

# East Boston

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The Minor League Royals, with coaches Andrew Rinaldi and Brian Lynch, along with Pirates coach Edwin Cosme (back row, left).

### EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Massport CEO Lisa Wieland joined East Boston Little League President Nick Free and the league's officers, players, coaches, and families for Opening Day ceremonies Saturday at Festa Field.

In her remarks, Mayor Wu pledged her support for improving youth sports programs across the City of Boston. Wu thanked EBLL officials for their leadership and guidance of Little League Baseball in East Boston and presented a box of new baseballs to the league.

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Pictured at East Boston Little League Opening Day Ceremonies Saturday at Festa Field are Boston Public Schools Region 1 Supt. Dr. Tommy Welch, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Massport CEO Lisa Wieland, EBLL President Nick Free, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Alexis Cervasio.

### Wu announces expansion of Open Streets events to East Boston

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu announced five Open Streets events, expanding the family-friendly, free pedestrian spaces to East Boston. The addition of the Meridian St. to the Open Streets events this year builds off the success of last year's three events (Dorchester Ave., Centre St. in Jamaica Plain, and Blue Hill Ave. in Roxbury). Like last year, more than a mile will be temporarily closed to vehicular traffic to create room for community and play. The half-day events will allow local businesses to expand into the street, and to safely make space for music, games, bicycling, community tabling, and more. Additionally, Mayor Wu announced Open Newbury will be returning with expanded dates. Newbury Street will be pedestrian-only every Sunday, starting July 2 and running through October 15.

Together, the announcement of these two car-free events series expands on the Mayor's commitment to reimagining our streets and creating a family-friendly Boston.

"Last year was a reimagining of what's possible when we think about transforming our streets, from how we connect to where we connect with each other. That's why as part of our commitment to making Boston the best place in the country to raise a family we're expanding our efforts this year to not only have those three successful events continue in community but to add Allston-Brighton and East Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "For Open Newbury we have ten more days for residents and visitors to explore the eight block, mile long stretch of shops, restaurants, galleries, and activities free from car traffic."

"These events demon-

strate what can be possible on our streets when we open them to everyone," said Jascha Franklin-Hodge, Chief of Streets. "Families and neighbors get to explore their communities in new ways and enjoy a safe, fun environment for walking, biking, and recreation."

"Open Streets is an exciting opportunity to help residents meet new friends, connect small business owners with new life-long customers, and weave neighborhoods together in a family-friendly celebration for everyone to enjoy," said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "I am grateful to the Mayor and colleagues across the Administration, our partners in the field, and the women- and BIPOC-led businesses helping to ensure we grow the number of safe and successful Open Streets events that make our city come alive."

"We hope residents join

us again this year to activate our streets, connect with their neighbors, and support local businesses in their community," said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement Cabinet. "The goal of this event is to bring joy to our neighborhoods and allow children, our seniors, and families to be unified and have fun on our streets safely."

#### Open Streets

This year's Open Streets events will take place from 10:00 a.m. (with streets closing at 9:00 a.m. and activities beginning at 10:00 a.m.) to 3:30 p.m. in East Boston on October 15 at Meridian and Bennington Streets.

The exact stretch of vehicular closure for Meridian Street and Bennington Street is still being finalized.

"As a business owner in the Three Squares district, I can confidently say

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## HVNA opposes one project and listens to another

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Those in attendance at the monthly meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) on Monday, May 1, were all ears listening to presentations for two projects in the neighborhood – one at 74 Horace Street and the other at 125 Addison Street.

The project at 74 Horace Street proposes to demolish the existing building on the site – a two-family home – in order to build a new six-unit building that offers six parking spaces.

This project was initially presented at an earlier HVNA meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, meaning that a vote followed the second presentation conducted last week. Evidently, residents who cast their votes were not fans of the proposal, as a vote of 21-7 opposed it.

The results of the vote for the Horace Street proposal might not come as a surprise, as there seemed to be some sense of brewing opposition on

an HVNA Facebook post advertising the abutters meeting for the project on Thursday, Feb. 16.

These posts alluded to the idea that there has been an abundance of units built on Horace Street over the years and that projects like this are ruining the neighborhood.

In addition, to hearing more about and subsequently opposing the project at 74 Horace Street, residents in attendance at the latest HVNA meeting heard about a somewhat new proposal at 125 Addison Street.

As aforementioned, the 125 Addison Street project is only somewhat new – an informational meeting with the HVNA was held about a previous iteration of the project in November of 2019. Initially, the proposal was for nine executive suites at the site.

Attorney Richard Lynds explained that, at that time, executive suites were permitted as a matter of right, and the project's

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### EASTIE WINS 10-4



NOTHING GETS BY: Shortstop Joel Valero charges a ground ball during the 10-4 victory over Revere High School. See Page 7 for more photos.

#### CLARIFICATION

The May 3 issues of the East Boston Times included an article titled, "Councilors pass resolution calling for non-discriminatory and quality healthcare." Using the byline "Special to the Times-Free Press," this article may have appeared to readers as original reporting by the newspaper, but, was, in truth, a press release from Councilor City Councilor Julia Mejia's office that represented one group's opinion. Due to this misrepresentation, we are formally retracting the article from our newspaper. We regret any confusion that this may have caused.



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ATLANTIC WORKS GALLERY RECEPTION – “M’AIDEZ”

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Atlantic Works Gallery held an opening reception for “M’aidez,” featuring Eric Hess and Ian Babylon on May 4.

Photographs and videos by East Boston resident, Hess, illustrate the reality of disintegration. His work comments on the destruction of nature and humanity, as well as the planet reclaiming itself.

“M’aidez’ is where we get ‘mayday,’ the distress signal, from, so I combined that with the European custom of celebrating the earth,” explained Hess. “Mayday is like a ‘help’ from the earth suffocating.”

Hess has had a studio in the Atlantic Works building for two decades and was excited for the soft opening of its new, first floor space. An official grand opening of the renovated gallery will take place in the summer.

“We were founded by a collaborative gallery 20 years ago,” said Hess. “I am one of the original members.”

Quincy resident, Babylon, has been a member of the Atlantic Works Gallery for three years, and has three studios and 12 finished works on display in “M’aidez.” His surrealist collages are rich in tone with gold and silver elements.

Babylon has a degree in art history and anthropology from UMass Amherst, where he studied critical, feminist, Marxist theory. He recycles pictures and especially enjoys deconstructing coffee table books to appropriate into his mythical and historical imagery.

“I try to take the problematic, institutionalized images of women and bring it back to righteous sovereignty and personhood,” described Babylon, who loves gardening, listening to music, and spending time with his partner, Greg, and their cat, Stella.

Babylon’s favorite piece in “M’aidez” is “Nausicaä,” a 10X12” hand-cut collage with graphite.

“She is what inspired



Fran Riley and Bea Amore in front of photographs by Eric Hess.



Ian Babylon and Dominick and Susan Takis beside “The Crèche.”



Leigh Hall enjoying collages by Ian Babylon.

the name of this show: mayday. In French, it means ‘help me,’” expounded Babylon, who feels that Nausicaä appears to be the one searching for help, even though she is the savior. “Nausicaä was a figure in ‘The Odyssey’ who rescues Odysseus after his ship and crew are destroyed. I pulled from a Waterhouse image. She looks reserved

and demure. Women were gently rendered in the 19th century, unfortunately.” View “M’aidez” at Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, now through May 27. Attend the third Thursday reception on May 18, 6-9pm. Gallery hours are Fridays and Saturdays 2-6pm. Visit [www.AtlanticWorks.org](http://www.AtlanticWorks.org) or call (857) 302-8363 for more information.



