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Bus issues raising Eastie residents' blood pressure

Michael Coughlin Jr.

Several residents of East Boston vented their frustrations regarding the activities of Boston Public School (BPS) buses to Jackie Hayes, the Assistant Director of Contract Operation and Fleet for BPS, at the November 7 Harbor View Neighborhood Association meeting.

The idling and use of residential parking by BPS buses have pushed many residents to their breaking points as they ask for some sort of solution. Although there seems to be new frustration with the buses, some say these issues have been apparent for years.

One resident explained

that for at least six years, buses have been idling, waking people in the wee hours of the morning and taking up parking spaces by the Bennington Street Cemetery.

"I think that is a long enough time to try and mitigate. You know, I understand that on a daily basis you'll take complaints, try to mitigate it - again, that has been going on for six years - we need a solution," said the resident.

Elsewhere on Bennington Street, others see the same issues continuously happening with seemingly no end in sight. The ideal solution, at least for residents, is for there to be off-

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MFCF announces hosting events for families in need

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Madaro Family Community Fund's (MFCF) annual holiday programs, the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Eastie's Elves, are returning to an in-person format for the first time in two years. Each year, MFCF has supplied hundreds of meals and donated thousands of toys through the Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Eastie's Elves events. The Madaro Family Commu-

nity Fund hopes to spread

joy throughout the holidays, and looks forward to bringing neighbors and friends back together in 2022.

The Thanksgiving Day Dinner will supply hundreds of sit-down, carry-out, and delivery Thanksgiving meals to local families in need at the Salesian Boys & Girls Club. Additional program details can be found on the Madaro Family Community Fund's website at

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Wu announces resources for residents facing food insecurity

Special to the Times-Free Press

award at White Stadium.

Mayor Michelle Wu announced resources that will support residents facing food insecurity during the holiday season and year-round. The City is launching the Find Your Food Pantry campaign led by the Community Engagement Cabinet in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Food Justice

Due to the

Thanksgiving Day Holiday on Thurs., Nov. 24, trash will be delayed by one day on **Thursday & Friday** only. Thurs. pickups will be 11/25 and Fri. pickups wil be 11/26 **Mon-Weds pickups** will be on schedule Capitol Waste Services, Inc

(OFJ). Additionally, beginning on Tuesday, November 15, residents will be able to apply and learn more about SNAP benefits using a kiosk located within Boston City Hall.

"To prioritize food justice in our City, we're making it easier to connect residents to services they need and ways to make a difference," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We're launching a campaign aimed to introduce residents to organizations that do great work in our communities not just during the holidays, but all year.

Together with the new kiosk at City Hall, we're working holistically as a city to fight food insecurity in Boston."

Through the Find Your Food Pantry campaign, residents are encouraged to reach out to their local food pantries and other community partners this holiday season and to establish connections with local food pantries and organizations to strengthen Boston's communities year-round. Residents can find a list of local pantries via the Greater Boston Food Bank on the Office

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, advertising deadlines for the next issue will be moved up to Friday, Nov. 18th at 12:00 noon Please email your rep or call 781-485-0588 to schedule your ad

of Food Justice's website. In FY 2022, the Greater Boston Food Bank distributed a total of 24.6 million pounds of food through their network of over 100 food distribution partners in Boston. This is a 27 percent increase compared to pre-pandemic distribution in 2019. Much of the food pantry system relies on volunteers. Contributions are critical to help food pantries provide additional food like fresh produce from Massachusetts farmers and staples that are culturally relevant to each

community. "Boston works best when we work together for our shared values, so this year we're launching a campaign that goes beyond the holiday season," said Chief of Community Engagement Brianna Millor. "I encourage residents to reach out to their neighborhood organizations and

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PEDRO MARTINEZ APPEARS AT EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL



East Boston High School Principal Phillip Brangiforte and his daughter, Alex Brangiforte, join Red Sox legendary pitcher Pedro Martinez for a photo following the guest appearance by the former Boston Red Sox star. See Page 5

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Wu announces the reopening of City Hall Plaza following renovations

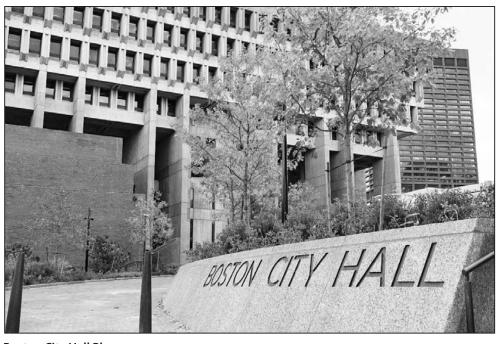
The recently completed renovation transformed the Plaza into a civic space for all residents, with universal accessibility, new communal spaces, increased environmental sustainability, and critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure the plaza is safe and accessible for generations

"City Hall Plaza is a space to bring people together and build community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful for the work of all our City workers and partners to transform the plaza into a welcoming, resilient, and accessible space for residents and visitors to en-

The plaza design and implementation was led by global design firm Sasaki, based in Watertown, Mass. Shawmut Design and Construction was the construction manager for the project. The project was managed through the City's Operations Cabinet by the Public Facilities Department in partnership with the Property Management Department and was assisted by owners project

manager Skanska USA. "City Hall plaza is the people's plaza, and it is now a civic front yard that ALL can access and take pleasure in," said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. "I'm excited to see our community enjoy our playground, event spaces, our new pavilion and the reopened north entrance to City Hall. The Public Facilities Department, project partners, and numerous City agencies did an amazing job working together, with community input, to create a signature civic space that aligns with our goals and values."

"We are proud of the bold vision the City em-



Boston City Hall Plaza.

braced to make Boston City Hall Plaza an inviting and accessible outdoor public space," said Fiske Crowell, Sasaki principal and architect. "A robust community engagement process helped us transform the Plaza from a harsh outdoor environment into a new green space where all are welcome. We are excited to celebrate the reopening of both the plaza and the expanded north entry to the building."

