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## P-EBT comes to an end for **Eastie families**

By John Lynds

To address the fallout from the pandemic and economic downturn that increased unemployment and food insecurity locally the feds and the state extended the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program that was launched at the height of the pandemic.

P-EBT is a federal program that is jointly administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). P-EBT promotes increased food security for East Boston families whose children receive free or reduced-price school meals through the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program (NSLP). During the COVID-19 pandemic the program covered the cost of school meals for students in remote or hybrid learning environments.

The recent American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allowed states to continue providing P-EBT for families through summer

All Eastie students who received P-EBT during the height of the pandemic received a total of \$375 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$187.50 over the summer. However, Eastie fam-

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# **East Boston Early Education Center** cuts ribbon on new playground

By John Lynds

On Thursday students and staff from the East Boston Early Education Center (EBEEC) on Gove Street joined Boston Public School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius, Rep. Adrian Madaro and City Councilor Lydia Edwards to cut the ribbon on the school's newly created playground.

EBEEC Principal Rhiannon Varmette said getting the playground de-

signed, funded and built was a true community effort that included parent partners, BPS, the city and, most importantly, the vision of EBEEC students.

"Our students worked to tell us what they wanted," said Varmette. "They held onto what they wanted for a playground here."

The new playground includes brand new play structures, musical devices and areas for students to climb and explore the new outdoor classroom.

The ribbon cutting also celebrated the completion of two murals created over the summer by East Boston HarborArts Sea Walls Boston.

"When I saw them (the murals) for the first time over the summer they had just been finished a few days before," said Varmette. "Just to see these beautiful colors and this playground space filled with art and music for students and kids all over the

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# Janey erases Columbus Day in Boston

By John Lynds

With one swoop of her pen Acting Mayor Kim Janey erased a holiday that local Italians in Boston have been celebrating for generations.

By executive order last week, Janey established Monday, October 11, and every second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Boston.

However, while some applaud the move and agree there should be a day honoring Indigenous People, some said taking a holiday away from one culture and giving it to another only divides the city further. Given that it was done by executive order has only fueled frustration with Janey's move

because many of Boston's Italian American community were caught by surprise ahead of the holiday.

"Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates the rich cultural legacies of our Indigenous communities while also declaring Boston is ready to work with our neighbors to create a more just future," said Janey. "With Boston's long history comes an opportunity and obligation to acknowledge the difficult parts of our past and dedicate ourselves to fostering a more equitable City. Observing Indigenous Peoples Day is about replacing the colonial myths passed down from generation to gener-

ation with the true history See COLUMBUS DAY Page 2

# Tree Eastie announces planting programs to increase East Boston's Tree Canopy

By John Lynds

East Boston is about to get greener and cleaner thanks to local environmental group Tree Eastie. For a couple of years now Tree Eastie has been trying to rekindle the neighborhood's grassroots effort to get more trees planted in

With funding provided by the East Boston Foundation, Mass DCR and BPDA, Tree Eastie is launching several programs this fall to improve Eastie's tree canopy which, at 8 percent, is the lowest in the City of Bos-

Tree Eastie's Bill Masterson said this week that after a year of negotiation, the City of Boston and Tree Eastie have entered into an agreement allowing Tree Eastie to plant street trees in some of the neighborhood's

empty tree wells. The group has prioritized planting in densely populated areas with heat islands, and has identified

# EBHS's 7-12 model so far a success

By John Lynds

Last vear, Boston Public School (BPS) decided to expand East Boston High School from a 9-12 model to a 7-12 model by adding a 7th grade class for the 2021/2022 school

The 8th grade will remain vacant for now but next year the current 7th grade will move up to 8th grade and a new 7th grade class will enter the school making EBHS a full fledged 7-12 model.

The current 7th grade class at East Boston High School is historic in two ways.

First, the class is the first ever 7th grade class at the school.

Second, the class will become the first ever 8th grade class in EBHS's his-

"This is what I told the class on the first day



graders at EBHS last Thursday during a tour of the school's new 7th grade.

of school," said EBHS Headmaster Phil Brangiforte. "When I met them I told them they are making history and it was the first time in the history of EBHS that we've had seventh graders and then next

year it'll be the first time in history that there's going to be eighth grade so this current class is making history twice at the school. It definitely clicks with them because we have a rich history at the

school and this class is going to be part of the history

of this school." Last week Bragiforte and his staff got the chance to give BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and Assistant BPS Superintendent Tommy Welch a

tour of the new 7th grade. Cassellius and Welch spent last Thursday meeting with students in their classrooms, talking with teachers and getting a first hand look at the curriculum at the new 7th grade class.

"It's been excellent," said Brangiforte, who pushed for EBHS to become a 7-12 school after dwindling enrollment. "There were some minor, minor kinks that we know we worked out but nothing major."

Brangiforte said 100 percent of the 110 seventh grade students now at the

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Brenda Henriquez and her family were some of the first Eastie residents to help plant a new tree in an empty tree pit outside their home on East Eagle Street.



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# Husband and father of two dies at Eastie construction site

The man who died working on the Grace Apartments project on Sumner Street has been identified as Fernando Augusto Rafael Da Silva, a husband and father of two.

Da Silva, a Brazilian national who had been living in the US for the past three years, died last Wednesday after falling down a six-story stairwell shaft at the construction site. He was working the Woburn-based Evolution Iron Works when the acci-

dent occured. Da Silva's death is under investigation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety & Health (MassCOSH) and Suffolk District Attorney Rachael Rollins office.

Evolution was a subcontractor for Rhode Island based New England Construction and contracted by the East Boston Community Development Corporation (EBCDC) to build 42 units of afford-

able senior housing at 187 Sumner St. The city and EBCDC broke ground on the Grace Apartments in December 2020.

"A loss of life affects us all. We have been in business for nearly four decades and this was the first time we have experienced such a loss," said President and CEO of New England Construction in a statement. "We will re-review our safety protocols and policies, and continue to make health and safety a priority."

MassCOSH in a statement said, "The death of a construction worker in East Boston is a tragic reminder of how dangerous the construction industry can be and that employers must take every precaution to protect workers from numerous hazards on the job, especially falls."

According to the Mass-COSH report, Dying for Work in Massachusetts in 2020, construction was the second most hazardous industry for workers with construction deaths accounting for 18 percent of the 45 workers fatally

injured on the job, even though many construction sites were fully shut down for months as a pandemic

"Our thoughts are with his family, friends and the larger East Boston worker community during this incredibly difficult time," said MassCOSH Director of Policy and Programs Al Vega. "With falls being an all-too-common way in which workers are severely injured or killed, it is urgent for all employers to keep their employees who work at heights at all worksites safe by always using fall prevention systems that have proven to stem needless loss of life on the job."

A GoFundMe page was launched last Thursday by Da Silva's wife, Angela. Angela is asking for donations so Da Silva's body can be transported back to Brazil for burial.

The page can be foound https://www.gofundme.com/f/fazer-traslado-do-corpo-para-brasil and has rasied \$21,020 as of Tuesday.

## Columbus Day // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

of the land upon which our nation was founded."

President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day a one-time celebration in 1892 after 11 Italian Americans were killed by a mob in New Orleans in what became the largest single mass lynchings in American history.

Since the early 1900s, many Italian-Americans in Boston and across the country observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage and not of Columbus himself.

Now, Boston Italians, which make up roughly 10 percent of the city's population, wish there was more transparency and discussion on the issue ahead of Janey's executive

"You want to rename it fine but to take the holiday from Italian Americans and give it to another group completely is wrong," said Derek Taft. "We were given the holiday as an apology for a horrible act against us, which is the reason they wanted this name changed in the first place because of horrors done to indigenous people. It should be renamed for another important Italian person or just Italian American day.

Should indigenous people have a Day? Yes. Should it be our day? No. (Indigenous Peoples) should have a day or a month to celebrate their heritage because of the beautiful culture but this just isn't the right course of action."

While comparing the trials and tribulations of one ethnic group to another and the experience of each group in American history is never easy, some local Italains feel it is important to note that their ancestors did not have an easy go at it when arriving in the US enmass in the early 20th century.

Numerous studies and reports show Italians were stereotyped as criminals and discriminated against by the police, the courts, schoolteachers, college admissions officers, and Boston's Irish political bosses who had the power to distribute jobs and

In 1964, when Francis X. Bellotti ran against Endicott Peabody in the primary race for governor, South Boston residents pelted Bellotti with beer cans and shouted ethnic slurs at that year's Columbus Day Parade.

As late as 2003, when Eastie's Robert Travaglini became Senate President

Boston Herald columnist Howie Carr opined that it was like "handing the keys to the State House to Tony Soprano" suggesting he was some sort of mob thug just because of his Italian upbringing.

With that said, Boston joins over two dozen Massachusetts cities and towns in recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day, a movement that has garnered allies within the Italian American community.

