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Shown above, East Boston veteran Bill Chisholm, Mary Ann Curtis, Mayoral Liaison Nathalia Benitez, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, World War II Purple Heart recipient Rocco Telese, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Marine combat veteran and founder of the Wounded Veterans Run Andrew Biggio help dedicate Eastie's new World War II Memorial on the Greenway.



Shown above, Marine combat veteran and founder of the Wounded Veterans Run Andrew Biggio helps raise the flag above the new memorial dedicated to Eastie veterans who served in World War II.

Shown to the left, East Boston veteran Bill Chisholm salutes during the National Anthem and flag raising.

Massport dedicates WWII Memorial on Greenway

By John Lynds

Just before Memorial Day weekend when many reflected on the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice in war Massport unveiled a new World War II Memorial on the section of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway just behind the Wood Island MBTA station.

The memorial was officially dedicated last Thursday after years of lobbying by longtime East Boston activists like Mary Ann Curtis, who was in attendance at last week's

dedication, and the late Dr. Edith DeAngelis.

"All of us in some way have been touched by the events of World War II," said Massport Deputy Director Federal Affairs and Community Relations Anthony T. Guerriero. "President John F. Kennedy, who had deep East Boston roots, once said of World War II and his generation, 'The war made us and it was our greatest single moment'. The memory of the war is a key to our character as a nation. My maternal grandfather, who arrived in East Boston as

an infant in 1913 served in the US Navy during the war and it was truly a defining time in life just like it was for Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, who's grandfather and father both served with distinction."

Massport Director of Corporate Security Harold Shaw, who served for nine years in the US Army, said dedicating the new memorial was of personal significance as a veteran and former FBI agent.

"Let us remember those who have fallen in World War II and in other conflicts in the defense of our country," he said. "Let us never forget their sacrifice."

Rep. Adrian Madaro said there was not a more appropriate way to begin Memorial Day weekend than to honor the Eastie soldiers who had fallen during World War II.

"Far too many lost their lives in that battle for freedom and for democracy,"

said Madaro. "Sixteen million men and women served in the armed forces during World War II and while many made it home many lost their lives against tyranny and oppression. Out of the 16 million that served less than two percent or roughly 300,000 veterans of the war are alive today so it is important that we honor them."

Madaro went on to give a special thanks to Marine combat veteran Andrew Biggio, founder of the Wounded Veterans Run.

"I want to give a special thank you to my dear friend Andrew Biggio," said Madaro. "Beyond working on the Wounded Veterans Run he has made it his life's mission to honor the sacrifices of World War II veterans. He has taken a number of delegations of surviving veterans back to the theater of combat in Italy, France,

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Six-alarm fire rips through grandstand

By John Lynds

A six alarm blaze late Monday night tore through a portion of the former Suffolk Downs racetrack's historic grandstand.

According to the Boston Fire Department the blaze began at just before 11 p.m. when a fire erupted inside the grandstand's old press box. The track was open earlier in the day for simulcasting but no one was in the building at the time of the fire.

On arrival firefighters reported fire in the roof area and heavy smoke throughout the building.

Crews raced to contain the fire and save the racetrack's iconic grandstand that was built in the 1930s.

A fourth and fifth alarm were quickly ordered due to limited water supply on site and Boston Fire brought in relay pumping equipment to supply water to the fire.

An hour into the fire all firefighters were ordered off the roof and used multiple ladder pipes and towers to attack the fire from above.

Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey was

on the scene of the blaze directing efforts to extinguish the fire.

Dempsey ordered a sixth alarm just after midnight and deployed high tech equipment to direct his firefighter's efforts. The department has been using drones equipped with thermal imaging technology that can detect where a fire is inside any given building. This allows firefighters to concentrate their efforts on these hotspots.

It took over two hours for crews to finally knock down the fire and companies remained on scene to check for removing hot spots.

After the fire was out Dempsey thanked all Boston Fire's mutual aid partners that worked the fire at Suffolk Downs including the Chelsea, Cambridge, Needham, Newton, Somerville, Brookline and Quincy Fire Departments.

In a statement owners of the racetrack HYM said, "Thanks to the Boston Fire Department, the fire was restricted to the old press box on the grandstand roof."

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Eastie’s COVID positive test-rate climbs to nearly 13 percent

By John Lynds

East Boston’s weekly COVID positive test rate jumped back over 10 percent two week ago and has now steadily climbed to nearly 13 percent as Boston health officials grapple with new, more contagious stains of the virus.

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) reported that COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue to rise.

Last week adult COVID-19 hospitalizations in Boston were 208.7 per day, 8.7 over the 200 per day threshold. This metric helps the BPHC understand the burden of serious COVID-19 cases among adults resulting in inpatient care in Boston hospitals.

Last week, 1,209 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 12.8 percent were positive--this was a 24 percent increase from the 10.3 percent that tested positive

as reported by the BPHC on May 23.

One hundred fifty five additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between May 23 and May 30 and there are now 15,540 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston’s citywide weekly positive test rate decreased slightly last week but remains above 11 percent.

According to the BPHC 18,277 residents were tested citywide last week and 11.1 percent were COVID positive--this was a 4 percent decrease from the 11.6 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on May 23.

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

1.1 percent last week and went from 186,446 to 188,509 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,469.

The Boston Public Health Commission strongly recommends residents:

- Wear high-quality, well-fitting masks indoors and on public transportation;
- Stay up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters;
- Stay home if you feel sick;
- Ensure proper indoor ventilation by opening windows when possible;
- Gather outdoors as the weather warms, instead of indoors;
- Test for COVID-19; and contact your health care provider about anti-viral treatment if diagnosed with COVID-19.

EAST BOSTON KIWANIS CLUB TO CELEBRATE ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston marks its 75th Anniversary with a celebration set for Tuesday, June 21, from 6-9 p.m. at Spinelli’s Function Hall, 282 Chelsea Street in East Boston. The Diamond Jubilee Celebration features current and past Kiwanis Club members, and hosts Kiwanians from neighboring clubs, local businesses and community organizations.

Since 1947, the Kiwanis Club served the East Boston community and its residents in need. Over the years, the club awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to East Boston students, hosted the yearly Bicycle Safety Rodeo and bike helmet giveaway, supported East Boston youth sports teams and youth organizations, collected food and clothing for local food pantries and assistance drives, delivered holiday baskets for those in need, and hosted local senior citizens for outings in Salem and Westford.

“The Kiwanis Club of East Boston is an institution in this community, serving local children, senior citizens and those in need for the past 75 years,” said club President Andrea DiBattista. “Over that time, members have donated their time, money and creativity to lift up the East Boston community, helping to improve the quality of life for all residents here.”

Tickets to the club’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration are \$50 per person. For tickets, or information about joining this community service organization, call 617-823-2170.

ORIENT HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

OHNC Design Review Committee Meeting Agenda - Thursday, June 2nd, 2022

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Agenda

- 972 Saratoga Street - La Fonda Restaurant is seeking a tentative live entertainment license.
- They had an abutters meeting on April 12th.
- Abutters Radius
 - 100-102 Beachview Street
- Presentation
- Variances
- Abutters Radius
 - 5 Breed Street - Seeking to erect a new building with 4 residential units.
- Presentation
- Variances seeking: FAR, Height, Parking
- Abutters radius

HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6pm. Please NOTE that the meeting will be In Person and via Zoom. The meeting will be held in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club cafeteria, across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. You can access the meeting from the front door on Byron Street or from the rear door on Wordsworth Street, which is the handicap entry to avoid the stairs. Since we will be indoors masks are optional to those in attendance.

Our interpreter Ricardo will be available for our Spanish speaking members.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en el 6 de junio 2022 a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Zoom. Llega a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado de Brooke Charter School. Puede usar la entrada principal por la calle Byron o la entrada en calle de Wordsworth. La entrada de la calle Wordsworth no tiene escaleras por personas con discapacidades.

