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REP. MADARO HOSTS ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING



distributed over 700 Thanksgiving Day meals to East Boston residents during the community fund's annual event. From left is Rep. Adrian Madaro's mother-in-law, Robbie Levy, father, Jacopo, mother, Debra Cave, Rep. Madaro, his wife, Ariel, and son, Matteo.

Shown left, Mayor Michelle Wu and Rep. Adrian Madaro poses with a volunteer during Thursday's Thanksgiving Day dinner food distribution event.

Madaro, House pass legislation to balance health care market and protect community hospitals like EBNHC

By John Lynds

House Speaker Ron Mariano's bill aimed at protecting community hospitals like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) that was supported by Rep. Adrian Madaro passed in the House by a 158-1 vote. The bill is now in the Sen-

The legislation, said Madaro, would put more eyes on major hospitals and health care providers that have been expanding into areas already served by community health centers like EBNHC The bill would give the Health Policy Commission (HPC) the authority to investi-

gate the market impact of major hospital expansions that require an additional license if they plan to establish new satellite campuses in places like Eastie, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop--communities al-

ready served by EBNHC. The problem, explained Madaro, is healthcare providers like Massachusetts General Brigham have been rapidly expanding into low-income communities as well as suburban locations. This pits larger healthcare providers against smaller providers like EBNHC as they compete for privately insured patients. These patients

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EO Moore announces retirement

Staff Report

North Suffolk Mental Health Association Chief Executive Officer Jackie K. Moore, Ph.D., has announced her intent to retire after more than 16 years at the helm of the Chelsea-based behavioral health nonprofit.

The NSMHA Board of Directors has engaged national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to assist in finding a successor, and Moore intends to

to ensure a smooth transi-

Moore was named CEO in 2005. Under Moore's leadership, NSMHA has grown into one of the largest behavioral health care providers in Greater Boston, currently employing. More than 950 people who serve over 10,000 children, adults and families annually. She has been instrumental in incorporating peers and people with lived experience into

stay on through the spring the workforce. Over the last decade-plus, NSMHA has expanded in all areas, adding more congregate care facilities, including a home specifically for person with Acquired Brain Injury; a second recovery support center located in East Boston; and most recently, a residential treatment program in Chelsea for persons with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, one of only 37 such facilities in the state. The agency has also received four federal grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental. Health Services Administration (SAMH-

SA) since April of 2020. "After a lot of thought and consideration, I feel that the timing is right to make this transition for me, and more importantly, for North Suffolk," Moore said. "We've always had to fight for resources and

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Eastie Elves stays remote

By John Lynds

Last year, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of community holiday fundraising events had to reorganize how they did things to maintain proper social distancing and keep the spread of the virus to a minimum.

One such event, Rep. Adrian Madaro's Madaro Family Community Fund's Annual ie's Elves toy drive, was forced to cancel the usual in-person dinner gala and toy-drive and opt for collecting toys through a series of drop boxes spread

across Eastie and the surrounding communities.

With the COVID pandemic far from over the Madaro Family Community Fund has decided out of an abundance of caution, to keep the annual Eastie's Elves toy drive remote again this year.

The toy collection drive will replace the annual Eastie's Elves gala last held at the Hyatt Boston Harbor Hotel in 2019.

Rep. Madaro's wife and Director of the Madaro Family Community Fund, Ariel Madaro, said the 18th Annual Eastie's

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APAC/ABCD kickoff annual **Fuel Assistance program**

By John Lynds

With temperatures in East Boston expected to dip into the 20s at night this week and not exceed 54 degrees for the next few days many residents will be left out in the cold.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause uncertainty in the neighborhood as job loss, food insecurity and loss of income has become more prevalent and many residents will find it hard to pay their heating bill this

However, there's relief from paying those high New England heating costs for hundreds of low-income residents in the neighborhood. Action for Boston

Community Development (ABCD) kicked off the annual Fuel Assistance Program at ABCD's Meridian Street APAC office recently.

Eastie residents can apply by calling ABCD

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HAPPY VALLEY CELEBRATES 'GREEN WEDNESDAY'



Happy Valley staff help customers pick out some products during last week's Green Wednesday celebration. See more photos on Page 5.

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Crossroads East Boston-Pictured from left: Charles Smith, Program Director, Crossroads Family Center; Audrey Nagle, Manager of Charitable Giving Programs, Massport and Alaina Coppola, Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs, Massport.

Massport helps feed neighbors

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is helping some neighbors in East Boston, South Boston, and Worcester feed their families this holiday season. Massport employees collected and donated hundreds of non-perishable food items, as well as grocery store gift cards, for the Authority, Äôs annual food drive that benefits several community

organizations. "Food insecurity is a real issue for many individuals and families, especially during the holidays,,Äù said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. ÄúThrough our annual food drive, we hope to help some of our most

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vulnerable neighbors feed their families this season. We thank our employees for their continued generosity."

This year, Massport provided food donations to five community programs: Crossroads Family Center in East Boston, East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, South Boston Community Health Center Food Pantry, Winthrop Community Food Pantry, and Veterans Inc. Food Pantry in Worcester. These organizations serve hundreds of local residents each month and provide critical assistance and support year-round.

Massachusetts The Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. For more information, please visit massport.

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finally, the resources and the public recognition of the importance of this work are coming to behavioral health care."

weathered "We've COVID-19 - we're not completely through it, but we can manage it. For all the challenges of the pandemic, it brought out the creativity and innovation of our staff and their commitment to the people we serve. Their work has our organization in a very good place to move forward. It has been a privi-

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contact Lauren Logan 617-635-5120

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issues contact Christian Lopez 617-635-5125

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lege to work with our very talented and caring staff, our Board of Directors, the individuals who trust us to help them and these wonderful communities."

Founded in 1959, North Suffolk Mental Health Association, Inc. (NSM-HA) strives to help people achieve independence and fullness of life by providing a wide array of community-based, person-centered treatment, recovery and rehabilitation opportunities/ by intervening as early as possible; by promoting prevention, education and

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Elves toy drive kicked off this week to support local families in need this holiday season.

Until December 14th, toy drop-off boxes will be at over twenty-five locations throughout Eastie Winthrop, and Revere. Madaro said additional program details can be found on the Madaro Family Community Fund's website at www. madarofamily.org.

"Thank you to the businesses, organizations, and residential communities that have partnered with us as drop-off locations this year," said Ariel Madaro. "While we miss having our Eastie's Elves event in person, our partners are helping us uplift hundreds of families this holiday season. Our gratitude also goes out to all the members of our community who support us every year with toy donations."

Eastie's Elves has become a community holiday mainstay since being founded by former State Senator Anthony Petruccelli in the early 2000s. Year after year the annual gala had become something many residents look forward to each holiday season. Since 2003 donations collected through the Eastie's Elves event have resulted in thousands upon thousands of toys that are dropped off to agencies like the East Boston Social Centers, the YMCA, Crossroads Family Shelter, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club as well as agencies in Revere, Winthrop and the North End. Mada-



Director of the Madaro Family Community Fund Ariel Madaro with Milano's Deli owner Vinny Caraglia pose at an Eastie's Elves toy drop box last year. Milano's will be an Eastie's Elves toy drop off location again this year.

ro said the Madaro Family Community Fund looks forward to continuing this special tradition of spreading holiday cheer and uplifting those who need it the most this season.

Last week, volunteers placed toy drop-off boxes at the twenty-five locations throughout Eastie, Revere and Winthrop. The drop-off sites will be available from now until December 14th.

"If you have questions or would like to get involved with the Madaro Family Community Fund, please contact the organization at support@madarocharity.org," said Madaro. "To stay up to date on Eastie's Elves and future community events, follow

the Madaro Family Community Fund on Facebook and Instagram @madarocharity."

Madaro added that the Madaro Family Community Fund is grateful to have the support of Platinum Level Sponsors Amazon, Cargo Ventures, and HYM Investments; Gold-Level Sponsors AWH Foundation, Bulgroup Properties, Cora Operations, Drago & Toscano LLP, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, MassBio, and Redgate; and Silver Level Sponsors City Realty, Committee to Elect Aaron Michlewitz, Green Cities Company, Lendlease, Rasky Partners, and Tall Ship/Reelhouse.

