over the year, 32,900 (+6.3%) jobs were added.

Professional and Business Services lost 800 (-0.1%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 38,700 (+6.8%) jobs were added.

Financial Activities lost 1,100 (-0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 2,400 (+1.1%) jobs were added.

Information lost 1,200 (-1.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 6,500 (+7.6%) jobs were added.

Labor Force Overview

The August estimates show 3,524,000 Massachusetts residents were employed and 185,400 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,709,400. The unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.0 percent. Over

the month, the August labor force was up by 7,900 from 3,701,600 in July, with 2,900 more residents employed and 5,000 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 65.7 percent. The labor force was up 95,000 from the 3,614,400 August 2020 estimate, as 246,400 more residents were employed and 151,400 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

NOTES:

The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for August 2021 will be released on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. The preliminary September 2021 and revised August 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, October 22, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

Detailed labor market information is available at [www.mass.gov/lmi](http://www.mass.gov/lmi).

## OBITUARIES

### Lucy McGrath

Of Revere, formerly of Chelsea

Lucy J. (Curcio) McGrath of Revere, formerly of Chelsea, passed away peacefully on September 12 at the age of 87.

The beloved wife of the late John McGrath, she was the dear sister of Henrietta Iebba of Chelsea and the late Angelina Antczak, Edward Curcio, Enrico Curcio, Anthony Curcio, Mary Testa and Robert Curcio and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews as well as her two cherished canines, Muggsy and Mikey.

Funeral arrangements were by the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston and services concluded with Mrs. McGrath



being laid to rest with her beloved husband at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden.

In accordance with the City of Boston Five-Point Plan for the Delta Variant of COVID-19, face masks are required at all times when indoors.

To leave an online condolence please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## State health officials announce seventh human case of WNV

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced an additional case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. WNV infection was identified in a woman in her 30s who was exposed to WNV in Bristol County. This is the seventh human case of WNV this year.

Previously, since September 1, DPH has announced six human cases and one animal case of WNV in Massachusetts. Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Brookline and Suffolk counties are at high risk and forty-nine communities are at moderate risk. Based on mosquito findings and the new human case, eleven additional communities are being raised to moderate risk. Those communities are: Fall River and Seekonk in Bristol County; North Andover in Essex County; Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax, and Plympton in Plymouth County; and Blackstone, Hopedale, Milford, and Millville in Worcester County. As overnight temperatures get cooler, mosquito activity right around dusk and dawn may be more intense.

“This is our first West Nile virus case this year in someone under the age

of 50,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “This is a reminder that although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. Risk from West Nile virus will continue until the first hard frost and people should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors.”

In 2020, there were five human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts.

WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home

Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of

your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources’ (MDAR) Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at [www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTick](http://www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTick) or by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

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## City Council approves expansion of parental leave policy by Edwards

The Boston City Council has approved an expansion of the city’s parental leave policy originally filed by Councilor Lydia Edwards and co-sponsored by Councilors Michelle Wu and Anissa Essaibi-George. Under the new ordinance, city employees can now take 12 weeks of parental leave and the policy now applies to all loss of pregnancy as well as those welcoming a new family member or acting as a caregiver.

“I’m proud to have led the effort to modernize the city’s parental leave policy,” said Councilor Edwards. “These updates help make the city a more compassionate and understanding employer. These changes are long overdue and will allow city em-

ployees and their families to take the time they need to care for a new member of their family or grieve the loss of a pregnancy.”

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley praised the move in a statement.

“Pregnancy loss should be met with care, compassion, support, and paid leave, but far too many families suffer in silence due to the lack of awareness and cultural stigma—including those in the Massachusetts 7th,” said Congresswoman Pressley. “As we continue to make progress at the federal level to establish a universal paid leave program that supports families nationwide, I’m thrilled to see the Boston City Council lead on this issue locally. I am deeply grateful to

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# Tina Hinojosa Lauria Memorial Yoga Fundraiser at Della Russo Stadium

By Cary Shuman

Family and friends participated in the Tina Hinojosa Lauria Memorial Yoga Fundraiser Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium in Revere.

Tina died unexpectedly on Aug. 13, 2021. She was the former owner of the yoga studio, Yoga Lounge, Winthrop. Her passion was yoga.

Tina’s brother, Revere Parks and Recreation Director Michael Hinojosa, thanked the many yoga enthusiasts for their participation in the event in honor of his sister and for their support of NamaStay Sober.

“I just want to say thank you – the outpouring has been unbelievable over the last few weeks,” Michael said to the large gathering. “I have no words. It’s just been really important to me and my family – the hugs. I’m going to turn it over

NamaStay Sober, something that my sister was a big part of. Thank you for coming here today. Enjoy a little yoga, and I hope we get to do this every year multiple times a year. To look out in the audience and have 150-plus people doing yoga, it’s amazing. Thank you very much. I appreciate it very much,” concluded Michael.

Gia Santaniello, best friend of Tina’s daughter, Kayla, paid tribute to Tina Hinojosa Lauria, stating, “Tina was one of the purest people and the purest souls. She truly did offer everyone nothing but forgiveness and peace. She was a really, amazing person who overcame so much to get to this point. Being Kayla’s best friend, I see Tina radiating through her all of the time, and Kayla carries her spirit with her, which is really beautiful.”



Ally Hinojosa, Michael Hinojosa, Kayla Parlante, David Vendetti, Stefanie Finocchio, Nicolette Longo, and Matt Parlante



Firefighter Matt Parlante, Michael Hinojosa, and Fire Capt. Kevin O'Hara, president of Local 926 Revere Firefighters Union.



Andrew Lauria and Jack DeSantis.



Andrea Lauria and Gia Santaniello.



Daveen Arrigo, wife of Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, participated in the Tina Hinojosa Lauria Memorial Yoga Fundraiser Saturday at Della Russo Stadium.



Yoga instructor Stefanie Finocchio leads a class at the Tina Hinojosa Lauria Memorial Fundraiser Saturday at Harry Della Russo Stadium.



Alison Nagy, Allison Derrico, Michael Hinojosa, Adriana Borriello, Jen Novia, and Jen Duggan.



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