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The Ruggiero Family joins Peabody Mayor Edward Bettencourt, Jr. members of the Peabody City Council and Chamber of Commerce as well as friends, family, fellow Peabody business owners and residents to cut the ribbon on the Ruggiero Family North Shore Chapel.

Ruggiero Family Memorial Home cuts ribbon on second location

By John Lynds

The Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, which was established in East Boston at the former Mazzarella Funeral Home in Orient Heights Square in 1999, officially opened its second location in Peabody during a ribbon cutting ceremony last Friday. The official opening

of the Ruggiero Family's second location at 10 Chestnut St., Peabody included numerous special guests including Peabody Mayor Edward Bettencourt, Jr. members of the Peabody City Council and Chamber of Commerce as well as friends, family, fellow Peabody business owners and residents.

"The amount of peo-

ple that showed up and supported our family was incredible, from the Mayor to elected officials to neighbors to other business owners. It was really a wonderful day," said Funeral Director and Founder Joseph Ruggiero II. "The Peabody Chamber of Commerce did an outstanding job. It made the weight of two years and all

we went through during COVID, during construction and during the permitting process worth it to see all those people supporting us."

Ruggiero Family Memorial Home North Shore Chapel has taken over a building that once housed law and professional offices.

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Tawakal Halal Cafe looking for a new home

By John Lynds

The owner of East Boston's widely popular Somali restaurant that has gained national recognition, Tawakal Halal Cafe, is looking to move to another location and has launched a campaign with NuMarket.com.

"We've been in our current location for 3.5 years and our lease ends in September with no option to renew," said Yahya Noor, who owns Tawakal Halal Cafe on the corner of Maverick and Jeffries Streets. "We are looking to continue to serve our home cooked meals in a new space. The neighborhood's support is so important to us, and we consider you to be a part of the Tawakal Family. We've worked hard to introduce our family dishes to our community. We would love to find a permanent home for generations to come."

NuMarket.com is a platform that helps small



Yahya Noor, who owns Tawakal Halal Cafe on the corner of Maverick and Jeffries Streets, has launched an online campaign to help fund a permanent location for the widely popular Eastie Somali restaurant.

businesses like Tawakal Halal get funding from the communities they serve.

"How NuMarket works is when you support our campaign, you'll get 120% of your contributions back in credits," explained Noor. "So if you contribute \$200, you'll get \$240 back that you

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Tree Eastie gearing up to plant 100 trees

By John Lynds

For a couple of years now Tree Eastie has been trying to rekindle the neighborhood's grassroots effort to get more trees planted in East Boston. Tree Eastie's Bill Masterson has been on a crusade to get the neighborhood's tree canopy closer to the average tree canopy in other Boston neighborhoods and will have a pretty busy spring planting trees thanks to recent grant money. As Masterson and Tree Eastie gear up to plant 100 street trees this spring the group is looking for volunteers to help with the effort.

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"Tree Eastie is planting more street trees this spring," said Masterson. "Once again we will be focusing on the highest urban heat island locations. We are looking for volunteers to dig holes and help with tree planting. The commitment is a couple of hours. No experience is necessary and we will provide the training and tools."

Masterson said Tree Eastie will pair groups of two to dig 3'x3'x3' holes in existing tree pits. "Pre-

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TD Bank's staff joined members of the East Boston community and customers last Tuesday to cut the ribbon on the bank's new branch at 36 Maverick Square in East Boston.

TD Bank opens branch in Maverick Square

By John Lynds

Last Tuesday, TD Bank officially cut the ribbon on a new branch in Maverick Square next door to La Sultana Bakery. The full service branch will provide another banking option for Eastie residents and customers from

the surrounding area.

However, TD Bank's move to Eastie was not accidental and TD's Retail Market President for Boston Mauro DeCarolis said TD has had its eyes set on the neighborhood for some time.

"My office at 200 State St. has got this wonderful

view of the harbor and East Boston," said DeCarolis. "So from my office for the last few years, I've been able to witness the amazing development in East Boston. So we're just thrilled that after watching all that development, that now we're able to be part of the East Boston community and provide our legendary service to this growing and developing community. We waited for the right location and we believe that this location at 36 Maverick Square is the perfect and well positioned within this great

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Edwards uses Crown Act to deliver powerful maiden speech

By John Lynds

Last week the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act. The bill prohibits discrimination, which largely impacts Black residents, based on natural and protective hairstyles in places of work and school-related organizations.

Prior to Sneate’s passage of the legislation, Sen. Lydia Edwards rose to speak on the bill and delivered her maiden address.

“When I think about this particular law, I’m in a unique position to not only pass a law but to be one of the primary subjects of the beneficiaries of that law,” Edwards began. “To stand here with my colleagues, who I know will stand with me in solidarity and vote for this law, we’re looking at the result of natural hair, you’re looking at the results of the work that you were about to do. We have what I believe is the first African American senator with beautiful long dreadlocks. This is natural hair. It took me so long, so long to ever say that my hair is long. That it is beautiful. That it is natural. What you’re voting on today is not just prohibiting harm. It is a statement that black women have needed to hear for so long, “Who you are and how you present yourself in this world is beautiful, is necessary, is political, is powerful



Sen. Lydia Edwards delivers her maiden speech with powerful words about the state’s Crown Act.

and we will not demand that you be anything less than that anymore.”

Edwards said in the state, in the country and in schools across the nation we have failed to do that.

“I’m embarrassed to say how much money I’ve spent doing everything I could to put in fake hair and hair chemicals to cover up what naturally grew out of my head,” said Edwards. “You must understand what systemic racism does is not just prohibit economic opportunity and prohibit access to housing—it diminishes the soul, it diminishes yourself and who you are, because there’s something you cannot control.”

Edwards said for so many years she was taught that her natural hair was “unprofessional” or “unsightly” or “nappy” or “disgusting”.

“But today’s celebration of our hair,” said Edwards. “Now, my friends and my colleagues are saying, “The systemic ways in which we have attacked people of color, one of which is through their hair, will end”. I

don’t even know how to explain the amount of painful years I went through. Whether it was a hot comb and getting burned trying to straighten my hair. Whether it was losing hair because of braids that were so tight. Spending hundreds of dollars on weaves all of which to cover up who I am but could be seen as more professional. “

Edwards continued, “This is a health care issue. An economic issue. This is an issue of dealing with internalized self hatred of which I had and unfortunately many black women (have).”

Edwards said when she finally cut her hair and started to grow it out more naturally emerged more self confident.

“I said I will be myself and nobody else,” she said. “And if my hair grows out this way, and if it is kinky or curly, then it shall be the most beautiful hair that grows because I grew it.”

Edwards said the bill proves she and her colleagues are part of the right movement and on the right side of history.

“This is personal for me because you are doing something for the Commonwealth and for the future,” Edwards told her colleagues. “This (bill) is for future economic opportunities, for self worth, for the ability for black women to be empowered. We are sending a message to be unafraid to be your beautiful black self.”

MBTA cancels upcoming Blue Line disruption

By John Lynds

At a community meeting last month the MBTA’s Adam Kamoune announced the T would be closing down the Blue Line for nearly two weeks between Airport and Government Center from Saturday, April 2 to Thursday, April 14 for harbor tunnel repair work.

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 has forced the MBTA to push back the Blue Line project. Authorities are investigating the cause of the

garage collapse and the MBTA countries to inspect Green Line tunnels below the collapse.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo made the announcement last week that the Blue Line project would be postponed until further notice.

The MBTA was 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 would have

included tunnel inspections, tunnel lighting repair, fiber optic cable installation, and removing abandoned cable that exists in the tunnel.