Neighbors John Greiner-Ferris and Ian Babylon in front of “Tannhauser” and “The Crucible Beyond the Western Desert.”



Jennifer Connelly and Eric Hess, in front of his photographs of Boston dancers.



June Krinsky-Rudder hugging Charlene Liska.



Neighbors John Greiner-Ferris and Ian Babylon in front of “Tannhauser” and “The Crucible Beyond the Western Desert.”

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# State commission releases recommendations to bolster behavioral health

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Behavioral Health Advisory Commission tasked with investigating and assessing the state of behavioral health care in the Commonwealth and recommending how to spend tens of millions in federal relief dollars earmarked for mental health has completed its work. Co-chaired by Senator Julian Cyr (D-Truro) and Representative Adrian Madaro (D-East Boston), the Commission finalized its report last week outlining unanimous recommendations to the Legislature on how to distribute \$192 million in federal COVID-19 recovery funds.

“The recommendations presented by the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission encompass an unprecedented level of funding for loan repayment programs and tens of millions of dollars for scholarships, paid internships, and clinical supervision to recruit and retain a new generation of health care providers,” said Commission co-chair Senator Julian Cyr. “We are anxious to put these funds to work to address the myriad of obstacles for residents to access behavioral health care. As the Legislature continues its work to invest in and transform the behavioral health care system in Massachusetts, I am grateful for the ded-

icated partnership of my friend, Representative Adrian Madaro, and the Commission members who thoughtfully informed swift and equitable ways to allocate these critical funds.”

“Health care providers and support staff are the backbone of our health care system. These recommendations reflect a commitment to fostering sustainable and equitable career pathways for a new generation of behavioral health professionals while investing in populations that have experienced disproportionate barriers to care,” said Commission co-chair Representative Adrian Madaro. “I look forward to the speedy deployment of these dollars so that we may begin to address the unique challenges faced by providers and communities seeking timely and high-quality care. I commend my good friend Senator Julian Cyr and fellow Commission members for their thoughtful recommendations on how to quickly disperse these critical funds to bolster behavioral health in the Commonwealth.”

With appointments from Former Governor Baker, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, and the Senate and House Minority Leaders, as well as many behavioral health organizations and providers, the Commission included a wide

array of stakeholders from government, business, nonprofit, academic, and advocacy sectors.

“The Behavioral Health Advisory Commission took a critical vote on May 3rd to providing \$192 million in relief to beleaguered children and adults in the Commonwealth who wait too long to access critical care because of workforce shortages in the behavioral health provider sector,” said Danna Mauch, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. “Targeted investments will be made in funds designed to address reimbursement inequities, scholarships, loan repayments, and practice costs needed to retain, train, recruit, and reengage the behavioral health workforce. Kudos to Commission members and government leaders for taking affirmative action on our thorniest dilemma as we strive to implement reforms in the Commonwealth to timely meet unprecedented levels of need for mental health and substance use services.”

The Commission was established by Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2022, An Act Establishing the Behavioral Health Trust Fund and the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission. Credited with \$192 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, the

Behavioral Health Trust Fund presents an unprecedented opportunity to fill long unaddressed gaps in the behavioral health delivery system.

“Recruiting and retaining the workforce necessary to serve the behavioral health system requires acknowledgement that these positions have too often gone underpaid and under-appreciated,” said Lydia Conley, President and CEO of the Association for Behavioral Healthcare. “Through a historic \$192 million investment in interventions including loan repayment, scholarships, and internships, the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission is taking a critical step toward ensuring that we are sustaining a vital workforce, providing a fulfilling career path, and continuing to serve individuals with substance use and mental health disorders with the high-quality, accessible care they deserve. We thank Chairs Cyr, Madaro and members of the Legislature for the opportunity to support the backbone of our behavioral health system – our workforce.”

The Commission was tasked with submitting recommendations to the Legislature on the disbursement of money from the Trust Fund to address barriers to the delivery of an equitable, culturally-competent, affordable, and clinically-appropriate

continuum of behavioral health care and services. The Commission’s report recommends allocating funds in a manner that has the most immediate impact, including investments in the behavioral health workforce via multi-million dollar recruitment and retention initiatives. The report also prioritizes resources to help children and adolescents access behavioral health services.

“We are currently experiencing a nationwide behavioral health crisis, particularly among our youth,” said Amara Anosike, Director of Behavioral Health Policy & Advocacy at Boston Children’s Hospital. “Moreover, with most conditions beginning in childhood, we have both a responsibility and opportunity to prioritize the behavioral health needs of children now. I applaud the Legislature and the leadership of Representative Madaro and Senator Cyr, for outlining investments, that if adopted, can make a meaningful impact for years to come.”

The Commission commenced its work in November 2022 and met a total of five times, with a final meeting occurring May 3, 2023. The Commission’s report outlines key findings on the overall state of behavioral health in the Commonwealth. The Commission found

that years of underinvestment in the behavioral health workforce has fueled the ongoing workforce crisis, and more providers are now leaving the field than entering practice due to burnout and inadequate reimbursement. The Commission also found the COVID-19 pandemic intensified the strain on an already struggling behavioral health system, ultimately creating more barriers to care and further increasing behavioral health care needs among younger populations. Further, the Commission identified that the shortage of behavioral health providers has disproportionately impacted Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color, LGBTQ+ individuals, and other marginalized groups.

“After months of work, I am thrilled that the Behavioral Health Advisory Commission has put forth an innovative slate of proposals that are responsive to the access and workforce challenges,” said Scune Carrington, Director of Integrated Care at the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers. “I hear every day from the Mass League’s health center members and my peers in the social work community. I am particularly excited to see a commitment to scholarships, paid intern-

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## Walk for Hunger draws in over 4,000 participants

On Sunday, May 7, Project Bread hosted the nonprofit’s 55th Walk for Hunger, held for the first time in-person since 2019. More than 4,000 participants set out to raise more than \$1 million to fight hunger in Massachusetts. Walking the Boston Common or in their hometowns across the Commonwealth. The event hasn’t hit the \$1 million goal yet, however fundraising will continue through the summer for most participants.

“It is incredible how thousands of people –of all ages and backgrounds –come together and take action to end hunger,” says Erin McAleer, CEO at Project Bread, the statewide anti-hunger nonprofit. “The fundraising effort of our walkers ensures people here in Massachusetts can get food with dignity. Every dollar participants raise for The Walk for Hunger improves lives across the state. Project Bread relies on the strength of our walkers as both fundraisers and advocates to do this critical work.”

True to its grassroots beginnings, the nation’s oldest community pledge walk unites community partners, business leaders, walkers, volunteers, public officials, media, and residents of



COURTESY PHOTO

More than 4,000 participants turned out for the 55th Walk for Hunger fundraiser.

all backgrounds together for a cause. Money raised through the annual event is funding Project Bread’s urgent mission to ensure kids have reliable access to food, to directly help individuals and families, and to advocate at the state and federal levels for expedited and efficient relief for those in need. Walk funds are also supporting community organizations that are helping people access food locally and ensuring communities have the resources necessary to respond to the hunger crisis now and over the long road to recovery ahead.

For the fifth consecutive

year, partner organizations participated in The Walk for Hunger’s Commonwealth program to raise funds directly for their own anti-hunger programs, while also furthering Project Bread’s statewide effort. This year 34 nonprofits participated in The Commonwealth, raising more than \$116,400 and counting.

During the event, Project Bread’s most distinguished award, the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice was presented to anti-hunger youth champion Addario Miranda, 16, of Lowell, a sophomore in high

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previous iteration required no zoning relief. However, during that period, the city made zoning changes while the previous application was pending.