2021 Eastie's Elves Toy Collection Locations		
EAST BOSTON	EAST BOSTON	WINTHROP
Beverly Richards Dance Center	Milano's Deli	Belle Isle Seafood
969 Bennington Street East Boston	978 Saratoga Street East Boston	1 Main Street Winthrop
Clippership Wharf Leasing	Meridian Market	Esthetics by Giana
63 Lewis Street East Boston	121 Meridian Street East Boston	155 Veterans Road Winthrop
Eagle Hill Cafe	Paris Street Community Center	Jessica Gordon's Academy of Performing Arts
65 Meridian Street East Boston	112 Paris Street East Boston	89 Veterans Road Winthrop
East Boston High School	Pazza on Porter	The Winthrop Arms
86 White Street East Boston	107 Porter Street East Boston	130 Grovers Avenue Winthrop
East Boston Neighborhood Health Center	Porter 156 Lofts	Winthrop Book Depot
10 Gove Street East Boston	156 Porter Street East Boston	11 Somerset Avenue Winthrop
East Boston Savings Bank 856 Bennington Street East Boston	The Point Yoga Studio 20 Orleans Street East Boston	REVERE
East Boston YMCA	Ruggiero Family Memorial Home	Joe's Market
215 Bremen Street East Boston	971 Saratoga Street East Boston	338 Squire Road Revere
The Eddy	Spinelli's Catering	Law Office of Lawrence Simione
10 New Street East Boston	282 Bennington Street East Boston	300 Broadway Lobby Revere
Martin Pino Center 86 Boardman Street East Boston	Uvida Shop 24 Porter Street East Boston	Limitless Fitness 771 Washington Avenue Revere
		Murray's Tavern 118 Broadway Revere

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son help with applications at the APAC office at 21 Meridian St. A new online system for firsttime fuel assistance can be accessed at toapply. org/MassLIHEAP.

APAC's parent company, ABCD administers the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for income-eligible residents in Boston, Brookline, Newton and seven communities north of Boston. Last year ABCD provided fuel assistance to more than 25,000 households.

ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew thanked the Biden-Harris administration for deploying an unprecedented \$4.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to mitigate the burden of skyrocketing home heating costs for lower-income families across the nation.

"This is a watershed moment," said Drew. "We know that LIHEAP keeps households running and saves lives. The ARP funding is a major commitment at the highest levels to the well-being of at-risk seniors and people living with disabilities,

to hard-working fami-

lies struggling to make

ends meet. Frigid win-

ter temperatures are here now and inflation is on the rise. The president's call to action is a rallving cry for those of us in the 'supply chain' to communicate, collaborate, and implement as seamlessly as possible."

The Biden administration officials call for all parties to coordinate efforts to ensure the swift deployment of funds. The \$4.5 billion in American ARP funding expands on the November 4th U.S. Health & Human Services allocation of \$3.3 billion, bringing total federal LI-HEAP funding this winter heating season to \$7.8 billion - more than twice the normal annual expenditure.

"Massachusetts has an outstanding record for implementation of federal funding initiatives," said Drew. "We thank Governor Charlie Baker in advance for expediting LIHEAP funding at a time when the cost of energy has sky-rocketed! These additional funds will increase benefits substantially."

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Drew said right now the fuel assistance benefit for Eastie residents at the

\$1,030. ABCD estimates that at least \$2,000 will be needed to heat an average home for the season. The 2021 federal poverty level for a family of four is \$26,500 in earnings annually or \$12,880 for a single person.

To keep struggling families and elders from falling through the cracks, help with fuel costs is also available to those slightly above poverty level. For example, a family of four in Eastie earning \$78,751 or a single person with an income of \$40,951 may currently qualify for \$618 in fuel assistance.

However, once the new ARP funds are received the benefits should double according to Drew.

"This week, home heating oil in Massachusetts is at \$3.43 a gallon and up, almost twice the cost last year," said Drew. "It costs about \$800 to fill a tank, and that can run out in a matter of weeks in bitter New England weather. Vulnerable elders and others who cannot afford to keep their thermostats at a comfortable level put themselves at risk of getting sick – or worse."

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL



Candidate for State Senate Lydia Edwards with supporters, including State Rep. Adrian Madaro, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and U.S. Senator Edward Markey.

Markey endorses Lydia Edwards for State Senate Senator Markey joins

Special to the Times

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey endorsed Lydia Edwards with a canvass kickoff in East Boston. The campaign was joined by members of 32BJ SEIU, 1199 SEIU, Teamsters Local 122. Teamsters Local 25 and President-elect Sean O'Brien, Mayor Michelle Wu, State Representative Adrian Madaro, State Representative Nika Elugardo, Boston City Councilor-elect Erin Murphy, Winthrop School Committee-elect Suzanne Leonard, and representatives from the Environmental League of Massachusetts and Green Roots. View video of this event on Facebook.

the long list of elected officials who support her campaign for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District. "I'm proud to endorse Lydia Edwards for Massachusetts State Senate, a leader who has a record of taking on the special interests and fighting back for our communities," said Senator Markey. "She is a thinker, a fighter, a visionary, and a doer. She never gives up and always remembers where she comes from. The fight for justice guides her heart, and the love for the people of Massachusetts fuels her spirit. I know she will not stop until we achieve environmental and climate justice, which means economic, educational, racial, and health justice for every family in Massachusetts."

"This district has so much natural beauty and its unique needs call for a Senator who will be thoughtful about protecting these assets. I know I am that candidate, and that is why I am particularly honored to receive this endorsement from Senator Markey," Lydia Edwards. "Senator Markey has been a steward for the environment and a champion of the green economy. His vision is vital and I hope to tackle these same challenges with these same values on Beacon Hill."

Edwards endorsed by State Senators and Representatives

Special to the Times

Recently, Lydia Edwards was endorsed by a group of State Representatives and State Senators, joining the long list of elected officials who support her campaign for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District. View video of this press conference on Facebook.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, House Ways & Means Chair State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and State Representative Adrian Madaro offered welcoming remarks reaffirming their support for Lydia for Senate. A number of state legislators joined them in endorsing:

Representative State Mike Connolly (Cambridge)

State Representative Marjorie Decker (Cam-

bridge) State Representative Kip Diggs (Barnstable)

Representative State Nika Elugardo (Boston)

Representative State Tami Gouveia (Acton) Representative State

Russell Holmes (Boston) Representative State Jay Livingstone (Boston)

State Representative Joan Meschino (Watertown) State Representative

Liz Miranda (Boston) State Representative

Mike Moran (Boston) Representative State

Tram Nguyen (Andover) Representative State Steven C. Owens (Watertown)

State Representative Vitolo (Brook-Tommy line) State Representative

Maria Robinson (Framingham) State Representative

Dan Ryan (Boston)

"I first met Lydia Edwards in the legal field 10 years ago and I could see right away the qualities that still impress me about her to this day: Always

fair, always focused, dedicated and fiercely loyal to

her cause," said Rep. Jay Livingstone. "I've seen her put together strong coalitions to get things done and Lydia knows you have to reach out to stakeholders and build partnerships. I've seen her do that through the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. We need Lydia's energy and spirit in the State House

"I could talk to you today about Lydia's experience, her expertise, her relationships, but I want to talk to you today about her passion and her dedication," said Rep. Joan Meschino. "She will be a fantastic State Senator with the true commitment to lift up the issues facing her district and who will put the people first every step of the way. Lydia has the ability to walk into the State House and make a difference right now. I am all in."

"We need Lydia Edwards in the State Senate. We know we have a housing crunch in Greater Boston and Lydia is the one with the experience and expertise," said Rep. Steve Owens. "Lydia is an expert on transportation. I modeled one of my bills that I filed this session after an ordinance that she had been working on in Boston, and she is really a role model for me from afar. I was out on the doors this past Sunday with Rep. Connolly in Cambridgeport and we're going to everything we can to help bring Lydia Edwards to the State Senate."

Rep. Kip Diggs said: "The first person who called me when word got out that I was running for state representative was Lydia Edwards, and I was honored by her leadership and guidance. She reached out from Boston, and now I'm reaching with my support from the Cape. Vote for Lydia for the Senate!"

"As you can see, Lyd-

ia Edwards is a tenacious campaigner, but today you've heard how important she is as an advocate and that is why this race is so important," said Rep. Dan Ryan. "I'm honored to have her as my City Councilor and I want her to be a member of the Senate. I have seen her knock every door and make every phone call, and bring people together who wouldn't ty. He knows that for us to ordinarily come together. That's what makes her a great candidate, a great City Councilor, and what

will make her a great Sen-

ator." "We know that Lydia Edwards has the right values and the right policy proposals for this job, but what makes Lydia Edwards and unbelievable choice for the State Senate is that she understands that legislating is about teamwork. It's about building relationships and finding ways to connect with people with whom you don't always agree to move forward and build something positive. Lydia Edwards shows us that time and time again that she can work with folks from anywhere, on anything, and get a positive result," said

Rep. Tommy Vitolo. Rep. Liz Miranda said: "I could spend the next few minutes explaining the 30-some-odd reasons why Lydia Edwards is qualified and has a phenomenal track record, but I want to talk about two other things. I am one of four black women who serve in this building we make up 2% of the Legislature here in Massachusetts, and across the country we make up 4.5% of state legislatures, which isn't enough. As a member of the Black & Latino Caucus, I am extremely excited at the opportunity to have Lydia Edwards as our next Senator, to be the third Black woman in

Revere Ward City Councilors endorse D'Ambrosio

Special to the Times

With his latest round of major endorsements, Anthony D'Ambrosio continues an unprecedented campaign that has united activists, elected officials and leaders from across the City of Revere.

