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Training the Future

New EBNHC, AmeriCorps/CDC Partnership will build next generation of public health leaders in the state

By John Lynds

With a five-year, \$400 million investment from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) will be one of several health care providers to partner with AmeriCorps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to recruit, train, and develop future physicians, nurses, social workers, and other professionals in the public health sphere, to address broader public health needs that have been exacerbated by the pandemic.

The Massachusetts Service Alliance (MSA) CEO Emily Haber said seven Massachusetts-based health care organizations were among 82 grant recipients nationwide to begin implementing the new health care workforce development training program.

AmeriCorps members will help EBNHC by providing health education, helping patients navigate health and wellness follow-up, supporting health-related research, improving housing to lead to healthier outcomes, and assisting with testing and vaccination efforts and more.



EBNHC CEO Greg Wilmot during the announcement of a new partnership between EBNHC, AmeriCorps and the CDC to recruit and train the next generation of public health leaders.

"We are all still trying to recover from the stress that the pandemic has put on our Massachusetts communities," said Emily Haber, Massachusetts Service Alliance CEO. "We are thrilled that we will have so many programs in Massachusetts that will be engaging AmeriCorps members in addressing pressing health concerns in our communities thanks

to this new AmeriCorps/CDC initiative. The Public Health AmeriCorps members will join over 2,000 other AmeriCorps members that will be meeting critical needs across our communities next year in health, education, the environment, and workforce development."

Haber said Public Health AmeriCorps is an example of a whole

government approach to address the nation's most pressing challenges. The partnership between AmeriCorps and the CDC leverages the expertise of both agencies, capitalizing on AmeriCorps' experience managing some of the most prominent public service and workforce development programs in

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Two new public art installations will make their debut in Eastie at the Social Centers and LoPresti Park on July 13

By John Lynds

Two new public art installations by two will make their debut in East Boston on July 13, at the East Boston Social Centers and LoPresti Park.

With support of a Boston Transformative Public Art grant artist Yu-Wen Wu and artist Eli Brown have both commissioned to create the two new

works of public art in Eastie.

Over at the Social Centers Wu, a Now and There Public Art Accelerator Artist, has created a light-based public art installation, We Belong, that debuts in East Boston by July 13. In LED neon, the work forms the text "We Belong, here, together, guided by the same stars" in an eight-foot circular

sculptural art form with a constellation that maps and connects Boston's neighborhoods.

The continuously-lit piece will begin its city-wide journey at the East Boston Social Center, where the city's early immigration centers were located, and will move onto other diverse neighborhoods across Boston in the future. All are welcome to celebrate the opening party on Wed. July 13 in Central Square.

"Two years in the making, We Belong is an exciting push for my practice in public art and another opportunity to experiment with light-based media," said Wu. "I am so excited to bring the installation to East Boston, a neighborhood with vibrant culture,

tight-knit community, and important history. I hope the work will help to initiate dialogue on belonging and inclusion among all communities in Boston."

Wu is an interdisciplinary artist living and working in Boston. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Wu's subjectivity as an immigrant is central to her artwork. Arriving in the United States at an early age, her experiences have shaped her work in areas of migration—examining issues of displacement, arrival, assimilation, and the shape of identity in a new country.

Wu said she is passionate about data, mapping, and its storytelling and her work lies at the crossroads

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Boston Harbor Now announces annual Eastie Week schedule

By John Lynds

Last week, Boston Harbor Now announced its 2022 Eastie Week programming which will celebrate the history, culture, music, and art of East Boston and take place July 10 - July 26 all around the neighborhood. This year will mark the ninth anniversary of Eastie Week which was first started in 2014.

According to Director of Programs at Boston Harbor Now Rebecca Smerling the goal of the annual event is to celebrate the rich, vibrant, and resilient community of Eastie.

Working with partners throughout Eastie, Boston Harbor Now has curated two weeks of free and low-cost community-led public programming for all to enjoy that will kick off Sunday.

"We wanted to offer a diverse lineup of free public programming for the community so there was

something for everyone to enjoy," stated Smerling. "East Boston is such a vital part of our Boston community, and its rich culture is something we look forward to celebrating every year."

Smerling added Eastie Week programming is made possible by a variety of local organizations that volunteered to help provide fun programming for all to enjoy.

Local organizations like Zumix, Eastie Farms, Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), Harbor Arts, and more volunteered their time, expertise, and creativity to help create a diverse lineup of programming that highlights the community of East Boston.

"We are excited to be participating in Eastie Week this year and helping to show our community what a unique, special place we have in East Boston," said Zumix

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Mary Skipper selected to lead BPS as new superintendent

By John Lynds

In a 4-3 vote at last week night's Boston School Committee meeting, Mary Skipper edged out Boston Public School Region 1 Superintendent and East Boston resident Tommy Welch to become the next BPS Superintendent.

During a time of upheaval as BPS has recently starved off receivership, School Committee members voting in support of Skipper pointed to her current post as Superintendent of Somerville Public Schools.

At Wednesday's meeting, School Committee Vice Chair Michael O'Neill praised both candidates' qualifications and work to improve education but said BPS needs someone who is currently leading a school district and knows the monumental work that entails. .

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected to lead the district that raised me as an educator and solidified my passion for making a difference in the lives of students," said



Mary Skipper will be the next BPS Superintendent.

Skipper. "This is a pivotal time in Boston and BPS' history, and nothing less than our student's and our City's future is at stake. I look forward to working with our families, educators, community leaders and our students to ensure every BPS student has the opportunity for a great education that sets them up for success in school and in life."

However, the close vote left some with a sour taste as many BPS staff and principals in Region 1, which includes East Boston, the

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Madaro, House passes reproductive rights bill in the wake of Roe v Wade being overturned

By John Lynds

In response to the US Supreme Court’s recent decision to overturn Roe v Wade, Rep. Adrian Madaro joined his House colleagues last Wednesday to pass a bill to uphold reproductive justice and gender-affirming care. The bill passed 136-17 and aims to safeguard people seeking abortion, shield healthcare providers who treat people coming to Massachusetts for care, and prohibit co-pays or cost sharing for abortion and gender-affirming services.

“I’m proud that the Massachusetts House of Representatives voted last Wednesday to uphold reproductive justice and gender-affirming care,” said Rep. Madaro. “The bill passed last week will safeguard people seeking abortion, shield healthcare providers who treat people coming to Massachusetts for care, and prohibit co-pays or cost sharing for abortion and gender-affirming services. At a time when our country is roll-

ing back progress on basic human rights and freedoms, Massachusetts is looking forward, making a commitment to protect the dignity of all people.”

House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy) said although abortion remains legal in Massachusetts due to the Legislature’s efforts in 2020 to codify and expand access, the Massachusetts House took additional efforts to further protect these rights and establish additional safeguards following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. “The Supreme Court’s decision to completely overturn Roe v. Wade represents a fundamental attack on women’s rights. Now, more than ever, it is the responsibility of leaders in Massachusetts to ensure that the Commonwealth can serve as a sanctuary for women seeking reproductive health care, and for providers whose licenses could be at risk because of this recent Supreme Court decision,” said Speaker Mariano. “I

want to thank Chairs Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Rep. Michael Day, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for their commitment to protecting a woman’s right to choose, and for their hard work that facilitated the passage of this legislation.”

Day, who chairs the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, said the bill passed in the House makes it clear Massachusetts is going to continue to champion reproductive rights for women.

“Five members of the Supreme Court recently said states can decide whether millions of American women should be treated as second class citizens,” said Day. “Today, we in the Massachusetts House answered that question by reaffirming that our constitution and our laws make clear that women control their own bodies and that we will always step up to protect the fundamental rights of our residents here in the Commonwealth.”

“An Act expanding protections for reproductive

rights” allows providers to apply to the Secretary of State to shield the health care professional’s address from public disclosure and designates reproductive health care and gender-affirming services as legally protected health care activity.

The bill reaffirms that access to reproductive health care and gender-affirming services are a right secured by the constitution or laws of the Commonwealth.