"The membership of Italian Americans for Indigenous Peoples Day is thrilled that Boston Mayor Kim Janey has listened to the voices of Indigenous people and taken this important step toward truth and justice," said Heather Leavell, one of five co-founders of the Italian Americans for Indigenous Peoples Day. "By establishing Indigenous Peoples Day, Boston will honor the histories, cultures, and resilience of the First Peoples of this land - those who were here long before our ancestors arrived on these shores and are still here today. We welcome the opportunities this holiday will bring us to move forward together in healing and reconciliation."

# Suspect arrested in connection with August Greenway attack The incident put an ob-

By John Lynds

A Boston man was arrested last week for attacking a woman who was jogging on the Mary-Ellen Welsh Greenway in East Boston at the end of Au-

On Wednesday, October 6 Detectives Assigned to District A-7 police station in Eastie arrested Oscar Umana-Tejeda, 26, of Boston, for Aggravated Assault and Battery Dangerous Weapon Umana-Tejada was arrested at 69 Paris Street East Boston and arraigned at East Boston District Court.

The incident occurred on Friday, August 20 when an Eastie woman was innocently jogging through the Greenway when she was attacked and slashed by an unknown assailant, later identified as Umana-Tejada.

The frightening attack occurred just before 10:30 a.m. near the Maverick Street portion of the neighborhood park.

Responding officers were met by the female victim who told police that an unidentified male approached her as she was jogging and attempted to stab her. The victim suffered minor lacerations from the attack.

vious scare into women that frequently jog, walk, bike or rollerblade the gre-"This is scary. I jog here

almost every day," said local jogger Cristal Diaz after the attack. "Now I'm scared. I guess I have to carry protection now."

After Umana-Tejada's arrest police again released tips to ensure the public's safety, especially those who jog alone in the neighborhood.

These tips include:

- Always be aware of your surroundings, especially at night.
- When parking, walk ing or returning to your car, travel in well-lit and populated areas.
- Wear sneakers or shoes that allow for added mobility.
- Be watchful and aware. Keep your head up. Make quick eye contact with those around you and be observant of passing vehicles. Don't become distracted by talking on a cell phone or listening to an iPod/similar device.
- · Avoid walking alone late at night. Walk with friends and people you
- Keep a whistle within reach. If threatened, use the whistle to signal

- residents for help. Yelling "Fire!" "Help!" or "Rape!" are ways of drawing attention and alerting people of your situation.
- Hold your car keys in your hand to use as a weapon against an attack-
- Carry a cell phone and call ahead to your destination to alert them that you're on the way. Make sure you're expected at a certain time, so in the event you fail to show up, those expecting you will know enough to begin looking for you.
- Walk with confidence. Don't let anyone violate your space. Trust your instincts. Anyone at any time can be a victim of crime so never assume, "it will never happen to me."
- If an unarmed attacker confronts you, believe in your ability to defend, distract, or even incapacitate the attacker enough to
- If you think that someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk towards an open store, restaurant or residence.

Community members wishing to assist this investigation anonymously can do so by calling the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 1 (800) 494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463). The **Boston Police Department** will stringently guard and protect the identities of all those who wish to assist this investigation in an anonymous manner.

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# will be planted from Octo-

12 initial sites on Eagle Hill. The first dozen trees ber 16-18, with additional trees to be planted in 2022.

This marks the first time the city has allowed a "friends" group to plant street trees.

"We have worked hard to build our credibility with the city and have developed a strong mutually beneficial relationship with Boston Parks and Recreation," said Master-

Residents can volunteer to dig holes or plant trees by reaching out to astie@gmail.com.

Tree Eastie will also be planting nine new fruit trees at The Rockies Urban Wild during October. Each year the fall harvest will be distributed throughout the neighborhood in partnership with Eastie Farm. "Trees are a miracle solution to many problems from urban heat island effect to poor air quality to climate change," said Eastie Farm Director Kannan Thiruvengadam. "When we all plant or adopt a tree, together we create a safe, green, clean, and healthy community for ourselves. Eastie Farm is proud to be working with Tree Eastie on this worthy campaign."

Last summer Tree Eastie partnered with Eastie Farm to bring rain barrels to Eastie residents. Some of the barrels sold to residents at a discounted price were used by those who adopted a tree through Tree Eastie's Adopt-a-Tree program, developed in conjunction with Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Speak for the Trees. New trees require 20 gallons of water per week to ensure they survive the first two years.

Funds collected from rain barrel purchase were

Trees // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 used to fund future environmental programs in Eastie, like planting more trees in the community. Recently, hang tags with QR codes were placed on all recently planted trees, allowing residents to link to a site where they can sign up to water a tree in their neighborhood. So far, more than 50 Eastie residents have adopted over 75 street trees.

Another focus of the group this fall and winter will be to work more closely with developers to ensure trees are incorporated into their plans as well as to better educate residents on the benefits provided by trees. Noise and air pollution from Logan Airport have long plagued East Boston residents. Posing additional threats are increased traffic and storm surges. Trees serve as natural mitigation by filtering the air, absorbing sound and soaking up

storm water. A few years back, Tree Eastie received a grant of \$10,000 to plant more trees in Eastie and also partnered with East Boston's Neighborhood of Affordable Housing's (NOAH) youth on their tree canopy project.

Tree Eastie and NOAH worked in cooperation to document open tree pits, care for street trees, and get new trees planted in the neighborhood.

The NOAH youth define the tree canopy as street trees or trees that line the sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. The youth have been working to gather information and data on the tree canopy and now are starting to plant these new trees throughout Eastie. Using Google Earth

the NOAH Youth mapped and marked every tree in the neighborhood. They

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counted the number of trees per street and calculated how many trees could possibly fit on any given street. Studies show that ideally for a good urban tree canopy there is a tree every 20 to 25 feet.

The NOAH youth found there were 1,924 trees in Eastie and over 300,000 linear feet of sidewalk space. On average there is a tree every 167 feet. If a tree was planted every 25 feet Eastie could have over 12,500 trees.

An example the NOAH youth point to is a 4,980 foot stretch of Maverick Street from the Maverick Gate near the airport to Maverick Square. The problem there is that there are only 17 trees, or nine percent of the possible 199 trees that could potentially line the street.

"This program is more important than ever," said City of Boston Tree Warden Max Ford-Diamond. "Boston had two heat waves this summer, so the youngest and most vulnerable trees really needed that extra water and care to reach maturity and provide much needed shade to residents." Newly planted trees need about 20 gallons of water a week to survive and thrive, even more during summertime droughts.

The Adopt-a-Tree Program was piloted in East Boston and will eventually be rolled out to other neighborhoods based on its success. Anyone interested in adopting a tree can go to map.treeboston. org to find a map of street trees to adopt in their neighborhood. Residents interested in

caring for East Boston's tree canopy are encouraged to join Tree Eastie or sign up for the group's newsletter by emailing treeeastie@gmail.com.



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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

# Congressman Lynch endorses Murphy for Boston City Council At-Large

Rep. Stephen U.S. Lynch, whose rise from Boston's public housing to leadership in Congress has long served as a source of pride for the city's working families, has endorsed Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large, saying that the two share values and a commitment to constituent service.

Congressman Lynch, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, said Erin has distinguished herself with community activism and a long career in public service, and urged Bostonians to have her back in the November 2nd Election.

"I know a hard worker when I see one, and that's Erin," said Congressman Lynch. "She taught in the Boston Public Schools for more than 20 years, she raised her three kids in the city as a single mother, and she has given back to her neighbors and her community at every turn. Erin represents the type of leadership we don't have enough of in Washington, and want more of in Boston."

"I've known Erin a long time, and was proud to present her with the James F. Gavin Award in 2015 in recognition of her tireless work in the field of substance abuse prevention and recovery," Congressman Lynch said. "Erin knows that addiction is a scourge in our neighborhoods, and she's been on the front lines of combating that."

Erin's campaign has been gaining momentum since her strong fourthplace finish among a field of 17 candidates in the September 14th Preliminary Election, gathering support across the city as her message of inclusivity continues to connect ahead of November.

"Congressman Lynch's endorsement means a great deal to me, not just

because he's been representing the working families of Boston so faithfully for decades," Erin said. "His story of working hard, putting himself through school at night, raising his family in the city, and never turning his back on his values really resonates with me. He's an exemplary public servant and a national leader in the Democratic Party, and I'm honored by his support."

Congressman Lynch plans to campaign with Erin ahead of the November 2nd Final Election. His Eighth Congressional District includes South neighborhoods Boston. in Dorchester, West Roxbury, Hyde Park, and Roslindale, as well as the North End and Down-

Lynch Congressman was born and raised in the South Boston public housing projects, then became an ironworker after high school as a member of Ironworkers Local 7. He earned a Bachelor's degree in Construction Management at Wentworth Institute of Technology, attending classes on nights and weekends. He received a law degree from Boston College Law School, working as a labor and employment attorney.