“In that zoning change, it indicated that executive suites became what’s called a conditional use. So although it’s not forbidden in the district – it’s conditional,” said Lynds, and he explained that these changes required the proponents to get a “special permit.”

He said the proponents went before the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), “Not only appealing the decision to require us to take a conditional use permit but also to request the alternative conditional use permit,” and were denied.

The new iteration presented last week proposes to demolish the existing single-family home to create nine residential units intended for home ownership with the inclusion of seven parking spaces. As part of the nine residential units, two of them will be IDP units.

“There is no requirement that we presently offer any IDP units for this proposal – this is

completely voluntary on behalf of the developer,” said Lynds.

In addition to the unrequired inclusion of two IDP units – seemingly to add more public benefit to the project – the proponents are committing to make contributions to both the Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts and Tree Eastie.

Lynds mentioned that the contribution to Tree Eastie would be used to plant trees in the Harbor View neighborhood specifically.

“So those are two additional contributions we’re willing to make in addition to the affordable housing component that we’re including with this project,” said Lynds.

Overall, there seemed to be opposition to this project as one resident read a statement on behalf of abutters.

The resident, seemingly reading from the statement, said, “In the past six years, Addison Street has been subject to some awful development, removing single-family homes without any consideration for property owners that are affected by it the most.”

The resident also added, “We’re not looking to say nothing should be built here. We have no problem with being built, but this is an overreach – what’s happening right now – it’s a money grab.”

As of this writing, the ZBA appeal tracker lists the project for a hearing on Tuesday, May 23, meaning it does not seem like an HVNA vote will be able to be conducted before the slated hearing, as this was only the first presentation and the next HVNA meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5.

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## DESANTIS VS. DISNEY: THIS IS WHAT AN AUTOCRACY LOOKS LIKE

The ongoing battle that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has been waging against the Walt Disney Company not only demonstrates what a petty, vindictive, and mean-spirited little man he is, but also illustrates the danger that an autocratic ruler poses to our democracy.

The essence of the dispute, for those who may not be familiar with it, is this: The State of Florida granted special incentives to the Disney Company more than 50 years ago in order to entice Disney to turn what had been swampland in Central Florida into what has become a global behemoth, employing tens of thousands of Floridians and bringing literally billions of dollars into state coffers.

That Florida-Disney partnership was similar to what every state in the country has done over the past 60 years in order to encourage private development. Even Massachusetts, not exactly known as a business-friendly state, has had many programs that have provided tax breaks to private developers for large-scale projects.

In early 2022, former Disney CEO Bob Chapek took issue with a bill signed by DeSantis (the so-called Don't Say Gay law). Chapek did so in support of many of Disney's employees, who found the bill to be offensive.

In response, DeSantis simply could have said, "Disney is entitled to its opinion, but the voters and legislature agree with me," and that would have been the end of it. Instead, DeSantis has turned the disagreement into an all-out war on Disney, seeking to strip it of the special tax-status that has existed for almost six decades. He even went so far as to suggest that he would build a new state prison adjacent to Disney World.

There are two important things to note: First, DeSantis had been governor for four years (and an elected Florida official for more than a decade) and never once had suggested that the long standing Disney-Florida relationship should be changed. It was only when Disney expressed an opinion in opposition to his law that DeSantis took retaliatory action.

Second, similar partnerships exist with other corporate entities in Florida (most notably Universal Studios), yet DeSantis is not suggesting that those agreements be undone.

Ron DeSantis's war on Disney in an obvious attempt to show that he is just as much a "macho man" as Donald Trump in an effort to appeal to Trump's extreme voter base. But as we all know, men who constantly feel the need to prove their masculinity are incredibly insecure — and when these small-minded men are in positions of power, this makes them incredibly dangerous.

Ron DeSantis's actions against Disney have achieved the impossible — he makes Donald Trump look like a reasonable person. As DeSantis contemplates a run for president, his effort to silence the First Amendment rights of Disney and others serves as clear evidence of his unfitness to be President and a stark manifestation of the danger he would pose to our democracy.

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Mother's Day and your time

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

of course.

Mom helped me with my homework. She washed and ironed my clothes. She put breakfast on the table for me every morning. She had something for me to eat every day when I came home from school. She read to me when I was a child and took care of me when I was sick. During the summer we would carry water from our nearby creek to wash clothes. Typically, we caught rain water in large tubs to wash our clothes but summer months often brought dry weather. We had lunch together every day during the summer break. Usually, it was a homemade sandwich and sometimes a candy bar from Grandpa Hinkle's grocery store. I once wanted root beer and she said, "You won't like it." I debated that I would but I didn't. I was stuck with the root beer.

She never hesitated to set me straight with a peach tree limb across my back side.

If she were alive today, I would try to make up for all the things I didn't do or didn't consider doing. I always had good intentions for all the things I might try to do for mom and dad but they slipped from this life before I had the opportunity.

Missed opportunities happen often to most of us. We have good intentions but often we don't have the ability to act on those intentions. I'm envious of those who are able to do a lot for their moms and dads and wish that I could have done more.

However, so often what we can do are the simplest things that mean so much. Today, I don't want my family to do anything for me but call me or visit me occasionally. A hug and some shared times are the most meaningful to me. Some good quality time is actually the best gift we can give to mom, dad or anyone.

Our time is fleeting for us all. To be generous with a visit, conversation and sharing of life is probably the most precious gift we can give.

Mother's Day is coming. Set aside your best gift — your time.

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LETTER to the Editor

leagues in rewriting more equitable voting districts that protect our constituents' Constitutional rights. I pledge to work collegially and in good faith with my colleagues to do right by our residents, our neighborhoods, and our Constitutional oaths of office.

The map that the Council approved, over my objections and those of three other councilors, unfairly divided neighborhoods. As I've said before, we should not compound the mistakes of the past by making new ones. And a process as important to our democracy as the right to vote, as protected by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, should be conducted openly and without concealed agendas.

I'm going to work to ensure that the people's voices are heard as this process moves forward, and that the City Council brings this out from behind closed doors and into the sunlight Bostonians - all of us - deserve.

**Erin J. Murphy**  
At Large Boston City Councilor

## Largest pizza festival returns to Boston City Hall Plaza

The Boston Pizza Festival is pleased to announce its return to City Hall Plaza in Boston's government center. The largest consumer pizza event in New England will take place on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Boston Pizza Festival will feature over 30 of the best pizzerias in the New England and Greater Boston areas, along with select participating pizzerias hailing from Italy. The festival will feature something for everyone, with vegan and gluten-free options. Each pizzeria will be cooking in Marra Forni artisan pizza ovens. This year, Anheuser-Busch will be sponsoring the refreshments throughout the weekend, alongside 19 Crimes for the wine. The two-day celebration will also showcase a children's pizza tossing station, an interactive pizza-making demo with the Dough Connection, and live music and entertainment.

"After a three-year hiatus, we cannot wait to bring back an impressive roster of pizzerias representing the best Boston has to offer, along with a few special selections Raffaele and I handpicked straight from Italy," said Giancarlo Natale, co-director of the Boston Pizza Festival. "Our hope is to make this year our biggest."

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# East Boston’s Piers Park Sailing Center honored for its inclusive sailing programs

Triangle, Inc., a 50-year-old nonprofit based in Malden that serves people with disabilities and their families, honored the Piers Park Sailing Center as its 2023 Carmella Gregorie Advocacy award recipient on Thursday, April 27, at its annual gala.