El cubre bocas sera opcional puesto que estaremos adentro. Nuestro interprete Ricardo, est ara presente para nuestros miembros de habla hispana.

Agenda

Welcome/Introduction (5min)

Announcements (5min)

Tree Eastie; Salesian 13th Annual Auction for Summer Camp Scholarships, No July HVNA meeting; ZBA hearing 10:30am on June 7th for 486-490 Bennington Street.

Station 7 Police Report (15min) Sgt. Cintolo, Officer Domenico and Officer Mosley.

Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) (10min) Enrique Pepen, Executive Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services. He will meet the membership and share what is his mission and action of his office.

Brooke Charter School (10min) Mark Loring, Chief Operating Officer for the Brooke Charter Schools will update us on any new developments/plans since last speaking with us about proposed expansion of the Byron/Horace Street Campus.

Elections of the HVNA Board (15min) The members eligible to vote will cast ballots for the candidates: Phil Brangiforte, Skip Marcella, Mike McCormack and Joe Steffano Jr.

John Walkey Green Roots. (10min) Mr. Walkey will present a new program involving solar panels for people in East Boston. This program is sponsored by Mayor Wu and the City of Boston.

Boston Scores Partnership/Project (15min) John Maconga, Executive Director of Boston Scores will discuss his non profit and a plan to invest in the Salesians Boys and Girls Club building, field and program.

114 Coleridge Street/1 Short Street (25min) Attorney Jeff Drago for owner, Joseph Ricupero. Proposal and VOTE. Demolish the existing single family home and erect 3 residential buildings, each with 3 units. Total 9 units with 9 parking spaces.

Reminder the meeting will be In Person and via Zoom.

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on August 1, 2022. No July meeting.

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Mayor’s Garden Contest deadline July 13

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced the 26th annual Mayor’s Garden Contest highlighting the hard work of Boston’s urban gardeners. The competition provides the perfect opportunity to recognize the skills of all Boston residents who contribute to the beauty of the city’s landscape.

Boston’s green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, July 13, to submit their gardens for award contention. The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston’s neighborhoods.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite

gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest. The preferred method of entry is to submit photos through the online application. Alternatively, contestants may request an application by emailing their name and address to gardencontest@boston.gov. Paper applications are also available in English and ten additional languages.

Judges will fan out across the city visiting finalists the week of July 25. Once the votes are tallied, first place winners will receive the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Wu while second and third place winners will be

awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony is scheduled to take place in the Boston Public Garden on Monday, August 15.

Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are invited to return as judges.


First place winners are eligible for a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply. In addition, Mahoney’s Garden Centers will provide gardener’s gift bags to the top three winners in each category, as well as gift certificates for the 2022 Hall of Fame winners.

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EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot appointed to Boston’s Board of Health

By John Lynds

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President and CEO Greg Wilmot was named one of two new board members appointed by Mayor Michelle Wu to the Boston Board of Health.

Mayor Michelle Wu made the announcement last Thursday and Wilmot will serve as the Board of Health’s community health center board member seat while Boston University School of Public Health Dr. Sandro Galea will serve as the board’s chairperson.

The Boston City Council approved Wu’s nomination of Wilmot and Dr. Galea last Wednesday at the council meeting. Wilmot will replace former EBNHC President and CEO Manny Lopes on the board representing community health centers.

“Gregory Wilmot and



EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot appointed to Boston’s Board of Health.

Dr. Sandro Galea will bring the necessary experience to the Board of Health to ensure our public health policy is responsive to the needs of all Bostonians,” said Wu. “I am grateful to Manny Lopes and Dr. Jennifer Childs-Roshak for their

service to our city.”

Wilmot was recruited to the Health Center by Lopes in 2017 to serve as the Health Center’s Executive Director of Neighborhood PACE, which saw a 48 percent growth under his leadership. Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, or PACE Program, has allowed seniors in Eastie to live safely in their homes instead of in nursing homes. The Health Center has successfully implemented this national program to help seniors live with dignity and security at home by providing them the necessary support and services.

Wilmot served as EBNHC’s interim CEO after Lopes left to become a Vice President at Blue Cross Blue Shield before being appointed to the role fulltime in February by the Health Center’s board.

Prior to his appointment

as President and CEO, Wilmot served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of EBNHC.

“I am honored to serve our great city in this exciting and meaningful role on Boston’s Board of Health,” said Wilmot. “Like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the City of Boston is committed to ensuring health equity for all and I look forward to working alongside this distinguished group of public health professionals and our city’s leaders to advance this agenda for all of Boston.”

Prior to joining EBNHC in 2017, Wilmot worked at AllWays Health Partners, a member of Mass General Brigham, where he led the organization’s Mass-Health Accountable Care Organization strategy and operations. Additionally, Wilmot previously served as Boston Medical Cen-

ter’s director of business development, where he partnered with clinical and administrative leaders at the hospital and across key partners to create new opportunities for growth and expand clinical services and quality goals. Wilmot also worked for former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s Executive Office of Health and Human Services as senior advisor and director of strategy and performance management and held various operational and management roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

“I am thrilled to have Dr. Sandro Galea and Greg Wilmot joining the Board of Health,” said Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. “Both are outstanding leaders who add signifi-

cant management, health communications, and academic rigor to the conversation about the future of public health in Boston. I look forward to working with them to guide and enhance the Commission’s work.”

The Board of Health serves an important role in helping the Boston Public Health Commission achieve its health goals for the city. Throughout the Commission’s history, agency staff have relied on the leadership of the Board to provide valuable agenda setting, oversight, guidance, and policy development functions. The Board’s support is particularly important as BPHC leads the response and recovery from COVID-19, works to eliminate health inequities in Boston, and strengthens mental and behavioral health interventions and resources available to residents.

Sen. Lydia Edwards secures \$200K for Eastie programs in Senate version of budget

By John Lynds

Last week the state Senate approved a nearly \$50 billion budget with Senator Lydia Edwards able to earmark \$200,000 for East Boston-based programs and initiatives as well as another \$1 million for a regional ferry.

Edwards’ \$1 million amendment, by far her largest earmark during the senator’s first budget negotiations since being elected this past winter, will be used to operate a regional water ferry that

would connect Eastie, Winthrop, Lynn, Quincy, and the North End. The ferry extension will add Lynn and Eastie to the Winthrop and Quincy line and bring it under the MBTA.

Edwards said this ferry will mitigate transportation as MassDOT begins its project next month to overhaul the Sumner Tunnel with weekend closures culminating in a four month closure in 2023.

“I was proud to work with my colleagues in the legislature to secure

the funds for the necessary mitigation,” said Edwards. “The closing of the Sumner Tunnel impacts the entire region. The funds will be used to subsidize and expand ferry service within the MBTA. We need to be investing in our waterfront transportation.”

Edwards said the \$1 million in funding will be used next year when the tunnel is shut down between May and September.

Earlier this month Rep. Adrian Madaro and Rep.

Aaron Miclewitz, Chairman of Ways and Means, earmarked \$1 million in the House version of the state budget to expand the Eastie ferry pilot program. The earmark will ensure ferry service continues to run between Eastie and the North End until November 2022 with the hopes of continuing regular ferry service between the two neighborhoods indefinitely.

Edwards’ earmark expanded on this effort beyond November with the hopes of creating a more

regional ferry program once the Sumner Tunnel is under construction.

As far as Eastie-specific programs and initiatives Edwards secured \$50,000 for the Friends of Belle Isle. This money will allow the group to continue their preservation program’s at the marsh.

“Salt marshes like Belle Isle offer various environmental and economic benefits, as our region is increasingly threatened by a rising sea level and temperatures,” said Edwards.