"To be tasked with the transformation of one of Boston's most beloved and historic spaces has been a tremendous honor," said Kevin Sullivan, executive vice president of Shawmut Design and Construction's New England region. "Through this extensive renewal with our partners from the City of Boston and Sasaki, we've reinvigorated City Hall Plaza to create a more accessible, sustainable, and connected public destination at Boston's civic heart that will serve as a forward-thinking attraction for generations to come."

City Hall Plaza's redesign includes a focus on:

A Welcoming Front Yard for Civic Life With Boston's renovat-

ed City Hall Plaza, this community space will become universally accessible for residents of all abilities. Opening up the Plaza for all includes re-opening the second floor of City Hall Plaza to the public, allowing easier access to the building.

"I am thrilled that City Hall Plaza is now welcoming and accessible to people with disabilities," said Kristen McCosh, Boston's Commission-Disability er. "City officials really listened to input from the disability community, and they made access the top priority. Before this renovation, it was extremely difficult for disabled people to navigate the expansive brick Plaza, which provides a vital connection between Congress Street and Cambridge Street. But the uneven brick and numerous stairways have been replaced with smooth unit pavers and gently sloped walkways. Now when people with disabilities ask where the accessible route across City Hall

Plaza is, I can say, 'You don't understand - the whole plaza is accessible now, not just one route!"

The renovation also includes 3.000 new welcoming spaces for residents to sit,12,000 square feet of playscapes for children and families, and 11,000 square feet of terraces for pop-up play and interactive public art.

Public Art In February, the City of Boston released a Call to Artists for public art to complement the renovation of City Hall Plaza. There were two separate opportunities outlined in the call. The first was a short-term artwork for the north entrance to the building. The second was for a graphics display for the exterior of City Hall. These commissions are envisioned as the first of a series of artworks for this site that will recognize and celebrate the stories of Boston and City Hall Plaza.

The City selected Rhea Vedro to create the shortterm artwork, which will be a sculptural installation on the planting bed at the north entrance that will be

installed for one year. Yuke Li was commissioned to create 2D graphics for the new display system on the west exterior wall of City Hall and the wall panels near the new civic pavilion, which will also be installed for one year. The graphics have been installed, and the sculpture is expected to be installed in spring 2023.

"Through activating City Hall Plaza with public art and cultural events, we're cultivating a more inviting space that celebrates the communities that make up the city," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Chief of Arts and Culture. "We're excited to be able to showcase Boston's creative community while also transforming a historic civic space."

Flexible and Accommodating **Event Venues**

The renovation of Boston City Hall Plaza expanded one of Boston's largest event spaces, and created civic event spaces that can be used by all Boston residents. The renovation included creating seven new "plug and play" locations for community groups to utilize, with space for 10,000 to 12,0000 visitors on the main plaza and room for a 20,000 to 25,000 person gathering on the entire pla-

The new design includes three smaller event and gathering places, and a new civic building on Congress Street equipped with a bathroom and other facilities to support public gatherings.

A Model of Sustainability and Resilience

Creating a sustainable City Hall Plaza that meets the City's environmental goals was one of the key parts of the plaza renovation, and this renovation will make City Hall Plaza one of Boston's signature civic spaces environmentally sustainable, meeting Boston's resilience stan-

The renovation includes an increase in green infrastructure through an increased use of permeable surfaces that will soak up stormwater. The design also includes 100 new trees, improving the shade, scale and air quality of the plaza. Fifty lights were replaced with efficient LED technology, and 22,500 feet of granite and brick paving were reused or recycled.

The Phase 1 City Hall Plaza project's main goal was to make the plaza more accessible for all while delivering updated programming capabilities, adding infrastructure and making the plaza more sustainable. This \$70 million investment will connect Congress and Cambridge Streets with an accessible sloped Hanover Promenade activated by 21st century civic amenities like shady seating and gathering areas, a destination play space, public art space, and an iconic water feature. The main plaza will accommodate events of up to 12,000 people in a wide variety of potential configurations. The project

- also includes: • Opening the North building entry
- · Accessibility improvements to the plaza entry
- Enhanced speakers
- Stormwater retention
- improvements Flexible platform for various sized performanc-

For additional information, visit boston.gov/cityhallplaza.

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be by donating or spending time volunteering."

Residents interested in helping support food pantries can connect with their local food pantry directly to identify ways to contribute or volunteer. Needs and hours of operation will vary by organization. Office of Neighborhood

Services (ONS) liaisons will be visiting community partners in their respective neighborhoods during their "Field Fridays" in the months of November and December. The Office of Civic Organizing is helping organize sign ups for residents who would like assistance being connected to volunteer opportunities. Residents can sign up on the website.

Additionally, through a partnership with the state's Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), residents will have a new access point downtown to apply for public benefits. A new City Hall kiosk allows residents to apply for SNAP and cash assistance programs, check their eligibility, check their balances, and update their information while doing other business with the City. The kiosk will be located on the mezzanine between the second and third floor at City Hall and will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting

on Tuesday, November "Closing the SNAP gap

and providing resources

for residents ineligible for

SNAP help us ensure that

give back - whether that Boston residents can ac- SNAP and the emergency cess nutritious and culturally relevant food during chronic and acute periods of food insecurity," said Aliza Wasserman, Director of the Mayor's Office of Food Justice. "Food pantries are a critical component of the emergency food system. They and other community partners have kept so many families from feeling the dire consequences of food insecurity through their tireless efforts throughout the pandemic." "Too many families in

> Boston continue to struggle to provide for their basic needs because of the lingering economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis coupled with the worst inflation we have seen in over 40 years," said Catherine D'Amato, president and CEO of Greater Boston Food Bank. "With critical programs like SNAP, school meals and over 100 food distribution partners served by GBFB in the City, nobody should have to go hungry this holiday season, let alone throughout the year. The partnership with Mayor Wu, her Office of Food Justice and their intentionality in working across City Hall departments, particularly with the Community Engagement Cabinet, is the ingenuity and creativity we need to ensure we are driving awareness across every neighborhood and connecting each resident in need to the food

resources available

As food prices increase,

them."

food system play pivotal roles in bridging the gap between household income and basic needs. The DTA kiosk and Find Your Food Pantry campaign are part of a multi-pronged approach to reduce barriers to accessing public benefits and food resources in a dignified and easy manner. There are three additional public DTA kiosks in the City, including 1010 Massachusetts Ave. and the Southampton Street Shelter. To find a DTA kiosk near you, click here. DTA kiosks are one approach to reducing barriers for residents to sign

In 2021, OFJ provided 21 organizations with over \$1 million in funding to focus on outreach around safety net resources. Through its community food access programming like Boston Double Up Food Bucks, the Farmers Market Coupon Program, and community grants, the Office of Food Justice works directly with community organizations and businesses, to build stronger community networks for food justice and access to healthy, culturally-relevant food. More on the Find Your

up for SNAP.

