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Suffolk Downs announces reopening of the track for 2022 season

By John Lynds

After a successful 2021 that saw the historic Suffolk Downs racing oval serving as an interim open space for walking, running and exercising as well as programming for residents and visitors of Eastie and Revere, HYM Investment Group, LLC has decided to reprise the success of last year's "The Track at Suffolk Downs" program.

With warm spring weather on the horizon HYM announced the track will open to the public for the 2022 season on Saturday, April 16.

"Last year we opened the track up to the public and got a great response from the community in the neighborhood," said HYM's Site Activation Manager Jessica Feroli at a recent community meeting. "All last season there was a constant stream of people walking, and using the track. While it was closed for the winter we will be opening back up this month. "We also have a bunch of events planned for the track. We'll be bringing back our free outdoor fitness series and kicking off the 2022 season with a fun kids race called "Marathon Daffodil Dash."

Suffolk Downs will host its first kids Marathon Daffodil Dash on Saturday, April 16 from 9am-12pm at the track. This event is held in partnership with the Revere Parks and Recreation Department and the Marathon Daffodil Project. The Marathon Daffodils project began in 2013 with the yellow daffodil used as a symbol of strength and hope. Every year, the streets of the Boston Marathon and attractions all over

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TRASH DELAY

Due to the Monday, April 18th, Patriot's Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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FIVE-INNING NO HITTER

East Boston's Joel Valero struck out 14 Charlestown batters in five innings, giving up only a pair of walks and a hit batsman, as he pitched the Jets to a 10-0 shutout of the visiting Townies at Memorial Park. See Page 9 for more photos.

BOB MARRA PHOTO

MBTA reschedules, ferry service added to mitigate service disruption

By John Lynds

The MBTA's Blue Line project that was originally scheduled to start back on April 2 and continue through this Thursday has been rescheduled and will begin at the end of this month.

The Blue Line will now close between Airport and Bowdoin Stations from April 25 through May 8 for scheduled maintenance and repairs.

The MBTA is planning on replacing 1,800 feet of track in the Blue Line's harbor tunnel and this

work is going to make the tunnel more resilient and less prone to some of the concerns from the environmental community like flooding. The work will also make Blue Line service a little more reliable in the future.

The work also includes tunnel inspections, tunnel lighting repair, fiber optic cable installation, and removing abandoned cable that exists in the tunnel.

However, the collapse of a portion of the Government Center Garage that killed a construction worker and dumped tons of concrete on the road above the Green Line tunnel at Haymarket forced the MBTA to push back the Blue Line project.

Rep. Adrian Madaro announced that he and his

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A Blue Line train pulls into the Airport MBTA station. The Blue line will be closed from Airport to Bowdoin for scheduled maintenance and repairs from April 25 to May 8. (Photo courtesy of the MBTA).

District 1 City Council race heats up, candidates secure key endorsements

By John Lynds

With the special election preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat less than a month away, the two candidates, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta and Tania Del Rio, have been out in the district canvassing with volunteers, talking to voters about the most pressing issues, fundraising and garnering key endorsements from supporters.

Last week the Ward 1 Democratic Ward Committee voted to endorse Tania Del Rio's candidacy for the District 1 seat that includes Eastie, the North End and Charlestown.

"I am so proud to earn the endorsement of my home Ward Committee, of

which I have been an active member for a number of years," said Del Rio, who lives in the Orient Heights section of Eastie. "Alongside the members of the Eastie Dems, I have worked to improve access to the democratic process for all of our neighborhood's residents, including by providing volunteer translation services and working to increase civic engagement and voter participation. I thank them and join them in their commitment to promoting progressive values in our District. I'm ready to work hard for this neighborhood and for all of District 1."

Chair of the committee Vicki DiLorenzo

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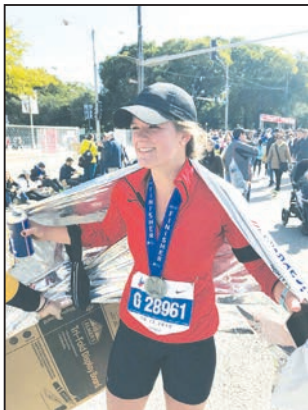
Eastie resident running Boston Marathon to raise money for the Pine Street Inn

By John Lynds

East Boston resident Kate Stover will be running in the 126th Boston Marathon on Monday, April 18 to raise money for the Pine Street Inn.

Stover teaches cycling classes at Turnstyle Cycle in the South End, just down the street from the Pine Street Inn, and has already raised over \$10,000 towards a \$15,000 goal.

"I'm honored to be running Boston as my third World Marathon by supporting Pine Street Inn, the largest homeless shelter in Boston," said Stover. "Pine Street assists the Boston homeless community in moving from the street and shelters to a permanent home. The homeless community in my city is my community. I'm proud to be support-



East Boston resident Kate Stover will be running in the 126th Boston Marathon to raise money for the Pine Street Inn.

ing a worthy cause right in my backyard."

Pine Street only has five runners running in this year's Boston Marathon to raise money for the shelter. Stover and the four other runners are

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Barr Foundation awards EBCC \$100,000 grant

By John Lynds

Last week the Barr Foundation awarded the East Boston Community Council (EBCC) \$100,000 grant for general operations that will support EBCC’s overall mission of advancing Hispanic families and the underserved in the neighborhood.

EBCC’s Executive Director, Frank Ramirez said the COVID-19 pandemic has deeply impacted the immigrants, refugees, and underserved youths the organization serves as well as the Community Council itself. The grant from the Barr Foundation will help bridge the gap between the ability to deliver quality programing in Eastie and the loss of revenue experienced during the pandemic.

“We did recover but EBCC experienced a loss of revenue and client base because the pandemic impacted our operations,” said Ramirez. “As a small organization in the non-profit sector, we are facing many of the structural inequities, particularly around race/ethnicity and access to resources in Massachusetts, and so we asked for help from the Barr Foundation and they delivered.”

Ramirez said EBCC sincerely appreciates its partnership with the Barr Foundation.

“Through the Barr Foundation’s help, we have been able to continue providing uninterrupted services to our Latino immigrant community during the pandemic,” said Ramirez. “Its decisive and proactive support in empowering communities of color and sustaining our work on behalf of the community members affected by this pandemic is

fully appreciated.”

Ramirez said this past year has been challenging and inspiring. EBCC has continued providing regular services throughout the impact of the pandemic. Like many other non-profits in the neighborhood, EBCC also wore many different hats during the height of the pandemic—distributing masks and sanitizing kits, offering facilities and referring clients to testing sites, food distribution programs, and contacting housing and heating help services for families affected by unemployment.

“We are proud to support East Boston Community Council’s work to serve Latino families and young people in East Boston,” said Barr Foundation President Jim Canales. “The COVID-19 pandemic disproportionately impacted Boston’s immigrant communities. As we now navigate a COVID-managed future, the urgency of supporting immigrant communities and immigrant-serving organizations remains.”

EBCC promotes the advancement of Latino immigrants of all ages through education, services, advocacy, community organizing, and leadership development.

Just last year, EBCC assisted close to 5,000 Latino immigrant families and youth in Eastie to learn English, normalize their immigration status, integrate into a new society or reunite with their families, and acquire skills to become leaders.

With the help of the Barr Foundation grant EBCC will continue to: Offer ESOL Classes for 400 adults; Citizen education and help to pass the exam to 200 new citizens;

Help normalize their immigration status to 3,500 immigrants including family reunification; Help 200 students to obtain their High School Equivalence Certificate (HiSET); and Help 150 young people to remain or advance in high school and enter colleges and universities of their choice.

“EBCC grounds its values in human welfare with a commitment to treating each person as having inherent worth and dignity,” said Ramirez. “With this grant, EBCC will continue to offer invaluable services and support to Latino immigrants and the whole community of East Boston and surrounding communities.”

EBCC was founded in 1978 when a group of concerned religious leaders responded to racial antagonism and the resulting violence towards people of color. Today, EBECC is a neighborhood-based organization that promotes the advancement of Latino immigrants of all ages through education, services, advocacy, community organizing, and leadership development.

By participating in EBECC programs, individuals build support networks and acquire information and skills to achieve their own goals. By participating in EBECC organizing initiatives, Latino immigrants engage in collective action to improve the quality of life in East Boston and to advance immigrant rights at the local, state, and national levels.

In FY 2008, EBECC will offer seven programs, organized in these departments: Immigration; Adult Education; Youth; and Community Organizing.