Another \$50,000 was

secured to combat substance abuse and homelessness in Eastie as well as other parts of her district.

Another \$50,000 earmark will go towards Zumix so the popular music and performing arts non-profit can host a Latino Heritage Festival.

Finally, Edwards secured \$50,000 to expand East Boston High School’s STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program as well as the high school’s youth guidance initiative.

Councilor Coletta announces Elizabeth Sanchez as Chief of Staff

By John Lynds

Newly sworn in District 1 City Councilor Gabriela ‘Gigi’ Coletta promised to hit the ground running and has been assembling a team of the best and brightest, starting with the most recent appointment of Elizabeth ‘Ellie’ Sanchez as Chief of Staff.

Coletta announced Tuesday the East LA native and longtime education and civic engagement advocate in the Boston area will lead her office.

Colette said Sanchez brings a decade of experience in education, civic engagement, and Massachusetts public policy.

“I’m incredibly honored to work with Councilor Coletta and to serve East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End with passion and commitment for each community,” said Sanchez. “I have deeply admired Councilor Coletta’s work for years and know how deeply she cares for these communities. Together we will serve the district effectively by listening to community members and fighting for our students, educators, families, multilingual learners, and all residents so that they can thrive in a safe and prospering district.”

Born and raised in an urban suburb of East LA, where Sanchez grew up with her parents and two sisters in a working-class Latinx and Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community. A daughter of Mexican-immigrant parents, Sanchez credits her dad’s hard work as a unionized public transportation operator as a significant reason for her family’s security and success.



Elizabeth ‘Ellie’ Sanchez.

Growing up in LA Sanchez attended low-income public schools and said she saw first-hand the inequities many students have to face simply because of their zip code and race. Without government investment in college access programs for low-income students, like Upward Bound, she said she would have never been able to attend a higher education institution.

After graduating from UCLA in 2014, Sanchez said she wanted to dive deep into the public education world and moved to Boston to learn from the “best” public education system in the country. She served as a corps member for City Year Boston and worked on literacy interventions with 5th-grade students at an elementary school in Dorchester. When she wrapped up her year of service, she worked as a teaching assistant at the Orchard Gardens K-8 in Roxbury.

She spent much of her time in education working with schools in district one, including the Donald McKay K-8 in East Boston and Charlestown High School, to implement civic education programs and

provide educators with adequate professional development.

Sanchez went on to receive her graduate degree in Education Policy and Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Before joining Councilor Coletta’s office, Ellie worked at Generation Citizen (GC), a project-based civics education organization where she partnered with school districts all over the commonwealth to implement GC’s action-based civics curriculum. She also helped pass legislation in 2018 that would require students to participate in a civics education course in 8th grade and once again in high school. Through this work, Sanchez realized her passion for making education equitable for low-income students of color through policy and programmatic initiatives.

She became an Associate at the Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy. Through this work, Sanchez tackled issues on education with a cross-sector lens. A few of the projects she led at

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022

These have been difficult times for all of us, but particularly for our young people, who have sacrificed so many of their rites of passage to the demands of the pandemic during these past two years.

For older people such as ourselves, some of what we've lost -- such as a vacation or similar -- have only been postponed. We can make them up later.

But for our young people of high school and college age, their once-in-a-lifetime experiences, ranging from sports and extracurriculars, to class trips, to proms, to graduation days, either were canceled altogether or conducted in a truncated form.

We are only now beginning to recognize and understand the significant psychological and emotional impacts, not to mention the lost learning time and lack of contact with friends, that the pandemic has wrought upon this generation. The experts tell us that those adverse impacts will last well beyond the end of the pandemic (whenver that may be).

Still, life goes on, and it is with great pleasure and relief to see that the graduates of the Class of 2022 have been able to resume their lives to a level of near-normalcy, especially during this graduation season.

Graduation is a bittersweet time, both for the grads and their family members.

For the parents who will be watching their sons and daughters step to the podium when their name is called, no doubt they will be thinking of how fast time has gone by since they first brought their child by the hand to preschool and kindergarten.

Such moments bring to mind the sentiments expressed in the lyrics of the song, Sunrise, Sunset, from the musical Fiddler on the Roof:

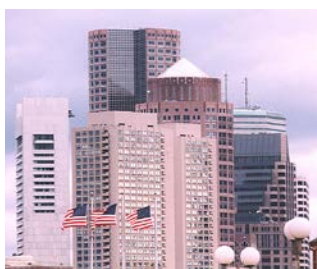
Is this the little girl I carried
Is this the little boy at play?
I don't remember growing older
When did they?
When did she get to be a beauty
When did he grow to be so tall?
Wasn't it yesterday when they were small?
Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly flow the days
Seedlings turn overnight to sunflowers
Blossoming even as we gaze
Sunrise, sunset
Sunrise, sunset
Swiftly fly the years
One season following another
Laden with happiness and tears

A high school graduation is a singular event in the life of every community, where almost everybody knows one of the graduates or their families. All of us share the happiness and sense of achievement of our young people who will be receiving their diplomas. And for all of us, a high school graduation brings back our own fond memories from our long-gone youth.

For the grads, their high school graduation marks both an end and a beginning. The grads no longer are children, either in the eyes of the law or in reality. They are full-fledged adults who will be leaving the sheltered harbor, where they have been protected from the full fury of life's storms and vicissitudes by their families and teachers, and embarking on a journey which none of them will be able to anticipate, but which will be full of surprises, both joyful and tearful.

We congratulate the Class of 2022 for all of the accomplishments that have earned them the right to step onto that podium to receive their diplomas.

We know we join with all of the members of our community in wishing them fair weather, both for their Graduation Day and in the years ahead.



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Wu announces curbside food waste collection program

Building on her commitment to make Boston a Green New Deal City, Mayor Michelle Wu and the Public Works Department announced that a curbside food waste collection program with rolling online enrollment is now available. Food waste collection will align with residents' scheduled trash and recycling collection days. This program will reduce the City's reliance on landfills and incinerators, and make it more convenient for Boston residents to dispose of their household food waste. The food waste, which will be collected through a partnership between Garbage to Garden and Save That Stuff, will be sent to Save that Stuff's composting site in West Bridgewater to be turned into compost that will be made available to Boston parks, gardens, and schools, and sent to Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown where it will be made into clean energy.

"In Boston we do big things by getting the small things right, and curbside food waste collection is an important example of how we can each have an impact in moving our city toward sustainability with how we dispose of our food scraps," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Making it easier and more accessible for residents to compost diverts our City's waste from landfills and incineration, so Boston can be a Green New Deal city. I encourage everyone interested to sign up, and I'm excited to see how the program grows in the years to come."

Any Boston resident who lives in a residential building with six units or less is eligible to enroll in the program. The City is

prioritizing enrollment in the program to residents in vulnerable communities, based on the state's criteria for environmental justice communities coupled with proximity to a Project Oscar compost drop-off site. This year's curbside collection program will have a cap of 10,000 households for the first year, with the goal of adding 10,000 or more every year, depending on demand.

Service begins August 1, 2022. In July, compost bin "starter kits" will be delivered to residents who have enrolled in the program. The "starter kits" include an onboarding manual, a roll of liners, kitchen bin, collection bin, and a magnet outlining what food scraps are and are not accepted in the program. Accepted materials include common household food scraps such as coffee grounds, fruits and vegetables, meat and seafood, and eggs.

"Food waste constitutes one-third of the current waste stream, and we're excited to introduce this program to Boston residents to help meet our zero waste goals," said Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge. "Our goal is to educate residents on ways to reduce the amount of food waste they generate and give them ways to responsibly dispose of what they can't use or donate."

