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Mayor Michelle Wu and Director of Waterfront and Climate Initiatives, GreenRoots John Walkey check out one of the solar panels that are part of a new pilot program in Eastie to bring more renewable and affordable energy options to Eastie

Wu announces new solar-power pilot program in Eastie

By John Lynds

Flanked by local environmental activists and city officials Monday at Lopresti Park, Mayor Michelle Wu announced a new pilot program to increase solar panel usage in East Boston.

The city's launch of the 'Solarize Eastie' pilot program aimed at increasing solar panel installation and onsite battery storage in the neighborhood will bring more renewable and affordable energy options to Eastie residents.

The city recently part-

nered with GreenRoots, a local environmental organization that has been waging a battle against Eversource's planned substation in East Eagle Square, to bring the pilot program to Eastie. Through the partnership the city and GreenRoots will use a group buying model to reduce costs for Eastie residents by aggregating demand and securing a discounted price per watt.

"These embody our commitment to investing in environmental justice and energy

democracy," said Mayor Wu at Monday's announcement. "I am grateful to GreenRoots and Mass Save for leadership for a Boston Green New Deal."

For decades solar panels installed on homes have been a proven way to generate clean, renewable energy,, reduce energy costs, and increase energy resilience.

Wu said the Solarize Eastie program will ofpartnerships fer a variety of payment support, including a 15 percent discount below the average cost of solar

installation, up-front subsidies for income-eligible building owners, and nocost options.

The city will work with GreenRoots throughout the year to increase access to affordable and renewable energy for Eastie residents while helping them reduce their energy cost

"Environmental justice means we need to ask hard questions about who is asked to carry the burden and who receives the ben-" said Boston's Chief

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Piers Park Sailing Center kicks off 2022 sailing season

By John Lynds

On Saturday, the East Boston community helped Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) officially kick off its 2022 spring and summer sailing season. Piers Park Sailing Center staff hoisted the sails of its fleet during the ceremonial sail raising over the weekend.

PPSC Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said PPSC already has more than 600 youth enrolled in its summer programsincluding Science of Sailing and Harbor Explorers-and another 90 youth participating in the PPSC after school sailing program that runs from now until mid June.

Of the 600 registered, 400 are Eastie youth re-



Rep. Madaro, Alex DeFronzo and Dan Moreno present the Volunteer of the Year Award to Mette Kreutzmann.

turning for another funfilled summer of sailing. DeFronzo said enrollment continues to grow year over year as well as job opportunities for local residents to become staff members.

"We were able to hire 70 staff members, which is a jump from the 66 we

had last year and even a bigger jump from the 39 staff members we were able to hire two years ago," said DeFronzo.

Over 200 community members, elected officials and Massport staff attended Saturday's kickoff that included music from Zumix's DiverCity Band.

PPSC also honored the Sailing Center's 2020 Volunteer of the Year David Clinard and its 2021 Volunteer of the Year Mette Kreutzmann.

"We had a great time celebrating Opening Day 2022," said DeFronzo. "Thank you to all our supporters for their dedication in making PPSC an inclusive sailing center for everyone. We look forward to the best season yet. We cannot wait to serve our community and continue to make Boston Harbor accessible for everyone."

DeFronzo said while the youth summer program will kick off on July 5, PPSC is planning sev-

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Traffic Impact

Summer Tunnel weekend closures to start next month

By John Lynds

Work to completely overhaul the decaying Sumner Tunnel will begin next month with weekend closures scheduled to begin on June 10 and last for 36 weeks. The work in the tunnel will culminate with a full closure of the Sumner for four months between May 2023 and September 2023.

At a virtual meeting last week, MassDOT officials

said the MBTA still has not made a decision on whether or not they should make the Blue Line free for Eastie residents during the planned four-month closure of the tunnel.

While residents have been clamoring for free T service during the closure, some have begun circulating petitions calling for ferry service during the tunnel's planned closure.

> Despite MassDot's

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The current condition of the Sumner Tunnel. MassDOT will begin Phase I of the project next month with weekend closures for 36 weeks. This will culminate with a full closure of the tunnel for four months in 20023.

Coletta reflects on win

Plans to hit the ground running

campaign, lifelong East Boston resident Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta came out on top during last week's Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat.

With only two official candidates on the ballot Coletta's win last week means there's no General Election and she will be sworn in as District 1

Councilor. During the election Coletta, who squared off

By John Lynds against political newcomer and fellow Eastie resi-After a hard fought dent Tania Del Rio, carried 11 of Eastie's 14 precincts. A look at the results shows Coletta won Precincts 1, 2 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. Del Rio on the other hand won Precinct 3 by five votes, Precinct 6 by 8 votes, and Precinct 9 by 6

> Coletta went on to carry every Precinct in both Charlestown and the North End. Along with Eastie, the two other neighbor-

votes.

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District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with her family after her win Tuesday night. From left: Sebastian Zapata, Ed Coletta, Rosemary Murray, Nina Coletta, Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta, Chris Coletta, Angela and Ricardo Acevedo.



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EBMS hosts 26th annual "Taste of Eastie"

Main Streets (EBMS) will host the 26th Annual "Taste of Eastie" event, to be held on Tuesday, July 26, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Tall Ship 1 Pier Drive, Boston, (weather permitting with a rain date on Tuesday, August 2, from 6:00-9:00pm). We encourage those that will be attending to take public transportation due to very limited valet parking first come, first serve. This festive event will feature food from more than 30 local "Eastie" restaurants, music and entertainment, as well as raffles and priz-

"Throughout the health and economic crises caused by COVID-19, I

have been so amazed by how the neighborhood came together to support each other," said Gladys Oliveros, former Executive Director of East Boston Main Streets. "With the city lifting pandemic restrictions, we want this event - a milestone in the history of East Boston Main Streets - to be an opportunity to celebrate the strength and resiliency of the neighborhood and the incredible people that live and work here."

A special thanks to the 2022 Taste of Eastie's Hosts: Carolina Trujillo from La Voz Newspaper and Alberto Vasallo III, from El Mundo Newspa-

Tickets are \$40 un-

til 07/15/2022 or \$50.00 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at: https://www.eventbrite. com/e/326332648737

For more details or questions please visit our website: https://ebmainstreets.com/ or send an email to: info@eastbostonmainstreets.org

EBMS is a 501(c)(3)non-profit organization whose mission is to create a more vibrant business district by initiating private and public improvements, promoting commerce, and supporting efforts to improve the quality of life for all who live, work, and do business in East Boston.

Play Ball! Amazon donates nearly one million dollars to youth sports programs

Amazon is going to bat for youth sports programs in Massachusetts. The company announced it is donating nearly \$1 million to youth sports teams and organizations across the Commonwealth including East Boston Little League, East Boston Soccer League and East Boston Softball League . The grants will help expand access and level the playing field for sports and fitness opportunities in underserved neighborhoods and help organizations meet COVID-related budget shortfalls.

"We care about the communities in which we operate and live. We've seen the power of youth sports to build character and make a positive impact on our children and our communities. That's why Amazon is thrilled to be able to invest in the health and well-being of young people in Boston and beyond," said Jerome Smith, Amazon's Head of Community Engagement for New England. "The pandemic took so much from all of us, especially young people. We hope this donation will get young athletes back in the

game.' The company made the announcement at the End Baseball's Opening Day Parade and festivities. Amazon is investing in eight communities across the Commonwealth. The resources from Amazon come as many local youth sports organizations throughout the nation are struggling to recover from the economic effects of the pandemic. Survey data from last year suggests the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on youth sports participation. National research by the Aspen Institute found thirteen percent of youth sports parents said their community-based sports provider closed due to COVID-19, and another 12% noted it had merged with another organization. In total, 44% of families said their community-based program has either closed, merged or returned with limited ca-

"South End Baseball is incredibly grateful for the support being given to us from Amazon with this year's and last year's grants," said Pete Shults, president of SEB's board of directors and a longtime coach. "With the pandemic essentially shutting down our fundraising efforts over the last two years, the company's generosity is making a world of difference in our ability to keep the league's operations running and funding our Hugh Chambers/Paul Rinkulis college scholarship program, which helps deserving players pursue their educational goals."

"All Dorchester Sports and Leadership takes our mission of fostering healthy lifestyles and leadership skills very seriously. As we emerge from the past two years of near isolation, we recognize that participating in team sports helps address the stress our youth have been experiencing," said Candice Gartley, Executive Director of All Dorchester Sports & Leadership. "Active bodies go hand in hand with good mental health. The generous support that Amazon provides ADSL allows us to work to re-engage our youth in healthy athletic activities.'

