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The Tall Ship bar at Eastie Landing this past season. Massport has extended NYHG's lease for five years at Pier 1.

## Tall Ship floating bar receives five year extension

By John Lynds

With Roseland pulling out of their commitment to develop the actual pier at Pier I, Massport has been left scrambling to fill a void.

With no future residential development on the horizon and an already established interim tenant that ran a successful en-

deavor activating the pier last season, the Massport Board voted unanimously last week to extend the Navy Yard Hospitality Group's (NYHG) lease at Pier I for another five years.

In July NYHG launched Eastie Landing, an outdoor dining concept that includes a Tall Ship and large patio on Pier I.

Throughout the summer and fall thousands flocked to Eastie Landing to experience the Tall Ship bar, outdoor patio complete with seating, lawn games and private dining options as well as food truck vendors and shipping containers that were converted into patio bars and retail shops.

"A year ago Roseland

developed a partnership with NYHG, led by Charlie Warner, a local restaurateur, and identified (Eastie Landing) as an opportunity to implement an interim use on the pier," said Massport Board member Warren Fields. "So under a one year agreement with Roseland last summer,

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## Roseland pulls out of finishing Pier I Project

By John Lynds

Over the course of its two decade relationship with the community of East Boston, Roseland has received numerous concessions from elected officials, Massport and residents but has given little in return.

As Massport's design-

ated developer for the Pier I project since the early 2000s elected officials have passed legislation protecting Roseland from 'frivolous' Chapter 91 lawsuits; Massport allowed the development company to use the future site of Piers Park Phase II as construction staging for the first three buildings;

and residents put up with numerous changes to the project's style, size and scope over the years.

Using the future site of Piers Park Phase II alone saved Roseland millions of dollars in construction costs but residents suffered a yearslong delay in the development of that park until the project's

first three buildings were erected. Only now is the park close to becoming a reality.

However, all these concessions were met with little public amenities aside from what some have called the most bland portion of Eastie's harbor-

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## The Trustees of Reservations unveil new design concepts

By John Lynds

After several community workshops and informa-

tion gathered through an online survey, the Trustees of Reservations and Michael Van Valkenburgh

Associates, Inc., released the newest design of Piers Park III at a Community Design Review meeting

last Wednesday.

These new design elements gathered through public feedback courtesy of Eastie residents includes less open water in favor of larger and more accessible landscapes.

Nick Black, Managing Director of The Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative, said the new design maintains unique and exceptional public access to the water with an additional access point to the uplands area of the park while preserving the site's maritime history.

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An aerial view of the new Piers Park Phase III design that includes less open water in favor of larger and more accessible landscapes.

## City holds budget listening session for Districts 1, 3, and 4

By Lauren Bennett

The City of Boston held a budget listening session for Districts 1, 3 and 4 on Feb. 19 as part of its Budget Listening Tour. Approximately 65 people tuned into the Zoom session to learn about the city's budget process and provide feedback on things they'd like to see in the Fiscal Year 2023 city budget.

Jim Williamson, the city's Budget Director, gave a brief presentation about the budget process and how it works.

He said that the city is "really excited to hear people's thoughts," especially since voters voted to change the role of the City Council in the budgeting process in last November's election and a participatory budgeting model will be created.

Boston's budget has two parts, the operating budget, which gets most of its funding from things like taxes and state aid and pays for general city services, and the capital budget, which receives funding from the operating budget to pay for municipal bonds for longer-term projects.

Williamson explained that the operating budget has two parts: expenses and revenue. The most amount of money is spent on public agencies, then on general government agencies, public safety, fixed costs such as pensions, and health insurance.

Williamson also said that 73 percent of the FY22 budget came from property taxes. The rest comes from state aid, departmental revenue, excise

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## Amended Municipal Harbor Plan will focus on Eastie

By John Lynds

In the future large swaths of East Boston may be inundated with water during a major coastal storm event known as a "one percent chance" flood event. This doomsday event, coupled with an expected 40-inch sea level rise by 2070, makes Eastie one of the most vulnerable Boston neighborhoods prone to the impacts of sea level rise.

Already, the city has adopted new zoning to deal with future sea level rise at the bottom of Jeffries Point; the waterfront areas along the Chelsea Creek; the entire low-lying areas in the middle of the neighborhood along the Saratoga, Chelsea and Bennington Street corridors; Suffolk Downs and the

Harbor View neighborhood around Constitution Beach.

Taking another step to protect the neighborhood from sea level rise and storm event flooding, Mayor Michelle Wu announced last week she plans to file an amendment to Boston's Downtown Waterfront District Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) and launch a municipal harbor planning process for Eastie.

Since the approval of the MHP by the Commonwealth in 2018, the City has done further planning, analysis, and engagement including Coastal Resilience Solutions Plan for Downtown Boston and the North End. Wu said the amendment will

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# Massport to offer free snow emergency parking for Eastie residents at Logan

By John Lynds

At last week’s Massport Board meeting the board voted unanimously in favor of allowing East Boston residents to park for free at Logan Airport’s economy garage when a snow emergency is declared in Boston.

“Due to the current parking availability that we have (at Logan) and the fluctuating passenger volumes we are proposing to institute an East Boston residents snow emergency parking program,” said Massport’s Director, Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola at last week’s board meeting. “So how this would work is that upon declaration of a snow emergency within the City of Boston, which constitutes a parking ban, East Boston residents could park in the economy garage for free. Residents will have 24 hours upon the end of the snow emergency to remove their vehicle from the economy garage and they will need to show their license upon

exiting the garage for proof of residency.”

Coppola said the program not only provides a gesture of goodwill from Massport to the residents of Eastie it will make life a little bit easier for residents during snowstorms.”

Coppola said the process will be once the Mayor announces a snow emergency Massport will look at the availability that they have within the economy garage.

“We will make an announcement not only on our website, but on social media and work with our elected officials to help us get the word out,” said Coppola. “We will identify how many spots we have available and make sure that people know how many we have.”

The parking will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

“At this moment (the number of spaces) will fluctuate based upon passenger volumes, but I would say I think we feel comfortable that we will always have at least 75 spots available,” said Cop-

pola.

Massport Board Member John Nucci said the measure was “long overdue”.

“Not only is it the right thing to do for East Boston residents, but it will also help clear the streets more quickly because there will be fewer cars on the street,” said Nucci. “As you know East Boston is a very, very difficult place to park and when there is a parking ban due to a snow emergency there is literally no place to go to these cars. So to have this opportunity Massport will be providing I think will be very well received and very much appreciated.”

Nucci thanked Rep. Adrian Madaro and Sen. Lydia Edwards for advocating for the program on behalf of Eastie residents to the Massport Board.

“I have had many conversations with Massport about resident parking during snow emergencies,” said Madaro. “Last week, those conversations culminated in a board vote that allows East Boston residents to park in Mass-

port’s Economy Garage during snow emergencies. This will help keep our major streets clear for snow removal and ease the stress of preparing for snow emergencies for many of our neighbors. Thank you, Sen. Lydia Edwards for lending your support in our advocacy to make better use of Massport land during snow emergencies, and thank you to Lisa Weiland and members of the Massachusetts Port Authority staff for working with us to make this happen.”

Edwards added, “It’s one of the first things I worked on when I became a Senator. I had called up Massport to discuss several items including why

we aren’t getting this as a form of mitigation. Parking during a snowstorm is close to impossible. We don’t have the space. Massport ironically ends up with more space with canceled flights. I am happy they took swift action and look forward to more community benefits.”

However, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland said while the program is a good gesture it may not be forever once Logan passenger numbers get back to pre-pandemic levels.

“I think it’s the right thing to do now while we have space,” said Wieland. “The number (of spaces) that are available will fluctuate and it will be dependent upon

what passenger demand is for some of those spaces. We think we’ll be able to provide up to 75 (spaces) but that number might be different down the road. I think what this vote is doing is demonstrating that Massport is a good community partner. We’re trying to utilize our assets that we have available to help the community when we can do it. So if it turns out to be something we could do only for one season I think that’s positive and better than not doing it at all. We will of course do our best to continue to offer this to the community but I think we have to recognize the possible restraints and limitations on that.”

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walk.

Now with Roseland’s nearly 500 rental units being leased in buildings 5, 6, and 7 for between \$3,000 to upwards of \$10,000 a month the company is pulling in tens of millions of dollars a year from Eastie’s Pier I project.

Last week, Massport Board member Warren Fields announced Roseland is walking away from its commitment to erect residential units out on the actual pier. The board voted unanimously to allow Roseland out of its construction commitment and development lease of the pier.

“So after more than 20 years of partnership, and hard work, endeavoring to build a project on Pier One, Roseland informed us late last year of their intention to terminate their development rights on the site effective February 1,” said Fields. “To initiate development on the East Boston waterfront (Roseland) proceeded initially with buildings 5,6, and 7 and built 477 units on the site. The project I’ll say was a challenge but they persevered through an underdeveloped market and then through the

Great Recession. They’ve been highly motivated to build on the pier. Given their considerable investment in the property, they demolished a large shed structure on the pier initially, which cleared the way to develop the pier.”

Warren said what was discovered almost from the beginning of the partnership was the 2,200 piles that support the pier really presented a major structural challenge and cost to the asset. “We came to you (the board) in 2019 and I sought a 24 month extension to proceed with a mixed housing project on the pier,” said Warren. “That was based on a pretty innovative engineering approach that Roseland thought could work.”

However, in light of the rapid escalation and construction costs that occurred over the last three years and more demanding financing requirements under COVID Warren said the longstanding commitment of Roseland to actually develop the pier did not make sense financially.

“The piles have significantly deteriorated over a 60 plus year timeframe,” said Warren. “The (pier) deck is suitable for low

weight non-development purposes but really can’t support development without a minimum investment that has been targeted a few years ago at approximately \$50 million. It’s a huge cost entry for a residential development on this property at this time given market conditions.”

Warren said Massport will certainly explore alternative uses for the site as well as positive and productive interim uses on the parcel.

“As an East Boston resident, I can say that it’s a little bit of a punch in the gut to see this is not going forward as planned because people were certainly anticipating it for a long time,” said Massport Board Member John Nucci. “I would hope that we can find some good and all of this as we move forward. Beyond the lease, we’re going to be talking about other uses for this site. We could be looking at something that might provide a less dense project, and one that might provide affordable homeownership on the waterfront, because I think that’s a piece that’s been missing from the development so far.”

# Gang member sentenced to life in prison for grizzly 2016 Christmas Eve murder

By John Lynds

After a hard start in life Luis Fernando Orellana Ruano was trying to get his life back on track. The Eastie teen that bounced between living with relatives to living in foster homes showed his fair share of rebellion and angst but through Youth-Build, a Cambridge program, he began learning how to fix motorcycles.

Sadly, his aspirations for a better life came too little too late.

Orellana Ruano, the son of Guatemalan coffee farmers, was stabbed to death on Christmas Eve 2016 on the steps of the bleachers at East Boston Memorial Stadium—a tragic end to a boy who could have had a bright future but unfortunately slipped through the cracks.

Now, five years after his murder, justice has been served for Orellana Ruano.

Last week U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf sentenced Henri Salvador Gutierrez, a/k/a “Perverso,” 23, a Salvadoran national, to life in prison for Orellana Ruano’s murder as well as the 2018 murder of another teen in Lynn.

Gutierrez, a member of the violent MS-13 gang, was indicted in federal court on RICO conspiracy charges and plead guilty for his participation in the two grizzly murders. In each instance court documents showed Gutierrez played a critical role in repeatedly stabbing both teens to death. Wolf said each of the victims was murdered with extreme atrocity and cruelty in violation of Massachusetts law.

According to court documents, Gutierrez lured Orellana Ruano to a public soccer stadium on Christmas Eve 2016 based solely on Gutierrez’s belief that the victim may have been associated with a rival gang. Gutierrez personally stabbed the victim numerous times and left the victim’s body at the bottom of a stairwell. An autopsy revealed the victim had at least a dozen sharp force wounds consistent with a stabbing,

with significant injuries to the neck, chest and back. His throat appeared to have been slashed, and he had multiple incised wounds to the neck and multiple stab wounds to the chest.

In 2017, while the December 2016 murder remained unsolved, and unrelated to that investigation, immigration authorities arrested Gutierrez as part of ongoing removal proceedings. Gutierrez had entered the United States unlawfully in 2014 and was facing deportation.

Authorities sought to remove Gutierrez from the United States and pointed to evidence of his association with MS-13 as part of the reasons to oppose Gutierrez’s petition for asylum and other relief.

Gutierrez submitted an affidavit and testified under oath at his removal proceedings. Through his statements, Gutierrez misled the immigration court, telling the court that he was not associated with MS-13, had not committed prior violence, and was committed to living a peaceful life in the United States.

Relying in part on Gutierrez’s false testimony, in an order dated June 22, 2018, a United States Immigration Judge ordered Gutierrez released and adjusted his status to that of a person admitted for lawful permanent residence in the United States.

On July 30, 2018, barely a month after being released from immigration custody, Gutierrez committed his second murder, this time with five members of the Sykos clique of MS-13. The six assailants, four of whom were secretly armed with knives, took a 17-year-old boy to a park in Lynn and pretended to be friendly with the unsuspecting victim. At the scene, the six men surrounded the victim and repeatedly stabbed and hacked him to death.

After killing the victim, the gang members left his body in the wooded area of the public park where it was discovered days later, on Aug. 2, 2018.

An autopsy revealed that the victim suffered

at least 32 distinct sharp force trauma wounds consistent with being stabbed repeatedly, along with multiple blunt force injuries. The victim also had small pieces of metal embedded in his head, consistent with parts of the large knives breaking with the force of the strikes to the victim’s skull.

The evidence in this case included recording of Gutierrez describing the murder in graphic detail and boasting about it. The recordings revealed that the gang members murdered the victim based on their mistaken belief that he may have been assisting law enforcement.

In the recordings, Gutierrez seemingly took pleasure in recounting the horrific act and expressed laughter while saying the murder was like “chopping wood,” as he and fellow gang members “were stabbing the knife right through him, bringing it down like [...] Bang, bang, bang, bang!”

Following an investigation in November 2018 Gutierrez was indicted along with the five other MS-13 members who participated in the July 2018 murder in Lynn. The six defendants in this case included five participants in the 2018 murder, as well as one longstanding member of the Sykos clique. In a related case, the government charged a juvenile co-conspirator who was the sixth person involved in the murder.