The bill also Requires insurance coverage for abortion and abortion-related care without being subject to deductibles, coinsurance, copayments, or other cost-sharing requirements and requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to issue a statewide standing order to authorize licensed pharmacists to dispense emergency contraception.

The bill also provides additional protection for out-of-state patients coming to Massachusetts in search of reproductive health care.

The bill prohibits the

Boards of Registration of various health professions from disciplining or taking adverse action on an application for registration of any person who assists with reproductive health care or gender-affirming services.

It also prohibits Massachusetts law enforcement from providing information related to an investigation or inquiry into legally protected health care services to federal or another state’s law enforcement agencies, quasi-law enforcement agencies, or private citizens.

Other highlights of the bill includes:

Prohibiting medical malpractice insurers from discriminating against a provider that offers reproductive or gender-affirming health care services.

Protecting Massachusetts residents from efforts to enforce court rulings from other states based on health care activity that is legally protected in Massachusetts.

Prohibiting any Massachusetts court from ordering a person in Massa-

chusetts to give testimony or produce documents for use in connection with any proceeding in an out-of-state tribunal concerning legally protected health care activity.

Protecting Massachusetts residents and providers from lawsuits seeking to penalize health care activities legally protected in Massachusetts.

Prohibiting a justice from issuing a summons for a person in Massachusetts to testify or appear in a court in another state in prosecutions or grand jury investigations related to legally protected health care activity.

Limiting the Governor’s authority to surrender persons to acts that would be punishable under Massachusetts law and prohibiting them from surrendering a person charged in another state as a result of engaging in legally protected health care activity.

Updating language from the 2020 ROE Act to ensure that impacted patients are able to receive in-state care.

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Stories in Stone Hike

Sunday, July 3, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Breakheart has been shaped not only by nature but by the many people who have called it home. Join our park interpreter to discover this history through the stone artifacts they left behind. This is a 2.5 mile, moderate hike along rocky trails, with several stops. Best for adults and older children with a keen interest in history. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Glacial Giants Hike

Sunday, July 10, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Breakheart has been shaped not only by nature but by thCountless clues to a glacial past dot the landscape. If one knows where to look, this hidden geologic history can be revealed. Join our park interpreter to better understand the natural processes that have shaped our world. This is a 1.8 mile moderate hike along rocky trails, with several stops. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

The Hidden Life of Trees

Sunday, July 17, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Often what we do see of the natural world is less important than what we don't see. Learn how trees communicate with each other and what lessons they have to teach. This is a 1.5 mile hike along rocky trails, with several stops. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Forest Bathing Walk

Sunday, July 24, 10:00am – 12:00pm

Registration Required – email brett.power@mass.gov

Come experience nature in new ways with the practice of forest bathing. This slow walk is designed to rest and restore the mind while strengthening our relationship to the natural world. Distance traveled will be under 1 mile and will be at a slower-than-usual-pace with many stops. Register for program location. Rain cancels.

Hike N’ Seek

Monday, July 11, 25, 10:00am – 11:30am

Adventure awaits! This program is for young hikers and their parents, best for ages 3-5. Join the park interpreter for a hands-on exploration of the plants and animals that call Breakheart home! Hikes are approximately 1 mile and are not accessible for strollers. Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Breakheart Birding Club

Tuesdays, 9:00am – 11:00am

Help our park interpreter identify and count the many different birds that visit Breakheart on this 2 mile hike. First time birders are welcome! Binoculars encouraged but not necessary. Best for adults and older children. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Full Moon Hike

Wednesday, July 13, 9:00pm-10:30pm

Registration Required – email brett.power@mass.gov

The full moon has been a vital part of many cultures for centuries. This 1.5 mile night hike includes viewing the moonrise, an explanation of moon phases and moon cycles, as well as a campfire and night-time activities. Bring a flashlight and dress appropriately! Meet at the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.

Off the Beaten Path

Saturday, July 2, 16, 10:00am-12:00pm

Join the Park Interpreter for this weekly hike! Each trip will highlight natural and historic features that make Breakheart unique. Hikes will range from 2-4 miles and travel on uneven and rocky terrain. Best for ages 8 and up. Meet outside the Visitor Center, 177 Forest Street, Saugus. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Family Fishing

Saturday, July 9, 23, 10:00am-11:30am

Join our park interpreter for a drop-in fishing program! Learn how to fish, what fish live in our ponds, and how to catch and release responsibly. Bait and a handful of rods will be provided but feel free to bring your own gear and fish with us and share your tips! No license required if fishing in this program. Most appropriate for children 5 years and up. Meet at the left side of Pearce Lake Beach. Tel. (781) 233-0834. Rain cancels.

Woman charged with 2020 hate crime receives probation

By John Lynds

Last week, the second Revere woman charged with a hate crime in the February 2020 attack of a 46-year-old mother and her 15-year-old daughter in Maverick Square received what some civil rights activists are calling a lenient sentence for her role in the crime.

Stephanie Armstorng, of Revere was charged with two misdemeanors of Assault and Battery, and two felony counts of Violation of Constitutional Rights with Bodily Injury in connection with the February 15 2020 attack on a 46-year-old East Boston woman and her 15-year-old daughter.

Last week Armstrong was sentenced in East Boston District Court to two years of probation on the misdemeanor Assault and Battery charge but was not convicted on the more serious felony charge of Violation of Constitutional Rights with Bodily Injury.

Armstrong’s co-defendant, Jenny Leigh Ennamorati, also of Revere, received 15-months probation back in February for her role in the attack after her lawyer’s worked out a plea deal with prosecutors.

According to testimony, the victims and witnesses said that without provocation Armstrong and Ennamorati began shouting at the mother and daughter and then physically attacked them because they were laughing and speaking to each other in Spanish. Video of the attack that circulated on Social Media shows the two Revere women crossing the street, confronting the 15-year-old girl before punches are thrown. A fight then breaks out before bystanders break up the fight.

Both Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden and the Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR) said they were disappointed in the outcome of the sentencing handed down.

“While I’m pleased that this defendant was convicted of physically attacking a mother and daughter while celebrating a birthday, I find it terribly disappointing that she wasn’t also convicted of violating their civil rights,” said Hayden after the sentencing. “This unforgivable assault exposed an ugly side of our society that my office—and I hope every caring citizen—will never tolerate.”

The LCR in a statement said the East Bos-

ton District Court failed to meaningfully sentence Armstrong in connection with what they called a heinous attack on a Latino mother and minor in. “The back-to-back lax sentencing strikes deep fear in communities of color, especially victims of hate crimes who are far too often failed by the legal system,” said LCR in a statement. “The assailants violently beat the victims while spewing hate: “This is America,” “speak English,” and “go back to your f**king country!” Despite garnering national attention – and against the backdrop of escalating racial violence across the country – justice continues to escape victims of color.”

Myraida Melendez, an attorney with LCR, said LCR zealously advocated for the investigation into the incident as a hate crime and argued without that advocacy, the victims and their experience would have gone uncounted and unaddressed.

“Disappointingly, after nearly two years of advocacy, the lax sentencing of both white assailants demonstrates that the legal system continues to fail victims of racially-motivated crimes,” said Melendez. “We continue to see a significant rise in hate crimes locally and nationally, particularly those related to race. Violence

against Latinx, Black and Asian American communities continues to escalate, as seen in the horrific events in Buffalo, New York. We can no longer afford to meet hatred and violence with leniency.”

Melendez said she was particularly disappointed in the reluctance to impose jail time for both defendants in the case.

“Although the court indicated that six months of confinement in a house of corrections may be appropriate for the underlying offense, the court suspended any such jail sentence,” she said. “It is shameful that at the end of a two-day trial that re-traumatized the victims, the hate crime perpetrator is walking away with only probation.”

Melendez continued, “By failing to meaningfully sentence the assailants, the legal system exacerbates racism and bigotry. This tragic and violent experience will forever mark the victims’ lives. For the Vasquez family, and the Latinx community as a whole, it was of extreme importance that the crimes were prosecuted to the full extent of the law, but that did not happen. This was an act of terror motivated by prejudice and bias. Every individual should be free to walk their communities and speak their native language without fear of violence.”