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the city showcase Marathon Daffodils on display throughout the marathon weekend. The Track will be lined with daffodils on Boston Marathon weekend with three 50-yard dash races for grades K-2, grades 3-5, and grades 6-8 followed by a mile run for grades K-8.

As Feroli mentioned Suffolk Downs free fitness at the track will kick off on Sunday, June 5th. The series will be held every Sunday at 10am. Local fitness instructors and live DJ Chris Capozzi will lead a variety of workouts geared for all fitness levels and abilities.

This season the Tack at Suffolk Downs will add a new amenity and create a dog park for the first time. The dog park is scheduled to open in early June and will feature two separate fenced areas for large and small dogs and a variety of play equipment to keep four-legged friends entertained. The Dog Park will be located next to The Track entrance.

“We are thrilled that so many local residents participated in events at The Track last year and we look forward to welcoming many families and res-



HYM will reopen to the public the historic racing oval at Suffolk Downs this weekend following a successful 2021 season. The Track at Suffolk Downs program will host a series of events over the summer. (Photo courtesy of HYM).

idents back this season,” said Thomas N. O’Brien, managing partner and chief executive officer of The HYM Investment Group. “This is the next step in realizing our vision for the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs as a way to build community and personal well-being among the people of Boston, Revere, and beyond.”

More activations and events will be announced in the coming weeks. Follow Suffolk Down’s social channels and website for the latest news about events and activities taking place at The Track.

The Track will be open daily from dusk to dawn.

Free parking is available on site at 525 McClellan Highway in Eastie. The Track also sits adjacent to the MBTA’s Beachmont and Suffolk Downs Blue Line stations.

HYM is also planning an outdoor concert series in partnership “The Bowery Presents”, a leading East Coast promoter.

The concert series this year will most likely kick-off in late August or early September with eight shows planned. After the 2022 season HYM plans to bring around 20 shows to the track each summer from June to September until 2025.

Happy Valley set to celebrate 4/20

By John Lynds

There are a few dates in the world of cannabis culture and among cannabis consumers that are often celebrated.

At adult use cannabis dispensaries Green Wednesday has emerged as the cannabis world’s answer to Black Friday. Christmas Eve is another busy cannabis shopping day at local dispensaries. Then there’s 7/10, considered a ‘stoner holiday’ for consuming cannabis oil products , because 710 turned upside down is “OIL”.

However, 4/20 continues to be the quintessential cannabis holiday across the globe.

This year, East Boston’s Happy Valley will host its first 4/20 celebration at the dispensary’s McClellan Highway location on Wednesday, April, 20.

“You have four cannabis celebration days but by far 4/20 is the biggest,” said Happy Valley General Manager Gilly Motta. “It’s our first one here in East Boston so we’re having a food truck show up, Papi’s Stuffed Sopapillas, and they’ll be serving up their Sopapillas, which

is like a Latin sandwich. We’ll have free coffee in the morning from 8 am to noon served by Dave’s Coffee. So we’ll be opening two hours earlier on 4/20 hoping to catch some early bird traffic and do some spotlight products for customers in the morning.”

The official cannabis holiday began In 1971 after five high school students in San Rafael, California used the term “4:20” in connection with a plan to search for an abandoned cannabis crop, based on a treasure map made by the grower. The five students set 4:20 pm as their meeting time and 4/20 became synonymous with the consumption of marijuana after the popular cannabis magazine, High Times, highlighted their exploits.

“This is our first shot of opening two hours early so we are going to see what that market looks like on that day,” said Motta.

Happy Valley ran a successful event the day before Thanksgiving on the Green Wednesday cannabis holiday.

“So we are building on that event because that was a really smooth day,” said

Motta. “All day was transaction after transaction and a great experience for our customers. Nobody felt rushed. Our dispensary is much larger than others in the area so we have the ability to have customers and patients browse the store while there’s people being checked out so there’s not that added pressure of knowing your order in five seconds before you walk in the door. So green Wednesday was an absolute success. We’re definitely gonna replicate that for 4/20.”

Motta said inside the dispensary staff will be on hand to help as some nice music plays over Happy Valley’s sound system.

“We are not going to have a DJ this time,” said Motta. “Even though it’s a busy day. There’s a lot of room to walk around and look at things and our staff will be able to have conversations with customers and patients and give them the time that they need. We’re going to have some nice music playing over our speakers so it’ll be a nice lovely sales environment.”

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Firefighters save resident from Bayswater Street fire

By John Lynds

The Boston Fire Department quickly responded to a house fire on Bayswater Street Sunday night and quickly extinguished the flames before it spread throughout the house and adjacent homes.

The call came in around 9 pm for a fire at 166 Bayswater St. fire trucks rushed to the scene and began battling the fire that appeared to be confined to the second floor of the home.

The fire was quickly brought under control and firefighters rescued one resident from the home.

The resident was taken by ambulance to Mass



A fire broke out Sunday on Bayswater Street with one resident being rescued from the home. (photo courtesy of James Daigneault).

General where he was treated.

The fire department said the cause of the fire is

under investigation and no further information was provided by the department.

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Boston's **Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH)** announces a public hearing seeking citizen input on:

1) The draft Program Year 2022 (7/1/22 - 6/30/23) Action Plan, in accordance with the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105(b). The Plan is submitted annually to HUD and serves as the City's application for and planned use of approximately \$28 million in HUD resources from: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

2) Input on the draft program design for \$21.6 million in American Rescue Plan HOME funds to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This Plan will also be submitted to HUD.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a Virtual Hearing held on 4/27/22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Interpretation in Spanish, Cantonese, and Mandarin, as well as CART services, will be provided.

To request another language, including American Sign Language, call (617) 635-3880 or email mohcomments@boston.gov at least 7 days prior to the hearing date. Every effort will be made to accommodate your request.

To access the hearing link, go to bit.ly/hearingandpubliccomment

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

El Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Incorporado

Se da aviso de que el **lunes 19 de abril de 2022 a las 6:30 pm**, una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto de East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) se llevará a cabo en el Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Nivel inferior de las instalaciones consolidadas de alquiler de automóviles del aeropuerto de Logan). Allí la reunión también se transmitirá en vivo a través de zoom.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el 14 de abril de 2022.

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

REUNIÓN REGULAR

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
b. Aprobación del Acta 29 de marzo de 2022 6:35 pm

NUEVO NEGOCIO

a. 6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero, Massport, Phase II update
b. 7:25 pm - Nominación de Miembros para llenar vacantes
c. 7:35 pm - Informe del Tesorero 2021

VIEJO NEGOCIO

a. 7:40 pm - Actualización - Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua)
b. 7:45 pm - Actualización - Compromiso financiero anual de Massport (discusión continua)
c. 8:00 pm - Aplazamiento anticipado

Al término de su reunión ordinaria de negocios y antes de la suspensión de la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente presentada y secundada, la Junta podrá celebrar una sesión ejecutiva de conformidad 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 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.

Comité Asesor de Proyectos del Este de Boston, Inc.

Por: Louise Montanino, Presidenta

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, April 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held at the Cathy Leonard McLean Community Room, 15 Transportation Way, East Boston, MA 02128 (Lower level of the Logan Airport Consolidated Rental Car Facility). There meeting will also be live streamed via zoom.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization’s website (ebpierpac.org) on or before **April 14, 2022**.

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

REGULAR MEETING

a. Attendance 6:30 pm
b. Approval of Minutes, March 29, 2022 6:35 pm

New Business

a. 6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero/Massport, Phase II update
b. 7:25 pm – Continued Nomination for Members to fill vacancies
d. 7:35 Treasurer’s Annual report 2021 and 2022 Budget Review

Old Business

a. 7:40 pm - Update - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)
b. 7:45 pm - Update - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion)
c. 8:00 pm – Anticipated adjournment

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –
English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom.

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

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

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added, “I’m so proud to support Tania. Her campaign represents the type of bottom-up, community-driven leadership that we desperately need in Boston politics.”

The Ward Committee endorsement follows endorsements by At-Large City Councilor Julia Mejia and community leaders Gloribell Mota and Saritin Rizzuto.

Over at the Coletta campaign, the lifelong Eastie resident picked up a key endorsement from At-Large City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune. Louijeune, who was elected to her first term on the Council in November, did very well among Eastie voters as a political newcomer. Among a crowded field of candidates, Louijeune finished fourth in the neighborhood during the city’s municipal election.