Piers Park Sailing Center, a nonprofit organization located on East Boston’s waterfront, is celebrating its 25th anniversary and has reached over 25,000 sailors of all abilities since 1998. The center is among fewer than ten U.S. Sailing-accredited Adaptive Sailing Centers in the country. The center’s youth programs bring students with and without disabilities together to learn sailing and explore the natural world around them. Piers Park offers “give it a try” sailing lessons to adults with spinal cord injuries and special programs for people with spina bifida, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injuries, and other diagnoses. The cen-



Shown (left to right) are Matt St. Jean, Co-Founder of Rally 2 Give, Alex DeFronzo, Executive Director of Piers Park Sailing Center, Ralph “RJ” Churchill, Triangle Inc. Participant, and Senator Sal DiDomenico.

ter has provided sailing opportunities to nearly 3,000 people with disabilities. Within the last five years, Triangle and Piers Park have partnered to offer residents a six-week adaptive sailing program for the summer season. “Triangle is proud of our partnership with the

Piers Park Sailing Center, which has provided wonderful and empowering experiences for people of all abilities,” said Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle, Inc. “This incredible program gives our participants the opportunity of a lifetime and teaches them valuable life lessons both

on and off the water. We hope to provide more sailing opportunities for our community and continue our strong partnership with this incredible organization for many years to come.”

Triangle presented the following additional awards to groups and individuals for their contributions and advocacy for the disability community:

- Public Servant of the Year Award went to Senator Sal DiDomenico, who represents Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, and Everett was recognized for his backing and partnership with advocacy groups to support individuals with disabilities and their families with emergency aid

during the height of the pandemic. In 2020, Senator DiDomenico and his colleagues passed “An Act Creating Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,” eliminating barriers for individuals to pursue inclusive academic, social, and career development opportunities on college campuses with their peers.

- Stan Black Business Leader of the Year Award was accepted by Rally 2 Give Foundation for its significant impact in helping organizations that support both youth

and adults with disabilities throughout New England. Since its founding in 2016, Triangle has received over \$60,000 in grant support from the foundation and their friends, funding the Career Pathway programs, abuse prevention classes and recently helping the launch of Triangle’s Prism Program.

- The Ability Award was given to Ralph “RJ” Churchill, a member from Triangle’s Community-Based Services program in Salem, who helped Salem staff develop strategies for working through stressful situations. The Triangle community recognizes RJ as a self-starter, who has demonstrated a hard-working and positive attitude toward his managers,

co-workers, and Triangle staff members. In 2021, RJ worked at Salem City Hall three days a week, where he was responsible for recycling for two municipal buildings – collecting 82 bins from desks and offices each shift. This allowed him to interact with his colleagues, which included many city-elected leaders and staff.

This year, Triangle raised more than \$100,000 at its annual gala. Donations will help fund Triangle’s efforts in growing and evolving its vital programming and continuing its legacy of supporting people with disabilities throughout Massachusetts.

Triangle is a 50-year-old disability services agency that reaches 3,000 people every year in North Shore, Metro North, Greater Boston, South Shore, and Worcester communities. We offer a variety of services to the disability community, including residential services, supported employment and community-based day services, workforce development programs, and empowerment programs that promote self-advocacy, personal safety, and community engagement. IMPACT Boston and Empowering People for Inclusive Communities (EPIC) are both proud Triangle affiliates. Learn more at triangle-inc.org

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- Florina Pizzeria (Boston, MA)
- Montebella’s (Gluten-Free)

- DaCoopas Pizza (East Boston, MA)
  - Motor City Detroit Pizza (Detroit, MI)
  - Il Sarago (Calabria, Italy)
  - Pizza Taxi (Amalfi Coast, Italy)
  - Wicked Cheesy (Tewksbury, MA)
  - Cafe Quattro (Boston, MA)
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# Little League // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Nick Free is beginning his first season as president. He commended past president Chucky Cassaro and treasurer Dr. Robert Gilbride for their tremendous efforts in leading the East Boston Little League for the past decade.



The Major League Mariners, with coach and team sponsor Brandon O'Brien.



Krysten Hunt Buccella, one of East Boston's greatest softball players, is pictured with her son, Lorenzo Buccella, of the Royals, on Opening Day of East Boston Little League's 2023 season.



Mayor Michelle Wu delivers her remarks at the Opening Day Ceremonies for East Boston Little League Saturday at Festa Field. Also pictured are Sen. Lydia Edwards and Rep. Adrian Madaro, who is a graduate of East Boston Little League.



An East Boston Little League parent (right) greets special guest, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, at the Opening Day Ceremonies at Festa Field.



Keeley Fanuele and her daughter, Frankie Fanuele of the Rockies.



Rep. Adrian Madaro, Mayor Michelle Wu, and Sen. Lydia Edwards brought the official greetings of the City of Boston, the neighborhood of East Boston, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Opening Day program.



The Major League Yankees, with coach Josh Tritto.



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EAST BOSTON IMPROVES RECORD TO 6-5 WITH 10-4 WIN OVER REVERE

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IN CONTROL: Luis Ortiz struck out 12 as he kept the Revere bats quiet on the way to a 10-4 East Boston win Sunday at Memorial Park.



BIG HIT: Daniel Colon watches his bases-loaded single land in right field, knocking in a pair of Eastie runs. Colon tried to stretch the hit to a double but was thrown out.



WITH THE GLOVE AND THE BAT: Third baseman Daniel Colon, who was 3-for-4 at the plate with 3 rbi, flashes some glove at third base as he fields a slow roller.



MADE THE PLAY: First baseman Steven Chiappa gets control of a ground ball and made the unassisted play to get Revere's first out of the fourth inning.



I'LL TAKE IT: Luis Ortiz tosses his bat aside after drawing a walk to lead off the East Boston third inning.

East Boston rallied for four runs in the third and five runs in the fifth innings on their way to a 10-4 win over Revere at Memorial Field in East Boston on Sunday, May 7. The win boosted the Jets record to 6-5 as they hover near a Division 3 playoff spot with five games left in the season. Revere's Division 1 playoff chances took a hit as the Patriots fell to 6-7 but with seven games to get back to .500. Teams with a .500 or better record in all MIAA Division qualify for a play-in game to crack the top 32 that play for the Division championships.



BOTH HANDS: Second baseman Brian Munoz in position to field a high hop.



BACKHAND STAB: Shortstop Joel Valero goes into the hole and backhands a ground ball.

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# Patrick J. Kennedy students' Mother's Day poem

**M**om  
**O**ne cool mother  
**T**he most helpful to me  
**H**elper to our family  
**E**ach day is better with you  
**R**esponsible at work  
**S**uper loving and caring  
**D**ay dreaming about money  
**A** superhero to me  
**Y**ou are the best mom

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Lesem Reyes*

**M**aking the best food  
**O**ne unlike any other mother  
**T**he table cleaner  
**H**er hugs are the best  
**E**ither cold all the time or tired  
**S**mart with money  
**D**ish duty for me  
**A**lways trying to make me happy  
**Y**ou'll forever be in my heart

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Alexis Villanueva*

**M**y beautiful mother  
**O**utstanding and organized mom  
**T**ells me she loves me  
**H**er work is amazing  
**E**xcellent at cooking  
**R**eady for anything  
**S**he is responsible  
**D**oes hard work for me  
**A**lways sweet  
**Y**ell at me for a good reason!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Sara Villanueva*

**M**om  
**O**ne great mom  
**T**hankful for you  
**H**elpful to kids  
**E**very day happy  
**R**unning for exercise  
**S**pecial for my brother and I  
**D**aily working  
**A** superhero for me  
**Y**ou are the BEST !!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Anthony Monterroza*