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the nation while benefiting from CDC’s technical expertise as the country’s leading public health agency.

“East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is honored to partner with AmeriCorps to offer the next generation of healthcare leaders the opportunity to serve with us,” said EBNHC Chief Medical Officer Jackie Fantes. “As one of the nation’s leading community health centers, we see the power of high-quality, accessible healthcare to change lives every day. For those desiring to support health equity, we invite you to apply to our AmeriCorps post and lay the groundwork for what we feel is a fulfilling and exciting career

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Schedule of events for Eastie Week

Eastie Week is a celebration of the rich, vibrant, and resilient community of East Boston – its people, history, culture, music, and art. This year we’re delighted and honored to announce the Eighth Annual Eastie Week celebration.

Sunday, July 10

Latin Cultural Dance
ZUMIX Walk for Music

Eastie Week 2022 Kickoff

ZUMIX Summer Concert Series feat. Eastie’s Don’t Be Denied Band

Monday, July 11

The Harborkeepers FPA Campaign Tour

Maverick Makers Pro “Make a Journal” Community Workshop

Garden Harvest Party at Eastie Farm (Our Garden)

Family Yoga In the Park with East Boston Social Centers

Neighborhood Sunset Gathering

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Tuesday, July 12

East Boston Community Soup Kitchen 4th of July Celebration and Cookout

East Boston Chamber of Commerce Open House

Maverick makers Pro “Make a Journal” Community Workshop

Jedlie’s Totally Interactive Magic Circus

East Boston Harbor Cruise

Wednesday, July 13

ReadBoston Storymobile

EBNHC/East Boston Farmers Market

VROCC Annual Sounds Around Town (Musical Float)

Cinemarina: an outdoor movie night on Boston Harbor

Sunset Yoga

Interactive sculpture Amulet by metalsmith Rhea Vedro

Thursday, July 14

Maverick makers Pro “update”Make a Journal” Community Workshop

Community Kayaking

Ice Cream Social

Sumner St Volunteer Work Party

Author Talk: Edward Alessi

Stand-up Comedy at Eastie Farm - It’s Farm Fresh!

Friday, July 15

Sam Adams Garden Party

Maverick makers Pro “Make a Journal” Community Workshop

Community Kayaking

Saturday, July 16

Creating and Recreating East Boston’s Waterfront: A Walking Tour of the Harborwalk

Uvida Eastie ReFill Event

Sunday, July 17

Latin Cultural Dance

ZUMIX Summer Concert feat. Seefour

Monday, July 18

Family Zumba

Tuesday, July 19

East Boston Chamber of Commerce Open House

Wednesday, July 20

Save the Harbor Save the Bay: Beach Bash

Screening of Mission: Joy - Finding Happiness in Troubled Times

Eastie Week Street Art Tour and Mural Walk

Our Garden Party

Sunset Yoga

Thursday, July 21

Community Kayaking

Ice Cream Social

Sumner St Volunteer Work Party

“City As Canvas: Above the Free Walls” Film Screening and Director Q&A

Stand-up Comedy at Eastie Farm - It’s Farm Fresh!

Friday, July 22

Sam Adams Garden Party

Garden Harvest Party at Eastie Farm (Sam Adams)

Community Kayaking

VROCC annual Sounds Around Town (Musical Float)

Free Movies in the Park

Saturday, July 23

The Trustees “Waterfront on Wheels”

East Boston Evolutions: A Walking Tour of the Harborwalk

Tom Knight Puppet Show

The Trustees “Sabores de Nuestra Cultura Family Festival”

Community Sailing with Piers Park Sailing / EBNHC CATCH Program & the Trustees

Hip Hip Hurray, SNAPS and WICKed Fun Concert Series, Salvadoran Sounds

Uvida Eastie ReFill Event

Sunday, July 24

Latin Cultural Dance

Eastie Eco-Fest with The Trustees

ZUMIX Summer Concert feat. Ava Sophia

Monday, July 25

Garden Harvest Party at Eastie Farm

Tuesday, July 26

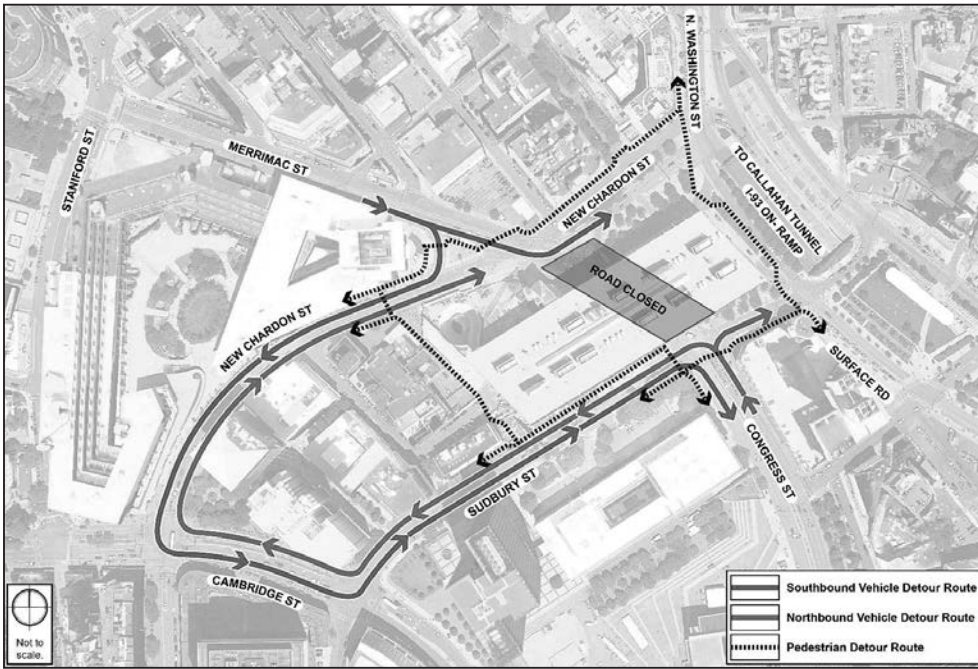
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Taste of Eastie

Explore East Boston Scavenger Hunt

Explore East Boston’s unique history and culture with a scavenger hunt that includes multiple-choice, short-answer, and open-ended questions, as well as photo submissions! You can play by yourself or as a team and experience the harbor in a completely new way!

Eastie Week 2022 is a community initiative made possible by the support and efforts of organizations across East Boston.



As work progresses at the Government Center Garage One Congress site, crews are set to deconstruct the remainder of the Government Center Garage. This operation will require full closure of Congress St. from New Chardon Rd. to Sudbury Street. The signed detours (shown above) will be in full effect for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. This Detour will be in effect from July 11 - September 5, 2022. Detour to be in effect from July 11-September 5, 2022.

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OHNC Design Review Committee Meeting Agenda - Thursday, July 7, 2022

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REGISTER FOR THE 34TH ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK

Registration is now open for the 2022 Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, October 2, funds raised from the Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at one of the nation’s premier cancer centers, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The Details:

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon course and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K Walk (3.1 miles from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute)
- 10K Walk (6.2 miles from Newton)
- Half Marathon Walk (13.1 miles from Wellesley)
- Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton).

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 12 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk end at the Copley Square Finish Line with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities. Participants can also join the event virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials will be available.

The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history. For additional information please email JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.harvard.edu or call 866-531-9255.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

Eastie’s COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

With summer in full swing and many residents enjoying numerous fun in the sun activities, health officials are bracing for another summer surge as the omicron sub variants of the COVID-19 virus are again spreading rapidly.

After weeks of progress knocking down COVID infections through increased vaccination efforts and public awareness campaigns in Eastie the numbers are once again on the rise.

According to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Eastie’s weekly COVID infection rate spiked last week ahead of the 4th of July weekend.

Last week, 788 Eastie residents were tested for the virus last week and 8.1 percent were positive--this was a 6.5 percent increase from the 8.1 percent that tested positive between June 20 and June 27.