“Coming out of Boston Public Schools and working in city government, Gabriella is uniquely qualified to lead,” said Louijeune. “Having spent time advocating for working class families, she is a fighter who will bring leadership and drive to the council on day 1. I am proud to endorse Gigi for District 1.”

Coletta also picked up the endorsement of Council President Ed Flynn.

“Over the last four years, I had the opportunity and privilege to work



District 1 City Council Candidate Tania Del Rio with Ward 1 Democratic Ward Committee's Brian Gannon and Rose Arruda during a recent house party.

closely with Gabriela ‘Gigi’ Coletta on many issues impacting the City of Boston and District 1,” said Flynn. “During this time, while she served as the Chief of Staff to Councilor Lydia Edwards, Gigi was known for her hard work, professionalism, and respect that she demonstrated to everyone she worked with. Gigi possesses all the qualities to do the job of a district City Councilor; including her fierce commitment to the district, strong sense of leadership and work ethic, as well as the experience needed to respond to constituent needs. Gigi is also an unwavering advocate for social and economic justice, and we have col-

laborated closely to support our working families, veterans, seniors, persons with disabilities, and our immigrant neighbors. I’m proud to call Gigi a friend, and I enthusiastically endorse her to be the District 1 Boston City Councilor.”

On the fundraising side, Coletta once again outpaced Del Rio and raised \$34,368.69 last month and has \$71,353.07 cash on hand going into the final stretch of the campaign according to Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF)

Del Rio raised \$13,859.07 in March and currently has \$41,422.00 cash on hand according to OCPF.



District 1 City Council Candidate Gabriela Coletta with Rep. Adrian Madaro and volunteers during a canvassing of Eagle Hill last weekend.

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expected to raise a combined \$50,000 to help create 200 new units of supportive housing for men and women experiencing chronic homelessness.

“This new housing project was delayed due to the pandemic, and I’m thrilled to play an integral role in helping the project move ahead this spring,” said Stover.

While Stover has run in two World Marathons this is her first Boston Marathon.

“Pine Street’s vision of a permanent home and community for everyone has carried me throughout the last several months of training and fundraising,” said Stover. “I’m in awe of the incredible support I’ve received for my training and for this fundraiser. It’s truly the donors who make this all happen. Putting one foot in front of the other is the easy part.”

Pine Street’s President & Executive Director Lyndia Downie said the

shelter’s staff and administrators are grateful for Stover’s, and the other runners, efforts.

“We are deeply grateful to Kate Stover and all the marathon runners who are raising funds for Pine Street Inn,” said Downie. “It means so much to have supporters in the community who are so committed to our work.”

You can help Stover reach her goal at <https://www.givengain.com/activist/538848/>.

COVID positive test rate continues to rise

By John Lynds

As the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) continues to recommend residents receive a second COVID booster vaccine, Eastie and the citywide weekly COVID positive test rate increased once again with Boston’s test rate surpassing 5 percent for the first time in weeks.

Last week, 896 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and

4.6 percent were positive--this was a 15 percent increase from the 4 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on April 4.

Forty one additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between April 4 and April 11 and there are now 14,753 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston’s citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week

and is now above the 5 percent threshold. According to the BPHC 14,451 residents were tested citywide last week and 5.4 percent were COVID positive--this was a 17 percent increase from the 4.6 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on April 4.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection

New Book; Logan and the Lost Luggage

Story by Marianne Salza

Lifelong East Boston resident, Christine Ricci-McNamee, published her second children’s book, Logan and the Lost Luggage, on March 16. The book, illustrated by Connecticut artist, Patrick Regan, is about Logan, a Cocker Spaniel, whose family loses their luggage at the airport on route to visit grandparents living in Florida. Logan uses the powers of his magic bone to travel around the world in search of his family’s belongings.

Logan journeys to seven countries, such as Paris, France, where he meets new animal friends, like a French Poodle, that help him solve the mystery. The juvenile fiction picture book teaches children about diverse nations, and the importance of collaboration.

“It’s a good message,” said Ricci-McNamee, who is an American Poetry Association Poet of Merit, winner of the Boston Public Library Scholar’s Award, and recipient of the Presidential Arts Scholarship in Creative Writing at Salem State University, her alma mater. “It teaches them geography, and to learn to work together for peace and harmony.”

Logan and the Lost Luggage was inspired by her first dog, Logan, a Cocker Spaniel that loved to sing and chase squirrels at her family’s Orient Heights home, where the reverberation of airplane engines continually resounds.

Ricci-McNamee has entered Logan and the Lost Luggage into several competitions, and will



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CHRISTINE RICCI-MCNAMEE

Children’s book, Logan and the Lost Luggage, story by Christine Ricci-McNamee, and illustrations by Patrick Regan,

be appearing at Whitelam Books, 610 Main Street, Reading, during Independent Bookstore Day on April 30, 1:30-2:30 P.M., for a book signing and reading.

“The tone is happy and positive. It’s a fun children’s story,” described Ricci-McNamee, who once lost her luggage for a few hours at Palermo Airport, in Sicily, Italy.

When Ricci-McNamee is not managing her family-owned business, she enjoys walking with her dog, Winston, traveling, gardening, and – what she finds most relaxing – writing, a passion of hers since she was nine-years-old. Her first children’s book, Flames of Feeling, published in 2004, features a collection of her poetry from childhood to adulthood.

“I always wanted to write books and work in



East Boston resident, Christine Ricci-McNamee, author of Logan and the Lost Luggage

publishing,” revealed Ricci-McNamee, who is excited to see her vision of Logan and the Lost Luggage come to life.

Readers can purchase Logan and the Lost Luggage locally in Winthrop at Robins Nest, and the Winthrop Book Depot, or online at www.Amazon.com or www.BarnesAndNoble.com.

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colleagues have worked with MBTA administrators to help mitigate Blue Line service disruptions during the course of the work.

Madaro announced this week that the MBTA will add ferry service between Lewis Mall in Eastie and Long Wharf in the North End. Madaro said the ferries will run every 20 minutes from 6am to 7 pm.

“Over the last few weeks, I have heard from many riders about the impact of Blue Line closures on their commutes and their ability to travel to work, school, and other places within the city,” said Madaro. “After many discussions with the MBTA, I’m thrilled to share that there will be additional measures to mitigate the impact of these

closures on the Blue Line. In addition to providing free shuttle buses, the MBTA will increase capacity on the Silver Line 3 and temporarily run ferries between East Boston and the North End.”

Madaro added that he also heard from many residents about the state of disrepair of the pedestrian bridge at Suffolk Downs.

“After highlighting this with the MBTA, I’m pleased to share that the MBTA will close between Wonderland and Orient Heights Stations to repair the pedestrian bridge from May 12 through May 29,” said Madaro. “I want to thank the MBTA

for listening to residents and providing alternatives to ease the burden on commuters during these challenging times. I also want to thank them for making much-needed repairs to the pedestrian bridge at Suffolk Downs. These efforts will bring much-needed improvements to the Blue Line.”

During the Blue Line closure the MBTA is also planning to perform signal repairs, which is a major source of issues on the Blue Line when there are so-called “blind delays” as well as address some of the drainage issues in the harbor tunnel.

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BAA IS RIGHT TO BAN RUSSIAN RUNNERS

We applaud the decision of the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) to ban runners from Russia and Belarus from competing in this year’s Boston Marathon.

We recognize that the move casts a wide net and may serve to punish ordinary Russian citizens who have had nothing to do with Vladimir Putin’s barbaric invasion of Ukraine.

However, we wish to make two points:

First, athletic and other organizations all over the world have banned Russian nationals from participating in their events. If the BAA uniquely were to do nothing, it would send the signal that the BAA tacitly was indifferent to the barbarous Russian invasion. Obviously, that is a message that no organization should be sending.

Second, to those who suggest that sports transcends political differences and ideologies, we say this: Get your heads out of the clouds.

There may have been a time when “sport” could turn a blind eye to what was happening in the world. But the reality is that athletics long have been used as political vehicles, starting with Hitler in the 1936 Olympics, the Soviet-bloc during the Cold War, and the Russian government itself when it hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics and devised an elaborate scheme to conceal the doping of its athletes.

Most recently, Russia has detained U.S. basketball star Brittany Griner in a Russian jail just as she was trying to leave the country, a move that can only be described as politically-motivated by the Putin regime.

In our view, every single person and entity in the civilized world -- especially the sports world -- should take the opportunity to make clear our united opposition to the barbarism of the invasion in Ukraine.

Imposing sanctions on Russian athletes is just an extension of the sanctions that have been imposed on Russia itself that likewise are impacting ordinary Russian citizens.