"When I first announced this campaign, I was determined to unite the City of Revere in a way it hasn't been," said D'Ambrosio. Anthony "The overwhelming support that we have received from every corner of Revere, has allowed us to work throughout this district to bring our unifying message to voters who are tired of politicians beholden to special interests. We will work until the last minute on Election Day to ensure that the voices being ignored on Beacon Hill have an advocate for them in their next State Senator."

Joanne McKenna, Revere Ward 1 City Councilor

" O u r next State Senator needs to be a champion for Revere Beach and the rising



Ira Novoselsky, Revere Ward 2 City Councilor

Anthony on Tuesday, De-

"Anthony D'Ambrosio has shown unmatched commitment to our communi-

cember 14th."

small, local businesses. He will be a leader in the State Senate fighting for the resources and support they need to rebound from the COVID-19 pandem-

Arthur F. Guinasso, Revere Ward 3 City Councilor

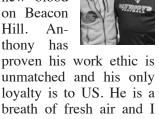
"Revere hasn't had a hometown State Senator in over 30 years. We can end that streak by turning

on December 14th. Anthony D'Ambrosio isn't just the Revere

candidate, he is someone who has a deep understanding of our issues because he has lived them. Nobody will fight harder for Revere and the entire 1st Suffolk Middlesex District."

Anthony Cogliandro, Revere Ward 3 City **Councilor Elect**

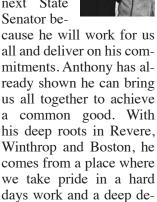
"There has nevbeen greater need for new blood on Beacon Hill. Anthony has



loyalty is to US. He is a breath of fresh air and I cannot wait to see what he can accomplish as our State Senator."

Patrick M. Keefe, Jr., Revere Ward 4 City Councilor "I

so excited to support Anthony D'Ambrosio as our next State Senator be-

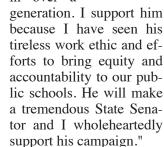


John F. Powers, Revere Ward 5 City Coun-

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Al Fiore, Revere Ward **5** City Councilor Elect "Far

too many politicians say one thing and do another. Anthony knows that



we are struggling from the impacts of overdevelopment and the long term ramifications of rising sea levels along the beach. He will be an advocate for our shorelines, against Wheelabrator and the unending noise from Logan Airport."

Richard Serino, Revere Ward 6 City Councilor

"Having worked at the State House, I know firsthand how difficult it is to get



things done. We need a State Senator who is tenacious and willing to stand up for their constituents. Anthony D'Ambrosio is exactly the right choice to fight for us on Beacon Hill. I will be reaching out to voters across the district on Anthony's behalf and I urge everyone to vote for him on December 14th or during early voting from December 4th to the

Anthony D'Ambrosio is a graduate of Yale and Cambridge Universities. He is currently a member of the Revere School Committee where he led the creation of a districtwide Equity Advisory Board; led the implementation of a districtwide mental health audit with enhanced services for students; and fought for union and labor rights.

He has managed a 3,500-person nonprofit organization that provided community-based services ranging from early childhood education to homelessness relief; taught public school classes on disability and mental health issues related to social media and academic performance. Professionally, he has advised on the technology sector and growth strategies for some of the world's most innovative technology compa-

D'AMBROSIO LENDS A HAND AT SOUP KITCHEN

Candidate for State Senate Anthony D'Ambrosio began Thanksgiving week by joining in volunteering at the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.

The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen opens every Tuesday to provide free food for all

State Rep. Adrian Madaro.

those who enter their doors, and strives to provide a sense of community to those affected by hunger, homelessness, and difficult life circumstances, while offering the humane treatment and compassionate many struggle to receive in their everyday lives.

"Thank you to Sandra the entire team at the EBCSK for the important work you do every day in the community to ensure those facing food insecurity are nourished," said D'Ambrosio.



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PEARL HARBOR WAS **80 YEARS AGO**

It was 80 years ago this coming week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan.

Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history. Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in

battlefronts stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939.

By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific. Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, sep-

arated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation's psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that tell the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, started this past Sunday evening and will culminate this coming Monday, December

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

In summary, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers.

When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the lights remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional foods such as latkes.

Although Hanukkah celebrations this year will be much more subdued than is typical because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and meaningful Hanukkah

Your opinions, please

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Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Speaking Truth to Power

not self-service. By Anthony D'Ambrosio

As this campaign draws toward Election Day, on December 14th, I recall the instructive words of the illustrious Tip O'Neal- "all politics is local." My efforts over the past several months have been designed to convince you, the local voter, not the insiders of state government, that I am the best person to represent the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex District in the Massachusetts State Senate.

At the outset, let me plainly state again, I am unbeholden to any special interest group seeking to influence my future votes. If elected, my priority is to do the people's work. To that end, during this campaign, I have refused and returned campaign donations from lobbyists and other groups and individuals that have donated with strings attached. The money is simply not worth it to me. I quit a high paying job in technology and finance to run for state senate, because I believe in public service,

My love of this community and its people is anchored by decades of family presence. My immigrant background, childhood friends, and family members still reside in this District and ensure that I will never lose touch with the regular person. I have said it many times: I stand here before you today on the shoulders of my grandparents and parents, who came to this country from an impoverished Southern Italy with literally the clothes on their backs and wilt in their pockets. Their courage and hard work are ingrained in my DNA. I will

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

Many of our local businesses struggle or have closed while the behemoths of industry like Amazon are allowed to get richer and our gas and produce prices skyrocket. Many of our small businesses - the backbone of the American dreamare being pushed toward bankruptcy. Our educational system is also a mess. Many of our children have been left behind with some of the lowest testing scores in decades and little prospect of making up the deficiencies in the short term as Beacon Hill insiders squabble over the disbursement of federal relief dollars. Our nursing and elder homes

are still a catastrophe in waiting. Their haphazard oversight is nothing short of shameful.

These situations are unacceptable. We cannot turn our heads and simply ignore the obvious problems before us. While the old ways of Beacon Hill and insider politics are still prevalent, we need new, modern ways of examining our problems and planning for the future.

We are at a pivotal moment in our country and District's history where we can not only recover to pre-pandemic norms, but also rebuild in a way that prepares our residentsespecially our children for the challenges and promises of the 21st century. I am running for State Senate to help ensure that our District continues to provide future generations the same opportunities that my family received nearly 50 years ago when

I ask for your vote. Anthony D'Ambrosio, BA Yale, MA University of Cambridge. Candidate for State Senate.

they arrived in Boston.

GUEST OP-ED

Surviving a Pulmonary Embolism

On Saturday, October 2 I had to go to the hospital

By Glenn Mollette

emergency room. The prior Tuesday I had an unusual leg spasm from my left thigh to my groin area. I've had pulled muscles from sports off and on and thought it was from exercise or just sitting weird in my recliner.

By later Wednesday I noticed an occasional cough that felt strange. On Thursday I called my family doctor's office and reported I was coughing occasionally and didn't feel right. I was told by the receptionist, "We aren't seeing sick people and the doctor thinks you should have a Covid test." I went for the test which came back negative.

On Friday evening my wife and I took a casual walk around the block of our neighborhood and I was breathing heavy from a simple walk. I knew there was something going on. I checked my heart rate and it was 85 beats per minute. Typically, it's between 60 and 65 bpm when resting. Thirty minutes later I checked it again and the resting rate was 95.

I spent Friday evening checking my blood pressure and heart rate. The blood pressure was averaging about 150 over 100 which is really high for me and my heart rate was staying between 85 to 95

By Saturday morning, I

had to go to the emergency room knowing I was in trouble. After a CT scan and ultra sound imaging I was diagnosed with a massive blood clot in my left lung also known as a Pulmonary Embolism. doctors worked with me from 6 AM until 6 PM to save my life. They told me if I had waited one more day my story would be very different. I spent the day in the emergency room and the rest of the weekend in Intensive care forbidden to get out of bed. After a heavy dose of Heparin blood thinner and a bottle of daily medication to consume I was released from the hospital to slowly resume life.

There are reports that upward to 180,000 people in the United States die every year from Pulmonary Embolisms. This is more people than the number of people dying from breast cancer, car wrecks and HIV altogether.

Being in the emergency room wondering if I was going to live was scary to say the least. I worried about my wife and children. I knew they would have to make funeral arrangements and this made me feel bad for them.

My new theme is a recommitment to keeping the feet moving. It's an easy thing to do. While traveling flex the feet. Stretch the legs. Put them whenever possible. Raise the knees up and down. Look for every

possible opportunity to walk. When driving now it's a brief stop every hour for a five-minute stretch or walk. It slows the trip down, but I want to show up eventually than not at

I'm writing this because I want you to be aware of your body. Invest in a blood pressure cuff and a finger oxygen/heart rate monitor. Know what your typical numbers are so that you can know when your numbers aren't right and you need to seek medical attention.

Unfortunately, I know people who are no longer in this world because of a Pulmonary Embolism. They sneak up on us. The beginning signs of pain or swelling in your

leg are often ignored by most people - including me. However, things can change quickly and this is why if this happens you must go to the nearest hospital emergency room to be checked out. It could save your life. Very fortunately, it did for me. One more day of waiting and it would have been too late. Don't ignore the warning

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CITY PAWS

Helping your veterinarian

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

All of us who have animals owe an abundance of thanks to the professionals who help us keep our companions healthy and stand ready to serve us in times of need. These front-line responders emergency have had a challenging time during the pandemic. Not only should we thank everyone who helps care for our animals, but we should also do our part in making their jobs easier.