Sixty four additional Eastie residents contracted the virus between June 27 and July 4 and there have now been 15,949 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

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

According to the BPHC, 12,787 Boston residents tested citywide and 7.5 percent were positive—a 3 percent increase from the 7.3 percent that tested positive between June 20 and June 27.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.4 percent last week and went from 193,870 to 194,604 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

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Allen Kentucky, mental illness erupts into pure hell

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Allen, Kentucky is a place that holds fond memories for me. When I was only sixteen years old, Allen Baptist Church invited me to speak for a weekend youth event. I had the opportunity to meet and work with over a hundred people from the Allen community. Lasting friendships were made with some of the finest people on earth. To this day, the kindness and fellowship bestowed on me by that group of people were instrumental in my life's direction.

Sadly, even the finest communities and dearest people on earth can experience pure hell. Mental illness erupted as Floyd County police officers were shot dead in Allen last week. According to news reports they were trying to serve a warrant to a man accused of domestic violence.

Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said the officers faced "pure hell"

when they arrived at the man's home.

Four other people were injured at the scene in Allen, a small town of 166 people located just outside of Prestonsburg.

The officers who died in the shooting late on Thursday have been named as Capt. Ralph Frasure, Deputy William Petry and dog handler Jacob Chaffins. K9 Drago, one of the dogs that Mr Chaffins handled, also died.

Capt. Frasure had been with the Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Police Department for 39 years. The department said he had served "with honor and glory up until the last second".

The men ran into a barrage of gunfire from a rifle when they went to the house on Main Street shortly before 6:00 EST.

The shooting continued for nearly three hours before suspect Lance Storz was taken into custody, having surrendered after negotiations involving members of his family.

He has been charged with two counts of murdering a police officer, five counts of attempted murder of a police officer, one count of attempted murder and one count of first-degree assault on a service animal.

The families and friends of the slain police officers and the wounded officers have been forever changed. The community of Allen will forever be scarred by one of the worst events to ever occur in the state of Kentucky.

Gun violence is not limited to age. An assault rifle in the hands of any mentally deranged person results in tragedy.

Police officers have a scary job. It's no wonder they are nervous and seem sometimes quick to pull their weapons. Floyd county officers walked into a situation and were totally caught off guard. Looking back, they would approach Storz differently. A miscalculation too often is fatal. In the moments of what appears to be just an-

other day of work or life, the worst tragedies can happen.

Allen is a wonderful Eastern, Kentucky town. The town is filled with beautiful, loving people. Evil at the highest level can exist and erupt in any place. It's not limited to a big city hundreds of miles away. This is why all communities, sheriff departments, schools and churches must be vigilant in being aware of the ongoing dangers of America's growing mental illness epidemic. Ignoring our cultural mental illness dilemma will only perpetuate ongoing fatalities.

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

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of art, science, politics, and social issues.

Her wide range of projects include large-scale drawings, sculpture, site-specific video installations, community-engaged practices, and public art. Wu has been awarded numerous grants, exhibited nationally and internationally and is included in several private and public collections.

With the support of a Boston Transformative Public Art grant, Wu's "We Belong" will travel to multiple Boston neighborhoods in 2022-2023. Through community events at each site and digital engagement opportunities, local residents will be invited to participate in the project by sharing what the concept of "belonging" means to them.

"We are all about creating visionary new works for the city and highlighting inclusivity," said Executive Director of Now + There Kate Gilbert. "Yu-Wen Wu's installation emphasizes a welcoming spirit to residents, new and old, who have come here to Boston to make this their home."

At LoPresti Park, Now + There's Public Art Accelerator Artist Brown will premiere Beam Me Down, a public art installation of an unidentified flying object (UFO), on the same day.

The sculpture's design blends the qualities of a UFO and a shell, and is steered by a selection of hermaphroditic tidal animals such as oysters and barnacles. An accompanying comic book is co-illustrated by the artist and young Eastie residents.

Brown said "Beam Me Down" is meant to play on the power and wonder of the unknown and asks viewers to consider relationships with some of the smallest animals that

sustain life at the water's edge and what they can teach about navigating rising seas. It is one of several installations that will be going up this summer as part of Now + There's Accelerator program, bringing site-specific, temporary public art works to all neighborhoods of Boston.

"I wanted to focus on the feeling of encountering the unknown, because it's something we're all facing right now as resources become more unstable and we come up against the dilemma of who is going to save us from ourselves," said Brown, who identifies as a trans artist. "But it's also been a huge part of my life as a trans person. And so the UFO as this universal symbol of 'the other' can serve to raise questions we are thinking through as a species, while also being a playful object for all ages."

Brown added that by featuring hermaphroditic creatures at the helm, his work hints at the lessons we can learn from human and non-human queer life, adaptation and survival.

Brown said by reframing the climate change narrative the artist hopes viewers move from a linear perspective, where society reaches an end, toward a cyclical perspective and look to the strength of ancient tidal species for survival strategies.

"This project is meant to encourage us toward small acts in response to big anxiety, like the Kid in the comic who forms a relationship with a neighborhood snail," said Brown.

From the installation in LoPresti Park, Brown draws on the work's tidal animals to become the main characters in a sci-fi comic book which he

co-illustrated with East Boston students, ages 3 to 18, from Adams Elementary School. The comic book will be available by QR code and will be printed in English and Spanish. Local bodegas and shops will carry it for free, and people can contribute drawings to the virtual space at the East Boston Public Library.

Brown is an interdisciplinary artist working in sculpture, comics, and community organizing whose work explores queer and trans intimacies through time and cross-generational dynamics. They are especially interested in asking what the future of human evolution could look like if we reimaged reproduction as a queer, eco-

logical strategy. Recent work has been featured at Flux Factory, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Tailgate Projects in Tampa, FL. and Creative Time Summit X.

"I expect Beam Me Down will be as transformative to visitors as Eli's thoughtful participation in the fourth cohort of the N+T Public Art Accelerator," said Gilbert.

Now + There's Public Art Accelerator program grants Boston-based artists a \$25,000 stipend along with a six-month curriculum to help them with curatorial, technical, and financial support as they develop new temporary and site-specific works of art for the neighborhoods of Boston.

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City Kids donates \$5,000 to Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston

City Kids, a youth education nonprofit founded by City Realty Group Managing Partners Fred Starikov and Stephen Whalen, donated \$5,000 to the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston. City Kids makes this donation to support Salesians’ efforts to ensure families can send their children to summer camp, regardless of economic status. Located at 150 Byron Street in East Boston, the Salesian Boys & Girls Club mission is to provide a home that welcomes, a playground where lasting friendships are made, a club that evangelizes by shaping moral character and values, and a school atmosphere that prepares life. This is the latest in a series of donations by City Kids.

City Realty Group Vice President of Operations James Caruso visited the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston on the first day of summer camp to personally hand the donation to Executive Director Michael Triant. The two grew up in East Boston together and participated in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club summer camps during their youth. Triant is also the Winthrop High School Boys Varsity

Basketball coach. His coaching career goes back decades where he would coach Caruso in Saturday morning house leagues.

“Salesians do a great job keeping children active and participating in valuable activities,” said Caruso. “I enjoyed the days I spent here growing up and want to make sure the next generation has the resources they need to succeed. Hopefully, by seeing an alumni give back they will do the same someday for this club.”

City Realty Group Managing Partners Fred Starikov and Stephen Whalen created a nonprofit, City Kids, to spark intellectual curiosity among the children of Boston by providing them unique experiences and powerful educational resources. City Kids seeks to leverage new technologies to provide kids with powerful tools to follow their educational curiosity. In addition to its own programs, City Kids regularly supports community events and programs throughout the city of Boston. City Realty Group has donated more than 1500 Chromebooks to students-in-need through City Kids, helped build computer labs in several schools and youth



Pictured (left to right) with kids on the first day of Summer Camp at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston are Michael Triant, Salesian Boys & Girls Club Executive Director; Justin Baldassari, Salesian Boys & Girls Club After School & Out of School Time Services Director; and City Realty Group Vice President James Caruso, representing City Kids.

organizations, and provided other forms of support to boost education for children in Boston.