"Expanded composting opportunities for Boston residents is critical to meet our zero-waste goals," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "By centering environmental justice communities in this process, we are placing equity at the forefront of our work and helping

the residents that are most impacted by the effects of climate change."

This announcement aligns with Boston's Zero Waste Plan, outlining the City's strategy to reduce its waste by 2035. MassDEP estimates that food waste accounts for more than 25 percent of the waste stream in Massachusetts after recycling. When sent to landfills or incinerators, food waste can generate harmful greenhouse gases, lose potential energy, cause pollution, and lose its agricultural benefits.

The City's collection team will transform Boston's food waste by utilizing two methods:

- Save that Stuff's Composting Facility in West Bridgewater, MA: Food scraps will be turned into compost at Save that Stuff's composting facility in West Bridgewater, MA. In the composting process, organic material is made into nutrient-rich fertilizer that helps produce more plants and food. The finished compost will be made available to Boston parks, community gardens, and schools.

- Waste Management's CORE Facility in Charlestown: At the Waste Management's CORE Facility food waste is made into a slurry for easier combustion. The slurry is then hauled to North Andover's Greater Lawrence Sanitary District (GLSD) where it is produced into biogas and renewable electricity which is sent to the grid.

"The benefits of food scrap recycling are undeniable," said Garbage to Garden President and Founder Tyler Frank. "We have offered private subscription curbside composting for ten years, but this municipally-funded

program is a major milestone for New England. We're excited to be a part of this unique program and look forward to seeing this model replicated as other communities follow Boston's lead in the next few years."

"We look forward to recovering this important segment of the waste stream and are encouraged by the steps Boston is taking towards our One Goal. Zero Waste!" said Save That Stuff President Erik Levy.

The link to sign up for the curbside food waste collection program, as well as more information about the City's composting efforts, can be found here.

In addition to this program, the City is expanding Project Oscar, its food waste drop-off program. Launching this summer, the City will be partnering with farmers markets and community gardens to roll out nearly 25 new sites across the City. To find a drop-off nearest to you, please click here.

"As an organization that makes compost, distributes compost to neighborhood gardeners and buys in compost from regional companies, we know how important this resource is and how our local food system can be strengthened by producing more of it," said Danielle Andrews, the Boston Farmer Manager for The Food Project. "We are thrilled to partner with the City to offer a comprehensive composting program to residents, using both our West Cottage farm and Dudley Common farmers' market as drop off locations for food scraps and other organic matter."

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Rennie included supporting districts in developing comprehensive school mental health systems and developing a blueprint on how school districts can create hubs of support for students and their families impacted by homelessness and housing instability.

Throughout their career, Sanchez has helped pass legislation on Beacon Hill ensuring all students have access to quality civic education. They have also written a blueprint on how to support students and families facing housing instability through

school district partnership and support districts in developing comprehensive school mental health systems of support.

"I am thrilled to announce Elizabeth "Ellie" Sanchez as my Chief of Staff," said Councilor Colletta. "Ellie brings stellar credentials, experience, and policy expertise, particularly in elementary and secondary education areas. They have the right skill set for this moment to help ensure that we are building a vibrant and inclusive district through an equity lens."

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EAST BOSTON HIGH CAPTURES CITY BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday morning at Northeastern’s Parsons Field the East Boston High Baseball team defeated New Mission High 8 to 1 for the City of Boston Baseball Championship. Luis Ortiz was outstanding on the mound pitching a 2 hitter with 11 strikeouts. Offensively Sammy Santiago was the star going 2 for 3 with a double and 3 RBIs. The Jets also got timely hitting and outstanding fielding from Janneson Martinez and Joel Valera. Chris Frazier and Mike O’Neil had key hits too. To get to the Championship the Jets defeated O’Bryant High School 6 to 1 on Thursday. Andry Marte was immense on the mound. Key defensive plays were turned in by Jared Pacitta and Jason DaSilva. Martinez with two doubles, and DaSilva with an RBI double were the Jet’s offensive stars. The Jets coached by Jeff Arinella were undefeated in the city this year finishing with a record of

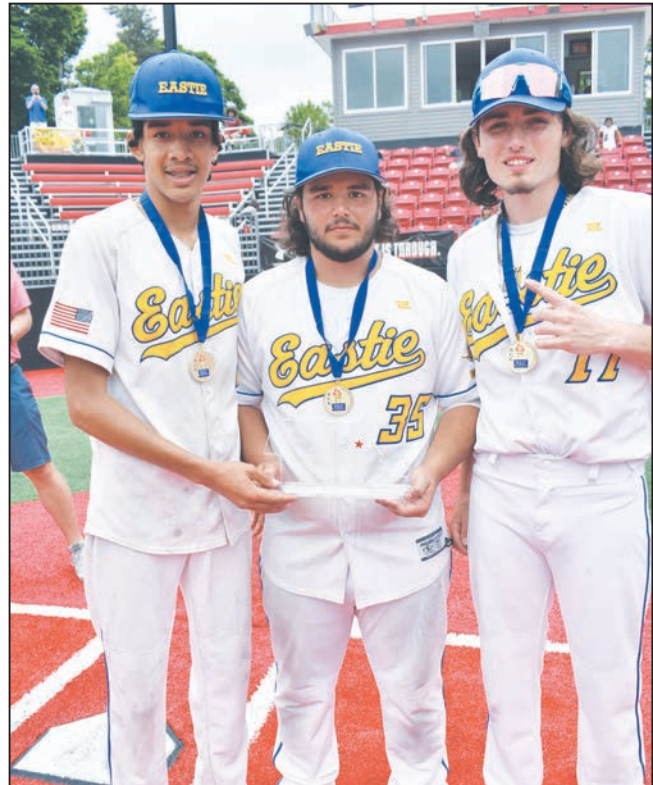


Sammy Santiago was named MVP of the game after going 2 for 3 with a double and 3 RBIs.

18 and 2. State tournament pairings will be announced today with preliminary round game for the team on either Friday or Saturday.



On Saturday the East Boston High School boys baseball team defeated New Mission High 8 to 1 and were crowned Boston City League Champions.



Captains Luis Ortiz, Chris Frazier and Sean Curtis hold up the City League Championship Trophy.



The East Boston High School boys baseball team celebrates their championship win at homebase Saturday. This was the Jets first City League Championship in 31 years.



The East Boston High School boys baseball team huddled together at home base and celebrated their victory over New Mission High to be crowned city champs.



Captains Luis Ortiz, Chris Frazier and Sean Curtis with Coach Jeff Arinella.



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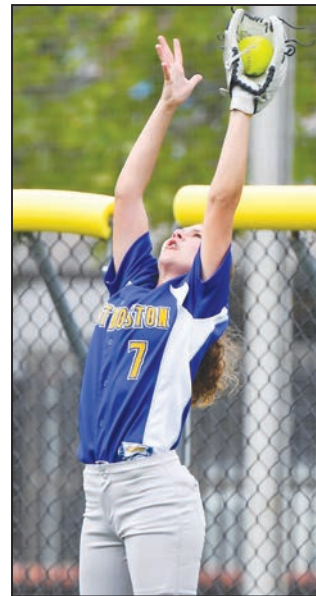
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EB JETS WIN IN SOFTBALL ACTION AGAINST BOSTON LATIN

PHOTOS BY BOB MARRA

East Boston High came close to a double-City League Championship day, but the softball team took home the next best thing as they earned the Runnerup plaque after they lost 6-0 to Boston Latin Academy in the championship game Saturday at Wentworth’s Sweeney Field.