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The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, March, 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** a SPECIAL MEETING of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka **PIERPAC**) will be held remote and via **ZOOM**. There will be no in person meeting at this time due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization’s website ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) on or before **February 25, 2022**

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

REGULAR MEETING

a. Attendance 6:30 pm

New Business

a. 6:45pm – VOTE on adoption of Amended By-Laws

Old Business

a. 7:00 pm – Anticipated adjournment

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED  
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A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also be posted on the organization’s website at: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

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

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado

Se da aviso de que el **lunes 1 de marzo de 2022 a las 6:30 pm**, una reunión especial pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como **PIERPAC**) via **ZOOM**.

No habrá una reunión en persona en este momento debido a la pandemia de COVID-19 en curso. Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) a más tardar el 25 de febrero de 2022.

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

REUNIÓN REGULAR

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm

NUEVO NEGOCIO

a. 6:45 pm – VOTACIÓN sobre la adopción de Los Estatutos Enmendados

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a. 7:00 pm – Aplazamiento anticipado

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

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Una copia de este aviso y por encima de **ZOOM** Link se publicará en el sitio web de la organización en: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) y también ha sido puesto en expediente ante la División de Reglamentos del Secretario de la Commonwealth por correo electrónico a través de correo de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

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Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta



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## WHAT'S OLD IS NEW

As this is being written, a huge Russian Army is standing ready and poised, at the whim of Russian dictator Vladimir Putin, to invade the nation of Ukraine, potentially bringing death and devastation to Europe on a scale not seen since 1939 when Nazi Germany invaded Poland with a blitzkrieg.

As was the case in 1939, when authoritarian leaders in Germany, Italy, and Japan combined to form an Axis, Putin and his fellow dictator, Xi Jinping of China, are conspiring to set the world ablaze. Putin has Ukraine in his crosshairs and Xi likewise has his sights set on an invasion of Taiwan.

The big difference between now and then is that these dictators possess nuclear weapons, which makes an all-out war unthinkable.

That means that they can get away with pretty much anything. They know that the U.S., which is their only countervailing force, will be hesitant to engage them directly because of the threat of escalation into a nuclear conflict.

Another difference between now and then is that both Russia and China have the ability to wreak havoc throughout the world by means of cyber warfare. The world economy, including that of the U.S., is incredibly vulnerable to Russian and Chinese hacks.

Make no mistake about it -- if the U.S. imposes the severe economic sanctions on Russia that are being promised by the Biden administration, the Russians will retaliate with a scale of cyber warfare that will make the hacks of last year look like child's play.

Another key difference between 1939 and today is that Russia plays a huge role in the world's energy markets. Although the Russian economy is only a fraction the size of California's, Russia serves as the major energy provider for Western Europe. A shutdown of the delivery of Russian natural gas and oil to Europe will drive energy prices skyrocketing beyond their already-high levels.

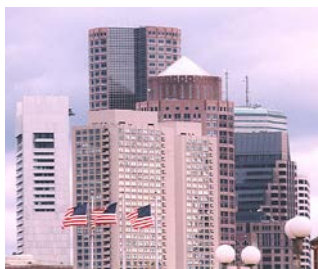
Our so-called allies in the Middle East, especially Saudi Arabia, could help out, but they're in bed with the Russians. Their decision to keep oil output artificially low is creating an energy crisis not seen since the Arab oil embargoes of the 1970s and early 1980s.

In addition, U.S. oil producers have joined the Saudi-Russian oil-opoly by limiting energy production in this country, thereby keeping prices artificially high. If energy prices continue their upward trend, the Biden administration may have to order a nationalization of the oil industry to increase domestic output.

World history has shown that dictators do what dictators do. Putin, Xi, and MBS essentially are dictators for life and face no consequences for their policies and actions in their own countries. All three have cracked down brutally on political opponents and various ethnic groups that may pose even a remote threat to their regimes.

As they seek to expand their authoritarian regimes beyond their borders, world peace will be in peril.

Dark days lie ahead.



# Forum

## GUEST OP-ED

### We all face challenges

us. Mask wearing, vaccinations and the fear of gathering have tormented us. The loss of family and friends who went into Intensive Care Units and never came home haunts us. Can we begin to imagine how they felt as they struggled to breathe on respirators their last few days of life?

We have all faced news that a loved one was killed on the battlefield, or someone died suddenly of a heart attack, or received news of terminal cancer.

Typically, we ask why? We ask God, "Why has this happened?" or "Why me, God?" Often there is rarely a good answer. We can analyze and say, "This could have been prevented. Or, this is how he or she should have lived their lives." Sports fans making suggestions from their recliners while watching reruns always see how the play could have been run better.

Life is always in motion. We make decisions. We react to situations differently. We don't always do the right thing and emotions often overturn commonsense.

The reality is that we all face and walk through fires. Most of the time we're hopeful that everything will work out alright. Often, things do. Unfortunately, everything doesn't always work out alright. If we manage to survive, that's when we have to help others who are crushed in spirit, who can't see the light of day for the darkness in their lives.

Ukraine needs their allies or they will never be the same. It can't be all the United States. We can't save everyone and have proved it over and again from Afghanistan to Iraq to Vietnam.

There are always those around you who need your emotional and spiritual

support. If nothing else, friendship and a word of kindness and support are always meaningful.

Most of the time, we feel as if we face our greatest challenges alone. A lonely place of desperation is a dark place to be.

Don't ever go there. Look to God. When money, friends, education, hospitals, doctors and the church can't fix what you are facing God can see you through. He never leaves us or forsakes us. His hand is strong and nothing can pull us out of his mighty hand.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## LETTER to the Editor

### I ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY

To the Editor,

A little over a decade ago my life changed for the better when I received a call from the Red Sox Foundation informing me that I had been selected as a Red Sox Scholar.

This year, the Foundation will choose its 20th class of Red Sox Scholars. Because my favorite thing about being a Red Sox Scholar is telling people how special it is, I'd like to share my experience in hopes that it encourages others to apply.

I remember how excited I was to receive that phone call. I went straight to my mother to share the news and we celebrated together. Being selected was a very special moment. I was so very proud

of my academic achievements that got me into the program.

Even the actual application for the scholarship was helpful. Completing the essay allowed me to reflect on my career goals and what I wanted to do in the future. Although most 7th graders don't know exactly what they want to do, it's important to think about how to set yourself up for success.

In addition to the \$10,000 scholarship to help with college, the Red Sox Scholars program is a support network that is there for you from 7th grade through college as you prepare for the real world. Not only has the program influenced my academics, I have also learned many important skills as a result of its workshops. The pro-

gram's networking opportunities helped my professional development as I made new connections. My family and I also attended many wonderful events over the years at Fenway, including getting to meet players involved with the program.

I feel blessed to have so many wonderful people available to talk and have a vested interest in my success. Their support has helped me develop as a student, as a professional, and as a person. I am also proud that my siblings have been able to see this program up close because it's a great reminder of the importance of academics and believing in yourself. As a Red Sox Scholar, I know I'm setting the right example for them.

I became the first member of my family to attend

college and that is true for nearly three-quarters of my fellow Scholars. I can truly say that becoming a Red Sox Scholar provided the motivation to reach that goal, so I am thankful for the impact the program has had on me and family.

This year, the Red Sox Scholars Program will welcome its 20th class. If you are a 7th grader in the Boston Public School District or at a Boston Public Charter School, visit [redsoxfoundation.org/redsoxscholars](http://redsoxfoundation.org/redsoxscholars) to learn more about eligibility and how to apply before submissions close on March 18th.

