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Law Office of Margie S. Lazo opens on Saratoga Street

Margie S. Lazo, Esq. official opens her door to practice law, specializing in immigration. Lazo was born in Boston and grew up and graduated at East Boston High School. She attended Pine Manor College in Chestnut Hill, then continuing her education at the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, graduating in 2016. Attorney Lazo is married and a mother of 3 children. Her parents migrated from El



Attorney Marie S. Lazo, East Boston's newest law office specializing in immigration.

Salvador, and seeing the issues that faced them, she decided to make her life's work helping others that are placed in the same trying circumstances as her parents. The law office is located at 956 Saratoga Street, above the well know Orient Heights Civic Club and as of last Saturday, Attorney Margie S. Lazo is ready to take your calls at 781-479-7903 or 857-417-6938.



Attorney Margie Lazo is shown in front of her newly opened law office with her family, Manuel and Maria Lazo, children Jimmy, Stephanie and Angel, Danny Lazo and Ditmar Lazo.

Bikes // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing wayfinding signage, and adding tents at shuttle stops to shield riders from the rain and sun. "It is easy to see how transportation justice is racial and economic justice," Wu said. She announced that a "citywide design process" was being launched that will employ recovery funds from the federal government. In addition to the design process, 9.4 miles of protected bike lanes will be constructed by the end of next year "to mend key gaps and expand our net-

work," Wu said. Wu added that the city has a goal of ensuring that 50 percent of all Boston residents are within "a three minute walk to a safe, connected bike route within the next three years." Also in that time period, the city will add more than 100 Blue Bike station, which will increase the current amount by 40 percent. To mitigate speeding and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists, the city will also be installing

speed humps and raised crosswalks, "particularly around schools, parks, and libraries," Wu said. The city is also "committing to reach 600 women and gender diverse adults" with it's free learn-to-bike workshops, as well as a "\$1.5 million rebate for older adults and people with disabilities to purchase e-bikes," she said. "We are committed to building a Boston for everyone," Wu said. Wu was joined by Chief of Streets Jascha Frank-

lin-Hodge, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Spaces Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison, Shavel'le Olivier of the Mattapan Food & Fitness Coalition, as well as several bike activists and City Councilor Kenzie Bok, who made remarks. Franklin-Hodge said that based on recent data, "at key streets," 10 to 20 percent of vehicles are bikes "during peak periods," and that Blue Bikes have increased in popular-

ity. He said that August was the "highest ridership month in the history of the Blue Bikes system,"which is "almost a quarter of the number of trips on the Orange Line." He said that bikes must be made "more accessible to more people" and that infrastructure needs to be safer as well. Additionally, he said "e-bikes are also starting to play a much bigger role in biking in Boston." The planning process that Wu announced will

help to decide where more bike lanes are needed and how they will be implemented, and the 9.4 miles of new bike lanes to be installed by the end of next year will be done so on over a dozen streets. "I believe that Boston can be the best city in America for biking and walking," Franklin-Hodge said. For more information and updates on this new initiative, visit boston.gov/bike-lanes.

Cannabis // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

process for seeking zoning relief through the Zoning Board of Appeal has been made redundant by the Boston Cannabis Boards process and regulations so the time is right to phase out the ZBA requirement." In an Aug. 29 letter to BPDA Director J. Arthur Jemison, District 8 City Councilor Kenzie Bok wrote that she supports the removal of the half-mile buffer zone rule from the zoning code because "as a specialized body considering the emergence of the cannabis industry across the whole city, the BCB is better positioned than the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to weigh the different factors in considering whether an exception to the half-mile buffer zone is appropriate or not." Councilor Bok added that the addition of two new members with "relevant expertise" to the BCB (increasing the board's ranks from five to seven members) would "help it

weigh these issues, and make location considerations more central to the BCB's grading rubric." (The BCB uses a scoring sheet to rate applicants that takes into account four criteria, including the business's diversity and inclusion plan; its employment plan; community feedback and public support; and location, safety, and security.) "I believe this is an appropriate streamlining of the process, and I believe that we have seen the BCB's deliberations reflect an enhanced consideration of location dynamics over the past year," Councilor Bok wrote. Regarding the second proposed change to the city's guidelines for cannabis establishments from "Conditional Use" to "Allowed Use" in all non-residential districts, Councilor Bok wrote, "I represent a number of parts of the City in which residential and business

uses are extremely cheek-by-jowl; such areas of my district are in fact often home to many more residents than areas of the City commonly described as 'residential.' This mix of uses makes for dynamic, vibrant urban neighborhoods, but of course can also result in certain tensions." One method developed for addressing tension in these neighborhoods is to designate all business uses as "Conditional," wrote Councilor Bok, to encourage businesses to meet with residents, as well as to adopt certain "protocols" for "trash pickup, hours of operation, deliveries, curb management, etc." Added Councilor Bok: "Throughout my district, there are numerous areas where resident and commercial stakeholders have gotten together and agreed on local business subdistrict zoning that applies 'conditional' status to nearly all uses - from cafés to liquor stores. In this situation, it would be strangely inconsistent to remove the 'conditional' status only for marijuana

retail, as proposed in your petition. Since the BCB does not consider detailed good-neighbor restrictions to be appropriate for inclusion in Host Community Agreements, your petition would mean that the neighborhoods I represent would have standing to seek agreement on matters such as hours and trash pickup in advance of a ZBA vote for a café, but not for a cannabis shop." At an Aug. 29 virtual meeting sponsored by the BPDA on the proposed zoning changes, City Councilor at-Large Michael Flaherty, who described himself as "one of the chief architects" of the half-mile buffer, said the ZBA should continue to uphold this guideline so as not to inundate any one neighborhood with an abundance of cannabis establishments. Councilor Flaherty also predicted that the city would only have a "limited window" to facilitate the opening of Boston's cannabis establishments before the industry is "re-classified" at the federal level. "Stop & Shop and Wal-



A variety of cannabis products which can be purchased at the dispensaries around the City and greater Boston area.

greens - once they get into the business, it's going to completely change the trajectory of what we're discussing," said Councilor Flaherty. Brian Keith, Chief Operating Officer of Rooted in Roxbury, said they intend to open an equity retail cannabis shop at 331 Newbury St. this November. Which comes after paying rent at the location for the past two years. Rooted Roxbury also spent an estimated \$150,000 on attorneys, architects, and consultants before they even filed their application with the city, Keith said, while the ZBA process could double those costs and extend the timeframe - something that could cause the applicant to eventually run out of funds and fail as a business. Elliott Laffer, who chairs the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, said while the time and cost issues that applicants face are legitimate concerns "so is the desire of the neighborhoods to be heard." Since residential and commercial uses are so

inextricably linked in the Back Bay, Laffer said, "We need to work really hard so that business neighborhood can be viable, but that the residential neighborhood is viable, too." Segun Idowu, the city's Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, said while it "made sense" to charge the ZBA with evaluating would-be cannabis establishments in the city prior to the formation of the BCB, now, the ZBA process is now nothing more than an "unnecessary barrier," which can take months to navigate and put an "unnecessary burden" on equity applicants. As a result, some applicants have found themselves in the unenviable position of having to find another location for their proposed cannabis establishment, or having to sue the city instead, said Idowu. The BPDA is accepting public comments on the proposed zoning amendments for Boston's cannabis establishments through Sept. 9 via email at bpdarpz@boston.gov.

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Wu recognizes International Overdose Awareness Day

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu on last Wednesday recognized International Overdose Awareness Day, which raises awareness about overdoses in Boston and honors the memory of Bostonians who have died from substance use disorder. Acknowledging this public health issue can reduce the stigma for those who grieve or are currently experiencing the substance use disorder.