He was elected to the Massachusetts of Representatives, then the State Senate just four months later. In 1999, he earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Committee on Financial Services, Committee on Oversight and Reform, and the Commiton Transportation. He is a co-founder of the Congressional Labor and Working Families Caucus, which works to protect workers' rights and educate Members of ConAmerican families.

He and his wife, Margaret, live in South Boston, where they raised their daughter, Victoria, and niece Crystal.

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, activist and mentor and former At-Large candidate Said Abdikarim, Senator Nick Collins, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Michael J. Moran, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilors Frank Baker and Ed Flynn and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy, AFSCME Council 93 (which represents Boston municipal employees), 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
- A firm plan to relieve the crisis at Mass & Cass that respects all stakehold-
- Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bosto-



AAPI Action Group endorses Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George's bid for mayor

# AAPI Action Group of Boston endorses Annissa Essaibi George for Mayor

AAPI Action Group, a grassroots organization, founded by prominent Asian Americans of different descents proudly endorse Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George's bid for mayor of Boston. Annissa's work ethic, commitment to strong education, safe neighborhoods, and compassionate citizenship exemplifies the kind of individual we would like to see lead Boston forward.

AAPI Action Group takes pride in our group which establishes the largest diverse coalition of Chinese, Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Nepalese Americans in Boston.

"Annissa is the true Asian American candidate for Mayor of Boston. She might not look like us, but she shown moral courage in standing up for the most vulnerable members of our population when it matters the most, especially when our own Asian American political leaders who are suppose to represent us, are painfully silent. We support her because like us, she deliberately seeks to unite all communities to make Boston stronger through togetherness. At this time, with everything we are facing we need the next mayor to be a unifier. Annissa is the unifier we need. She summons our inner angels to unite and celebrate as Bostonians of different descents and heritages," Sanjay Kaul, co- founder of the AAPI Action Group.

"Annissa is homegrown and intimately understands the unique needs of each neighborhood as well as embrace the differences. She does not preach to us from an elite ivory tower, but listens to our needs and concerns. We are excited to support Annissa as the next mayor of Boston because she has lived experience and will use her common sense as tough

decisions are made," Joe Wong, a Chinese American civic leader from Chinatown said.

"Annissa is running to be Boston's mayor for all the right reasons. Annissa is a mother and all her children attend our public schools. As a Boston Public School teacher for 14 years, she understands the challenges of our public education system and the needs of our educators and students. She inspires young Americans like me to thrive, to be the best in school and reach my full potential, "Sandhaya KC, a young Nepalese American leader said.

"Annissa is a woman warrior. She's been in trenches, paid her dues, has proven to be a qualified leader, and ready for greater responsibility to create a stronger Boston through togetherness, as the next mayor of Boston. I appreciate the most her boots on the ground and direct style. Unapologetically with moral courage, she has made difficult decisions as City Councilor because she knows the stakes are high," said Frank Celoza, a Filipino -American war veteran.

"As an American educator of Asian descent, I know firsthand that Annissa will ensure that the history and contributions of Asian Americans to American society will be taught constructively so we can share our common humanity with each other," said 72-year old Southeast Asian Betty Lim King, a published author and animal rescuer.

"Annissa understands that Vietnamese Americans are shop owners and small business entrepreneurs who depend on public safety. She has the work experience as a small business owner in Boston to meaningfully address the challenges faced by immigrant store owners and bring economic development to areas across the city in need. She has been in our neighborhood listening to our needs, not just during elections. I am confident she is realistic and grounded to lead Boston forward," Binh Nguyen, a lifelong civic and community leader of

AAPI Action Group as Americans of diverse Asian descents believe that Annissa Essaibi-George is the authentic leader to lead Boston forward as our next Mayor. We ask every Bostonian to cast your vote on November 2 for Annissa.

Vietnamese descent.

# P-EBT // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ilies may have noticed that no additional funds were added to their P-EBT cards last month.

DTA is now reminding parents and students that the program has expired.

"Universal free school meals are available for all students this year," said DTA in a statement. "P-EBT was created to replace meals during COVID while schools were closed to in-person learning. Based on federal rules, students attending school in-person are not eligible for P-EBT.EBT/ SNAP benefits."

gress on issues that impact

The last payments to students was made on August 25 and once school began the program was ended.

The widely successful P-EBT brought more than \$280 million into the Commonwealth's economy this summer, providing nearly \$250 million for more than 600,000 school-aged children and \$33 million for approximately 88,000 SNAP-enrolled children under the

age of six.

Massachusetts initially launched its P-EBT program in April 2020 when schools closed due to COVID-19, was one of a few states to receive federal approval for September P-EBT benefits and was the first state in the nation to receive approval to continue P-EBT through the 2020-2021 school year.

In March 2021, the program was extended to provide P-EBT benefits for children in child care.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20

The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at:

Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s)

a. Attendance 6:30 pm b. Approval of Minutes, September 21, 2021 6:35 pm

a. - 6:45 pm - Massport Update on Phase II Design
b. -7:15 pm - Review of Membership Subcommittee
Recommendation and Proposed By-Law Change
c. -7:30 pm - Election of Officers for 2022
d. -7:45 pm - Treasurer's Report (Month Ending September 2021)

a. 7:50 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion) b. 7:55 pm - Update - Massport annual financial commitment (contin discussion)

c. 8:00 pm – Anticipated adjournment

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND

A copy of this notice has also been posted on the organization's website at: www.EBPierPAC.org
and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the
Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc. By: Louise Montanino, President

AVISO DE REUNIÓN (REPROGRAMADO) PÚBLICA De conformidad con G. L.c. 30A, §18-20

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado Se da aviso de que el lunes 19 de octubre de 2021 a las 6:30 pm, una reunión pública del Comité Aseso del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) se llevará a cabo en:

Cathy Leonard-McLean Community Room Located on First Floor of the Rental Car Center 15 Transportation Way East Boston, MA 02128

La intención del Comité es debatir en sesión abierta los siguientes asuntos

REUNIÓN REGULAR

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
 b. Aprobación del Acta 21 de septiembre de 2021 6:35 pm

NUEVO NEGOCIO

6:45 pm - Actualización de Massport – Diseño y cronograma de la Fase II 7:15 pm - Examen del informe del Subcomité de Composición y propuesta de cambio de

cstatuto
c. 7:30 pm - Elección de la Mesa para 2022
d. 7:45 pm - Informe del Tesorero (Mes que termina el 30 de septiembre)

a. 7:50 pm - Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua)
 b. 7:55 pm - Actualización - Compromiso financiero anual de Massport (discusión continua)
 c. 8:00 pm - Aplazamiento anticipado

Al término de su reunión ordinaria de negocios y antes de la suspensión de la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente presentada y secundada, la Junta podrá celebrar una sesión ejecutiva de conformidad on G. L. 30A. S.21 una vez concluida, la Junta no reaundará su reunión pública.

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## THE PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The recent revelations about the harmful influences of social media upon young people that first appeared in the Wall St. Journal and then before Congress with the testimony of a former Facebook employee (who had provided the Wall St. Journal with the documents for its expose) have demonstrated once again to the world what we already know about these platforms: They will do anything just to make a buck.

The former Facebook employee provided the Journal with Facebook's own internal research that shows that Instagram (which is owned by Facebook) can have a negative effect on teen mental health, especially among girls. The Facebook researchers concluded, "We make body image issues worse for one in three teen girls."

In addition, the researchers concluded that its algorithms on Instagram can steer users toward content that can be harmful.

Yet despite its own research, Facebook has done little or nothing to address this issue, as well as a host of others, ranging from spreading disinformation to human trafficking.

The reason that Facebook and other social media companies can get away with such atrocious behavior is that they are shielded from civil and criminal liability by a federal law, known as Section 230, that was enacted in the mid-1990s before any of today's popular social media platforms even existed.

Thanks to Section 230, a social media platform cannot be sued for libel (unlike traditional media such as ourselves) and cannot be prosecuted for any role it may play in enabling a criminal enterprise.

The information that was brought to light by the former Facebook employee once again has highlighted the pernicious effects of social media upon our society in general and young people in particular.

More significantly, the Facebook Papers show that these companies never will police themselves because they place profit above anything else. Their irresponsible behavior essentially is part of their business model.

Congress needs to repeal Section 230 -- it's as simple

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# Forum

# GUEST OP-ED

# Freedom to enjoy life's passions

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Steady cash flow comes from steady work. If you want money you have to do something that produces money.

Much of what we want to do in life does not always produce cash. We may experience fun, enjoyment, fulfillment and entertainment but it may not render dollars. Often, much of what we enjoy in life typically costs us money and usually a lot of money.