Yes, it may be true that individual Russians are collateral damage, so to speak, of our broad-ranging sanctions policies. But the effect upon them, which hopefully will trickle up to the Russian government, pales in comparison to the suffering of the millions of innocent Ukrainian citizens who are the victims of the genocidal war being waged by the Russian government.

SENATE SHOULD PASS DRIVER’S LICENSE BILL

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a bill two months ago that would allow roughly 160,000 immigrants of driving age in our state to apply for a driver’s license if they can prove their identity with documents such as a birth certificate or a passport.

In our view, providing individuals who live, work, drive, and pay taxes in Massachusetts with the opportunity to obtain a license is simply common sense, which is why 16 other states have enacted similar legislation.

The Mass. Chiefs of Police Assoc. and the Mass. District Attorneys Assoc. are among the groups who have endorsed the measure because they recognize that the present law, which only imposes fines upon unlicensed operators, accomplishes nothing, but takes up valuable court time and resources from our police and criminal justice system.

Moreover, by allowing these individuals to obtain a license, it brings them out of the shadows, which also has the additional benefit of enhancing public safety and law enforcement for more serious matters.

We urge our state senators to do what they can to bring pressure upon the Senate leadership to move this bill forward ASAP.

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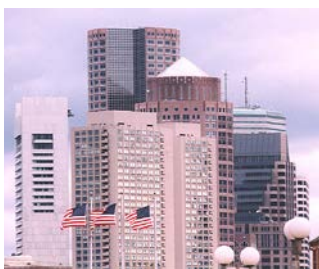
One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been ongoing since April 2; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins this Friday; Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, for Catholics and Protestant denominations is this Sunday; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days this week from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.



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GUEST OP-ED

Moderation, balance and rigid flexibility

soon come to ruin.

There are lots of scenarios of too much. You can play too much, work too much, party too much, spend too much and even save too much. You can spend your life searching for love and being in and out of love. In the end, you are exhausted and drained. You can spend too much time in church and doing religious kinds of things. What good are you to the world and others if all you ever do is sit in church? Faith must be fleshed out and put into practice. The basketball team wants to do more than just practice seven days a week. The exhilaration comes in playing the game.

You don’t want to spend your life reading about the ocean. You want to go and see and swim in the ocean. You don’t want to spend your life cooking in the

kitchen. You would like to sit and savor some of the delicious food from the kitchen.

Life is about participating as much as you can, when you can, and as you are able. We all have limitations but we hope and dream. The hopes and dreams keep us going and trying. When we lose these it’s easy to give up. The cancer patient hopes for a cure and hangs on.

Moderation is the key to most of life. Work some, play some, love some, help others some, cultivate your faith, friends, family and diversify your diet. Yes, include fruit and vegetables and some exercise. Watch some television and news but don’t live in front of the television. Most of the news is bad. The cable news channels and evening news are filled with the bad things of the day. Obviously bad

news is what makes money.

If you work 50 hours a week, then take stock of your blessing to have a job. Consider how you might do your work better and more effectively to help your employer and fulfill yourself.

Give some thought to aiming for balance in your life. A balanced tire always rides better. When possible, practice moderation in all things and try to utilize rigid flexibility. An inflexible life will eventually break.

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.

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alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.edu.

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most doctors will encourage their patients to not overdrink alcohol. Too much might cause you to fall and impairs an individual’s ability to make good decisions or drive an automobile.

Going on a binge of anything may not be a positive decision. Giving up food for a day will make you sluggish and probably irritable. Eating a buffet usually brings regret. Going to the gym to work out for three hours will just zap you for the rest of the day. Working 29 days out of the month will make you more money but when will you be able to enjoy what you’ve earned? We need fruit and vegetables every day but you can overdo fiber. How much time do you have to keep so many relationships going? The Bible says a man of too many friends will

JOHNSON PARTICIPATES IN EMERSON STAGE PRODUCTION

Caitlin Johnson of East Boston participated in Emerson Stage’s production of Three Romances for the Unwell and Otherwise. Written by Elena Freck, BFA ‘22 and directed by Joe Antoun, it was performed March 24-27, 2022, in the Greene Theater at Emerson College in Boston.

Each year, students submit original written plays to be selected for its New-Fest Rod Parker Fellowship Award, and the recipient receives a fellowship and stipend. This original play is loosely based on the relationships between four 19th-century German composers, and explores the struggles of indie musicians in modern day Los Angeles, finding their way in their career, as well as their relationships.

Johnson is majoring in Theatre Education and is a member of the Class of 2022.

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EAST BOSTON’S 10-0 WIN OVER CHARLESTOWN

BOB MARRA PHOTOS

Joel Valero threw a five-inning no hitter, striking out 14 of the 16 batters he faced, to lead East Boston to a 10-0 win over Charlestown Friday at Memorial Park. Valero gave up only pair of walks and hit a batter in the fourth inning but was otherwise unscathed. Andry Marte’s home run highlighted a four-run fourth inning that gave the Jets the ten-run lead to trigger the “mercy rule” that shortened the game.



REASON TO SMILE: Andry Marte sports a homerun hitter's grin as he heads toward home plate after smashing a home run that capped a four-run fourth inning and led to East Boston's 10-0 win over Charlestown.



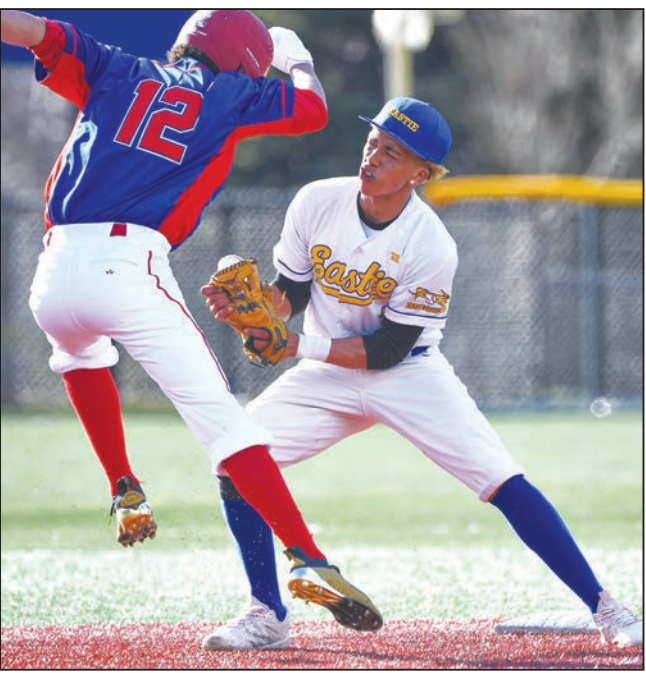
UNTOUCHABLE: East Boston's Joel Valero struck out 14 Charlestown batters in five innings, giving up only a pair of walks and a hit batsman, as he pitched the Jets to a 10-0 shutout of the visiting Townies at Memorial Park.



HEAD FIRST: East Boston's Chris Frazier (on the ground) dives into second base with a stolen base as Charlestown second baseman Cruz awaits the late throw.



HEADING FOR THREE: East Boston's Janneson Martinez has a smile on his face as he rounds second base and heads to third as his one-out triple gave the Jets a first inning 2-0 lead en route to a 10-0 win over Charlestown Friday at Memorial Park.



END OF THE ROAD: East Boston second baseman Andry Marte tags out Charlestown's Pena after Pena, who walked, tried to steal second base during the third inning of East Boston's 10-0 win at Memorial Park Friday April 8.



KEEPING HIM CLOSE: East Boston First baseman Chris Frazier puts a tag on Charlestown's Cris, who had walked. Cris was safe but advanced no further.

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The Boston Athletic Association, organizer of the Boston Marathon®, thanks residents of the City of Boston for their patience and cooperation as we work with many partners to plan this year's race. The 126th Boston Marathon will be a historic event for the Greater Boston area and our sport as a whole. For more event information, please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org).

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## RACE WEEK EVENTS

### Boston Marathon Fan Fest presented by Amazon

Located in Copley Square just steps from the finish line, Fan Fest is the place to soak in the race-week atmosphere and have fun as you gear up for race day. Fan Fest features sponsor experiences, live music, race champions, photo-ops, and more. Visit Fan Fest from Friday, April 15 to Sunday, April 17.