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North End and Charlestown, were pulling for Welch.

Region 1, which Welch has led since 2015, has experienced an enormous transformation during his tenure. Nine of the 15 schools in his Region have been recognized for the Ed-Vestors citywide “School on the Move” Prize.

Others pointed out that even though Welch isn’t a sitting superintendent his Region within BPS alone is twice the size of the entire Somerville Public School district that Skipper oversees, which has less than 3,000 students.

While Welch supporters were disappointed in the vote, Welch himself congratulated Skipper after the vote.

“My utmost congratulations to Mary Skipper, who will soon serve as the next Superintendent of Boston Public Schools,” said Welch in a statement. “Her dedication to BPS kids and families and her storied career in public education make her the leader BPS needs at this time. Despite the process not ending how I would have preferred, I have a renewed sense of commitment to my work in Region 1, and am encouraged more than ever before about the future of BPS.”

Welch said as BPS heads toward the upcoming school year, he will continue his work with the school communities in Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End.

“It is my goal to further support the students, families, staff members, leaders, and school communities of BPS,” said Welch. “Superintendent Skipper and I both care deeply about the future of Boston’s children. I look forward to working with our new leader and her team to improve educational outcomes for our young people in every neighborhood of our great city.”

According to BPS, Skipper must formally accept the offer for the position in order to begin the process of negotiating the conditions of her contract with the School Committee, including salary, benefits and starting date with BPS.

“I’m thrilled to wel-

come Superintendent Mary Skipper as the experienced leader and dedicated partner that Boston needs for our young people and families,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “In this moment of challenge and opportunity, Mary is uniquely prepared to drive forward the systemic reforms and immediate results our students deserve. Her knowledge and relationships from serving at every level in BPS—as a classroom teacher, school leader, and longtime district administrator—and as a successful superintendent in the area, will supercharge our work.”

Skipper has served as the Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools (SPS) for seven years. She joined SPS in July 2015 following years of service at BPS.

She quickly made her mark in Somerville as an innovative and visionary thinker, a passionate advocate for all youth, and a strategic systems builder whose approach includes leveraging community resources to support students. Under her tenure, Somerville has emerged as a leader in using data to inform continuous progress and ensure a student-centered approach to teaching and learning driven by an unfailing commitment to equity of opportunity and access for all students.

“Tonight’s decision by the School Committee is a huge step forward for

the District,” said Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. “On behalf of the School Committee, congratulations to Mary Skipper on becoming Boston’s next Superintendent. Under her leadership we will continue prioritizing the needs of our students so that they can receive the support and quality education necessary to excel inside the classroom. I would also like to thank Dr. Tommy Welch for his continued commitment to BPS, our students and our City.”

Before coming to Somerville, Skipper was Network Superintendent of High Schools for BPS, where she oversaw 34 high schools serving approximately 19,500 students. During her time as Network Superintendent, Boston’s public high schools achieved the lowest dropout and the highest graduation rates in BPS history.

Among her most notable accomplishments while at BPS, Superintendent Skipper helped launch Tech-Boston Academy (TBA) as the founding Headmaster in 2002. Under her leadership, TBA grew from a 9-12 high school serving 75 students to a 6-12 school with a staff of more than 100 serving a diverse student population of more than 1,000, 30% of which were English Language Learners and 25% of which were Special Education students. The school’s success was marked in 2011 with a visit

from then-President Barack Obama where he delivered a major education policy speech.

During this leadership transition, Skipper will work closely with Dr. Drew Echelson, who will serve as Acting Superintendent following the June 30 departure of Dr. Brenda Cassellius.

“I’m deeply committed to working closely with

Ms. Skipper to ensure a smooth transition,” Dr. Echelson said. “Mary has always been a very empathetic listener who leads with purpose, humility and an unwavering belief in our children. I look forward to strengthening our work and leveraging much-needed reinforcements to accelerate reforms in BPS, especially as it relates to racial equity, Special Education,

native language access, and improved transportation systems.”

Skipper holds a Bachelor’s in English and Latin from Tufts University. In addition, she earned a Master’s in Education Policy from Harvard and a Master’s in Education Leadership from Columbia Teachers College.



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Food podcasts

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A significant advantage of following a topic via podcasts is that you can do something else while you listen. Penny likes to listen to her favorites while cooking and on long drives. Listening to podcasts with headphones or earbuds is a great option in a waiting area or on public transportation. A podcast may be perfect for winding down before sleep without exposure to blue light from screens.

Our Favorites!

“The Splendid Table” is one of the first podcasts we discovered. It began in 1997 as a call-in radio show on Minnesota Public Radio and now airs weekly across the country on public radio stations and as a podcast. Today it is hosted by food writer and editor

Francis Lam who, despite his deep knowledge of food, asks the questions the home cook would ask in his interviews.

“The Good Food Podcast” from KCRW in Los Angeles may seem a strange choice for east coast listeners. However, we are longtime fans of the chef and host Evan Kleiman. We always learn from the people and topics she covers. While we may turn green as she talks about local produce availability and the range of restaurant choices, we can use what we learn to apply to local options.

Special Interest Podcasts

One of the first places we turn to find excellent podcasts about specialized food topics is the Heritage Radio Network. Here are a few we discovered from

that source.

Since we are fascinated by food history, we enjoy culinary historian Linda Pelaccio’s “Taste of the Past” podcast. In one episode, she takes you on a journey through the tradition of growing rice in Italy. In another, she’ll explore the culture and cuisine of the Roma people of Spain.

“Cutting the Curd” is all about cheese. We credit much of what we know on that topic to this show. The subjects covered here have made us more comfortable conversing with local cheesemongers. That means we can make a broader range of cheese choices and discover new favorites we might never have tried. It also makes us appreciate the hard work and skill of the people who make cheese, age it, and deliver it in excel-



We credit much of what we know about cheese to the podcast “Cutting the Curd.”

lent condition. Once you enter the home page www.heritageradionetwork.org, you can review shows by topic. In preparing this column, we found a few new offerings we’ll audition, including ones on cider, pizza, wine, cookbooks, and Asian food cultures.

In addition to food, you’ll find shows on gardening and farming, the environment and policy, health and wellness, food business, drinks, and the science and technology of food.

Audition a Few!

As with any food topic, your taste may be different from ours. You may want to add podcasts from major food blogs or networks you follow elsewhere, like Bon Appetit, Eater, The Kitchn, the Food Network, or the BBC.

Sound and style are important factors when choosing podcasts. We’ve rejected a few shows that offered great information but included annoying music. We understand that

ads and cross-promotions for products make these “free” programs possible and have no problem with that in moderation. We soon tire of podcasts that are more ad or promotion than content.

In most cases, you can slide along to sample different spots in a program to see if it appeals to your tastes and level of interest.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Commemorating the 150th Birthday of St. Luigi Orione



An outdoor mass was held on June 23rd commemorating the 150th anniversary of the birth of St. Luigi Orione, founder of the Congregation of the Sons of Divine Providence (Don Orione Fathers).

Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley blessing the Statue of Padre Pio.

“Master and Commander: Far Side of the World” screening on USS Constitution

USS Constitution and the USS Constitution Museum are hosting a series of free public Summer Movie Nights aboard the Ship this summer, including Master and Commander: Far Side of the World on Friday, July 15, 7:30 p.m.

Before the movie begins, guests will have a chance to participate in hands-on activities with Museum Educators and hear from Museum Public Historian, Carl Herzog.

Herzog will discuss how “Old Ironsides” is an apropos location to view Master and Commander: Far Side of the World, as USS Constitution was the inspiration for Acheron, the fictional French ship that torments Captain Jack Aubrey (Russell Crowe) throughout the movie. The similarities include Constitution’s design, construction, and reputation after

defeating the British. He will also detail the film’s impressively accurate portrayal of life and battle in the age of sail, including a depiction of naval warfare in the period, and contrasts between British and American naval life on board.

“Old Ironsides” crew screens each film on a projector for guests aboard the Ship’s top deck.

The events will be first come, first served due to space. General seating is available, and guests may bring their own chairs and blankets to use while viewing the movie.