In recognition of Over-

dose Awareness Day and National Recovery Month this September, Boston City Hall was lit purple. State bridges and state government buildings were also illuminated to honor those who have died from substance use disorder, as well as those in recovery.

The City of Boston joined families and volunteers and planted 20,000 purple flags on the Boston Common, each representing a person who has died from an overdose in the

Commonwealth over the last 10 years.

“Building a city for everyone means ensuring that every person impacted by substance use is connected to city services and has a path to a stable recovery and housing,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “As we mark International Overdose Awareness Day, we will continue to drive this critical work forward across every neighborhood. I’m grateful to all of our partners in public health and public safety

working collaboratively every day to lower barriers and increase access to services.”

The City continues to experience the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and its convergence with the opioid epidemic. The pandemic disrupted treatment and the drug supply, resulting in increased risk of fatal overdose. State officials are seeing fentanyl involved in 93% of fatal overdoses. Opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts increased by 8.8% in 2021 compared to 2020, and exacerbated inequities among our Black and Latinx neighbors.

“As we acknowledge International Overdose Awareness Day, we must recognize the heroic actions of outreach workers and first responders who have reversed countless overdoses and saved many lives during the past year,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Expanding access to life-saving harm reduction services like Naloxone (Narcan) will continue to be a priority in our public health approach to addressing the needs of individuals living with substance use disorders in Boston.”

Mayor Wu with support from the City Council committed \$6 million in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to address substance use

disorder through the creation of new programs such as neighborhood engagement teams, low-barrier daytime spaces, and low-threshold transitional housing. Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, Boston developed a long-term strategic outlook and enhanced its Coordinated Response Team made up of over ten city departments which respond to acute needs related to substance use and homelessness.

Observed every September, National Recovery Month provides an opportunity to celebrate individuals living in recovery and to raise awareness about the services and supports available to people experiencing substance use disorder.

Through the Boston Public Health Commission’s Office of Recovery Services, the Mayor’s Office is partnering across departments and neighborhoods to support the following activities and community events this September:

- Tipping the Pain Scale Documentary – A collaboration with the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture and Boston Public Library to show the documentary Tipping the Pain Scale about the opioid epidemic and featuring frontline work in Boston. September 26th.
- Recovery Day – State-wide celebration of recovery taking place at Faneuil Hall. September 29th.
- Rainy Day Poems –

Poems about resilience and hope painted on Boston sidewalks that appear during the rain. Ongoing event.

- City Hall Art Exhibit – Featuring art from a comic book teaching teens about opioids. Opens September 15.

- Events Calendar – Lifting up events and activities happening across the City. Ongoing throughout September.

To learn more about recovery services and where to find help, call 311 or visit the website www.boston/recovery. The City of Boston provides referrals to treatment, residential programming, overdose prevention training, among other services.

If you suspect someone has overdosed, you should call 9-1-1 immediately. Fatal overdoses are preventable through harm reduction and education. Outreach workers from the Boston Public Health Commission routinely reverse anywhere between one to four opioid-related overdoses per day by administering naloxone (Narcan) and have saved countless lives to date. The Commission also offers programs that train opioid users, families, and providers how to prevent, recognize, and intervene during a drug overdose using naloxone. For more information regarding the training programs, please contact the BPHC overdose prevention program at 617-534-7842 or by visiting boston.gov/recovery.

Empowerment // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

career pipelines

This newly formed cabinet, led by Chief Nguyen, will ensure better accountability and coordination, and closely align worker empowerment policy and programs with the administration’s broader commitment of ensuring Boston is a safe, healthy and climate resilient city for all. Led by Nguyen, the Cabinet for Worker Empowerment will play a major role in implementing Boston’s Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools, which includes creating green jobs with livable wages, good benefits, and strong worker protections across the city.

“I am excited, honored and humbled by this great opportunity to serve the City and its residents,” said Trinh Nguyen. “Boston has recently experienced tremendous economic growth and prosperity, however, the future promises even greater opportunities if we prioritize equal access to quality jobs and skills training for all Bostonians. We look forward to engaging with employers, workers and public and private stakeholders towards this collective vision.”

Trinh Nguyen is the current Director of the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development (OWD), an affiliated division of the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA). As Director of OWDD, she has launched such initiatives as the Tuition-Free Community College Program, the Greater Boston American Apprenticeships, and various career pathways for the health-care, clean energy and construction sectors. Prior to her role at OWDD, Nguyen was the Chief of Staff at the Boston Housing Authority.

Nguyen has nearly 25 years of experience in operations, programs, resource, and budget management. She has worked in executive management for various community non-profits and public sector agencies. She is currently Chair of the Neighborhood Jobs Trust, a Trustee of the U.S. Conference of Mayors Workforce Development Council, and a Trustee of Bunker Hill Community College. Nguyen holds dual graduate degrees and an MBA from MIT’s Sloan School of Management and was a community fellow at MIT’s Department of Urban Planning.

Deputy Chiefs Jodi Sugerman-Brozan and Rashad Cope will work with Chief Nguyen to execute the Cabinet’s key priorities,

such as workplace safety and workforce career pipelines respectively.

Deputy Chief Sugerman-Brozan will focus on improving oversight of labor standards as well as strengthening and building a culture of workplace safety and health across the city. Recently, the City of Boston has continued to see a range of preventable workplace incidents and fatalities, particularly on construction sites across the City. The Cabinet will play a major role in understanding what is causing these incidents and developing and implementing prevention strategies.

“I am incredibly excited to join the new Cabinet for Worker Empowerment,” said Jodi Sugerman-Brozan. “I want to thank Mayor Wu for this opportunity and for her commitment to workers rights and health and safety in Boston. Like the Mayor, I believe that all workers should be able to come home to their families alive and well, especially in the City that I call home. I can’t wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work.”

Sugerman-Brozan currently serves as the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH). During her tenure with MassCOSH, she has focused on the role of worker injury and pain on opiate addiction in the workplace and safety protocols concerning COVID-19. She has also played a key role in the implementation of the law that extends OSHA level protections to public sector workers as a member of the Department of Labor Standards’ Safety & Health Advisory Board. Prior to joining MassCOSH, she had 22 years of experience with environmental non-profits, focusing on a wide range of issues including the effects of environmental factors such as diesel exhaust on asthma rates and other respiratory afflictions. Sugerman-Brozan holds a Masters Degree in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University.

Deputy Chief Cope will primarily coordinate and build on the work of the City’s workforce employment initiatives. He will focus on constructing crucial career pipelines between the City and Boston’s educational institutions, and ensuring workers are connected with job opportunities and skill programs.

“I am beyond excited to step into this role to

advance the Mayor’s priorities around workforce empowerment,” said Rashad Cope. “Thank you to Mayor Wu, and Chief Nguyen for your commitment to training and pathway development for workers. Boston has a thriving community of current and emerging professionals that will truly benefit from reskilling and upskilling opportunities to support their growth and success in the workplace. I appreciate the tremendous moment to serve our city in this capacity.”

Cope currently serves the City of Boston, as Director of the Department of Youth Engagement & Employment - where he provides leadership and oversight to advance the lives of Boston’s youth through programs and strategic partnerships with stakeholders. He is responsible for developing an extensive strategy and youth development plan that addresses inequities, improves quality outcomes and elevates the work of: hiring youth in the Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program (via the SuccessLink Program); strengthening youth career & skill development and educational training; engaging youth in civic opportunities, connecting youth to services and resources; and amplifying the voices of youth.

Cope is a proud native of the City of Boston. He earned a Bachelors of Science (B.S) and a Masters of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from Fitchburg State University; and a Masters of Science (MS Ed.) in Education Studies; and a Nonprofit Organizational Leadership Graduate Certificate from Wheelock College. Rashad’s drive comes from being a triplet and a loving and dedicated father of son Tavaj O. Cope.