*Diana Valenzuela is an East Boston resident who joined the Red Sox Scholars program in 2011. Diana graduated from Boston Latin Academy in 2016 and Mount Holyoke College in 2020.*

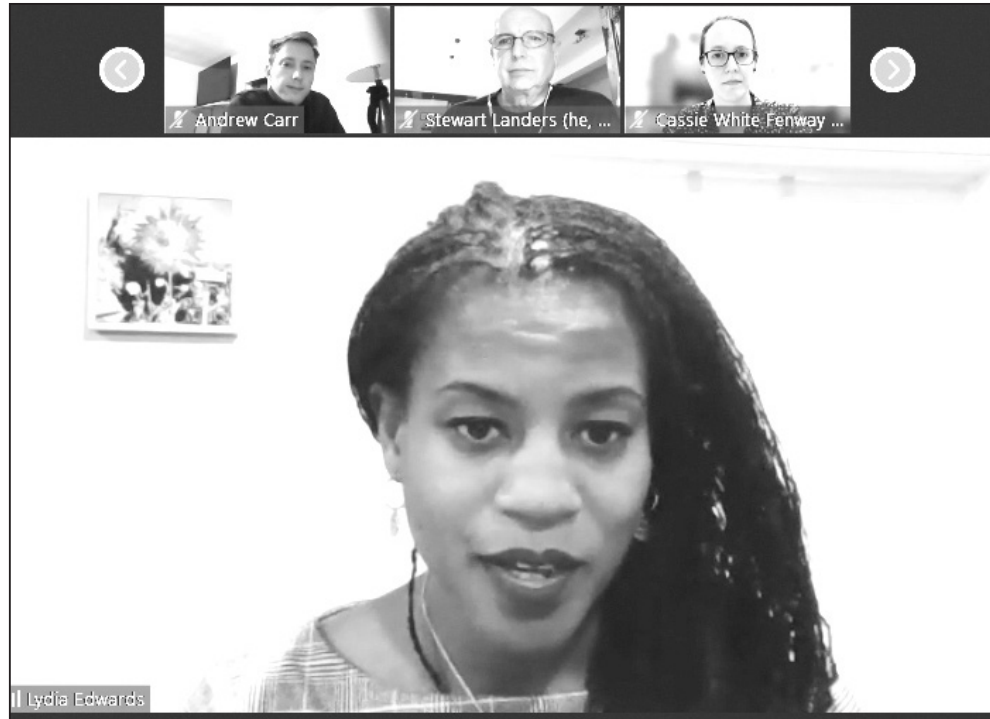
## Edwards kicks off talks with her Community Transition Committee

By John Lynds

Last week Senator Lydia Edwards kicked off her Community Transition Committee through a virtual meeting to discuss housing. After being sworn in Edwards asks residents to advise her on constituent and public policy issues impacting the Senate district.

While last week's meeting focused on housing, the committee will cover issues including transportation, addiction and recovery, Massport, seniors, education/youth services, public safety, and environmental justice throughout 2022.

"I was elected and sworn in but it was during a special election so I didn't have the normal runway that other people have, where win in November, then they have a couple months to get adjusted and talk to people and then they get sworn in the following year," said Edwards of why she has formed the committee.



Senator Lydia Edwards kicked off her Community Transition Committee meetings last week.

"I got sworn in nine days after winning the election. So these are the conversations I would have had in the community, learning from you and your priorities with this first meeting specifically about housing. The reason why I wanted to start off my representation through

listening and learning is because the best ideas that I've ever had are the ones that have come from the people whose real lived experiences depend on creative thinking from their legislators, and active listening."

Edwards then took some suggestions of what

sort of legislation committee members would like to see or initiatives the senator could work on.

"I'd like to see in the budget some stuff that can help people that are looking to become homeowners," said Steve Rous-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

GSCA MEETING AGENDA

Gove Street Citizens Association agenda for Monday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Register for Zoom for this meeting: <https://govestreet.org/2022/february-2022-virtual-meeting/>

All speakers will be available to answer questions from the community.

Updates on Bremen & Orleans Development Project from Natasha Perez

Updates from new East Boston liaison to the mayor's office, Nathalia Benitez

Introduction of Nathalia Mayor's shift to focus on waterfront development in East Boston (new municipal harbor plan)

Updates on policies related to COVID-19

Community updates from Boston Police Department officer Sgt. Cinto

Our meetings take place on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30p. All meetings are currently being held on Zoom.

GREENWAY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

The next Greenway Council meeting is on Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 PM.

ZOOM REGISTRATION

Here is the registration link for the Greenway Council meetings in 2022. Sign up for one meeting or all the meetings for the year. Once you register you'll receive calendar invites for the meetings selected.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84451200000>

AGENDA

Intros

Police Report

Programs

Storywalk at the library

The event at the library

Wayfinding Signs

Development Committee Update - Comment Letter Process

Greenway Extensions Update - MassTrails Grant Trustees - Piers Park III: Design meeting update

Other

2022 Greenway Council Meeting Dates

The Greenway Council meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM.

Thursday, February 24th

Thursday, March 24th

Thursday, April 28th

Thursday, May 26th

Thursday, June 23rd

Thursday, July 28th

NO AUGUST MEETING

Thursday, September 29th

Thursday, October 27th

Thursday, December 1st (this is one week later than normal)

NO DECEMBER MEETING.

BOSTON URBAN FOREST PLAN VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE MARCH 14

Residents interested in the future of trees in Boston are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for a virtual conversation about the progress of the Urban Forest Plan on Monday, March 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. To join the discussion, follow the event link at [boston.gov/urban-forest-plan](https://boston.gov/urban-forest-plan).

ban-forest-plan.

Boston's first ever Urban Forest Plan will help prioritize, preserve, and grow the tree canopy throughout Boston for decades to come. In Boston, all residents depend on the many benefits provided by the trees in our urban forest. The issues being addressed include policy, funding, workforce development, design, climate resilience, and more. The goal is to create a strategic plan based on science and defined by the needs and desires of the community to ensure that the urban forest will be better managed both today and in the future.

This project is a part of Healthy Places, a collaboration between the Heat Resilience Study, Urban Forest Plan, and Open Space and Recreation Plan. Healthy Places looks at cooling the city, expanding the urban forest, and improving the park system. For more information on any of these projects, please visit [boston.gov/healthy-places](https://boston.gov/healthy-places).

Interpretation and translation services are available for the March 14 Open House at no cost. Please contact program manager Maggie Owens if you cannot attend this meeting, have any questions or comments, or if you need interpretation services, translated materials, or disability accommodations by emailing [maggie.owens@boston.gov](mailto:maggie.owens@boston.gov) or calling (617) 961-3025 by February 28, 2022.

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, call (617) 635-4505, visit [boston.gov/parks](https://boston.gov/parks), join our email list

PRIM Board to vote against directors at high-polluting portfolio companies

The Massachusetts Pension Reserves Investment Management (PRIM) Board, which oversees the state's \$104.1 billion pension fund, voted unanimously in favor to approve new proxy voting guidelines proposed by State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg. These guidelines are designed to allow the state pension fund to vote against directors at companies that are not aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement and Climate Action 100+.

The action comes as part of Treasurer Goldberg and PRIM's commitment to build and implement a comprehensive ESG framework with the proxy goals of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius and/or establishing a plan to achieve "net zero" emissions by 2050.