The MBTA also planned to perform signal repairs, which is a major source of issues on the Blue Line when there are so-called “blind delays”. The MBTA was also planning to investigate some of the drainage issues in the harbor tunnel.

The project would have closed the Blue Line from Airport to Bowdoin for 13 days. Bus service for residents and commuters would have replaced train service from Eastie to downtown during work.

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can use toward future purchases at Tawakal. This is not a donation, it’s a win-win. We really need the community’s support now so that we can kick off our campaign with a bang.”

The campaign can be found at <https://numarket.co/fund/tawakalhalalcafe> and has raised \$3,690 towards a \$100,000 goal.

In 1990 Noor’s family left Somalia due to the civil war.

“We lived in a refugee camp in Kenya before we emigrated to the United States in 1997,” he said. “We spent a year in Michigan but have been living in Boston since 1998. Fast forward 14 years, we opened our first restaurant (at the former Victory Pub in Orient Heights) in East Boston that lasted for two years but that closure never deterred us from not doing it again. In 2018 we got another chance to open what my family and I have dreamed of for many years—to introduce our home cooked meals to our community of East Boston and neighboring cities. Our food has been recognized and praised by everyone that walked into our door and the press.”

Noor said as he and his family were learning how to operate a business, the pandemic hit.

“This was new to everyone and many busi-

nesses had to shut their doors, but we decided to continue to operate to feed our communities in need,” said Noor. “There was no hesitation by us. When we lived in a refugee camp we were helped with food and coming to the U.S, this was us just doing our part to give back and it wasn’t for the purpose of business. We were cooking 5,000 plus meals a week in our 300 square foot kitchen and delivering hot meals with the help of the community volunteers to families in need. The City of Boston and non-profit organizations had given us at-cost money to cook meals and that was just helpful for us to stay afloat.”

Noor said Tawakal in Somali means “to rely on” and during the pandemic the cafe relied on the community, and loyal customers made sure Tawakal Cafe kept its doors open.

Last year, Tawakal Halal was featured in an ad campaign by UberEats that paired acclaimed gold medal gymnast, Simone Biles, and ‘Queer Eye’ star Jonathan Van Ness. The ad run, ‘Tonight, I’ll be eating’, was UberEats’s way to promote small businesses during the pandemic. Prior to that Bon Appetit named the small cafe that serves up home cooked Somali cuisine to

its annual “Hot 10” list saying Noor’s restaurant, “Should be your first stop off the plane” when coming to Boston.

Noor has received nothing but praise for his food, his community giving and his ability to breathe no life into a forgotten corner of Eastie that abuts Logan Airport.

Boston Magazine named Tawakal Halal Cafe to its annual “Best of Boston” list. In their review Boston Magazine writes, “From-scratch sambusa wrappers stuffed and fried to a hot, flaky crisp, followed by tangled piles of spaghetti sauced with a velvety stew of fragrantly spiced braised goat: Such soul-warming Somali comfort food certainly takes the edge off these anxiety-ridden times. Bonus points for bottles of signature hot sauce available for enlivening humdrum home cooking with East African herbs.”

The cafe was also featured this month on the Phantom Gourmet and appeared over the summer on Chronicle.

Noor said he wouldn’t have been able to make his restaurant a success if not for the support and love from the community, especially during this age of COVID.

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vious volunteers know this is a fun, feel good, community building, physical workout,” he said. “We will pick dates in April and May to do the work. It’s a rewarding way to meet your neighbors as well as beautify Eastie while cooling our streets. If you don’t dig holes, we have other less physical activities where we could use your help and you can work at your own pace.”

Those interested in volunteering can email Masterson at treeeastie@gmail.com.

There’s a lot of benefits trees have, unfortunately Eastie suffers from the lowest tree canopy in the city. The neighborhood’s tree canopy is at 7% while the city average is 27%.

Tree Eastie recently forged some alliances and some benefactors who are asking the group to help them site tree plantings.

The first is the Temple

Ohabei Shalom Cemetery on Wordsworth Street, which is the oldest Jewish Cemetery in Eastern, Massachusetts. They’re celebrating their 180th anniversary and 180 is a big number in the Jewish community in terms of significance, so they want to plant 18 trees in the area of the cemetery. There’s already enough trees in the cemetery so Tree Eastie is going to plant trees both at Constitution Beach as well as the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Tree Eastie focused on Eagle Hill when planting street trees last fall. With Eagle Hill being one of the worst urban heat islands in Eastie, Masterson said Tree Eastie wanted to plant trees where the heat islands are the most severe.

Tree Eastie has identified spots in Orient Heights, as well as Harbor View, that need street trees and the group will

be planting 30 new street trees in those two neighborhoods this spring.

Tree Eastie will also focus its efforts on Maverick and Central Square and then Jeffries Point through a large grant from Delta Airlines. Masterson said that money will be used to plant 40 new street trees across these areas.

Tree Eastie also plans to plant more fruit trees at the Rockies in Jeffries Point across from Piers Park through a new relationship with Eastie Farm. Eastie Farm will be able to take the harvest from those trees, which include apple trees, peach trees, pear trees, cherry trees and mulberry, and put those fruits back into the community. This program will distribute the food to folks that need it as well as putting it into the Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) program that Eastie Farm has established.

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 intención 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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La traducción del inglés al español estará disponible en Zoom.

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

c. 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
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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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Eastie, city’s weekly COVID positive test rate increases dramatically

By John Lynds

Last week the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) released its recommendations for residents to receive a second COVID booster vaccine as Eastie and the citywide weekly COVID positive test rate increases dramatically.

Last week, 856 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 4.1 percent were positive--this was a 86 percent decrease from the 4.1 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on March 28.

Thirty-five additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between March 28 and April 4 and there are now 14,695 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston’s citywide weekly positive test rate also increased dramatically last week. According to the BPHC 13,847 residents were tested citywide last week and 4.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 53 percent increase from the 3 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on March 28.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its

weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.84 percent last week and went from 168,260 cases to 169,673 confirmed since the start of the pandemic.

There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,444.

Last week, the BPHC announced it is recommending a second COVID-19 booster dose for residents aged 50 and older at least four months after their initial booster dose, as well as those over the age of 12 that are moderately to severely immunocompromised. The Commission’s recommendations are aligned with recommendations issued earlier last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH).

A second booster dose is recommended for these groups due to their in-

creased risk of severe illness that can result in hospitalization and death. Boston and much of the Northeast has seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases recently. At the same time, there have been declines in weekly vaccination rates and waning vaccine immunity.

“Boosters are essential for preventing severe illness from COVID-19,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “I urge all residents to stay up to date on their vaccinations by getting boosted as soon as possible, and to receive a second booster dose if eligible. Vaccine immunity wanes over time, and boosters are critical to maintaining a strong defense against COVID-19.”

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, including second booster doses for those who are eligible, are available at vaccination clinics across the city. To find a vaccine or booster near you, visit boston.gov/covid19-vaccine or call the Mayor’s Health Line at 617-534-5050.



The Decades of Rock are shown at the Beverly Airport, where they were invited to play during the local airshow. They will be at the Beachmont VFW, Saturday April 9th show at 730pm. Open to the public and free admission and parking.

DECADES OF ROCK SHOW APRIL 9

The Beachmont VFW Post 6712 Proudly Presents the Decades of Rock, Saturday Evening April 9, at 7:30 p.m. Lighting Up the Stars and Stripes with the Best in Classic Rock.