Mayor Michelle Wu has been a consistent and equitable champion for Boston workers through uplifting the work of critical labor unions, advocacy organizations and ensuring that Boston is a city for everyone. Mayor Wu has reaffirmed the right of all workers to organize and bargain collectively and expanded opportunities for all to share in Boston’s economic prosperity. In 2015, then-City Councilor Michelle Wu authored and passed legislation guaranteeing parental leave for city workers. In 2018, then-City Councilor Wu filed legislation to establish a Fair Work Week for workers at city-contracted companies.

LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

MILLIKAN GRADUATES FROM EMERSON COLLEGE

Emerson College awarded more than 1,000 undergraduate degrees during its 142nd Commencement at Agganis Arena..

Miles Millikan from East Boston, received a BFA in Theatre and Performance and graduated in August 2022.

During the ceremony, the College honored three award-winning artists, innovators, and Emersonians for their contributions and efforts to

the arts, communication, and greater humanity. Crazy Rich Asians and Raya and the Last Dragon screenwriter Adele Lim '96; composer and singer Toshi Reagon, and Emerson Trustee, founder and chairman of Samuels & Associates, and film producer Steve Samuels each received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Lim '96 gave the commencement address.

"I admire your sense of community, of social justice, fairness, and your willingness to use your voice in the pursuit of those ideals," said Interim President William

Gilligan in the President's Address at the ceremony. "The world needs you now to continue that with all the skills and knowledge you have acquired, the values you have developed and displayed, and that indomitable Emerson spirit that you have shown us often."

Commencement speaker Adele Lim '96, said, "I am far from done, but what I hope for myself, for all of us, for all of you, is what all great stories have: a journey that is authentic and meaningful, and if we're lucky, one that touches the lives of others."



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CLIMATE CHANGE IS EVERYWHERE, ALL AT ONCE

About a dozen years ago, the New York Times columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tom Friedman wrote a column in which he explained that "global warming" was a misnomer for the coming changes to the earth's environment. He quoted some climate scientists who suggested that the more-appropriate way to think about the coming changes in our weather pattern is to call it "global weirding."

That's because, wrote Friedman, the effects of spewing fossil fuels into the environment will not become manifest in something as benign-sounding as "global warming." After all, if the planet gets a little bit warmer, the term "global warming" suggests that we only need to crank up the AC in the summer and we can turn down our thermostats in the winter. No big deal, right?

But by using the term "global weirding," the scientists were telling us that extreme weather events, fueled by a warming atmosphere, would become the norm in every part of the globe.

Consider that in this summer alone, the American West is facing a drought that appears to be the worst in 1200 years and the northeast is also now experiencing drought conditions.

Yet at the same time, record rainfalls have brought about floods that have overwhelmed St. Louis, Kentucky, Yellowstone National Park, Dallas, Mississippi, and Georgia.

Boise, Idaho just experienced its hottest August and has seen the most days over 100 degrees (already at 22) in a year since the city's record-keeping began in 1875.

Some parts of China are experiencing their longest sustained heat wave since record-keeping began in 1961, according to China's National Climate Center, leading to manufacturing shutdowns owing to a lack of hydropower because of dried-up rivers.

Yet there also has been dramatic flooding in other parts of the country where the highest-ever water levels in history have been recorded on some rivers.

Parts of Japan are in extreme drought and that country recently endured its hottest June since record-keeping began in 1874.

In Europe, the drought affecting Spain, Portugal, France, and Italy is on track to be the worst in 500 years.

Yet two weeks ago, torrential rains once again drenched England, turning London's streets into rivers and flooding the underground train system. Oh, and London earlier this summer recorded its hottest day on record that precipitated wildfires in the city's outskirts.

A dozen years after Mr. Friedman's column, the term "global warming" has been retired and we now use the more-accurate term of climate change.

On the other hand, given how crazy the weather has been all across the planet these past few weeks, "global weirding" does have a better ring of truth to it.

But whatever we want to call it, it is clear that there is no escaping the inevitable effects of our warming planet -- and about the only thing we can say for sure is that things are going to get a lot worse.

While we certainly applaud the recently-passed bill (the so-called Inflation Reduction Act) by Congress that will set the U.S. on a world-leading path to reducing fossil fuel emissions, we can't help but think that it is too little, too late.

SERENA WILLIAMS IS AN INSPIRATION FOR EVERYBODY

We wish to add our voice to the universal acclaim for tennis star Serena Williams, who played her last match this past week at the U.S. Open.

The life story of Serena and her sister Venus, as depicted in the movie King Richard (named after their father), would be too fantastical even for Hollywood if it were not true.

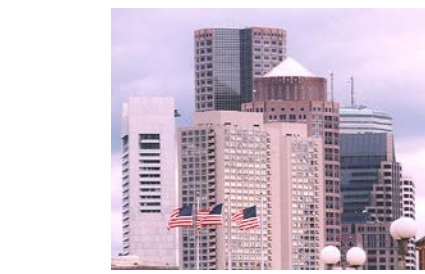
Their rise from the hard-scrabble asphalt courts of Compton, California, to the pinnacle of tennis greatness, in which they overcame the obstacles of overt racism and near-poverty, serves as an inspiration for all of us. Their success is a testament to the virtues of hard work, dedication, and perseverance in the face of adversity.

We congratulate Serena Williams on her success as the greatest female athlete of all time and wish her the best of luck in her life off the court in the years ahead.

Your opinions, please

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GUEST OP-ED

Make this next season of life a great one

stare into space. Often our bodies get to where that's all we can do. Is this all you can do now? Consider your daily options.

Stop throwing your life away doing nothing. Have verbal conversations with people on the telephone. You can overdo this as well but it's at least human interaction. Keep moving, stretching and exerting yourself. Plan your meals and eat as healthy as possible and don't overeat. Save some for your next meal. You'll live till the next one.

Go somewhere when you can. Going someplace is better than no place. A change of pace and being outdoors is mentally good for you. Your travel may be across the street but the key is to move and get out.

You will get depressed if all you are doing is eating, staring at your cell phone and flipping television channels. If you are physically able, work ten

to twenty hours a week. Somebody will hire you.

Everyone needs something to do, someone to talk to and something to look forward to doing. You also need someone to love and first you always have God. God loves you now and if you'll open your heart, he will fill your life with his love. There are people to love. Love your family, love friends, love people at work and church. Love the people with whom you socially gather. Some people aren't easy to love and some are impossible. Keep in mind that all things with God are possible. Keep your heart filled with God's love. Love yourself. You can't love others very well if you don't love yourself. Forgive and take care of yourself. You'll then have something you can give others, love and kindness.

It's sad to be around bitter people who have never resolved life's issues and

embraced their own lives. Everyone has potential to excel and achieve. Too often people get bogged down with failures and are totally destroyed. Some failures are just events in your life in which you will learn about you and others. You can use failure to grow, reposition and redevelop your life.

You know what the political candidates are saying. You don't have to spend hours watching political ads, unless you are bored stiff.

Enjoy the season. Make this next one a great one.

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.

LETTER to the Editor

is repugnant that the hospital and its clinicians are subjected to this level of vitriol, and even a bomb threat. I wanted to let you know that I have already reached out to Boston's Human Rights Commission about this, and am committed to working to address hate, discrimination, and extremism.

I represent a diverse district with a large number of immigrants and LGBTQ+ residents, and I have made it my priority to address hateful rhetoric and extremism as a City Councilor. This unfortunately is not the first time that extremist groups have targeted our medical professionals.

Earlier this year, there were reports of the neo-Nazi harassment of Brigham

and Women's Hospital medical professionals working on healthcare equity, spreading hateful and false narratives that threaten their safety and work. It is disgusting that medical professionals are being threatened again by hateful groups who spread misinformation and lies about their work.

