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### REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 IN EAST BOSTON



Gabriella and Giana Ribeiro place a wreath in memory of those lost, followed by taps, during the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary service for 9-11, last Sunday at East Boston's Piers Park.

Shown to the left, the East Boston High School JROTC cadets post the colors, led by Col. Lee Fife. See more photos on Page 3.

## Developer presents revised plan for 516 Sumner St., answers neighbors' questions

By Times Staff

The developer for the four-unit housing project at 516 Sumner Street gave a final presentation at a meeting of the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) on Monday night. Matt Eckel, who was representing Michael Stuchins, the developer, outlined some of the changes that have been made after abutters expressed some concerns at the last community meeting.

He noted that the roof deck had been eliminated and that the new addition at the rear of the building had been reduced in size, thereby reducing the footprint of the structure. The smaller addition will accommodate one additional bathroom per unit and will provide an interior egress stairwell. Eckel noted that there was no way to get off-street parking for the project.

ing for the project.

Several residents still had questions about the project. One resident was concerned that the existing tree in the backyard. Eckel assured the resident that the tree would not be taken down since the footprint of the building would not extend as far into the backyard as the current deck.

Another resident asked about a shadow study. Eckel said that there is a shadow study report in the application and noted that the height of the building is virtually the same as the existing structure. Another resident asked about keeping the first floor as a commercial space. Eckel noted that the "better use of the space is for residential."

Residents were reminded that voters will be using eBallots and must cast

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## New East Boston Ferry Service project begins

Special to the Times

The MBTA announced a new ferry service project that will operate between East Boston at Lewis Mall and the downtown Boston area at Long Wharf began on Monday, September 12. The MBTA last offered ferry service from Lewis Mall in the spring of 2022 as an alternative to shuttle buses when Blue Line service was suspended for tunnel maintenance. Approximately 1,750 daily riders chose the ferry during the diversion, prompting the state legislature to fund the ferry service pilot between East

Boston and downtown Boston.

"We're pleased to be able to demonstrate this ferry service between East Boston and downtown Boston this fall and next spring," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We know riders valued the ferry service last spring when Blue Line service was suspended for maintenance. Demonstration projects such as these take coordination and funding, and I'd like to thank our local elected leaders for pursuing and securing the funds necessary to allow the T to operate this seasonal service."

"This ferry service will be a critical link in further activating the inner harbor and connecting the North End and East Boston. I am proud that we were able to receive state funding to make this investment possible and I look forward to building off its success in the near future," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means (D-Boston). "I want to thank my colleagues in the Legislature, Representative Madaro, and Senator Edwards, for the work they did to help secure these critical funds."

"The return of the East Boston ferry through the fall season and next spring is a win for residents across our community," said Representative Adrian Madaro. "At a time when increased congestion and transportation challenges have meant more difficult commutes, the ferry will offer people an additional transit option with frequent service at peak hours and at a cost on par with the subway. I was proud to partner with Rep. Michlewitz and Sen. Edwards to secure funding to bring back the ferry, and

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## State Rep. Madaro attends GreenRoots grand opening celebration

By Cary Shuman

Rep. Adrian Madaro, known for his outstanding work on environmental issues, attended the grand

opening of the GreenRoots organization's new offices last Thursday at 90 Everett Ave., Chelsea.

Madaro joined Chelsea City Manager Tom Am-

broosino, GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, and other dignitaries at the ceremonies that marked the relocation of GreenRoots from

its previous headquarters on Marginal Street, Chelsea.

GreenRoots is a community-based organization dedicated to improving and enhancing the urban environment and public health in Chelsea and surrounding communities.

Madaro drew a warm reception at the event, with many residents expressing their gratitude to the East Boston representative for his continuing support of environmental projects that enhance the quality of life in Chelsea and East Boston.

Bongiovanni, a former Chelsea council-

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Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro, Carpenters Union Local#328 Business Manager Richard Pedit, Greenroots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, Local 22 Business Agents John and Mike (2nd from right) Cimino, Tony Hernandez of the International Painters Union, and Local 22 Labors and Executive Board Member Richard Curran.

## Eastie voters support Healey and Diehl in Sept. 6 primary

By Dan Murphy

Like voters across the city and state, Eastie supported gubernatorial front-runners, Democrat Attorney General Maura Healey, and Geoff Diehl, the Republican who will now face her in November, after winning their respective races in the state primary on Sept. 6.

Of 2,685 ballots cast by registered voters in the Democratic gubernatorial race, 2,153 were for Attorney General Healey while her challenger, Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, only received, 513 votes.

In the Republican gubernatorial race, 258 of 404 registered Eastie voters cast their ballots for Geoff Diehl while 144 Eastie voters voted for his challenger, Chris Dougherty, instead.

In the Democratic race for attorney general, 1,695 registered Eastie voters cast their ballots for for-

mer City Councilor and one-time Boston mayoral candidate, Andrea Campbell, while Shannon Liss-Riordan, a labor attorney who was a Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate in the 2020 election, trailed Campbell, trailed with 700 votes.

In the highly charged Democratic race for Suffolk County district attorney, 1,371 registered Eastie voters supported Kevin Hayden, who was appointed to the role by Gov. Charlie Baker after Rachel Rollins stepped down from the seat, while City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo received 1,113 votes.

Voter turnout in Ward 1 for the Sept. 6 Primary was nearly 13 percent, with 3,209 ballots cast, as opposed to the citywide turnout of 19 percent, with 84,434 ballots cast across all the city's neighborhoods.



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lor-at-large who has made GreenRoots one of the region’s most powerful voices on the environment, praised Madaro, stating, “Representative Madaro is not only a champion for environmental justice and for his constituents, but he is also a friend and allied supporter. Adrian knows what it is like to live in neighborhoods plagued by air pollution, noise, and industrial burdens. He works side-by-side with residents to make our



Greenroots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni thanked everyone for attending and supporting Greenroots.



EvoYouth members, working for Greenroots: Arianna Perdomo, Troy Arnold, Servela Majano, Greandoll Oliva, and Johanna Flores.

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neighborhoods healthier and cleaner. We're honored to have Adrian's support and friendship.” Madaro congratulated GreenRoots officials at the grand opening ceremonies. “I want to congratulate GreenRoots on the grand opening of their new office space. GreenRoots is a pillar in the East Boston and Chelsea communities, fighting for climate and environmental justice. I’m thrilled they have found a new home to continue their work, and I look forward to continuing to partner with them to advocate for our neighborhoods.”

## Italian Heritage Celebration planned for Sunday, Oct. 9

By Cary Shuman

Steve Shire, owner of the well-known Sammy Carlo’s food business on Bennington Street, and Barbara Puopolo, a leader of a seven-generation East Boston family, have announced plans for the first Italian Heritage Celebration, to be held Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club in East Boston. Shire and Puopolo ap-

## Upcoming Neighborhood Meetings

### Orient Heights Neighborhood Council meeting

The next meeting of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council will take place on Monday, September 19.