**M**agnificent mom  
**O**thers think I look like her  
**T**he food she makes taste  
delicious  
**H**elps me with cleaning my  
room sometimes  
**E**very day cooking and cleaning  
**R**esponsible for everything  
**S**upportive  
**D**aring to speak up  
**A**lways making things right  
**Y**ou are going to be in my heart  
every single day

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Allison Leiva*

**M**aking sure we have food  
**O**ther people think she's my sister  
**T**hinks about other people  
**H**aving a helping hand  
**E**very day she can keep up with  
my craziness  
**R**esponsible at work  
**S**upportive  
**D**oing things that no one can do  
**A**lways cleaning the house  
**Y**ou're the best mom ever!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Makayla Khun*

**M**akes me feel loved  
**O**ne and only one  
**T**he best mom  
**H**elps me with my homework  
**E**very day she say she loves me  
**R**esponsible mother always  
working  
**S**he is helpful to others  
**D**ay after day working hard  
**A**ll the time giving  
**Y**es, she is my special mom

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Anderson Luna*

**M**aking me feel better by  
helping me to do my chores  
**O**range is her favorite color  
**T**akes me to the store  
**H**appy mom  
**E**asy to laugh  
**R**uns fast  
**S**ays slow down  
**D**oes a lot of work in the house  
**A**lways loves red roses  
**Y**ou are amazing

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Jermain Melara*

**M**y hero  
**O**ptimistic person  
**T**he best mom  
**H**elpful person  
**E**very day she is there for me  
**R**eally loving  
**S**ignificant lady  
**D**oing her best for me  
**A**lways thinking about me  
**Y**oung looking

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Justin Amaya*

**M**akes things fun  
**O**ne nice mom  
**T**he best food ever  
**H**elps people cook food  
**E**ach day she helps me  
**R**espects people  
**S**ays pleasant words to people  
**D**eliciously cooked food  
**A** super mom  
**Y**ou are the best

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Agustin Loperio*

**M**ake something out of nothing  
**O**pen-minded mother  
**T**he best mom ever  
**H**elps me when I need her  
**E**legant mother  
**R**espect ever one she sees  
**S**py on what I say and do  
**D**aring mother  
**A**lways cleaning the house  
**Y**ou keep me in a good house-hold

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Starla Grace Paolini*

**M**ostly cleaning the house  
**O**n the phone most of the time  
Think about me more than my  
sisters  
**H**earing about how my day went  
**E**very day she words hard for her  
kids  
Reads a story to me on her  
breaks  
Saying "Yes" to everything I say  
**D**oing the food most of the time  
**A**ngry at me for not cleaning my  
room  
**Y**elling at me to clean my messy  
room

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Ashly Martinez*

**M**akes me feel happy  
**O**ne of the best mom  
**T**he best food ever  
**E**very day there for me  
**R**eally important to family  
**S**erves to help everyone  
**D**edicated to help me  
**A** special space in my heart  
**Y**ou are strong

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Emiliano Perez*

**M**other  
**O**ptimistic,sweet  
**H**elping,cooking, yelling  
**M**aking my life exciting  
**G**uardian

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Justin Garay*

**M**other  
**I**ntelligent,determined  
**H**ardworking, sleeping, energizing  
**T**he biggest heart ever  
**M**om

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Anis Obah*

**M**agnifencet mom  
**O**ne of a kind  
**T**he best mom  
**H**aving her in my life makes me  
proud  
**E**ase I feel when she is around  
**R**adiant like when a tulip  
blooms  
**S**omeone I can trust  
**D**ivine as a blessing  
**A** great mother  
**Y**ou are a special mom and with  
this poem  
I want you to know That I Love  
You!

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Angel Salinas*

**M**akes the best food  
**O**h, she beautiful and gengerous  
**T**he hardest working person on  
earth  
**H**er beauty is amazing just like  
her cooking  
**E**xquisite MoM  
**R**espectful to o thers and me  
**S**he is the best mom ever  
**D**oing most of the house work  
**A**lways there for me when I need  
it  
**Y**ou yell at me all the time when  
I do something wrong, but that is  
what moms do for us to learn a  
new thing

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Lesly Martinez*

**S**he is always doing her best  
**D**oing the house work even if she  
is tired  
**A**lways telling what to do  
**S**he always buys me thing at the  
store  
**H**its me with the canclan shoe  
when I don't listen  
**S**he makes me smile everyday  
**K**ind to everyone  
**S**upportive of what I do  
**H**ard working  
**S**he makes wonderful memories  
with me  
**S**he always tries to make time  
for me  
**H**appy Mother's Day Mom !

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**  
*Kimberly Anaya*

**M**om,Mom  
**M**akes me feel wonderful  
**M**om,Mom  
**T**he only one there for me  
**M**om,Mom  
**H**elps me when I need it!  
**H**ard-working to support mewhen  
I needed it!  
**M**om, Mom  
**Y**ou always put on a brave face  
for me  
**M**om, Mom  
**I** love you to the moon and back!  
**M**om, Mom, Mom  
**T**hank You for being respectful  
**M**om, Mom, Mom

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!**  
*Starla Grace Paolini*





# USPS honors author and illustrator Tomie dePaola

The U.S. Postal Service celebrates children’s book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola with the release of a Forever stamp. A dedication ceremony for the stamp was held May 5, at the Currier Museum of Art.

“There are many gifted children’s book authors and illustrators, but Tomie dePaola’s genius is unique in so many ways: He could communicate with — and without — words, and touch readers across cultures and generations,” said Steve Monteith, chief customer and marketing officer, who was the dedicating official for the ceremony. “At the Postal Service, we feel great kinship in this idea. We help Americans of all backgrounds and generations stay connected, no matter

where they are.”

Other participants at the ceremony included Bruce McColl, director of engagement at the Currier Museum of Art; Dr. Susan Lynch, former first lady of New Hampshire and Currier Museum of Art board member; Judie dePaola Bobbi, sister of Tomie dePaola; Erin Fehlau, WMUR-TV anchor; Jon Anderson, president and publisher of Simon & Schuster Children’s Publishing; Sarah Mackenzie, founder of Read-Aloud Revival; and Kathleen McCaffery, English language arts consultant at the New Hampshire Department of Education.

DePaola (1934-2020) produced an extraordinarily varied body of work that encompasses folktales and legends, information-

al books, religious and holiday stories, and autobiographical tales. Deceptively simple, his stories contain layers of emotional meaning that appeal to readers of all ages.

DePaola is probably best known for the “Strega Nona” picture book series. Set in southern Italy, the gently humorous stories focus on Strega Nona, or “Grandma Witch,” who uses magic to help with matters of the heart and to cure her neighbors’ ills. Published in 1975, the first book in the series received a Caldecott Honor as one of the most distinguished picture books published that year.

The “Strega Nona” stories read like well-worn folktales, as do plenty of dePaola’s other works. Some of his books retell

legends that have shaped cultures around the world. Other stories are dePaola inventions. Many of his books emphasize family relationships and draw on dePaola’s personal experience. “I’ve discovered,” he once said, “that children most respond to books based on my own life.”

Whatever the subject, dePaola’s illustrations are instantly recognizable. Characterized by bright but muted tones and flat, two-dimensional perspectives, they offer a distinctive mix of Romanesque painting styles and traditional folk art. Objects that meant the most to dePaola — notably hearts and white birds — recur throughout his work.

In all his books, dePaola tried to convey



The Forever stamp honoring Tomie dePaola.

three fundamental truths: Success depends on hard work, happiness relies on embracing one’s true self, and love and kindness underscore all.

In 2011, the American Library Association awarded him the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (now the Children’s Literature Legacy Award) for his “substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children.”