Food Pantry campaign, including a list of food pantries and informational video from Mayor Wu can be found at www.boston. gov/find-pantries. dents looking to apply for SNAP can do so on the Commonwealth's website.



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State Fire Marshal offers cooking safety tips for Thanksgiving

Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is urging residents to make fire safety a priority in the kitchen as we approach Thanksgiving Day, the number one day for home fires in Massachusetts.

"Each year, we see about twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "Don't let a fire ruin this special time with your family and loved ones. Practice fire safety when cooking and heating your home, and be sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger."

Cooking Safety Tips There were

678 Thanksgiving Day fires in Massachusetts from 2017 to 2021, and 87% of them started with cooking activities at home. These Thanksgiving Day fires caused seven civilian injuries, seven fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to stay fire-safe in the kitchen this year:

Be sure your oven is empty before turning it on.

Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cook-

Turn pot handles inward over the stove.

Remember to "stand by your pan" and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying. or broiling.

Use a timer when bak-

ing or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.

The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to "put a lid on it" and turn off the

The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off

If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from

Thanksgiving 2021

cooking Residential fires on Thanksgiving Day dropped by more than 20% last year, falling from 127 in 2020 to 97 in 2021.

After a devastating fire in New Bedford on Thanksgiving 2020 that caused severe injuries and

displaced almost 30 people, there were no fires attributed to turkey fryers last year. Fire safety experts strongly discourage the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL, and the risk of hot oil spilling or igniting is high. The National Fire Protection Association states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." They recommend using new "oil-less" turkey fryers.

Gas Ovens: A Source of **Carbon Monoxide**

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, but it can present a hazard if used for several hours consecutively - such as when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period. Working CO alarms are vitally important to protect you and your loved ones from carbon monoxide poison-

Home Heating: #1 Source of Carbon Monoxide, #2 Cause of Fires

Heating is the second

leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving and the primary source of carbon monoxide in the home. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season, and place space heaters on flat, lever surfaces where in locations where they won't be bumped or tripped over. Keep a threefoot "circle of safety" free of anything that can burn around all heat sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services Thanksgiving web page.

Massachusetts Gaming Commission releases October 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue report

Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of October 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$97 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82%

is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

View comprehensive revenue reports for each gaming licensee here. MGC issues monthly revenue reports on the 15th of each month or next business day.



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street satellite locations for buses to wait before they eventually head out on their routes.

Unfortunately, for those who would like to see those satellite locations as a solution – it is not going to happen anytime soon, according to Hayes.

While Hayes indicated that BPS is seeking additional space for its buses, she said, "The reality is

that space is at a premium, and when the city uses space, they have to pay for it, and it is expensive."

"We do not have a budget at this time for additional parking lots around the city," she added.

Hayes did emphasize that although a satellite location might not be in the cards currently, BPS will still work with neighborhood associations for alternative fixes for the issues.

For now, the solution seems to rest upon the residents, as Hayes suggested that individual incidents be reported online via the BPS transportation support portal. Hayes advised against sending incidents by email, citing that reports to the portal are the most efficient way to get incidents to BPS.

This resolution

not up to snuff for at least one resident, as they said, "With all due respect, I have been doing it [reporting issues] for the last six, seven years on a daily basis ... nothing has been done - nothing.'

Even though it may seem like nothing has been done, Hayes assured residents that their work in contacting BPS with issues had led to the retraining of drivers as well as instances of speaking with drivers every time incidents occur.

She also defended the BPS bus drivers saying, "Frankly, our drivers work really hard, and they are under incredible stress every day... the vast majority of our drivers are lovely humans that decided to do work with kids."

Overall, Hayes made it clear that the BPS will not issues with buses around East Boston. "We continue to be

stop working to quell the

committed to trying to figure out how to make it work. We continue to be committed to taking every complaint or concern that is raised and running it down so that we can figure out how to make this work effectively for everyone," said Hayes.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20 The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Wednesday**, **November 30**, **2022**, **at 6:30 p.m**. a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (**aka PIERPAC**) will be held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the extension of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 to permit virtual

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website (ebpierpac.org) on or before November 28, 2022.

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

REGULAR MEETING

a. Attendance 6:30 pmb. Approval of Minutes May 17, 2022 & October 18, 2022 6:35 pm

- a. 6:45 pm Phase II construction update and review (w/public comment)
- comment)
 b 7:00 pm Nick Black, Trustees of Reservations, Phase III Update and review (w/public comment)
 c. 7:30 pm Review of proposed operating budget 2023
 d. 7:45 pm Scheduling of Annual Meeting for December 2022
 e. 7:50 pm Nomination of Officers for 2023

Old Business

a. 8:00 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM)
Agreement (continued discussion)

Anticipated Adjournment - 8:00 pm

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED
AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –
English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom.