I have requested that the City of Boston's Human Rights Commission document this incident, and similar events moving forward, so that the residents of Boston and any hate watch groups or relevant law enforcement organizations are aware of their presence in our city, as well as providing any available resources and support to those who experienced incidents of hate. I have worked close-

ly with the Human Rights Commission on addressing hate crimes and discrimination, and will continue to work with them to bring awareness to these issues of extremism, and stand firmly against any form of hate or discrimination.

I wanted to thank the professionals at Boston Children's Hospital for their work as a world class institution in our country that provides exceptional care to so many families, and offer any assistance that might be helpful in the future. If you or any staff impacted by this incident would like to speak to me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

Ed Flynn

REGARDING THE HARASSMENT AROUND BOSTON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

A copy of the following letter from City Councilor Flynn was submitted to the East Boston Times Free Press for publication.

Dear Dr. Churchwell:

I'm writing in regards to the alarming reports of harassment from far right and anti-LGBTQ+ groups targeting Boston Children's Hospital, and want to offer my support to the hospital, as well as to the staff and patients at your hospital. Boston Children's Hospital is providing life saving and necessary care to our transgender youth, and it

Triangle Inc., And Piers Park Sailing Center celebrate 5 years sailing through Boston Harbor with people of all abilities

Special to the Times

Last week, Triangle Inc., and Piers Park Sailing Center awarded residents a certificate of completion to mark the end of the six-week adaptive sailing program. For five years, residents living in Triangle, Inc.'s nine residential homes have participated in adaptive sailing programming led by Pier Park Sailing Center in East Boston. This program is a part of Triangle's commitment to ensure that every member of their programs has the opportunity to participate in all facets of their local communities, including recreational activities. Since beginning their partnership in 2018, Piers Park staff members captain a boat for Triangle residents and staff members, teaching them the basics of sailing while navigating through Boston Harbor.

"We are so fortunate to have a partner in the Piers Park Sailing Center. They have assisted participants in expanding their life experiences in such a unique way! For some it is the first time they have ever experienced sailing," said

Melissa Strout, Chief Integrity Officer at Triangle Inc.

"Because our partnership has continued to grow over the years we are able to offer this opportunity to others and enhance the skills of our annual sailors. I can't speak highly enough about the team and volunteers at Piers Park! Their thoughtfulness and care is unmatched. We look forward to many more years of our partnership and are excited to get more folks on the water!"

Triangle residents who have participated in the sailing program have experienced multiple benefits. Many apply their new skills on their sailing excursions. This practice helps residents build communication, sequencing, and processing skills that also support their independent living and employment goals. They receive all the benefits of physical activity and fresh air as they experience Boston from the boats each week while having a blast on the water with their instructors from Piers Park Sailing Center.

"Our instructors at Piers Park have built bonds with

the residents and staff and look forward to seeing everyone each Saturday. The personal growth and

confidence is a joy to see. Being out on the water is

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Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

Jeffries Point Neighborhood Assoc. meeting

The next meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association will be on Monday, September 12. 7:00 – 8:30 pm Zoom Video Conference

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Visit their website at <http://jeffriespoint.org/> for more information and in order to register for this meeting.

In order to speak aloud as an abutter, you must

live within the 300-foot radius from the subject property and you must register for this meeting by Sunday, September 11 at 7pm.

In order to qualify to vote at a voting meeting each person must be registered and join the meeting as an individual. You will not be counted as an attendee at a meeting should you participate in the Zoom call as a couple or family.

The following is the

agenda for our upcoming monthly meeting:

Agenda (subject to change):

- Announcements/Housekeeping
- JPNA Board Member Installation
- Boston Police Update
- Office of Neighborhood Services – Updates from the Mayor’s Office
- Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta
- Boston City Councilor-at-Large, Ruthzee Louijeune

• 516 Sumner Street, VOTE, presented at 2 Planning and Zoning Meetings, proposal to change occupancy to a four-family and renovate, including adding a rear addition and roof deck. Presentation

• Developer: Michael Stuchins / Represented by: Drago & Toscano

As a reminder, all questions will be handled via the Zoom chat feature. We ask all attendees to remain muted unless called upon to speak. Looking forward to “seeing” you all there!

We are using eBallot to manage the voting process. Within 48 hours after the meeting, eligible voters will be emailed a

link that will allow them to vote online. All votes must be cast by Friday, September 16th at 7pm. Late votes will not be accepted, no exceptions. Please be sure to check your spam folder as the e-mail frequently ends up there for many residents.

Harbor View Neighborhood Assoc. meeting

Special to the Times

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on September 12, 2022 at 6pm. Remember this meeting is a week later than our usual first Monday of the month, due to the Labor Day Holiday. The meeting is In Person only, but will be streamed via Facebook for archival purposes. Attendance on Facebook does not qualify for voting. 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 for those in attendance.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en el 12 de septiembre a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Facebook. La asistencia en Facebook no califica para vota.

Llega a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado de Brooke Charter School. Pueda usar la entrada principal por la calle

Byron o la entrada en calle de Wordsworth. La entrada de calle Wordsworth no tiene escaleras por personas con discapacidades.

El cubre bocas sera opcional puesto que estaremos adentro.

Agenda

- Welcome/Introduction (5min)
- Announcements (5min) Ohabei Shalom Cemetery Improvements; St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive on October 8/9; Love Your Block Clean-up on 9/24; ZBA Hearing 175 Wordsworth Street 9:30am on 9/13; Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off on 9/24; Tentative Tree Planting by Tree Eastie, Speak for the Trees and HVNA on 9/25.
- Station 7 Police Report (15min) Sgt. Cintolo, Officer Domenico and Officer Mosley
- Love Your Block (5min) Annual neighborhood cleanup. Seeking volunteers to help clean up trash, papers and other debris from the sidewalks and gutters. Meeting place will be Salesians on Byron Street.
- Italian Heritage Day (5min) Steve Scire from Carlo’s Catering will speak to us about a planned celebration on

October 9, 2022 at Salesians Parking Lot from 1pm to 5pm. A fun day for friends, neighbors, families to get together to eat, listen to music, dance and enjoy the season.

- Cargo Ventures (20min) Update the neighborhood on this previously presented plan to improve the Chelsea Creek shoreline for climate change, walking, biking and trucking. Also other beneficial features of this proposed development project off of McClellan Highway Route 1A.
- Neptune Circle Tree Planting (10 min) Discuss the new project by Tree Eastie, Speak for the Trees and HVNA to add street trees to Neptune Circle. The tentative planting date will be September 25. Looking at about 12 trees to be planted to reduce noise and air pollution; add beauty and provide shade to cool our streets.
- New Business (10min) Opportunity for members to discuss or share ideas for future meetings.

The next meeting of HVNA will be on October 3, 2022.

Visit us at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna> or check our website at harborviewna-stboston.com.

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a calming and therapeutic experience, but it also provides the opportunity to have a lot of self-efficacy and control,” said Alex DeFronzo, Executive Director of Piers Park Sailing Center. “I wish more human service agencies got out in the community and did the work that Triangle is doing because you can see the impact in real-time. This group comes away each week physically and mentally stronger with great stories to share. This program has been a success because of the work of the staff at Triangle and because of Melissa’s leadership. There is

such a dedicated team.”

Since 1971, Triangle, Inc. has empowered people with disabilities and their families to live rich, fulfilling lives. With a strong focus on employment, empowerment, independence, and community engagement, Triangle, Inc. reaches more than 4,000 people across eastern Massachusetts each year. Through all of its efforts, Triangle, Inc reminds our communities that we are all people with abilities. Learn more about the organization and their impact at triangle-inc.org.