The Beachmont VFW Post 6712 located at 150 Bennington Street in Revere and the Revere based band, the Decades of Rock, joined together to bring local veterans and their invited guests (public invited to this event)

a night of classic rock, music from Billy Joel, ZZ Top, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, Creedence, Cream, Sinatra, James Brown and many more of the greats of music from the 60’s thru the 80’s.

The Decades of Rock have been a favorite on the North Shore for 11 years, playing many large outdoor venues, including Topsfield Fair. This will be the band’s first appearance in Revere in two years and

are booked to play at the Summer Concert Series at the American Legion Lawn in August 2022.

Free parking, free admission, and great drinks, followed by a group of Revere veterans that welcome you with open arms to enjoy an evening of fun and dance. Saturday April 9, music starts at 730pm. More info call Al Terminello 781 2447430.

As wildfire season begins, officials urge prevention

Pointing to the Delta Range fire that burned 341 acres at Fort Devens last week, Devens Fire Chief Timothy F. Kelly, Chief Forest Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation & Recreation, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey are asking for the public’s help in preventing outdoor fires, which start to increase in the early spring.

“As we saw last week, large wildland fires are labor-intensive and can severely tax regional firefighting resources,” said Chief Kelly. “Disposing of brush by burning it can be done safely if we follow all the rules and safety measures. We want everyone to enjoy the great outdoors, but we ask that you do it safely.”

“This is the time of year that we start to see outdoor fires begin to rise in New England,” said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. “The snow has melted away and there’s plenty of dry vegetation and leaves to act as tinder. Combined with low humidity and high winds, these conditions make it easy for fires to start and very difficult for firefighters to contain them.”

“Open burning can be a factor in wildland fires, which is why it must be conducted according to safety restrictions,” said Chief Fire Warden Celino.

According to Depart-

ment of Conservation & Recreation data, there were more than 1,100 wildland fires on non-federal land in Massachusetts last year, which burned more than 1,600 acres. While the Delta Range fire was caused by munitions, more than 98% of wildland fires in Massachusetts are caused by human activity, officials said. Everyone can and should play a part in preventing them by using caution and common sense when conducting open burning, cooking on the barbecue, extinguishing smoking materials, or riding ATVs in wooded areas.

Open burning is governed by 310 CMR 7.07. In communities where it is allowed, the season ends on May 1. A permit from the local fire department in advance, and these permits can be rescinded. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable.

Conduct Open Burning Safely

- Burn between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the local fire chief).
- Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at (800) 882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.
- Burn only on your own property as close as possi-

ble to the source of material to be burned, at least 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.

- Have fire suppression tools handy. Keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose nearby, along with a shovel and a rake.
- An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.
- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.
- Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.
- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.
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Open burning is prohibited at all times in Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Waverly, West Springfield, Worcester.

THE FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh are holding our Annual Meeting this year on Sunday, April 10, 1-3pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church Hall, 222 Bowdoin St. in Winthrop. This event is free and open to the public. Our topic is “The Past is Present: Every Marsh was a Farm”, and the featured speakers are the following:

- Susan Adamowicz, PhD: Salt Marsh Restoration Biologist, Co-lead SMARTeams, Rachel Carson NWR
- David Burdick, PhD: Director of the UNH Jackson Estuarine Laboratory
- Geoff Wilson, Northeast Wetlands Restoration, Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary, Saugus.

OHNC MEETING AGENDA

Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) Design Review Committee Meeting Agenda for Thursday, April 7.

Location: Zoom

Meeting starts at 6:00pm and will be recorded.

Zoom meeting information: <https://bit.ly/3tcJlhH> (Passcode: OHNC)

Agenda

61 Montmorenci Avenue - Add 318 sf to existing home by converting garage to a room.

Refusal Letter

Proposed Plan

Abutters Proposal

92, buters and 104 Waldemar Avenue - Raze existing structures and erect 3 new residential structures each with 5 units and 5 parking spaces.

Second DRC Presentation (previously presented at March 3 2022 meeting)

Presentation: <https://bit.ly/104Waldemar>

Variances Requested: Use, IPOD, Parking, FAR, Height, Front, Side and Rear Yard

Owner: Crespo Group, ricky@crespogroup.com

Attorney: Drago + Toscano, LLP, kferrara@dt-lawllp.com

Architect: Context

Abutter Letter of Opposition

Abutter’s radius:

124-126 Leyden Street - Subdivide existing 6,000 sf lot with 3 family dwelling creating 2 new lots, existing 3 family structure is to remain. Construct new 4 family dwelling with 4 parking spaces and roof decks. Units will be 750-960 square feet each. All units are 2 bedrooms. Intended for home ownership upon completion.

Presentation: Slides

Variances Requested: Use, Side yard, Rear yard, FAR, Height, Open space, Parking

Owner: MG2 Group

Attorney: Richard C. Lynds

Architect: Context

Abutter’s radius:

MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES OFFERS FREE TRANSPORTATION

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that certain immunocompromised individuals and people over the age of 50 who received an initial Moderna or Pfizer booster dose at least four months ago are eligible for another shot of either vaccine.

The public health agency also said adults 50 years or older who received a primary vaccine and booster dose of Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen COVID-19 vaccine at least four months ago may receive a second booster dose of either the Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) is offering free transportation services via one of MVES’ transportation providers to adults 60 years and older to local COVID-19 booster vaccine sites to residents of Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Revere, Stoneham, Wakefield and Winthrop.

To register for your rides, call MVES at (781) 324-7705 and ask to speak to an Information and Referral Representative about the COVID-19 Booster Free Transportation Program. Make sure to call us in plenty of time so you can plan the most convenient travel time for yourself.

There are many ways to make a COVID-19 booster vaccination appointment. Find out how at www.getboostedboston.org or dial 211.

MVES OFFERS CULTURAL SPECIFIC MEALS

Mystic Valley Elder Services (MVES) Meals on Wheels program delivers meals to people over 60 who are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals. MVES offers authentically prepared cultural specific meals including Chinese, Caribbean, Asian/Vietnamese as well as Vegetarian and Kosher meals.

“As our communities continue to grow and diversify, we know we need to follow suit to ensure that every culture has a seat at the table,” says Carla Castillo, Nutrition Program Manager. Two new cultural meal types--Russian and Haitian--have recently been added as part of the Meals on Wheels Program. Russian meals include signature dishes such as Beef pelmeni with caramelized onions and butter sauce, Kurnik (Chicken pie), Chicken Shashlik, Lamb Pilaf, and Beef Stroganoff. Haitian meals favorites include Eggplant Stew with yucca and Curried Chicken, Chicken Jambalaya, and Caribbean Roast Lamb.

Other various types of different meals include breakfast, lunch, supper and weekend meals. MVES’ hot and cold menu is varied and the meals are nutritionally balanced, cooked without added salt, and consists of an entrée, two sides, dessert, milk, bread and margarine. Medically tailored meals available include soft, ground, pureed, low-lactose, renal, and cardiac menus as well as carb controlled meals for people with diabetes.

If you or someone you love wishes to learn more about the MVES Meals on Wheels Program, please contact us at 781-324-7705 or visit mves.org/nutrition. Our team can assist you in determining eligibility for Meals on Wheels and other Nutrition Program offerings.

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District 1 City Council Candidates take part in forum on Environmental Justice

By John Lynds

With the special election preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat less than a month away, the two candidates vying for the seat squared off in a candidates forum on environmental justice Monday night.

Sponsored by the Environmental Justice League of Massachusetts, Pueblo and GreenRoots, Gabriela Coletta and Tania Del Rio fielded questions in the hour-long forum.

One of the three questions posed to each candidate that stuck out was whether they felt Massport was doing enough to mitigate its emissions and its carbon footprint at Logan Airport.