Emergency Services

To deal with Angell Animal Medical Center's Emergency Services demand, the organization decided to temporarily

close their Angell West Emergency/Critical Care service in Waltham to all but inpatients. This allowed them to better staff the Boston location.

We have a nationwide crisis in animal emergency care. Dr. Mark Will, president of the New York State Veterinary Medical Society, told NPR's Morning Edition, "... the COVID-19 pandemic fueled a perfect storm of circumstances: A labor shortage, staff turnover, and temporary limits on non-essential care that created a backlog of appointments."

"Emergency medicine is probably hit the hardest," Will said. "He blames do that.

MCU welcomes Arias-Perez and Oliveira to staff

that, in part, on the fact that emergency vets are expected to work nights, weekends, and holidays and it's become harder to find people who want to do that."

As a result, Angell's Boston facility has had to divert emergency patients to other hospitals from time to time. They've asked that you call before arriving at the ER. They've set up a page on the MSPCA website with alternative Veterinary Emergency resources. We suggest you figure out where these options are located and think about how you would get to another facility if you had to

Most veterinary clinics

Primary Routine Care

are happy to provide routine care under conditions that feel safe for the animal's guardians. We waited in a Zipcar and communicated by phone with the Angell Animal Medical Center team last June. Many veterinarians will still allow you the choice of remote or masked-inperson care.

With the number of animals added to families during the past twenty months, everyone who provides services for animals is extraordinarily busy. Given that, it is far better for you to choose a team as your primary care group and schedule routine care as recommended for your animal.

Consider using an inhome visit veterinary service for some of your needs. These are especially good for animals who dislike going to the veterinarian's office. Under the current circumstances, we like having more than one option for our Poppy's health care.

Doing Your Part

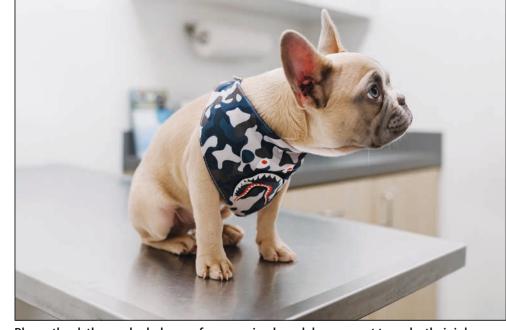
It's easy to put off routine care and minor issues. However, consider how much more time it could take to let something go rather than a call to ask for advice or schedule an appointment to have your vet take a look.

Postponing care can turn a minor concern into a significant issue for your pet. It will also take more

of your time and money to resolve and put a more significant strain on your overworked veterinary team. Sometimes an itchy ear just needs to be cleaned by a vet tech. A full-blown ear infection may require weeks of medications and

a few follow-up visits. Finally, you should try to be a great partner with your team of professionals. Give them the information they need, follow the instructions they give you, and be patient with them and grateful for the vital work they do in these stressful times.

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



Please thank those who help care for our animals and do your part to make their jobs

Staff Report Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, has announced Bianny Arias-Perez and Clarissa Oliveira have joined the organization as Partners in the Training and Develop-

ment Department. In the Training and Development Partner role, Arias-Perez and Oliveira will be responsible for delivering, monitoring, updating, and evaluating the New Employee Training program, conducting classroom and on-the-job training with a focus on products and systems. When not actively training on-site or in the classroom, they will assist with training and coaching employees who assist members.

Prior to joining Metro

Credit Union, Arias-Perez was most recently a Retail Training Officer at East Boston Savings Bank. She brings six years of experience within the banking industry and a talent for creating and developing personalized learning approaches for each participant. Arias-Perez received her Associates degree in Business Management from Quincy College and is a Langevin Certified Master Trainer.

Oliveira joins Metro Credit Union with over a decade of experience within the financial services industry, most recently as a BSA Analyst at Naveo Credit Union and with knowledge of many financial programs including the COCC Core and Verafin. Oliveira received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts

Boston and obtained her Bank Secrecy Act Certified Specialist qualification.

"We're excited to have Bianny and Clarissa join Metro" said Robert Cashman, Metro Credit Union's President and CEO. "As Metro continues to grow, so do career opportunities. By expanding our Training and Dedepartment, velopment Metro will invest and ensure our new hires feel empowered in their roles and serve our members effectively."

Metro currently employs more than 340 staff members across its branch network and corporate offices with plans to open seven new branch locations in 2022.

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit MetroCU. org or connect with us on LinkedIn.

News in Brief

STATE SENATE CANDIDATES' **FORUM**

Harbor View Neighborhood Association and Orient Heights Neighborhood Council will be hosting a State Senate Candidates' Forum on Wednesday, December 1 at 7 p.m.

The candidates' forum will be held at Salesian Boys and Girls Club, 150 Byron Street, East Boston if you would like to attend in person.

You may also attend via Zoom at https://bit.ly/EB-CandidatesForum

(Passcode: VoteDec14) and streamed to YouTube at https://bit.ly/OHNCYouTube

Please submit your questions in advance at https://bit.ly/SenateQues-

All questions will be reviewed prior to the Candidates' Forum and selected at random to ensure fair odds of an individual's submission being chosen.

State Senate Candidates' Forum **Format**

Four questions (two from each neighborhood association) will be chosen at random and provided to candidates in advance. Six additional questions will be selected at random and answered off-the-cuff during the event.

- Opening statements (2 minutes each)

- Pre-planned questions (3 minutes per candidate per question)

- Audience questions (2 minutes per candidate per question)

- Lightning round of

yes or no questions (2

- Closing statements or closing question (2 minutes each)

Total time:

~1 hour

MEET AND GREET TO BE HELD FOR **D'AMBROSIO**

Revere School Committeeman Anthony D'Ambrosio, for State Senate is holding a meet and greet on Thursday December 2 at Maverick's located at 154 Maverick St., in Maverick

Square, East Boston. Complimentary freshments will be served. All residents are encouraged to come and meet the candidate and ask questions The program starts at 7 p.m.



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capability of envisioning a better future and the work ethic to bring it about. With an unending commitment to service and a depth of innate skills, there is no limit to the positive impact Anthony will continue to make on this world." - Dr. Peter Salovey - President, Yale University

A Community Health Educator Anthony has worked directly with children and school administrators

on developing new strategies to overcome the many psychological and physical challenges that children face today. He also has taught public school classes on disability and mental health issues related to social media and academic performance.

A Non-Profit Leader Anthony has served as the leader of Dwight Hall, a 3,500-person non-

profit organization. Their mission is "To nurture and inspire students as leaders of social change and to advance justice and service". The programs they worked on strive to form a more just society that meets the needs of the community in a fair and dignified way.

with enhanced services for students.

A Member of the Revere School Committee As an elected member of the Revere School Committee, Anthony led the creation of a district wide Equity Advisory Board that brought together parents, teachers, students, and other community stakeholders to develop creative solutions to address educational inequities. He also advocated for the implementation of a district wide mental health audit







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MADARO FAMILY COMMUNITY FUND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Photos by John Lynds

On Thanksgiving Day at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club Rep. Adrian Madaro, his family and dozens of volunteers distributed over 700 Thanksgiving Day meals to East Boston residents during the Madaro Family Community Fund Annual Thanksgiving Day dinner.

This was the second year the event was remote due to the COVID-19 pandemic but was still able to ensure nearly 1,000 families would not be left without a proper Thanksgiving



Volunteer Sherri Raftery works on assembling pies.

Day dinner. Volunteers also delivered nearly 150

turkeys ahead of the event to Eastie families in need.



Longtime volunteers, the Pizzicannella Family, are busy putting deserts together.



Volunteers and Rep. Adrian Madaro staffers Jassica Martinez and Gloribel Rivas.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards, Rep. Adrian Madaro and Mayor Michelle Wu.



Rep. Adrian Madaro's father, Jacopo, and mother, Debra Cave, prepare to distribute Thanksgiving Day meals to residents.



Rep. Adrian Madaro with his wife, Ariel, and son, Matteo.



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Rep. Adrian Madaro with his cousins Brody and Emma.

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Rep. Adrian Madaro with his predecessor, former Rep. Carlo Basile who founded the annual Thanksgiving Day dinner event when he was in office.



meals at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club.



BPS Assistant Superintendent Tommy Welch, Adam Kamoune and Gloribel Rivas

HAPPY VALLEY CELEBRATES 'GREEN WEDNESDAY'

Photos by John Lynds

Last Wednesday Eastie's newest cannabis dispensary, Happy Valley, celebrated "Green Wednesday" at its McClellan highway location.