You may love to play golf and even aspire to make a professional tour. You could spend most of your life and tens of thousands of dollars on green fees, memberships, lessons, travel and more and still never make a dime from playing golf.

You may love movies, theatre and plays and spend years in drama schools and Hollywood and never get a job that pays any money. This story is true for those who dream of making it big in music. I've talked to numbers of singers in Nashville, Tennessee who have spent years singing for tips and often for free. They pursued their dream relentlessly and some ended up homeless because while they pursued their dream, dollars were not coming in to support them.

Writers have spent their lives trying to write one great book that someone would notice. Painters often paint their entire lives without much fanfare or few sales. Would be entertainers and artsy folks from all walks of life know that the road to success is filled with disappointments, constant rejection, little to no support and poverty.

I was a weird guy in high school as I aspired to be a full-time minister. Sixteen years old was an odd time in life to start shunning my electric guitar, lose my passion for basketball and aspire to be a minister. It also didn't do a lot for my dating life either. My dad thought I was crazy but never said a whole lot. Once he did say, "Why don't you get a good job and preach on the side?" I thought that was a crazy idea because I knew of too many ministers who had full time careers and seemed to do okay. Thus, I went to school until I was 29 years old to be a fulltime minister. The post college degrees that I attended full-time for seven years were enough time for medical school, Law school or whatever but I pursued my calling and followed my heart.

I don't regret pursuing my dream. I had about 35 years of being an average wage earner as a minister and sometimes did better than average. However, my dad had respectable advice as parent's usually do. Today I give the same advice. Follow your dream but you need a sawmill on the side for stable cash flow. Church has changed. Many churches are small and can't afford a full-time minister. Sadly, often ministers and congregations can't survive in harmony for more than a couple of years so this makes for a very unstable

When I say, "you need a sawmill on the side," I mean you need something in your life you can count on. You need a plumber's license, a teaching certificate, carpentry skills or a business of some kind that renders dollars. Why? You can't always depend on what you love doing to produce income. It may be what you love to do and you may be terrific at what you do but often you can't count on it financially.

Find a work that people must have or want very badly. If you are in a work that someone must have then there will be financial rewards. If they want very badly want you have to offer there will be financial rewards. If they want and need it both you are golden. It may not be your passion but you will generally make enough money from your "sawmill" so you can sing, dance, paint, entertain, write, act or even preach on the side. When you do what you love to do without the constant pressure of needing money then you are free to do it enjoyably without the stress of wondering from where your next meal will

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# GUEST OP-ED

# All neighborhoods deserve equal funding, not just the loudest and most powerful voices

momentum around this year's mayoral election comes in part due to anticipation in the neighborhoods that new and diverse leadership will not only continue Boston's strong growth, but also will ensure that all neighborhoods continue to share in that growth.

A roadblock to that positive growth and continued change is in the Question 1 budgeting initiative hiding on the Nov. 2 ballot. This question shifts some of the all-important ing powers of the mayor to the City Council - handing over valuable resources in the City's \$6 billion annual budget to the loudest city councilors and their constituencies. That budget-writing power would inject chaand dysfunction into a process that currently works well. Such a change would whisk Boston back toward a time neighborhoods with the best representation, and the loudest social voice, came out on top in Boston's City Budget.

On Nov. 2 when voters

go to the polls to select their new City leaders, they will be choosing from one of the most diverse pools of candidates in Boston history – whether by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender or even by neighborhood geography. That is seen as a step in a new direction when it comes to representation and voices at the tablein City government. To preserve the strength of new voices at the table and ensure the new mayor can deliver a strong and equitable City Budget once again, as mayor's have done throughout recent history, voters in all of Boston's neighborhoods should vote 'No on 1.'

Instead of relying on the new mayor for the City Budget, Question 1 will unnecessarily give 13 City Councillors the ability to re-write the new mayor's City Budget however they and their loudest and most powerful supporters see fit. Thisbrings politics into the process and could return the long-retired practice of robbing one neighborhood for the benefit of another. Why risk that just at the time when so many new and different voices have come to the

The City moved to a strong mayoral form of government so that a citywide elected mayor, and his or her administration, could have the ability to distribute resources equally across the city. While there's always more to be done on this topic, the current mayoral-driven City Budget process has improved how resources are delivered in all neighborhoods, and has made hugestrides in making sure no corner of the city is left behind.

A 'yes' vote on Question 1 looks to derail that strong and equitable

What's to stop a district city councillor, elected by voters in only one part of the city, from taking over the Council's new budgeting process and funneling money into his or her district – while leaving others starving for resources?

Boston voters should want to create a city where one area has nice fields well-prepared for youth sports, while other parts of the city don't even have a field for kids to play on. Likewise, voters should be wary of ushering in an outcome where one powerful Council district receives large allocations for ample numbers of firefighters, while less-vocal parts of the city suffer station brownouts, outdated fire engines and bare minimum fire protection due to chronic funding shortages. Would we want to enter into a time, unlike now, when residents have to travel to the most politically-powerful neighborhood to enjoy a safe and well-kept park where crime is absent and the

grass is clipped regularly? As the City sets out next year with a new and diverse set of leaders, such outcomes as described above are exactly the opposite of what voters going to the polls in this historic election want to see. Now isn't the time to exchange the equitable City Budget process for a budget determined by the powerful and vocal, and that's why it's critical to vote 'No on 1' this Nov.

Pam Kocheris President of Boston Municipal Research Bureau.

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# EBHS // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

school are from Eastie.

"We have six classrooms and the 7th graders have their own wing on the first floor of the building," said Brangiforte. "They have a dedicated bathroom ust for them. They have their own dedicated lunch by themselves. We try to separate them as best as possible from the upperclassmen so it's not a complete shock being in a new school with kids that are 16, 17, 18 years old. They got their own little section of the building on the parking lot side of the building. They're really learning and the 7th grade teachers have been great. We got about 13 teachers in the 7th grade and they all went through a rigorous professional development training program five days a week in the summertime to prepare for this. It's a really good crew down there and the kids are enjoying themselves. I go down every day to check in the different classrooms and I try to get to all the classrooms every day. I go down to lunch and talk to the kids all the time, and they seem happy."

As the school year progresses Brangiforte said he hopes to create a mentoring program between the upperclassman at EBHS and the 7th graders.

"We've been looking to establish a mentor program where we're going to take some upperclassmen and pair them with some seventh graders to mentor them, take them under their wing, and watch out for them," he said. "The 7th graders know that they can always go to their teachers for advice, help, counseling but by establishing this program they'll also be able to do the same with upperclassmen."

Right now the 7th graders have all the support

they need for a successful school year, according to Brangiforte. "The 7th grade has a guidance counselor and they have a social worker so there is a lot of support. They also have their own school engagement specialists to help them adapt to the school so there is a lot of extra support down there. Some educators have told me that seventh graders come with seventh grade problems but, as I said earlier, there have been very minor things here and there but so far they have been adapting to the school and embraced by the EBHS family. I just witnessed recently some of the upperclassman high fiving some of the 7th graders in the hallways as they head to class in the morning. It's been really great to see how the school community has embraced them."



BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius tours a 7th grade math class at EBHS.



Last week, EBHS Headmaster Phil Bragiforte and his staff got the chance to give BPS Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and Assistant BPS Superintendent Tommy Welch a tour of the new 7th grade.



Seventh grade science teacher Anthony Forbes during class.



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## Eastie's weekly COVID infections stay the same

By John Lynds

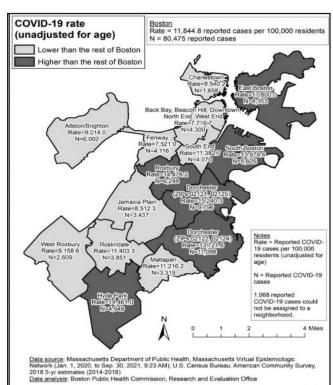
Two weeks ago East Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate decreased 6.45 percent and the percentage of those testing positive last week remained the same as the previous week according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,696 East-

ie residents were tested for the virus last week and 3.1 percent were positive--this was the same percentage reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on October 4. Citywide, the weekly positive test rate also de-

positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,542 residents were tested and 2.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 7.4 percent decrease from the 2.7 percent reported by the BPHC on October 4.

Fifty-two additional residents contracted the virus between October 4 and October 11 and there are now 8,405 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pan-



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

demic.

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

Citywide positive cases

of coronavirus increased 0.61 percent since October 4 and went from 80,885 cases to 81,378 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 1,435.

## Fresh & Local

# Curries, curried and curry powder

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the description of the book "Curry: A Global History," the publisher writes, "... food writer Colleen Taylor Sen describes in detail the Anglo-Indian origins of curry and how it has been adapted throughout the world. Exploring the curry universe beyond India and Great Britain, her chronicles include the elegant, complex curries of Thailand; the exuberant curries of the Caribbean; kari raisu, Japan's favourite comfort food; Indonesian gulais and rendang; Malaysia's delicious nonya cuisine; and exotic Western hybrids such as American curried chicken salad, German currywurst and Punjabi-Mexi-

can-Hindu pizza."