"To this supsay port from Amazon is game-changing is an understatement. This investment is just the spark needed after being sidelined by the pandemic to ensure sports in Lawrence come back with better quality opportunities that reach more deserving kids,' said Stephanie McArdle, Executive Director of Beyond Soccer & Beyond Volley. "In addition to helping Beyond Soccer and Beyond Volley advance its mission, providing affordable, year-round sports and recreational programs to thousands of kids, Amazon's impact will be magnified through its simultaneous investment in the Lawrence Sports Alliance and the dozens of Lawrence sports groups involved, like Suenos Basketball, Lawrence Pop Warner, and Serving Stars, who, like Amazon, believe in the power of sports to strengthen communities and make sure young people reap sports' awesome, life-long bene-

"On behalf of the Revere Youth Baseball and Softball League, it is a pleasure to thank Amazon for their generous donation to our league," said Shawn Vetere, coach and board member of Revere Youth Baseball and Softball. "It has been a struggle to operate the league since early 2020 without the benefit of being able to fundraise because of the then COVID-19 Restrictions. The funds you are donating will help our league to operate under normal conditions once again. These funds will also enable us to provide better equipment and uniforms for the children. Additionally, the funds will help fund the two new batting cages we will be installing at our com-

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MVES TO HOLD FREE WORKSHOP

Mystic Valley Elder Services will present a free workshop series-Dr. Paul Lam's Tai Chi For Health —on Fridays, June 3 -- July 22, 10:30 to 11:30 AM

at the Stoneham Senior Center, 136 Elm Street, Stoneham.

Find pain relief, reduced stiffness, and a better quality of life through tai chi. Tai chi is often described as "meditation in motion," harmonizing body and mind by practicing slow continuous movement accompanied by deep breathing. The class will cover the basic movements in Dr. Paul Lam's CDC approved program. There's growing evidence that this mindbody practice has value in treating or preventing many health problems. Our practice is gentle, requiring a small range of motion.

Registration is free. but required. To register, please call today as class size is limited: 781-438-

MALDEN GAMING DISTRICT **CELEBRATES FESTIVALS** AND GAMING

The City of Malden is pleased to announce that the 2022 Malden Summer Festivals will be taking place 12-4PM on Saturday, June 4th, Saturday, July 16th, and Saturday, August 13th. Pleasant Street will be transformed into an open-air market that will feature artists and artisans, vintage clothing stores, and much more!

Located next to the Malden Center MBTA Orange Line station, the area is also home to Malden's Gaming District. This is the place to go if you want to quest at Boda Borg, conduct a science experiment that is a lot like mini-golf, play and stock up on Magic cards, shoot some billiards, try a racing simulator or sing your heart out at Karaoke. Visit www.MaldenGamingDistrict.com for even more options.

In addition, the Summer Festivals will feature a live music stage- set on the corner of Washington and Pleasant Streets — that will always feature a musically diverse mix of

The line-up for June 4th is:

12:00PM The Mark Cataldo Quartet

1:00PM The Discompany Band 2:00PM The Eric Ger-

man Latin Sextet 3:00PM Borderline

Easily accessible by Orange Line, but FREE Parking is available at both of the City's garages at 170 Centre Street or 7 Jackson Street. Please visit www.CityOfMalden. org/SummerFestivals learn more.

MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATE LICENSE BILL

PASSES DRIVER'S The Massachusetts State Senate passed the Work and Family Mobility Act by a vote of 32 to 8. The following statement may be cred-

ited to the leaders of the

organizations co-chairing

the Driving Families For-

ward Coalition, Brazilian

Worker Center Executive Director Lenita Reason

News in Brief

and 32BJ SEIU Vice President Roxana Rivera: "We are once again overcome with happiness,

pride and gratitude for today's historic vote in the Massachusetts Senate. The legislature has now resoundingly supported the Work and Family Mobility Act, moving all state residents toward greater road safety, improved security, better public health and a more vibrant economy, and promising a profound transformation in the lives of undocumented immigrants across the Commonwealth. The pursuit of these many goals is what brought us together in Driving Families Forward, a broad and diverse coalition of more than 270 businesses, faith groups, labor unions, community organizations and others. Working with law enforcement and other experts, Driving Families Forward also built in safeguards that led to the bill's endorsement by the Massachusetts Major Cities Chiefs of Police Association, whose members lead two-thirds of the state's total police force, as well as a majority of the state's District Attorneys and sheriffs, and dozens of individual chiefs in smaller

towns and cities. "We extend our deepest thanks to Senate President Spilka for her support in moving the bill forward. We also thank the bill's four lead sponsors, its dozens of cosponsors and the many thousands of individuals who have written letters, made calls, and attended meetings to help bring us to this point.

We now urge Governor Baker to sign the bill, which provides all the safeguards necessary to answer any doubts he may has raised previously, and we look forward to then celebrating with him and all our allies as the Work and Family Mobility Act becomes law."

ORIENT HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Orient Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16.

Location: Zoom

Meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but the Zoom link will open at 6:00pm to get acclimated. The meeting will be recorded.

Zoom meeting link: https://bit.ly/3tcJlhH Passcode: OHNC

Meeting Information and Protocol

All participants will be muted upon entry and presentations. during Ouestions and comments to those presenting can be asked using the chat or "raise hand" feature of the Zoom platform. If there is a lull in conversation you may feel free to unmute but please be considerate of others attempting to participate at the same time. All submissions submitted via the chat will be read aloud by the OHNC host. Anyone unable to use the chat feature is welcome to email questions and comments to OrientHeightsNC@gmail.com and they will be passed on

to the presenters.

Attendance will be tak-

en via a Google Form and

responses will only be

the meeting until the end.

Marking your attendance

sign Review Committee meeting will be held on at 6:00pm.

Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 The next OHNC meeting will be held on Mon-

bility. Voters must have attended two out of the three regularly scheduled OHNC meetings or be an abutter to the property being voted on. The sign-in form will be posted in the Zoom chat at the beginning of the meeting and throughout. A recording of the

meeting, meeting minutes, responses to any questions not answered during the meeting, and copies of the presentation slides, if available, will be provided following the meeting via Facebook and email. Meeting recordings are always available on our YouTube channel. Voting: During the pan-

demic voting will take place online via a Google Form. Board members vet all votes to ensure that the individual is eligible as either an abutter to the property or an attendee of two out of the last three meetings. All responses are confidential and not accessible to anyone but board members for the purpose of confirming voter qualification. Once votes have been tallied all Google Form submissions for that vote are deleted.

Agenda Announcements

General Presentations Public Safety

Sergeant Joe Cintolo or Officer Tom Domenico and Officer Mosley provide an update on activity for Boston Police District

Development Presentations & Vote

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 owner-

ship upon completion. Presentation:

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

Owner: MG2 Group Attorney: Richard C.

Lynds Architect: Context Abutter's radius:

Adjournment Old Business / New

Business / General Community Updates Have news you'd like to share? Excited about a

new effort in the neighborhood? Feel free to share any comments, feedback, updates, etc. during this time. The OHNC is currently

looking for a new board to take over all roles (President, Vice President, and Secretary) as the current board terms are coming to a close this July.

If you are thinking of running for the board feel free to contact any current board members with questions. Nomination of officers

will be accepted at the June 20th 2022 meeting with nominations allowed in written or verbal form at that time. Elections for the new

board will be held at the July 18th 2022 meeting New officer duties will

commence at the September 2022 meeting The next OHNC De-

accepted from the start of day, June 20th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

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NOAH begins installing HEPA filters

cipient in the second round

By John Lynds

In celebration of Air Quality Week and National Asthma Day, East Boston's Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) began installing HEPA purifier filters in several businesses in East Boston last week to combat air pollutants that lead to a wide array of respiratory diseases.

NOAH recently joined the movement to purify the indoor air in Eastie and recently received \$50,000 Community Clean Air Grant to place 40 HEPA filters in Eastie homes and businesses.

According to NOAH's Resiliency Planning Coordinator Latifa Ziyad the Salvadoran Consulate was one of six Eastie places of business that accepted a HEPA filter from NOAH and air quality sensor from that will track the consulate's foyer air quality. Other businesses included Muzzys Florist and Spinelli's in Day Square.

NOAH was the only re-

of the city's Community Clean Air Grant and will use the money to identify 40 residential homes, businesses or other spaces where there's a lot of foot traffic indoors. NOAH will use special equipment to test the air quality in the homes or businesses prior to the HEPA filters being

installed and then go back

and retest the air quality

after the HEPA filters are

up and running. Ziyad said the goal of the program is after NOAH collects the before and after air quality data NOAH will go to Massport to demand more stringent policies on ultrafine particles coming from airplanes landing and taking

off at Logan Airport. "There's a big residential area that is impacted by ultrafine particulates and what we're hoping is this program is going to be a learning experience for people," she said. "We're already talking with some other potential funders to

be able to bring more filters in the area.'

Studies show that 70 percent of Eastie pollution makes it indoors and 21 percent of residents in Eastie are children who are especially vulnerable to the many health effects of air pollution.

Specific models of HEPA purifiers can reduce their exposure to ultrafine particulate pollution by up to 94 percent. NOAH will be using the Austin Air Purifiers and the Blue air purifier manufactured by Blueair Pure 411.