Location: Zoom

The meeting starts at 6:30 pm, but the Zoom link will open a few minutes early. The session will be recorded.

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

The agenda is as follows:

#### Meeting Agenda

- BPD community update
- Sons of Divine Providence/Maverick Media - Proposal for a billboard at 423 McClellan Highway
- MassDOT update - safety and bicycle improvements on Bennington Street between Everard Street (Revere) and Leverett Avenue (Boston)
- Anthony Amore - Auditor's Office 101

#### Meeting Information and Protocol

- All participants will

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

- Attendance will be taken via a Google Form and responses will only be accepted from the start of the meeting until the end. Marking your attendance ensures your voter eligibility. Voters must have attended two out of the three regularly scheduled OHNC meetings or be an abutter to the property being voted on. The sign-in

form will be posted in the Zoom chat at the beginning of the meeting and throughout.

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

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



Steve Scire (left) and Barbara Puopolo (right) are organizing the Italian Heritage Celebration to be held on Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club.

Ferrino was a great advocate for that event, and we wanted to carry that tradition forward.”

Puopolo said the plans are still evolving for the day’s activities. “The event will be held from 1 to 5 p.m.,” said Puopolo.

“We’re getting in touch with vendors who want to work with us and provide slush, ice cream, and things like that. We also plan on having a DJ for the music. We have a dancing

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their vote by Friday, September 16, at 7 p.m. Late votes will not be accepted.

#### In Other News

Mary Cole announced that she has stepped down

from the JPNC after several years of service. Elected officials in attendance were highly complimentary of Cole’s time on the board.

“When you moved here, you became highly involved and everyone is better off because of your service,” Rep. Adrian Madaro said.

Senator Lydia Edwards noted, “I remember when we first met. You have incredible energy and are a resource to the people.”

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta added, “You were someone who got right to work and you were always welcoming and warm, a strong advocate. I learned a lot from you.”

Cole said that she was “humbled and a little embarrassed” by the accolades that came her way.

But, she said, “I am not going anywhere, I will never sell or move out.”

Joshua Schmidt was sworn in at the meeting to take over Cole’s place on the board.

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# IN MEMORY AND GRATITUDE, THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY SERVICE FOR SEPTEMBER 11



Boston Councillor Gabriela Coletta is shown with East Boston advocate Buddy Mangini. Mangini delivered the opening prayer at the service on Sunday.



The introductions were given by organizer Liane Sherman.



Master of Ceremonies David Arinella. Arinella also was the keynote speaker for the program.

Last Sunday afternoon in East Boston’s Piers Park the annual memorial service for the tragedy of September 11, 2001 was observed. Local residents, elected officials and members of Boston Fire and Police Departments and Massport were at hand,

continuing their vows, to Never Forget. A wreath was placed in memory of those brave men and women 1st responders and those souls lost when the towers were struck down in a violent attack on the United States and it’s citizens.



Berklee grad Starr Desmond performed the National Anthem.



Directed by Paul Racki the East Boston YMCA Women's Choir, Touch of Class with several musical selections.



Pledge of Allegiance led by Gabriella and Gianna Ribeiro.



Boston City Councillor Gabriela Coletta addressed the gathering and gave her thoughts on the day’s events.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro spoke on his thoughts on the tragedy and the spirit the residents of Eastie shows by bringing the community together.



The poem “One” recited by Devon Sherman.



Logan Airport TSA Kathleen Montelone recalls being in NYC on Sept. 11, 2001, and in the aftermath became a TSA agent to stop further planes from being hijacked.



Ryan Sherman recited a selection, named “Into the Fire” from a September 11 movie.

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I’m excited for residents to be able to use this enjoyable, accessible mode of public transit to cross the harbor.”

“Finally! It makes so much sense to use our coastline to our advantage,” said Senator Lydia Edwards. “We need to build and invest as much as possible in affordable waterfront transportation. This is just the beginning!”

The East Boston ferry demonstration project is funded through the state and will operate seven days a week during fall 2022 and spring 2023. Each trip will be approximately 10 minutes. The East Boston ferry service project will operate from September 12 during the fall season to November 30, 2022. Service will pause for the winter and

resume for the spring season on March 1, 2023. The full East Boston ferry project schedule will be available on mbta.com soon.

On weekday mornings, 11 trips will depart Lewis Mall every 30 minutes beginning at 7 AM and 10 return trips will depart from Long Wharf every 30 minutes starting at 7:15 AM. On weekday afternoons and evenings, ferries will depart Lewis Mall every 30 minutes beginning at 2:30 PM with the last trip at 7:30 PM. Trips from Long Wharf to Lewis Mall will leave every 30 minutes beginning at 2:15 PM with the last trip at 7:45 PM.

On weekend mornings, eight trips will depart Lewis Mall every 30 minutes beginning at 9 AM, and seven return trips

will depart from Long Wharf every 30 minutes beginning at 9:15 AM. On weekend afternoons and evenings, ferries will depart Lewis Mall every 30 minutes beginning at 3:30 PM with the last trip departing at 8:30 PM. Twelve return trips will depart Long Wharf every 30 minutes beginning at 3:15 PM with the last ferry departing at 8:45 PM.

A one-way fare for the East Boston ferry is \$2.40 or \$1.10 for reduced fare riders, the same fare as the subway. Fares can be purchased at the Long Wharf ticket booth and on the mTicket app. The MBTA also accepts printed LinkPasses, Commuter Rail Zone passes, and M7 passes. More information on ferry fares is available at mbta.com/fares.

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## ALCOHOL ABUSE IS STILL PROBLEM #1

Two years ago the voters of Oregon approved a measure that decriminalized the possession of small amounts of even the most dangerous drugs, while also mandating that tax revenue from the sale of marijuana (which Oregon legalized in 2014) be used for addiction recovery programs.

Oregon voters recognized that the 50 year War on Drugs has been a total failure that has done nothing to reduce drug abuse and arguably has made the problem even worse, both in their state and nationwide.

However, the shortcoming of the Oregon law is that it ignored the most-abused and harmful drug of them all -- alcohol. And even more ironically, the state legislature in 2021 legalized to-go drinks for restaurant take-out and increased the amount of wine that can be shipped directly to consumers -- and this is a state that is second only to California for its number of wineries and has as many distilleries as Kentucky.

So it should not be surprising that Oregon ranks among the states with the highest prevalence of problem drinking in the country. Last year, 2153 residents died of causes attributed to alcohol, according to the Oregon Health Authority -- more than twice the number of people who died from methamphetamines, heroin, and fentanyl combined. In addition, an Oregon business group estimates that the annual cost in lost productivity because of excessive drinking by state residents is \$5 billion per year.

However, alcohol abuse is a nationwide problem. There were more deaths attributed to alcohol (about 108,000) than to drugs (about 106,000) in 2021 in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, we have one of the highest rates of deaths from alcohol poisoning.