We were introduced to the world of Indian curries by a couple who had lived in India. They were kind enough to give us some cultural etiquette in addition to an overview of the food. One thing we still remember is that it was an insult to tell a curry cook that their curry was exactly like someone else's. (Unless, perhaps, you were referring to their

parent.)
As each cook dips a spice spoon into their Masala Dabba (the traditional round stainless steel tin containing their mostused spices) they proudly create their unique flavor profile.

The choice of aromatics takes a curry to a dif-

ferent region. In India, onion, garlic, and ginger are added to many curries. In Thailand, shallots, garlic, and chiles are a starting point. Jamaican curries add Scotch bonnet or habanero peppers to their onion and fresh thyme blend

While we think of curries as soupy dishes, there are also dry curries. Some like Jalfrezi or

Panang are made by marinating the meat, seafood, or vegetables in a coating of spices and "frying" them in oil or coconut milk. This process creates a thick rather than soupy sauce.

#### **Curried Foods**

We think of curried foods as those seasoned with the flavors of curry or curry powder. Often they don't resemble a traditional curry at all. One meal in our regular meal rotation is curried chicken salad. Penny adds leftover chicken to a mixture of apple chunks, raisins, shredded carrots, green onions, and celery. She then adds a healthy dose of curry powder and Aleppo chili to the vinaigrette as she mixes it.

#### **Curry Powder**

Great Britain has a serious curry culture. Some food writers contend that Chicken Tikka Masala is the country's national dish. However, we consider curry powder the nation's most significant contribution to the curry

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world.

What started with Indian merchants sending spice blends like Garam Masala to England soon took on a local British accent, with companies like Crosse & Blackwell creating and selling their versions of curry powder. Isabella Beeton's Book of Household Management had recipes calling for curry powder as early as 1861.

There is a vast difference in flavors among curry powders. Some of the best online spice retailers like Penzeys Spices and Spice House will let you purchase 1 or 2-ounce packages of their curry blends. Small samples are a great way to try a few and find the one that is your family favorite.

One origin story for the word curry is on Wikipedia. That source traces it to "... the Tamil word kari meaning 'sauce' or 'relish for rice' that uses the leaves of the curry tree (Murraya koenigii)." Seeing curry as a sauce or relish for rice, bread, or whatever staple served as the bulk of the meal explains why many countries have a curry culture. These are flavorful toppings that add interest and variety to daily meals often centered on a staple carbohydrate.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



Here are two of our Masala Dabbas. One contains whole seeds and the other has our most-used spices and blends including our favorite curry powder.

# Playground // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

neighborhood was wonderful and to see every corner of the playground filled with kids laughing and playing and climbing was just terrific. We always had big ideas for this space and this is just a dream, this is really what we wanted for our kids. I see the places where we're gonna grow our own school year old beer with our students over the years, which we're really excited about. It is so important because play is not just for early childhood but for all children, all adults and is the foundation of learning. Play sparks cre-

problem solving and this reimagined space really represents the love and joy of play that we know is part of all stages of development."

Like Varmette, Cassellius thanked EBEEC parents, who rushed and quickly got a grant together to be able to fund the new playground.

"Play is one of the best ways to actually learn and use your imagination and to problem solve," said Cassellius. "Through play children learn to work together and develop skills at a very young age. This new playground is really a success so I want to thank

the contractors and architects, all of the support team that was here and all of the wonderful community members that helped and will be able to use this space."

Rep. Madaro added, "Play is an essential form of learning. That's why it was exciting to cut the ribbon on the East Boston Early Education Center's playground. This playground is the kind of investment all our children deserve. Thank you to the Boston Public Schools and all those who worked to make this happen."



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Boston Public School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius, Assistant Superintendent Tommy Welch and EBEEC staff pose with Principal Rhiannon Varmette (center).



An EBEEC student takes the first ride down the slide.





One of the murals by East Boston HarborArts Sea Walls Boston that was finished over the summer at EBEEC.



Boston Public School Superintendent Brenda Cassellius tries out one of the climb structures with an EBEEC student.



EBEEC students share what they like the most about the new playground.



EBEEC Principal Rhiannon Varmette during the ribbon cutting.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, City Counikcor Lydia Edwards and EBEEC Principal Rhiannon Varmette pose with members of East Boston HarborArts Sea Walls Boston. East Boston HarborArts Sea Walls Boston painted murals on the side of EBEEC's building over the summer.

# **Sports**

#### EAST BOSTON GIRLS IN SOCCER ACTION AGAINST WINTHROP

Winthrop and East Boston squared off in girls soccer on a rainy Monday afternoon at City Yard Fields in East Boston and the Vikings topped the Jets 5-0.



Winthrop's Emma Forsyth.



LONG REACH Goalkeeper Janisse Polacios stretches to make a save but the ball eluded her effort and Winthrop took a 3-0 lead.



EYES HAVE IT: Valeria Erazo (26) keeps watch of the ball in front of the East Boston net.



AWAY FROM THE PACK East Boston's Shakira Cordoso (12, with ball) and Isabella Munoz (10) find some room to escape from Winthrop's Julia Marcoccio (16).



HANDS TO THE FACE: Brandy Aguilar (5) gets a hand into the face of a Winthrop forward as she gains control of the



CREASE BATTLE Winthrop's Madison Stiglets and East Boston goalkeeper Janisse Polacios (19) contest a loose ball in front of the East Boston net.

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# **OBITUARIES**

### Peter Robert Beatrice Jr.

Attorney and Political Activist

Peter Robert Beatrice Jr., 93, of Swampscott, Massachusetts, beloved husband of the late Joan Marie (Sinatra) Beatrice, died peacefully on Thursday, June 17, 2021. Peter was born on April 10, 1928 in East Boston, MA and was the son of the late Pietro and Marie (Sacco) Beatrice.

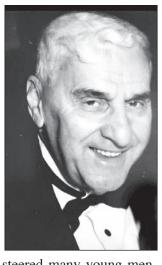
Marine Corps during the



Peter was a graduate of Dean Academy, and afserving in the U.S.

Korean War, he complet-Suffolk University and Suffolk University Law School, simultaneously. He was president of his class all 4 years and played on the baseball team. Peter and Joan moved to Swampscott in 1959, and he started his law practice, Beatrice, DeCoursi, Mahoney and Outlaw, in the city of Boston. He eventually opened a private law practice and proudly welcomed his sons Thomas and John upon their admittance to the Massachusetts Bar. Peter was involved in Massachusetts State politics, running for Secretary of State as well as running various campaigns for local politicians including Endicott Peabody, Thomas Eiesenstadt and Frank Bellotti.

Peter and Joan raised their five children in Swampscott where he was an active member of the community, coaching Babe Ruth Baseball for 13 years, winning 9 championships, and coached American Legion baseball as well. He formed many life long friendships while coaching and



steered many young men into successful careers and lives. He also helped many of his former players in times of trouble and at all hours of the night.

Peter was on the Swampscott School Committee for many years and was also a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Peter was predeceased by his brothers Joseph and Michael as well as his sister Mary (Beatrice) Goins. He is survived by one sister, Dorothy (Beatrice) Marra, as well as his five children, Peter Beatrice III and wife Carol, Gregory Beatrice and wife Donna, Thomas Beatrice, John Beatrice and partner Sergio De-Souza and Elise Budd and husband Mac. Peter was especially proud of his grandchildren, Peter and wife Heather, Derek and wife Crystal, Kyle and wife Danielle, Bethany and husband Jordan, Gregory and wife Andrea, Peyton, Parker, Alexandra, Vanessa and Daphne, as well as his eight great

grandchildren. A private service was held at the Swampscott Cemetery. Arrangements by the SOLIMINE FU-NERAL HOME, Lynn. Online guestbook www.solimine.com.

# **Christopher Arciero**

City of Boston retiree

Christopher Arciero, in Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, died on Oc-

Chris was a member of the Painter's Union and retired from the City of Boston after many years of service. He was a fan of all the Boston sports teams, especially the New England Patriots and he also enjoyed fishing off the many bridges and piers in the area.

The beloved husband of Theresa (Fay), he was the loving father of Nancy Sideri and her husband, Steven of Boxford, David Arciero of Las Vegas, NV, Thomas Arciero and his wife, LuAnne of East Boston and Susan Bocchino and her husband, Peter of Saugus; grandfather of Erica, Steven Jr. and Krista Sideri, Ashley and



and Peter Bocchino.

Visiting hours in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St [at Day Sq] East Boston will be Friday, October 15 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. concluding with a Prayer Service at 7:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited.



