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EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL TEAM WINS 17-9 OVER O'BRYANT



BOB MARRA PHOTO

**NICE GOING:** Assistant coach Bob Elliot slaps hands with Jenna DaSilva after DaSilva hit a bases-clearing triple during an 11-run fifth inning. A sparkling triple stopped an O'Bryant threat in the sixth inning, also highlighting East Boston's 17-9 win over O'Bryant in the first game of a doubleheader on Friday, May 19. See page 8 for more photos.

## Mayor Wu announces Safety Surge initiative

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

In a press conference at Thetford Evans Playground in Mattapan on Monday, May 22, Mayor Michelle Wu unveiled the City of Boston's Safety Surge, an initiative to make city streets safer for everyone.

As part of this initiative, the city is committing to installing speed humps, redesigning intersections, and updating traffic signal guidelines throughout all neighborhoods to enhance street safety.

"We are looking to having safer streets all across Boston. Not just here around one park as beautiful and as treasured a space as it is but every single neighborhood. We want to make sure our streets are

safer for drivers, for cyclists, for pedestrians, and everyone who needs to get around," said Wu.

"Our streets should be a source of connection, not a threat to our safety, and we want to make sure that we're not rationing that safety in limited areas across the city following when major incidents and injuries happen, but we want to be proactive, preventive and really work with communities at a much broader scale and much more accelerated pace to make this happen."

In terms of speed humps – the initiative will lead to the construction of 10 speed hump zones per year. These speed humps can be driven over safely

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## East Boston teen charged with Chelsea shooting

Special to the Times-Free Press

An East Boston teen was arraigned last week in Chelsea District Court on assault and multiple firearm charges for his role in the non-fatal shooting of a 16-year-old in Chelsea.

Moises Fermin Flores, 19, of East Boston was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, possession of a firearm without an FID card, possession of ammunition without an FID card, carrying a loaded large capacity firearm on a public way, and defacing a firearm, and ordered held without bail. He will return to court June 20 for a probable cause hearing, according to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

At about 5:15 p.m. on May 10, Chelsea police responded to Bosson Park for several calls reporting a fight, a male with a machete, and shots fired. Officers soon located a juvenile with a gunshot wound to his left foot and

transported him to a local hospital.

Four individuals, later identified as Moises Fermin Flores, Misael Rodriguez, and two juveniles were stopped shortly after at a Silver Line bus terminal while running away from the scene, according to the DA's office. The DA's office further stated that video surveillance showed Flores and Rodriguez each carrying a black handgun. The video reportedly showed the victim wielding a machete and advancing toward the four individuals before Rodriguez began shooting. Rodriguez is alleged-

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#### WARD 1 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS SET FOR JUNE 14

East Boston Ward 1 Democratic Caucus will meet at Maverick Landing Community Room, 31 Liverpool Street, East Boston on June 14, 2023 at 7 p.m. (sharp)

Join us at the Ward 1 Democrats East Boston Caucus where we will elect delegates for the 2023 Democratic convention. The convention will be held on Sept. 23, 2023 at Tsongas Center in Lowell, MA. All individuals are welcome to attend, but only registered Democrats re-

siding in Ward 1 can actively participate in voting, nominations, and running as a delegate. Please arrive on time, as late arrivals will not be able to participate.

#### WARD 1 REPUBLICAN MEETING SET FOR JUNE 6

The East Boston Republican Ward Committee holds its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening, June 6, 2023. The meeting will be at Kelley Square Pub at 84 Bennington Street (at the corner of Marion Street) in East Boston

starting at 6:30 p.m. Members will discuss the flag sale and installation project planned for the East Boston neighborhood this spring.

Registered East Boston Republicans and unenrolled voters are welcome and encouraged to attend.

For more information please call the committee secretary at (617) 569-4075 or text (617) 755-7697. The committee e-mail addresses are ebrwc@yahoo.com and east-bostonrepublicanwardcomm@gmail.com.

### CELEBRATING FIRST MASS



Newly ordained Rev. Jose Montero (second from right) celebrated his first Mass on Saturday evening, May 20, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Earlier in the morning, he was among five priests ordained at Holy Cross Cathedral. He served his year as a deacon at the East Boston parish as well.