Indeed, alcohol abuse is a world-wide problem. Just this past week, a report published by the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) that followed two years of research and a review of more than 5000 peer-reviewed studies concluded that alcohol in even small quantities can be harmful to our health. The CCSA report recommends that a safe amount of alcohol consumption for adults is no more than two drinks per week. (That's not a typo -- two drinks per week.) The CCSA report is confirmation of the World Health Organization's designation of alcohol as a Class A carcinogen a few years ago.

It has been well-known for many years that those who start drinking as teenagers are five times more likely to become victims of alcohol abuse disorder (what formerly was referred to as alcoholism) than those who don't start drinking until they are 21. In addition, it goes without saying that alcohol far exceeds any drug for the damage and tragedy it wreaks upon families, regardless of socioeconomic status.

The time has come for our public officials and our citizenry to recognize alcohol abuse as an immediate public health emergency and to take action to address this growing -- and largely-ignored -- problem.

## WHAT'S WITH ALL THE COVERAGE OF THE BRITISH MONARCHY?

The passing last week of Queen Elizabeth II saddened all of us. She was a great woman who epitomized what used to be called noblesse oblige, the idea that nobility extends beyond mere entitlement, requiring people who hold such status to fulfill social responsibilities.

Queen Elizabeth understood this sense of duty from the very outset of her ascension to the throne at the age of 25 when she said, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

On another occasion, she said, "Our modern world places such heavy demands on our time and attention that the need to remember our responsibilities to others is greater than ever."

But as much as the world will miss Queen Elizabeth, the reality is that the British monarchy is an anachronism that only serves as a reminder of the terrible oppression perpetrated by the British Empire through the ages.

And while a majority of Britons may be content to spend hundreds of millions of their tax dollars to support the royal family (and some say that the tourist dollars generated by Buckingham Palace actually are a net positive), it is undeniable that the majority of members of the royal family are unworthy heirs of Queen Elizabeth's legacy, especially most of her children.

But while Britain may still be enthralled with the vestiges of a long-gone era, what makes the major American media think that we are? The non-stop coverage of her death, funeral proceedings, and accession by Charles has been ridiculous. This is 2022, not 1772.

It's time to relegate (the term used in the English Premier Soccer League when the bottom three teams are dropped down to the minor league at the end of the season) the monarchy to what it really is -- an historical footnote that is irrelevant in the world today.



# Forum

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Will you own an electric car? If you live long enough and that's all that is being made, you probably will. Many of us we'll hold out for as long as possible.

I'm all for electric cars especially if someone else is buying them. If 20 percent of America's driving population goes to the electric vehicle, EV, then surely gasoline will become cheaper. Less people buying gasoline will reduce the demand and it should reduce the price. We hope.

California will not allow the sale of gasoline cars by 2035.

This same state told EV drivers not to charge their electric cars during the past Labor Day weekend when the temperatures were expected to hit triple digits for millions of residents putting a drain on the power grid.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Will you own an electric car?

This brings us to the same crisis every community will face. America's power grids aren't ready to accommodate millions of EVs plugging in a for a recharge. The prospects of city and regional blackouts are alarming. You can forget charging your car. You won't be able to charge your cell phone or have air conditioning or heat during a blackout.

I'm not opposed to electric cars. I am opposed to them being crammed down our throats. The manufacturers are being pushed to eventually eliminate all gasoline vehicles. We will see how this goes over the next ten years.

Plan to spend some money. A local salesman talked to me about an electric Mustang. Stickered at \$48,000 but they were asking \$58,000 because as he said, "We can get it." I didn't want the car to begin with but was curious about the car.

It sounds time consuming to recharge an EV, although some EVs are promising up to 150-mile charge in a short amount of time.

EVs could mean fewer people on America's Interstates. Currently in most American communities its much easier to go home to recharge at your own power station. Cross country driving will be out of the question or very difficult in an EV for the next two or three years. Currently an EV will go about 250 to 350 miles on a charge. This means you will always be searching for the next power station. This will be a major lifestyle change.

There are reports that Pilot and Flying J will have charging stations installed by 2025 and are spending a billion dollars to upgrade their facilities. They will also want to recoup their costs.

car will cost you more

money. You will spend anywhere from \$2,000 (low minimum) to \$6,000 to install a station at your home and this is all variable. To keep your car charged at home will cost you about what you spend on your monthly electric bill now. So, figure your electric bill doubling, if you're lucky.

You may be wanting something different in your life and an EV may be just what you want. There is a lot to consider and on some level they will impact all our lives, eventually.

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## Heritage //

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school and an accordion player that will be part of the celebration, and we hope to have a cornhole tournament."

Puopolo describes the event as "a family-oriented, casual gathering of friends celebrating our Italian heritage - and everyone is welcome."

Scire is hopeful that the Italian Heritage Celebration will become an annual tradition in East Boston.

"We're going to kick it off like a spark, and then hopefully we can expand on it next year and people can look forward it -- especially after what's happened the past two years due to COVID," said Shire.

"Honestly, if we can plan this and kick this off

and it goes well in a matter of only weeks, then now we have a year to plan for what will happen next year," said Puopolo.

The two event coordinators made it a point to thank Michael Triant, executive director of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club, for his support of the event.

### HVNA on board with Heritage Day

Charles (Skip) Marcella, chair of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association HVNA, said the group is "on board with this event [Italian Heritage Celebration]."

"The [Columbus Day] parade has been long-standing, coming through this section of

East Boston, and Steve Scire has been very instrumental in the parade, as well as helping this area to celebrate it. And this is an opportunity to revitalize that tradition," said Marcella. "I think people

miss having the parade, and he wants to bring back the feel of that celebration. Hopefully, a lot of people will attend and be able to enjoy it. It's going to be a fun time."

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# Orange Line closure work is 66-percent complete; 60 new cars ready for service

Special to the Times

Today, the MBTA announced that 66% of the work taking place along the Orange Line during the 30-day closure is complete and 60 new Orange Line cars are available for the restart of service.

“With less than ten days remaining in this ambitious project, the work crews up and down the line have us in a great position to finish strong and on time,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “We are looking forward to welcoming back Orange Line customers with a smoother, safer and more comfortable ride. And with 60 new cars ready for service when Orange Line surge work is done, this means the Orange Line fleet will predominantly be made up of new cars.”

At least 60 new Orange Line cars will be available when service resumes, supporting riders during peak commuting periods. This is up from 30 cars, when the Orange Line shutdown first started. This is also a full comple-

ment of new Orange Line cars ready to serve riders, meaning 10 six-car trains comprised of entirely new cars. This milestone was accomplished by completing repairs on existing vehicles, and by adding six new Orange Line vehicles that will enter passenger service for the first time at the end of the surge.