“It’s not enough at all,” said Coletta who answered first. “Community activism against Logan Airport is in my DNA and my activism won’t stop short at any Massport boundary. Massport likes to say that they don’t have enough money to do x,y and z but the fact is they’ve had the highest levels of air travel since the pandemic. East Boston has numerous levers of negotiation to receive the compensation and dignity that residents deserve. We have community leaders and activists to thank for things that have happened in the past for airport impact reduction strategies, including an airport sponsored community filtration program, reduction in nighttime

overflights and a dramatic diversion of passenger car traffic to Logan.”

Coletta said as City Councilor she would demand municipal action in defense of the environmental rights of her constituents.

“We just can’t look away from the impacts this airport has on our Environmental Justice Community,” she said. “The City of Boston has largely looked away and hasn’t engaged Massport but I hope that will end. Mayor Michelle Wu in her Green New Deal plan makes clear that she wants to reduce CO2 emissions and create a city centered on social and ecological justice but it makes no mention of Boston’s single emission source which is Logan Airport. So we want progress and progress is absolutely possible, but not if the state and Massport planners continue to fight for the status quo.The City of Boston must become a forceful and ferocious advocate for equity and I intend to be a strong advocate and ally for the community and pushing them in partnership with my entire state delegation to ensure that this community gets what it deserves and covering the cost of installing HEPA air filtration systems across the community.”

Answering next, Del Rio commented that Masport is creating 35,000

pounds of pollutants on average daily and most of that is coming directly into our neighborhood.

“It’s causing health issues, public health issues, specifically with our children who present higher asthma rates,” said Del Rio. “It’s the ultrafine particles that are coming out of there (Logan) that are even thought to be producing developmental delays of many of our kinds. So this is a public health issue for all of us. As a mother, obviously I’m worried about my children, we can see the airport from our window. We recently saw that Massport put forth a \$1 billion plan to reduce its impact over the next decade, but the devils in the details because when you look at it, it’s depending too heavily on carbon offsets and those are not mitigation efforts that are carried out locally. So for us, what we’re trying to see Massport do is reduce its emissions and we have to be clear that it’s not just from airplanes and jet fuel that those emissions are coming. They’re also coming from traffic, car traffic, vehicle traffic that comes into the airport, from different parts of the state.”

Del Rio said she wants to see a plan where Massport is thinking about really how to reduce traffic into the airport.

“They could think about making the Logan Express free so that they

incentivize people using public transportation into the airport,” she said. “If you make it reliable, free and frequent people will prefer it. So there are different options and we can get creative about how but I want to see Massport committing to reducing emissions (not only for planes) but also from vehicle traffic. I also want to see Massport invest in mitigation funds for air pollution abatement and air filters. I would start with the schools and then I would go to the surrounding area residences because we are all exposed to it.”

Del Rio said she recently rolled out a climate plan and is proposing that the City of Boston take accounting emissions as seriously as the city takes our financial accounting.

“I’m proposing that the city come up with a carbon emissions budget and that it starts with municipal buildings moving on to large buildings, and I think Massport and the emissions from Massport should be a big part of that,” she said. “So I would like to see the mayor, the city council working with Massport to see how we are going to measure those emissions and how we are going to set targets for them to be lowered year after year. So we’ve got to be thinking creatively. We have to be thinking innovatively and we have to put pressure on Massport.”

OBITUARIES

Mary Peterson

Of Rhode Island, formerly of East Boston

Mary M. Peterson, 81, of Kingston, Rhode Island, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 8 with her devoted husband and loving family by her side.

Born and raised in Somerville to Margaret J. (Corbett) and Peter George G. Cernada (who later moved to East Boston), Mary then moved to Kingston, Rhode Island with her husband John, where they raised their five children.

Mary is survived by her beloved husband of 55 years, John F. Peterson of Kingston, RI, her loyal and loving brother, George P. Cernada and his wife, Eleanor of Amherst and her five cherished children and eight treasured grandchildren: Gary M. Peterson and his wife, Carrie of Oregon City, Oregon and their son, James; Mary Migliori of Wakefield, RI and her children with Donald Migliori, Donald and Gloria; Margaret Norberg and her husband, John of Duxbury and their daughters: Maggie, Eleanor, Mary and Clara; John Samuel Peterson of Kingston, RI and his son with Elena Puyo, Peterson, Marco and Sarah Peterson of Wakefield, RI. Mary also is survived by many nieces and nephews who she loved as her own children. Mary was predeceased by her dear



Mary lived a life full of devotion to her family, close friends and God. A woman of strong Catholic faith, she attended daily mass at St. Francis Parish in Wakefield, RI and St. Thomas More Parish in Narragansett, RI.

Mary attended St. Joseph’s Grammar and High School and was a resident of Caldwell Avenue and Beacon Street in Somerville. Later in life, Mary proudly graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a degree in English and was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

Throughout her life Mary was entirely devoted to her husband, her children and her grandchildren.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 14 at the Church of St. Thomas More in Narragansett, Rhode Island. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mary’s name to The Church of Saint Thomas More, Rockland St., Narragansett, Rhode Island.

Maria Biancardi

Of Peabody, formerly of East Boston and Italy

Maria Napolitano Biancardi, born March 6, 1929, passed away on April 2, 2022 at the age of 93.

She was born in Cimitile, Italy and migrated to the United States in 1966, settled in East Boston and eventually moved to Peabody. She was a seamstress by trade and spent many years working at P&L Sportswear until she retired. She enjoyed singing Italian songs, trips to Old Orchard Beach, Bingo, ice cream at Richardson’s, coloring and just spending time with family.

The beloved wife for 60 years of the late Donato Biancardi, she was the devoted mother of Umberto Biancardi and his wife, Jodi and Gelsomina Long and her husband, Alan and the late Filomena “Mena” Buonopane and her surviving spouse, David, all of Peabody. She was predeceased by two sisters, Vincenza Russo and Marfissa Siniscalchi and three brothers, Pasquale Napolitano, Francesco Napolitano and Giuseppe Napolitano, all of Italy and the cherished grandmother of Rebecca Biancardi, Jessica Biancardi, and Sarah Long. She is



nieces and nephews, all in Italy.

Her funeral services are being held at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 10 Chestnut Street, Peabody on Thursday, April 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to Our Lady of Assumption Church, 17 Grove Street, Lynnfield for a Funeral Mass at 11 a.m. The mass will celebrate the life of Maria and her late daughter, Mena. All other services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, 309 Waverly Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452 Tel: 1-800-272-3900. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

State Treasury partners with Board of Library Commissioners for Financial Literacy Month

The State Treasurer’s Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) is partnering with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to offer financial education resources to library visitors during April, which is Financial Literacy Month. Materials are applicable for individuals of all ages and will be available online and in libraries across Massachusetts.

OEE and MBLC will provide visitors with a list of financial literacy books for children, teens, and adults, along with finance themed coloring sheets and access to free financial education websites and webinars. The agencies will also host a free, virtual Money Talk Tuesday event on April 19th to offer smart investment advice to young adults and adults of every age. Registration details for the event will be available online via the Office of Economic Empowerment soon.

“Massachusetts libraries play a vital role in providing access to learning materials, and we are so pleased to kick off our partnership with them during Financial Literacy Month,” said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. “Now, when you visit the library, you will be able to experience free, age-appropriate resources on important and timely

financial topics.”

“We are excited to be working with the Office of Economic Empowerment for Financial Literacy Month,” said MBLC Director James Lonergan. “Their resources provide all Massachusetts residents the opportunity to learn about financial wellness, and we are glad to offer libraries as a platform for those resources.”