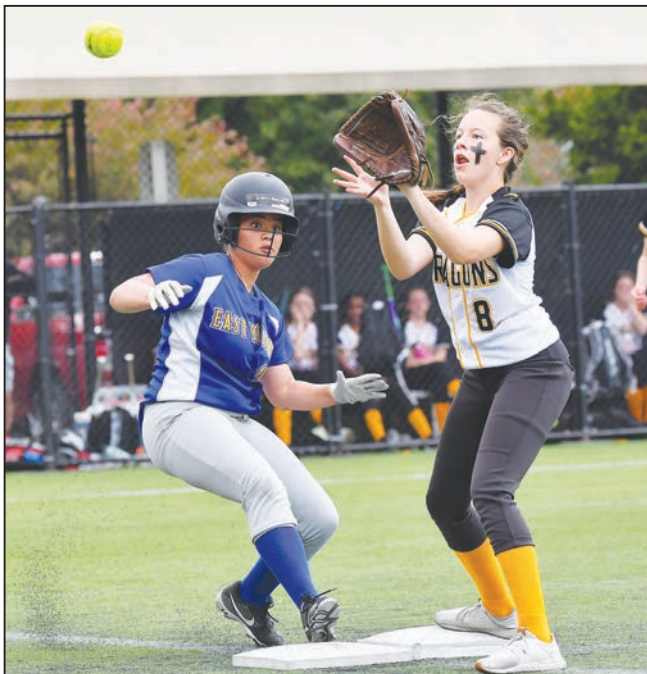
STRETCH PLAY: Mikayla Forbes (7) reaches to make a catch in deep centerfield.



LOOKING IT IN: Second baseman Gianna Troville watches the ball right into the glove as she makes the play on a shallow popup.



GOOD GLOVE: Coach Amanda Abromson gives a High Five to thirdbaseman Ashley Jimenez after Ashley caught a hot line drive.



BEATING THE THROW: Ashley Jimenez beats a throw to first base on a third strike that got away from the BLA catcher.



ON THE DEFENSIVE: Pitcher Brittany Elliot prepares a throw to first base after she fielded a ground ball back to the pitcher’s mound.



SOMETHING TO SHOUT ABOUT: Jaden Pacitta lets out a yell after she and catcher Juliana Troville combined to thwart a BLA stolen base attempt.



GREAT EFFORT: Left to right, Assistant coach seniors Britta Elliot and Nuria Arevalo and coach Amanda Abromson display the Runnerup plaque following the Boston City League Championship game Saturday at Wentworth’s Sweeney Field.



GOTCHA: Shortstop Jaden Pacitta puts the tag on a Boston Latin Academy runner to prevent a stolen base.



ONE OF THOSE DAYS: Catcher Juliana Troville rolls her eyes after being called out on strikes.

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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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Constitution Beach’s water quality slipped a bit in 2021 but still gets an A

By John Lynds

On Memorial Day East Boston’s Constitution Beach was packed with swimmers and sunbathers for the unofficial start of summer.

From here on in as the weather warms to summer temperatures residents and visitors to Constitution Beach are sure to enjoy months of fun-filled beach activities at the neighborhood’s only public beach.

Just in time for summer Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released its annual Metropolitan Beaches Water Quality Report Card on the 2021 beach season and Constitution Beach once again received high marks last year.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Annual Beach Water Report Card, Constitution Beach scored an A and with a score of 91 percent.

However, this score represented a drop of seven points from 2020 but still above one of the beach’s lowest grades during the summer of 2019.

Constitution Beach scored a 91 percent last summer after posting a 98 percent in 2020.

In 2019 Constitution Beach scored a 90 percent; a 94 percent in 2018; a 95 percent in 2017; and a 96 percent in 2016.

Overall Constitution Beach’s six year average for water quality is 94 percent.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini said rainfall had a significant impact on the water quality at Constitution Beach as well as other Metropolitan Beaches.

The report released showed that in 2021 there were far more rain events in the region than in 2020, with 19 storms exceeding a half-inch of rain, 12 of which exceeded one inch of rainfall.

The report points out that 2020 was a relatively dry year, with only a few large summer storms and relatively fewer wet weather impacts, hence the high score Eastie’s beach received that year.

“Considering the wet weather, most of the region’s beaches scored quite well, earning A’s and B’s” said Mancini. “Sadly the Department of Public Health’s beach posting and flagging protocols failed to make the grade again this year.”

Mancini noted that 75 percent of the red flags that flew on Constitution Beach in 2021 were wrong while an astonishing 100% of the red flags on Eastie’s beach were incorrect in 2020.

“We believe that there



Eastie’s Constitution Beach on Memorial Day. The beach scored high marks in 2021 on Save the Harbor/Save the Bay annual Metropolitan Beaches Water Quality Report Card.

are better ways to provide timely and accurate information about beach water quality to those who need it most and would like to work with DPH and other stakeholders to get it right,” he said.

According to Save the Harbor’s Director of Strategy & Communications Bruce Berman working with the DPH Save the Harbor/Save the Bay can provide more accessible, timely and accurate water quality data to beachgoers, improving public access to the beach and better protecting the public’s health.”

This year Save the Harbor conducted a detailed study of Constitution Beach to determine the accuracy of posted swimming advisories and beach flags and plans to evaluate other Metropolitan beaches using the same data review process.

“On many beaches, simply installing an accurate and accessible rain gauge and making the information available online in real time with a QR code would provide better information,” he said. “We can – and should – do better than the current system, which relies on yesterday’s results and is a terrible predictor of today’s water quality.”

Boston continues to track down and correct old combined outfall sewer connections and broken pipes that affect water quality at Eastie’s beach.

The Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) has been working all spring in the Jeffries Point area to address these issues.

Old combined outfall hookups mix stormwater and sewage together after a big storm and pump it out into the harbor.

Berman has long said that there are two ways to fix an urban beach problem. One way is to sever every pipe that goes into the beach like the city did in South Boston years ago but that is very expensive.

The other way to ensure cleaner water at the beach during the summer months is for residents to look at their own water and sewer hook ups and make sure they are not old hook ups that lead out into storm water drains. Boston Water and Sewer offers replacement services to residents if these old hook ups are discovered by a homeowner and reported to BWSC.

Beach safety scores are calculated as the percent of samples that comply with the DPH’s single sample limit for bacteria. Weekly water quality testing began in late May of 2021. Additional daily testing at Constitution Beach, King’s Beach, Malibu Beach, Teanean Beach and Wollaston Beach began in early June and ended on Labor Day.

Malden Catholic High School celebrates 87th Commencement

On May 21, Malden Catholic High School celebrated the 87th Commencement ceremony which was the school’s first codivisional graduation including both the Boys and Girls Divisions. The Class of 2022 graduation was held live on the Brother Gilbert Stadium with 194 MC graduates and over 800 family members, faculty and staff in attendance.

The ceremony started with an invocation by MC Principal, Rose Maria Redman, and was followed by a presentation by MC’s Girls Division valedictorian, Lily Baglio of Peabody. Baglio’s address commented on the great success that has resulted from the school’s unique codivisional model and how the administration had remained present to hear and fulfill as many ideas and aspirations as possible over the past four years. She also shared a letter written to her two siblings, Brooke and Luke, who will be joining MC’s Class of 2026 with tips regarding how to appreciate the lessons gleaned both inside and outside of the classroom and the school’s strong 90-year legacy.

After the presentation of candidates by Malden Catholic Principal Rose Maria Redman and Boys Division Leader, Robert J. Bucchino ’71, Girls Division Leader, Jeffrey P. Smith ’95 P’24 and Assistant Principal of Student Life, James J. Grocki, MC President John K. Thornburg was followed by the conferral of diplomas and a presentation by Charles Dilman of Melrose, Malden Catholic Boys Division valedictorian. Dilman’s speech commented tremendous value of MC’s academic programs and spirit of connection he experienced over the past four years. According to Dilman, he is exceptionally well prepared to take on the world and its future challenges based on the education received at Malden Catholic during a period of unprecedented change.