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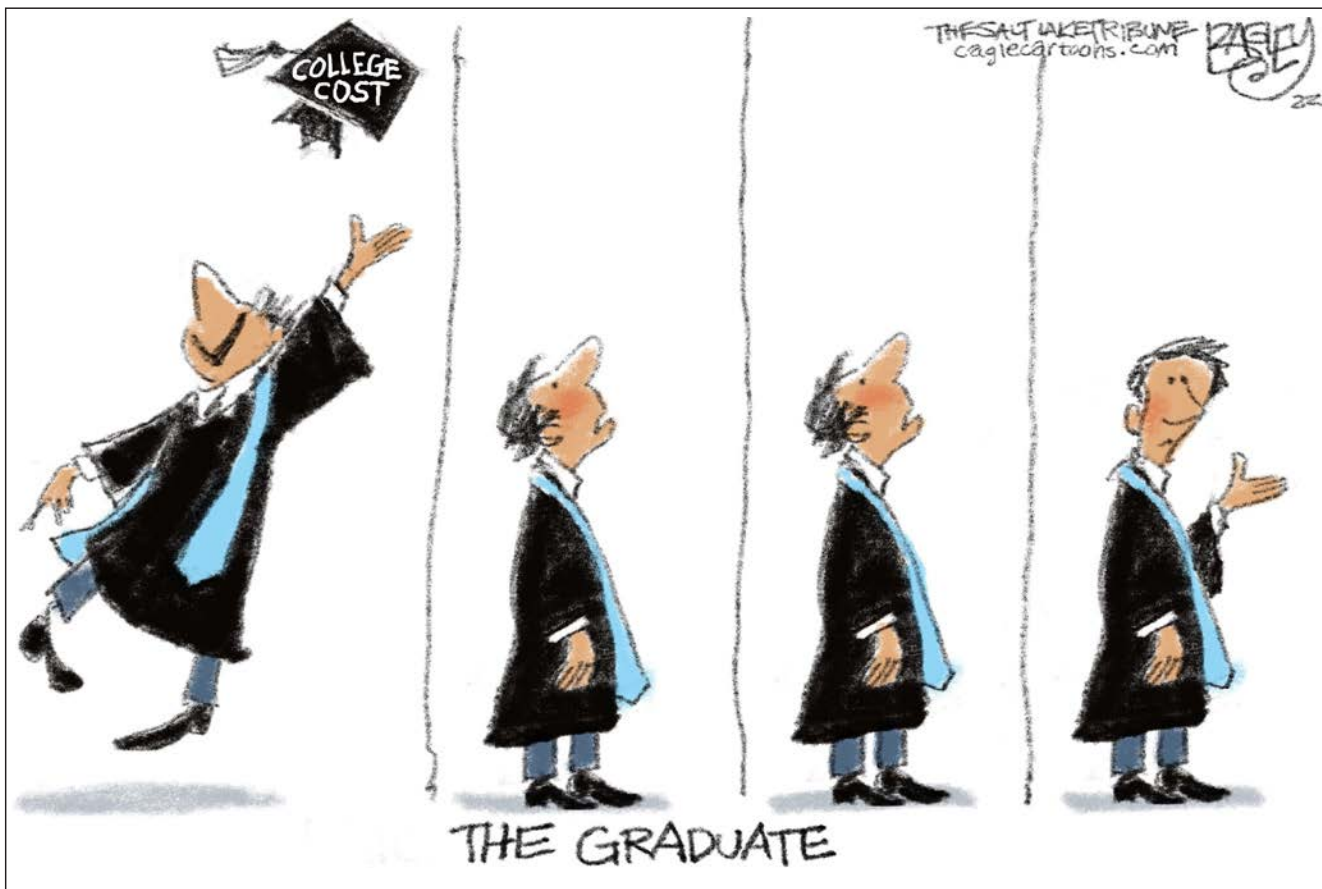
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# Forum



## GUEST OP-ED

### Reevaluate your church mission spending

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

For fifty years of my life, I’ve been associated with churches that have given over four million dollars collectively to outside denominational endeavors.

The typical mainline denominational church/parish will collect weekly offerings from their members. A percentage of this money each month is given to a state office. The state office will in turn keep a large percentage of the money for state denominational purposes. The rest of it will be sent to the national office. Some denominations have an international mission office and an American denominational office.