More than 66% of the planned work has been completed, including a project which has removed a slow zone on the Orange Line at Jackson Square through the installation of special track work. Crews also previously completed rail replacement between Downtown Crossing and State, which also removed a slow zone in that area. These are two of six slow zones the MBTA is addressing during the Orange Line full closure. Customers are advised that when Orange Line trains begin running again, slow zones will temporarily continue to be in place for approximately one week where the work was done as it will take time for the new track and new ballast to “settle.” In the

rail industry, it is a given that after new track and ballast installation, due to the amount of track area disturbed during work, slow zones need to temporarily remain in place, giving time for settlement to occur as trains repeatedly run over these areas.

Overall, MBTA teams have completed approximately 50% percent of rail replacement, which is about 7,000 feet of rail, and 72% of track replacement. The full depth track replacement includes the ballast, ties, and rail.

About 98 percent of the special track work is complete. The special track renewal work includes replacing crossover areas.

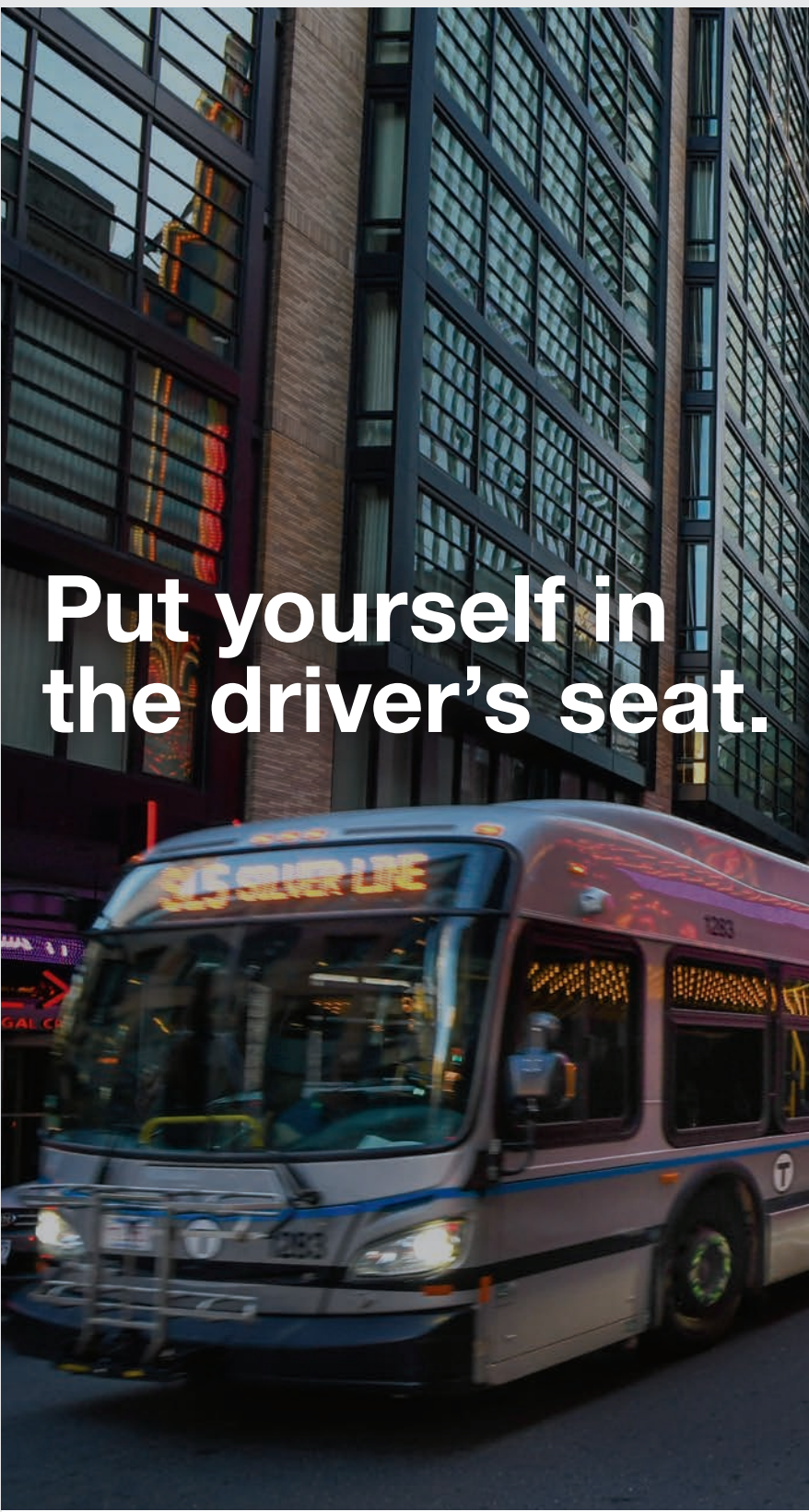
And about 55 percent of Cologne eggs and rail fastener work is finished near Tufts Medical Center Station. Cologne eggs are the fasteners that allow crews to directly affix rail to the concrete pads, which are also utilized on certain parts of the Orange Line. The MBTA is aiming to install 400 new eggs with 206 fully complete. The Cologne egg work takes a significant amount of pre-work, though this work is also progressing as planned.

There has also been excellent progress on the ongoing signal testing at Oak Grove and Malden Center stations with about 65 percent of these signal upgrades are complete.

General Manger Poftak discussed the progress of work today with members of the media at Wellington Station adjacent to some of the new Orange Line cars. This photograph was taken this morning.



Some of the new Orange Line trains shown during a recent unveiling.



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FIRST PRIORITY CREDIT UNION HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY



Bearded Dragons and tortoises were part of Curious Creatures of Beverly for interaction. Amar Landerverde and Danielle Landerverde with Anthony Sorentino check out the curious creatures for themselves.

Last Saturday afternoon the 1st Priority Credit Union in East Boston hosted a block party behind their headquarters. This event was open to anyone that was in the area. There

was plenty to do, Curious Creatures was on hand for the kids, hot dogs and cold water was offered to all, and free chances to many giveaways made it a complete day.



Valeria Garcia with a beautiful Unicorn design.



Senior VP Karen Hamilton Gallo cooking up lots of hot dogs.



The host of the block party First Priority Credit Union greet Ober and Gennessys Hincapie. Shown are: Jesseline Espinal, Rachel Rogowicz, Julie Perham, Kelly Montoya.



Trana Phan with Yuvette and Leyi Nguyen and their friend Aliyah Franancois.

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Villa and Bedoya family enjoying the block party.



First Priority Board Members Cary Tarpinian and Aisha Ellis with Evangeline and Etienne Ellis.



State Representative Adrian Madaro and his family, Ariel and Mateo.



CEO Tony Paciulli with the bubbles that he was giving to all the children, is shown with Dilce Chicha, Julie Perham and Aisha Ellis.



The Batman is Jude Villanova.



Vinny Camilleri with a gator.



Emely and Stefany Montoya with their aunt, Kelly Montoya.



Ashley Dubon gets her raffle ticket from Julie Perham.



Evelyn Bandar hooping it up.