A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also been posted on the regulation's website at: www.EBPictPAC.org and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20 The East Boston Project Advisory Comm

Por la presente se notifica que el miércoles 30 de noviembre de 2022, a las 6:30 p.m., se llevará a cabo una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) de forma remota a través de Zoom de acuerdo con la extensión del Capítulo 22 de las Leyes de 2022 para permitir audiencias virtuales.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización (ebpierpac.org) a más tardar el 28 de noviembre de 2022. El Comité tiene la intención de examinar en sesión pública la(s) cuestión(es) siguiente(s):

REGULAR MEETING

a. Asistencia 6:30 pm

b. Aprobación del Acta 17 de mayo de 2022 y 18 de octubre de 2022 6:35

- a. 6:45 pm Actualización y revisión de la construcción de la Fase II (con comentario público)
 b. 7:00 pm Nick Black, Fideicomisarios de Reservas, Fase III Actualización y revisión (con comentario público)
 c. 7:30 pm Revisión del presupuesto operativo propuesto para 2023 d. 7:45 pm – Programación de la Reunión Anual para diciembre de 2022 7:50 pm – Nominación de Oficiales para 2023

a. 8:00 pm - Amendment to Operations, Security and Maintenance (OSM) Agreement (continued discussion)

Aplazamiento anticipado - 8:00 pm

SE INVITA AL PÚBLICO Y BIENVENIDO A ASISTIR ción de inglés a español disponible bajo petición a través de Zoom.

Una copia de este aviso e instrucciones para la participación remota también se publicarán en el sitio web de la organización en: www.EBPierPAC.org y también se ha archivado en la División de Regulaciones del Secretario del Commonwealth por correo postal de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc. By: Louise Montanino, President

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Virtual Public Meeting

9 McKay Place

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Project Proponent:

Project Description:

231 Maverick Street LLC.

The BPDA is hosting a virtual Public Meeting meeting for the proposed project at 9 McKay Place, a project located in the East Boston neighborhood of Boston. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the project, and discuss the potential impacts and mitigation for the project. The meeting will include a presentation followed by questions and comments from the public.

The project contemplates the construction of 41 condominium units (five of which would be subject to

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3DZlx6d

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864 Meeting ID: 161 060 7284

the inclusionary development policy), on-site parking for 36 cars, and has a gross square footage of approximately 43,460 square feet. The site contains four vacant existing structures - three 2- and 3-family buildings and the clubhouse for a fraternal organization. These are slated to be demolished and be replaced with a five-story residential building with a ground-floor commercial space.

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Close of Comment Period: 12/16/2022



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DON'T MISS THE SALESIAN **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB'S** PASTA DINNER THIS FRIDAY EVENING

One of the most popular events in the East Boston community during the pre-holiday season is the annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser of the Salesian Boys and Girls Club, which is set to return in-person this Friday evening, November 18, from 6-8 p.m., at the club's quarters at 150 Byron St.

The dinner promises to be an outstanding affair. Tickets are just \$10 for a delicious dinner that will feature pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, and desserts. As an additional treat, this year's dinner will feature live music by John D'Ambrosio, a graduate of Savio Prep, who will play the keyboards.

Parking will be available on the Salesian field on Wadsworth St. behind the club where there is an entrance directly into the club.

We're sure there will be a large turnout for the dinner, which promises to be a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet new neighbors -- so don't miss out!.

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE NOW!

We'll be the first to admit that "vaccine fatigue" is affecting all of us these days.

But the reality is that the viruses never take a break -- virus fatigue is not in their DNA.

Although hopefully the worst of COVID-19 is behind us, experts are predicting the high likelihood of a flu season with the potential for dire impacts upon our senior citizen population, who are particularly susceptible to a bad outcome from a case of the flu.

The flu in an average year kills about 50,000 Americans, a rate that plummeted during the past two years when we were isolating and wearing masks. But with pretty much all of the COVID-19 restrictions no longer in effect, the flu is primed to return with a vengeance.

In addition, we also would note that contrary to common perception, COVID-19 is far from done with us. COVID-19 still is killing more than 300 Americans every day -- that's a rate of more than 100,000 Americans per year. (Let that sink in for a moment.)

Some experts are predicting that we may be facing a perfect storm of upper respiratory illnesses this winter from the flu, COVID-19, and RSV (which typically afflicts very young children and already is filling our hospital beds at the present time.)

It is up to each of us to protect ourselves and our family from these deadly diseases. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is offering the flu vaccine to everyone six months and older. Call 617-568-4500 to schedule an appointment for more information. You can also receive the latest COVID-19 booster during your appointment. Patients and non-patients are welcome.

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- -- over the phone at 1-877-MA-ENROLL
- -- through local walk-in centers that have again reopened.

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GUEST OP-ED

Billions spent on the election while Americans struggle

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Total cost of 2022 state and federal midterm elections may have exceeded \$16 billion according to a OpenSecrets analysis. Federal candidates and political committees spent over \$8 billion while state candidates, party committees, and ballot measure committees spent close to \$8 billion.

Here are the five most expensive Senate races this year according to OpenSecrets. This cludes both general election and primary candidates together with the outside groups supporting them, such as the national parties and Super PACs:

- · Pennsylvania: \$373.6
- · Georgia: \$271.4 million (Georgia's is grow-· Arizona: \$234.6 mil-
- lion

Wisconsin: \$205.8 million

· Ohio: \$202.1 million Pennsylvania's cial U.S. Senate race has been the most expensive in the country this year and it wasn't even close. Georgia may end

up close to \$300 million. Who in Georgia is happy about this? The television stations. If you own a television station during a highly contested election season, in a lucrative market, you'll never have to work again when the election is over. Democrat John Fetter-

man, Republican Mehmet Oz and their political allies have spent a combined \$312 million on a race that ended up not even close. According to OpenSecrets, a nonpartisan group that tracks money in politics, money poured into Pennsylvania for Fetterman as he had over \$15 million dollars more to work with than Oz.

Many are wondering how Fetterman, a recuperating sick man with the worst debate performance ever on national television, beat Oz? The answer is not a simple sentence. The bottom line was they didn't want Oz. Oz was seen as an outsider. Someone who moved to the state to further his career in politics. He is well known. That should

have helped but it didn't help him that much. He was well known for being rich, famous and still relatively good looking for an old guy. Fetterman on the other hand is the local state guy. He doesn't look so good. They know who he is whether that is good or bad. He has been very sick and trying to rehabilitate. A lot of people feel sorry for him and didn't see him as a rich, affluent personality but rather a down to earth guy they can relate to. People often cheer for the underdog. If you post something on social media saying you are sick, bad off, down and out you'll get many more "likes" or responses than if you post you have just received a career advance

and a \$50,000 bonus. Rand Paul of Kentucky raised \$26,410,677 and reportedly spent \$20 million. I hope he will use the remaining \$6 million to rebuild homes in East, Kentucky recently devastated by flooding. Or, even West, Kentucky that is still trying to rebuild from tornadoes that flattened that part of the state.