The ceremony also in-



Malden Catholic High School celebrated the 87th Commencement ceremony.

cluded the following 2022 awards: Emma Pohl of Arlington - Xaverian Scholar Award, Andrew Nguyen of Billerica - Perfect Attendance Award, Andrew Blake of Charlestown - Perfect Attendance Award, Daniel Rodriguez of East Boston - STEM Award, Vincent Carbone of Everett - Xaverian Scholar Award, Luca Morelli of Everett - Xaverian Scholar Award, Social Studies Department Award, Jonathan Beauvoir of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Christopher Machado of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Evelyn Maradiaga of Everett - Perfect Attendance Award, Art Department Award, Matthew Kendall of Lowell - Perfect Attendance Award, Brooke Langis of Lynn - Xaverian Scholar Award, Science Department Award: Physics, Angie Mejia of Lynn - Xaverian Scholar Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Nicholas Julian of Lynnfield - Gerard F. Doherty, 1946, Loyalty and Friendship Award, Evan Keleti of Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Technology Department Award, Chi Nguyen Hai Vu off Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, Brandon Wong of Malden - Xaverian Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, World Language Department Award: Latin, Sandra Aranha of Malden - Perfect Attendance Award, Neil Harrington of Malden - Per-

fect Attendance Award, Michael MacCuish of Malden - Performing Arts Award, Art Department Award, Kylie Bragg of Malden - Science Department Award: Biology, Olivia Gowrie of Medford - Loyalty and Service Award, Xaverian Scholar Award, Francesca Callahan of Medford - Xaverian Scholar Award, Karina Rahman of Medford - Xaverian Scholar

Award, Pauline Turk of Medford - Science Department Award: Chemistry, Charles Dilman of Melrose - Xaverian Award, Valedictorian Award, Perfect Attendance Award, World Language Department Award: Spanish, Mathematics Department Award, Science Department Award: Chemistry, Samuel Sanzone of Melrose - Loyalty and Service Award, Xaverian

Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Theology Department Award, Eavan Flood of Melrose - Xaverian Scholar Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Duy Thuc Trinh of Melrose - Xaverian Scholar Award, Science Department Award: Biology, Matthew Tarpey of Melrose - Perfect Attendance Award, Zeyu Xiao of Melrose - Science Department Award: Physics, Lily Baglio of Peabody - Gerard F. Doherty, 1946, Loyalty and Friendship Award, Valedictorian Award, English Department Award, Mathematics Department Award, Daniel Bousquet of Peabody - Perfect Attendance Award, Anthony Felder Jr. of Quincy - Physical Education Award

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



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Dogs in cars

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer brings more happy destinations to share with our furry companions. Some dogs quiver with excitement when their person says, “Car!” Others tremble and suffer carsickness. When dogs are along for the ride, we need to think of safety.

Car Training and Safety

To make driving safe for everyone requires some training. Start with short trips and work up to longer ones. Decide how you will secure your pet in the car and reward cooperation. If you need help with motion sickness, work with your veterinarian.

Crated or Harnessed in the Back Seat

Veterinarian Georgina Ushi Phillips wrote, “We seem to have a bit of a blind spot for canine seatbelts and car safety.” She explained that in a 35-mile-per-hour crash, inertia sends ev-

erything in a car flying, a 60-pound dog becomes a 2,700-pound projectile.

Airbags pose a fatal risk for dogs in the front seat. A backseat seat-belt-connected harness or secured crate keeps the animal from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save your dog in the event of an accident. The MSPCA reminds us, “In Massachusetts, it is against the law for an operator of a motor vehicle to allow anything in or on the vehicle that “may interfere with or impede the proper operation of the vehicle...”

A restrained animal will not be able to break free and run away the second the car door is opened. An unrestrained dog can slow care delivery by first responders in an accident or emergency.

Heat Kills

Never leave your dog in a hot car. The American Veterinary Association warns, “The temperature

inside your vehicle can rise almost 20° F in just 10 minutes, and almost 30° F in 20 minutes. The longer you wait, the higher it goes. At one hour, your vehicle’s inside temperature can be more than 40 degrees higher than the outside temperature at one hour. Even on a 70-degree day, that’s 110 degrees inside your vehicle!” A dog can make the situation worse by jumping around and barking. This activity would further raise the animal’s core body temperature.

Leaving a dog alone in a car can also risk damage to your vehicle by a good Samaritan or first responders trying to protect your animal.

Products Can Help

You’ll find a good selection of pet restraint harnesses at local pet supply stores and online. You want one that fits your dog comfortably and has a secure connection to the car’s seat belt system.



A seat-belt-connected harness keeps your dog from interfering with or distracting the driver and could save a life in an accident.

There are car seat carriers and crates of various designs that you can use to keep your dog safe. We prefer a crate that we secure to the seat belts in the back seat. This option adds a level of security by restricting our Poppy’s movement. We find that she settles right in and goes to sleep once we are underway.

Thanks to the RV in-

dustry, we now have access to various heat alarm products with apps that alert by text or email if the temperature in your car or RV is too high. The website Go Pet Friendly did a review of these products listing the pros and cons, in their article,

“Pet Temperature Monitor Roundup – Keep Pets Safe from the Heat.”

Loving our dogs, we

want to do what’s best for them. Sometimes that means more work and giving up some old ways of doing things. Protect your dog by securing them and keeping them safe every time they ride in a car.

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

Salesian Boys & Girls Club 13th annual summer camp scholarship fundraiser set for June 16

By John Lynds

Building on the success of their first outdoor annual fundraiser, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club is bringing back the outdoor event for a second year in a row.

After the 2020 event was canceled due to the pandemic the Salesian Boys & Girls Club staff and administrators gave hosting an outdoor event a whirl in 2021 and received tremendous feedback.

“We will be hosting our 13th Annual Summer Camp Scholarship/Auction Fundraiser, a “Celebration of Community,” on June 16, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. outside at the Club under our tented venue,” said Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Michael Triant. “We will come together to enjoy a fun, safe evening with good friends, great auction prizes, delicious food, and drinks while raising money for scholarships for our Summer Camp and After School Programs.”

Triant said this year’s Don Bosco Award recipi-

ent will be former Boys & Girls Club Program Director Nicole McCormack. Rep, Adrian Madaro will serve as the Master of Ceremonies and auctioneer.

“This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we genuinely appreciate the community’s support,” said Triant. “The Salesian Boys & Girls Club has been serving youth ages 6 to 18 from the communities of East Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and Winthrop for over 75 years. The Club provides a safe, positive, fun learning environment for children of all ethnicities, socio-economic backgrounds, and religious beliefs.”

Money raised at the event will directly support the Club’s Summer Camp Scholarship fund.

“Our Summer Day Camp has been a family tradition for over 60 years,” said Triant. “We provide over 200 inner-city kids ages 6 to 14 with a great summer experience. Campers participate in weekly field trips and a variety of activities

and programs inside and outside the Club and at our neighboring field. We believe that no youth should be denied because of financial reasons.”

Triant said the Club hopes to raise \$40,000 towards scholarships for its summer program at this event.

“To meet this goal, we are asking for the community’s help,” said Triant. “We hope you will join us at this year’s event or make a donation. No matter how large or small, a contribution from local businesses and individuals will help sustain our current After School Program and Summer Day Camp, keeping them affordable for families. We appreciate all of our supporters that will help us reach our goal to provide underprivileged children in our communities the opportunity to enjoy these programs.”