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## Marie Perrella

Revere School Department retiree

Marie (Frongillo) Perrella of Revere died on October 8 at the age of 92. Marie worked as a

bookkeeper and manager for over 30 years in the School Department for the City of Revere. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Marie was one of 11

children. She was born in Revere on February 10, 1929 to the late Andrew and Jeanette (DeMasse) Frongillo. She was the beloved wife of 69 years to the late John Perrella Sr., devoted mother of Janice Perrella of East Boston, Kenneth Perrella and his wife, Nancy of Revere and the late John Perrella Jr., cherished grandmother of 10 and adored great grandmother of 22. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-

A Funeral will be held from the Paul Buonfi-



glio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St. Revere on Thursday, October 13, at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery. For guest book, please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

## Lillian Ann Schraffa

Thirty-year Umana-Barnes School Kitchen Manager

Lillian Ann (Scalfani) Schraffa of East Boston died on October 5.

Lillian was the kitchen manager at the Umana-Barnes School for 30 years. She was an avid bowler and was well known at Central Park Lanes.

The beloved wife of the late Louis A. "Red" Schraffa, she was the loving mother of Margaret Palmisano and her husband, Bob of Revere, Laura Cintolo of East Boston, Victoria Collins and her husband, Frank of Billerica and Victor Schraffa and his wife, Kathleen of East Boston; sister of the late Rose Donnaruma, Laura



Ralph, Joseph and Frank Scalfani. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

At her request all services are private. Please leave messages of condolence for the family on her Tribute Page at Magrath-FuneralHome.com

## Laura Stary

Former Head Baker at Jordan Marsh

Laura K. (Passariello) Stary of East Boston died on October 6.

Laura was the Head Baker at Jordan Marsh for 25 years until the company was purchased by Ma-

The beloved wife of the late Quentin J. Stary and the daughter of the late Emilio and Concetta Passariello, she was the loving mother of Mary Ann Stary and the late Hannah Inglese-McCarthy, Quentin R. and Joseph C. Stary; sister of Vincent "Tarzan" Passariello, Susan D'Angelis, Carmella Gosselin, Margaret Serino and the late Constance Stec, Salvatore, Carmen, Rocky, Rico, Emilio and infants Maria and Anthony Passariello. Laura is survived by six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Laura's Funeral Ser-



day, October 12 in the Magrath Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, do-

nations in her memory to: CureALZFund, 34 Washington St., Ste 310, Wellesley Hills, 02481 curealz.org would be appreciated. Please leave messag-

es of condolence to Laura's family on her Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com



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### News in Brief

#### **CITY COUNCIL** TO HOLD **HEARING ON BPS** TRANSPORTATION **ISSUES**

The Boston City Council will hold a hearing this Friday the 15th at 3pm to discuss issues with BPS transportation. Councilor Lydia Edwards called for the hearing following numerous reports of widespread issues.

"Every year there are always a few issues at the beginning of the school year that get ironed out after the first couple of weeks," said Councilor Edwards. "This year has been different. Things aren't getting any better. Families deserve answers and solutions. I'm still hearing from too many constituents about missed school busses and a lack of notice when alternative arrangements need to be made. A missed school bus can mean missed work or missed meals. We need to find solutions to these challenges as quickly as possible."

The hearing will be livestreamed at boston. gov/city-council-tv. Members of the public wishing to testify should email juan.lopez@boston.gov.

#### D'AMBROSIO **RESPONDS** TO JANEY'S **EXECUTIVE ORDER** TO CHANGE THE NAME OF **COLUMBUS DAY**

Senate candidate An-

thony D'Ambrosio has

issued the following state-

ment on Boston Mayor Kim Janey to change the name of the Columbus Day Hi=oliday to Indif=genous People's Day: "Mayor Janey's actions have caused more division and anger in Boston and

throughout Massachusetts. I am proud of my Italian immigrant roots. No insider politician's decision will change that. This could have been

done in a way that recognizes the plight of Indigenous people while not offending many Italian Americans.

When will political insiders learn? True leaders unite people not divide

## State health officials announce eighth human case of West Nile Virus in MA

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the eighth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 50s who was exposed to WNV in Middlesex County.

Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties are athigh risk and 71 communities are at moderate risk. There are no additional risk level changes associated with this new

"The risk from WNV is starting to decline but some risk will remain until the first hard frost," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "Although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. People should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites anytime they are outdoors."

In 2020, there were 11 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 import-

ant 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

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 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 wa-

ter 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).

cluding all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass. gov/MosquitoesandTicksor by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

More information, in-

# United State Postal Service rates for holiday shipping listed

It looks to be another odd year for holiday celebrations. The biggest question likely on most minds is, do we make merry in person or virtually? No matter your plans, the Postal Service is ready to do its part to handle your special holiday greetings and gifts. But we also need you to do your part, and that is to make sure you get those packages and good wishes to your Post Office location on

**New Pricing** There are plenty of holiday- and winter- themed stamps available to adorn your greeting cards this year. You can find them in our online Postal Store or at any one of our more than 34,000 Post Office locations. On Aug. 29, the cost of a First-Class Forever stamp increased three cents, from 55 cents to 58 cents. There are also temporary price increases in place through Dec. 26, 12:01 a.m., Central time for both retail and business customers for some of our more popular shipping products, which also includes military shipping - Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First-Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Return Service. International products are unaffected. These temporary rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-season volume surges similar to levels experienced in 2020.

Temporary pricing increases for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select Ground and USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

- PM and PME Flat Rate Boxes and Envelopes - \$0.75
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- Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs.
- Zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs.
- Zones 5-9, 11-20lbs. -
- Zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs.
- Zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs.

All other retail shipping services:

• First-Class Package Service - Retail - \$0.30

A zone pricing calculator is can be found online. A complete list of business products and prices is also available online.

The temporary adjustment is part of "Delivering for America," the Postal Service's 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, which calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. Even with the temporary increase, the Postal Service has some of the lowest mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping.

2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to domestic addresses and APO/FPO/DPO Army Post Office/Fleet Office/Diplomatic Post Office) addresses\*:

- · Nov. 6 APO/FPO/ DPO (all ZIP Codes) USPS Retail Ground service
- · Dec. 9 APO/FPO/ DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- · Dec. 15 USPS Retail Ground service
- $\cdot$  Dec. 16 APO/FPO/ DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service · Dec. 18 — First-Class
- Mail service (including greeting cards)
- · Dec. 18 First-class packages (up to 15.99

- · Dec. 20 Priority Mail service
- · Dec. 23 Priority Mail Express\* service

Alaska

- · Dec. 18 Alaska to/from Continental U.S.-First-Class Mail
- · Dec. 18 Alaska to/from Continental U.S.-Priority Mail
- · Dec. 21 Alaska to/from Continental U.S.-Priority Mail Express

Hawaii

- · Dec. 17 Hawaii to/ from mainland - Priority Mail and First-Class Mail
- · Dec. 21 Hawaii to/ from mainland - Priority Mail Express

\*Not a guarantee, unless otherwise noted. Dates are for estimated delivery before Dec. 25. Actual delivery date may vary depending on origin, destination, Post Office acceptance date and time. and other conditions. Some restrictions apply. For Priority Mail Express shipments mailed Dec. 22 through Dec. 25, the money-back guarantee applies only if the shipment was not delivered, or delivery was not attempted, within two business days.

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It's estimated nearly 500,000 consumers will use the Click-N-Ship feature and other online services on Dec. 14 to order free Priority Mail boxes, print shipping labels, purchase postage and even request free next-day Package Pickup.

**Busiest Time** 

The busiest time of the season for the Postal Service begins two weeks before Christmas. It's expected that customer traffic at all Post Office locations will steadily increase beginning the week of Dec. 6, with the week of Dec. 13-18 anticipated to be the busiest mailing, shipping and delivery week of the season.

More tips for a successful holiday mailing and shipping season:

- Use free Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes. They are available at local Post Office locations or online at usps.com/freeboxes. • Make it easy with
- Click-N-Ship. You can

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create shipping labels and pay for postage online atusps.com/ship.

- · Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It's free regardless of the number of packages. Or, pickups can be scheduled at usps.com/pickup.\*
- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces and/or are more than a half-inch thick using stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead, take them to a window clerk at a Post Office.

\*Boxes are delivered within the U.S. with you regular mail, usually within 7 to 10 business days. Exclusions apply,

or detail and to order, https://store.usps. visit com/store.

Additional news and information, including all domestic, international and military mailing and shipping deadlines, can be found at the Postal Service Holiday Newsroom: usps. com/holidaynews.

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#### **OUTDOORS DINING** IS EXTENDED

CHELSEA - Initially proposed in Chelsea and other communities throughout the country as a way to improve business for restaurants during the Covid-19 pandemic, on Tuesday, the Traffic and Parking Commission unanimously voted to extend outdoor dining for another 12 months.