‘PlayMyWay’ launches at Encore Boston Harbor

Staff Report

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) in partnership with Encore Boston Harbor (EBH) and GameSense launched “PlayMyWay,” a voluntary budgeting tool available on electronic games at EBH. PlayMyWay is designed to allow Wynn Rewards players the ability to monitor the amount of money they spend, and to support their decision to continue or stop play.

PlayMyWay is an innovative budgeting tool currently available to patrons at Plainridge Park Casino, MGM Springfield and now accessible at EBH.

PlayMyWay is an optional benefit for Wynn Rewards players, which allows them the opportunity to personalize their play by setting a budget before they begin gambling.

“Encore Boston Harbor has collaborated with the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health and GameSense, to develop responsible gaming strategies since day one,” said Jenny Holaday, president of Encore Boston Harbor. “PlayMyWay is a natural extension of those efforts, empowering our guests

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# Despite recent rain, drought continues in Massachusetts

Practicing water conservation significantly benefits water supply systems

Following recommendations made by the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card today declared that except for the Southeast Region that saw improvement at the regional scale, all other regions within the Commonwealth will remain at their current drought levels. This includes the Cape Cod, Connecticut River Valley, Northeast, and Central Regions remaining at a Level 3-Critical Drought, and the Islands and Western Regions remaining at a Level 2-Significant Drought. The Southeast Region has been upgraded to Level 2 – Significant Drought from a Level 3-Critical Drought. When a Level-3 Critical Drought and a Level 2-Significant Drought have been declared, the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan calls for the convening of an interagency mission group, which is already meeting, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and responses within state government. These efforts are in addition to Level 1-Mild Drought actions, such as detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to impacted municipalities.

“While recent precipitation across the state has brought some improvements to streamflow and local water supplies, we still have a ways to go. The Commonwealth continues to experience widespread drought in every region of the state,” said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. “To avoid overstressing water systems, we all must adhere to local water use requirements and practice water conservation methods in an effort to ensure essential needs, including drinking water, fire sup-

pression, and habitats, continue to be met.”

“While a good deal of helpful rain has fallen over the past few days in many areas of the Commonwealth, it is important to remember that the drought’s impacts have taken months to develop and will take more than a few days of rain to resolve,” said MEMA Acting Director Dawn Brantley. “Hopefully, we will continue to get additional rain, but until then, we need to continue to be mindful about our day-to-day water use and remain vigilant in preventing brush and wildfires in our communities.”

Rainfall received during the later part of the month of August provided a much needed relief throughout the Commonwealth, particularly within the Southeast Region of the state where improvements were significantly made; however, the northern part of the region was still lagging. In addition, other northern parts of the Commonwealth, as well as Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket saw less than 2.5 inches of rainfall during the month of August.

Significantly, the recent rains have helped in the near term to lower fire danger and decrease the potential for newly ignited wildland fires, which have seen an increase in 2022. To date, approximately 905 wildland fires have been reported, burning an estimated 1,485 acres. 137 fires were recorded this August alone during some of the highest drought indices since 2016. In comparison, there were only 24 wildland fires reported in August 2021.

As a result of fire conditions, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has implemented a temporary ban on all open flame and charcoal fires within state park properties, which remains in effect until further notice. During the temporary ban small portable propane grills are still allowed at campgrounds and recreation areas where grilling is permitted. It is critical that everyone remains aware of how the drought has increased the

risk of wildland fires in the state, and the public is asked to exercise extreme caution when using grills and open flames to ensure fires are properly and completely extinguished.

Ongoing drought conditions also continue to impact Massachusetts’ agricultural sector. These impacts vary across the state and include some depletion of water sources and production acreage, an increase in irrigation of crops, lower than normal yields, undersized fruits or vegetables, and higher operating costs. Nevertheless, with plenty of produce to sell, consumers are encouraged to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, and other products at local farm stands and retail stores throughout the Commonwealth.

To assist farms, on August 15, 2022, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) designated nine Massachusetts counties as primary natural disaster areas and three counties as contiguous disaster areas due to the 2022 drought. A USDA Secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in the primary and contiguous counties eligible to be considered for assistance from the Farm Service Agency (FSA), such as FSA emergency loans, provided eligibility requirements are met. Farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of the disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans. For more information, please visit the USDA’s Disaster Assistance Programs’ webpage. Additionally, following this designation, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced on August 30, 2022, that federal Economic injury Disaster Loans are now available in the designated and contiguous counties. Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture, and most private nonprofit organizations with economic losses due to drought would be eligible for the loans.

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply

system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 3 – Critical Drought, and Level 2 – Significant Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

## For Regions in Level 3 – Critical Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Stop all non-essential outdoor watering.
- Minimize overall water use.

## Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 3 restriction calls for a ban on all nonessential outdoor water use.
- Provide timely information on the drought and on water conservation tips to local residents and businesses.
- Enforce water use restrictions with increasingly stringent penalties.
- Strongly discourage or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish or enhance water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

## Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communi-

cation.

- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Prepare to activate emergency inter-connections for water supply.

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

## For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought Residents and Businesses:

- Minimize overall water use.
- Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.
- Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

## Immediate Steps for Communities:

- Adopt and implement the state’s nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.
- Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
- Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