Like cars, jets burn fuel and release harmful ultrafine particles that are so small they absorb right into the bloodstream and can lead to heart attacks and strokes.

"The City of Boston Grant has really helped us move the needle on air quality in east Boston," said NOAH Executive Director Phil Giffee. "Forty percent of those impacted by the study have Asth-



NOAH's Senior Community Organizer Manlio Mendez and Resiliency Planning Coordinator Latifa Ziyad deliver the first HEPA filters NOAH plans to install in homes and businesses to the Salvadoran Consulate.

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promise of a comprehensive traffic plan many residents are weary of state officials downplaying the huge traffic impacts that will befall the neighborhood during the weekend closures and subsequent full closure next year.

Eastie resident Joshua Schmidt started an online petition calling on Rep. Adrian Madaro and Sen. Lydia Edwards to put pressure on the MBTA and keep the ferry that was running between Eastie and Boston during the recent Blue Line project as a transportation option for residents during the Sumner closures.

"The MBTA has provided two options for transportation downtown from East Boston: shuttle buses from either Maverick or Airport Stations or the ferry from Lewis Wharf to the Long Wharf," said Schmidt. "The MBTA is only intending to use these options for the extent that the Blue Line underwater tunnel undergoes maintenance (until May 15). With the upcoming closure of the Sumner Tunnel on weekends starting June 2022 and with a complete closure from May 2023 to September 2023, we urge the (State) and City of Boston to keep the ferry option open for East Boston residents to relieve the extreme pressure expected to be placed on the roads subway systems. During the first week of operation, the MBTA ferry has received a lot of positive feedback and provides the frequency the people need for a morning com-

mute." The online petition, which can be found at www.change.org/p/bringthe-mbta-ferry-optionback-for-eastie-residents has already gained 1,245 signatures with a goal of reaching 1,500 signatures.

Schmidt said a more formal petition will be sent to MassDOT, Rep. Madaro and Sen. Edwards once

the 1,500 signatures are reached.

Residents have also been lobbying for the T to be free throughout the duration of the tunnel's closure. Residents have argued that the inconvenience posed by such a closure, planned between May 2023 to September 2023, will have a significant impact on commuters and lead to more traffic and gridlock during the commute.

In order to attract more people to ride public transportation during the tunnel's closure and cut down the number of cars driving through neighborhood streets, residents have asked MassDOT to advocate for the community and pressure the MBTA to make the Blue Line free.

MassDOT is anticipating significant traffic impacts that come with shutting down a tunnel that was handling 39,000 vehicles per day pre-COVID.

The MBTA has agreed to hold off any routine or scheduled maintenance for any of the systems that would be impacted as a result of the Sumner closure. When the tunnel is shut down for a weekend it will be from 11 pm Friday to 5 am Monday morning and shouldn't impact any of the MBTA bus or train operations during the week.

However, when Mass-DOT shuts down the tunnel for 16 weeks in 20023 rush hour will be affected. It will be during this full closure when MassDOT will work closely with the MBTA to see what can be done to reach out and provide a better service

for people and encourage them to take the T.

Through some traffic modeling conducted by MassDOT the department projects that 45% of motorists will use the Ted William Tunnel during the closure; 34% will use the Tobin Bridge; and 19 percent will go the Bell Circle route to Route 16 and down towards Rutherford Avenue in Charlestown.

However, at past meetings MassDOT officials said about 2% of the 39,000 vehicles during the morning commute will 'get lost in the mix" and go elsewhere. This could translate into around 800 vehicles per day ending up on Eastie streets and adding to the congestion residents have come to expect each morning before the

pandemic. The proposed Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project consists of resurfacing the tunnel roadway including pavement and lane markings; rehabilitating the overhead arch and ceiling, including deteriorating suspended ceiling supports; restoring the historic portal facades and addressing the functional system deficiencies of the Sumner Tunnel. Once the project has been completed, the Sumner Tunnel will meet modern fire and life safety codes with fireproofing, fire standpipe, fire alarm and CCTV upgrades. The tunnel will feature new LED lighting and security systems; new utility conduits and cables under the roadway deck which will improve cell phone, GPS, and radio service inside the tunnel.

Eastie's weekly COVID positive test-rate over 10 percent

By John Lynds

COVID cases steadily increasing in East Boston and the rest of the city due to a new, more contagious variant, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last week recommended residents take precautions to stop the spread and get vaccinated and/or boost-

According to the most recent statistics, 1 out of every 10 Eastie residents tested for the virus were found to be positive and the citywide rate is almost 9 percent.

Last week, 1,086 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 10.7 percent were posi-

tive--this was a 24 percent increase from the 8.6 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on May 2.

One hundred sixteen additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between May 2 and May 9 and there are now 15,166 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 close to 9 per-

According to the BPHC 17,476 residents were tested citywide last week and 8.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13 percent increase from the 7.8 percent that report-

edly tested positive for the week ending on May 2. 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 1.7 percent last week and went from 178,291 to 181,346 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There was one additional death in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now

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"Milford Youth Baseball would like to extend a sincere thank you to Amazon for their generous donation," said Paul Pellegrini, President, Milford Youth Baseball. "Amazon's continued commitment to the Milford Community is evident through this donation which will assist in the renovation of the Rosenfeld Field Project. This grant will also allow Milford Youth Baseball to purchase much needed equipment which in turns defrays the costs associated with participation. Youth sports is an integral part of developing key skills such as healthy physical activity, personal relationships, teamwork, competition, and building confidence. These skills are building blocks for

the future. We are grateful that Amazon has decided to support our league as a part of their significant investment in the youth of New England."

"As our state turns the corner on the pandemic, we need to ensure our young people have access to equitable, affordable, and local recreational ac-Smith added. tivities," "Investing in these programs is an investment in our youth and in helping them lead healthier, happier lives.'

Over the last year, Amazon has supported local communities across the Commonwealth through monetary and in-kind donations to nonprofit organizations and public schools. Some examples include donations to King Boston, The Greater

Boston Food Bank, The United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley, local chapters of the Boys & Girls Club, local public schools and other area nonprofits. Last spring Amazon announced a donation of one million dollars to the arts and cultural institutions in and around Boston. There are also more than 28,000 organizations in Massachusetts that Amazon customers can support simply by shopping on Amazon smile. As of the fourth quarter of 2021, the company was employing more than 21,000 full- and parttime employees across its Massachusetts operations and is continuing to hire.

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AN ILL WIND.....

The unrelenting easterly seabreeze that has been blowing at 20-30 miles per hour 24/7 for the past five days has reminded us that "spring" is an ephemeral term for those of us who live along the Massachusetts coast-

The temperature has refused to climb beyond 50 degrees -- thanks to a water temperature of 48 degrees in Boston Harbor -- and the strong on-shore wind has made it feel closer to 40 degrees with the wind-chill fac-As usual, temperatures a little bit to our west are 10

degrees warmer. But for us, winter coats, hats, hoodies, and gloves are still the norm for any outside activity, whether it's walking along the beach or the Charles, or attending our children's soccer or baseball games, or enjoying a lunch at Kelly's on Revere Beach.

On the other hand, for those of us fortunate enough to be close to the ocean, the pounding surf on the shoreline with white caps extending to the horizon have created a seascape that is mesmerizing.

The smell, sight, and sound of the churning sea consumes our senses. It never grows old.

Still, our spring along the coast has followed the usual, frustrating pattern of, "One step forward, three steps

Mother Nature is a tease at this time of year. For each day of warmth that she bestows upon us, we must endure four or five days of chill, as if she's daring us to plant our summer vegetable garden under the threat of a frost or a wind gust that might snap the tender shoots.

We can't help but think that it would be nice to reserve some of these sea-breezy days for mid-July and early-August when the water temperature will be warm enough for us to enjoy the churning surf.

But the bottom line is that, to paraphrase the Bill Belichick cliche, the spring season along our coast, "Ain't what it ain't." It's always a mere chimera that taunts us.

WE ARE ALL UKRAINIANS

It is impossible to turn away from the news reports of the ongoing war in Ukraine that we see 24/7 on our televisions and computer screens.

To be honest, we've had it with all of the other recent political, economic, and COVID-related commentaries that run in an endless loop ad nauseam on the news.

We just tune them out.

But when it comes to the heartbreaking, disturbing, and infuriating coverage of all aspects of the war in Ukraine, we feel almost duty-bound to watch in order to bear witness to the genocide that the sociopath in the Kremlin has wrought upon these poor people.

Yes, perhaps we can identify with what is happening in Ukraine because so much of what we see in their lives and the lives of their children mimics our own. Some of those Ukrainian suburban streets and playgrounds could be Anytown, USA.

The recent events in Ukraine have brought to mind the occasion when President John F. Kennedy spoke in front of the Berlin Wall in 1963 and concluded his speech with the famous and inspiring words, "Ich bin ein Berliner!" -- "I am a Berliner!"