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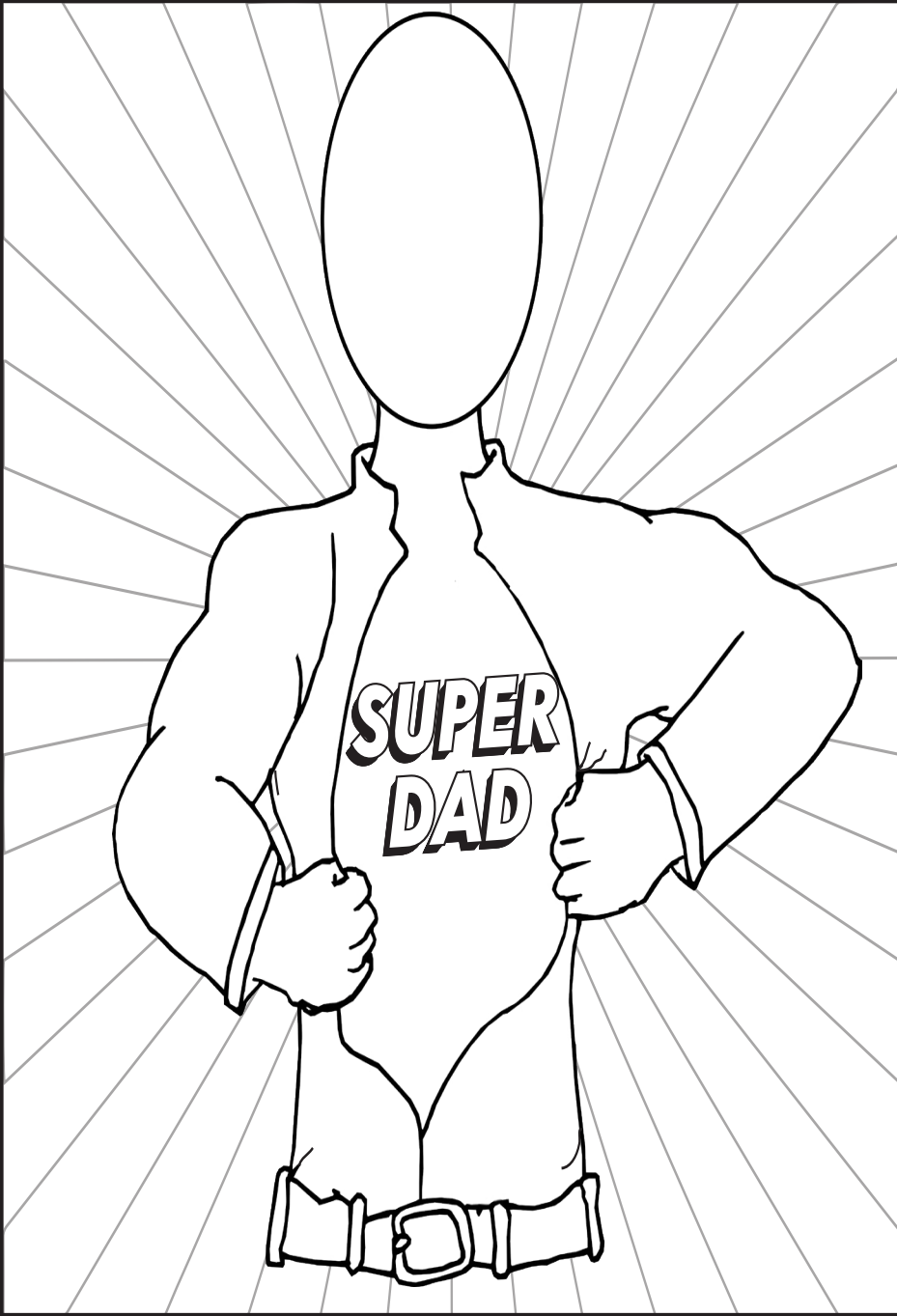
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OBITUARIES

Mary Grace DiMarzo

Of East Boston

Mary Grace (Stefano) DiMarzo of East Boston passed away on Friday, May 27.

She was the devoted mother of Dominic DiMarzo and the late Darlene DiMarzo, dear sister of Barbara DiGangi and Fred Stefano, loving grandmother of Dena, Joseph, Erika, Dominic and Dyan, cherished great grandmother of Deanna, Mikaila, Sophia, Ronni, Dominic and Connor and adored great-great grandmother to Kehlani.

Family and friends will honor Mary's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Orient Heights, East Boston, today, Wednesday morn-



ing at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church for a 10 a.m. mass celebrating her life. Services will conclude with committal prayers at Woodlawn Cemetery Chapel in Everett. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Thomas "TT" Clark

Longtime dedicated coach and volunteer for East Boston Pop Warner

Thomas E. "TT" Clark of Winthrop passed away on May 27.

Thomas was a longtime dedicated coach and volunteer for East Boston Pop Warner.

The devoted father of John Cinelli, Lisa Bartlett and her husband, Robert, Jackie Amodeo and his wife, Ashley, Brandon Amodeo, Thomas Clark and Tyler Clark and his wife, Gabriella, he was the former husband of Dawn Clark (Callow), loving brother of Judy Clark, William Clark, Patrick Clark, Avis Clark, Michael Clark and the late Joseph, Clark, John Clark and Marie Clark and cherished grandfather of seven grandchildren.

Family and friends will honor Thomas's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Ori-



ent Heights, East Boston, on Saturday, June 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon with a prayer service in our serenity chapel at 11:30 a.m. All other services are private. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations in Thomas's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105; 800-805-5856. To leave an online condolence, visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Elizabeth Baptista

She will forever be in the hearts of her family

Family and friends are invited to attend a funeral today, Wednesday, June 1 beginning at 10 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11:15 a.m. in Vazza's "Beechwood" Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere for Elizabeth A. (Rossi) Baptista, 85, who passed peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, May 26 following a long illness. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Elizabeth was born in Boston to Francis and Louise (Briganti) Rossi. She was raised and educated in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1953. She married Robert Baptista in 1956 and the couple remained in East Boston briefly before settling in Revere to raise their family. Elizabeth worked for many years in the Insurance Industry as a Claims Processor.

Elizabeth devoted her life to her family. There was nothing more important to her than her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She always hosted all of the holidays at her home and Sunday dinners were a tradition that she instilled in her children. Anyone who knew Elizabeth knew that she was an avid Bingo player and was always making appearances at St. Anthony's to play Bingo.



She will forever be in the hearts of her family.

The beloved wife of 63 years to the late Robert D. Baptista, she was the loving mother of Lee Ann Voner and her husband, Richard Sr. of Revere, Lisa Murphy and her husband, Arthur of New Hampshire, formerly of Danvers, Roberta Grutti and her husband, Vincenzo of Middleton and the late Michael T. Baptista; cherished grandmother of Jennifer Juliano, Richard Voner, Jr. and his wife, Paola, Shawn Murphy, Ross Murphy, Madison Murphy, Michael Grutti, Vincenzo Grutti and Sophia Grutti; adored great grandmother of Mason, Dylan and Ian; dear sister of Linda Perrault and her husband, John of Maine, Thomas Rossi and his wife, Christine of Nevada and the late Robert F. Rossi. She is also lovingly survived by nieces and nephews.

For online condolences, please visit www.vazzafunerals.com.

Suffolk DA Kevin Hayden launches pilot Alternative Justice program

Suffolk District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the creation of a restorative justice pilot program that will bring victims, offenders and community members together to create a case resolution option outside of the traditional court sentencing process.

The Suffolk Restorative Justice (SRJ) program will roll out in Chelsea District Court and the Charlestown and Roxbury Divisions of Boston Municipal Court.

Restorative justice is a voluntary, inclusive, confidential and collaborative process by which offenders, victims and members of the community identify and address harms, as well as any needs and obligations resulting from an offense, to help all parties understand the impact of that offense. During the restorative justice process the offender accepts responsibility for their actions and is supported in making reparations to the victim or community harmed. Restorative justice is an essential component to allow for community healing and restoration.