Movie titles, dates, and times for upcoming Summer Movie Nights are available on the Museum’s website.

All guests age 18 and older are required to show a valid state or federal-issued photo I.D. or passport to board the Ship.

The USS Constitution

Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution by offering award-winning exhibits where all ages can have fun while learning and exploring history together. The Museum’s mission is to engage visitors in the story of Constitution to spark excitement about maritime heritage, naval service, and the American experience. The Museum is open seven days a week with a pay-what-you-wish admission policy, and the Virtual Museum is open 24/7. The USS Constitution Museum is a 2022 winner in USA Today’s 10Best Readers’ Choice in the “Best History Museum” category and Boston Parents Paper’s Family Favorites in the “Historic Sites & Tours” and “Museums & Attractions” categories. For more information, visit uscm.org.

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Zumix’s Annual Summer Concert Series to kick off this weekend in Piers Park

By John Lynds

Zumix will kick off its Annual Summer Concert Series on Sunday, July 10 at Piers Park immediately following the neighborhood’s popular music and performing arts organizations’s Walk for Music.

Not only will the kick off of Zumix’s Summer Concert Series coincide with the Walk for Music but will also serve as the launch of Eastie Week—an annual celebration of cultural and musical heritage and organizations in the East Boston neighborhood.

Zumix board member and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center Steve Snyder’s Eastie



band Don’t Be Denied will headline the show on Sunday with an opening set by a Zumix youth ensemble.

Don’t be Denied is fresh off hosting a fund-

raiser for Ukraine at the House of Blues in Boston last week. The band raised over \$2,000 for local charity, Sunflower of Peace, who will use the funds to support Ukrainians af-

ected by the ongoing war with Russia.

Zumix Co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski said the Summer Concert Series highlights local profes-

sional musicians showcasing a vast array of genres.

“We’re thrilled to present our summer concert series again this year,” said Steczynski. “This is a great chance for our young people to perform in front of their community, and for us to showcase local musicians. Everyone is welcome and we hope people will come and enjoy live music in our gorgeous neighborhood green space.”

All concerts throughout the summer will take place from 6 to 8 pm and each headliner will be supported by talented young musicians from Zumix programs as opening acts throughout July and August.

The Summer Concert Series is presented with support from the East Boston Foundation, Massport, the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

The schedule for this year’s series is as follows:

- July 10, Don’t Be Denied Band
- July 17, Seefour
- July 24, Ava Sophia
- July 31, Samba Jazz Project
- August 7, The Dope Lotus
- August 14, Jahriffé & JAH-N-I Roots Movement
- August 21, Kotoko Brass
- August 28, La Pura Vida

Suffolk County DA’s Community Reinvestment Grant will help two nonprofits working in Eastie

By John Lynds

Last week District Attorney Kevin Hayden announced the distribution of \$60,000 in grants to Suffolk County nonprofit organizations dedicated to promoting the health and safety of the county’s residents.

Two nonprofits doing work in Eastie and beyond were among the 13 nonprofits to receive grants between \$2,500 and \$5,000 through Hayden’s Community Reinvestment Grant (CRG).

“Throughout my career as a prosecutor and a defense attorney, I’ve witnessed young people with

promise veer onto dangerous paths due to lack of opportunity and guidance,” said Hayden. “We fail these children when our intervention starts in a courtroom. We achieve a more just and equitable legal system when we help communities provide interventions, services and opportunities necessary for youth to succeed. We can accomplish far more together than we can alone.”

Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), an agency Hayden said has been helping improve the lives of 100,000 low-income individuals across Greater

Boston each year through comprehensive services, will be one of this year’s grant recipients.

Each summer ABCD’s satellite office, APAC, on Meridian Street helps find summer job employment for teens.

Through funding from the CRG grant ABCD and APAC will help provide stipends for youth participating in the nonprofit’s WorkSMART work readiness and mentorship program.

Over at Communi-

ty Action Programs Inter-City, Inc. (CAPIC), an agency that has identified and addressed the needs and concerns of individuals and families in Eastie since 1967, CRG grant money will continue to help CAPIC’s mission to empower residents to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency.

CRG funding will also support CAPIC’s partnership with the Revere Police Activities League (PAL) Summer Youth Academy for young adults in the region.

The grant program draws from cash and assets seized from drug traffickers to support organizations preventing youth violence or providing substance use prevention or treatment in Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Chelsea. State auditors have repeatedly praised the Suffolk County process for turning “the profits of crime into something positive for the community,” while carefully documenting all forfeiture-related income and expenditures.

“I look forward to visiting each of these partners over the coming weeks to thank them for their invaluable work on behalf of our communities,” said Hayden. “Public safety relies on equity, opportunity, engagement and tireless dedication to our youth. Each of these organizations – as well as so many other vital community agencies and nonprofits – have life changing impacts on our young people and the communities we serve.”



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

MAKING PARKS SAFER

CHELSEA - New signage and increased police patrols are coming to city parks, according to City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

District 4 Councilor Enio Lopez and District 6 Councilor Giovanni Recupero requested the city manager look into ways to help make city parks safer and cleaner.

“With respect to those who secure permits to use our parks, a requirement of the permit is to leave the park in good condition,” stated Ambrosino. “Any permittee violating this provision may have its permits revoked.”

Recupero also requested that there be signs specifying that alcohol is prohibited in the parks, citing several recent incidents where there was drinking in city parks.

“We will add such signs in parks where appropriate,” stated Ambrosino. “The DPW does plan to install more signage in all of our parks this season.”

As for increased police patrols, Ambrosino stated that he has asked Police Chief Brian Kyes to ensure that patrols are bumped up.

“In certain parks, we are assigning officers on overtime to do more active patrolling,” he stated.

Ambrosino said he is also working to address the dog waste problem in the city that has been raised recently by several city councilors.

“Unfortunately, there is no simple solution to this problem of increasing dog waste, particularly in our parks,” he said.

But, Ambrosino stated he has taken two steps to help address the issue.

“First, I have asked the Animal Control Officer to pay more attention to the problem of unleashed dogs and dog waste in our parks,” he said. “Some additional enforcement cannot hurt. Second, my office will be working with the City Clerk’s office to mail a new brochure to all licensed dog owners notifying them of the City’s existing dog regulations and the rules in our parks.”

With two exceptions, dogs are allowed in city parks as long as they are leashed at all times.

The exceptions are in parks under the jurisdiction of the school department, where dogs are not allowed from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on school days, and in the city’s designated dog park, where dogs are allowed unleashed.

In other business, Ambrosino stated that over the summer, the city will look at a grant program for non-profit youth sports programs.

Councilor-At-Large Leo Robinson made the request to provide additional funding avenues for youth sports programs in Chelsea.

“I have met with the staff of the Division of Recreation & Cultural Affairs to start discussing the parameters of such a grant program,” stated Ambrosino. “Over the course of the summer, the recreation division will work to develop criteria for such a program. I expect to return to the City Council in the fall with more specifics, and hopefully, a funding source.”

Council President Roy Avellaneda noted that special legislation requiring linkage fees for new

development in the city is making its way through the state legislature and that those fees could help provide funding for a grant program.

COUNCIL HEARS OF NEED FOR DEVENS SCHOOL

EVERETT - Superintendent of Everett Public Schools Priya Tahiliani appeared before the City Council on Monday night to explain the rental status of the Devens School. The current owner of the former Everett school building notified school officials that he might be looking at selling the building when the lease expires in June 2023, and is seeking to talk to city officials about the possible sale or even renewing the lease.

The city has been renting the Devens School for approximately the last 10 years . The yearly cost of the rental is \$580,000 per year. The Devens School was originally owned by the City of Everett, but the council approved the sale about a decade ago.

The Devens School presently is being used as a school for students with Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) who cannot be in a typical classroom setting because of their learning issues and specific needs.

Dr. Brian Wallace, the principal at the Devens School, also appeared before the councillors and provided a quick overview of the school’s programs.

“We need school space,” Wallace said to the councilors, while mentioning how important the smaller classroom-size is to the learning process and future success for a child on an IEP.