Today, peace-loving people (who presumably are all of us) across the country and the globe feel the same way about Ukraine. Hopefully, we will have the fortitude to remain resolute in our support for Ukraine and its innocent people and be willing to accept some degree of sacrifice (such as higher prices) in our personal lives in order to thwart the genocidal maniac who is destroying their country and uprooting their lives.

To paraphrase what JFK might say today: "All free people, wherever they may live, are citizens of Ukraine."

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GUEST OP-ED

I am angry but determined to protect Roe

By Elizabeth Warren

Roe v. Wade has protected the right to a safe and legal abortion for nearly half a century. Over and over again, conservative Supreme Court nominees proclaimed Roe "settled law," signaling to the American people that, on their watch, Roe would not be overturned. But now a draft opinion reveals that five justices believe this is their moment to strike down this "settled law," permitting states to criminalize anyone who seeks an abortion, performs an abortion, helps someone find an abortion, or even has a miscarriage.

Yes, I'm angry. I'm angry at the justices who deliberately deceived the American people. I'm angry at the Republicans in Congress who stole two Supreme Court seats to get us to this day. And I'm angry at the cruelty of the anti-abortion politicians who will impose enormous pain, suffering, and possible death on people who have the fewest resources to fight back.

The minute Roe is officially gone, more than half the states in this country are poised to outlaw abortion or severely limit abortion access. If abortion is outlawed, the impact won't fall equally on everyone. Wealthy women will still get safe, legal abortions by flying to another state or even travel-

ing to another country.

But the world will be very different for those who have the least power: low-income women, young women, women of color, victims of incest and abuse, moms already working two jobs to support their children. This far-right, extremist Supreme Court doesn't care if Americans suffer; they are hellbent on imposing their views on all of us.

For me, this isn't about

politics; this is personal. I have lived in a world where abortion was illegal. I learned early on that when the law bans all abortions, only safe and legal abortions will be banned. I lived in a world in which women bled to death from back alley abortions. A world in which infections and other complications destroyed women's futures. A world in which some women took their own lives rather than continuing with a pregnancy they could not bear. For decades, expanded access to abortion has allowed people to make decisions about their own bodies and lives, promoting equity and access to life-changing opportunities. But these extremist justices on the Supreme Court want to send us back to those dark days and take away women's rights to control their own

futures. Changes in abortion laws will have dire conse-

quences. In Texas, a young woman was charged with murder for an alleged self-induced abortion. (The charges were later dropped.) In Oklahoma, a new law would force a 12-year-old survivor of rape to bear the child of her predator. In Louisiana, Republicans are pushing for the most extreme bill yet, which would classify abortion as a homicide and could even criminalize using certain forms of birth control. And Republican politicians won't stop at criminalizing abortion. They have already signaled that a Republican-controlled Senate would pursue a nationwide ban on abortion care.

Let me be crystal clear: Republicans in Congress are planning to restrict abortion access and reproductive health care everywhere, endangering all Americans, whether they live in red, blue, or purple states. And it is equally clear that the Supreme Court is opening the door to banning birth control, outlawing marriage equality, and even making interracial marriage illegal.

American freedoms and the Constitution itself are under attack. The Republicans have planned long and hard for this day, and we can't wait a second longer to fight back. We need action.

The Supreme Court does not get the last word. The American peoplethrough their leaders in Congress—can and must take action. Congress has the power to make Roe the law of the entire nation. The House has already passed legislation to shield abortion rights, and the Senate will take up the bill this week. We should debate that bill on the floor and then vote on it-because every American should know exactly where we stand and hold us accountable. But to get that vote and protect Roe, we must end the filibuster. This November, Americans will decide the future of Roe, and voters everywhere must bring their

fury to the voting booth. Yes, I'm angry that a group of unelected ideologues on the Supreme Court think they can turn current law upside down and dictate to tens of millions of people across this country the terms of their pregnancies and their lives.

I will use my anger to do everything I can to keep an extremist Supreme Court from having the last word on the right to a safe and legal abortion. In a democracy, that power is in the hands of the people. We need to use our anger to make real change. We're not going back—never.

Elizabeth Warren is the senior United States senator from Massachusetts.

GUEST OP-ED

Naomi Judd, suicide and life's appointment

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We've all heard of people who have taken their lives by suicide. We typically wonder why? We wonder what was so bad about their lives that they could not cope another day?

We were shocked by the sudden death of Naomi Judd. She was a country music star and legend. She and her daughter Wynonna had racked up 14 number one hits. They had five Grammy awards and twenty million plus album sales. A new tour was planned for this Fall and the day after her death an induction ceremony was scheduled for the Country Music Hall of Fame. She apparently had it all. She had a long term 30year marriage, successful daughters and fame and fortune. What more could a human being want? Apparently, something was still wrong.

Depression and mental illness apparently can become a hole so deep and so dark that once someone is in it, they don't feel they are emotionally able to survive or escape the darkness.

We have been shocked by other personalities who reportedly took their lives such as comedian Robin Williams and Anthony Bourdain who traveled the world tasting and showing various lifestyles and cuisines.

Mental illness comes in various forms and affects people in different ways and on different levels. Everyone has down days, the blahs and feelings of unhappiness. The weather affects us. Rainy or snowy days may eventually get to us. Too many bills and not enough money to pay them can work on our minds. A sick or troubled family member may worry us or make us feel bad. Our own personal health battles can make us feel down. Too much to do is troubling. Terminal illness that is rapidly getting worse puts us in a state of desperation to escape the outcome sooner rather than later.

There is more to depression than snapping

our fingers to get out of it as proven by Judd. She openly talked about her illness. She wrote a book about it and reportedly had spent years medically dealing with her diseases. Severe mental illness can end sadly end tragically.

Reviewing her life, it seems there would be a counter argument for everything we are supposed to do. Get help. Take medication. Have a good doctor and a good counselor. Talk about the disease. Find meaningful things to do. Have hobbies. Stay busy. Pursue life. Be involved in meaningful relationships, have faith in God, etc. Judd appeared to do all of this and more.

Does this mean we have no hope if we have mental illness? We always have hope but we must be very aware of the seriousness of depression. Our mental state is serious and can be terminal.

Keep in mind that people successfully deal with mental illness every day. It does not have to be the end. People seek counsel, medical help, faith in God and find coping solutions to dealing with depression and mental illness. Mental illness does not have to

end badly. Try to think of those left behind. Try to think about the spouse, the children and the loved ones who are left to go on. I have known people who were so physically sick that I understood their pain and desire to escape their bodies. Try to keep in mind that God made us and we all have an appointment with death. We don't have to push the appointment. It's coming to us all. Try to find a way to find purpose and peace with the brief life God has given to you. It will end soon enough.

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of Environment, Energy and Open SpaceReverend Mariama White-Hammond. "These kinds of partnerships allow us to bring energy benefits to environmental justice communities while helping us achieve our collective goal of decarboniza-

Eastie is already an Environmental Justice Community and hosts an international airport, three harbor tunnels, a major highway and is one of a handful of Boston neighborhoods that will be heavily impacted by climate change and sea level

Wu said bringing renewable energy to more homes in Eastie may mitigate some of the environmental impacts and burdens the neighborhood has faced for decades.

Wu said the goal of Solarize Eastie is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by increasing solar and battery storage adoption in Eastie and to bring the benefits to low- and moderate-income residents.

More than half of East Boston's 45,000 residents are Latinx immigrants, and the neighborhood median income is \$52,935. The City has selected ACE Solar and Resonant Energy to lead the installation process for Solarize Eastie. ACE Solar has been ranked as the top Residential Solar Contractor in Massachusetts for the fifth year in a row, and is among the top solar contractors in the country. Resonant Energy, based in Dorchester, specializes in bringing accessible solar options to communities with limited resources, affordable housing units, and nonprofit organizations throughout Massa-

chusetts. ACE and Resonant Energy will offer their Solar Access Program, which allows lowmoderate-income residents to install solar without any FICO score requirement or any upfront or ongoing payment obligation.

"Solarize Eastie gives East Boston residents accessibility to make real choices in the way they power their homes and community," said Director of Waterfront and Climate Initiatives, GreenRoots John Walkey. "GreenRoots is thrilled to partner with the City of Boston and ACE Solar to enhance energy justice in East Boston. For too long, immigrants and people of color have been left out of the solar economy and they must be centered in our energy democracy efforts."

ACE Solar's Colby Lawless said his company was excited and honored to be part of the pilot program here. "We are eager to help

East Boston adopt clean energy and, through the program and partnerships, provide accessible ways to do so," he said. "Clean, affordable energy should be available to everyone and thanks to Solarize Eastie this is more of a much needed reality."

Resonant Energy's Kelsie Daniels-Jackson added, "The Solar Access Program is an important program for limited resource communities. It allows any homeowner, regardless of income or credit history, to install solar and see immediate on-bill savings without the burden of an additional bill from a typical third party financier."



City Councilor-Elect Gabriela Coletta during Monday's announcement.