"This vote not only benefits our retirees and taxpayers with its positive environmental outcomes, but has significant potential to increase our bottom line," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, who Chairs the PRIM Board. "It is a more active approach toward achieving our financial goals while having a productive long-term impact on our changing climate."

Over the past 10 years, PRIM has achieved an investment gain of \$70.6 billion – exceeding the benchmark return by \$12 billion over that time. In 2020, PRIM became the first founding member of the MIT Sloan School of Management's Aggregate Confusion Project, a research consortium with the goal of improving ESG measurement.

"Today's votes help keep

PRIM out in front of major ESG trends in the industry," said Michael G. Trotsky, CFA, Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer of MassPRIM. "The new committee will build on the work we have been doing with our partners in the MIT Sloan School's Aggregate Confusion Project to become more impactful; to use the power of PRIM to advocate for important change."

Grassroots organizations, pension funds, and other investors have been working collaboratively with the Treasurer's office to develop policies where shareholders vote against company directors that are the most significant drivers of climate change. Additionally, the development of an investment approach that pursues an environmental, social, and corporate governance (ESG) frameworks into investment decision making will not only have better impacts on our world but better corporate outcomes resulting in greater returns.

The Board also voted to create an ESG Committee comprised of industry experts. This first-in-the-nation initiative will help to leverage the Fund to be a force that promotes worker safety, fosters diversity, fights against climate change, while still maintaining – and even increasing – returns.

"These voting guidelines are a great move for Massachusetts and other state treasurers and comptrollers should follow suit," said Mary Cerulli, Founder of Boston based Climate Finance Action. "We know that Treasurer Goldberg's ESG committee will ad-

dress the entire portfolio and she will work successfully with other large investors to improve and align the climate transition plans of high-emitting companies."

"We applaud the leadership of Treasurer Goldberg and today's actions by the PRIM Board," said Mindy Lubber, CEO and President of Ceres. "Companies and their directors have been put on notice by many of their shareholders that if they fail to address climate change risks and implement climate practices and policies that will help bring about a transition to a net zero emissions economy, those shareholders will hold them accountable. Following the historic 2021 U.S. proxy season, directors now know they might be replaced if they are not doing their jobs in mitigating climate-related risks and capturing opportunities in the net zero transition."

The proxy voting guidelines do not restrict or determine which companies the pension fund invests in. Instead, they allow the fund to use its power as a shareholder to advocate for policies that advance effective corporate governance and ensure sustained value for the fund, fostering long-term growth for its investments.

In prior years, the Treasurer proposed, and the PRIM Board unanimously approved a series of reforms, which, in addition to targeting climate change, also focused on renewable energy, human rights standards, executive pay, LGBTQ rights, board diversity and wage equality, and limiting the number of boards a director may sit on.



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# Boston Symphony violinist Lucia Lin headlines North Shore Philharmonic Winter Concert

Boston Symphony Orchestra violinist Lucia Lin will play the Jean Sibelius Violin Concerto No. 1 as the featured soloist highlighting the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra Winter Concert on Sunday, February 27. Music Director Robert Lehmann will raise his baton to start the concert at 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School auditorium.

The concert program will open with Michail Glik's "Overture to „Russian and Ludmilla”" and conclude with Carl Nielsen's Symphony No. 1.

Tickets can be pur-



Violinist Lucia Lin.

chased in advance on the Orchestra's website, www.nspo.org or at Swampscott

High on the day of the concert for \$30. \$25 for seniors and students. Chil-

dren 12 and under are admitted free.

Violinist Lucia Lin joined the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1985 and has enjoyed a stellar career as soloist, chamber musician, and recording artist. She debuted at age 11 when she performed Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Since then, she has won numerous competitions, including the 1990 International Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow. She has appeared with the Boston Pops, the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, the Oklahoma Symphony

Orchestra, the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, and the Festival Orchestra in Graz, Austria. She has served as the BSO's assistant concertmaster and also has held concertmaster roles with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra. She previously appeared with the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in 2015.

Danish Composer Carl Nielsen wrote his first Symphony in 1891-92 and dedicated the work to his wife, renowned sculptor Anne Marie Carl-Nielsen. The work is known for its distinctively "Danish" fla-

vors and Nielsen's personal style.

Out of concern for the health and safety of all musicians and audience members, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra requires all patrons attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. Home tests are not accepted. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

For more information about the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, visit nspo.org.



## THE SACCO FAMILY SPORTS TRADITION CONTINUES

David Sacco, one of East Boston's greatest all-time athletes and past recipient of the East Boston Athletic Board's Athlete of the Year Award, was on hand as his son, Nick Sacco, a junior at St. Mary's High School in Lynn, received his 2021 state championship baseball ring at halftime of the Mount Pleasant-St. Mary's basketball game. Nick is a 6-foot-4-inch forward for the Spartans, who are 23-1 and preparing for the State Tournament. David Sacco is the all-time leading basketball scorer at Pope John High XXIII School in Everett with 1,331 career points.

## House passes driver's license bill

In an unprecedented effort to increase safety on the roads, the Massachusetts House of Representatives passed legislation that will allow applicants who are unable to prove lawful presence in the United States to apply for a Massachusetts driver's license.

Under this legislation, the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) will not inquire about immigration status when processing an application for a Massachusetts driver's license or registration, solely basing the issuance of driver's licenses to residents who provide required documents to prove their identity, pass the corresponding driver tests, and meet all other eligibility criteria.

"I'm proud of the significant step that the House took today towards bringing all drivers under the same licensing and insurance standards, regardless of immigration status," said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). "In addition to increasing safety on our roads for all drivers, this legislation recognizes the essential role our immigrant neighbors play in our society and economy by ensuring that everyone has access to a driver's license. I thank Chair Straus, Chair Michlewitz, the bill's sponsors, and all my colleagues in the House, as well as countless supporters, immigration and labor advocates, and law enforcement officials for their tireless work to ensure its passage."

"In line with the 16 other states that have passed laws offering standard licenses to those providing secure identification documents, this carefully crafted public safety legislation will mean that all drivers using our roads are identifiable, competent and insured," said Representative William M. Straus (D-Mattapoisett), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Transportation.

"I'm extremely grateful for the tireless advocacy that led to this pivotal moment. I also want to thank Speaker Mariano, Chair

Michlewitz, Chair Straus, and the House for their leadership on this important issue," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver's licenses regardless of immigration status. I support the Family Mobility Act because it will make all of us safer."

"We cannot overstate our joy, pride and gratitude for today's historic vote in the Massachusetts House of Representatives," said the leaders of the organizations that co-chair the Driving Families Forward Coalition, Brazilian Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera. "We extend our deepest thanks to Speaker Mariano for his clear support in moving the bill through the legislative process, and we also thank the bill's four lead sponsors, dozens of cosponsors and many thousands of individual supporters. Today, all of them have helped move our state toward safer roads, stronger public security, better public health, and a more robust economy, while also taking a step toward transforming the lives of immigrants and their families across the Commonwealth."

"Immigrants without status are essential workers and card-carrying, dues-paying union members. Moreover, they are our neighbors, friends, and family and an integral part of our economy and community. With overwhelming support from law enforcement, this bill will provide greater public safety and allow workers to obtain and keep good paying jobs, all while making facets of everyday life that many of us take for granted, like getting kids to school, a reality. We commend Speaker Mariano and the entire Massachusetts House for voting to pass this important legislation that will result in safer roads for all Massachusetts residents," said Steven A. Tolman, President, MA AFL-CIO.