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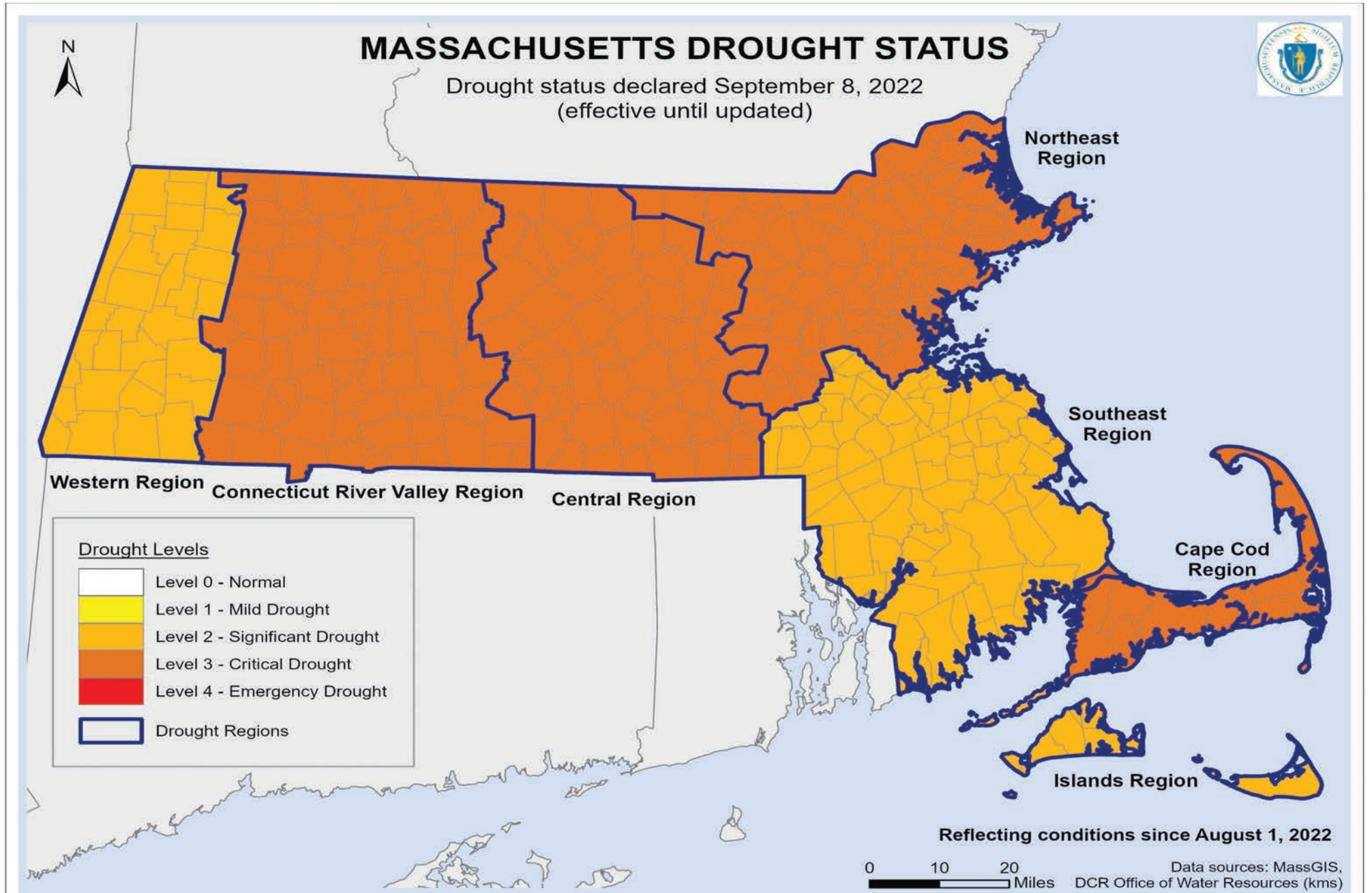
- Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
- Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.
- Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
- Check emergency inter-connections for water supply.

• Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

Significantly, the practicing of water conservation methods greatly assists water supply systems by reducing water use, which will help ensure essential needs are being met. These needs include available resources for drinking water and fire protection, supporting the natural functions of habitats, and to better sustain the Commonwealth’s water supplies in the long-term. Importantly, state agencies will continue to monitor and assess current conditions and any associated environmental and agricultural impacts, coordinate any needed dissemination of information to the public, and help state, federal and local agencies prepare additional responses that may be needed in the future. Furthermore, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including emergency connections and water supplies assistance.

“It takes time to recover from a drought. Understanding that fact and the variations in rainfall by location across the Commonwealth, water users should continue to follow the advice of their public water system and conserve as much water as possible,” said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 10:00AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA’s drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state’s drought dashboard page. Additionally, the Commonwealth is surveying the public for any drought impacts that are currently being experienced. To participate, please visit the Massachusetts Water Impact Reporter webpage.



Shown above, you can see the regions of Massachusetts and their drought levels. Most of the state remains in Level 3 Critical Drought, with the western and southern regions in Level 2 Significant Drought.



EAST BOSTON GIRLS SOCCER TRIUMPH OVER MALDEN



GETTING A LEG UP: Anahi Vasquez (6) keeps her eye on the ball as she gains control.



CHASING IT DOWN: Anahi Vasquez (6) races a Malden defender toward the ball.



SPREADING HER WINGS: Sterling Marte (3) keeps everyone away as she gains control of a bouncing ball.

Photos by Bob Marra

The Jets made a statement in their season opener: they are a team with

offensive firepower. East Boston ran away from the Malden Golden Tornadoes with a 7-4 win Monday at the City Yard park.



KICK START: Jessica Mejia (11) keeps a ball in play against a Malden defender.



MIDFIELD BATTLE: Captain Brandy Aguilar holds off a Malden attacker near midfield.



NO ONE BUT ME TOUCHES THE BALL: Goaltender Diana Melgar controls the ball after thwarting a Malden threat.

PlayMyWay // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

with new technology to proactively manage their playing decisions.” PlayMyWay is intended to help players make decisions about gambling, allow them to monitor and understand their playing behavior in real time, and support their decisions. The PlayMyWay program is the latest tool added to MGC’s wide-ranging and unique responsible gaming framework known as GameSense. “Providing players with all the necessary information and resources available will help them make well informed decisions about their gambling, including when to stop and how much to spend,” said

Mark Vander Linden, MGC’s Director of Research and Responsible Gaming. “PlayMyWay supports informed player choice by giving people the opportunity to set a budget before they begin, and then reinforcing that decision through the gambling session. We’re thrilled that this tool is now available at each Massachusetts casino.” Patrons at EBH can sign up for PlayMyWay by inserting their Wynn Rewards card into any slot machine, electronic game, or at the PlayMyWay Kiosk at the GameSense Info Center. Card holders will be prompted to choose a voluntarily daily, week-

ly and/or monthly budget to track their spending at EBH. Once enrolled, patrons will receive automatic notifications as they approach and reach the budget they set. If a player continues to play, notifications will be received at 25% intervals. This program is voluntary, and a player can un-enroll or adjust the budget at any time. “Responsible gaming is always front of mind in all the work we do at the Massachusetts Gaming Commission, and PlayMyWay is another tool to help patrons keep their gambling safe and fun,” said MGC Chair Cathy Judd-Stein. “Encore Boston Harbor has embraced

this program as a tool that can help their customers. The launch of PlayMyWay at Encore Boston Harbor marks a completion of the MGC’s goal of offering a uniform platform for slot machine players to set a budget and track their play at any Massachusetts casino.” PlayMyWay was originally rolled out as a pilot program at Plainridge Park Casino in 2016 and recently at MGM Springfield in April 2022. Now a fixture at both properties, PlayMyWay currently has nearly 32,000 patrons enrolled between the two properties. PlayMyWay at EBH is a custom-designed application developed by IGT. The integrated play management software utilizes a simple, easy to understand interface that includes graphics to aid players.

Patrons who are interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to visit the GameSense Info Center inside EBH to talk with a GameSense Advisor about the program. “For many, gambling can be a fun form of entertainment, but much like other fun activities, it’s easy to spend more time playing than originally intended – and as a result, exceed your entertainment budget,” said Marlene Warner, Executive Director for the Massachusetts Council on Gambling and Health. “PlayMyWay allows players to voluntarily pre-commit to a spending budget and then adds helpful transparency to their spending in real-time, empowering them to make informed and healthy choices.”



COUNT IT: Anahi Vasquez (6) follows through on a shot that put East Boston ahead 4-0.