### Boston Marathon Expo

Visit the Hynes Convention Center to experience the Boston Marathon Expo and shop from race sponsors and exhibitors. The Expo is where runners receive their bib numbers, and is home to the largest Boston Marathon adidas shop in all of Boston. The Expo is open Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16

### B.A.A. 5K | 8:00 a.m. | Boston Common

Starting and finishing at Boston Common, 10,000 entrants will take part in the 2022 B.A.A. 5K, a scenic tour through Back Bay which crosses the Boston Marathon finish line. The B.A.A. 5K will be run on Charles St., Arlington St., Commonwealth Ave., Hereford St. and Boylston St.

### B.A.A. Invitational Mile | 10:30 a.m. | Copley Square

Some of the world's fastest runners will compete in a one-mile race starting and finishing on Boylston Street. Sholastic athletes from the eight cities and towns of the Boston Marathon course will also take part in one-mile and 1,000 meter races.

## 126<sup>TH</sup> BOSTON MARATHON® -- MONDAY, APRIL 18

30,000 entrants will participate in the 126th Boston Marathon, starting the 26.2-mile route from Main Street in Hopkinton to Boylston Street at Copley Square near the Boston Public Library.

Race day road closures will be in effect on roads in the vicinity of Kenmore Square, Copley Square, Boston Common, and other areas in the Back Bay. Please visit [www.cityofboston.gov](http://www.cityofboston.gov) for more information as closures become available.

Crowd barriers will be set up along Boylston Street and areas of the course within the City of Boston. Spectators are asked for their cooperation in following reasonable and common sense guidelines that will help ensure the safety and security of participants, volunteers, and spectators. For more information, please visit [www.baa.org](http://www.baa.org).

Taking public transportation is strongly encouraged. The following nearby MBTA stations will be open:

- ▶ Hynes Convention Center Station (MBTA Green Line)
- ▶ Prudential Station (MBTA Green Line)
- ▶ Back Bay Station (MBTA Orange Line / Commuter Rail)
- ▶ Arlington Station (MBTA Green Line)

Please note, Copley Station (MBTA Green Line) will be closed for the entire day on race day. For more information on MBTA service, please visit [www.mbta.com/events](http://www.mbta.com/events).



EBCCS PRESENTS THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

By Marianne Salza

The East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) 8th grade class presented the Stations of the Cross on April 8 for the first time since 2019. The solemn dedicated reenact-

ed the Passion of Christ in celebration of Holy Week. Students prayed for guidance, perseverance, and selflessness; and asked God for courage when they fall, and to help them realize the special gifts that their parents are.



Principal Robert Casaletto thanking families for helping EBCCS carry their cross during the pandemic.



Narrators, Angelica Munoz and Arielle Tritto.



Jesus, played by Esteban Perez, rises victoriously over death.



Esteban Perez, as Jesus, stripped of his garments, and nailed to the cross.



Women of Jerusalem: Ava McLaughlin, Raquel Buenrastros, Peyton McLaughlin, and Kayli DiFeo.



Mary, played by Rylee O'Connor, holds her son, Jesus, played by Esteban Perez, in her arms after He is lowered from the cross.



EBCCS 8th grade class, who presented Stations of the Cross on April 8.



Jesus, played by Esteban Perez, falls for the third time.



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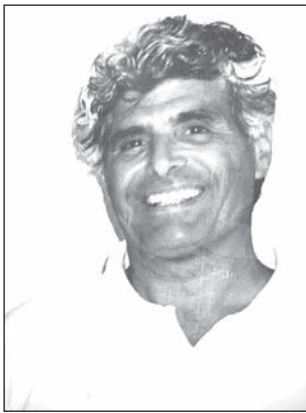
## Andrew “Jimmy” Farro

A hard worker, generous  
to his friends and family

Andrew J. “Jimmy” Farro of East Boston died on April 5.

Jimmy was born and raised in East Boston and lived most of his life in the Jeffries Point area. He enjoyed travel, good food and wine and pleasant company. He would converse with almost anyone on a variety of topics. One of his favorite destinations were the restaurants of the North End, where he was a frequent visitor. Jimmy was a hard worker and generous to his friends and family.

The beloved father of Andralyn “Andie” Farro and her husband, William Ominsky and James “Jay” Farro, he was the grandfather of Matthew Farro and Dylan Ominsky, son of the late Evelyn (DelloRusso) and Frank Farro, brother of the late Frank and John Farro and also survived by



his nephew, John Fagone.

A Celebration of Life for Jimmy will be held on Thursday, April 14 in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston from 4 to 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to the American Liver Foundation would be appreciated. Please leave messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](https://www.MagrathFuneralHome.com).

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You made the world a happier place.

Happy Birthday Little Bill

Love, Mom, Dad

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## REGISTRATION OPEN FOR BOSTON PARKS SUMMER SPORTS CENTERS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that registration is now open for Summer Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Almont Park in Mattapan, East Boston Memorial Stadium in East Boston, Garvey Playground in Dorchester, and Medal of Honor Park in South Boston. For more information or to register online please visit [boston.gov/sports](https://boston.gov/sports).

The Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth who might otherwise have no opportunity to attend such programming. Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 5 through August 19. All Summer Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to children ages 7 to 14. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer.

2022 Sports Center locations:

- East Boston Sports Center
- East Boston Memorial Park
- 143 Porter Street
- East Boston

Please note that lunch will be provided but participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals.

## CITY GOLF COURSES OPEN FOR 2022 SEASON

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced that the City of Boston’s municipal golf courses are now open for the 2022 season.

The City owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park designed by Donald Ross. Both have received national accolades as must-play courses when golfing in the Boston area.

Golfers can go to [cityofbostongolf.com](https://cityofboston.org/golf) for tee times and rates. Boston residents can also go to that site to enter a raffle for a season pass. For updates, the City’s golf courses can be followed on Twitter @FranklinParkGC and @GeorgeWrightGC.

Founded in 1938, the 18-hole par 70 Donald Ross-designed George Wright Golf Course is a hidden gem in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston open seven days a week through November. Contact PGA Professional Scott Allen at (617) 364-2300 for more information.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

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Tee times are required in advance. The pro shop, restaurant, and bathrooms are all open, and sanitation stations are provided throughout the clubhouse building.

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR EARTH DAY CLEANUP OF NORTHERN STRAND COMMUNITY TRAIL

An Earth Day cleanup of the Northern Strand Community Trail is being held on Saturday, April 23 in Lynn.

Anyone interested in helping out should bring work gloves and meet along the trail at Spencer Street in Lynn, across from Market Basket. The cleanup is being held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at this section of the trail, which is also known as the Community Path of Lynn.

For more information contact Hildy Curran at [hcurran@comcast.net](mailto:hcurran@comcast.net).

Bike to the Sea connects communities by building and improving shared-use paths, and promoting safe and happy trail use for all ages and abilities.

The Northern Strand Community Trail is an off-road, car-free, paved path starting in Everett and winding through Malden, Revere, Saugus, and Lynn.

## WU TO OPEN SWAN BOATS APRIL 16

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Paget family will host the first ride of the season on the popular Boston Swan Boats as they open at the Boston Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

2022 marks the 145th season for the Swan Boats, a beloved tourist attraction and iconic symbol of Boston and the Public Garden. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 112th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on the boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending

on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to propel the boat through the water.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and ship-builder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan.

Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and is powered by the driver using a foot propelled paddle wheel. The Swan Boats are built on oak-framed pontoons sheathed in copper just as they were initially constructed in 1877. After being stored in a safe place for the winter, the boats will return to the Public Garden Lagoon in the spring with Mayor Wu celebrating the first ride of the season.

## UPCOMING SUSPENSIONS OF BLUE LINE SERVICE WILL ALLOW CREWS TO ACCELERATE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Between April 25 and May 8, Blue Line service will be suspended between Airport and Bowdoin stations to accommodate harbor tunnel repair work with alternate shuttle bus and ferry services provided. Between May 12 and May 29, Blue Line service will be suspended between Wonderland and Orient Heights stations to allow for work to take place on the Suffolk Downs pedestrian bridge with alternate shuttle bus service provided.

“The work accomplished during these closures will ultimately lead to better, safer, more reliable service for our Blue Line riders on a faster timeline,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We know these diversions can be an inconvenience, but these service suspensions allow us to expedite critical tunnel and infrastructure work. I want to thank our Blue Line riders for their patience while we accelerate these important projects.”