DePaola died in Lebanon, NH, after complications from surgery following a fall. Following his death, the Currier Museum established the

Tomie dePaola Art Education Fund to support art instruction for young people from all backgrounds. Counting more than 100 pieces of art by dePaola in its permanent collection, the museum shares his long-held belief in the power of art to transform a child’s life.

The stamp art features a detail from the cover of “Strega Nona.” Derry Noyes, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp with dePaola’s original art. News of the Tomie dePaola stamp is being shared with the hashtag #TomiedePaolaStamp.

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ships, and support for community-based providers who are the backbone of training for our behavioral health workforce but often do so without any funding. Importantly, these proposals all feature a diversity and equity emphasis. Together, coupled with an additional investment in the historic MA Repay Program, these efforts will make a real impact on access in our most underserved communities, and continue the work of building a workforce that reflects all our residents.”

A significant recommendation focuses on expansion of the MA Repay Program. The MA Repay Program is already repaying over \$130 million in student loans for health and human service professionals across Massachusetts. The program aims to support key staff in community health centers, community mental health centers, inpatient psychiatric hospitals, the psychiatric units of acute care hospitals, and substance use providers. Funded by ARPA dollars and the Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund, the program is administered by the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers on behalf of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

“It was an honor to serve on this Commission along with such a diverse

set of participants who carefully considered how to distribute funds in a way that helps achieve equity and capacity and strengthens the behavioral health workforce across the Commonwealth,” added Dr. Debra Pinals, Senior Medical and Forensic Advisor to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. “Now that the Commission’s report has been approved, the funding should be moved quickly as recommended. My gratitude goes to the Chairs for helping lead this to this important point.”

The final report outlines eight recommendations to utilize the Trust Fund to bolster the Commonwealth’s behavioral health delivery system. The recommendations include:

1. Loan Forgiveness. The Commission recommended allocating \$80–\$100 million to the MA Repay Program to retain a diverse workforce. The report outlines how loan repayment is as an essential tool to recruit and retain providers committed to serving diverse populations.
2. Scholarships. The Commission recommended allocating \$20–\$30

million to create and fund a scholarship program for individuals seeking bachelor’s and master’s degrees in behavioral health who commit to work in areas of high need with a focus on diverse applicants.

3. Paid Internships, Practicums, and Field Placements. The Commission recommended allocating \$20–\$30 million to fund historically unpaid positions for bachelor’s and master’s level candidates training in the behavioral health field. Awards would go to trainees who agree to work in areas of high need with a focus on diverse applicants.
4. Reimbursement for Clinical Supervision. The Commission recommended allocating \$20–\$30 million to fund stipends or bonuses for currently non-reimbursable time spent providing clinical supervision to students and clinicians in training working toward licensure or certification with a priority on funding diverse applicants and providers in areas of high need.
5. Professional Fees and Practice Costs. The Commission recommended allocating \$2–\$5 million to a pilot program that gives employers flexibility to cover fees associated with training or practice costs for behavioral health providers. The Commission also recommended a study

by the Department of Public Health of licensure/certification processes and participation, including a demographic analysis of current behavioral health providers in Massachusetts.

6. Behavioral Health Support for Health Care Workers. The Commission recommended investing \$5–\$10 million in programs that provide emotional support and resiliency training for behavioral health providers.
7. Commercial Rate Analysis. The Commission recommended allocating \$500,000–\$1 million to fund a comprehensive study on rates paid by private and public payors and their impact on access to high-quality behavioral health care in the Commonwealth.
8. Youth and Schools. The Commission recommended investing \$5–\$10 million in expanding school-based behavioral health programs for young people, including transitional programs in schools to help students adjust after medical or behavioral health hospitalizations or prolonged absences. The Commission recommended expansion of existing programs to focus on geographic equity and underserved regions.

The report and its recommendations now go before the Legislature for its consideration and action.

## Open Streets // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

that the great Open Streets event hosted by the City and Three Squares last summer was a tremendous success,” said Michael Soltani, owner of the Brendan Behan Pub. “It brought people together, created a vibrant and lively atmosphere, and showcased the best of what our community has to offer.”

Open Streets programming will vary slightly by neighborhood but will include food trucks, kids’ hubs (with face painting, balloon animals, crafts, interactive games, and more), photo installations, exclusive performances and activations,

and Pedicabs. The City is contracting again this year with Shana Bryant Consulting, a Black- and woman-owned small business, to carry out Boston’s Open Streets program.

“Shana Bryant Consulting is elated to be working with Mayor Wu, the Streets Cabinet, and the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to expand Open Streets Boston in 2023 from June to October,” said Shana Bryant. “Due to the success of last year in Jamaica Plain, Roxbury and Dorchester, we have added two new neighborhoods, Allston Brighton and East Boston.

We are looking forward to building off of last year’s excitement and making ‘Open Streets Boston’ a cherished, family fun, and exciting new Boston tradition for community members, organizations, and visitors.”

“We are very excited about Open Streets coming to East Boston, this is a great idea and excellent opportunity to network with neighbors and bring everyone together. The Veronica Robles Cultural Center is planning to kick off El Día de lo Muertos celebration with its annual parade celebrating life during the Open Streets

day,” said Veronica Robles, Executive Director of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center.

“We’re very excited to bring Open Streets to Allston Village, it’s a great opportunity to showcase the vibrancy of our business, art and entertainment community, and we’re thrilled to work with the city on this event,” said Alex Cornacchini, Executive Director, Allston Village Main Streets.

Prayer to the Blessed Mother

O Most beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine. Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my mother.

O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your power.

O show me herein you are my mother. O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (three times)

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands. (three times)

Amen.

Marion P.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Docket No. SU23CO116CA

In the matter of: Eliane Dos Celani

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Eliane Dos Celani of Boston, MA requesting that the court

enter a Decree changing their name to: Eliane Dos Celani

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/16/2023. This is NOT a

hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 02, 2023

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## OBITUARIES

**Susan Lewis**  
December 2, 1951 – April 28, 2023

Susan C. Lewis of Winthrop, formerly of East Boston, passed away on April 28 at the Kaplan Hospice Home in Danvers after a brief illness.

Susan worked in the healthcare field her entire professional life, beginning her career at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and most recently at Atrius Health/HVMA. She loved her family and thoroughly enjoyed the holidays with them.

She was the daughter of the late John A. Lewis and the late Dolores C. (Dolly Lamonica) Lewis. She is survived by her brother, Arthur Lewis and his wife, Jean, her brother, John Lewis, her sister, Sharon Inza and her husband, John, her brother



David and his fiancé, Maria Curro as well as several nieces, nephews and great nieces.

Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Kaplan Hospice Home at 78 Liberty Street, Danvers, MA 01923.

**James (Jimmy) Boseman**  
March 12, 1953 to May 8, 2023

James (Jimmy) Boseman of East Boston passed away after a short illness. A hard worker all of his life, worked at GE, Framingham for 20 years, retired from Mission Park Management Company, Boston after 25 years. He could always make us laugh. He will be missed.

Was predeceased by his parents, Anita (Vita) and James Boseman; as well as his brother, Dennis

Boseman. He is survived by sister, Cindy Boseman of Fall River, sister and brother-in-law Rosalie (Boseman) and David Moretti of Maine, beloved niece Sophia Moretti of Maine, close cousin Jeanne (Vita) Heroux of Fall River, and many more cousins and friends. A celebration of life is being held for family and close friends.