The relatively new holiday started up as the cannabis dispensary industry's answer to the post-Thanksgiving holiday shopping extravaganzas of Black Friday and Cyber Monday and has become the second busiest

day for cannabis sales for local dispensaries behind

Happy Valley's included the Roxy's Food Truck that served up some free grilled cheese and tots and local deejay, DJ Joe, who played some music for shoppers from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Happy Valley also offered special pricing on cannabis products in the spirit of Black Friday and Cyber Monday.



The Roxy's Food Truck was on hand to serve up some free grilled cheese and tots.



DJ Joe spun some tunes for shoppers during Happy Valley's Green Wednesday event.





A line forms for some grilled cheese sandwiches at Roxy's Food Truck.

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command higher rates, leaving hospitals like EB-NHC with a greater share of patients on Medicare and Medicaid. Studies have shown that when a larger provider moves into an area already serviced by community hospitals like EBNHC they receive significantly higher rates of reimbursement for their services than the community hospital—in some cas-

es more than 30 percent.

Community hospitals like EBNHC already operate on very thin margins with the constant possibility of closure. Madaro said the bill passed by the House would limit unchecked growth of hospital chains, better suiting community hospitals to survive and ensuring continued competition in the health care market.

"Our community providers are the backbone of

our local healthcare system, ensuring affordable and accessible healthcare to those who need it most," said Madaro. "This legislation protects local providers, like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, guaranteeing that residents across our community can continue to access low-cost, quality healthcare services".

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The legislation creates a more rigorous review to ensure that when large hospital systems expand, they are not infringing on community hospital markets and raising health care costs for patients. It also requires the ongoing upkeep of a health resource inventory, which willgive regulators a better understanding of the Commonwealth's existing health care resources to inform these review processes and future reform efforts.

A key highlight of the bill would protect EBN-HC's market and gives the Health Center another tool to halt Determination of Need (DoN) proceedings should a proposed larger healthcare provider encroach on their primary service area. Under the bill the Department of Public Health will determine the need for the expansion of a larger healthcare provider into an area already served by a smaller community health center. Part of the expansion application would require the larger healthcare provider to include a letter of support from the CEO or board chair of an existing independent community hospital like EBNHC if the two entities are providing service in the same area.

"The House took a major step in working to guarantee that every Mas-

sachusetts resident has access to quality, affordable health care by passing legislation that will protect community hospitals," said Speaker Mariano (D-Quincy). "Community hospitals offer high-quality care to the most vulnerable patient populations at affordable rates. Our efforts to control health care cost growth depends on their continued existence."



Public safety and personal service, Luiza Alves (right) helps a Happy Valley client choose the right product for her personal needs, while maintaining a mask on per policy.

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ing of the Legislature. Because we know that when Black and brown people are elected, they not only represent the work in equity and opportunity on behalf of our communities but for everyone. We cannot equally serve the residents of this Commonwealth until we have a body that is incredibly effective. The other point is that 90% of politics is showing up. It's not showing up when it's easy or a time of accomplishment, or a time of achievement or celebration. It's showing up when it's difficult,

Councilor-Elect Burhan Azeem.

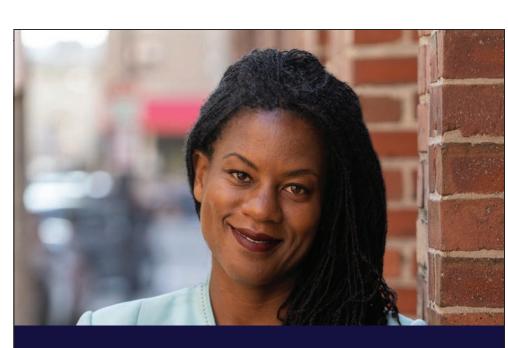
when it's hard, when it's about pushing the Commonwealth to understand that we've got a long way to go on a lot of issues. Whether it's housing or racial justice or just like later today, about hair discrimination and its impact on Black and brown in the workforce, Lydia shows up."

State Senator Nick Collins (Boston) also endorsed Lydia Edwards, joining his colleagues who have previously endorsed: Senator Julian Cyr (Truro); Senator Jamie Eldridge (Acton); Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (Boston); Senator Becca Rausch (Needham); Senator Cindy Friedman (Arlington); and Senator Eric Lesser (Longmeadow). Cambridge City Councilor-elect Burhan Azeem also joined today's press conference with his endorsement, as well as Boston City Councilors Kenzie Bok and Ed Flynn.

Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. Early vote in Boston begins on December 4 and will take place at City Hall and neighborhood locations to be announced.



Lydia Edwards, candidate for State Senate was joined by elected endorsers for a press conference in front of the State House. Lydia was joined by Mayor Michelle Wu, Chairman Aaron Michlewitz, State Rep. Adrian Madaro, State Rep. Jay Livingstone, Councilor Kenzie Bok, and Councilor Ed Flynn. We announced the endorsements of State Senator Nick Collins, State Rep. Mike Connolly, State Rep. Marjorie Decker, State Rep. Kip Diggs, State Rep. Tami Gouveia, State Rep. Russell Holmes, State Rep. Joan Meschino, State Rep. Liz Miranda, State Rep. Mike Moran, State Rep. Tram Nguyen, State Rep. Steven Owens, State Rep. Tommy Vitolo, State Rep. Maria Robinson, State Rep. Dan Ryan, and Cambridge



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EASTIE HIGH JETS TRIUMPH OVER SOUTH BOSTON AT FENWAY PARK

The East Boston High School football team squared off against their century-old rival South Boston at Fenway Park last Tuesday night and gave Southie a 50-0 wallop during the "Friendly Fenway" Thanksgiving Day high school football series at the historic ball-

Despite being played a few days before Thanksgiving, the matchup last week counted as the 103rd



Retired coach John Souza made an appearance.



The East Boston High School football team got together for a team pic at home plate on Tuesday, November 23 at Fenway Park. The Jets pummuled South Boston 50-0 and ended the season at a remarkable 8-2.

Eastie vs. Southie Thanksgiving Day Game with the Jets coming out on top.

Six different Eastie players scored touchdowns and Eastie scored against Southie on all of its possessions and finished the season 8-2.

This was Eastie's 13th straight victory over Southie during the classic Thanksgiving Day match-

"Our kids were really focused tonight and it was a little extra to play over here at Fenway Park so we were excited and we jumped on them and didn't look back," Eastie coach John Parziale told reporters after the game. "It's a big deal in our community. Our folks, they just ask us one question all the time, 'Did you beat

Southie?' That's all they want to know."

In its first four opening drives it was evident Eastie had the edge in the game. Those first few drives resulted in 225 rushing yards with a 51yard touchdown run by

Christian Martinez.

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Almost all of Eastie's points came from outstanding rushing throughout the game with the exception of a 17-yard pass from quarterback Taelor Thompson to Alex Valencia in the endzone.



Coach John Parziale watching the game.



EBHS Football team captains make their way to the coin toss.



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OBITUARIES

Lucy DelMuto

Activist for social and environmental causes

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Church, East Boston on November 27 for Lucy M. (Grande) DelMuto, 92, a lifelong East Boston resident, who passed following a brief illness on November 22 in the presence of her God and her devoted family.

Lucy worked as a secretary for over 27 years for the Boston Public School System.

She was an activist for many social and environmental causes and was most active in the Chelsea Creek Action Group.

The wife of the late Alfred R. DelMuto, she was the cherished mother of Doreen P. Miele and her husband, Atty. John S. Miele of Medford, Sandra L." Sandy" Osterweil and her husband, Alan of Saugus, Alfred "Freddie" DeI-Muto and his wife, Sharon and Frank DelMuto and his wife, Maria, all of East Boston; proud grandmother to John S. Miele, Jr. and his wife, Stacia, Rebecca M. Anoli and her husband, Michael and Lara N. Miele, all of Andover, Danielle E. Osterweil and fiancé, Steven E. Fortey of Saugus, Alfred DelMuto, III and his wife, Ana of East Boston, Justin M. DelMuto and his late wife, Melissa of Saugus, Dimitri J. DelMuto and fiancee, Mirjana, Kristen E. DelMuto and her husband,



Daniel Gillespi-O'Neill, all of East Boston and Jacqueline M. Murray and her husband, Michael of Annandadale, VA; the dear sister of Mary Guarnieri of Winchester and the late Ernest and Gaetano Grande and Carmella Gizzi. She is also lovingly survived by 10 adored great-grandchildren: John III, Sophia, Michael, Annabella, Jason, Alfred J. "A.J.", Jacob, Avery, Alana and Reese.

Many faithful nieces, nephews, grandnephews and grandnieces also survive her. Remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's' Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com

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Carol Ann Nicoletti

Of Winthrop

Carol Ann (Marino) Nicoletti, 82, of Winthrop passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

The beloved wife of the late Walter M. Nicoletti and the loving daughter of the late Gus and Rose (Siciliano) Marino, she was the devoted mother of Paula O'Leary and her husband, Daniel of Winthrop and Carla Boucher of Nashua, New Hampshire; dear sister of Lawrence Marino of East Boston, Louise and Rosalie Marino, both of Winthrop and the late William Marino and cherished grandmother of Casey O'Leary and Erin O'Leary Delaney and her husband, Patrick. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Carol's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Bos-





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ton, today, Wednesday, December 1 from 9 to 11 a.m. before leaving in procession to Saint John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop for a Funeral Mass celebrating Carol's life at 11:30 a.m. Services will conclude with Carol being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Walter, at Winthrop Cemetery, Cross Street. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Carol's name to a charity or foundation of your choice. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.