Piers Park Sailing Center (PPSC) was founded

March 10, 1998 as an integral part of Piers Park, an open community green space on the East Boston Waterfront. PPSC’s docks and building were constructed by the Massachusetts Port Authority and are ADA compliant at all points of the tide cycle. We are a community based organization – our Board Chair and 100% of our leadership staff grew up in our programs as youth. For the last two decades PPSC has been providing unique educational opportunities for youth and adults, and serving as a gateway to the harbor and its islands. The Adaptive Sailing Program at Piers Park Sailing Center is a nationally recognized program. We’ve worked with over 2,800 people with disabilities since the program’s inception. US Sailing has awarded PPSC Best Community Program for Disabled Sailors and PPSC maintains its status as an accredited US SAILING Adaptive Sailing Center, one of fewer than 10 across the country.



Staff helping residents into boat.

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In addition, a storm surge coupled with sea-level rise could cause billions in damages. Central Sq is most vulnerable and could be cut off if a ‘Superstorm Sandy’ were to hit anytime soon. We need remedies and soon! It takes years to agree upon, plan, permit, budget and build these preventive measures.

We know that systems can break down if not properly maintained. Witness the Orange Line shutdown and the lack of fresh water for the entire city of Jackson, Mississippi. Bad things can happen even in the best of times. Fortunately many in the community and in the City are working towards solutions. However, we will work best, and faster by working together, across boundaries, on behalf of our vulnerable and diverse communities.

This upcoming Resiliency Summit will begin to explore a variety of the challenging issues. We actually need a collaborative Resiliency Network to alert and involve our vulnerable community to the dangers. This summit is the beginning of such a network.

There will be a variety of significant speakers and workshops, including: Evacuation preparations, Dealing with Extreme heat, Flood prevention and Critical infrastructure, Air Quality & Food insecurity, Pandemic planning, Housing issues

Please mark the afternoon/early evening of **September 29th** 4-8 pm on your calendar. Contact Latifa at LZiyad@noahcdc.org to participate, or call her at 617.418.8201. Spinelli’s delicious food will be served. And, if your group brings 20 people, it will be eligible for a MacAir laptop.

Reach Latifa at LZiyad@noahcdc.org for participation

FINAL SABORES DE NUESTRA HELD AT PIERS PARK



Valeria Santillan strikes a pose in a dancing gown supplied by the Veronica Robles Cultural Center.



Veronica Robles and Debora Munoz get some dancing going.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Piers Park is a waterfront park owned and operated by Massport. It offers a playground with a cooling fountain, picnic space, an amphitheater, a beautiful view of Downtown Boston and the Harbor, and everything an open, public space provides.

The Labor Day Weekend saw the last installment of the year for Sabores de Nuestra, a monthly festival held over the Summer at Piers Park. The festival is a collaboration between the Veronica



DJ JC leads the sound and motion.

Robles Cultural Center, Piers Park Sailing Center, and the Trustees Of Reservations.



A perfect Labor Day Weekend day in Piers Park.



Rubenite Grandoit is grandly dressed for a Labor Day Weekend venture to Piers Park.



Anna, Andres, Phillipe, and Maria Moy pose by a Piers Park backdrop to remember their day in this Boston public treasure.

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Catalina Hernandez (3rd from left) celebrates her birthday with family and friends.



Piers Park Sailing Center lifeguard Catherine Belliveau (far right) helps the Moy family return from sailing out in Boston Harbor.



Kadeja, Hadjar, and Amino Merazkca visit the trampoline but Amino isn't feeling sure about jumping.



Debora Valverde and Ariella Pulcheri.



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Ariella Pulcheri checks out a castle with her dad Julien to see if it meets her princess standards.



Alex and Nathalie Zorn enjoy the view of Downtown Boston.



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So far this year more than 5,000 people from 30 communities joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on free Marine Mammal Safaris in April, and free trips to Spectacle and Georges Island three days a week this summer as part of their expanded Share the Harbor and All Access Boston Harbor programs.

Though the summer is nearly over, the free fun on Boston Harbor will continue well into the fall.

In September and October, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay will host three free day trips to Spectacle Island from 10am - 2:30PM on Sunday September 18th, Sunday September 25th, and Sunday October 2nd. They will also host three free Sunset Cruises towards Boston Light from 5:30pm - 7:30pm on Tuesday September 27, Wednesday September 28th, and Saturday October 15th.

“Our free island adventures and harbor cruises give kids and families who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experi-

ence these beautiful natural resources firsthand,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini. “All of us are proud to share our spectacular harbor, beaches and islands with everyone.”

Mancini expects these trips to fill up fast, and urges people to make their reservation today at <https://tinyurl.com/sharetheharborcruise2022>.

“These free trips to the Boston Harbor Islands are my favorite part of our programs,” said Kristen Barry, Deputy Executive Director at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. “No matter what community they come from or what group they are a part of, people always come back to shore with new experiences and a fresh perspective.”

These free Share the Harbor cruises are made possible with leadership support and partnership from Cronin Development, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts Office of Environmen-

tal Protection, Bay State Cruise Company, and Mass Bay Lines.

According to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Director of Development Patricia Salic, “The work Save the Harbor/Save the Bay does would not be possible without the support of our 2022 Youth Program Champions, including the Liberty Mutual Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA, The Coca-Cola Company, Eastern Salt Company, Inc., National Grid, Comcast Foundation, Constellation Generation, John Hancock Financial Services and JetBlue.

“We are also grateful to our Youth Program Sponsors the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Alexandria, The Boston Foundation, Boston Consulting Group, Boston Properties – Atlantic Wharf, Camp Harbor View Foundation, Cell Signaling Technology, City of Boston Department of Youth, Engagement & Employment, Comcast Foundation, Cronin Group, LLC, Exelon Generation, Goody Clanc-



More than 5,000 kids set sail to Spectacle and Georges Islands on Bay State Cruise Company’s flagship Provincetown II and Mass Bay Lines Freedom as part of Save The Harbor/Save the Bay’s free All Access Boston Harbor and Share the Harbor Program expansion.

cy, Hood Business Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Fund, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Massport, National Development, National Grid Foundation and Vertex.”

You can find a full list of Save the Harbor’s 2022 Youth Program Funders at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org/2022/07/thanks-to-our-2022-youth-program.html>

To find out more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the work they do to restore, protect and

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Malden Catholic Athletics Hall Of Fame is reignited and renamed

Staff Report

In recognition of Malden Catholic’s longest serving Xaverian Brother, MC has dedicated its athletic hall of fame to Brother Daniel Cremin, C.F.X. who spent 23 years at the school coaching and teaching physical education instruction and 23 years at the school as a counselor. The school’s hall of fame was originally established in 1989 and it celebrated the institution’s strong athletic history and outstanding individual athlete, team, coach and volunteer accomplishments with a formal induction into the MC Hall of Fame for sixteen years. The newly reignited Brother Daniel Cremin, C.F.X. Hall of Fame will continue this rich history by accepting nominations for 2022 inductees, recognizing exemplary MC alumnus and Girls Catholic alumna, employees, coaches and volunteers until September 30, 2022

through this link: <https://forms.gle/TpWZxVB-8CGp3G6CR9>. The new roster of Hall of Fame inductees will be announced in the fall of 2022 and formally inducted at a banquet at the school in December.

John Thornburg, Malden Catholic President stated, “Brother Dan’s commitment to MC and his athletic accomplishments are unprecedented. In light of Brother Dan’s retirement after 46 years, we are delighted to honor him for his lifelong dedication to the school and feature his outstanding success along with the positive athletic accomplishments of our talented alumni and alumnae who have who have performed so well over the years.”