The money spent on this election and all national elections is insane. People all over America can't afford to go the grocery store, fill up the gas tank or take care of their children's school needs. Yet politicians, interest groups, political parties, and Political Action Committees are raising and spending mega millions trying to keep or gain a political seat. You can't do anything about it either. We have so very little to say about anything in our country.

We have to depend on the people spending millions to get their seat. If the seat is worth millions to them and the special interest groups then do you really think they care about we think?

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

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www.madarocharity.org.

The non-profit is continuing its community-wide toy drive in honor of the 19th annual Eastie's Elves. The toy drive will host collection boxes throughout the community from November 26 to December 8. The current drop-off locations are listed below. The toy drive will conclude with a return to the highly anticipated in-person Eastie's Elves celebration at the Hyatt Regency on December 9th, where all are welcome. Admission to the celebration is one unwrapped children's toy.

"Thank you to all of

the businesses, organizations, supporters, and volunteers who make it possible for us to provide Thanksgiving dinner and holiday gifts to families in our community," says Ariel Madaro, Director of the Madaro Family Community Fund. "After the hardships we all experienced these past few years due to COVID-19, we are grateful for this opportunity to celebrate the holidays in-person again with our neighbors and friends. We look forward to continuing our tradition of spreading cheer and uplifting our neighbors during the holiday season."

The Madaro Family Community Fund is grateful to have the support of the following sponsors for the 19th Annual Eastie's Elves: Platinum Level Sponsors Amazon, Cargo Ventures, HYM Investments, & Massachusetts Biotechnology Council; Gold Level Sponsors Bulgroup Properties, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, & Redgate; Silver Level Sponsors AWH Foundation, Committee to Elect Aaron Michlewitz, Cora Operations, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Green Cities Company, Lendlease, New England Aquarium, Tall

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RED SOX LEGEND PEDRO MARTINEZ APPEARS AT EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL

The students at East Boston High School enjoyed an unforgettable experience last Thursday, with a special guest appearance by former Boston Red Sox star Pedro Martinez, a Hall of Famer and one of the greatest pitchers in Major League Baseball history.

Martinez delivered an inspirational message to the students about working hard toward achieving one's dreams and staying positive throughout life's journeys.

Martinez displayed his well-known, magnetic personality, affirming his status as one of the Red Sox organization's most popular players of all time. Following his remarks, Martinez met with members of the East Boston High School baseball and softball teams, answered questions, signed autographs, and obliged all requests for photos with his Boston Mayor Michelle

Wu also appeared at the event and was a big hit with the students as well. East Boston High

School Principal Phillip personally Brangiforte thanked Pedro Martinez and Mayor Wu for making it a special and memorable day for all.



Boston Red Sox superstar Pedro Martinez and Boston City Councillor Gabriela Coletta.



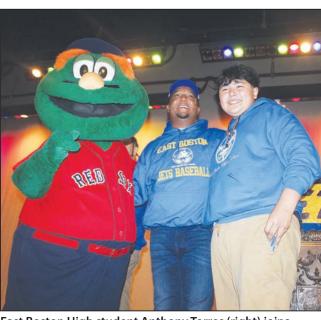
East Boston High School baseball captain Luis Ortiz had the honor of introducing Red Sox great Pedro Martinez at the assembly held Nov. 10 in the school auditorium.



East Boston High School baseball coach Jeff Arinella and Boston Mayor Michelle



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and East Boston High School student Solkeylly Suazo are pictured at the school assembly.



East Boston High student Anthony Torres (right) joins Pedro Martinez and the Red Sox mascot, Wally, on stage for a photo at the school assembly.



From left, EBHS Principal Philip Brangiforte, Region 1 School Supt. Thomas Welch, Carolina Cruz Martinez, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, guest speaker Pedro Martinez, Red Sox mascot Wally, EBHS baseball captain Luis Ortiz, and BPS Chief of Staff Rochelle Nwosu.



Welcoming Red Sox mascot, Wally the Green Monster, to East Boston High School are Amanda Abromson, Jeff Arinella, and Steve Tauro.



Guest speaker Pedro Martinez is pictured with student-athletes on the East Boston High School baseball and softball teams following the school assembly.



East Boston High School Principal Phillip Brangiforte (far right), Boston Public Schools Chief of Staff Rochelle Nwosu (far left), and EBHS baseball captain Luis Ortiz welcome Boston Red Sox star Pedro Martinez and his wife, Carolina Cruz Martinez (second from right), and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu to the event at the school.

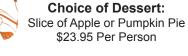
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REP. MADARO HOSTS RECEPTION AT EAST BOSTON'S HILTON GARDEN INN

Last Thursday evening newly re-elected State Representative Adrian Madaro hosted a reception for his supporters and included on the special guest list was Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu.

Mayor Wu introduced the very popular representative and touted his many accomplishments and touched on his future for East Boston.



State Representative
Adrien Madaro addresses
a capacity crowd in the
main reception room at the
East Boston Logan Airport
Hilton Garden Inn last
Thursday evening.



Former State Representative Kathi Ann Reinstein with Mayor Wu and Christine Judd.



With lots of enthusiasm, Mayor Wu introduces, newly re-elected State Representative Adrian Madaro.



The Madaro's, Mateo, Ariel and Adrien.



State Senator Lydia Edwards was at the Hilton Garden Inn, shown with Joseph Arrangio.



Director of Sales and Marketing at the Hilton Garden Inn, Steven Haley (right) shown with State Representative Adrien Madaro and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



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Included in the many special guests, was East Boston City Councillor Gabriela Coletta (center photo).



It was a packed house filled with supporters of the very popular State Representative Adrien Madaro. Madaro announced his plans for expanding Piers Park and other major



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Ed and Nina Coletta with Representative Madaro.



Representative Madaro greets Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu at the Hilton Garden Inn.



Rep. Adrien Madaro.