Boston's Chief of Environment, Energy and Open SpaceReverend Mariama White-Hammond.



Director of Waterfront and Climate Initiatives, GreenRoots John Walkey.



On Monday at Lopresti Park, Mayor Michelle Wu announced the launch of the 'Solarize Eastie' pilot program aimed at increasing solar panel installation in the neighborhood.



Mayor Michelle Wu (center) with members of GreenRoots and city officials as well as representatives from ACE Solar and Resonant Energy during Monday's announcement.

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GIFT OF FLOWERS

PHOTO BY JON SEAMANS

Tania Del Rio of East Boston shows off the flowers she received at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour at Doherty Playground in Charlestown on May 9. Participants enjoyed Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market with additional support provided by City Express. The series continues through June 30, for upcoming dates and locations go to www.boston.gov/departments/ parks-and-recreation/neighborhood-coffee-hours.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful. successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two

of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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We are leaning into our role as a civic leader to work with all

We are inspired by a new era of activism in Boston, as well as a group of strong and diverse leaders who are showing us that problems—once deemed too political, expensive or complex to solve—can be addressed.



Our New Pathway responds to the ongoing surge in activism spurred by COVID-19, the economic devastation caused by the pandemic, and the all-too-public exposure of systemic and structural racism, which intersects with every other class, economic, gender and ethnic form of injustice.

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those who toil, every day, to create a more equitable Boston. We invite you to join us. Follow our research, engage in our conversations, participate in our advocacy—all with the goal of making Boston a leader in the long-overdue and urgent drive toward equity.



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**Una invitación** a Fundación Boston aprovecha estemomento para forjar un nuevo camino que se centre

en la equidad, la justicia y la oportunidad. Estamos ejerciendo un nuevo rol como líder cívico para trabajar con todos aquellos que se esfuerzan día a día para crear una Boston más justa. Lo

Estamos motivados por una nueva era de activismo en Boston, además de un grupo de líderes diversos e inspiradores que nos demuestran que los problemas, que alguna vez se considerar on demasiado políticos, costosos y complejos de resolver, se pueden abordar.



Our New Pathway responde al surgimiento continuo del activismo impulsado por la COVID-19, la devastación económica que causó y la exposición pública al racismo sistemático y estructural, que se conjuga con todas las demás formas de injusticia de clase, económica, de género y étnica.

invitamos a acompañarnos. Siga nuestra investigación, participe en nuestras conversaciones, participe en nuestra defensa para convertir a Boston en líder del objetivo urgente y pendiente de igualdad.



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### EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL BATTLES BOSTON CITY LEAGUE RIVALS BOSTON LATIN ACADEMY

Boston City League rivals East Boston and Boston Latin Academy battled it out on the baseball and softball diamonds Thursday, May 5. While the boys produced but a single run—the Jets won, 1-0 at Memorial Park—the girls game featured scoring galore as BLA ran to a 23-11 win at American Legion Playground.

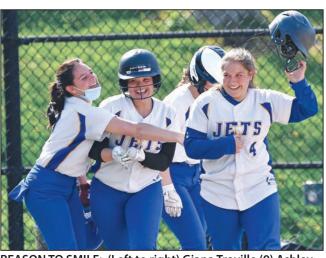
The boys improved to

9-1 behind Andry Marte's complete game and some deft sixth-inning baserunning by Michael O'Neil. O'Neil reached on an error, stole second, took third on a passed ball, and scored on Jared Pacitta's sacrifice fly to left field to account for the only—but the winning—run.

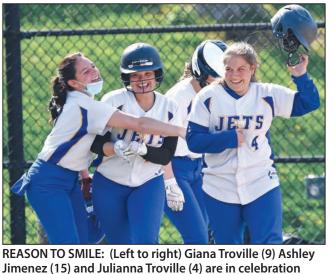
The girls dropped to 5-4 overall with their loss.



**OUT AT FIRST: First baseman Anaihaliz Rivera Mercado** takes the throw to get the out on a BLA runner.

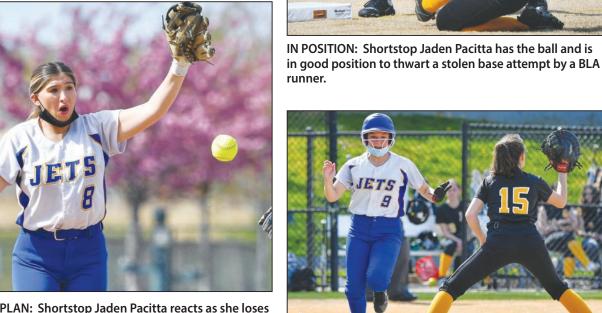


Jimenez (15) and Julianna Troville (4) are in celebration mode after they scored East Boston's first three runs on Julianna's first inning three-run homer.





NOT THE PLAN: Shortstop Jaden Pacitta reacts as she loses control of a pop fly during East Boston's 23-11 loss to Boston Latin Academy on Thursday, May 5 at American Legion Playground.



SAFE: Gianna Troville steps on the first base bag and beats

ON THE BOUNCE: Right fielder Alexis Copithorn fields the ball on a hop after a BLA drive landed safely for a base hit.



SMILES OF VICTORY: Catcher Janneson Martinez and first

baseman Chris Frazier join winning pitcher Andry Marte on

the mound after Marte struck out a Boston Latin Academy

batter for the final out of East Boston's 1-0 win Thursday,

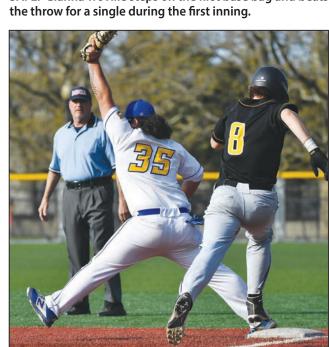
SURE GLOVE: Second baseman Gianna Troville fields a

sharp ground ball.

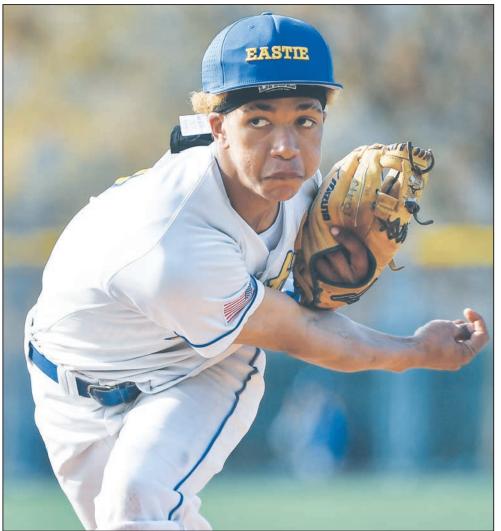
TWO DOWN, ONE TO GO: Right fielder Luis Ortiz calmly squeezes his glove on a fly ball to get the second out of the BLA final inning.



SCORE ONE FOR THE JETS: Michael O'Neil accepts a glad hand from an assistant coach after scoring Eastie's only run in a 1-0 win over Boston Latin Academy.



STRETCH TIME: First baseman Chris Frazier (35) makes the stretch and has the ball ahead of the BLA runner for the

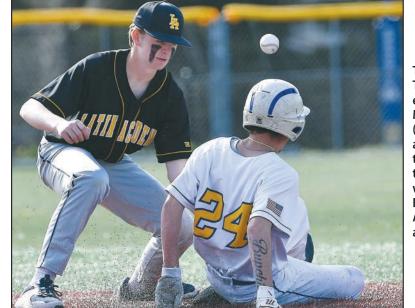


CAN'T TOUCH THIS: Andry Marte was a force on the mound as he held BLA scoreless as

the Jets improved to 9-1 with a 1-0 win.



**ALL IT TAKES: Jared** Pacitta watches the flight of the ball he hit to deep left field. The ball was caught, but too deep to prevent Eastie's Michael O'Neill from tagging up from third and scoring East Boston's only run in a 1-0 win over Boston Latin Academy Thursday, May 5 at Memorial Park.



THE SETUP: The ball bounces free and Michael O'Neil (24) is safe with a stolen base in the bottom of the sixth inning with Eastie and **Boston Latin** Academy tied at 0-0.

## Annissa Essaibi George delivers supplies to Ukraine refugees living in Poland

By John Lynds

With the help from local donors like East Boston High School, Mario Real Estate and the Cunard Tavern, former City Councilor, Mayoral Candidate and Eastie High teacher Annissa Essaibi George traveled to the Poland-Ukraine border recently to deliver supplies to Ukrainian refugees fleeing the war raging in their homeland.

Essaibi George and a small group of volunteers, which included her sister Sonia, spent a week delivering supplies and volunteering in Poland at the refugee centers in Przemysl and Medyka and even traveled across the border into Ukraine to help deliver supplies.