Local churches are always encouraged to give more of their weekly offerings to the state and national causes. The state and national entities employ people who do denominational work. They have full time salaries,

medical insurance, retirement plans and usually newer model cars to drive. They need more money like most everyone else. Many churches will give ten and often as high as 25 percent of their general offering to these outside entities.

The denomination rewards the church by praising them. Patting them on the back. They will usually list the top 100 giving churches on their denominational website or state publication piece. They will work hard to enlist the pastor of the church to serve on state committees. This is done to make the pastor feel important and to keep their hand in the local church through the church’s pastor. Executives from the denomination will come a couple of times a year to visit the church and praise them for their generosity. This usually is about the summation of what the local church gets back from their sacrificial 10 to 25%

percent giving.

In far too many cases the local church deprives itself of needed money to fund their own local needs. The local minister often has to scrape to get by while the church is mailing a big check to the denominational hierarchy.

I’ve been a strong advocate of International and state missions most of my life. However, I’m tired of seeing so many small churches do without while the state and national entities regardless of the denomination, do and have more.

If your church has been mailing 15 percent of its money down to the state office every month then why not keep eight percent of that to do local mission work in your neighborhood? Will the state or national office come to your town and help the homeless? Are they in your town helping unwed mothers and ministering to pregnant teenagers? Are they sup-

porting the local halfway house for drug addicts and safe house for abuse victims? Are they going door to door in your neighborhood telling people about God’s love? Too many churches rationalize, “We are doing mission work by sending our money to the state office.”

Churches should use more of their mission money at home. Your local area has needs. Jesus gave The Great Commission to go into the world but too often we miss what is right in our face. I’m for supporting mission work around the world but your greatest mission work is in your neighborhood.

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

## LETTER to the Editor

### CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF CLARITY AND PLANS

**To Whom it May Concern:**

On Monday evening, May 8, MassDot presented to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association regarding the upcoming Sumner Tunnel closure. Minutes from this meeting, and the video are posted on our website at [www.jeffriespoint.org](http://www.jeffriespoint.org). We encourage you to review them, the MassDot presentation starts at the 41-minute mark.

After this meeting the JPNA, and the organizations and individuals listed below remain extremely concerned about the lack of clarity and plans. In

particular, the lack of care for the health and welfare of East Boston residents.

We believe this will have an outsized negative impact on the East Boston Community.

The focus of MassDot seems to be on moving traffic in and out of the airport, not on ensuring that local residents have access to healthcare and their jobs.

What are we asking for:

A. Reduce the number of people using the Ted Williams tunnel by:

- 1) Making the MBTA Blue Line free for the length of the shutdown
- 2) Doubling the number of ferries, so they run every 15 minutes instead of 30 minutes
- 3) Extending the ferry schedule to 11PM for the

weeks that the blue line will shutdown from 6PM to 11PM. This allows people from the Aquarium to connect to the 114,116 and 117 local buses at Maverick Square

4) Running an all-day schedule for the ferry, eliminating the 2-3 hour

“lunch break”.

5) Posting accurate, matching signage on the ferry dock and website.

6) Increasing the NON-RESIDENT toll cost in the Ted Williams tunnel. An increase to \$5 could be used to fund a free T, and

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# Protest letter for Sumner Tunnel closure given to Mayor Wu

Special to the Times-Free Press

At the Mayor’s East Boston Coffee Hour on Wednesday, May 17th Mayor Wu received a letter signed by all East Boston Neighborhood Associations outlining concerns around the impending Sumner Tunnel Closure. The letter was written in response to MassDot’s recent presentations to the Gove Street and Jeffries Point Neighborhood Associations. “We wanted the mayor to know East Boston is united in their concern about the impact on the quality of our lives. MassDot is not ready” stated Margaret Farmer.

At these meetings MassDot spoke for approximately 40 minutes,

presenting and answering questions directly from residents. Many residents came away more concerned about the lack of answers, not less. “We asked more than a dozen questions of MassDot officials” JPNA Co-Chair Margaret Farmer said “most responses were, we are working on that, or that has yet to be decided. The answers they did provide explained how the State Police prioritize flushing out the airport. If this was 6-8 months ago I could understand. But we are less than 8 weeks away (from the closure)”.

Harbor View Neighborhood Association Board Member was concerned about healthcare access

“I am concerned about the health and wellness of people who depend on the tunnel for fast and easy access to MGH, BMC and other downtown emergency hospitals in a medical emergency. I worry lives may be lost in traffic.”