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LOCAL STUDENT EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

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Anamarie DePaulo of East Boston was recently inducted into Lambda Epsilon Sigma, Stonehill College's honor society. The organization recognizes outstanding juniors and seniors who have demonstrated academic excellence, provided evidence of a thirst for knowledge that goes beyond the classroom, contributed to

the intellectual development of our community, and exhibited an ability to communicate effectively. About Stonehill College Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent

dignity of each person. Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students. Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

News in Brief

AFFORDABLE  
HEALTH  
SCREENINGS  
COMING TO  
REVERE

Residents living in and around Revere can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. Casa Lucia at Joseph L Mottola Post 4524 will host this community event on June 19, 2023. The site is located at 61 Lucia Ave. in Revere.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for cardiovascular disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
  - Narrowing of the smaller arteries of your ankles and feet, called Peripheral Arterial Disease
  - HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels
  - Bone density as a risk for possible osteoporosis
- Screenings are affordable and convenient. Free parking is also available. Special package pricing starts at \$159, but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit

our website at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com) Pre-registration is required.

*Screenings in Kansas are performed by Life Line Screening of America, LLS on behalf of Life Line Screening Physicians, P.A. In Texas: Physician authorization is required. A Life Line Screening affiliated physician will provide authorization for you if you qualify. Screenings in California are provided by Life Line Mobile Screening.*

NEXT STOP  
REVERE TO HOST  
ANNUAL REVERE  
BEACH PRIDE

In honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, Next Stop Revere is hosting our second Annual Revere Beach Pride on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Located under the rainbow balloon arch on the Christina & John Markey Memorial Pedestrian Bridge at 400 Ocean Ave, this event will be filled with fun, pride-themed activities.

Festivities begin at 2 P.M. for this free event open to the public. From a family-friendly drag show to a pride-themed photo booth with music by DJ Giller, there will be plenty to celebrate at Waterfront Square through 6 P.M.

Party locations include Fine Line, Dryft, and Mission Beach House, which will continue to host guests for the after party past 6 P.M. Special food and drinks options will be available at all three locations throughout the event.

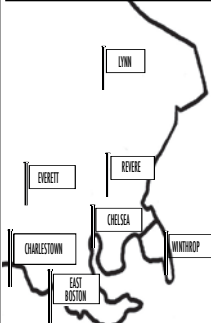
"The Revere Pride event last year was an incredible community event, where folks from the LGBTQ+ community and allies came together in celebration of Revere's diverse spirit," said Acting Mayor Keefe. "This year, we're excited to continue the new tradition with a fireworks show and continuing the work of making Revere a safe place for everyone, no matter their background, to live, love, and grow."

Revere Beach Pride will be the first New England Pride event to host a themed fireworks show alongside their festivities. Starting at 9 P.M., there will be a Pride themed fireworks display from a barge along Revere Beach to conclude our celebrations.

For more information, visit [www.nextstoprevere.com/event/2nd-annual-revere-beach-pride/](http://www.nextstoprevere.com/event/2nd-annual-revere-beach-pride/).

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The City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), (The Official) is seeking written quotations from qualified contractors for the procurement of the following services: Painting of Roche Community Center Gym Wall and Ceilings at the City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, (BCYF) The bid documents, including the Scope of Services will be accessible online from Tuesday, May 23, 2023 through Tuesday, June 6, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website <http://www.cityofboston.gov/procurement/> and accessing the Event ID # EV00012385, or by calling Thanh Le.

Total Walls and Ceilings including door and window frame surfaces to be covered with paint: 11,480 sq. ft. Recommended walk-Through has been scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. The contact person for this walk-through is David Curran at [david.curran@boston.gov](mailto:david.curran@boston.gov) or 617-594-4468. The City of Boston, BCYF is located at 1716 Centre St, Boston (West Roxbury), MA 02132.

All written quotes shall be filed electronically no later than 4:00pm on Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The Written Quote Contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence on or about Monday, June 5, 2023 and will end on June 30, 2023.

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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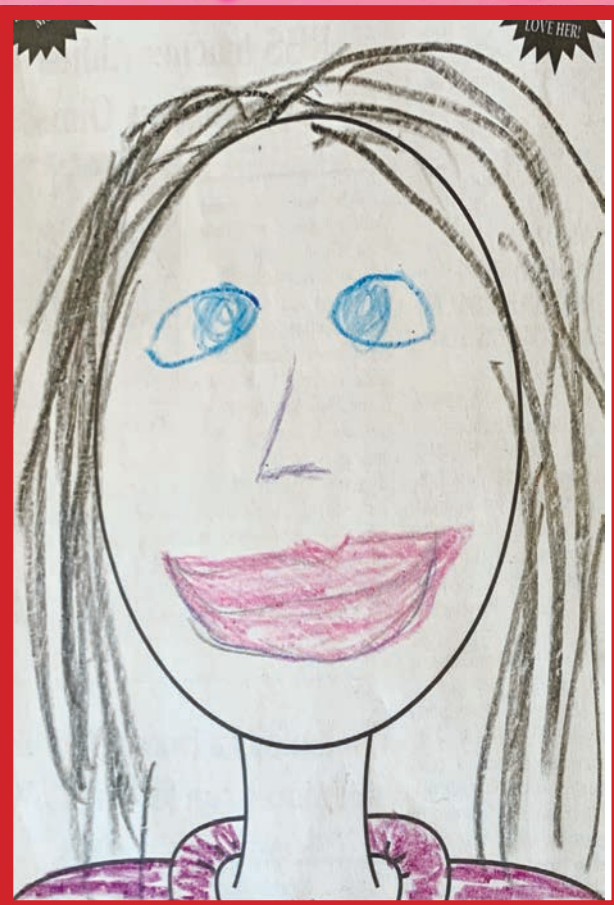
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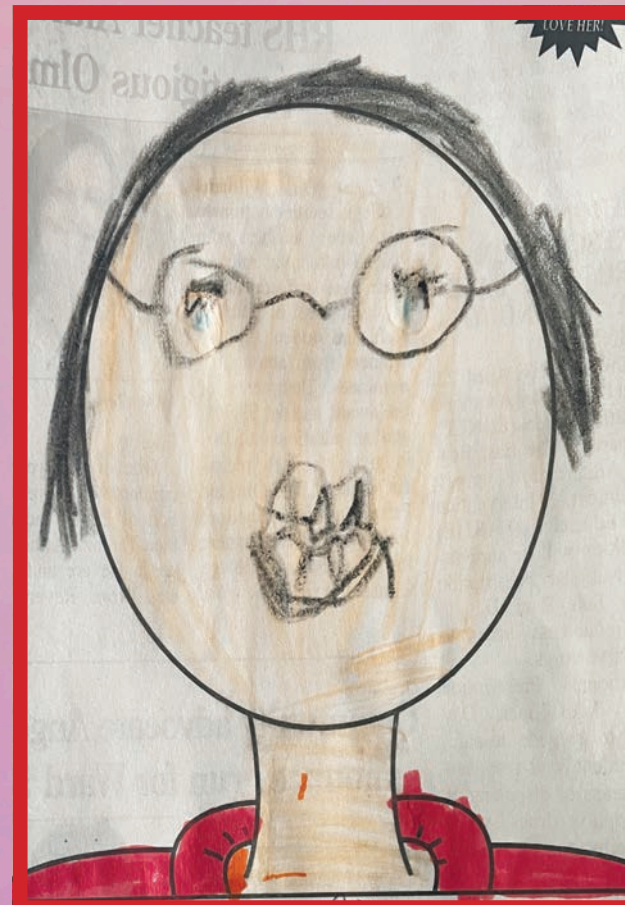
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## Suffolk Downs to host second union job information session

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, May 23, from 5-7 p.m. at Suffolk Downs. The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, The HYM Investment Group LLC (“HYM”) and the City of Revere will host their second construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all jobseekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15-to-20-year build-out of Suffolk Downs from both union representatives as well as current subcontractors working on site. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

“I’ve witnessed firsthand how union employment changes lives, and having a project like Suffolk Downs in Revere is transformative for hundreds of residents and their families,” said Acting Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe. “We’re grateful for HYM’s support of pushing these opportunities with our residents and I encourage all Revere union trade members to attend if they’re interested in being part of this historic project.”