"There are three restaurants that have really embraced the outdoor dining program, all on Broadway," said Public Works Director Fidel Maltez. "They have done a good job with outfitting their spots with Jersey barriers, and one of them even has a flooring system."

When it was initially approved by the traffic commission, Maltez said the plan was to review the program in October.

"We have reviewed it, and the three restaurants that have it have been successful," said Maltez. "What I am requesting is we grant them the approval to keep their spots and occupy them for another 12 months."

Alexander Train, the Director of Housing and Community Development, said making the outdoor dining program more permanent could entice other restaurants to take

"The restaurants that have embraced this have reported that it has been generating business for them throughout the pandemic by providing an outdoor location where people can feel safe and comfortable gathering,"

said Train. "Our hope is that by making this permanent, more restaurants will really see the justification of making the investment in these spaces. Some of the restaurants that we coordinated with at the beginning of the program didn't want to expend the money on making these outdoor dining areas because it was a temporary program, so I'm pretty optimistic that by making this permanent, we would see more outdoor dining in the downtown."

Increasing the number of restaurants providing outdoor dining would improve the streetscape of the city and benefit small businesses, Train said.

While the motion to extend outdoor dining passed unanimously, there were some concerns raised about some of the outdoor dining spaces being close to crosswalks, and making sure the crosswalks in those areas are marked

#### **COUNCIL MOVES ZONING CHANGES** TO NEXT STEP

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria wasted no time in getting the process started for the proposed zoning changes under consideration for the Exxon Mobil site on Lower Broadway that came on the market in the past few weeks when he appeared before the City Council during a special meeting last week.

"There are endless opportunities to benefit our residents," said DeMaria, referring not only to the Exxon site -- which the

firm of Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated (JLL), a global commercial real estate services company, already has begun marketing -- and combined with other adjoining parcels total more than 96 acres in the Lower Broadway District on the Charlestown

"We can remove this blighted industrial area and replace it with 21st century bio-pharma, medical manufacturing, and/or life science companies," DeMaria said. He also added that the COO of Mass Bio has expressed real interest in locating to the site.

Council President Wayne Matewsky, who lives near the site, described the current owners as "not the greatest neighbors," adding, "I am in favor of protecting the acres to make it decent."

wants DeMaria change the zoning and reclassify the sites from heavy manufacturing to light manufacturing. With this change, the city and residents can have a greater say in the development of the site. "A zoning change will

dictate future use and prevent another dirty use for the site," DeMaria said.

Also appearing before the council was Matthew Latanzi, the Acting Planning Director, who explained to the council the reasoning behind the proposed zoning change.

"These changes will align that area to go into the Broadway Development District Zone and bring to the site the special employment section," said Latanzi. This change could create thousands of

What had councillors a little hesitant to approve the motion to send the proposed zoning changes to the Planning Board was that the actual changes were not originally in the packet for the councilors.

"I love the vision for the area and I am in favor. but we need more information," said Councilor Stephanie Martins.

Councilor John Hanlon echoed his colleague's concerns, saying, have not seen the amendment and there is nothing in front of us. You are asking us to vote on an empty envelope."

DeMaria then apologized for not having the zoning change put in the councillors' packets, but produced copies for the councilors. After reviewing the changes, Matewsky said, "I vote in favor." He also expressed reservations about the environmental clean-up of the site adding, "Why shouldn't Exxon do the cleanup?"

Nonetheless, Councilor Jimmy Tri Le added, "There is no better location to be developed. I cannot wait to see the project."

Councilor Fred Capone expressed concerns about changing the zoning while the property already is being marketed alluding to depleting the cost of the land for the seller, but added, "This takes us into the 21st century -- this is what we want."

DeMaria mentioned that he is looking for the highest and best use of the property.

"We as a City have the

opportunity to strategically shape our future. With the right zoning and strategic vision, we can continue to transform and reimagine Everett to remove blighted, industrial areas and replace them with 21st century commercial enterprises such as biotech and bio-pharma that create new job opportunities for our residents and new tax revenue that can continue to support the programs and services that are important to our residents. The redevelopment of this area of the City also will benefit from its proximity to a rail system for the transportation of goods and workers that will reduce reliance on roadway transportation,

said DeMaria". During the meeting, it was brought up that the site has both railroad tracks and access to the waterfront. DeMaria pointed out that Everett finally could get rail transit at the site with at least one station, if not two, that could ease traffic volume in the city.

Returning to Matewsky's concern about the potential clean-up of the site, Hanlon had questions about the possible contaminated soil. DeMaria said that he is working with federal and state officials on this potential problem, but the process has just started.

The Council voted unanimously to send the zoning change request to the Planning Board, which will hear the matter at its October 25 meeting. Then, after the Planning

Board's vote, the matter will come back to the City Council, which then will decide whether to approve the actions of the Planning Board at the council's November 8 meeting.

#### Copy of the proposed zoning ordinance

In accordance with the provisions of Section 12 of the Zoning Ordinances of the City of Everett the city council hereby amends the zoning ordinance as follows:

30 Section Lower Broadway Economic Development District ("LBEDD")

Amend Section C Establishment of District and Subdistrict Boundaries by amending the Zoning Map to include parcels in subdistrict LB-E: Lower Broadway, Employment

Section 30 of the Lower Broadway Economic Development District (LBEDD) Appendix A: Table of Use Regulations

Use: Heavy manufacturing providing there is no outside storage work and there are no emissions of noxious odors, smoke or noise, and no vibration discernible on the exterior of the building. Amending by deleting "SP" allowed use by special permit and insert "-" to signify use not permitted

Use: Light manufacturing (excluding scrap metal), producing, processing, fabricating, printing, converting, altering, finishing or assembling, entirely contained within the structure with no associated emissions of noxious odors or noise, on a scale requiring not more than a total of five horsepower or

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Storage of goods in containers where all storage is contained within the building, not including storage of any raw or natural materials. Amending by deleting "Y" allowed use and insert "SP" to signify use allowed by special permit.

#### **OFFICIAL SEEKS TO STOP** VANDALISM AT **MANNING FIELD**

LYNN - When Rich Avery, Lynn director of facilities at Manning Field, discovered incidents of vandalism inside the women's and men's restrooms at Manning Field two weeks ago, he developed a plan to prevent those incidents from happening again.

Because the incidents occurred during a high school football game and youth football games, Avery reached out to Supt. of Schools Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, principals and athletic directors at the Lynn high schools, and the presidents of the Lynn youth football organizations to address the issue.

"I'm happy to report that there was no damage this weekend, but we were pro-active about it," said Avery. "Dr. Tutwiler was very quick in responding and taking action." Avery said the van-

dalism first came to his attention following football games played on the weekend of Sept. 24-26 at Manning

"Someone had damaged every toilet roll dispenser in the men's restroom, every soap dispenser in the women's restroom, as well as six toilets in the women's restroom," said Avery, who estimated that there was \$5,000 in damages done at the facility.

The incidents may have been the result of a TikTok "challenge," according to Avery. TikTok is a video-sharing, networking

Avery said he asked for an increased police presence at Manning Field during games. There were public safety personnel stationed outside the restroom facilities at the most recent football games, and no incidents of vandalism were reported.

Under Avery's leadership, Manning Field, a first-class, professionally run athletic facility, has become one of the busiest venues in the region, hosting both regular season and playoff games in multiple fall and spring sports.

#### **PARKING METERS** AT REVERE BEACH COULD BE GONE

REVERE - Representatives Turco and Giannino announced that legislation has passed that would put the parking meters on Revere Beach to a vote by the Revere City Council

"Today is a victory for the people of Revere and Winthrop. The meters will come down from Revere Beach and they will not go up in Winthrop. I want to thank my colleagues in the legislature, Speaker Mariano, former Senator Boncore, my partner in Revere, Rep. Giannino, and specifically Rep. Jay Livingstone for his leadership in shepherding this bill to passage. I also want to thank Mayor Arrigo, Councilors McKenna, Novoselsky and Powers for keeping this issue at the forefront. Of course, thanks to the people of Revere who vocally and respectfully voiced their opposition to paid parking on America's First Public Beach. Today's victory is

truly the result of a team effort," said Rep. Jeffrey Turco.

"I am so proud of the work we have done with Rep. Turco, former Senator Boncore, Mayor Arrigo and the Council. The meters on Revere Beach were a slap in the face to our residents, particularly those living along Revere Beach, like those in the Satter House. When we work together, we can accomplish anything and I am happy to deliver this great news to the people of Revere," said Rep. Jessica Giannino.

"I applaud our state delegation for their advocacy and speedy work on this legislation," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "This is a great example of the power of collaboration. Thank you Representative Turco and Representative Giannino for their work on behalf of our residents."

"Removing the meters will now help the Ward One residents park freely in front of their homes instead of worrying about their cars being ticketed," said Councilor Joanne McKenna.