"I want to thank all those legislators, law enforcement leaders, im-

migration advocates and public health officials who worked tirelessly to advance this bill through today's historic vote in the House," said Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. "Efforts on this issue date back to my time as a state representative. Then, as now, it was clear that this bill would improve public safety and public health. While I was supportive of this concept 20 years ago, it was the rigorous identification requirements in the final version of this bill that strengthened it further and made today's vote possible. I applaud Speaker Mariano for bringing it to the floor and the individuals who lent their stories and voices to this important cause."

To apply for a standard driver's license, applicants will need to provide at least two documents to prove their identity and date of birth. All documents written in a foreign language must be accompanied by a certified translation to English:

- Document #1: valid unexpired foreign passport or valid unexpired consular ID
- Document #2: valid US driver's license, birth certificate, valid foreign national ID card, valid foreign driver's license, ora marriage certificate or divorce decree

Residents who cannot prove lawful presence in the United States would remain ineligible for a "REAL ID" which requires documentation of U.S. citizenship or lawful status as a matter of federal law. To protect applicants' privacy, the legislation also prohibits the RMV from disclosing any information about applicants for and holders of a standard driver's license except as authorized by regulations promulgated by the Attorney General.

"An Act relative to work and family mobility" (H.4461) passed the House of Representatives 120-36. It now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

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**To request an application online visit:** [www.202MaverickLottery.com](http://www.202MaverickLottery.com). To have a hard copy of the application mailed to your mailing address, please call 617-531-7123 Ext 778.

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EAST BOSTON BOYS IN HOOP ACTION AGAINST CHELSEA

Chelsea topped East Boston in a noon-time tussle at East Boston High School Tuesday.



Angel Franco (1) eyes a shot at the basket.



Jaden Marshall pulls down a rebound.



Eastie's Jaden Marshall (15) and Christian Sanders block the way for Chelsea's Mannix Resto (50).



Eldon Bonitto works his way past East Boston's Angel Franco.

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East Boston's Leroy Martin (2) tries to block a pass by Chelsea's Jonathan Alvarez (15).

Paul Pingaro Scholarship applications now available

The Paul Pingaro Scholarship Committee would like to announce that applications for the following Scholarships are available at The Martin Pino Community Center.

The Salvatore and Maria Pizzi Foundation Scholarship awards \$2,500 per year for four years. If the recipient maintains a B average throughout the college career.

The Paul R Pingaro Scholarship is a one-time award of \$2,500.

Eligibility requirements for Applicants are as follows: Applicant must be a resident of East Boston, a graduating High School senior, must be accepted into an accredited college or university and turn in a completed application no later than April 22, 2022. For More information, please call 617 635-5121 and ask for Joe Weddleton.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

PROJECT GETTING READY TO BREAK GROUND

CHELSEA - A major reconstruction of the upper Broadway corridor is slated to get underway this summer.

But before the city can put the federally-funded project out to bid, the City Council must approve a series of temporary and permanent easements of private property that will allow the work to go forward.

Most of those easements are for relatively small slices of sidewalk that are privately owned, but have been used by the city dating back over a century.

“Every time you build a new road with federal money, and we are getting a lot of federal money to do this, you have to do a survey of the entire roadway and the sidewalks to make sure you actually own the land where the road and sidewalk exist,” said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino at a City Council subcommittee meeting on the project and easement requests last week.

After completing the survey, the city identified nine parcels where there’s a need for the city to take a small portion of land to complete the project.

“There are unique circumstances where we have to acquire these little slivers with a permanent easement,” said Ambrosino. He said that no one would likely realize that the small parcels aren’t already owned by the city.

“So we have to take that by a permanent easement, and we have to pay the person for it; they are very tiny slivers for the most part,” said Ambrosino.

For the project, the city will also need to pay for about 180 temporary easements, allowing contractors to work on small

parcels that are typically at the end of a driveway or abutting a sidewalk.

The total cost of paying for all the easements is \$312,000, with about \$200,000 of that coming from leftover funds from previous capital projects, and \$112,000 from the city stabilization fund. The City Council will need to approve the spending and the easements.

A number of the property owners affected by the takings attended last week’s meeting, with several stating that they were unduly worried by the letters sent out by the city, believing that they were going to take a much more substantial amount of their property.

City Council President Roy Avellaneda apologized for the wording of the letter causing some potential stress and confusion for some residents.

Chelsea Housing and Community Development Director Alex Train said the city has been pushing for federal funding for the Upper Broadway project for over three years, and has currently secured \$11.3 million for the project.

The main components of the project include the reconstruction of intersections at Broadway with Cary Avenue, Webster Street, Stockton Street, and Eastern Avenue, as well as the reconstruction of the roads and sidewalks between those intersections.

“The ultimate goal at the intersections is to install intelligent traffic signal systems that optimize traffic flow and ameliorate some of the chronic safety issues we have on the corridor,” said Train.

Train said the city is looking to put the project out to bid in March, with work beginning in the summer. Overall, Train said the project will take about two years to complete.

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In addition to the major road and sidewalk upgrades, Train said there will be aesthetic upgrades along the corridor, including new street trees, bust shelters, and pavement markings.

“The goal of this project is to make your neighborhood look better, and the goal is to upgrade Broadway and make it a nicer place,” said Ambrosino. “It is going to be two years of disruption and inconvenience, but when it is all over, it’s going to be a really pretty street with all new sidewalks, trees, and all new traffic signals. And then we’re going to do it all over again on downtown Broadway and we’ll have to go through the same process, but then we will have learned our lesson and will send out better notices.”

MAYOR CALLS FOR INVESTIGATION INTO CAMERAS IN TAHILIANI’S SCHOOL OFFICE

EVERETT - Everett Superintendent Priya Tahiliani said she discovered surveillance cameras in the ceiling of her office on or about January 28, according to an article in the Boston Globe last week.

According to the article, neither Tahiliani nor the authorities will comment while the matter is under investigation.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria issued the following statement: “I am extremely disturbed by the allegation, apparently verified, that cameras were found in the office of the Everett School Superintendent. I have given instructions to City officials that an investigation be immediately undertaken to determine how this occurred and who is responsible.

“However, in order to

HARBOR HOUSE COLLECTIVE DISPENSARY CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING



Chelsea City Manager Thomas Ambrosino joins Chelsea elected officials and the Londono family, and the Harbor House Collective team on cutting the ribbon at the 80 Eastern Ave. dispensary and cannabis grow facility.

ensure that such an investigation is as comprehensive as possible, I call upon the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and the Middlesex District Attorney to conduct their own investigations, in order that those responsible can be held accountable to the fullest extent provided by law.”

MS-13 LEADER SENTENCED TO PRISON

LYNN - A leader of MS-13 was sentenced in federal court in Boston for RICO conspiracy and his participation in the July 2018 murder of a teenage boy in Lynn, who suffered at least 32 sharp force trauma wounds consistent with being stabbed repeatedly, along with blunt force injuries to the head.

Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a “Mayimbu,” 33, of Lynn, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to 40 years in prison and five years of supervised re-

lease. In July 2020, Lopez Flores pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, also known as RICO conspiracy, on behalf of the MS-13 gang. As part of his plea, Lopez Flores also admitted that he participated in the 2018 murder of a teenager, who was murdered with extreme atrocity and cruelty, and with deliberate premeditation, in violation of Massachusetts law.

MS-13, or La Mara Salvatrucha, is a transnational street gang operating in Massachusetts and numerous other states, as well as countries such as El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-13 gang members often commit acts of extreme violence against suspected rivals, those suspected of cooperating with law enforcement, and others who the gang views as a threat. In recent years, dozens of MS-13 members have been convicted of RICO conspiracy and other serious felonies in the District

of Massachusetts.

MS-13 is organized into “cliques” or branches operating in local territories. Lopez Flores belonged to the “Sykos Locos Salvatrucha” clique of MS-13, which operated in the cities of Lynn, Chelsea and other parts of Massachusetts. Lopez Flores was one of the leaders of the Sykos clique and had been an MS-13 member since approximately 2006.

In November 2018, Lopez Flores and five other MS-13 members of the Sykos clique were indicted following an investigation into the murder of a teenage boy, whose body was found in a park in Lynn on Aug. 2, 2018. The six defendants in this case included five participants in the murder, as well as one longstanding member of the Sykos clique. In a related case, the government charged a juvenile co-conspirator who was the sixth person involved in the murder.

The evidence in this case, which included a

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# Piers Park // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

The new design also adds more areas for habitats and robust ecological zones within the park such as a tidal pool and salt marsh.

“Piers Park III is being designed to be a welcoming, iconic, and resilient waterfront park that responds to community interest in accessing the water and creating immersive landscapes that improve natural habitat,” said Black. “Involving the community has been a critical part of this process from the very beginning, and our team is grateful for all of the ideas shared with us so far. We are continuing to gather feedback throughout 2022 and are expecting to share a third draft this summer.”

Black said many suggestions from the community indicated a desire for better integration with neighboring Phases I and II of Piers Park, something incorporated into the latest design.

Altogether, Piers Park Phases I, II, and III will provide 14.5 acres of public open space – a landscape more than twice the size of Christopher Columbus Park in Boston’s North End.

Black said the next Community Design Review will take place in mid-2022, when a third design draft will be shared, incorporating feedback gathered during last week’s meeting, as well as from ongoing engagement and virtual feedback tools available on [onewaterfront.org/feedback](http://onewaterfront.org/feedback).

Three years ago, the Trustees of Reservations submitted the only bid to Massport’s call for a private/public partner to come forward and help fund the design and construction of Piers Park Phase III.

The dilapidated pier is adjacent to Massport’s award winning Piers Park and the future Piers Park Phase II project.

The Trustees of Reservations operate 120 miles of protected coastline, which includes over 60 miles of trails, and a bunch of beaches and all sorts of other natural habitats in the state.

Massport has been working with the community and other stakeholders over the last two to three years to build out Piers Park Phase II. It was around this time the Trustees of Reservations started

having conversations with Massport about their waterfront initiative.

Since being designated, the Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative team has increased community outreach and engagement to gather feedback on the Piers Park III design and future programming opportunities in the park.

Throughout 2021, the Trustees team hosted and participated in events and programs across East Boston and beyond—including hosting 17 different meetings, events and programs including design meetings, webinars, in person programs in Piers Park, at Constitution Beach, and on the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway.

“We also participated in 20 events and programs hosted by partners in 2021— including the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center farmers markets, the Mexican Independence Celebration hosted by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, the Eastie Halloween Block Party at Saratoga Street, and holiday tree lightings in Maverick and Central Squares,” said Black. “In addition, an online public survey to

collect design ideas, concerns, and questions from the public generated over

1,000 responses. Overall the Waterfront Initiative interacted with nearly

3,000 people in person and online in 2021.”



The new design concepts include more areas for habitats and robust ecological zones within the park such as a tidal pool, shown at both high (above) and low tide (below), and salt marsh.



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# Edwards // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

sel. “As we know Suffolk Downs is going to be a huge generational project that’s gonna be happening. I like to see more money put towards education and learning the rules of engagement if you’re a buyer. I think education is important to the buyers. We should try to teach more about budgeting. Like with any budget, in order for you to become a homeowner, it starts with budgeting. I think that we should be requiring this type of education in high school because having these young adults educated at an early age could head off a lot of problems they may have in the future.”

On other housing is-

sues Edwards said she will push for another shot at getting the Home Act signed into law.

The bill, which was vetoed last time around by Gov. Baker, would remove a person’s eviction history from public record after three years.

“I worked on the Homes Act in the Boston City Council and was honored it got sponsored at the State House but was vetoed by the governor,” said Edwards. “This bill is about removing that Scarlett Letter from a person’s record who has been evicted in the past but has not had an eviction for three years and moved on with their life. I don’t know that it should be public

and permanent for which they will be judged for the rest of their lives and currently eviction records are public and permanent. I have refiled the Homes Act, which allows for people after three years to seal their eviction records. This is the civil response to our state’s CORI reform. Our CORI criminal reform that we did allowed people who had a misdemeanor to seal their record after three years and if you have a felony, you can seal your record after seven years. So to me, if you’re able to move on from a misdemeanor and felony you should be able to do so if you missed rent during the pandemic, or during the last recession.”

Edwards has also co-sponsored the extension for COVID relief.

“In terms of funding and stabilization, the money is still necessary, and a lot of our relief is ending for housing on April 14,” she said. “That is a deep concern for me. I think we need to extend it.

Residents can still apply for the committee by emailing [info@lydiaedwards.org](mailto:info@lydiaedwards.org). Residents in the district are asked to send their name, city, and the topics they are interested in discussing with Edwards and she will respond with a series of dates and times to discuss each topic.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### LOCAL STUDENTS ON DEAN'S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the fall 2021 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

**EAST BOSTON**  
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### LOCAL RESIDENT NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The following local resident was named to Clark University's Fall Dean's List:

Denise M. Smith, of East Boston, was named to first honors.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

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## Rockland Trust launches annual scholarship program

Rockland Trust announced the launch of its 2022 Scholarship Program for students who are enrolling in a part-time or full-time undergraduate study for the first time at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year (2022-2023). Rockland Trust has expanded the program to provide up to sixteen \$3,000 renewable scholarships. This year scholarships will be renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned.

Rockland Trust has opened the program to high school graduates and GED recipients in addition to current high school

seniors. Applications will be considered based on financial need, academic performance, participation in school and community activities, work experience, a statement of career and educational goals and objectives, and unusual personal or family circumstances. Applicants must reside in one of the following counties to be eligible: Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, Suffolk, or Worcester in Massachusetts or Providence County in Rhode Island.

"Rockland Trust is delighted to enhance our annual scholarship program to reach additional students throughout the communities we serve," said

Christopher Oddleifson, Chief Executive Officer at Rockland Trust. "With the renewable benefit of the program, we look forward to building a more meaningful relationship with the scholarship recipients throughout their post-secondary education as they prepare for their future."

Rockland Trust Scholarship applications will be available online at [RocklandTrust.com/scholarship](http://RocklandTrust.com/scholarship), beginning Tuesday, February 15th. To learn more about Rockland Trust's scholarship application, guidelines, and eligibility criteria, please visit [RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship](http://RocklandTrust.com/Scholarship).