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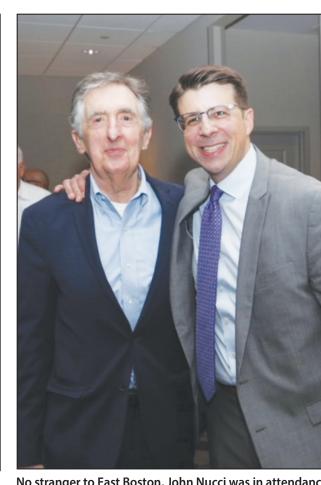
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Director of Communications of Mass Humanities, John Lynds with Representative Madaro.



No stranger to East Boston, John Nucci was in attendance at the Hilton Garden Inn for Representative Madaro.







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MC receives major gift of \$52,000 to create permanent scholarship in memory of Elmer F. King '82

Recently, Malden Catholic received a major gift donation of \$52,000 to establish a permanent scholarship fund to honor the memory of Medford native and MC student, Elmer F. King '82, who along with another close friend from Medford, Ken Ritchie, died tragically in an accident in December of 1982. The gift was made possible by MC alumnus Mark J. Sullivan 1983 and his wife Julia O'Donnell. Long term funds such as these are often designated at Malden Catholic in memory of a loved one. A portion of the fund is provided annually as a scholarship toward a MC education for a hardworking Medford student who is a strong community member. On October 20, 2022, current MC student, Sean McCobb '23 received the Elmer F. King '82 Scholarship Award and Mark Sullivan and his wife had the opportunity to meet and spend time with Sean, the first-time award recip-

A longtime friend of Mark Sullivan from North Medford, Mark first met Elmer King in the basketball program at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish where they were teammates. According to Sullivan, "Elmer was smart, athletic and very down to earth. He always treated friends and classmates with respect and kindness. He added, "I believe it's important to make a differ-



Julia O'Donnell and MC alumnus Mark J. Sullivan.

ence in the lives of others and therefore decided to establish this scholarship to keep Elmer's memory alive and provide an opportunity to share the immeasurable value a Malden Catholic education provides to families in and around our community. We are very pleased to establish this scholarship in memory of my beloved friend Elmer F. King 1982 but want all to know that this scholarship came at a high price - not financial-

ly, but with the loss of a beautiful life."

Scholarship recipient Sean McCobb commented, "I am very grateful for receiving this scholarship. Malden Catholic offers a tremendous environment for learning that has resulted in students attending top tier schools year after year. In my Senior year, I am actively involved in several cocurricular activities including MC's award-winning Mock Trial, DECA and



MC student, Sean McCobb '23 received the Elmer F. King '82 Scholarship Award.

Guitar clubs, and it is my hope to study finance at a top New England college next year."

Malden Catholic President Mr. John K. Thornburg, stated, "We thank Mark and Julia for their commitment to Malden Catholic and for their inspirational decision to provide this transformative scholarship that honors the memory of Elmer. The scholarship allows us to provide a Malden Catholic education for deserving young men and women of character who will go forward to act to improve the world."

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has

shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni. Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renown universities including Harvard, Dartmouth, Georgetown, Brown, Cornell, Tufts, 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 opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) with electives such as Robotics and Engineering Design. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xaverian values of trust, humility, compassion, simplicity and zeal. https://www. maldencatholic.org/

CITY PAWS

Introducing dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With family and friends gathering for year-end celebrations, some furry guests will need an introduction to resident animals. It might be someone visiting you with their dog. Or perhaps, you've agreed to care for a friend or family member's dog while they travel. All these situations call for honing your skills around the topic of introducing dogs to one another.

Vmovv the Dogs

Know the Dogs
Our first Westie, Sassy,
was a suburban dog. She
insisted that everything
she could see was her territory to defend. She even
resented the scent of a
strange dog on her people.
When we moved to Boston, we had to keep our

distance from other dogs.

She made a few friends, but we never let down our guard.

Maggie Mae loved everyone, dogs and humans alike. A city dog since puppyhood, our concern with her was always that she was too trusting. We had to be the ones to decide if a dog approaching her was safe. Until she became old and cranky, she welcomed friends and foster dogs into our home with the charm of a society bostess.

ety hostess.

Poppy will occasionally engage in a sniffing session with dogs outside and enjoys a walk with a few specific friends. She has not reacted well to dogs entering her home.

Not only should you know what to expect from your dog, but you should ask questions to learn more about your visitor.

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A Few Rules
When we fostered dogs, we followed a few safety rules from the rescue groups. Applying these to your visiting dogs can make it safer for everyone. Remember that should a dog fight start, you could

be hurt trying to stop it.

We never left temporary visitors alone with our dogs. Maggie would stay in our bedroom, and the foster would stay in an exercise pen in our dining area. That way, we never had to worry about what was happening while we were gone. We also kept them separated, each in their own bed at night.

Good Start

Unless the dogs have already shared your home, you should have them meet on neutral territory.



Weekends in a park provide great opportunities to practice doggie introductions!

We suggest you try this before the planned visit and see how your dog reacts when this dog enters your dog's territory.

Keeping both dogs on a leash while you let them explore your home together can be a good idea. Once unleashed, stay nearby and watch for any signs of aggression or misbehavior from either

Toys and food can be flashpoints for the friendliest dogs. Feed the dogs separately and observe them while playing with toys. If a toy is causing an issue, remove it until the visit is over. If either dog has a particular comfort object, protect it but make it available in a specific space like their bed.

Brush Up on Body Language

Finally, brush up on the topic of dog body language. You can't assume that a wagging tail is a sign of welcome. Experts describe the many ways dogs wag their tails and what each means.

What a dog might tolerate on a walk with a pal may be less welcome af-

ter a few hours at home. Your job is to know and watch for tiny signals that your dog or your visitor is showing stress. It may not be as blatant as a bark or growl. Understanding the body language of strange dogs will keep you and your animals safer at any time. A visiting dog is a great excuse to brush up on that skill.