Learn more about these financial literacy resources by visiting your local library, using MBLC’s online portal, or reaching out to the Office of Economic Empowerment.

On the first day she took office, Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) with the goal of increasing financial stability for everyone in Massachusetts. The office works to promote programs that serve women, families, high school students, Veterans, and seniors. Its initiatives focus on closing the race and gender wage gap, racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

The Board of Library Commissioners is the agency of state government with the statutory authority and responsibility to organize, develop, coordinate and improve library services throughout the Commonwealth. The

Board advises municipalities and library trustees on the operation and maintenance of public libraries, including construction and renovation. It administers state and federal grant programs for libraries and promotes cooperation among all types of libraries through regional library systems and automated resource sharing. It

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community.”

The new branch has been open since March 22 and Td Bank’s East Boston Store Manager Justin Cross said the feedback has been nothing but positive.

“We remain committed to opening stores that are very much in line with what we see with customer demand,” said Cross. “As you know, banking is changing. Customers choose to do the banking in a variety of different ways—whether it’s on-line, ATM, mobile, or by phone, and the design of this new branch definitely took those considerations. We’ve definitely seen a change in how customers want to do their banking, whether it’s through what we call the “omni-channel” or in the store. So we’re offering full service and advice and this particular location is tellers, an advice center as well as a place where we offer full rate products.”

Cross said TD Bank strived to ensure the new branch team would reflect the community in which it served.

“I was extremely committed to making sure that when we were putting together the team we were very strategic and ensuring that we were leveraging the community,” said Cross. “So there were only a very few internal employees that moved over to East Boston and about 75% of new employees were hired externally from East Boston, Revere, and some of the other surrounding communities. This was keeping in line with giving back to the community and creating job opportunities for residents.”

TD Bank recently teamed up with the Celtics



The full service bank in Maverick Square was designed to fit a variety of banking needs for local customers.

to create a new STEM afterschool learning room at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club and plans to continue similar efforts throughout the neighborhood.

“I think that’s what sets us apart at the end of the day,” said Cross. “Giving back to our communities is something that we take a lot of pride in.”

DeCarolis added that Cross has done an amazing job of reaching out to the community and using TD Garden collateral to engage the community and to bring them into the fold.

“Despite the fact that we officially opened on March 22, our feet have really been planted in East Boston since the end of November and early December,” said Cross. “Our first event was sponsoring the holiday tree lighting in Maverick. Since then

I’ve been able to focus a lot of my time cultivating relationships with some of the biggest nonprofit partners in East Boston, including BCYF on Paris Street. I’ve been fortunate enough to join the board over at East Boston Main Street. I’ve been working with the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. We have connections with the YMCA. So there’s just been a lot



TD Bank staff show their love for Eastie during last week’s ribbon cutting.

of engagement throughout the community.”

Now that the bank is up and running Cross said he would like to specifically focus on financial literacy programs in the community.


“What I have promised and what I’m going to devote my time to is starting, over the next month, is creating financial literacy classes and courses that I’m going to be able to offer to residents of East Boston, primarily with youth ages 6 to 18,” said Cross. “But there’s also some other facets that

we’re going to be working to accommodate. For example, the East Boston Social Centers has a large elderly population so we’re going to be focusing on fraud and elderly exploitation.”

In the end Cross said the response from the community has been nothing but positive.


“I think one of the most rewarding things is having individuals come up to you and thank you for coming to the community,” said Cross. “They’ve been dealing with TD through our neighboring

locations, and to have us in their backyard they are nothing but thrilled from local business owners to residents. Usually the grand opening is such a big day and the momentum seems to slow down afterwards but I must say I have not seen a decrease in the excitement and the energy from the people walking by the store since the day we opened. Every day we engage with the community outside of the store and we take it upon ourselves to bring the energy inside the bank out to the streets.”



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Joseph Ruggiero III shakes hands with Peabody Mayor Edward Bettencourt, Jr. as his sister, Katie, and father, Joseph Ruggiero II, look on.



The Ruggiero Family joins Peabody Mayor Edward Bettencourt, Jr. members of the Peabody City Council and Chamber of Commerce as well as friends, family, fellow Peabody business owners and residents to cut the ribbon on the Ruggiero Family North Shore Chapel.



Jason Ruggiero (center) poses with Peabody elected officials and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce during the ribbon cutting.



Joseph Ruggiero III with his wife, Katie, and his brother, Jason, with members of the Peabody business community.

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In the matter of: Jose Somoza Of: East Boston, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jose Somoza is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Paul McInnis of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 05/04/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 11, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU21P2633EA  
Estate of: Tanya Denise Bloker  
Also known as: Tanya D. Bloker, Tanya Bloker  
Date of Death: 08/12/2021  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Todd Bloker of East Boston, 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: Todd Bloker of East Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this

proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 04/27/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 16, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING  
DOCKET NUMBER: SU20D1618DR  
Hilda A. Villanueva Plaintiff VS. Ricardo R. Pagan Defendant  
To the Defendant: Then Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for irretrievable breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411. You are summoned and required to serve upon: Hilda A. Villanueva, 63 Eustis St. Revere, MA 02151, your answer, if any, on or before 06/02/2022. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court. Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: March 10, 2022  
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Wu launches 2022 Summer Youth Jobs application

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that the 2022 Boston SuccessLink Summer Youth Jobs program has been expanded and is now accepting applications. As part of Mayor Wu's commitment to youth development, the program has been expanded to include 6,000 job opportunities which is 1,000 more jobs than last year. Boston youth ages 14 to 18 (14-year-olds must turn 15 by September 1, 2022) can now apply for a summer job. Youth will have the opportunity to get connected to thousands of summer jobs that aim to promote skill building and networking through the City of Boston's Department of Youth Engagement and Employment's (DYEE) SuccessLink Employment Program. The Department will grant up to \$3.8 million to local nonprofits for summer 2022.

“Boston's youth summer jobs program is critical in empowering our youth and expanding opportunities for them to develop job skills and confidence in the workplace as a foundation for their future,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I'm grateful to all of our programs and organizations and encourage every teenager and young adult in Boston to apply.”

“Despite the ever changing landscape of COVID-19, the youth jobs ecosystem in Boston managed to remain flexible in how we deliver youth jobs opportunities, skill development, and career exploration – and most importantly our youth participants and employment partners adapted to navigate the changes with us,” said Rashad Cope, Director of the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment. “We are excited to continue the work alongside so many incredible youth leaders and champions to drive forward a summer of learning, fun, and growth through summer jobs.”

Every year, the City of Boston invests over \$10 million into organizations located in neighborhoods across the city to give youth early exposure to various career paths and industry areas. There will continue to be hybrid, virtual, and in-person experiences in a wide variety of fields like the arts, community/social assistance, government & advocacy, food services, health care, public administration, STEM, sports & recreation, childcare, education, and more. The City of Boston will also continue the Learn and Earn Postsecondary program, which will be managed by the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD). The City will continue to support organizations that offer virtual job opportunities this summer and focus on efforts to provide jobs to vulnerable youth populations through the Massachusetts Commonwealth Corporation YouthWorks partnership. This partnership helps ensure disadvantaged youth, vulnerable youth, and youth with identified risk barriers have access to employment opportunities.

Last summer, DYEE introduced a grant funding component as part of the SuccessLink Youth Employment Program, providing youth wages for grantees. Partner organizations were responsible for managing the recruitment, hiring, and payroll processes with the goal of increasing the quality of workforce development opportunities for the young people of Boston. DYEE awarded \$2.2 million for nearly 1,200 youth positions.