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How to walk a dog

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The adoption of pandemic pups and the rise of app-based dog walking services has resulted in a good number of inexperienced dog walkers. Many of our most expert and reliable reference sites have been running articles on dog walking dos and don'ts. Perhaps they're fielding questions on the topic or have noticed problems when out and about with their dogs.

**It Depends on The Dog**  
Many of our decisions about dog walking depend on the particular dog we are about to walk. Start with your choice of walking gear. Ask your veterinarian for any specific equipment recommendations to walk your dog. For example, many small breeds need a halter rather than a collar to prevent tracheal collapse.

Strong dogs may be safer to walk with an anti-pull leash. Dogs with narrow heads need a Martingale collar to prevent

them from escaping by slipping from a standard collar. Many dogs benefit from a gentle leader leash once they grow accustomed to it. Consider a two-leash harness if your dog has ever escaped because of fear or anxiety. We use one for our frightened little Westie.

There are a few items of walking gear that most experts agree should never be used and are illegal in some places. Retractable leashes are dangerous to both dogs and humans. In many areas, a leash must not exceed 6 feet.

The SF/SPCA has noted that "Many civilized countries have outlawed prong collars, recognizing the harm they can do! New Zealand, Austria, Australia, Switzerland, the Canadian Province of Quebec, and many others have made prong collars (and in many cases choke and shock collars) illegal."

**The Ability of the Walker**  
Sometimes size matters. Penny once witnessed a

small woman pulled out into traffic by a large, poorly-trained dog. On the other hand, we had a tiny friend who had no problem walking her beautiful, well-trained Mastiff. The other animal in her life was a horse, and she was an experienced rider, strong for her size, and she knew the importance of good communication with and training for her charges.

**Training Never Ends**  
Working on improving your dog's behavior is an ongoing job. Think about adding a mini-training session to each walk. We love how people with new dogs make them pause and sit at every corner. While that may not continue as a regular step each time you cross the street, consider asking your dog to sit and wait once or twice a walk to keep that skill honed for the times when you feel you need it.  
We recently watched a young woman working with her large husky in the park. She would



Excellent, professional dog walkers never use retractable leashes because they are dangerous to both the dogs and the people around them.

walk, stop and turn to go the other direction once or twice every block. This is a classic method of teaching a dog not to step ahead of you and pull. She praised the good turns and stopped to reinforce what she wanted from her strong sled dog.

**More Tips**  
What might seem like common sense to experienced

dog guardians may not be as evident to first-timers. In case of any mishap, always have your dog both microchipped and with a visible ID so anyone who finds your pal can call you.  
While training, stick to the same routine and walking route. This will offer fewer distractions for both of you as you reinforce training. Then add

small changes to busier places as you grow confident in both of your walking skills.  
Finally, remember that walks are good for both of you, and enjoy your time together!  
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further refine resiliency guidelines and take into account additional public engagement here in Eastie.  
"As a coastal city vulnerable to rising seas and extreme weather, Boston must be a national leader in driving a just transition to a thriving, green economy," said Mayor Wu. "We have to get this right on the waterfront and truly plan for equitable access and climate resiliency in these critical areas of our city. That's why we are officially taking on our Downtown Municipal Harbor Plan and the East Boston harbor planning process with these goals guiding our engagement."  
Eastie has long been identified as an 'environmental justice community' and is one of their most vulnerable neighborhoods in Boston for near and long term risks of sea level rise and coastal storms.  
Wu added that a Green New Deal city must prioritize investments in accessible infrastructure to protect the most flood-vulnerable neighborhoods, such as Eastie.  
At recent Climate Ready Boston workshops hosted by the city three Eastie locations have already been studied with solutions that could help protect the neighborhood against future flooding.  
For example a drawing of Constitution Beach

showed raised pathways and flood walls that would still allow for recreational activities while providing additional protection to the neighborhood. There was also a scenario of adding better sand and reinforced dunes to the neighborhood's only public beach.  
Over at Belle Isle March there were scenarios that ranged from adding raised berms around the pathways to raised roads, pathways and adding a seawall.  
Over at Chelsea Creek plans were presented to add raised Berms with ecological restoration as well as adding raised roads with a floodwall.  
Both Eastie and Charlestown were chosen for Climate Ready planning because segments of these two communities are already prone to flooding and in 50 years, if climate change continues, will experience more coastal and inland flooding as sea levels rise.  
"We must meet the climate crisis with urgent action through maximizing resiliency, equity and accessibility in Boston," said Chief of Energy, Environment and Open Space Reverend Mariama White-Hammond. "As our city continues to evolve, climate change and racial justice must be at the forefront of our development process. I am grateful to

Mayor Wu for her leadership and for centering environmental justice in community planning. I look forward to the Mayor's vision in enabling a strong planning process in East Boston."  
The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) has also been leading PLAN: East Boston, a community-driven, neighborhood-wide planning initiative that is creating a framework to predictably shape the future of Eastie.  
PLAN: East Boston is focused on expanding housing options that are affordable as well as advancing climate preparedness and promoting a healthy environment, transportation connectivity, and supporting neighborhood economies that meet the needs of local residents and small businesses. This planning process is developing recommendations that will shape the municipal harbor planning process, and codify and implement the community's desire for a resilient and equitable waterfront.  
"A robust, community-driven municipal harbor planning process in East Boston will build upon PLAN: East Boston to create a predictable framework for future development that prioritizes equity and resiliency,"

said BPDA Director Brian Golden. "We must work to protect the neighborhood's residents and small businesses from the impacts of sea level rise and coastal storms."  
President and CEO of Boston Harbor Now

Kathy Abbott added that Mayor Wu and Chief White-Hammond recognize that the health of Boston residents and the city's economy depends on Boston leading the way with community-driven resiliency and municipal

harbor planning.  
"Boston now has the opportunity to build an equitable and inclusive waterfront combining nature-based resiliency, good green jobs and inclusive public spaces," she said.

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### NEW HOUSING LOTTERIES!

**11-13 HOSMER ST.**

**2 attached single-families: 3 bedrooms, a study, & 2.5 bathrooms**

**\$290,000**

**To qualify, your annual income must be equal to or less than:**

- 2 persons, \$80,850
- 3 persons, \$90,950
- 4 persons, \$101,050
- 5 persons, \$109,150
- 6 persons, \$117,250

Homes are sold by lottery. Only qualified applicants may enter. The property is deed-restricted; owner-occupancy requirements apply. Income and asset limitations apply. **Requirements:** First time homebuyer. Homebuyer will need to complete an approved homebuyer education course prior to closing. Minimum household size requirement is number of bedrooms minus one. **Preferences:** Boston Residency preference. Preference for one (1) person per bedroom. Income limits for qualified buyers are based on 80% and 100% Area Median Income Limits as defined by HUD. **Please note:** Persons with disabilities and those with limited English language proficiency are entitled to request a reasonable accommodation.

**523 NORFOLK ST.**

**A two-family home with a 3-bedroom, 2-bathroom owner unit & a 2-bedroom, 1 bathroom rental unit.**

**\$475,000**

**To qualify, your annual income must be equal to or less than:**

- 2 persons, \$96,650
- 3 persons, \$108,750
- 4 persons, \$120,800
- 5 persons, \$130,500
- 6 persons, \$140,150

Buyer will be selected by lottery. APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 14, 2022

APPLICATIONS AT: BIT.LY/NEIGHBORHOODHOMES 617.635.4663

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