"This a great win for the people of Revere. The DCR had to be put in their place. No meters or residential permits were necessary and now we have the choice. Thanks to Representatives Turco and Giannino for their hard work," said Councilor Ira Novoselsky.

"The meters should not have been installed in the first place. There has been a vocal and lengthy fight with DCR - the Mayor and I were successful in negotiating the removal of meters on the westerly/residential side of the beach, and this legislation is another win for our residents. This is a great victory for the City of Revere and I applaud our legislative delegation for their efforts." - John Powers, Ward 5 Councilor, City of Revere

Two bills were passed that give Revere and other communities with DCR property greater authority over decisions like the one that was fought along Revere Beach since the meters went up unannounced earlier this year.

The first bill (H4010) places the approval of installing meters squarely with the Revere City Council. It requires DCR to obtain approval of the local "appropriating authority" prior to the installation of meters on boulevards, roads, etc, under their jurisdiction. This is retroactive to 1/1/21. As a result, the meters must come down absent Revere City County approval.

The second bill (H4004) requires that, IF there are parking meters 50% of the revenue from meters and fines must go to a Revere Beach Trust fund to be used on the beach and in conjunction with the Mayor on a yearly basis. This only applies if meters are in fact allowed.

#### **FLANAGAN** HONORED ON RETIREMENT

WINTHROP - One couldn't help but notice that the sun made an appearance on an otherwise cloudy day just as the speaking program for Fire Chief Paul Flanagan began at his well-attended retirement celebration.

There's a literary term for that. Yes, the sun was shining on one of Winthrop's favorite sons, Fire Chief Paul Flanagan, who was serving on the last day of his outstanding 43-year career in the Fire Depart-

Interim Town Manager Terence Delehanty, who has served as police chief during Chief Flanagan's administration of the Fire Department, had earlier

given a resounding introduction to his colleague his public safety, telling the large gathering, "The man of the hour, Paul Flanagan, has arrived."

Liam Horsman, regional director of Sen. Edward Markey's office, presented a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition extending "our deepest congratulations to Chief Flanagan for 43 years of remarkable service to the Town of Winthrop."

Former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo spoke about "my good friend, Paul Flanagan and the years of service that the Flanagan family has given to the Town of Win-

"I don't know if there were any more dedicated family than we have had than the Flanagans," said DeLeo.

DeLeo recalled how Paul Flanagan's father, former Chief Charles J. Flanagan, was such a bright and positive influence on his son, Robbie DeLeo. "My son, who was 5 years old at the time, said to me, 'Dad, I want to be like Chief Flanagan, that's who I want to be like', and that's the way it was."

"When you get to know this particular chief [Paul Flanagan], and you know what he's done for this community whenever we're in need – he was always there," said DeLeo. "When I would talk to fire chiefs from around this state, they would undoubtedly talk to me that Winthrop had one of the best chiefs that they could have in Chief Flanagan. Thank you for everything you've done for this community as evidenced by the large number of people that came out today."

State Rep. Jeffrey Turco presented a state citation to Chief Flanagan. He jested wonderfully, "Mr. Speaker used to come here

and bring millions of dollars and a citation, I get to bring citations and no millions of dollars."

Continuing his remarks, Turco said, "This is a celebration of Paul Flanagan and his family on 140plus years of service to the Town of Winthrop, but it's also an opportunity to thank the men in red and blue, every day in the town that sacrifice and serve the people of Winthrop and the neighboring community, so I want to thank the firefighters and the police officers that are here."

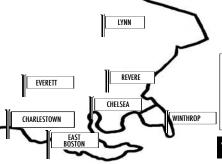
Terence Delehanty said, "On behalf of the town, Paul, thank you for your friendship and your service. Thank you for your family's service."

Andover Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Chief Flanagan's son, told the large gathering, "He sets the bar for public service. He sets the bar for what we all strive to be at all levels of government, whether we're town managers, mayors, elected officials, or the people that work on the front lines of public safety. Thank you, dad, for setting the bar quite high for all of us."

New Winthrop Fire Chief Scott Wiley said, "Over the course of the years, he was my captain, he was a role model, he was a mentor, and most importantly at the end, he was my friend. I want to thank Chief Flanagan for his 43 years of service and the entire Flanagan family for all of their years of service and wish him continued success and nothing but the best in your retirement."

Praising Chief Flanagan's contributions to Winthrop, former Winthrop High School guidance department assistant Marianne Nicoletti said, "He was the best. He did a great job. I'm going to miss him. He was my bud-

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# Rose Pugliese celebrates 105th birthday

Special to the Times-Free Press

Turning 105 is not an everyday occurrence, but Rose Pulgliese, a beloved resident at the Leonard Florence Center for Living for over ten years, takes it in stride. "I live a

good life," concedes Rose. Born in East Boston on September 18, 1916, Rose grew up in a very close knit family consisting of her parents, one sister and two birthers. From a very early age, Rose's faith became an important part of her life. She was a regular church goer, and religion was deeply integrated into her life. It still is today.

Madeline Siracusa, Rose's niece, commented that Rose was like a second mother to her. "She truly adored her many nieces and nephews," said Madeline. "Never having children of her own, she lavished her attention and time on family members.

Rose's career spanned over 40 years as stitcher at the exclusive Priscila's of Boston bridal salon on Newbury Street. "She was so incredibly talented," said Madeline. "I was always amazed by Rose's sewing ability and the high quality of her designs. Her attention to detail was impressive."

A patron of the arts, Rose loved going to the theatre and the opera as well as listening to music. To this day, she relishes hearing the hits of the 50's. Cooking was a form of relaxation for Rose. She

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Rose Pulgliese celebrating her 105th birthday (above and right) with family and friends at the Leonard Florence Center for Living.

making Italian specialties for extended family and friends. Favorites included macaroni and meatballs, eggplant in any form and home-made chicken

Rose moved into the Leonard Florence Center, operated by nonprofit Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, over ten years ago and is admired by staff and residents alike. Linda Keller, a nurse at the Leonard Florence Center, marvels at Rose's active schedule. "She is clearly a role model for all of us," said Keller. "Rose participates in activities, always smiling and laughing. It is a pleasure to have Rose live on our campus." According to Linda, Rose can often be found at exercise classes, attending movies

ing Bingo. Added Keller, "Rose is quick to offer a kind word or positive remark. In short, we all adore her."

For her part, Rose enjoys being a resident at the Center. As she explains, "When I first had to give up my Boston apartment I was devastated, but soon realized that I was able to make my room into my new apartment. I still have all my favorite things with me. The Leonard Florence Center is truly my home."

From a very early age, Rose's faith became an important part of her life. She was a regular church goer, and religion was deeply integrated into her life. It still is. Linda Keller recalled how excited Rose became at the prospect of going to church on her birthday. "My fondest

memory of Rose is when I took her to Mass on her 103rd birthday," said Linda. "The priest asked her to sit up front and then acknowledged her birthday to the entire parish. I will never forget the smile on her face when the whole church applauded her that day." Added Linda, "We went to breakfast afterwards and the staff gave her a special hat. Then the entire restaurant sang happy birthday. She was beaming from ear to ear!"

As one would expect, Rose has witnessed many significant events in her lifetime. When asked which one has the greatest impact, she was quick to respond. "That's an easy question," said Rose with a smile. "I have to say my most important personal event was when Father Hennesey asked me to crown the Blessed Virgin. It was the best gift of my

"Rose is a very special spiritual woman and I think this is a main reason why she has lived to the young age of 105," reflected Keller. Rose agrees wholeheartedly. But she also maintains that her close knit circle has much to do with her longevity. "I have a very large group of family, friends, staff and residents who support me every day," said Rose. She added, "They mean

everything." About Chelsea Jewish Lifecare

Chelsea Jewish Lifecare, a highly respected leader in senior living, employs over 1500 people and provides care to over

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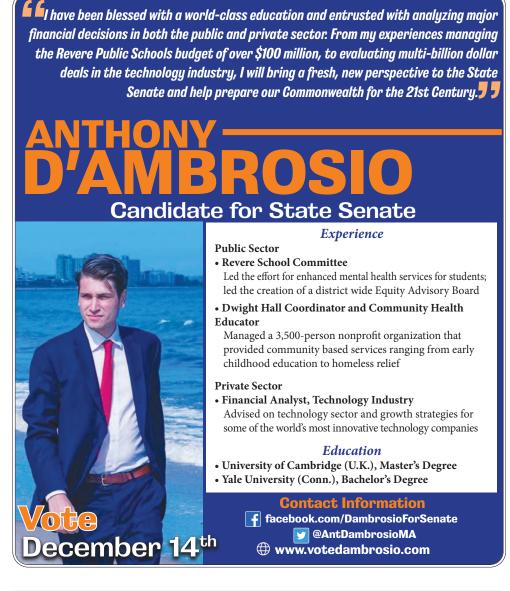
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