“What I loved about the Boston Area Health Education Center is how they exposed students to different medical careers, beyond just the familiar clinical careers,” said Andrianna Leon, SuccessLink Youth Jobs participant at Boston Public Health Commission

- Boston Area Health Education Center. “With endless supportive staff and a dedication to diversity in the health field, BAHEC helped me discover my love for public health. I'm forever grateful to them for helping me find my passion, and providing the resources and confidence to pursue it as a future health professional.”

DYEE is again collaborating with the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement (MOIA) through the Dreamers Fellowship, which provides stipended leadership training and hands-on experience to immigrant youth, regardless of immigration status. Led by the Caribbean Youth Club, this fellowship helps ensure all youth have the same opportunities for personal and professional development.

“We have been a SuccessLink partner for over 15 years and were really excited about the implementation of a new grant process,” said Kasey Boston, the Director of Youth Programs at St. Stephen's Youth Programs. “The grant process allowed us to make connections early on with our teen staff and coach them through our own internal onboarding process. The implementation of this grant process allowed us to successfully employ over 80 youth last summer. We look forward to continuing to partner with YEE as a grant partner again this summer.”

There are two ways for youth to get connected to a SuccessLink youth job:

- SuccessLink Direct Partner jobs - where youth will be hired by the City of Boston through the SuccessLink portal to work across various organizations, and;
  - SuccessLink Grant Partner jobs - where youth will be hired directly through the grant partners organization website and application process.
- The DYEE youth jobs webpage is designed to help young people navigate

the application, onboarding and hiring processes. The website also ensures that youth and families have access to the resources they need to navigate the employment process for both SuccessLink Direct Partners and SuccessLink Grant Partners effectively.

The SuccessLink Youth Employment Program is largely funded by the City of Boston and is designed not only to recruit and hire youth, but also to ensure that their employment experience is engaging, meaningful and a building block for their professional development and personal success. DYEE partners with a host of nonprofit organizations, city and quasi-city agencies, as well as other key youth employment providers across the city, including Action for Boston Community Development, the Boston Private Industry Council, John Hancock's MLK Scholars, and Youth Options Unlimited and the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development, to provide meaningful employment opportunities to a collective 8,000 youth between the ages of 14-21. Each of these agencies expand the summer job opportunities available to youth across Boston.

Registering for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants are welcome to register online at Youth Summer Jobs or visit Department of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for registration assistance.

For more information on the Department of Youth Engagements summer employment program, visit [youth.boston.gov](http://youth.boston.gov). There you can also find out more about DYEE's employment program and additional youth resources.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Cabbage around the world

of many of our favorite Asian dishes.

A World of Cabbage Eaters

One Napa cabbage favorite of ours is Vietnamese Noodle Bowls or Bún Thịt Nướng, which means rice vermicelli with grilled meat. Like many thrifty meals, Napa cabbage plays a big part in this dish. It also stars inside delicious pork and cabbage dumplings, and moo shu pork we order from Chinese restaurants.

Japanese Okonomiyaki or cabbage pancakes are gaining popularity in restaurants and with home cooks. Traditionally katsu is always served with cabbage and is also present in many Japanese curries.

If you open the index of any international cookbook to the word cabbage, you'll find yourself in a world of soups and stews. We found cabbage in a beef, peanut butter, and vegetable stew from Senegal, in Garbure a meaty bean stew from the Pyrenees, in Polish sauerkraut soup (Kapuśniak), and an Italian pumpkin and cabbage stew.

There are also many better-known dishes where cabbage was used to add bulk, nutrition, and flavor to dishes in areas



This grilled chicken Vietnamese salad includes Napa cabbage, rice noodles, cucumbers, carrots, beansprouts, peanuts, and mint.

where other vegetables were scarce in winter—for example, stuffed cabbage rolls and sauerkraut and mushroom pierogi in Eastern Europe. Colcannon in Ireland uses cabbage and in Mexico, tacos are served with cabbage salsa.

Cabbage Tips

Cutting through a fresh, firm head of green or red cabbage is a job for a big sharp knife. Penny sometimes uses a cleaver. For the safest cut, consider lopping a bit off the side to give yourself a flat surface to cut across the core.

When you cut into a head of cabbage and don't plan to use all of it, save a couple of the least damaged outer leaves. We've found that the remaining

wedge lasts longer when wrapping the cut surface with a leaf held in place by a giant elastic band.

To reduce the unmistakable aroma of cabbage cooking, set out a small dish of white vinegar near your pot and add a teaspoon to the pot as you begin cooking. The longer the cabbage cooks, the more pungent the smell. Quicker cooking methods can help. You should also avoid aluminum pans, foil, and utensils. There is a reaction between aluminum and cabbage that increases the odor and can also affect the taste.

*Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to [Penny@BostonZest.com](mailto:Penny@BostonZest.com) with your suggestion.*

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN RULES

CHELSEA - The City Council’s rules and regulations subcommittee is looking at amending two council rules that will help ensure greater safety and decorum within the council chambers.

Councillors Todd Taylor and Calvin Brown made suggestions to amend two council rules at the subcommittee meeting. One pertains to public speaking during the council meetings, and the other relates to behavior of the councillors themselves.

“The reason for this meeting was to revisit the rules of the council, especially as it pertains to decorum and proper etiquette during city council meetings,” said Taylor.

Taylor suggested changes to the public speaking rule that could lead to the removal of a speaker if they use obscenity, violent language, or slander a councillor.

“I’m all for people who want to get up and say I want to disagree with so and so about such and such,” said Taylor. “That’s democracy and that’s within the rules, but when you start getting up and making slanderous statements about people, that’s out of bounds and I think that should be prohibited.”

Taylor said there have been issues in the past where councillors have been threatened and the chambers have become chaotic.

“My intent on doing this is to be proactive and try to head off these types of situations,” said Taylor. “I can’t think of a situation where it would be okay for some member of the public to come up here and make slanderous statements against somebody. It doesn’t forward any kind of debate and they don’t allow it in basically any kind of legislative body.”

“Legislative bodies have rules, and these are the particular types of rules that we are missing right now.”

Taylor said the council president should be able to stop someone from speaking if they are out of order, and have them leave the chambers if they do not obey the order.

Brown said there should be a system in place where someone who uses profan-

ity or slanderous language is given a warning, and then asked to leave.

Brown said the council also has to look at its rules to make sure the councillors are setting a good example for the public.

“If you want respect, you have to give respect and you have to look at how the public is viewing us,” said Brown. “Do they view us as respectful?”

District 3 Councillor Norieliz DeJesus said she agreed that she wants the public to be disrespectful in the council chambers.

“But I want to be very mindful of the wording and the message that is sent,” she said. “When we try to implement something like this, we want to continue to encourage the community to come and speak their voice.”

City Council Clerk Paul Casino noted that many of the issues Taylor and Brown were speaking to fall under the duties of the council president.

“This isn’t really new,” said Casino, noting that there were several incidents years ago when the police had to be called to the council chambers to restore order. “It was the duty of the president to stop the person from attacking you and it was the duty of the president to prevent councillors from attacking each other.”

Casino said the council might want to be more specific about the powers of the president when it comes to keeping up decorum in the council chambers.

Taylor said he would submit an amendment to the rules in writing for recommendation to the full council. He said his goal is to have safeguards in place for future councillors no matter where they stand on the political spectrum.

“I’m not worried about what people say, I’m not worried about my feelings getting hurt, that doesn’t matter,” said Taylor, who added that he and his family have been threatened with physical violence in the past. “What matters is that we can’t allow people to get out of control and talk violently or slander somebody or use obscenities in our house. We have to do something that actually constrains that type of behavior and punishes them if they don’t stop by people being asked to leave.”