More about the April 25-May 8 Diversion between Airport and Bowdoin:

Free bus shuttles will replace Blue Line service between Airport and Bowdoin all day and every day between April 25 and May 8 to accommodate harbor tunnel repair work. Shuttle buses will operate in a one-way inbound loop

through the downtown area. Shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin with Bowdoin riders instead asked to board and exit shuttles at Government Center Station. The shuttle bus stop at State station is drop-off only. Express bus shuttles will not stop at Maverick station.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RAISES AWARENESS OF SAFE DIGGING PRACTICES

In recognition of April as Dig Safe Awareness Month, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is joining with other states and utility companies around the country to remind excavators, contractors, and residents to dig safely and call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects. 811 is the line for “Dig Safe,” which is a nonprofit organization that notifies gas, electric, telephone, and cable companies about the intended digging project. At no cost to the excavator, professional locators visit the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground utility lines with flags, spray paint, or both.

“Utility lines are buried in the ground all around us on both public and private property, and sometimes these lines are only a few inches below the surface,” said Department of Public Utilities Chair Matthew Nelson. “Calling 811 is the best way to ensure a line won’t be hit when commencing a new project this year.”

State law requires calling 811 at least three days before digging is to start. Accidentally striking an underground utility line can result in serious personal injury, property damage, and costly service disruptions for many. Additionally, failure to follow the provisions of the law and regulations can result in fines.

Excavations are the leading cause of damage to underground utility infrastructure. In 2021, there were 925 excavation-related damages to utility infrastructure in Massachusetts. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Examples of digging projects that require a call to 811 include installing a mailbox or fence, building a deck, installing a pool, and planting trees and shrubs.

For more information about 811 and safe digging practices, the public is encouraged to visit <https://www.mass.gov/dig-safe> or [www.digsafe.com](https://www.digsafe.com).

## Wu announced 2022 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2022 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin’ in neighborhood parks citywide from May 4 to June 30.

Mayor Wu’s Neighborhood Coffee Hours are a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward

to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas, and City services.

“Our administration hopes to get City Hall out of City Hall into our neighborhoods—meeting residents where they are and connecting every community to civic activism,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I look forward to spending time with our residents in parks across our city.”

Participants will enjoy Dunkin’ Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin’ MUNCHKINS® donut

hole treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market. Additional support is provided by City Express courier service. Each family in attendance will receive a free flowering plant from the Parks Department, while supplies last. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin’ including Dunkin’ merchandise and ground coffee.

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting.

Mayor Wu’s 2022

Neighborhood Coffee Hours in Eastie will be held on Wednesday, May 4 at East Boston Memorial Park, Porter and Orleans Streets.

For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, on their social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram, or by visiting [boston.gov/parks](https://boston.gov/parks).



# For 100 years Salvation Army EDS mobilizes in times of need

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) canteen is a welcoming sign of relief when disaster strikes. On Friday, March 25, emergency management representatives, Salvation Army volunteers, and other valued guests commemorated The Salvation Army’s EDS Centennial in the City of Boston at the non-profit organization’s South End Corps. A proclamation from Mayor Michelle Wu urged fellow Bostonians to celebrate The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services on March 25, 2022 which she declared to “The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Centennial Day” in the City of Boston.

“As we celebrate our first 100 years, we are honored to be surrounded by so many of the people who have played a significant role in EDS’ success,” said Emily Mew, State Coordinator, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services. “Over the past century, it has been a privilege for our Salvation Army officers to work alongside our trained and dedicated volunteers. Together we have served thousands of first responders and survivors at local disasters such as the Boston Marathon Bombings, historic fires including the Cocoanut Grove, and emergency response events, including Inauguration Night. Our work would not be possible without our amazing community partners. Throughout our history they have worked every day—no matter the time or the weather—to help our neighbors in their



A look at the past and present Salvation Army helping with their EDS.

greatest times of need.”

Community partners who were on hand to help The Salvation Army acknowledge this milestone included Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey, Dawn Brantley, Acting Director of Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Pat Carnevale, Deputy Director of MEMA, John Soares, President, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Benjamin McNeil, Assistant Deputy Chief, City of Boston Office of Emergency Management, along with representatives from Boston Sparks Association, the American Red Cross of Massachusetts, and the Boston Fire and Police Departments.

“Regardless of when, where, or what the crisis is, The Salvation Army’s dedicated team steps up every time to help those in need,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “As the Salvation Army’s Emergency Disaster Services celebrates 100 years of service to Boston and Massachusetts, we thank them for their strong partnership with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and their work to assist so many di-

saster survivors.”

By providing food for the hungry, emergency relief for disaster survivors, emotional and spiritual care, plus clothing and shelter for people in need, The Salvation Army is doing the most good to help all of our neighbors during their greatest times of need. During the pandemic and before, Salvation EDS teams were able to mobilize quickly to help with emergency feeding because we are in communities before, during, and after disaster strikes.

“The Salvation Army means so much to so many people. As a firefighter, I have seen how they’re there when people are in need,” said Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey during the celebration. “It’s truly amazing to see how they perform their mission. Like most heroes, they quietly do God’s work without the accolades. That work will never be done and for that we are fortunate to have The Salvation Army.”

In recognition of the EDS Centennial in Boston, two longtime dedicated volunteers who have given countless hours to help neighbors in Boston



and across the Commonwealth were given those accolades. Rick Reinhardsen, a volunteer with The Salvation Army’s Martha’s Vineyard Service Unit, and Dave MacDonald, a volunteer with The Salvation Army in Fitchburg, were honored for their outstanding service to The Salvation Army in their local communities and in Boston during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During Friday’s EDS Centennial, The Salvation Army also announced that it will be receiving the gift of a new canteen truck to serve the City of Boston thanks to a \$150,000 donation from an anonymous donor. The new canteen is equipped with a mobile kitchen and better maneuverability for city streets. Because the mobile feeding unit includes ovens, refrigerators, power, and water, Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services will be able to use it for events other than emergencies. The new EDS Canteen is expected to arrive in late 2022.

For more information on The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services can be found at [www.salvationarmyma.org](http://www.salvationarmyma.org).

Valley Gas Explosions, the devastating Cocoanut Grove Fire and Worcester Cold Storage Blaze, the Cape Cod Tornadoes, and recent 6-alarm fire in East Boston. The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services canteens can be used for events other than emergencies. Volunteers recently deployed to support local emergency management with food and hydration along the 2021 Boston Marathon route, on election and inauguration nights, the Government Center Garage Collapse, and at funerals of fallen heroes. For more information visit [SalvationArmyMA.org/EDS](http://SalvationArmyMA.org/EDS).

The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services (EDS) has served thousands of first responders and survivors of many local disasters in the City of Boston since the official dedication of its first mobile emergency response canteen. On March 25, 1922, Mayor James Michael Curley stood in the courtyard of Boston City Hall to offer The Salvation Army’s services of “a fire and emergency truck to the City of Boston.” This momentous occasion was the start of The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division’s Emergency Disaster Services. In the truck’s first eight years, The Salvation Army’s red emergency “canteen” truck responded to more than 500 emergency calls from the Boston Fire Department to distribute food and hydration to Boston’s firefighters. Today, our fleet of canteens—better known to some as mobile feeding kitchens—and dedicated EDS volunteers have responded to thousands of natural and manmade disasters across Massachusetts including the historic Boston Marathon Bombings, the Merrimack

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## DCR plans April school vacation programs

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be hosting the following April School Vacation Events at Revere Beach and Belle Isle Marsh Reservations.

DCR plans April school vacation programs All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](http://Mass.gov/COVID) and dress for the weather including possible mud on the ground. Bring water and use sunscreen. Please phone (781) 656-1485 or email [matthew.nash@mass.gov](mailto:matthew.nash@mass.gov) for more information including an automated message of possible cancellations made up to an hour before the start of the program. Cancelled in the event of High Winds or Rain. Parking is free.

Belle Isle Marsh Reser-

vation, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA.

An Oasis for Birds Saturday, April 16, 7:30-8:30am

We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resident wading marsh birds at this Birding Hotspot & MA State Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle Lawn, Revere, MA.

Shorebird and Seabird Discovery Table

Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22 10am-12pm.

Discover the fascinating shorebirds and seabirds that make Revere Beach

their home at this learning station in conjunction with the StoryWalk® Drop in any time.

Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle, Revere, MA.

StoryWalk® Piping Plover Summer by Janet Riegler.

Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22, 10am-3pm.

Read a story with your child during your approximately 30-minute, self-guided walk along a paved path at Revere beach! Discover the secrets of this protected shorebird which nests on beaches in the State of Massachusetts. Drop in any time.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.