"Being in the refugee center full of families who were carrying all they could with them, many with pets in tow, made me think about my mom and grandparents and their experience as displaced persons post-World War II," said Essaibi George, whose mother Barbara was born to Polish parents in a Displaced Persons' camp in Germany. "Her story inspired me to make this trip to help those experiencing something similar



The bags were jammed packed with humanitarian aid including medical supplies, feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes.

to what my family went through just a generation ago. Among the people in the refugee center, I could see my grandparents and my mom, then just a toddler, moving through the converted supermarket and on to an unknown future far from what used to be home, hopeful to build a new life."

> in Ukraine. "Thanks to the Boston community and beyond," said Essaibi George. "We left the US with over 2,000 pounds of humanitarian aid including medical supplies, feminine hygiene products, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes, packed in 26 large hockey bags. Many of those hockey bags were delivered to us already loaded with donations from local hockey programs, the Boston Police and Boston Fire hockey clubs as well as bags from East Boston High, Boston Latin Academy and Boston Latin School Even the Bruins showed up to provide team

With donations and cash

pouring in from Eastie and

other Boston neighbor-

hoods, Essaibi George said

she and the other volun-

teers used the many cash

donations, totaling almost

\$25,000, to purchase and

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spent a week delivering supplies and volunteering in Poland at the refugee centers in Przemysl and Medyka and even traveled across the border into Ukraine to help deliver supplies.

Essaibi George thanked all those who donated cash as well as helped the volunteers with the sorting and packing for the trip. These donors included Joe Mario from Mario Real Estate and the Cunard Tavern in Eastie.

"We met many Ukrainians who were taking the supplies one car-load at a time directly to internally displaced Ukrainians, and children and the elderly who cannot be moved easily, often putting themselves in harm's way to help others," said Essaibi George. "One volunteer we met knew of orphanages in Ukraine that desperately needed diaper rash cream and medicine for children who could not be evacuated, and we were able to purchase almost \$10,000 of these products to deliver to them. We heard many stories like this where volunteers were constantly solving problems, doing their best to source needed supplies and get them



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Essaibi George said she left Poland grateful and overwhelmed.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve a small part in helping Ukrainian refugees internally and externally displaced, for your incredible support, and for the many other volunteers who have sprung into action to help however they can," she said. "I am overwhelmed by the enormity

of this tragedy and the toll it is taking on Ukraine, by the need for more support food, water, and basic supplies, and by the spirit of Ukrainians who have stood strong to defend their country. You all helped us bring much needed humanitarian aid to the refugee center in Przemysl, Poland and to volunteers who transported the items over the border into Ukraine to be distributed there."

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## Amtrak unveils summer schedule ahead of peak travel season

Bolstered by a demand for both business and leisure travel, Amtrak unveiled its summer schedule featuring the most Acela frequencies since the onset of the pandemic and Northeast Regional departures nearing 80% of pre-pandemic service levels. The new summer schedule also includes the restoration of four long distance trains to daily service. Expanded frequencies and service restoration was made possible by our talented, existing workforce and optimism for future hiring—an initiative that has led to more than 1,500 new employees this year. Committed to fostering an environment where diverse ideas, backgrounds and perspectives thrive, Amtrak aims to provide career growth and satisfaction through a wide range of professional and personal opportunities. Offering well-paying,

"Thanks to our dedicated existing employees and newly-hired staff, we are thrilled to expand our scheduled service just in time to meet customers' rising demand for travel this summer," said Stephen Gardner, CEO at Amtrak. "We are recruit-

ing and training additional

employees nationwide to

rewarding work alongside

hiring bonuses and relo-

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Amtrak is focused on at-

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Amtrak anticipates the announcement of additional service for summer travel later this spring.

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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 17 de mayo 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 13 de mayo 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 & 19 de abril de 2022 6:35 pm
- NUEVO NEGOCIO

6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero, Massport, Phase II update

7:15 pm - Declaraciones de 2 minutos de los nominados para llenar vacantes

- 7-45 pm Votación para llenar cinco (5) vacantes de la Junta (términos de 3 años que comenzarán el 1 de julio de 2022 y terminarán el 30 de junio de 2025)
- d. 8:00 pm Descripción del puesto Secretario ejecutivo de la Junta
   e. 8:15 pm- Programación de capacitación en diversidad e inclusión para miembros de la Junta
- 8:15 pm Actualización Acuerdo de Modificación de Operaciones, Seguridad y Mantenimiento (OSM) (discusión continua) b. 8:20 pm - Actualización - Compromiso financiero anual de Massport (discusión continua)
- c. 8:30 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 eclebrar 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 Secretari Commonwealth por correo electrónico a través de correo de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha

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, May 17, 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). The meeting will also be live

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before <u>May 13, 2022</u>.

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 & April 19, 2022 - 6:35 pm

New Business

6:45 pm - Anthony Guerriero/Massport, Phase II update (w/public

 comment)
 5. 7:15 pm – 2 min Statements by Nominees to fill vacancies c. 7:45 pm – Vote to fill five (5) Board vacancies (3 year terms to begin July 1, 2022 and end on June 30, 2025)

d. 8:00 pm – Job Description – Board executive secretary
e. 8:15 pm – Scheduling of Diversity and Inclusion Training for Board

a. 8:15 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM)

Agreement (continued discussion)

b. 8:20 pm - Massport annual financial commitment (continued discussion)

c. 8:30 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 been posted on the organization's website at: <a href="www.EBPierPAC.org">www.EBPierPAC.org</a> 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.

## Cammella Mangino

Former Home Health Aide

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Monday, May 9 in the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, 773 Broadway (Rte. 107) Revere for Cammella H. (Rossi) Mangino, 76, who died on Monday, May 2 surrounded by her loving family at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston following a brief illness. All other services were held privately.

A native of Boston's North End and a current resident of East Boston, she was born to the late Dominic and Gladys (Carlisle) Rossi and raised and educated in Boston. As a young woman, the family moved to East Boston, where Cammella remained for over 56 years until her passing.

Cammella was fun-loving mother who devoted herself to her three daughters. She later returned to the workforce when her children where older and worked various jobs. She later became a home health aide and in doing so, she also took a sign language class to help communicate with some of her patients. She was very good at her job and made sure her patients knew that they were in good hands.

She was full of life and energy and made everything fun and eventful. Cammella was always looking for adventure in any activity. She enjoyed singing Karaoke and dancing, usually at the Beachmont VFW. She was also an avid Bingo player, it was one of her favorite activities. She was a very social person and made friends easily wherever



she went. She loved her unconditionally and being together was what she loved the most. The beloved wife of the

late Anthony Bentivegna and Robert Mangino, she was the loving mother of Josephine M. Spagnoli and her husband, Louis A. of Marblehead, Teresa M. Helfer and her husband, Robert M. of Revere and Kristin M. DiStefano and her husband, Frank of Beverly; cherished grandmother of Anthony P. Spagnoli and his wife, Abbey Interrante of Alexandria, VA, Gabriella M. Golisano of East Boston and Brendon T. Helfer and Jamie M. Helfer, both of Revere; dear sister of John L. Rossi of Dover, NH, Thomas J. Rossi of Boston and the late Dominic Rossi, Paul Rossi and James Martin. She is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN

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## **OBITUARIES**

## Anthony Joseph "A-Jay" **DiGirolamo**

Of New Hampshire, formerly of East Boston

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Anthony Joseph "A-Jay" DiGirolamo, 47 years old, of Stratham, NH, the son of Anthony "Deeg" DiGirolamo and his wife, Debbie of Lynn, formerly of East Boston, and the late Eileen (Carlton) DiGirolamo. He also leaves his brothers, Jeff and Scott Mack and the love of his life, Diana Castiello of Ware and many beloved aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friends.

He was born and raised in East Boston and attended Latin Academy where he ended up getting his GED at a later date. He went on to study computer programming at a technical school in Boston. A-Jay loved spending time with family and friends and whoever knew him loved him for his larger than life personality. He loved playing his many bass guitars and music. He loved feeding his intellectual curiosity



with reading and watching documentaries and he was also a fan of Fine Arts. He was also a great fan of the New England Patriots, Boston Bruins, Boston Red Sox and the Boston Celtics.

Family and friends will honor A-Jay's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home North Shore, 10 Chestnut Street, Peabody on Saturday, May 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. with a prayer service taking place at 2 p.m. in our serenity chapel. Family and friends are respectfully invited at 3 p.m. to share memories and stories about Anthony with all in attendance. May he rest in peace.

### Giuseppe Guarino Of East Boston, formerly of Italy

Giuseppe Guarino of East Boston passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, May 3 at 99 years of age.

Giuseppe was born on September 20, 1922 in Mirabella Eclano Avellino, Italy to Agostino Guarino and Colomba Morella Guarino. Giuseppe was one of seven children, the eldest being Ernesto and Caterina, Maria, Elena, Delfina, and Guido.