In 2012, the Everett school decided to lease back the Devens School in order to save the taxpayers the added expense of transporting these students to programs in other communities.

He noted how important continuity is for these students and that any change can be detrimental to their educational progress. He also told the councillors that according to studies, these students do best in schools that are located within their own community. Many students in other communities which do not provide adequate special needs education programs are forced to take long bus rides, at great expense to their school districts, in order to receive the educational programs they require.

Tahiliani added, “We need this building to stop additional overcrowding.”

The issue of new schools for Everett’s burgeoning school population became a major focus for city officials and residents when the School Committee brought to the public’s attention earlier this year the extent of the serious overcrowding problem facing the school system. School officials outlined their plans to convert present storage space into classroom space or to add modular classrooms at the Keverian School in order to ease the present overcrowding situation.

Wallace emphasized to the council that the Devens School exists, “because local schools cannot handle the need.”

The councilors voted to refer the matter to the mayor’s office to meet

with the owner of the Devens School and then get back to the council with information about the possibility of a new lease or purchase.

BIOLAB CAUSES HEATED DISCUSSION

REVERE - Two things remain apparent on the issue of biolab safety at the life science center being planned as part of HYM’s spectacular development of the Suffolk Downs site. One is that the issue of which biolab safety level [the levels range from 1 to 4) will be implemented in the laboratories is very heated, and two is that there are many questions still to be addressed.

The Revere Board of Health invited Sam Lipson, director of environmental health for the Cambridge Public Health Department, to speak at Monday’s Revere City Council meeting. Lipson certainly impressed all with his knowledge and expertise on the topic. Lipson, who holds bachelor’s and master’s of science degrees wide-ranging Linkedin resume attests, Lipson, from Cal-Berkeley and UMass Boston “oversees the enforcement of local and state regulations pertaining to hazardous chemical, biological, and mineral exposures within the City of Cambridge.”

With MIT and Harvard in its midst and many research laboratories inside the city, Cambridge is biolab central in the region, giving Lipson a unique and vital perspective on the issue of biolab safety.

Lipson was present at the meeting to not only offer a comprehensive presentation, which he did admirably, but to answer questions from the City Council.

But when a person in the audience disrupted the meeting just as the Council was poised to ask questions, City Council President Gerry Visconti asked Revere Police officers to escort the individual out of the Council Chambers. Visconti then wisely called for a recess (which became 30 minutes) before all attendees were allowed back into the Chambers for the resumption of the meeting.

By that point, Lipson had exited the building and Visconti referred the matter to Council Patrick Keefe’s zoning subcommittee for further review.

Most attendees left the meeting at that point, with some gathering outside to express their opinions on animal rights in organized, peaceful fashion, as two Revere Police officers stood professionally nearby on the steps of City Hall’s side entrance, ably securing the scene.

Most everyone agreed that Visconti had acted correctly in summoning the assistance of police officers inside the Council Chambers. Other Revere Police officers and State Police officers also arrived to maintain order and they were effective.

Visconti said he was hoping that the Council would get the opportunity to ask questions to Lipson pertaining to the plans for biolabs at the Suffolk Downs site.

“Unfortunately, the meeting was disrupted, and that prevented the Council from asking questions, and he [Lipson]

ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK



Julio and Alejandra Castro with their grandfather, Ron Spinney, holding his acrylic art pour paintings during the first Art in the Park hosted by the Winthrop Art Association as part of their summer series on June 25.

ended up leaving,” said Visconti. “At this point, we’re not sure if he would be amenable to a return visit.”

In the end, Visconti sent the matter to the zoning subcommittee, who will discuss the matter further and make its recommendations to the full City Council.

Interestingly, the current level of Biosafety in the Revere ordinances is for Level 3, to which many, including Council members, have expressed their opposition.

But as Monday night’s unusual chain of events showed [with a guest speaker leaving before he was able to answer questions], the issue of biolab safety – and what biosafety level will be instituted in the Revere ordinances - is still a controversial one.

(Information from Linkedin pertaining to Mr. Lipson’s academic credentials and director’s position in the Cambridge Health Department was used in the compilation of this story).

COUNCIL HEARS ABOUT CBD

WINTHROP - The Winthrop Town Council met on June 21, where it viewed the Town Planner’s presentation on the potential revitalization of the Center Business District (CBD).

CBD Storefront Improvement

Town Planner Rachel Kelly presented a draft of a Facade and Storefront Improvement Program for Winthrop’s newly renovated CBD. The presentation was created by the Town of Winthrop and Innes Associates with aid from the Mass. Dept. of Housing and Community Development.

According to the presentation, a Facade and Storefront Improvement Program is a “program for economic development within a specific area or entire community, a tool to strengthen and promote small businesses, and a strategy to revitalize and showcase a downtown or commercial center.”

Beginning in March, presenters visited the CBD and met with local businesses, documenting current conditions and developing a draft improvement plan. Photos showed the existing storefronts in CBD.

If the Town adopted the program, businesses visible from the street could apply for a grant to address code violations; improve accessibility and energy efficiency; and upgrade signage, awnings, lighting, painting and landscaping.

Other communities that have participated in similar programs include Ashland, Brookline, Cam-

bridge and Woburn.

Question of Inclusion

During the public comment period, a number of Winthrop residents expressed their concern about Winthrop’s lack of inclusive messaging for the June holidays of Juneteenth and Pride.

One resident said that, although leadership claims that Winthrop is an inclusive town, that has not been the experience of a lot of marginalized communities.

“We, as a council, have failed the community miserably,” said Councilor Joseph Aiello in response to the criticism. “All of us need to do better, including myself.”

The councilor received a standing ovation from those present in the audience.

Board of Health Updates

Regarding the black plastics ban that we reported on two weeks ago, the Board of Health suggests that retail locations stop distributing black and dark-colored plastics. They will have six months to comply with the new demand.

Outdoor pools at four locations have become a safety concern. The Board of Health will be drafting an ordinance to upgrade the safety at those locations, which can include requiring a lifeguard to be on duty.

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Joseph M. Giugliano

November 21, 1977- June 18, 2022

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Funeral Service today, Wednesday, July 6, at 11 a.m. in the New Hope Assembly of God Church, 9 Assembly Dr., Saugus, for Joseph M. “Joey” Giugliano, 44, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, June 18 at his home in East Boston. Interment will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Joey was a lifelong resident of East Boston. He was educated in Boston Public Schools and was a graduate of East Boston High School, Class of 1995.

Joey worked in construction, in which he specialized in roofing, water and sewer, curbing and sidewalks. During his working career, Joey worked for several well-known construction companies. During the few years while he worked for his uncle Sal at Giugliano Corp., he was chosen to be an extra in the movie Mystic River and he also worked on set for the movie Mystic River.

Joey was also very proud of his daughter and son.

He loved them unconditionally and always wanted to see them succeed and follow their dreams.

The loving and proud father of Aliseya Bella Giugliano and Joe Bello Giugliano, both of East



Boston, he was the beloved son of Claudia (DiGirolamo) Giugliano and the late Federico “Jerry” Giugliano of East Boston; cherished brother of Federico “Freddy,” Anthony, Jerry “Jay” and Antonietta Giugliano, all of East Boston; dear nephew of Giuseppe Giugliano and his late wife, Alfonsina of Boxford, Salvatore Giugliano and his wife, Gilfroia “Jill” of Lynnfield, Barbara DiGirolamo and the late Dora Ragucci; special uncle of Bryan, Mckayla, Danny, Anthony, Joann and Josslyn In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to New Hope Assembly of God, 9 Assembly Drive, Saugus, MA 01906.

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Funeral Arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals, Revere.

Columbia Guarino

Unconditional love for her family was matched by no other

Columbia Guarino of East Boston passed away at home on June 27 with her beloved family at her bedside. Columbia was only 76 years old.