If you would like to receive regular emails about our current program schedule, please send an email to [Matthew.Nash@mass.gov](mailto:Matthew.Nash@mass.gov).

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees nearly 500,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Acting DCR Commissioner Stephanie Cooper, the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our commonwealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit [www.mass.gov/dcr](http://www.mass.gov/dcr).

## Real Estate Transfers

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| Crupi Jr, Daniel J    | Chianca RT               | 9 Ardee St #9           | \$845,000   |
| Thorstenson, Noelle   | Yelskiy, Aleksander      | 24-26 Falcon St         | \$550,000   |
| Kidik, Bret           | Wordsworth Ventures LLC  | 43 Wordsworth St #2     | \$549,000   |
| Mahn-Arteaga, Gustavo | 101-105 Condor Street LL | 101-105 Condor St #404  | \$525,000   |
| Abdo, Maria           | Tsui, Ching Y            | 156-160 Chelsea St #303 | \$530,000   |
| Zhou, Jacqueline      | Princeton Street LLC     | 224 Princeton St        | \$800,000   |
| 423 Meridian St LLC   | 423 Meridian Street RT   | 423 Meridian St         | \$1,050,000 |

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

FREE CASH EYED FOR PROJECTS

CHELSEA - With the development of the former Forbes Lithograph campus in limbo, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino is requesting the City Council approve using almost \$300,000 in free cash for safety measures on the parcel.

Last week, the council’s finance subcommittee heard the case for using the funds as part of Ambrosino’s requests for the use of about \$2 million of the nearly \$15 million in free cash recently certified by the state.

In 2019, the Zoning Board approved a 590 residential unit project for the Forbes site, a significantly scaled back version of a plan first introduced by developers in 2015. However, in March of 2021, Ambrosino informed the council that the project was not moving forward and the developers, YIHE Forbes of China, was not moving forward with the project and was marketing the property.

In reaction to that news, the council last spring approved a \$200,000 engineering analysis of all structures on the site.

“According to our engineers, a full demolition and abatement of the most dangerous building on the site will be extraordinarily expensive, estimated in excess of \$2.6 million,” stated Ambrosino.

While not recommending the full abatement and demolition, Ambrosino said he was recommending using \$293,000 in free cash for some limited safety measures to protect any members of the public who might access the site.

“We are planning on boarding up the windows on the first floor of all three buildings, as well as some areas on the second floors next to features that can be climbed easily,” said Alex Train, the city’s director of housing and community development.

There will also be some abatement of lead and asbestos on the site to meet OSHA standards, Train said, as well as the removal of vegetation to make sure there is a clean line of site for surveillance cameras near the property. In addition, repairs to holes in the fencing and the construction of some new fencing around the perimeter is planned.

District 3 Councilor Norieliz DeJesus asked if there were city surveillance cameras on the prop-

erty.

Train said the city does not have cameras on the site, and that the nearest city camera was on Crescent Avenue.

“The site does have surveillance cameras that are overseen by a private security contractor and they have been intermittently deployed by the developer,” said Train. “But when we were last there, it was not clear if the security personnel were monitoring the site.”

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez asked if the city would recoup the \$293,000 from the developer.

Ambrosino said steps have been taken that will eventually allow the city to recoup the cost. If the developer does not pay, he said the city can go to land court in order to have the costs added to a future tax bill for the property.

While the city could conceivably take the developer to court and foreclose on the property if the developer doesn’t pay the tax bill, Ambrosino said the odds of that happening are highly unlikely.

“At some point, the developer will just pay us back, because the land is worth \$40 million and they are not going to lose it over \$290,000,” Ambrosino said.

LOCAL NAACP CALLS FOR DIPIERRO TO STEP DOWN

EVERETT - The latest call for embattled Ward 3 Councilor Anthony DiPierro to resign his office has come from the Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP. DiPierro has admitted having racist memes on his Instagram account.

The area NAACP branch serves the communities of Arlington, Everett, Malden, Medford, Winchester and Woburn.

Zane T. Crute, President of the Mystic Valley Branch of the NAACP stated, “we want to ensure that our elective officials are held accountable. We expected more of Councilor DiPierro.” Crute has led the area organization since 2017. The following statement was sent to the media and Everett elected officials:

The Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP, which covers six communities north of Boston, including Everett, is writing to demand the resignation of City Councilor Antho-

ny DiPierro for his recent racist communications. He can no longer lead the diverse city of Everett in any capacity. We stand with members of the community in demanding that he to be held accountable for his behavior.

The facts as we understand them: Everett City Councilor Anthony DiPierro shared some despicable racist memes and text messages several months ago with some of his fellow City Councilors. While Councilor DiPierro has apologized, there is currently an investigation underway by Cathy Draine, the City of Everett Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. It appears that there were several additional racist communications with DiPierro and several other City Councilors, many of which contained the use of the N-word. His complete lack of respect for Black Americans cannot be tolerated. His frequent and consistent use of the N-word in his communications is systemic and we have no reason to believe that his apologies will change how he feels about members of the African Diaspora.

It is important to put this incident in a larger context: Everett has undergone a dramatic demographic transformation in the last few decades. Where twenty years ago, Everett’s non-white population was approximately 25%, today it is approximately 65% of the total population, and 80% of the school population is non-white. This diversity is not represented in Everett City Hall or clearly in the attitudes of some of Everett’s elected officials. Everett currently has the potential to make changes that could transform the city to reflect the diversity of its population. Paramount in working towards this transformation is removing from leadership positions those who hinder progress through racist speech or behavior. The culture of Everett needs to change to reflect the city’s diversity and Councilor DiPierro is certainly not a catalyst for the kind of change needed.

A person cannot claim to be a leader of a community while at the same time expressing or tolerating racist and contemptuous attitudes that are an insult to a majority of the population that the person is claiming to lead. Councilor DiPierro has lost all credibility as a leader and should step down immediately.

“PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE”



The Chelsea High School Drama Club will be presenting the musical comedy, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, April 7, 8, and 9. Pictured are the cast and crew, Angely Romero, Dejanney Williams, Jamairys Rivera, Jayna Singer, Alanna Taylor, Katherine Ortega, Tatiana Umana, Annelia D. Rivera, Xavier Vargas, Nouriman James, and not pictured, Brandon Quezada, Johnny Star, and Dariana Lopez-Lobo.

diately. Should he refuse to do so, we strongly encourage and implore candidates of change to challenge in future elections Mr. DiPierro and any other officials who stand in solidarity with him.

Zane T. Crute  
President, Mystic Valley Area Branch of the NAACP

SOLIMINE BUYS NADWORNY FUNERAL HOME

LYNN - On Thursday, March 31, The Solimine Family took title to the Nadworny Funeral Home business assets. According to Richard C. Nadworny, Jr., “I am pleased to be able to entrust our family firm over to the Solimine Family. With the passing of my dad this past October, my family and I decided that it was the right time for us to close our Western Avenue location. The real estate at 798 Western Ave. is under contract to be sold to a local family and will be repurposed. Over the years, my father and I have always had the highest regard for the Solimines and their entire staff. I will be joining the Solimine Staff and look forward to working with them to serve our community.”

The Nadworny Funeral Home was established in 1958 by Richard C. Nadworny. Richard C. Nadworny, Jr. joined his father in business in 1979 as an apprentice and became a fully licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in 1981. David J. Solimine, Sr. established the Solimine Funeral Homes in 1965. David J. Solimine, Jr. joined his father in business in 1976. Joel C. Solimine, who now manages the family firm, became the third generation of the Solimine Family in Funeral Service upon his licensure in 2011.

The Solimine Funeral Home at 426 Broadway was constructed in 1982. The Solimine Family purchased their 67 Ocean Street location in 1984 from the Rhodes Family. The Solimine Family also purchased the former Landergan Funeral Home in 1996 and the former Richardson Funeral Home in 2003.

Noted Joel C. Solimine, “All of the records of Nadworny Funeral Home will be maintained at our offices at 426 Broadway. We look forward to working with Rich Nadworny in serving the families that have historically called on the Nadwornys in their time of need. Families that have pre-arranged their funeral services with Nadworny Funeral Home will

have the option of using either one of our two Funeral Home locations.”

Nadworny added, “On a personal note, the Solimines and the Nadwornys have always been good friends. As a matter of fact, Joel Solimine’s mom, Patricia (Szczechowicz) Solimine, was a bridesmaid in my sister Maura’s wedding. On a professional level, my dad and I along with Dave, Sr., Dave, Jr. and Joel Solimine have been collaborating and assisting one another for over 50 years.”