Hayden, who has championed progressive approaches to criminal system matters since starting as a prosecutor in the 1990s and has instituted major alternative-to-prosecution programs and diversion initiatives as DA, said the participants in the program "will collaborate on guided resolutions that feature both healing and accountability."

"We're always seeking paths to justice that take an innovative approach beyond the traditional adjudication and sentencing route. Restorative justice is a perfect example of the types of approaches modern prosecution offices should embrace. The results for participating victims, community members, and offenders can be immensely powerful," Hayden said.

The program will include pre-adjudication cases that fall within the final jurisdiction of the district or municipal court and do not carry a mandatory minimum, do not involve allegations of sexual assault, violence against children, elders, intimate partners, persons with disabilities, serious bodily in-

jury or death.

The applicants could include victims, defendants and/or their attorneys, Suffolk County community members impact by crimes, and law enforcement agencies.

Hayden's office is partnering with Communities for Restorative Justice (C4RJ) on the SRJ program. C4RJ will facilitate the restorative process and will communicate status updates throughout a case to stakeholders and provide a conclusion memo at the end.

C4RJ Executive Director Erin Freeborn said, "As a community-based restorative justice program, C4RJ provides a process toward healing and repair for victims, communities, and responsible parties while minimizing further involvement with the system. As we continue to expand access to restorative justice in Suffolk County, launching this pilot out of the Charlestown, Roxbury, and Chelsea courts is a significant stride. We are inspired by the long-time commitment at the SC-DAO to restorative practices and are excited to support the DA's office as it launches a formal referral process for cases at the district court level in an effort to center the needs of victims and communities, while supporting responsible parties, and building up an infrastructure for alternative approaches to cases."

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden's office serves the communities of Boston, Chelsea, Revere, and Winthrop, Mass. The office handles over 20,000 cases a year. More than 160 attorneys in the office practice in nine district and municipal courts, Suffolk Superior Court, the Massachusetts Appeals Court, the Supreme Judicial Court, and the Boston Juvenile Courts. The office employs some 300 people and offers a wide range of services and programs to serve anyone who comes in contact with the criminal justice system. This office is committed to educating the public about the services we provide, our commitment to crime prevention, and our dedication to keeping the residents of Suffolk County safe.

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City of Boston kicks off free summer fitness series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series will offer free weekly classes both virtually and in 18 City of Boston parks from June 5 to October 1.

The 2022 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series is being launched with a kick-off event at Copley Square on Thursday, June 2, at 5:30 p.m. featuring free class demos from Z-Spot and Movestudios along with fun giveaways.

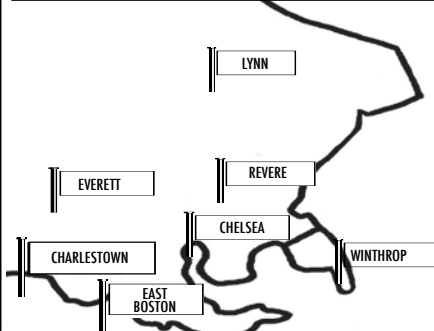
“We’re thrilled to partner with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to bring the Summer Park Fitness classes back to Boston this summer,” said Jeff Bellows, Vice President of Corporate Citizenship and Public Affairs at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. “Being active is critical for our physical and mental health and what better way to get moving than coming together as a community in the beautiful parks across the City of Boston for fun fitness classes.”

The series offers Bostonians healthy activities including Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Chair Yoga, Barre, Pre- and Postnatal Friendly Barre, Dance Fit, HIIT, Family Fitness, ZUMBA, Family ZUMBA, Strength Training, Afrobeats, POUND, Walking Group, and Strength Training. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for families and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes. For more information and a link to the full schedule, please visit boston.gov/fitness.

By engaging in a city-wide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, the Parks Department and BPHC aim to further reduce barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active. For many residents, the past two years of the pandemic have reduced physical activity levels and community connectedness. The Summer Fitness Series provides an opportunity for Boston residents to exercise together, get moving outside in their local parks, and supports people to reconnect with each other. The continued virtual options will give those that are not comfortable or cannot easily get to a class a way to join the series.

“The Summer Fitness Series is a wonderful way for residents and visitors to be active and healthy. Exercise provides many physical and mental health benefits, and opportunities for physical activity should be accessible to all, which is why all of these classes are free and open to the public,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, “BPHC is pleased to partner with Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Parks and Recreation Department to provide this fun and vital service to help build a healthier Boston.”

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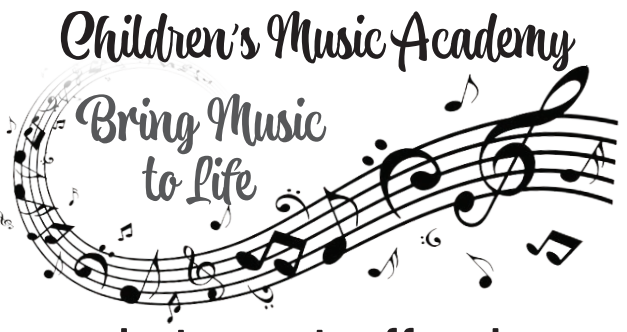
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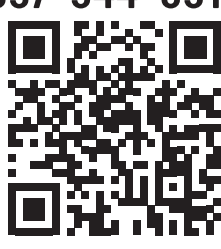
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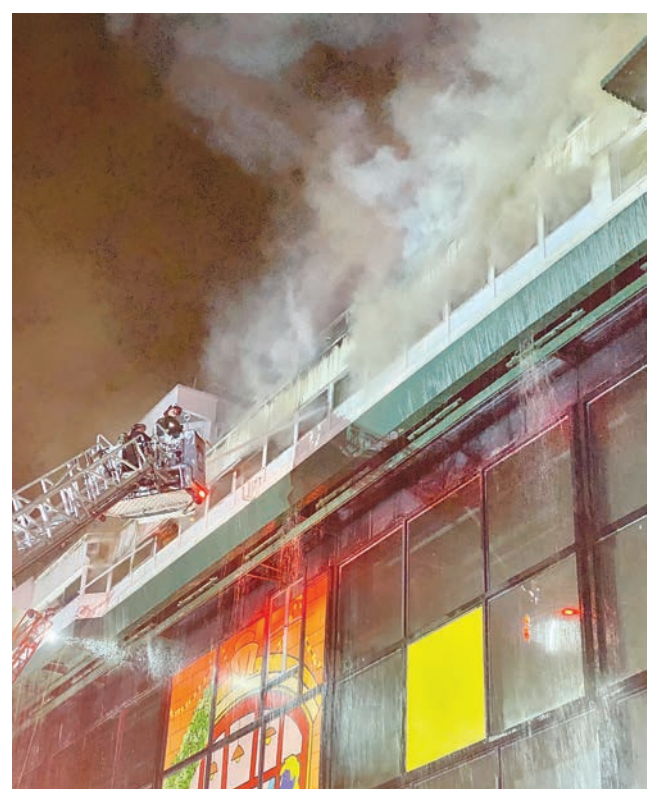


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The fire came a week after HYM broke ground on the first phase of the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs. Once completed the Suffolk Downs development will ultimately deliver 16.2 million square feet of development, including 10,000 apartments and condominiums, 5.2 million square feet of life science and commercial office space, 450,000 square feet of retail and civic space, and 40 acres of parks and open space.



According to HYM the fire was restricted to the old press box on the grandstand roof.



Boston Fire Commissioner Jack Dempsey was on the scene of the blaze and checked on the fire department's drones that are equipped with thermal imaging technology that can detect where a fire is inside any given building.



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A fourth, fifth and sixth alarm were ordered due to limited water supply on site.

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 North End Athletic Association (NEAA), North End Little League and North End Youth Hockey. 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.

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 part-time employees across its Massachusetts operations and is continuing to hire.

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