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Angela Belmonte Of East Boston

Angela F. Belmonte, 75, of East Boston passed away at home on Saturday, November 27 surrounded by her family.

The beloved daughter of the late Bruno and Catherine Gualtieri, she was the loving wife of the late Robert A. Belmonte, cherished mother of Rhonda LaFlamme and

her husband, William of East Boston, Robert A. Belmonte Jr. and his wife, Marie of Wilmington

and John Belmonte of East Boston; treasured grandmother of Sabrina and Marie Ciulla, Kristina Deras and her husband, German and Brandon and Samantha Belmonte; great-grandmother of Jonathan Flores, Veronica Berrios and Adryanna



Soto; dear sister of Louise (Lola) Belmonte and her late husband, Ronald Belmonte of East Boston. She is also survived by many loving nieces and neph-

A memorial service for her loved ones will be scheduled at a later date.

Patrick DeFeo

Of Chelsea, formerly of Revere

Patrick "Pat" DeFeo, 57, of Chelsea, formerly of East Boston, passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.

The cherished son of the late Anthony "Tony" and Elena "Helen" (Todesco) DeFeo, he was the loving father of Amy McCauley and Felicia DeFeo, adored grandfather of Zaniyah Brown, dear brother of Constance "Connie" Bertolino and her husband, Anthony of Revere and the late Anthony DeFeo Jr.; caring uncle of Toni-ann Merlina and her husband, Mark and their children, Anthony "AJ" and Julianna Merlina; nephew of Pasquale DeFeo and his wife, Kathy of Revere and Theresa Loubier and devoted companion of Faith



Family and friends are invited to attend a graveside service on Monday, December 6 at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, 302 Elm Street, Everett.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Patrick's memory to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, PO Box 4594 New York , NY.10163. www.vazzafunerals.com.

MCU welcomes Joelle Occean as VP Retail Regional Administrator

Staff Report

Metro Credit Union, Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, today announced Joelle Occean has joined the organization as VP Retail Regional Administrator. In her role, Occean is responsible for motivating, coaching, and supporting a team of branch managers to provide outstanding member service and performance to meet the financial needs of members, while achieving Metro's goals and objectives. She will oversee the sourcing and hiring of branch personnel within her assigned region and ensure all branches are staffed with experienced team members.

Prior to joining Metro Credit Union, Occean held a similar role as an Area Manager at East Boston Savings Bank, earning more than 10 years of experience in banking and a passion for member



Joelle Occean.

service and engagement. Throughout her career, Occean has opened numerous individual branches, meeting their financial objectives with a detailed understanding of local markets.

"We're excited to have Joelle join Metro" said Robert Cashman, Metro Credit Union's President and CEO. "Her depth of knowledge within the banking industry, alongside her leadership and management skills, will serve our members well as Metro continues to grow." Occean received her

Associates degree in Business Administration from Newbury College and has a Branch Compliance Officer (BCO) certification. She is Mutual Fund Licensed and has completed Personal Financial Planning No. 1 (PFP) training.

Start the new year with a new career at the MBTA

Staff Report

The MBTA is aggressively hiring new employees to join its dynamic workforce. It takes many people to move over a million trips a day, and the 6,500-person MBTA is redoubling efforts to hire hundreds of open positions - from train and trolley operators, to administrative and technical positions, and especially bus drivers who are in high demand to transport Massachusetts residents to work, play, and everywhere in between. Prospective candidates looking for a rewarding career where they can have a positive impact on the entire region should visit mbta.com/careers for more information on open positions and to learn about the MBTA's many benefits and incentives.

"The MBTA plays an integral and essential role in keeping Massachusetts moving. The T is a diverse and exciting place to work, and we're actively hiring and training new employees, especially bus drivers, right now to join our ranks and play a significant part in revitalizing the region post pandemic," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "The MBTA is being proactive in recruiting new individuals to join our team and fast-tracking the hiring process, and will continue to work closely with local and state career centers and our community partners to recruit new individuals to join our team. We offer a variety of growth opportunities to employees and encourage members of the public to visit our website to learn more about our many open positions and beginning their career at the T."

The MBTA has gone to over 20 online and in-person career fairs across the region this fall and is updating the way it hires to to start a T career, includ- tagram @theMBTA.

ing Commercial Driver's License (CDL) permit "events" at Registry of Motor Vehicle locations (CDL permits are encouraged in applying for bus operator positions), a revamp of the interview process, streamlining the application process, and more. The T has also launched an aggressive recruitment campaign, more than doubling the size of its Human Resources recruiting department since Labor Day 2021 with more anticipated to join soon. A Human Resources team was also recently created that is dedicated to vehicle operator hiring, especially MBTA bus operators.

The MBTA offers competitive salaries, extensive healthcare benefits, free public transit, training programs, tuition assistance employee assistance programs, and an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion. MBTA employees also receive attractive retirement plans, paid vacation, holidays, and sick time, and flexible spending accounts. Members of the public can view open positions online and visit the MBTA website for more information on in-

surance and other benefits. The MBTA envisions a thriving region enabled by a best-in-class transit system. The MBTA's mission is to serve the public by providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation, and holds core values built around safety, service, equity, and sustainability. Each employee that works for the MBTA performs their roles based on our vision, mission, and values. The MBTA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity

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McCormick promoted to Night Command

East Boston native and District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick, who took over the reins of the neighborhood's police station back in 2012 after Frank Mancini was promoted, announced he will be leaving Eastie.

deep in Eastie, has been promoted to Citywide Night Command.

"To quote Winnie the Pooh, "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard," said McCormick. "The Department has asked me to go to Citywide Night

Command. As I look forward to the challenges and opportunities that await me, I want to take the time to thank all of my officers, superior officers, detectives, and civilian staff that made being the Captain of Area A-7 the greatest job in the Department. All of you were, and are Kelley, whose roots run out there every day making the "small differences' that create such great, positive change in the world. To the people of East Boston, thank you for the honor of being a returning son of East Boston who was allowed to come home to

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District A-7 Captain Kelley McCormick during a recent youth soccer game at American Legion Playground in Eagle Hill. McCormick will be leaving his post here to serve as

Stand Up for Eastie organizes second rally

The grassroots group of oncerned residents oposed to what they call an overdevelopment' of East Boston held their second protest recently in Central Square but this time they were joined by a slew of elected officials and can-

lidates for office. Stand Up for Eastie, ounded by Frankfort Street resident Joni De-Marzo after she and her family opposed a devel-

opment project next door to their home they feared would severely impact their quality of life, held their first rally back in July in Wood Island and

Day Square. This time the group was joined by current City Councilor and state senate candidate Lydia Edwards, senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio and At-Large City Council candidates Ruthzee Louijeune and

Dave Halbert. The group and its sup-

porters spent the Saturday afternoon in Central Square handing out flyers, carrying signs and trying to educate people on the impacts development has

had on the neighborhood. "We know development has always been going on, year after year the city expands, more people move here and that is all fine but it's never caused East Boston such disaster and tragedy before," said DeMarzo at the rally. "So

ton? There are 20 different neighborhoods in the City of Boston from Allston and Brighton to Charlestown and Chinatown, Downtown, Dorchester, Southie, continuing to Roslindale, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan

Boston being singled out, why is East Boston getting slammed with overdeveloped projects?" DeMarzo argues that the system is being manipulated and residents why now? Why East Bos-

are left to suffer. "The zoning laws that are written in black and white are being violated by the authorities," she said. "The mayor's office, the ZBA and BPDA are putting the people of East

plus more..so why is East

See STAND UP Page 8

Due to the Monday, Oct. 11th, Columbus

Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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Michelle Wu will be first on the Mayoral Ballot in November

Citywide Night Command.

By John Lynds At the random drawing at City Hall Monday to determine the position of the Boston Mayoral Ballot, Michelle Wu's name came out of the perforated bingo drum first and will appear on the top of the mayoral ballot in November with Annissa Essaibi George appearing second. Essaibi George was first on the ballot during the Preliminary Election that narrowed the field of mayoral

candidates down to two. The Board of Election Commission also randomly drew the order of the At-Large ballot for November

with Dave Halbert getting

the top spot on that ticket. In September voters narrowed the crowded At-Large field down to 8 and the order on the ballot will

be as follows: David Halbert Bridget M Nee-Walsh Julia Mejia Carla Monteiro Ruthzee Louijeune Althea Garrison Michael Flaherty Erin J. Murphy

Ballot Questions The Boston General Election November ballot will also feature three ballot questions for Boston See ELECTION Page 9



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Stand Up for Eastie protesters unfurl a huge Save Eastie sign at a rally in Central Square. Ruggiero Family Memorial Home

"Proud to welcome to our staff Mark Tauro, former owner and director of Rapino,



The walkers at the start of the 13th Annual ALS and MLS Walk.