“We’re grateful for our partnership with the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, John Moriarty & Associates, and The City of Revere, in ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that the construction of Suffolk Downs will provide meaningful career opportunities and real economic benefits to the Greater Boston and Revere communities,” said HYM Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer, Thomas N. O’Brien.

“Ensuring that Suffolk Downs will be union-built and that an entire generation of workers in the area will experience family-sustaining career opportunities is extremely important to us. We are grateful for our partnership with the Building Trades Union and HYM to help facilitate that goal on such a significant and rewarding project such as this,” said John Moriarty of John Moriarty & Associates.

“The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions have a dual mission of making sure every career in the construction industry is a good one and of creating pathways to ensure that everyone has access to these good, union careers. Partnerships like the one we have developed with Suffolk Downs help us to further that dual mission. We are proud to

be part of this great project -- it’s a project that will make many positive impacts for workers, for housing needs, and which incorporates a range of innovative and environmentally conscious construction efforts. We hope to see a great turnout at this event so that folks can learn even more about the wide range of great union career opportunities that will be available through this project,” said Brian Doherty, General Agent, Greater Boston Building Trades Unions.

“A career as a union carpenter compares very favorably to other options available. Our members can earn six figure salaries on top of family health care coverage and excellent retirement savings. Even our apprentices are qualifying for benefits and earning great wages without incurring any debt for their education,” said Joe Byrne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters. “This project is an excellent gateway to a tremendous career. HYM, John Moriarty & Associates and the carpentry subcontractors employing our members on this project are among the cream of the crop in our industry.”

The HYM Investment Group, Building Trades Union, John Moriarty & Associates, and North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters announced in January of 2020 the signing of an unprecedented Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the construction of the Suffolk Downs Redevelopment. The agreement will ensure Suffolk Downs is union-built and creates 18,000 construction jobs, while designing and constructing more efficiently to allow housing to be built more affordably. As part of the agreement, HYM announced \$2 million in investments that will go towards building an employment pipeline to quality, union jobs, and to prepare local residents to join the future workforce at Suffolk Downs. The PLA also creates a new cost structure and a model that sets forth several equity and inclusion provisions that will bring more workers into the trades. This innovative approach will further increase the number of women and people of color who benefit from the career opportunities generated by the project while lowering the overall cost of residential construction.

Registration for the Suffolk Downs Job Information Session is encouraged, and walk-ins are welcome. The event will take place outside at the Paddock (accessible via The Track at Suffolk Downs). Parking is free and available onsite. Suffolk Downs is accessible from the MBTA Beachmont and Suffolk Downs stations.



Suffolk Downs to host second union job information session May 23, from 5-7 p.m. at Suffolk Downs.

Parishioners of East Boston’s Sacred Heart Parish recently traveled on a pilgrimage to the



Peter Colewell enjoys a camel ride in Jericho.



Susan Albrigo, Maryann Zaluski, Ann Dinsmore, Jane Yang and Susan Crusoe reflect on the Sea of Galilee.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Holy Land as part of the parishes 150th anniversary celebration. The 10 day journey was led by

Sacred Heart’s Fr. Paolo Cumin and Fr. Michele Benetti visiting such holy sights throughout Israel

and Palestine including Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem.



Fr. Paolo Cumin and Fr. Michele Benetti celebrate Mass in the Holy Land.



William, Patricia and Thomas Briand in the Old City of Jerusalem.

## Blackline Retail Group named as the exclusive retail leasing agent at Suffolk Downs

The HYM Investment Group (“HYM”) has announced that Blackline Retail Group (“Blackline”) has been selected as the exclusive leasing agent for the restaurant and retail components of Beachmont Square, the first phase of HYM’s development of Suffolk Downs, located adjacent to the MBTA Beachmont Blue Line Station.

Beachmont Square will be comprised of 1.7M square feet and a vibrant mix of uses, located in the heart of Revere’s Beachmont neighborhood that will serve as a gateway to the entire Suffolk Downs development. The development will feature over 1,500 luxury residential units, 325,000 square feet of lab/office space, 85,000 square feet of retail space, a 159-key hotel and thoughtfully designed open space including a

plaza and outdoor amphitheater. The project will be situated directly across from the MBTA Beachmont Station and is designed to be an accessible, sustainable, and dynamic community that enhances the quality of life for its many residents and visitors. Construction of the first residential building, Amaya, broke ground in 2022 and is set to open in the summer of 2024. Amaya will feature 475 apartments and 24,000 SF of dynamic ground floor retail.

“HYM is thrilled to partner with Blackline as we look to bring diverse and vibrant retail, lively food and beverage concepts and neighborhood resources to Beachmont Square,” said Thomas N. O’Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. “Beachmont Square will inten-

tionally serve and provide meaningful economic opportunities for the surrounding Revere and East Boston neighborhoods.”

Blackline Retail Group is a commercial real estate brokerage firm specializing in the representation of landlords and tenants for retail properties throughout New England. Their team of seasoned professionals brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of the retail landscape to every project they undertake. Members of the Blackline team have been involved with the lease up of Boston’s Fenway neighborhood, The Continuum in Allston, and many restaurant and retail deals throughout the city. Blackline currently leases some of New England’s premier mixed use destinations including Patriot Place, Hingham Shipyard & Linden Square.

“We are thrilled to launch the retail leasing component of Suffolk Downs and be a part of the largest mixed-use projects in Boston’s history. We look forward to working with the professional team at HYM to bring Beachmont Square to life,” said Daniel Dori, President of Blackline. “We are confident that our expertise and knowledge of this asset class will help attract the best tenants and create a vibrant shopping and dining destination for the community.”

Construction on Beachmont Square is currently underway and will begin to deliver in summer of 2024. For more information about Beachmont Square, please visit [atsuffolkdowns.com/beachmont-square](https://atsuffolkdowns.com/beachmont-square)

## Project Bread // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

school and a steadfast advocate to make free schools for all a resource that is permanently available in Massachusetts. The award recognizes an individual with an unyielding commitment to driving meaningful change by addressing the causes of hunger, thus carrying forward the spirit of the event’s founder, Patrick Hughes.

Historically, Project Bread has hosted a 20-mile Walk for Hunger, passing through 5 towns. This year’s event followed a new 3-mile route around

Boston Common. There was something for everyone as participants engaged in family-friendly activities, live music, giveaways and raffle prizes, lawn games, and a Kid’s Zone complete with balloon animals and face painting. Project Bread’s Chef Educator Sherry Hughes showed participants how to make Adobo Chicken with Corn and Cucumber Salad, a recipe developed by Project Bread Chefs to ensure school meals are healthy and delicious.

“1 in 5 families with

children is struggling without enough to eat,” says Erin McAleer, Project Bread CEO. “The Walk for Hunger and the money it raises are vital as resources available during the pandemic continue to be peeled back. This includes free school meals, expanded SNAP benefit amounts, an increased number of Summer Eats meal sites and more. Donating to the Walk, and raising money, is something tangible all of us can do to make sure our neighbors in need can get the food to meet their most

basic of needs.”

Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger fundraising continues throughout the summer with the goal of reaching the \$1 million target. Visit [www.projectbread.org/walk](https://www.projectbread.org/walk) to donate or start a personal fundraiser.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread’s FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), to connect with local food resources. Support is confidential, free, and available in any language and for the hearing impaired.