NO TRESPASSING: Raquel Rico (24) kicks the ball away from a Malden attacker



THE CHASE IS ON: Joanna Miranda (8) races a Malden defender as the ball bounces toward the Malden net.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

**LOOKING AT ATTENDANCE POLICY**

**CHELSEA** - School Committee members have promised to take a closer look at the high school’s E-policy, where students automatically receive an E grade of 60 percent in a class if they have more than two unexcused absences during a quarter.

The committee heard testimony from over a dozen students, teachers, and caregivers at its first regularly scheduled meeting of the new school year on Thursday, Sept. 1.

Many of the comments centered on the attendance policy being unfair, confusing, inequitable, and a detriment for students dealing with mental health issues.

“I would first like to acknowledge the youth that are here tonight and how they inspire me ev-

ery day at CHS,” said high school history teacher Ilana Ascher. “My students last year expressed many concerns about the e-policy, and they did express their concerns in multiple meetings, and sadly, there has been no change this school year to the E attendance policy. The E-policy is a get-tough mandate and does little to reduce absences or truancy.”

Ascher also said that the coding of absences as excused or unexcused can be arbitrary and biased.

“I had a student who had only three unexcused absences for quarter three and quarter four, no excused absences,” Ascher said. “Instead of the B that she earned both quarter three and quarter four, she received a 60 for my class last year. Is this fair that the student showed complete mastery of my class and her grade and

her GPA drops this drastically due to only being absent six days in a 90 day schedule?”

A number of Chelsea High School students relayed similar stories, and several noted that while there is a policy to appeal the unexcused absences, the process is not well publicized and can be confusing and contradictory, pointing out that the E grades cannot be revised for the fourth quarter.

“I’d like to describe my experience with the E-policy as a rollercoaster because you’ll never know what you’ll expect,” said Jaiven Diaz, a junior at Chelsea High. “My personal experience with the E-policy started my sophomore year in the first quarter when I had received my report card and that was the first time that I was notified that I had received an E. My teacher



Lisa Mignosa, owner of Coastal Yoga observed her one year anniversary. A ceremonial ribbon cutting, with her family, was held. Shown are her husband Jim and son Tyler and daughter Sydney. The studio is located at 19 Somerset Ave.

did not tell me, I was unsure of how many unexcused absences we were supposed to have.”

Diaz said his counselor told him that a decision on the grade had not been made yet, but that he had met the criteria for receiving an E.

“I thought that was wrong, because I was not getting a definitive answer and I’m left with questions,” said Diaz. “I went to the Chelsea High website to see if there was information on there as well, and there was not.”

City Councilor Judith Garcia said she was proud of the courage of the students who spoke up about how the attendance policy has failed them.

“I am here to say, as School Committee members, I ask you, many of you who have advocated so much for mental health services and expanding and bettering our schools, take a moment to really listen to these stories and take action upon it, because it takes a lot of courage to come up here and speak,” said Garcia. “They’re here because they believe, and they know the power of orga-

nizing and really fighting for something that is affecting not only them, but affecting other students and their peers in ways that are unfathomable.”

School Committee Chair Kelly Garcia said the committee sees and hears the concerns of the students and promised to work together with them to find an equitable solution to the issues of the attendance policy, including holding focus groups and subcommittee meetings to consider changes.

School Committee member Roberto Jimenez-Rivera said that in considering changes, the committee will also need to have data on the E-policy and who it affects.

“I want to make sure we are actually having conversations around what are the alternatives to make sure that we actually come up with solutions and make sure that we can move something forward,” he said. “This is not supposed to be a punitive policy, but we can see the damage that is being done and I want to make sure we are exploring how do we allow educators to

use their expertise to support students, to make sure there is flexibility.”

**McGONAGLE WINS STATE REP. PRIMARY**

**EVERETT** - State Rep. Joe McGonagle recorded an impressive victory in the Democratic Primary Election Tuesday.

McGonagle received 1,642 votes to defeat Guerline Alcy, who received 1,006 votes in the election that had a low turnout throughout the city.

“Anytime you win, it’s great,” said McGonagle. “I’m ecstatic that the voters believe in what I do, because I work hard to be a state representative. I bring a lot back to the city, not just in money, but in constituent service. I’ve got a great staff that works hard every day. And we deliver. I have a great relationship with the Mayor (Carlo DeMaria) and his administration. That’s why we bring back millions of dollars to the city for some great programs. I still have a lot more than I can do for Everett.”

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1981EA Estate of: Maria Cucchiara Date of Death: 09/21/2016

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Peter JC Di Bella of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Peter JC Di Bella of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 10/20/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 25, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 9/14/22 EB

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU22P0158GD Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 In the matter of: Jose Somoza Of: East Boston, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Jose Somoza in need of a Guardian and requesting that Brian J. McLaughlin, Esq., of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a

Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/28/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 03, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 9/14/22 EB

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A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000. On September 9, 2022, ENERGY TRANSFER MARKETING & TERMINALS L.P. recorded with the Suffolk County Registry of Deeds a TERMINATION of a NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1080 through 40.1084. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION was originally recorded and/or registered on October 14, 1997. Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Mr. William Hansen of Roux Associates, Inc., Roux Associates, Inc., 200 Summit Drive, Suite 500, Burlington, MA 01803, (781) 569-4057. The TERMINATED NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using Release Tracking Number (RTN) 3-0001558 at https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/portal#/search/wastefite or at MassDEP Northeast Regional Office, 205 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887, 978-694-3200. 9/14/22 EB

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# Citizens Bank renews partnership with Feeding America to fight hunger

Commitment will support local efforts in Greater Boston

For the fifth consecutive year, Citizens has joined forces with Feeding America®, the nation’s largest domestic hunger-relief

organization, contributing more than \$1 million as a Leadership-level partner to further broaden and deepen its efforts to help fight hunger. The renewed relationship builds on a successful four-year partnership which has brought funding into local markets and

seeded Feeding America’s Ending Hunger program. This year’s funding is primarily categorized as equitable access grants, which aim to increase access to nutritious food among households with individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) residing in

communities experiencing high food insecurity rates. “For millions of people in America, a daily meal isn’t a choice between different dishes. It’s often an impossible choice between food and other critical needs,” said Bruce Van Saun, Chairman and CEO, Citizens Financial

Group. “Our partnership with Feeding America helps to tackle the root causes of hunger and aims to increase the scale and impact of local food banks, particularly now, as our communities continue grappling with economic instability.” In 2021, through the

Citizens Helping Citizens Fight Hunger initiative, the bank helped provide 16.3 million meals\* via its partnership with Feeding America and other local hunger relief organizations. Citizens colleagues volunteered nearly 90,000

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ing survivors and ensuring that they have access to the resources and support they need.” “This website demonstrates the powerful role that digital tools can play in improving the lives of the residents of the Commonwealth,” said Secretary of Technology Services and Security Curt Wood. “I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate on this important initiative that will empower survivors with easy access to vital resources while maintaining their privacy.” “We must continue to find innovative ways to ensure survivors have access to information and resources,” said Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) Executive Director Liam Lowney. “This tool provides access to resources that will empower victims and survivors in their decision making and ensures they have access to quality support in the wake of

trauma.” This website is the result of collaboration between the Governor’s Office, the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Executive Office of Technology Services and Security, and the Department of Public Health. The Council is chaired by the Lt. Governor and membership consists of up to 40 individuals appointed by the Governor and Lt. Governor, plus more than 80 subcommittee members. Council members represent advocacy

organizations, direct service providers, criminal justice agencies, and reflect the state’s geographic and cultural diversity. The Secretaries of Health and Human Services, Housing and Economic Development, Public Safety and Security, Education, Labor and Workforce Development, Transportation, and Veterans’ Services each appoint staff members to the Council. The Governor and Lt. Governor appointed an Executive Director, who is responsible for the administrative functions of the Council, organizing subcommittees and executing the Council’s responsibilities.