Giuseppe married to Maria (Gracie) Grazia Guarino in January of 1944 and they had their their first child, Columbia in 1946. A few years later, they emigrated to the USA where they had many more children. He was the devoted father to Columbia, Lorraine and her spouse, Ronnie, Michael, Anthony, Joseph and Barry. He was the cherished grandfather to 12: Lucille, Vinny, Elaina, Deana, Rochelle, Ronnie, Michael, Niesa, Anthony, Shaina, Jonessa, and Joey and cherished great-grandfather to 12: Michael, Dariana, Antonion, Georgie, Attilio, Corey, Marco, Joey, Arianna, Aaliyah,



Amina and Anthony. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends honored Giuseppe's life by gathering at Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, on Friday, May 6 for a Funeral Mass celebrating his life and he was laid to rest with his beloved wife at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May they rest in

In accordance with the Guarino family's wishes and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Giuseppe's name to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St., Suite B-102, Danvers MA 01923 or online at http://www.caredimensions.org/giving/ ways-to-give/index.cfm. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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### Gino Trichilo

Of Revere

Gino Trichilo of Revere passed away from complications of cancer on May 9 at the age 49. Born in Malden on October 25, 1972 to Carmela (D'Ambrosio) and the late Giuseppe Trichilo, he was the beloved fiancé of Lorine Hughes, dear brother of Frank Trichilo and his wife, Keila, Sandro Trichilo and his wife, Renee and Annamaria Trichilo and her boyfriend, Edilf Cehic, all of Revere and Joseph Trichilo and his wife, Annie of Lynnfield; adored uncle of Alexio, Alessandro, Abriana, Kasim, Vincenzo and Filipe and is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

His Funeral will be from the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere St, Revere on Saturday, May 14 at 9 a.m. followed by



a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church in Revere at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Entombment Woodlawn Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. For complete obituary, please www.buonfiglio. visit

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**LEGAL NOTICE** 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. SU21P1732EA Estate of: Robert Brandon Date of Death: 05/01/2020 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carole Bouzy of Hyde Park, 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: Carole Bouzy of Hyde Park, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate 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 day of 06/09/2022. 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 day, action may be taken

without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED AD-MINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration 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 Date: May 03, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate





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## Malden Catholic's Leading Beyond Gala raises over \$1,000,000

Malden Catholic held its 16th Annual Gala on Thursday, April 28, 2022 in the Doherty Gymnasium and celebrated the school's 90th Anniversary along with honoring longtime benefactors, Dr. Daniel J. McCarthy '50 and Mrs. Margaret T. (Noonan) McCarthy GC '50, with the distinguished Plus Ultra Award. Over 360 parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends attended the live event which raised over \$1,000,000 for Malden Catholic student

scholarships. According to John K. Thornburg, MC President, "This has been a momentous year for Malden Catholic - we are celebrating our 90th anniversary and the first class of Girls Division students to graduate in May 2022 along with the Boys Division. Malden Catholic is leading beyond all expectations, by fostering nine generations of extraordinary young adults who continue to flourish from the education provided by this outstanding institu-

In the tradition of Malden Catholic's Annual



Shown seated are honorees Dr.Daniel McCarthy and his wife Margaret. Standing are James Donovan, Chair of the Board (left) and John K. Thornburg, MC President

Gala, the school celebrated a couple who personifies the pillars of character, leadership and success - Dr. Daniel J. McCarthy '50 and Mrs. Margaret T. (Noonan) McCarthy GC '50 as the Plus Ultra Honorees. Dr. McCarthy, Emeritus University Distinguished Professor and McKim-D'Amore Distinguished Professor of

Global Management and Innovation, ranks as the #1 most published author (tied) in the Journal of World Business from 1993-2003, and has been ranked in the top 5 percent of all authors world-wide who published in the leading international business journals from 1996 to 2005, according to a Michigan State Univer-

sity study. He is also one of the top three scholars internationally in business and management in Russia and Central and Eastern Europe, based on a Journal of International Business Studies article analyzing publications in 13 leading journals from 1986-2003. Mrs. McCarthy GC '50 was a nurse and long-time realtor on

the North Shore. Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy MC & GC 1950 have established scholarship funds for Malden Catholic Girls and Boys Divisions as well as a fund in memory of Margaret's cousin Margaret M. Dunphy 1961. They are also members of the Malden Catholic's Plus Ultra and the Saint Francis Xavier Societies.

"We are most grateful to Margaret and Dan McCarthy for their tremendous dedication and commitment to Malden Catholic," stated Thornburg. "The 2022 Leading Beyond Gala is the highest grossing Gala in our history and our entire community has been very generous in supporting our students!"

Malden Catholic Gala proceeds will benefit student scholarships and help ensure that qualified young men and women who want to attend MC are able to do so, regardless of family finances.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern and Amherst College. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curriculum is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. https://www.

## Goldberg announces Interim Chairman for the Cannabis Control Commission

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg announced that Sarah G. Kim was sworn in as Interim Chairman for the Cannabis Control Commission (Commission). Ms. Kim replaces Steven J. Hoffman who submitted his resignation as Chair in April after serving for several years to establish a successful new industry in Massachusetts. Ms. Kim is tasked with leading the Commission as the Treasurer continues the search process for a permanent Chairman.

"Sarah has extensive leadership experience and knowledge about the standards, goals, and operations of the Commission, as well as perspective on necessary steps as we progress in the implementation of good policies in Massachusetts," said State



Sarah G. Kim.

Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "We are proud to appoint her as the Interim Chair, and strongly support her efforts in this new role."

"I am grateful to the Treasurer for entrusting me with this opportunity to be the Interim Chair of the Cannabis Control Commission until a new Chair is appointed, and I look forward to working with agency staff, stake-

holders, and commissioners to continue the important work of growing a successful, safe, and equitable industry in Massachusetts," said Sarah G. Kim, Interim Chairman of the Cannabis Control Commission.

Ms. Kim has worked for the Office of the Massachusetts State Treasurer & Receiver General since 2015 and currently serves as a Deputy Treasurer and General Counsel. As a Deputy Treasurer, Ms. Kim has general oversight of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, and as General Counsel, she manages the team that provides support to the Treasury and its affiliated agencies on various legal issues, including open meetings, ethics, public records, and campaign finance laws. Ms. Kim also

advises senior staff on strategic policy, procurement, employment, and litigation issues. She coled the Treasury's initial efforts to implement the provisions of the ballot initiative that decriminalized the adult use of recreational marijuana.

Before joining Treasury, Ms. Kim was an Assistant Attorney General in the Fraud and Financial Crimes Division under Attorney General Martha Coakley. Prior to that, she was a litigation attorney for ten years. Ms. Kim currently serves in leadership positions for several philanthropic organizations. She is a graduate of the Villanova University School of Law and Dartmouth College.

Headquartered in Worcester, the Commission was established in 2017 to foster the creation of a safely regulated industry to effectively implement and administer the laws enabling access to medical and adult-use marijuana in the Commonwealth. Leadership for the Commission includes five commissioners and an executive leadership team. A 25-person Cannabis Advisory Board composed of ex officio members and appointments by the Treasurer, Governor, and Attorney General also studies and makes recommendations to the Commission regarding the regulation and taxation of marijuana in Massachusetts in accordance with state law.

"I am excited to welcome Sarah Kim to the Cannabis Control Commission," said Shawn Collins, Executive Director of

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the Commission. "Having previously worked alongside Sarah, I know she will instantly hit the ground running and add tremendous talent to our dynamic team. I'm grateful to Treasurer Goldberg for appointing such a skilled public servant."

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The Office of the Massachusetts Treasurer and Receiver General is currently accepting applications for Chair of the Cannabis Commission for appointment by Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. The position requires experience in corporate management, finance, or securities. Completed applications in PDF form must be submitted via email to HR@tre.state. ma.us and received by June 4, 2022. Applications are available online at www.masstreasury.org.



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## State Treasurer's Veterans' Bonus Division extends eligibility period

The State Treasurer's Bonus Division announced that the eligibility period for the Massachusetts COVID-19 Bonus for National Guard members has been extended past its initial end date of June 15, 2021. National Guard members activated for additional deployments at any point after March 10, 2020 are eligible to receive a subsequent bonus.

"When we launched the COVID-19 Bonus in April 2020, our goal was to thank Massachusetts National Guard members for their service during a time of great uncertainty," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg. "By extending the eligibility period, we are able to support our servicemembers as the pandemic has required their continuing commitment, efforts and focus."

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Treasurer Goldberg and the Veterans' Bonus Division created the Massachusetts COVID-19 Bonus for National Guard members in 2020. National Guard members are eligible to receive a \$500 bonus for their first-time activation and a \$250 subsequent bonus for any additional acti-

National Guard members can follow this link to apply for a first-time or subsequent bonus: https:// www.mass.gov/how-to/ apply-for-a-massachusetts-covid-19-bonus-formass-national-guard

In addition to the bonus extension, the Veterans' Bonus Division has partnered with Unite Us, a national social and health networking platform, to streamline its inquiry system and connect veterans to local veteran-serving organizations.