Columbia was born in Mirabella-Eclano Italy on April 9, 1946 to Giuseppe and Maria Grazia Guarino and emigrated to the United States at the age of three. She was raised in Boston’s North End and later moved to East Boston with her family where she eventually married her beloved husband, Raffaele. Columbia was proud to call East Boston home her entire life. Columbia was a devoted wife, mother, sister, sister-in-law, grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, niece, and cousin whose heart, soul and strength is without words. Her unconditional love for her family was matched by no other.

The loving daughter of the late Giuseppe and Maria Grazia Guarino and the beloved wife of over 52 years of the late Raffaele Guarino, she was the devoted and loving mother of Lucille Gerardi and her husband, Joseph of Burlington, Vincent Guarino of West Peabody and Elaina Guarino of East Boston; dear sister of Lorraine Orlando, Michael Guarino, Anthony Guarino, and Joseph Guarino, all of East Boston and the late Henry Guarino and cherished



grandmother of Michael, Dariana, Antonio, Corey, Marco, and Joey. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins and aunt and uncle.

Family and friends honored Columbia’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, on Friday, July 1 before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston for a Funeral Mass celebrating Columbia’s life. Services concluded with Columbia being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Ralph at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May they rest in peace.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street Suite 800, Miami FL 33131. To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Paul “Chuckles” Mackey

Of East Boston

Paul J. “Chuckles” Mackey of East Boston died suddenly on June 21 at Massachusetts General Hospital with his family at his side.

The beloved father of Sarah and Sabrina Mackey, he is survived by his wife, Touria Rosfi. He was the brother of Donna Mackey, Judith Mackey, Melinda Burroughs and the late Robyn and Lynn Mackey and the son of the late Evelyn (Hoey) Mackey and John “JB” Burroughs and is also survived by many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Visiting will be in the Magrath Funeral Home, 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston today, Wednesday, July 6 from



5 to 7 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 6:30 p.m. Relatives and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to either the American Heart Assn. or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Please leave messages of condolence for the family on his Tribute Page at MagrathFuneralHome.com.

Lillian I. Tirrell

Longtime employee of the Boston School Department and member of the Boston Teachers Union

Lillian I. (Picatiello) Tirrell, 87, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend. A friend to many and loved by all who knew her, Lillian was a loyal employee of the Boston School Department for 26 years and a proud member of the Boston Teachers Union (BTU).

Her time with the school department began with court ordered busing in the city of Boston. Serving in school security, as a paraprofessional and librarian, Lillian treated every student who walked through the doors as one of her own. Inspired by her beloved aunt, the late Evelyn Morash, community and safety where something she cared about very deeply and offered her gifts so that every child she interacted with felt safe, welcomed, and valued. She was a loved colleague of East Boston High School where she served as building rep for the BTU.

Devoted to her family in every way, she was always there and the first to offer support. Ever the mother, the safety of her family was foremost. “Be safe out here,” “Be careful driving,” or her famous “Watch out!” were always the last thing you heard as you went out the door. Each of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were her world. With the advent of cell phones, this meant you were always within her grasp no matter where you were, far and near. “Where are you?” she would say. Sending cards and calling friends who were ill, she always kept in touch. Wakes of neighbors or weddings of former students, it was hard for her to go anywhere without someone not knowing her. Her quick sense of humor and colorful personality were never in short supply neither was her big laugh.

Devoted to her family and community, she possessed a quiet generosity and deep faith. Her devotion to St. Anthony was legendary and she would always say “Pray to St. Anthony!” She said



her prayers every night, remembering those who were sick, the dying, the faithful departed, or just down and out, she was always for the underdog. As she would say, “I just want everyone to be “Safe, happy and healthy.”

Lillian will be greatly missed and forever loved. We say not in grief she is no longer with us, but rather we live and thankfulness for all that she was.

Lillian was the beloved wife of 60 years of the late Donald F. Tirrell; devoted mother of Henry Tirrell and his late wife, Sharon of Winthrop, Gary Tirrell and Lynne Barbarisi, both of East Boston; dear sister of Alice Pagliaro and her late husband, Frank of Medford, Thomas of Dallas, TX and Henry “Pic” and his wife, Deborah of Wappinger Falls, NY. Nana of Jessica Pumphret of Winthrop, Reverend Father Corey Bassett-Tirrell of Framingham and Derek Tirrell, Gabriella and Carina Barbarisi, all of East Boston; adored great-grandmother of Ava and Joseph Pumphret. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews and she was the niece of the late Evelyn Morash.

Family and friends will honor Lillian by gathering on Thursday, July 7 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights), East Boston from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere Street, Revere for a Funeral Mass at 12 noon.

Memorial donations may be made to Cross Road Shelter, 56 Havre St., East Boston. 02128.

Annmarie Melito

Commonwealth of Mass. retiree

Annmarie V. (Palermo) Melito of Danvers, formerly of East Boston, died recently.

Annmarie was the former president of Saint Agrippina Women’s Society of the North End and former secretary of the Daughters of Italy. She was an employee of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 30 years.

The beloved wife of 56 years of Frank Melito, she was the devoted mother of Lisa Mustacchio and her husband, Nicholas “Nicky” of Danvers and Frank and his wife, Christine of West Medford; loving daughter of the late Ignazio “Eddie” Palermo and Carmella (Testa) Palermo; devoted nana of Little Frankie, Kelsi, Jillian, Anthony, Nicholas Jr. and Meghan. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and two special God-daughters.

Family and friends will honor Annmarie’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 10 Chestnut Street, Pea-



body on Sunday, July 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. and again on Monday morning, July 11 at 8 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph- St. Lazarus Church in East Boston for a mass at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Annmarie being laid to rest at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park in Peabody. Flowers are appreciated or memorial donations can be made in Annmarie’s name to Boston Higashi School- Autism, 800 N Main Street, Randolph, MA 02368. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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MERIDIAN HOUSE CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY



NSMHA Director of Addiction Services Audrey Clairmont.



NSMHA CEO Damien Cabezas.



Manager of Recovery on the Harbor Rose Stone talks about how the Meridian House helped her battle her substance abuse.



Fifteen years sober former Meridian House Manager Billy Wagner talks about his journey to sobriety.

Last week at the Cottage Park Yacht Club the Meridian House staff, as well as past and current residents, supporters and special guests, celebrated 50 years as the first and oldest residential addiction treatment program in Boston.

During the event Meridian House honored staff members and aired a 50th anniversary video. Guests also heard from alumni speakers that talked about how the Meridian House

changed their lives. Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, was the evening's keynote speaker and talked about the impact the Meridian House has had in the community for the past five decades.

The celebration was also used as a platform to launch the inaugural John Meaney Award and present the award to Meaney himself.

Meaney, a former Meridian House resident is 36 years in recovery. Since Meaney graduated from the program in 1986 he has been a consistent support for the Meridian House and its residents. Every year on his anniversary of getting sober he brings residents pizza and tells his story.

Over the course of the past five decades, Meridian House, working through North Suffolk Mental Health Association, has helped hundreds and hundreds of people find their way to recovery since its inception in the fall of 1971.



Former NSMHA Director of Addiction Services Kim Hanton gets ready to present the 1st Annual John Meaney Award to John Meaney himself.



East Boston District Court Judge John Macdonald with NSMHA Director of Recovery Support Services Katie O'Leary's daughter, Alannah Keegan.



Last week's honoree John Meaney (right) talks with guests during the Meridian House's 50th Anniversary celebration.



Rep. Adrian Madaro presents the Meridian House staff with a certificate of appreciation from the House of Representatives for the important work they do.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, NSMHA Director of Recovery Support Services Katie O'Leary and Sen. Lydia Edwards.



Current Meridian House residents during the celebration.



John Meaney, who is 36 years sober and a longtime supporter of the Meridian House's residents over the years, accepts the 1st Annual John Meaney award from friend and former NSMHA Director of Addiction Services Kim Hanton.



Shown above, NSMHA Director of Addiction Services Audrey Clairmont presents Derek Elliott with a plaque and flowers for his 17 years of service as a Meridian House employee. Shown to the left, Rep. Adrian Madaro was the evening's keynote speaker.



Current Meridian House residents heard inspiring stories from former Meridian House residents that conquered their addiction and went on to live successful lives.

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