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



Eastie's Elves

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Suffolk Downs to host Holiday Happenings free event

Looking for a family-friendly way to kick off the holiday season? On Saturday, December 3, from 10am to 1pm The HYM Investment Group LLC, "HYM", will host its second annual "Holiday Happenings" event at Suffolk Downs. "Holiday Happenings" will feature all kinds of holiday fun including free photos with Santa, holiday crafts with Essem Art Studio, and cookies, cannoli and hot cocoa from Uncle Joey's

all and open to the public. Attendees who are able to are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys to the event, which will be donated to the Eastie Elves and the Revere Police Department toy drive. Due to the generosity of last year's attendees, over 250 toys were collected in 2021 and distributed to local families in need.

"We look forward to being joined by many local families again at this year's 'Holiday Happen-

The event is free to ings'," said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. "The holidays are a time to spend with family and community, and we are proud that Suffolk Downs can play a part in that time."

Those interested in attending are encouraged to register online. More information about Holiday Happenings and all upcoming events can be found on the Suffolk Downs website and social channels. Suffolk Downs

is located adjacent to the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs Blue Line stations. Free parking is available on site in Lot #3 at 525 McClellan Highway in East Boston.

The HYM Investment Group is a premier development company that is leading the development of more than 20 million square feet of real estate throughout Greater Boston. The company creates mixed-use communities that strive to push the needle on sustainability,

creativity, and technology for a more productive and resilient future.

The team has an unparalleled knowledge of the development process that allows the company to bring complex projects to market through community input and support. Through experience, relationship building, and transparency with stakeholders, HYM is able to deliver projects on-time and on budget in order to bring a material return for its investors.

With a team made up of 50% women and 30% people of color, HYM is committed to building projects that prioritize inclusion and embrace Greater Boston's rich diversity. From projects like Suffolk Downs to Bulfinch Crossing, the team is leading the industry on creating some of the most thriving neighborhoods in the region. www.hyminvestments.com.

Encantada Beauty Spa and Tattis Nails hold ribbon citing ceremony

On Monday November 7, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with Veronica Robles Cultural Center hosted a Ribbon Cutting to welcome Encantada Beauty Spa and Tattis Nails to the East Boston Business community.

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The East Boston Chamber of Commerce offered the East Boston symbolic Key as a token of appreciation to invest in our community. State representative Adrian Madaro offered the welcoming remarks and State Senator Lydia Edwards, represented by Yamina Lachmi, presented a Citation. Attendees included Nathalia Benitez from the office of Neighborhood Services and Gladys Oliveros, City

of Boston Latinx Community Liaison.

Congratulations to Encantada Beauty Spa and Tattis Nails on the opening of their business located on 24 Porter St. in East

If you are interested in joining the Chamber please email at contact@ eastbostonchamber.com, more information about us visit our website www.eastbostonchamber.

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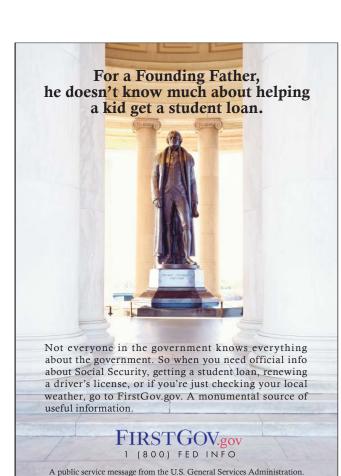
El pasado lunes 7 de noviembre, la Cámara de Comercio de East Boston en colaboración con el Centro Cultural Veronica Robles organizó un corte de cinta para dar la bienvenida a Encantada Beauty Spa & Tattis Nails a la comunidad empresarial de East Boston.

La Cámara de Comercio de East Boston ofreció la llave simbólica de East Boston como muestra de agradecimiento por invertir en nuestra comunidad. El representante estatal Adrian Madaro ofreció las palabras de bienvenida y la senadora estatal Lydia Edwards, representada

por Yamina Lachmi, presentó una reconocimiento oficial. Los asistentes incluyeron a Nathalia Benítez de la oficina de Servicios Vecinales y Gladys Oliveros, Enlace Comunitario Latinx de la Ciudad de Boston.

Felicitaciones a Encantada Beauty Spa y Tattis Nails por la apertura de su negocio ubicado en 24 Porter St. en East Boston.

Si está interesado en unirse a la Cámara de Comercio, envíe un correo electrónico a contact@ eastbostonchamber.com; para obtener más información sobre nosotros, visite nuestro sitio web www.eastbostonchamber.



SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN



The egg-shaped digesters at the Deer Island sewage treatment, Logan Airport, and parts of Winthrop, East Boston, Boston, and Chelsea form the backdrop as the container ship Valerie enters Boston Harbor en route to its berth at the Boston shipping terminal last Tuesday, November 8. The Valerie began its voyage in early October in Singapore, proceeded to the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean, and then made the trans-Atlantic crossing with stops in Baltimore and Norfolk, Virginia before making its way up the East Coast to Boston. No doubt its cargo will be finding its way under local Christmas trees in December.

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Longtime East Boston Resident

Helen V. (Corcoran)

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ter and aunt, passed away

peacefully surrounded by her family on October 14.

The oldest of six chil-

dren, she was known for her big heart and gener-

ous spirit. She was an avid

reader who enjoyed her

neighbors and communi-

ty. She was an amazing

aunt who loved spending

time with her nieces and

nephews, be it playing

games, sleepovers, going

shopping, taking trips or

just talking on the phone.

an operator for the tele-

phone company and com-

munication specialist for

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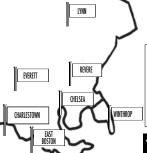
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Vincent, Carla and the late Jaclyn Ciulla. Grandfather of Anthony Ciulla, Nicholas Manfra and Nico Bitopoulos. Brother of Marie

Moscone of Saugus and the late Joseph and John Ciulla. Companion of Patricia McCarthy. Also survived by three generations of nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services in the Magrath Funeral Home. 336 Chelsea St. [at Day Sq] East Boston, Monday morning, November 21,



vid Dedrick, her brother,

David Dedrick and sister,

Ann Marie Corcoran. She

is survived by her siblings:

Daniel Dedrick, Donna

Dedrick Nam, Mary Ded-

rick, 12 nieces and neph-

ews, and five grandnieces

part of her family and will

be greatly missed. Dona-

tions in her memory can be

sent to Shriners Children's

or St Jude Children's Re-

search Hospitals.