Malden Catholic students walk on behalf of the Leonard Florence Center for Living and raise \$13,000

Special to the Independent

In honor of the 13th Annual ALS & MS Walk for Living, which was held virtually on October 17 to benefit the residents of the Leonard Florence Center for Living, the Malden Catholic High School held a three-mile walk on Wednesday, November 17 at 2:30 PM. Over 300 students, parents, faculty, staff and friends attended the walk around the track twelve times in honor those who have suffered from ALS in the community and raised over \$13,000.

The walk honored Timothy Paquette (MC'07), who passed away from ALS on June 27, 2021, and is the son of Rick & Elizabeth Paquette; Chris Snow, a Melrose native who was diagnosed with ALS in 2019; Brother Joe Comber, a community member and care-giver to Brother Tim Hoey who was MC's Social Studies Department Chairperson and beloved teacher who passed away from ALS on April 24, 2021. Brother Tim Hoey was also a res-

Speakers include Tim's mom Elizabeth Paquette, Malden Mayor Gary Christenson and Walk for Living Director Maura Graham.

"Tim lost his battle with ALS this June, and he left his wife Chelsea and beautiful baby boy, Declan. I felt devastated and overwhelmed but having the MC Lancers came out today provide a circle of love and care for those in the community who are suffering, meant a tremendous amount to me and my family," stated Mrs. Elizabeth Paquette.

The Leonard Florence Center for Living enables its residents, many of whom are completely immobilized, to control lights, turn on the TV, call for the elevator, open doors and raise window shades, all with help of a computer and sensor that tracks head and eye movements for instruction. This technology enables them to move independently through the entire residence, vastly improving their quality of life.

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

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But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.
Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give

ris story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



The Holidays are here! Make this Holiday Season the



Woman said she was stabbed during attempted robbery in Orient Heights; police think differently

By John Lynds

Early Tuesday morning residents living near the intersection of Bayswater Street and St. Andrew Rd. in Orient Heights woke up to a bunch of commotion.

Witnesses who live in the area told police they found a woman on the corner of the two streets sobbing into her phone and bleeding from an apparent stab wound to the leg. Soon the block was a scene of police cars, crime scene tape and reporters. The unidentified wom-

an told police she was attacked by three men who attempted to rob her at 6:30 a.m. as she walked down the street towards Orient Heights MBTA station. She said when she resisted her attacks one of them stabbed her in the leg and fled on foot.

Hours after the alleged attack police said the incident may not have involved a crime at all and the story may have been fabricated by the victim. Police would not elaborate on why the woman's story did not add

up. Some residents in the area have doorbell cameras but it's unclear if these videos were provided as evidence to police.

However, neighbors in the area who know the woman said she suffers from mental illness and may have suffered an episode early Tuesday morning. Neighbors also reported that they heard nothing that sounded like a woman being attacked by three men. Some reported only hearing a person faintly moaning around 6:30 a.m. near the intersection. Further complicating the victim's story is the fact the area is usually a beehive of activity during the morning commute with children waiting for school buses at nearby street corners, workers heading to the MBTA station and construction workers working on several development projects a stones throw

No one in the area at the time of the alleged crime could corroborate the woman's story.

from the alleged crime.

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, December 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. a public meeting f the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held VIA ZOOM It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

REGULAR MEETING

Attendance 6:30 pm

-6:40 pm – East Boston Sailing Center Update - 6:45 pm – Review of Membership Subcommittee Recommendation and

- 7:30 pm - Treasurer's Report (Month Ending November 30, 2021) Old Business

7:40 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)

7:50 pm - Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discuss 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. For remote participation please use the link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87184803777?pwd=ZTU2ZGxKMisvRy8ybEVqb2NVbXg4dz09

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED

AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND -English to Spanish Translation will be available A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation 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 Com-

monwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 5 days prior to the scheduled date of

Louise Montanino, President

East Boston Project Advisory Committee (PierPAC)

De conformidad con G. L.c. 30A, §18-20 El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado Se da aviso de que el lunes 14 de deciembre de 2021 a las 6:30 pm, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) via

AVISO DE REUNIÓN (REPROGRAMADO) PÚBLICA

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

REUNIÓN REGULAR

Asistencia 6:30 pm

Aprobación del Acta 16 de noviembre de 2021 6:35 pm NUEVO NEGOCIO

6:40 pm - East Boston Sailing Center 6:45 pm - Examen del informe del Subcomité de Composición y propuesta de

7:30 pm - Informe del Tesorero (Mes que termina el 30 de noviembre)

7:40 pm - Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad

7:50 pm - Actualización - Compromiso financiero anual de Massport (dis-

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 con G. L. 30A.s.21 una vez concluida, la Junta no reanudará su

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LIQUOR LICENSES **COULD EXPAND**

CHELSEA - More people in Chelsea could mean more liquor licenses for the city.

"Based on new census numbers, we're likely to have a significant number of new liquor licenses available," said Stephon Treadway, the city's municipal hearing officer.

Treadway said the Licensing Department is recommending that a request for proposals go out asking potential licensees to meet certain criteria, rather than having the Li-

censing Commission take the requests for new licenses in order when they become available.

"Then we can decide which we think are the best fit for the city under the criteria established by Chapter 138," said Treadway.

Licensing Commissioner James Guido said a public hearing will be scheduled to help determine the best criteria for the RFPs and issuing the new licenses.

In other business, the commission held a conference on the status of the liquor license for The Chelsea Walk Pub, which is currently closed.

Pub manager Angela Palmieri said there are currently negotiations underway to sell the pub which she said she expects to be concluded by the end of the year. Palmieri said The Chelsea Pub Walk filed to renew the liquor license for 2022.

The Chelsea Walk Pub will be back before the Licensing Commission in December for an update.

"We're not going to let

you renew and stay closed and have a pocket license for a year," said Guido. "When you come in December, we'll decide how we are going to proceed." The commission also

got an update on the liquor license held by the estate of Nancy Serna. She held the liquor license for Rancho Las Pupusas on 2nd Street, which is currently open but not serving alco-According to a letter

from an attorney representing the estate, the matter is currently in Suffolk County Probate Court, and it's expected that there will be a corporation running the business under one of the heirs. At that time, it is likely that the new corporation will appear before the Licensing Commission to reactivate the liquor license.

In other business, the commission heard from the managers of Bar La Cueva on Broadway, which reopened in September after being closed for over a year due to the pandemic. The managers requested that their hours be extended from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends.

Guido said the restaurant could file for an extension, and it would be taken up at a public hearing in January.

Police Lt. Keith Houghton said that the bar's hours had been rolled back in 2019, but that there had been no issues since they reopened in September.

MISSING COUNCILORS DELAY VOTE

EVERETT - Lack of attendance by four members of the City Council caused a postponement of action on several ordinances including the new ordinance on a plastic bag ban at Monday night's meeting.

Other orders that needed to be delayed included an order to raise and appropriate \$2,815 for ECTV and an order to raise and appropriate \$686.015 for the general fund. A vital Zoning Ordinance change for the lower Broadway district also was caught up in the delay.

The issue of holding councillors accountable for missed meetings was discussed in an order proposed by Councillor Stephanie Martins.

However, Ward Councillor Rosa DiFlorio opposed the motion.

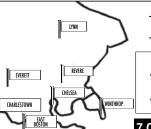
"I am against this," said DiFlorio. "We should let

voters make the decision." Councillors John F. Hanlon and Anthony

DiPierro also were also against the motion, with Hanlon saying, "There has never been a need for an

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ordinance like this in 100 years." The motion was referred back to the spon-

A motion to delete the controversial longevity and bonus pay for the office of mayor also was referred back to the sponsor, Ward 1 Councillor Fred Capone, who has tested positive for COVID 19 and was unable to attend the meeting. Further complicating the motion was that there was no recommendation from the sub-committee.

DiPierro, speaking on the motion, said that the commendation pay "rewards the individual. There are longevity rewards in a city like Revere, for example. We have three and half years to act on this."

Councilor Jimmy Tri Le said, "We should lay this on the table until (Councilor) Capone comes back."

On the other hand, Councilor Michael Marchese thought waiting four years to redo the ordinance "is absurd."

National Grid was granted permission to lay new gas pipes under the sidewalks on the northeast side of Hancock Street between Highland Avenue and Belmont

DiFlorio voiced a warning that "the sidewalks should be returned to the City in 'as is' condition." She also said that baiting of the neighborhood for rodents should be part of the condition.

The pipes will be laid out in the coming weeks and then asphalt will be used to make the sidewalks passable until the spring, at which time all of the concrete panels will be replaced in full, according to the spokesperson from National Grid.