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# Boston residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Special to the Times

254 residents from Boston will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 2. Izabella Walsh, Sahand Hormoz, Radoslaw Nowak, John Concan-

non, Alexandra Shraybman, Wallace Bourgeois, Bill Lotter, Miriam Gale, Kimberly Perez, Maritza Nassif, and 244 Boston residents along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support

all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation’s premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$155 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its 33-year history.

Tianna Burns, age six, and Nick Hungerford will participate as Walk Heroes for the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. Heroes are matched with Jimmy Fund Walk teams to give participants an opportunity to connect with patients. Tianna was diagnosed with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is matched with CFS Inc. Tianna’s family writes, “she is a funny and caring child who wants to be a doctor when she grows up.”

Nick was diagnosed with Recurring Ewings Sarcoma. Nick walks on his Match Team, Young Adult Program. “My Dana-Farber team tries as hard as I do to keep me alive,” Nick writes. “They give me the chance to live every day with the enthusiasm and drive that

I demand from myself. I couldn’t be more grateful for every extra day they give me.”

“Throughout the past 33 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. And the pandemic didn’t stop us,” said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. “Over the past two years, participants walked virtually and celebrated in their own unique ways. Now, we welcome them to walk the course in person. We are back, we are together, and we are stronger than ever.

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), or Marathon Walk (26.2 miles from Hopkinton). Participants can also choose to join the event virtually by “walking their way” from wherever they are most comfortable—in



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their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Virtual programming and supporting materials are available.

Along the course, walkers are 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

Powered by Schneider Electric with a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

To register for the Jimmy Fund Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://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.

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hours to help combat hunger in communities across the bank’s enterprise.

In Greater Boston, Citizens has contributed a total of \$200,000 to support The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB). GBFB will use the \$200,000 grant for its transportation fleet, covering the lease of two co-branded, refrigerated trucks for a period of 12 months.

“Citizens has been supporting our mission to end

hunger here in Eastern Massachusetts for over two decades,” said Catherine D’Amato, GBFB president and CEO. “They come on the road with us every day by supporting our transportation team, and their generosity is needed now more than ever as more and more families need our help due to the lingering impact of the pandemic and the highest inflation rate we have seen in over 40

years.”

As part of Hunger Action Month, Citizens colleagues will display their commitment to fighting hunger by participating in Citizens’ Step Up to Fight Hunger challenge in which colleagues’ healthy activities and steps are translated into meals to support local communities.

Additionally, throughout the month of September, Citizens will host a

virtual food drive supporting Feeding America. Each dollar donated will provide 10 meals in communities served by the bank and Citizens will match each dollar donated up to \$20,000.

Locally, Massachusetts residents are encouraged to raise awareness by applying for a Stop Hunger Now license plate benefiting Boston Medical Center and The Greater Boston Food Bank. The plate,

sponsored in part by Citizens, features an image of a stop light – formed from healthy fruits and vegetables – which is designed to highlight the hundreds of children and families who go hungry every day. To pre-order your plate and learn more, visit [www.stophungerma.org](http://www.stophungerma.org).

Citizens Helping Citizens Fight Hunger is part of the bank’s broader Citizens Helping Citizens program, which addresses

three key areas: hunger, financial empowerment, and strengthening the communities it serves. It is rooted in the belief that when people and communities reach their potential, we all thrive. Get more information about Citizens community initiatives here.

\*\$1 helps Feeding America provide at least 10 meals through local member food banks.

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2. Overall, climate resilience efforts improve the economic competitiveness of a city. This makes it more attractive for businesses and communities to settle there, increasing jobs, tax revenue, and services.<sup>7</sup> In addition, it saves the local government money by reducing the damage from climate events. Planning also improves community resilience to climate change by reducing their vulnerability. This refers to improvements in their ability to “bounce back” after a climate event and “bounce forward” by preparing for a climate event. Therefore, climate resilience planning is not only beneficial for cities, communities, and businesses socially but also economically.’ (Rebecca Clarke/Elizabeth MacLennan, January 13, 2022)

East Boston is an Environmental Justice (EJ) community. By definition, we are vulnerable physically, socially and economically. A storm surge coupled with sea-level rise could severely disrupt our lives and 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. This Resiliency Summit will begin to explore a variety of additional challenging issues which affect resilience such as Dealing with Extreme heat, Flood prevention and Critical infrastructure, Evacuation preparations, Air Quality & Food insecurity, Pandemic planning, Housing issues, Youth concerns - all underlined with Equity considerations. To be most resilient, we actually need a collaborative Resiliency Network to alert and involve our vulnerable community to the dangers.

If we are willing to collaborate and work with each other, as well as First Responders to help us plan for a Climate event, East Boston’s thriving and diverse community will be better off in the long run.

(Please mark the afternoon/early evening of **September 29th 4-8 pm** on your calendar. Contact Latifa at [LZiyad@noahcdc.org](mailto:LZiyad@noahcdc.org) to participate, or call her at 617.418.8201. If you would like to co-sponsor, please let her know. Spinelli’s delicious food will be served. And, if your group brings 20 people, members will be eligible for a MacAir laptop)

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De Nosotros Foundation members Nelson Correa and Juan Pablo Pavva and Ishaan Goel.



Alexandra Ramos gets a portrait done by artist Alejandro.



ZUMIX brought Latin Music to Bremen St. Park last Saturday for all to enjoy.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center was on hand, shown is Laura Londono with Kaylee Lopez.



From the EB Branch of the BPL, Diana Beltrao and Margaret Kelly.



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State Rep. Adrian Madaro and his wife Ariel enjoy a delicious pastry treat served by Paula Avila.



Katherine Menacho and Valeria Santillan get ready for cultural dancing.



Enjoying a day in the park and lots of great music, State Rep Adrian Madaro with Ariel and Mateo, Kathy LoGrasso, Senator Lydia Edwards, Lassell Towsley, and Councillor Gabriella Coletta.



Johnny Giralso interviews Veronica Robles from the cultural center.



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