COUNCILORS HOLD UP WORK UNTIL FEES PAID

EVERETT - Since National Grid owes the City of Everett more than \$600,000 in payments, City Councilors refused to grant permission for the following work until the monies are paid at Monday’s night meeting of the City Council at The Everett Public High School on Elm Street.

The four following public hearings were delayed until the next meeting on April 11.

1. C017122  
To all parties interested in the public hearing for Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc, Massachusetts, wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Plan # 29672806 Elm St Everett Massachusetts.

2. C017222  
To all parties interested in the public hearing for Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc, Massachusetts, wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Plan # 29672806 Woodward St Everett Massachusetts

3. C017322  
2. To all parties interested in the public hearing for Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc, Massachusetts, wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named.– Plan # 30497018 Second St Everett Massachusetts.

4. C017422 Public Hearing/s/ Councillor John F. Hanlon, as President  
To all parties interested in the public hearing for Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England Inc, Massachusetts, wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Plan # 30538098 Second St Everett Massachusetts.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

All the appointments were unanimously approved except for Lucy Pineda. Councilor Stephanie Smith asked that this appointment be held up until the next meeting to make sure that all Election Commissioners have the correct staggered terms.

5. An order requesting

WHS DRAMA SOCIETY TO PERFORM AT REGIONALS



The Winthrop High School Drama Society's cast of "Everyman" during the opening number at the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild High School Theater Festival 2022.

the confirmation of re-appointment of Amanda Harold to the Disability Commission for a term of three years expiring March 31, 2025

6. An order requesting the confirmation of the reappointment of Aimee Farrell to the Disability Commission for a term of two years expiring March 31, 2024

7. An order requesting the confirmation of the reappointment of Laura Evans to the Disability Commission for a term of one year expiring March 31, 2023

8. An order requesting the confirmation of the re-appointment of Giuseppe Tozzi to the Board of Assessors for a term of three years expiring March 31, 2025

9. An order requesting the confirmation of the reappointment of Lucy Pineda to the Election Commission for a term of four years expiring March 31, 2026

An order recommending the appointment of Sgt. Joseph Gaff and Ptl. James MacGregor as Sworn Weighers for the City of Everett’s Police Department Truck Inspection Unit for a one (1) year term expiring March 23.

FERRY STREET PROJECT

The City Council will be meeting with the Director of Engineering to give an overview of the pending Ferry Street

The resolution was signed by the entire council. The Councilors are looking for timelines of the project such as the start date and projected finish date of the project. The project is expected to last two years, and as Councilor Richard Dell Isola said, “this will be a real mess.”

SPEED LIMIT  
Councilors enrolled an ordinance calling for a city-wide 25 miles per hour speed limit in the City of Everett on any road that is not a state highway. The ordinance passed 9-0. Another reading and vote of the ordinance will be required before the speed limit becomes official.

SMITH RUNNING FOR STATE REP.

LYNN - Tristan Smith, a life-long resident in the 8th Essex District, which includes the entire Towns of Marblehead and Swampscott as well as several precincts in Lynn, has announced his candidacy for the open State Representative seat being vacated by current State Rep. Lori Ehrlich, who has accepted a new position within the Biden Ad-

ministration.

Smith, who is scheduled to complete his Juris Doctor Degree from Suffolk University School of Law in May 2022, graduated from Swampscott High School in 2014.

During his time at Swampscott High, Tristan was a varsity track and field athlete, qualifying for the MIAA Divisional Meet in the 110m Hurdles his final year. He was also elected by his peers to be their student representative to the Swampscott School Committee in his senior year.

Tristan then went on to graduate from Salem State University, summa cum laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science in 2018.

During his time in academia, Smith has been a consistent and forceful advocate for national and international social advocacy, heading efforts which resulted in raising tens of thousands of dollars for several organizations using the online streaming platform Twitch.

The first two, in 2015 and 2016, raised money for Thirst Project, a youth-driven organization bringing clean water to drought stricken Africa, and the final two, in 2020 and 2021, secured funds for Know Your Rights Camp, whose mission is to promote the empowerment of minority communities.

When asked about why he has chosen to seek office this year, Mr. Smith responded, “public service is a tradition in my family. The truth is I’ve been taught my entire life that government can and should matter, and that improving the lives of others does matter. To me that means things as basic as educating our kids; caring for our seniors; ensuring that our local air and water remain clean; combating the effects of climate change; providing appropriate funds for public safety; and finally, making sure the entire Eighth District receives its fair share of state funds.”

Mr. Smith went on, “I know Rep. Ehrlich successfully did all that and more during her tenure as our State Representative, and I intend to do the same as our next State Representative.”

Mr. Smith is not the first in his family to enter into politics. His father, former Democratic State Rep. Jim Smith represented Lynn serving four terms, and then ran for US Congress. His aunt Deborah Smith Walsh served on the Lynn School Committee, the Lynn City Council, and ran for the State Senate.

His cousin Steve Walsh represented Lynn and Nahant as a state representative from 2005 to 2014.

Smith has been a member of the Swampscott Democratic Town Committee since he was a teenager. He has worked as a K-12 substitute teacher in the Swampscott Public Schools and last year taught constitutional law in Boston Public Schools through a fellowship program at Suffolk. He also currently serves as the head coach of boys and girls track and field and cross country at St. Mary’s High School in Lynn. During his time as head coach, the teams have witnessed a revitalization in student engagement as well as accolades. Most recently, the indoor track team qualified almost 20 athletes for the MIAA Divisional Meet, up from just two in Smith’s first year coaching.

“My experiences working in schools is what really drives my passion for public service,” said Smith. “I had so many opportunities growing up. When I think about the kids I’ve taught and coached over my career, I want every kid across the Commonwealth to get those same opportunities, because they all deserve it.”

Besides the issues noted earlier, priorities for Smith would include increasing our state’s investment in public transportation; providing equitable funding for K-12 public schools and public higher education; insuring care for our veterans; and implementing criminal justice reform.

Mr. Smith continued, “I’m running to be a full-time state representative, and I’m committed to devoting my time, energy, and talents to serving the district.

Mr. Smith concluded, “Marblehead, Swampscott, and Lynn deserve no less.”

SECURE FUNDING FOR WONDERLAND COMMUTER RAIL

REVERE - U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey and Assistant Speaker Katherine Clark hosted a press conference March 25 to announce the \$4 million in congressionally directed spending they helped secure for the proposed Wonderland Commuter Rail Station and Blue Line Connector.

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Speaker Katherine Clark, Sen. Warren, and I have been able to secure for the City of Revere,” said Markey. “We are today celebrating the renaissance of Revere. This \$4 million for Revere is a down payment on the long-awaited project that would vastly expand public transit access between metro Boston, Revere, and the North Shore connecting the Blue Line and the Newburyport-Rockport community rail line.”

Markey said a Wonderland commuter rail station will further enhance the transformation of Revere Beach and the City of Revere that has occurred during the Brian Arrigo Administration.

“We are now getting closer and closer to the finalization and completion of this vision,” said Markey. “This \$4 million in funding is one of the key final steps in completing the vision of Revere being at the center of the North Shore for generations.”

Clark, who is now a resident of Revere, said during conversations with Mayor Arrigo, former senator Joe Boncore, and community leaders, she asked them, “What investments we could make that really make a difference in the lives of families in Revere, Winthrop, and the region?”