Helen was a beloved

and grandnephews.

at 10 AM. Relatives and friends invited. Visiting hours Sunday, November 20, 4 - 7 PM.

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Commonwealth experiences drought improvements in majority of state

While the Commonwealth experienced an increase in precipitation over the previous month, there are regions of the state that continue to be impacted by long term drought conditions, and today Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card announced the following drought declarations: the Central and Southeast Regions have upgraded and will join the Western Region at Level 0-Normal Conditions; the Northeast and Cape Cod Regions have been upgraded and will join the Connecticut River Valley Region at Level 1-Mild Drought; and, the Islands Region will remain at Level 2-Significant Drought. Important to note, while the Northeast Region has been declared a Level 1-Mild Drought at a regional scale, the northern and coastal parts of the region, namely Essex County, which includes the Merrimack River, the Parker River, and Ipswich River basins, continues to be more severely impact-

conditions. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 1-Mild Drought warrants detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities. Additionally, a Level 2-Significant Drought 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.

ed by long term drought

"With significant rainfall occurring throughout much of the state, many of the Commonwealth's water systems are starting to rebound from long term drought," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Beth Card. "While this is largely good news, portions of the state, such as the Merrimack River, Parker, and Ipswich River basins and the Islands Region, continue to lag behind, so we ask that everyone continue to practice household water conservation as we move into the winter season."

This declarations are the result of recommendations made by the state's Drought Management Task Force, which is composed of state and federal officials, and other entities. The taskforce will continue to meet until water levels return to normal in all affected regions of the state. Significantly, the task force noted that in October, the state received 3 to 8 inches of rain. The highest precipitation amounts were observed across southeastern Massachusetts and the Cape Cod and Islands Regions, where 5 to 8 inches of rain fell (from 1 to 4 inches above normal for October). Tropical Storm Nicole brought varied showers across the state, helping alleviate drought conditions and delivering more water into ground water systems.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 2 - Significant Drought region and a Level 1 – Mild 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 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

Follow local water use restrictions, if more stringent.

Immediate Steps for

MASSACHUSETTS DROUGHT STATUS Drought status declared November 14, 2022 (effective until updated) Western Region Connecticut River Valley Region **Drought Levels** Level 1 - Mild Drought Level 2 - Significant Drought Level 3 - Critical Drought

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; and,

Establish 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 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; and,

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

For Region in Level 1 -Mild Drought Residents and **Businesses:**

Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient;

Limit outdoor watering to 1 day a week (only from 5:00PM - 9:00AM), or less frequently if required by your water supplier; and,

Switch to drought-tolerant plants.

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education and communication; Provide timely infor-

mation to local residents and businesses; Check emergency in-

ter-connections for water supply; and, Develop a local drought

management plan.

Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including assistance on use of emergency connections and water supplies.

"Thanks to the residents of the Commonwealth for their efforts this summer to reduce demand on our water resources, which helped local suppliers to keep the water flowing," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "As we change seasons, I'd ask residents to focus their efforts on reducing demand by looking inside their homes and making water conservation an important part of your activities."

It is important to note 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.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at 1:00PM. 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.



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On, Wednesday, November 9, friends and staff of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EB-NHC) gathered for an in-person reception to celebrate and honor the resilience and commitment of their community and staff at the ICA Watershed in East Boston's shipyard.

Each year through corporate and private sponsorships, ticket sales, a silent art auction, raffles and other donations, the event raises much-needed funds for the Health Center's crucial and innovative programs that support

health and wellness and have a huge impact for the young and old in the community.

Program examples include: Let's Get Moving, which helps kids and families stay active and fit; CATCH, which closely coordinates care and activities for medically complex children; PACE, a Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly, an at-home healthcare service for adults 55+ that enables participants to stay healthy, active, and independent through integrated healthcare and various

wellness programs; and programs that coordinate care and provide education around HIV/AIDS, like Project Shine.

The event, which was emceed by El Mundo President & CEO Alberto Vasallo, and hosted around 400 guests and featured a vibrant mix of local artists, musicians, ethnic restaurants, as well as the presence of many community, healthcare and business leaders and elected officials, EBN-HC's Board members, staff and leadership.



EBNHC Chief Executive Officer Greg Wilmot (left) and El Mundo President & Chief **Executive Officer Alberto** Vasallo.



Pictured (left to right) State Representative Adrian Madaro, Secretary of Health and Human Services of Massachusetts Mary Lou Sudders and EBNHC Chief Executive Officer Greg



Steven Snyder, Chief Human Resources Officer, EBNHC; Rino's Place chefs; Chef Anthony Pino, Cunard Tavern; Chef Mark Nadow, Chelsea Station; Greg Wilmot, President & CEO, EBNHC; Chef Yahya Noor, Tawakal Restaurant; Chef Jose Duarte, Tambo 22; Chef Julio Cesar Flores, El Santaneco; Chef Guillermo Guzman, Tip Tap Room.



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The Chelsea Soldiers Home held impressive Veterans Day exercises last Thursday morning in the chapel of St. Michael the Archangel for the residents and members of



Soldiers Home Supt. Eric L Johnson, SFC U.S. Army (Ret.) (far left) greets Mass. Secretary of Veterans Affairs and former Soldiers Home Supt. Cheryl Lussier Poppe, Col. U.S. Army (Ret.); quest speaker Andy McCawley, Capt. U.S. Navy (Ret.); and Chelsea City Manager (and former mayor of Revere) Tom Ambrosino on the chapel's steps. McCawley is the Presi-



Revere Ward 2 City Councilor Ira Novoselsky (left), a Trustee of the Soldiers Home, and Chelsea City Councilor Leo Robinson (right), meet guest speaker Andy McCawley inside the chapel. Both Novoselsky (Army) and Robinson (Air Force) served during the Vietnam War. Among the highlights of the ceremonies was the Benediction delivered by Rabbi Seth Novoselsky, the son of Councilor Novoselsky, who recalled how the military service of his grandfather (who served in WWII) and father served as inspirational role models for him during his youth.

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