"Partnering with Unite Us allows us to track inquires better and respond to veterans quickly," said Steven Croteau, Veterans Bonus Program Manager. "With the platform's robust network of veteran-serving organizations, our team is able to better serve our veterans by connecting them to the groups and resources that they need."

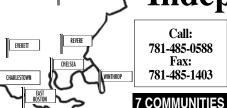
Veterans, service members, or their families can inquire about any of the bonuses offered by the Veterans' Bonus Division by following this link: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/veterans-bonus-inquiry

Through its program,

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hoods make up the rest of

the council district. "You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride, as your Councilor-elect: I am a daughter of District One," said Coletta. "Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support – I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. East Boston has given me so much and shaped me into the person I am today. This beautiful and diverse community has been the start of the American dream for so many immigrant families, including my own almost four generations ago when they climbed the Golden Staircase and settled on Cottage Street in Jeffries Point. I am so proud to be an East Bostonian."

After winning, Coletta said she wanted to extend a particular note of gratitude to Del Rio.

"We elevated the dialogue to focus on policy and plans," she said. "I look forward to working together to ensure our communities thrive. Thank you."

Coletta said throughout her campaign she and her team made some ambitious plans together.

"I am expecting every single one of you to hold me to them because I meant every word," said Coletta. "I meant it when I said that I will fight for affordable and workforce housing on Day One, because I know what it's like to be priced out of our neighborhoods.I meant it when I said that I will fight for accessible and responsive government that works for the people, because I know that the nuts and bolts add up to make a big impact on our quality of life. And I especially meant it when I said that we need to govern with compassion, empathy and humanity at the center of decision-making."

Coletta said she will do everything in her power to empower and amplify immigrant voices in City Hall and across Boston.

"I will use my platform to protect our coastline from the high risk of flooding due to climate change, to expand our parks and tree canopy, and to hold MassPort accountable — because everyone has a right to green space and to breathe clean air," she said. "I will push for a facilities master plan for our public schools marked by investments in healthy



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta cuts her victory cake at her campaign's victory party.

learning environments. And I will fight like hell to close opportunity and achievement gaps by directly supporting children with special needs and English language learners."

Coletta said she plans to hit the ground running once taking the oath of office.

"The work starts now," she said. "You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councilor. I cannot wait to get started. Thank you for your support, your votes, and your love."



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with Charlestown Rep. Dan Ryan and her other Charlestown supporters at Tuesday's victory party. Charlestown came out big for Coletta during the election.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with former District 1 City Councilor Diane Modica.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta and Sen. Lydia Edwards.

## PPSC // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

eral special free community events throughout the summer.

"We're gonna have a bunch of free community days with the first one scheduled for June 18 from 1pm to 4pm," said DeFronzo. "This will be an event that offers free community kayaking and sailing with other events planned throughout the summer with the help of our supporters and sponsors."

DeFronzo added that PPSC received a bunch of new sales from sponsored The Trustees of Reservations and Metis Systems and will add to new sailboats going this year bringing the fleet to 18.

"We're very excited to kick off the season and I think it's going to be a

Graham Smith.

great year," said DeFronzo. "We are going to be doing lots of free community events to encourage more people to come down, get out on the water and sail the harbor."

For over two decades the non-profit community sailing facility on Eastie's waterfront that offers free programs to neighborhood youth has been taking kids off the streets and into productive programming. The center has built a population of confident youth with social and leadership skills that connect them to their natural environment, their community and to each other. Throughout the sailing season kids work closely with instructors, and learn everything from sailing basics to advanced racing, boat maintenance, and navigation. Besides learning to sail, kids learn how to work as a team, build self-confidence, gain leadership and character skills, and develop a deeper appreciation for the sea and its natural surroundings.

"I was happy to join Piers Park Sailing Center for their opening day!" said Rep. Adrian Madaro, who emceed Saturday's event. "I have fond memories of learning to sail at PPSC as a kid. The sailing center is a gem on our waterfront, getting kids and adults out onto Boston Harbor to experience our community's best natural resource. I am excited for my son Matteo to take lessons at PPSC in the near



PPSC Associate Executive Director Dan Moreno.



Lorraine DeFronzo, Sara DeFronzo, Patricia Arasi.



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



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## Massport, elected officials, tourism partners celebrate the return of cruising in Boston

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), local elected officials and leaders of the state and region tourism bureaus celebrated the start of the 2022 Cruise Season in Boston, the first full season in two years. The return of cruising to Flynn Cruiseport Boston supports the tourism recovery for the City of Boston and the Comgenerating monwealth, \$135.5 million in annual economic impact and supports 2,200 jobs. The facility was renamed Flynn Cruiseport Boston in 2017 in honor of former Mayor of Boston and United States Ambassador to the

Vatican Ray Flynn. Massport will welcome 125 ships from 19 cruise lines supporting the local travel and tourism industries. The season includes established routes to Bermuda and Canada/ New England, as well as new ships and itineraries as the cruise lines look to attract new audiences to cruising. The Cruiseport will welcome 12 maiden calls, and for the first time, will have four cruise lines offering five homeport ships and voyages:

· Norwegian Cruise Line: Norwegian Pearl starts April 4th

· Holland America: Zaandam starts May 15 and Nieuw Statendam starts August 3

· Celebrity Cruises: Celebrity Summit starts August 31

· Royal Caribbean International: Voyager of the Seas starts September 18

"Cruising plays an important role in the visitor economy and we are delighted to welcome



Pictured (L to R back row) Captain Kaloyan Nedyalkov, Norwegian Pearl, MOTT Executive Director Keiko Matsudo Orrall, State Representative David Biele, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, and City Council President Ed Flynn. L to R front row GBCVB President and CEO Martha Sheridan, ACD Vice President George McEvoy, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, Massport Acting Port Director Joe Morris, and Lauren Gleason Massport Deputy Port Director.

our cruise partners back to Boston to support the recovery of travel and tourism for the city and the Commonwealth," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland.

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, who represents the MA 8th Congressional District including South Boston, was honored with this year's Maritime Champion award. Congressman Lynch, a former iron worker was part of crew that installed the cranes at Conley Terminal more than 30 years ago. Congressman Lynch has been a steadfast partner to the working port and Massport, helping the Authority secure federal funding for the Boston Harbor Dredging project, which benefits all ships navigating Boston Harbor and allows the port to remain competitive. Congressman Lynch has also supported major improvements at Conley Terminal, enhancements at Flynn Cruiseport Boston, and the growth of seafood processing in South Boston.

"It's an honor to receive Massport's second Maritime Champion award," said U.S. Rep. Stephen F. Lynch. "Both my grandfathers worked in the Port of Boston, so when I ended up working at Conley Terminal, it seemed like a family tradition. Over the years, I've witnessed firsthand Massport's efforts to make the Port of Boston more efficient and more attractive to new businesses. And it has been a pleasure for me to work with Lisa Wieland—she has been a maritime champion in her own right. I am grateful

for this award, and I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of our longshoremen, fishermen, shipfitters, masters, mates, and pilots, and all the import/export businesses that rely upon Massport and the Port of Boston."

Flynn Cruiseport Boston served a record 402,346 passengers on 138 ships in 2019. Generating more than \$130 million and supporting more than 2,000 jobs annually, cruising supports hundreds of businesses large and small throughout the region, from transportation providers and restaurants, to tourist attractions, airlines and hotels, souvenir shops, and provisioning companies that supply the ship. In regard to shore excursions, cruise lines have traditionally focused on main tourist

attractions, giving Boston high passenger reviews. More recently, cruise line shore excursion teams are looking to expand their offerings to include more culturally-diverse experiences and destinations, unique and curated attractions, and opportunities to welcome demographics of all ages from Millennials to baby boomers.

"The economic impact of cruising is critical to the overall vitality of the visitor economy," said Martha Sheridan, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau. "The influx of cruise passengers and the injection of their spending during the summer months - and also through our shoulder seasons - creates a consistent flow of visitors that our destination depends on. This market segment was sorely missed during the pandemic and we are thrilled to see cruising return to Boston!"

Boston is well-known in the cruise industry for having one of the best airport-to-cruiseport proximities in the U.S. The Cruiseport will serve 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.

"The revitalized, expansive cruise ship season will have a viable economic impact on tourism destinations all across the Commonwealth, as intrepid travelers stepping off in Boston realize what cultural, culinary and scenic treasures await them here in the Bay State," said Executive Director Keiko Matsudo Orrall of the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism. "Flynn Cruiseport is fast becoming a gateway for new visitor adventures in Massachusetts and New

England." "Every time a ship visits Boston as a port of call, the passengers and crew are supporting local businesses and jobs," said State Senator Nick Collins. "The Flynn Cruiseport is more than just a stop or a starting point for a cruise - it is an economic engine that provides significant employment opportunities for the people of South Boston and beyond."

For the full cruise schedule and additional information, visit FlynnCruiseportBoston.com and follow @FlynnCruiseport on Twitter.

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