FOOD STILL BEING DISTRIBUTED IN REVERE

REVERE - Though the COVID-19 pandemic is moving slowly out of the medical spotlight in the United States, the humanitarian efforts of the Revere Food Hub continue, with workers and volunteers at the food pantry distributing food to hundreds of Revere families each week.

The Revere Food Hub, located at 200 Winthrop Ave., former home to the Revere League for Special Needs, is part of the Community Health and Engagement Department led by Director Dimple Rana, one of the unsung heroes of the city’s COVID-19 emergency response team.

Megan Witter is the co-coordinator of the Food Hub while Britney Sao is the assistant to the director.

Mayor Brian Arrigo has been tremendously supportive of the operations at the Revere food property and is a frequent visitor to the site.

Serving 500 Revere families each week

The First Congregational Church of Revere, founded in 1983, had been serving 60 to 80 families per week prior to the pandemic. When those numbers began to grow during the pandemic, the Revere Food Hub stepped in to help coordinate and oversee the effort by the non-profit.

“We’re feeding almost 500 families now, more than the height of the pandemic,” said Witter. “We’re seeing a surge that we’ve never experienced before.”

Rana also affirmed that there are more families coming to the Revere Food Pantry’s emergency food distribution center than at any point in its two-year existence at the Winthrop Avenue site.

“Even though COVID rates have slowed down, the need for food, housing, and other services are in huge demand by residents

of the city,” said Rana.

The city’s food distribution program takes place Wednesdays (6-8 p.m.). There is also a “Food for Free” box program Thursdays at the Revere Food Hub.

The distribution effort takes hours of preparation and involves work by many volunteers.

“We start letting clients in the drive-up line at 6 o’clock and we open for distribution at 6:15 until 8 p.m.,” said Witter. “We do have a walk-up area for people who do not drive, take the MBTA, or walk to the pantry.”

The food distribution process has become a very well-organized effort. “We serve almost 500 families in an hour-and-forty-five minutes. It takes a whole village,” said Witter. “We have a combination of volunteers and ambassadors that work for the Health and Engagement Department and help us as well.”

Witter said she is often asked why the number of families coming to the food pantry continues to rise.

“We go to a lot of webinars and meetings about food pantries and food insecurity, and it seems like the pandemic has clearly opened up the floodgates and we’ve formed friendships and relationships with our clients, and they trust us,” said Witter. “I think it’s important that we’ve been able to create a really good culture in regard to people needing something and us being able to give it to them.”

Witter said the skyrocketing prices of food due to inflation has also led to many families needing assistance from the Revere food pantry. “And I think it takes years to come back from any economic crisis [such as the one caused by the pandemic]. But I think also that people feel more comfortable reaching out to us when they are in need, and that’s important to me. I imagine people didn’t know about this [food pantry] before.”

Rana believes the city is in the beginning stages of a post-COVID recovery, “but for many people, it’s about survival, because many people are still in the recovery phase.”

“Some people have issues such as not being able to pay their rent, and the cost of food and gasoline is skyrocketing, so there’s a number of reasons why there is an increase in people visiting our food pantry,” said Rana. “But it’s happening across the board, not just here in Revere.”

JO PINO

STEVE COSTIGLIOLA

CALOGERO LOGRASSO

SPECIAL GUEST JEFF CZARNEC

JO PINO TO APPEAR IN BOSTON FILM FESTIVAL

Jo Pino of East Boston will be appearing at the Boston International Film Festival starring in the lead role in the movie, “What Goes Around”, which will be shown Friday, April 15 at 5 p.m. at the Arsenal Mall in Watertown.

In the movie Pino plays the character of Charlie, a retired professional boxer. Pino has several credits in his movie career.

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert Belmonte of Wilmington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Robert Belmonte of Wilmington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.  
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# Catsachusetts Cat Con returns to Boston for feline competition

Competing for ribbons, titles, and points, the cats of The International Cat Association will close out their 2021-22 season at Boston's International Cat Con, hosted by the Catsachusetts Cat Club on April 29th – May 1st in East Boston, Massachusetts. Show address is Porrazzo Memorial Rink, 199 Coleridge St., East Boston, MA 02128.

Watch the competition for the "Best of the Best." This fun, family-friendly event helps people of every age learn about responsible cat ownership and the incredible world of show cats! Includes breeds such as naked Sphynx, luxurious Per-



An entry from a previous competition.

sians, sleek Siamese, New England's own Maine Coons, purring Ragdolls, and exotic looking spotted Bengals, and much more. Household pets (aka

non-pedigreed cats) will also be in the showhall. Judged in a special category, rescue cats compete to become a Supreme Grand Master. Any cat can be a show cat!

Meet (and take a picture with) Amazing Amelia, also known as Floyd from the Netflix series "Gabby's Dollhouse."

Joining the show will be the TICA Therapy Cats. Therapy cats provide affection and comfort to people in retirement homes, nursing homes, hospices, schools, and other human service care facilities. Not only do they provide comfort, they can also lower blood pressure, help people feel safe and

relieve loneliness and depression.

Featured at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, will be the Parade of Breeds - an educational showcase giving cat lovers the chance to learn about show cats (both pedigreed and household pet), take photos, and chat with one of our judges.

On Saturday afternoon, learn what it takes to be a Cat Judge. Taught by former TICA President, Fate Mays, topics addressed can be anything related to procedures, techniques, standards and rules of judging. A unique opportunity to ask all the questions about the behind-the-scenes education of a

TICA Judge.

Visitors who decide to welcome a cat into their lives are encouraged to chat with local rescue partners to discuss post-event adoption opportunities. Quality cat food donations are welcome, benefiting No Kill Shelters.

Shop with local vendors for all your pet needs - cat toys, cat trees, cat beds, grooming supplies and much more.

Tickets for the show are available on Eventbrite or at the door. Visit the Catsachusetts website to keep updated as additional events are added.



Brydie Caetano during the competition.

## BRYDIE CAETANO COMPETES IN BCYF SPELLING BEE

On March 19, 20 students competed in the city wide BCYF Spelling Bee. Among those students was Brydie Caetano from the Samuel Adams Elementary School. To qualify she won the school spelling bee where she competed with numerous multigrade peers. Although Brydie did not place at the BCYF,

she made it through a few rounds. Often students think she is just smart, but like many talented people it takes consistent diligent effort. All of the 20 students who competed are to be commended for their efforts, but as her teacher, I am especially proud that Brydie was willing to take on a new challenge. That alone makes her a winner.

## Fairy house building workshop returns to Franklin Park

In order to welcome the local elf and fairy population back to their summer homes, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Mayor's Mural Crew will hold their annual Fairy House Building Workshop at Franklin Park's Schoolmaster Hill on Thursday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Visit [boston.gov/fairy-houses](https://boston.gov/fairy-houses) to learn more. After another unpredictable New England winter, it's finally the time of year when we see the weather warming up, plants blooming, and magical creatures

reappearing in our fields and woods.

The workshop welcomes families to a magical day of fairy house building. Children are encouraged to connect with their natural surroundings by creating their own personalized, eco-friendly homes for the woodland fairies of Franklin Park. Spring is the best time to build fairy houses, providing the magical creatures with shelter for the coming summer months and the fitting season that begins in late May.

Children are encouraged to wear their favorite

fairy and elf costumes to encourage their tiny guests to alight in Franklin Park. Natural materials will be provided, and children are encouraged to explore their surroundings to find natural elements such as sticks, stones, and leaves to adorn their fairy houses.

Located in Franklin Park's historic 220-acre forest among oak and pine trees overlooking the William Devine Golf Course, Schoolmaster Hill provides the perfect location for fairy and elf habitat that recognizes their connection to the earth by utilizing

building materials from the woods around them.

Schoolmaster Hill is located on Circuit Drive between the William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse and Shattuck Hospital. This event is weather permitting. For more information and 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 at [bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails](mailto:bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails), and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

## Happy Valley // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

year's Boston Calling music festival Happy Valley will be raffling off some Boston calling tickets at the 4/20 celebration.

Happy Valley will also have the opportunity for customers to donate to Tree Eastie's program to

plant more trees throughout the neighborhood. Motta said this fundraising drive will last all month. Also, on 4/20, customers can give a donation to Women's Lunch Place, a shelter that offers nutritious meals, hygien-

ic essentials, specialized one-on-one advocacy services, free medical care, and a variety of creative opportunities for personal and professional growth.

"We also have a couple new product offerings coming out," said Motta.

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