Brother Daniel Cremin, C.F.X. holds the degree of Bachelor of Science in Education from Northeastern University, a graduate degree as Master of Education from Boston University, and a graduate

degree as Master of Education in School Counseling from Suffolk University. A member of the Malden Catholic Athletics Hall of Fame, Brother Dan had an illustrious MC coaching career. He was the head varsity soccer coach from 1975 - 1983, leading the team into the Commonwealth Conference league play in 1978 and into a berth in the state tournament in 1979 with Co-Captains Frank Ciampa and Mike Killion.

In 1976 Brother Dan launched the school’s swimming and diving program, continuing as head coach until 1998 with able assistance from Brother Fred Eid. Brother Dan earned recognition in this sport as the Boston Globe’s Coach of the Year, North Division, in 1989. During that season, Joe Sheehan, our All-American, state champion and record holder in two events, led the Lancers to an eighth-place finish in the State Championships. Brother Dan served eight years as the President of the Eastern Mass. Swim Coaches Association and on the MIAA Swim Committee during that same time. In 2002-2003, the Eastern Mass. Swim Coaches Academy inducted Brother Dan into its Hall of Fame.

Brother Dan coached Cross Country from 1984 -1998, first as assistant to Bro. Myles McManus and then 10 years as head coach. During the 1990



Cheer leaders from Malden Catholic.

season, the Lancers shattered Xaverian’s unbeaten streak of forty-five dual meets on its way to a first-place finish in the State Catholic High School Championship Meet and to fourth place at the All-State Meet, led by Kevin Carnabucci, ‘92. Brother Dan was also an assistant coach for Brother Tim Hoey for five seasons in outdoor track and field.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two am-

bassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation’s most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, Duke, Georgia Tech, Boston College, Northeastern, Boston University 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 opportuni-



ties 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 curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles, nd asuccess outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal.<https://www.maldencatholic.org/>



Malden Catholic Boys football player.

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East Boston Central Catholic School awarded Catholic Health Foundation Grant

Staff Report

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) is happy to announce that it received a \$12,500 grant from the Catholic Health Foundation of Greater Boston to support our School's Health and Wellness Program.

The award will help fund and improve annual screenings for hearing and eyesight, as well as, provide additional educational material for classroom health lessons.

"The Catholic Health Foundation is pleased to partner with East Boston Central Catholic School

to support health and wellness initiatives in greater Boston at such a critical time," said Lynne Sullivan, executive director of the Catholic Health Foundation. CHF has been partnering with organizations to serve our communities since 2014 awarding more than \$5 million dol-

lars during that time.

Board President Gavan Mooney said, "Day in and day out, the organizations funded through the Catholic Health Foundation change the lives of tens of thousands of people in our communities. We are so grateful for their work, and extremely proud to

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OBITUARIES

Rosemarie Liberti

Her capacity for love was only exceeded by how much she was loved by others

Rosemarie (Dicicco) Liberti passed away on September 2 in her sleep at the age of 96 in her East Boston home where she lived for more than 60 years.

Born to John and Caroline Irene (Maruzzi) Dicicco in Somerville, she was predeceased by her brother, Ralph Dicicco and her beloved first grandson, Tad.

Known affectionately to her loved ones as Rosie, she was the wife of the late Galdino Liberti, whom she married in 1949. She is survived by her son, Terence and his wife, Evelyn of Saugus, her son, Lawrence and his wife, Christine of Peabody, her daughter, Judith Baxter of Tewksbury, her son Dean and his wife, Dolores of Norfolk, her son, Daniel of Winthrop and her son, David of East Boston. She was beloved by twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Rosie provided a safe haven for everyone who walked through her door. Friends of the family always felt at home in her house in Jeffries Point. No matter what kind of difficulties they were experiencing in their own homes, they always knew they could count on Rosie for a warm hug and an even warmer meal. Her gravity and stuffed calamari were legendary from Brophy to Piers, and no one left her home without feeling well-fed and well-loved.

Rosie was a devout




Catholic and parishioner of Our Lady of The Assumption in East Boston. She enjoyed gathering with her Club Girls on Tuesdays and playing Hearts on Saturday nights with Gunga and Queenie and she relished her trips to Foxwoods with the Jeffries Point Senior Center. Rosie's capacity for love was only exceeded by how much she was loved by others. Ma will be remembered as a loving, honest, generous, and accepting person whose affection will be felt for generations.

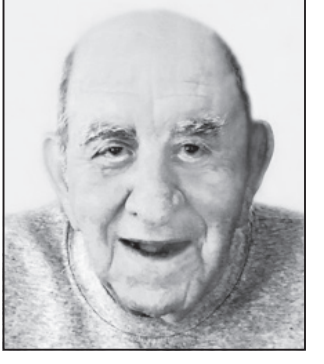
Family and friends will honor Rosemarie's life by gathering at Vazza's "Beechwood Funeral Home, 262 Beach St., Revere today, Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 250 Revere St., Revere for a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Puritan Lawn Cemetery, Peabody. In lieu of flowers remembrances may be made in Rosemarie's name to Care Dimensions, 75 Sylvan St. Danvers, MA 01923. For online guestbook please visit : www.vazzafunerals.com

James Pimentel

His qualities live on in his family and friends

 James "Lucky" Pimentel of New Hampshire, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 28 at 88 years of age.

A Veteran of the United States Navy who served in the Korean Conflict, Lucky gave his heart to all who knew him. His qualities live on in his family and friends. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him.



The beloved husband of the late Rosemarie (DeRosa) Pimentel, he was the devoted father of Denise Laratonda and her husband, Frank, James Pimentel Jr. and Chad Pimentel; dear brother of the late Joseph Pimentel and Dorothy Agave; cherished grandfather of Kaileigh LaMontagne, Ryan Pimentel and Melissa Pimentel and treasured great-grandfather of Layla L. Pimentel. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and a long life requires a caring cast of characters. Those

most special to Jimmy were: Mark Dubois, Minda Raffi, Ryan Lover, the late James Cunningham, Donna Bova and the staff of Senior Class.

Family and friends will honor Lucky's life by gathering at Saint Anne Parish, 26 Emerson Ave., Hampstead, NH 03841 today, Wednesday, September 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. A Funeral Mass will be held at noontime. Services will conclude with Lucky being laid to rest with military honors, with his beloved wife, Rosemarie, at Lakeview Cemetery, Hampstead, NH. May they rest in peace.

To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

John Joseph Keegan, Sr.

Of Gardner, formerly of East Boston

John Joseph Keegan, Sr. of Gardner, formerly of East Boston, passed away on September 1.


The loving husband of the late Phyllis (Rule) Keegan, he was the devoted father of Toni Ann Piemonte and her husband, Sabino of East Boston, Christine Keegan and her partner, Frank of Gardner and the late John Keegan Jr.; dear brother of MaryAnne Tirone and her husband, Joseph, Paul Tirone of Saugus and Veronica Iovanna of Salisbury; cherished grandfather of Shane Keegan and his wife, Jenna, Jenna DeDonato and her husband, Rob, Samantha Piemonte, Olivia Piemonte, Sofia

Piemonte and the late John Joseph Keegan III and the adored great grandfather of Avianna Keegan and Roux Keegan. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor John's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, Orient Heights, on Thursday, September 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon before leaving in procession to Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Gavin Foundation, 210 Old Colony Ave, South Boston, MA 02127.