“And the Wonderland multi-modal connector

was the resounding response,” noted Clark. “This project has it all: the transit benefits that will modernize the Commonwealth’s commuter rail network, improvements to regional connectivity, reduction in traffic and congestion on our roadways, a reduction of carbon emissions, and economic benefits to businesses throughout the Greater Boston region.

“Simply put this is a game-changer for our community and for the entire Commonwealth,” added Clark.

Mayor Arrigo said, “the \$4 million in funding will get the ball rolling on a project that the City of Revere has dreamt about for several years.”

“A transit hub and a commuter walkway would alleviate the passage of traffic that affects Revere and our quality of life every day,” said Arrigo. “Today marks another great step on the path to a brighter future for not only our city but for our entire region.”

Sen. Lydia Edwards lauded the teamwork of federal, state, and local officials in the project, stating, “We ultimately are going to be able to create a regional traffic plan that makes sure that we not just move people, but we move economies, that we move futures generationally.

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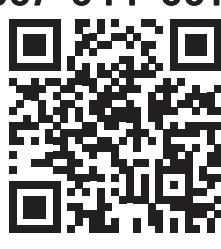
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CITY PAWS

Budget for companion animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In May 2021, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) reported, “Close to one in five households acquired a cat or dog since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, which would account for approximately 23 million American households based on the 2019 U.S. Census.”

Some of these families have had animals in their lives before and understand the routine and potential costs that must be part of their budget for cats and dogs. However, they may not be ready for the sticker shock that increased demand for veterinary care, boarding, dog walking, pet sitting, pet food, grooming, and supplies has caused.

First-time pet guardians may never have considered some of the expenses they will face day-to-day, much less in an emergency.

Annual Cost Estimate

In 2021, the ASPCA® updated their annual cost of having a dog to \$1,391 and \$1,149 for a cat. This figure is for routine care and doesn’t include grooming, dog walking, pet sitting, additional travel costs, or emergency veterinary care.

What’s more, when you look at these totals, you should realize that this is a national survey and we live in one of the most expensive areas in the country. The site Upnest says, “Reports vary slightly, with the cost of living in Boston generally falling somewhere between 48% and 62% higher than the national average.”

Ways to Budget

The first step in creating any budget plan is to figure out what you spend currently and what additional costs you might face in the future. If you’ve adopted a puppy or kitten, you must consider how some expenses may increase over their lifetime. The food

bill for a large breed puppy will explode as they become fully grown.

And the reality is that as our pets age, their need for and cost of veterinary care increases. It is suggested that you schedule routine exams and basic chemistry screenings more often. Medications for chronic conditions may add to your expense for a senior pet.

If you’re returning to an office rather than working from home, you may have to budget for a dog walker or doggie daycare. Those who plan to travel will have to add funds to their travel budgets for animal care or the added costs to take your dog or cat with you.

Next, think about how you would pay for a significant one-time expense—for example, dental cleanings or emergency surgery. You might set up a pet emergency savings account and make deposits every payday to build up a safety net.

Pet insurance can help



The cost of feeding this adorable puppy will increase as he grows and grows!

defray some of the unexpected expenses. Some veterinary practices offer their own wellness plans or can help you choose an insurance plan that has worked well for their clients.

Ways to Save

Keeping your pets up-to-date on routine check-ups, medications, and vaccinations can save money in the long run. It costs

less to schedule routine care than to respond to emergencies.

Doing some things yourself can save big bucks. For example, brushing your animal’s teeth at least once a day can save thousands of dollars over a pet’s lifetime. Doing routine grooming can let you extend the time between professional spa days.

Finally, keeping your

dogs and cats at a healthy weight by reducing food and treats and giving them plenty of exercise will not only reduce your food bills but will also prevent expensive medical conditions.

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

Massport announces the start of its 2022 cruise season with Norwegian Pearl

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is pleased to announce the start of the 2022 Cruise Season, the first full season in two years. Today, the Authority welcomes the first cruise ship to the Port of Boston, Norwegian Cruise Line’s Norwegian Pearl. The ship is making her maiden voyage to Flynn Cruiseport Boston, her homeport through November with weekly sailings between Boston and Bermuda.

The return of cruising to Flynn Cruiseport Boston supports the tourism recovery for the City of Boston and the Commonwealth. Flynn Cruiseport Boston generates \$135.5 million in annual economic impact and supports 2,200 jobs.

Massport is expecting a robust cruise season this year welcoming 125 ships from 19 cruise lines supporting the local travel and tourism industries.



The Norwegian Cruise Line’s Norwegian Pearl.

Flynn Cruiseport Boston will welcome 12 maiden calls, including the Carnival Legend, Norwegian Joy, and Sky Princess. For the first time, Flynn Cruiseport Boston will have four cruise lines offering five homeport ships and voyages:

- Norwegian Cruise Line: Norwegian Pearl starts April 4th
- Holland America: Zaandam starts May 15th and Nieuw Statendam starts August 3rd
- Celebrity Cruises: Celebrity Summit starts August 31st

- Royal Caribbean International: Voyager of the Seas starts September 18th

“We are delighted to welcome our cruise partners back to Boston and support the recovery of the travel and tourism industry in the City and the Commonwealth,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland.

“Our Great Cruise Comeback not only celebrates the return of our vessels and resilience of our team members worldwide, but also underscores the incredible partnership

we have with our destinations around the world,” said Norwegian Cruise Line President and Chief Executive Officer Harry Sommer. “To jumpstart the cruise season for Massport is another major milestone for the U.S. cruise industry and we’re honored to commemorate that moment with Norwegian Pearl’s inaugural voyage from Flynn Cruiseport Boston.”

“Holland America Line is thrilled to once again sail from Boston on our Canada and New England cruises,” said Gus Antorcha, president, Holland America Line. “Our summer sailings are popular with couples, families and friends that love the rich history of this region, while the fall foliage departures attract those looking for a bucket-list experience with the beautiful colors of the season.”

Prior to the pandemic, Flynn Cruiseport Boston served a record 402,346 passengers on 138 ships in 2019. In preparation for the rebound in cruising, Massport installed a new state-of-the-art passenger boarding bridge at the cruise terminal last November. This new infrastructure improvement

allows Flynn Cruiseport Boston to welcome larger ships this season that were previously unable to call Flynn Cruiseport Boston, such as Norwegian Cruise Line’s Norwegian Breakaway and Princess Cruises’ Enchanted Princess. Since 2017, Massport has been working with the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Boston Harbor, to deepen the Reserved Channel, and expand the Turning Basin to 1,725 feet.

“We are proud to work with our cruise lines to ensure Flynn Cruiseport Boston remains the region’s cruise gateway with diverse destination offerings that cater to passengers of all kinds,” said Lauren Gleason, Deputy Port Director, Business Development. “With Boston Logan International Airport located just across the Harbor, Flynn Cruiseport Boston provides convenient access to cruise passengers flying in to explore the City and the many destinations accessible from our cruise gateway, including the popular Canada-New England itinerary.”

Massport is also announcing several new itineraries that either start or end in Boston throughout the 2022 season. In October, Celebrity Summit is offering a 12-day one-way cruise from Boston to the Caribbean and ending in Miami, FL. Vantage Cruise Line’s Ocean Explorer will depart Boston on Oct 29th for a 10-day cruise along the East Coast and ending in Nassau, Bahamas. Royal Caribbean’s Voyager of the Seas is offering a 14-day “Arctic Crossing” cruise that starts in Copenhagen, Denmark and ends in Boston on September 18th.

For the full cruise schedule and additional information, visit [FlynnCruiseportBoston.com](http://FlynnCruiseportBoston.com) and follow @FlynnCruiseport on Twitter.

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