In another motion, councillors approved the following equipment as surplus

and to be sold off: That the Everett City Council hereby declares the following DPW vehicles as surplus 2009 Freightliner – 6 Wheel Dump Truck Needs a new engine, wiring harness and has electrical issues. Estimated cost over \$20,000 to fix. Body is rotting. 2005 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck needs new brakes. H as electrical issues and body is rotting. Estimated cost of repairs is \$15,000 or more. 2005. International 6 Wheel Dump Truck needs a new motor, has electrical issues and body is rotting. Estimated cost of repairs is over. \$20,000. 2010 Komatsu Backhoe has fuel issues, hydraulic issues, needs a new motor, and has electrical issues. Does not meet current DOT safety standards and will not pass an inspection. 2009 Ford F-250-4WD pick up needs repairs to turbos, injectors, front end ball joints and U-Joints, Motor currently leaks and needs to be replaced. Damage to the body. 2009 Ford F-2504WD Pick Up needs a brand new motor, damage to body and a new computer. 2002 Jeep Liberty – needs a new engine. Estimated cost far exceeds value. 2007 Chevy Pick-up Truck needs a new rear axle and full transmission rebuild. 2013 Ford Taurus needs a new engine. Estimated cost of repair exceeds value. 2000 Chevy Astro School Vehicle – front end damage, body rust. Age of vehicle and estimated cost of repairs is not feasible. 2005 Ford Explorer needs a new transmission 2002 Chevy Tahoe - multiple issues, including engine and transmission replacement. Rust and body damage. Scrap value. 1999 Chevy Rack Body Truck -Multiple issues including no steering column, engine,

NICHOLSON NAMES TRANSITION TEAM

rotted out body. Scrap value.

LYNN - Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson has announced the formation of a Transition Committee to advise his incoming Administration as well as the launch of a website to support his team's outreach and recruitment: www. lynnforallofus.com.

The Transition Committee will be co-chaired by Faustina Cuevas, the City's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, and Magnolia Contreras, Vice-President of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a member of the board of EDIC/Lynn.

The other members are:

- Charlie Gaeta, Executive Director of Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development
- Frances Martinez, President / CEO of the North Shore Latino Business Association
- Bob Tucker, President of the Friends of Lynn & Nahant Beach and former President of the Lynn City
- Katie Cohen, former Executive Director of the and the ballots were pris-North Shore Labor Coun-
- Drew Russo, City of Lynn Personnel Director
- Gordie Hall, President & CEO The Hall Company, Inc.
- Thavra Net, Mental Health Therapist and Program Director of Rainbow ADHC of Lynn
- Oren Wright, Lynn Police Officer and Lynn Public Schools Security

The Committee will be charged with advising Mayor-Elect Nicholson on the assembly of his Administration's the elaboration of policy priorities, and the recruitment and facilitation of different voices and perspectives from the com-

In tandem with the launch of the Transition

Committee, Mayor-Elect Nicholson has also announced his Administration's transition website: www.lynnforallofus.com.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the new Administration can reach out directly through this site. There is a form to submit resumes and thoughts and suggestions to the Mayor-Elect.

Nicholson said, "We are thrilled to hit the ground running in this effort and invite anyone and everyone who wants to participate to reach out. I'm also grateful for the deep thoughtfulness and foresight that Mayor McGee and his team are bringing to the transition process. We're putting in the work to make this an inclusive and structured effort that sets us up for success in January and beyond."

ZAMBUTO FALLS SHORT IN RECOUNT

REVERE - City Council President Anthony Zambuto's recount bid in the Nov. 2 election picked up four votes, but Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo emerged as the fifth-place finisher overall by 33 votes, taking the final at-large position.

The recount, under the direction of Election Commissioner Diane Colella, was held Saturday at the Revere High School Fieldhouse. Rotondo finished with 2,238 votes while Zambuto received 2,205 votes. Dan Rizzo, Steven Morabito, Marc Silvestri, and Gerry Visconti were elected to the other four at-large positions.

"It was interesting, probably the most respectful recount I've ever been involved in," said Zambuto. "There was no acrimony or anything."

The long-time councillor-at-large said he did notice during the recount that "unfortunately there was a bullet campaign out there tine so we couldn't find any votes because people just went in and bulleted either Morabito, Silvestri, or Rizzo."

A "bullet" in the case of the Revere councillor-at-large election meant that voters cast their individual ballot and voted for only one candidate when they could have voted for up to five candidates. That strategy would hurt the chances of a well-known incumbent such as Zambuto, who likely would have received many secondary votes.

Zambuto congratulated Rotondo on his victory in the recount and wished him well in the new term that begins in January.

"George and I were friends going in and we were friends going out," said Zambuto. "Unfortu-

WINTHROP HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 1961 REUNION AT THE HISTORIC WINTHROP ARMS



Last Saturday afternoon about 30 members of the WHS Class of 1961 gathered at the Winthrop Arms Restaurant for an afternoon of friendship and a great meal. Some of the classmates see each other on a regular basis but for some it was a welcomed homecoming.

nately for me, I couldn't find any votes because of the way the ballots were," said Zambuto.

Zambuto said he's had 22 years of distinguished service and has many accomplishments such as leading the effort to build a new Revere station.

"I walk away with my head held up high," said Zambuto. "I had to have this recount for my supporters of 22 years. The bottom line is the recount was very respectful and very professional."

MARIJUANA LACED WITH FENTANYL

WINTHROP - Public Health Director Meredith Hurley would like to issue a warning for marijuana laced with fentanyl.

The Connecticut State Lab recently confirmed the presence of fentanyl in a marijuana sample after numerous people who reported only using marijuana overdosed.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid typically used to treat severe pain. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine, and has been linked to overdoses and death.

"Fentanyl is often disguised with other drugs, and people may not know that they are consuming it," Director Hurley said. "With the recent discovery of marijuana laced with fentanyl in Connecticut, it is more important than ever to be vigilant and to know the signs of an overdose. Remember, always dial 911 in the event of an overdose." The Winthrop Public

symptoms, which may be signs of an overdose: • Small, constricted pu-

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es to share the following

- Falling asleep or loss
- of consciousness • Slow, shallow breath-
- Choking or gurgling sounds
 - A limp body

• Pale, blue or cold skin residents notice someone that they believe is experiencing an overdose, they should immediately dial 911 and administer Narcan if available. Narcan, otherwise known as Naloxone, is an opioid antagonist that can reverse the effects of a potentially fatal overdose by displacing the drug from the receptors in the brain. Narcan is available for purchase without a prescription at most pharmacies, and health insurance can be used to offset the



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COVID infections drop

By John Lynds

With hundreds of East Bostonians gathering with friends and family over Thanksgiving weekend, public health officials are keeping a close eye for increases in COVID-19 infections in the neighborhood.

While East Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate decreased last week, health experts say the search for isolated spikes in infections may not show up until next week's report if some residents were exposed to the virus over the Holiday Weekend.

Last week, 1,987 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 4.2 percent were positive--this was a 2.3 percent decrease from the

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4.3 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on November 22.

However, the citywide weekly positive test rate increased last week. According to the BPHC 27,014 residents were tested and four percent were COVID positive--this was a 5.3 percent increase from the 3.8 percent reported by the BPHC on November 15.

Eighty-three additional residents contracted the virus between November 22 and November 29 and there are now 8,771 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report.

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FIRST NOTE: In a vintage photograph from 1977, North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra Music Director Max Hobart starts the first "Sounds of Christmas" Concert at a full St. Anthony's Church. The tradition continues Sunday when Hobart's successor Robert Lehmann conducts the Orchestra at St. Anthony's in a 4 p.m free concert.

Sounds of Christmas will play Sunday in Revere

Covid restrictions in place for safety

Staff Report

The instruments are tuned and the musicians are ready for Sunday's Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert and Food Drive featuring the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra.

Music Director Robert Lehmann will start the program of popular Christmas music at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

All concert attendees will be required to show proof of Covid vaccination or a negative Covid test taken no earlier than Thursday December 2. Everyone will be required to wear masks during the concert.

Admission to the concert is free thanks to the generous principal sponsors Bocchino Insurance, Global Partners LP, Comcast, RCN, Action



Soprano Jean Danton will be the featured soloist with the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in Sunday's Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert at St. Anthony's Church, 4 p.m.

Emergency Management Services, and the Arbella Insurance Foundation. Patrons are asked to bring a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry.

The "Sounds of Christmas" concert was first played in Revere in 1976 and settled at St. Anthony's Church in 1977. It has been an annual event except for a three-year hiatus in the mid-1980s. The pandemic forced cancellation of last year's concert.

"It goes without saying that we are thrilled to be back at St. Anthony's this year," said Robert Marra Jr., president of the Orchestra and co-chair of the concert. "We want everyone to be safe, but to come and enjoy this tradition and welcome the holiday season."

The concert was named in 2002 after lifelong Revere resident, violinist Robert Marra Sr., the Orchestra's concertmaster for over 50 years and a 40-year teacher at Revere High. The Food Drive has been a part of the event since 1991 and over the years has raised tons of food to help the needy in Revere and surrounding communities served by the Revere Food Pantry organized by the First

Congregational Church.



Organizers expect a good crowd at Sunday's Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert at St. Anthony's Church, 4 p.m. as the annual tradition resumes after last year's COVID-related cancellation.



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