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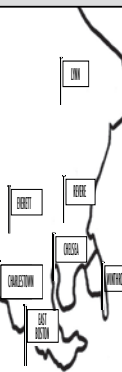


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Applications open for 2022-2023 Boston Cultural Council grants

Staff Report

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture, in collaboration with the Boston Cultural Council, announced applications are open for the 2022-2023 Boston Cultural Council grant program. Boston Cultural Council grants are available for organizations that benefit the public by offering arts programming in Boston’s neighborhoods. “We’re proud to support Boston’s arts and culture organizations in bringing joy and connection across our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “These investments will directly empower cultural expression to build a more inclusive and vibrant city.” “Every year through this program, we’re able to award grants to a mix of arts organizations that have been bringing meaningful arts opportunities to residents for decades, new organizations that are applying for the first time, and everything in between,” said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture for the City of Boston. “We are dedicated to supporting a wide range of organizations in Boston’s arts landscape, while focusing on the smaller organizations that are do-

ing incredible equity work throughout the city.” The Boston Cultural Council (BCC) works under the umbrella of the Mayor’s Office of Arts and Culture to annually distribute funds allocated by the City of Boston and the Mass Cultural Council for local arts and cultural programming. The BCC helps to ensure that the City’s grantmaking responds to the needs of the cultural community. BCC members represent the city’s districts and are appointed by the Mayor. Council members are selected on the basis of their demonstrated commitment to Boston’s cultural community and their knowledge of various arts disciplines. To better promote cultural equity in the Boston arts ecosystem, the BCC made a shift in its grant making strategy in 2019 that more intentionally supports small to mid-sized arts organizations in the Boston arts ecosystem. Beginning in 2021, the BCC further supported small organizations by committing the majority of grant funds to those with the smallest budgets. Through this grant program, organizations with

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Search for Key Streets Boston cabinet leadership roles

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge announced the search for two new, pivotal transportation leadership roles: the Deputy Chief of Streets for Infrastructure and Design, and the Deputy Chief of Streets for Transportation. These leaders will report directly to Chief of Streets Jascha Franklin-Hodge as part of the Streets Cabinet’s senior leadership team. They will deliver on the Mayor’s vision for a City where people can move safely, reliably, and efficiently by transit, on foot, or by bike, and to support the Boston Green New Deal by accelerating the shift towards low-carbon transportation. The new leadership team will be charged with delivering on the promise of a Streets Cabinet budget that will enable greater scale, scope, and urgency to build streets that work for all modes of travel. In addition to the new roles, the Streets Cabinet is

launching a major hiring push. The FY23 budget includes 46 new positions throughout the Boston Transportation Department and Public Works.

The leadership team and expanded Cabinet will oversee a nearly doubled investment in dedicated bus lanes, a 45 percent increase in funding for the strategic bike network, and increased investments in safe streets, bikeshare, multimodal corridor projects, street-lighting, and accessibility.

“Boston must lead the way for sustainable, safe, and innovative transportation to connect our communities, and I’m so excited to build our team and embark on this important work,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Now more than ever our transportation system and streets infrastructure are foundational to how our City functions, and I can’t wait to fill these roles for safe streets, smart design, and continued progress toward a Boston Green New Deal.”

“The Mayor’s far-reaching vision represents a historic opportunity to make Boston the best city in the nation for walking, biking and transit as we bring the Green New Deal to life on our streets and address longstanding inequities,” said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. “We will need a committed and visionary leadership team to make it happen. I am excited to announce the search for these critically important leadership roles and look forward to working alongside them and the dedicated employees of the Public Works Department and Boston Transportation Department to carry out this vital work.”

The Deputy Chief for Infrastructure and Design will oversee all City of Boston’s streets, sidewalks, and bridges projects from conception to implementation including community process, design, construction, and evaluation.

The Deputy Chief for Transportation will be

responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Boston Transportation Department, including oversight of traffic management, parking enforcement, permitting, signals, and signage. They will also serve as Commissioner of the Boston Transportation Department. They will work with leadership across the Streets Cabinet to build alignment around a shared mission of operating a safe, equitable, multimodal transportation system, transforming our streets to reduce our over-reliance on single-occupancy vehicles.

"The Deputy Chief for Transportation and Deputy Chief for Infrastructure & Design will be crucial for the future of Boston's streets and transportation across our city," said Brad Gerratt, Interim Commissioner of Transportation, who is retiring in the fall. "Filling these positions and growing our workforce will expand our current staff's ability to make Boston safer, greener and more multimodal. It is an

honor to work with the incredible people at the Boston Transportation Department."

As the search for these key leaders commences, the Streets Cabinet will also begin a major hiring push to fill critical staff positions across the cabinet. Open positions include planning roles in active transportation, public transit, neighborhood planning, and new mobility. The Streets Cabinet is also hiring key engineering roles: Senior Civil Engineer, Assistant Civil Engineer, and Bridge Construction Engineer. Additionally, the city will fill three small scale safety positions to ensure rapid response to pedestrian safety concerns: Junior Civil Engineer, Vision Zero/Small Scale Safety Planner, and Assistant Traffic Engineer.

At this pivotal transitional moment, the Streets Cabinet will also undertake discussions around structure of the cabinet, finding ways to ensure current and future staff are

positioned to deliver on the vision of safe, sustainable streets that work for everyone.

"Every day, the hard-working men and women of the City of Boston Public Works Department make sure Bostonians get the world-class city services they deserve," said Mike Brohel, Superintendent of Street Operations. "As the Streets Cabinet grows our leadership team, we will keep prioritizing safe, clean streets that work for everyone."

"This expansion of the Streets team will accelerate the realization of community-driven visions for our streets and reduce timelines to implement planning initiatives and street designs," added Vineet Gupta, Director of Policy and Planning. "We will continue to work with neighborhood and advocacy groups to achieve our goals of encouraging transit and biking to reduce emissions."

FRESH AND LOCAL

Add a pinch of time

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There’s a difference between food that takes time to prepare and food that is time-consuming. Plenty of delicious recipes call for hours of preparation. However, they don’t need your attention throughout the process. Sometimes adding a pinch of time means less work for the cook.

Autumn and the holiday season bring busier schedules and may need food that you want to make in larger batches. Traditional recipes and warming comfort food can fit nicely into meal planning for a busy cook. The bonus is that many of these old-

ies-but-goodies need few ingredients and use common pantry items.

Recipe Guidance

We love it when a recipe points out the time you’ll need to make it and breaks it down into understandable segments. For example, Marc Bittman’s recipe for gravlax lets you know that it will take



A traditional beef stew requires some chopping of ingredients. However, once braising in the oven or simmering on a low burner, the cook is free to do other things.

“at least 24 hours, largely unattended.” A recipe for Butternut Squash with Orange Oil and Caramelized Honey in the book “Otto-lenghi Test Kitchen Shelf Love” notes: “Prep time: 15 minutes, Cook time: 40 minutes, Infusion time: 20 minutes to 1 hour.”

In addition, recipe developers often include suggestions for what you can prepare ahead. Even if they don’t, as you hone your cooking skills, you’ll learn that you can sauté aromatics and rewarm them as needed.

Make Your Own Timeline

You can also create a do-it-yourself assessment of how much of your attentive time a recipe will take. Let’s take Mina Stone’s recipe for Revithia sto Fournio (Oven Chickpeas) from “Lemon, Love & Olive Oil.” It begins by soaking dried chickpeas overnight. Soaking means planning ahead, but it won’t take much of your time.

Next day you put the chickpeas in an ovenproof dish with a lid, add fresh water, quartered onions, unpeeled garlic cloves, bay leaves, salt and olive oil. That step only takes moments and pantry ingredients. You don’t have to add shopping time to your day. Cover and bake for four hours.

Finally, add lemon juice, more olive oil, black pepper and correct the seasoning. With the addition of some cheese, bread, and olives you have a traditional Greek meal. You also have a pot of lovely chickpeas to use in other ways.

Again, this is a quick process for the cook. While this recipe in its printed form seems long and daunting and takes more than 16 hours to prepare, those are not contiguous hours and your engaged time between each step is brief.

Other Slow Cook Methods

Braise, roast, poach, smoke, soak, marinate, slow cooker, dutch oven, simmer, and even sous vide are cooking words that might alert you to a cookbook or recipe where a pinch of time will result in a potful of flavor. Many of these cooking steps are for food that is easy to make in large or small batches and can be made ahead.

Plan Ahead to Slow Down Your Food

The second paragraph of The Slow Food international manifesto reads, “We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life, which disrupts our habits, pervades the privacy of our homes and forces us to eat Fast Foods.”

As you plan meals, remember that you might be able to prepare a healthier, more delicious, and less expensive meal in line with the Slow Food philosophy by adopting recipes that take a long time to create but very little time away from other activities.

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The Chelsea Cathedral and The Chelsea Flats properties are generating excitement

By Cary Shuman

Jeffrey Bowen, who has been instrumental in advancing Chelsea’s resurgence as one of the most desired places to live in greater Boston, is back at it again transforming another historic neighborhood. Bowen is both the exclusive broker and an investor for the properties located at 157- 163 Chestnut that includes the Saint Stanislaus Church which served the city’s Polish Community for 115 years before its closure in 2020, and the adjacent site.

Bowen said there will be 30 condominiums, 16 inside the church (The Chelsea Cathedral at 163 Chestnut) and 14 next door (The Chelsea Flats at 157 Chestnut St.). “All the condos will be two-bed, two-bath,” said Bowen. “The square footage ranges from 904 square feet to 1,786 square feet. Both building have elevators. Both will share the common amenities. There’s one deeded parking space per unit. The 157 Chestnut Street location has garage parking. The 163 Chestnut Street location has outdoor parking.”

Price range for condos
Bowen said the price range for the condominiums will be from \$550,000 to \$729,000. There will be six affordable units priced at \$260,000 each.

Construction on the project has already started. Occupancy is scheduled for April- May, 2023.

The inspiration for the project

Jeffrey Bowen was asked what the basis and inspiration were for the project. “The Archdiocese was selling this dilapidated, gothic church,” explained Bowen. “I ended up showing it to Broadway Capital [the developer] and they saw the rectory next door. They looked at the zoning and realized they could knock down the rectory and do another building instead. And they had 45 parking spaces for 30 units, so it had 1.5 spaces per unit, which qualified the building for a variance. There are 11 extra parking spaces for sale and storage units.

“So, the inspiration was to take this empty church and revitalize it - it’s called an adaptive reuse project - where it’s a church conversion, which are very

popular across the country,” related Bowen. The amiable real estate broker had earlier helped convert the Horace Memorial Baptist Church into the Thomas Martin Lofts, a 10-unit condominium project at the corner of Webster and Spencer Avenues. “That was the first church-conversion in Chelsea, and this is the next one,” concluded Bowen.

An appreciation of Chelsea

Chelsea remains a very popular place to live, assesses Bowen. “I love Chelsea because it’s still the affordable neighborhood on the block compared to East Boston, Charlestown, Cambridge, and Somerville,” he said. “You’re getting larger units for less money. You have access to the commuter rail, the Silver Line, and the five bus routes. Everything is walkable. Market Basket, Starbucks, El Potro, downtown Chelsea – everything you need is right within walking distance, five or ten minutes.” Bowen began his ascendancy on the city’s real estate scene as the listing broker for the Beacon (Café) Condominiums (81 Broadway). He continued

with the Thomas Martin Lofts (204 Spencer Ave), followed by Parker Place (87 Parker St.), and 932 Broadway – “This is our fifth major project in Chelsea in the past eight years,” Bowen said proudly.

Jeffrey Bowen started selling real estate in 2001. Jeffrey grew up in East Boston and attended St. Rose School in Chelsea as a child and moved away to the South Shore before returning to Chelsea in 2007 right before the last real estate market crash. Jeffrey had to start over and he found a loft to rent at Spencer Lofts in Chelsea where he began to climb back from financial devastation. “I was selling condos in Chelsea for as low as \$15,000 and multi-families for \$200,000. Now condos are selling from \$300,000-\$750,000 and multi-families are selling from \$500,000-\$1.2 million.” Everett, Revere and East Boston are booming with development and Chelsea needs more development. I hope



Jeff Bowen is pictured at the site of the Chelsea Cathedral and Chelsea Flats condominium development located on Chestnut Street.

the planning and zoning boards realize that there is a housing shortage, and we need more development.”

Please go to: www.157and163Chestnut.com to check out this project and please visit www.chelsearealestate.com to check out Jeffrey’s work. You can reach Jeffrey Bowen at 781-201-9488 or email jeff@chelsearealestate.com for sales. Pre-sales begin next week and the lottery sales are under

way now. There are 6 income restricted units under the Chelsea Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. Applications are due in by 10/01/22 and the lottery will be held on 11/02/22. We have 30+ applications in hand and we expect 100+ before the deadline.

It has been Jeffrey’s mission to showcase the best real estate that Chelsea has to offer and tell the world that Chelsea is a great place to live in and invest.

Huntington announces new COVID protocols

The Huntington announces revised COVID protocols for the new musical Sing Street and all performances at the Calderwood Pavilion at the BCA. Face masks will be encouraged for evening performances and required for all matinee performances. The Huntington previously dropped the requiring of proof of vaccination or negative COVID test for audience members at the end of June.

The Huntington received incredibly positive feedback from patrons over the past year, praising the company’s thoughtful COVID policies and efforts to keep artists, staff, and audiences safe and healthy at the theatre. While most businesses have now dropped mask-wearing requirements, The Huntington developed this new policy to provide options to audience members and be as inclusive and welcoming as possible after receiving

feedback that some patrons are more comfortable if others are wearing masks and some prefer to attend and not wear masks.

Calderwood Pavilion Mask Policy: Masked Matinees: Masks covering patrons’ mouth and nose will be required for all audience members during matinee performances and must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking concessions, which are available at intermission for purchase and consumption in the lobby only. Mask requirements will be enforced by front of house staff.

Masks encouraged evening performances: All patrons are encouraged to wear a mask, except when actively eating or drinking concessions, for everyone’s comfort and safety. Mask wearing is not required and will not be enforced.

Huntington staff mem-

bers are fully vaccinated and will continue to wear masks during interactions with audience members.

Any patron interested in attending a different performance will be able to exchange their tickets by contacting The Huntington’s ticketing services staff. The Huntington asks that any patron experiencing any COVID symptoms stay home and contact ticketing services for more information about exchanges.

These COVID policies will be effective at the Calderwood Pavilion through October 9, 2022, and The Huntington will continue to evaluate and update these policies as the situation evolves. For the most up-to-date information on health and safety policies and season shows, please visit The Huntington’s website: huntingtontheatre.org/plan-your-visit/covid-19-public-health-policies.

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annual budgets under \$2 million can apply for BCC grants of \$2,000, \$3,500, or \$5,000 depending on budget size.

The BCC focuses on small to mid-sized organizations that uniquely serve the City’s arts ecosystem and prioritize cultural diversity, economic diversity, inclusion, and equity, through both their staffing and audiences served. Nonprofit cultural organizations whose missions or programming are focused on music, film and video, traditional and folk art, visual art, theater, dance, humanities, literary arts, performing arts, social/civic practice, and multidisciplinary arts are eligible to apply as long as they are based in the City of Boston, or offer programming in Boston.

Last year, the City

awarded a record-breaking \$3.4 million to local arts and cultural organizations through Boston Cultural Council grants and Reopen Creative Boston, one-time funding allocated through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that aimed to support the recovery of arts and culture organizations from the economic impact of COVID-19 and reopen their programming to the public.

The deadline to apply for BCC grants is October 17, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. ET. There will be drop-in virtual office hours every Wednesday from 11 a.m. - noon through October 12 for organizations interested in learning more about the application process. More information can be found at boston.gov/arts-grants.

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