After the meeting resident Mary Cole expressed “More can and should be done to mitigate this shutdown, starting with reducing overall traffic to and from the airport.” Suggestions for mitigation in the letter include extending ferry service the nights the blue line is shut down, and asking the airport to provide parking for airport workers in South Boston as well as making the Blue Line free on this side of the harbor. The neigh-

borhood associations are hoping that by presenting a list of suggestions to MassDot and the delegation of elected officials for East Boston, there can be a positive coordinated response to lessen the impact of the closure on East Boston residents from the tunnel closure this year AND next.

The video of the MassDot presentation to the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association can be viewed on their website, [www.jeffriespoint.org](http://www.jeffriespoint.org), MassDot starts at approximately the 40 minute mark.

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at 20-25 MPH. It should be noted that, per the city’s website, major arteries and roads that carry an MBTA bus route will not be included in this portion of the initiative.

Residents can visit <https://www.boston.gov/making-neighborhood-streets-safer> to view which streets are on the docket to receive speed humps over the next three years.

As for the intersections portion of the Safety Surge – this component will make it so the city designs 25-30 non-signalized intersections per year.

Regarding intersections, Boston’s Chief of Streets, Jascha Franklin-Hodge, said, “Each year, we will design safer intersections using street safety tools that will allow for better sightlines, slower speeds, clear crossings, and defined spaces for all.”

These safety tools include things like curb extensions, pedestrian warning signs, and much more

which can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/departments/transportation/street-safety-toolkit>.

Finally, the signals aspect of the initiative includes updates to the city’s Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

These updates include an increase in the use of pedestrian head starts – meaning pedestrians will get the walk sign before drivers can proceed, an increase in no turn on red areas, and an increase in the use of “auto recall,” which gives pedestrians the walk sign automatically without hitting a button.

The city plans to update at least 50 intersections a year with these new updates to the Traffic Signals Operations Design Policy.

The city is also doing major corridor projects in areas the city’s website says have a “history of excessive speeds and crashes that have resulted in death and injury.” These areas include Blue Hill Avenue, Centre Street in West Roxbury, Cummins Highway

in Mattapan, and Tremont Street in the South End.

“The streets we build must reflect our belief that everyone, regardless of their age or ability, should have the freedom to travel safely and without fear,” said Franklin-Hodge.

“The City of Boston is putting that idea into action in asphalt, in concrete, in paint, in flex posts, and signs and signals as we work toward a future where no family ever has to experience tragedy or trauma on our streets.”

In terms of how the city is balancing safety and traffic – considering Boston’s traffic was ranked the fourth worst in the entire world in 2022 by INRIX – a transportation analytics company – Wu said, “Traffic is one of Boston’s biggest concerns.”

“We’re building housing; we’re investing in our schools; we’re adding new jobs people have to be able to get around to where they need to go. As our city grows, it won’t work if the only way you

can get around is driving a car,” she continued.

Wu alluded to the idea that the changes made through the new Safety Surge would make other forms of transportation more viable before saying there is also a need to continue pressuring the MBTA.

“It can’t be an either-or conversation about whether people can reliably get to work or whether they can be protected and safe as they’re walking around their communities. We need to do both; we know we can,” said Wu.

For more information on the Safety Surge and all its components, you can visit <https://www.boston.gov/transportation/safety-surge>.

“I want to thank all of our residents across each and every neighborhood for your advocacy and looking forward to continuing that with the specific changes that we’ll be making in the weeks to come,” said Wu.

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encourage residents onto public transportation.

7) Providing parking/transit for airport workers in South Boston. Logan Airport employs 16,000 people. Massport owns a number of surface lots in South Boston. For employees coming from the south, providing parking and shuttle service from these lots would eliminate thousands of trips PER DAY through the Williams Tunnel.

B. Create and implement an incident response emergency plan (IREP) that IS COMPLETE and includes:

1) Guaranteed airlift emergency access when needed

2) Upgrades to the EB-NHC Emergency room for next summer, reducing the

need for emergency transfers during the next major tunnel shutdown

3) Available State Police escorts for ambulances that need to transfer to downtown

C. Reduce the impact on local residents:

1) Removal of the weekend lane closure in the Ted Williams tunnel, which prioritizes the exiting of traffic from the airport effectively “flushing out” cars and backs up local traffic for residents.

2) Ensure East Boston residents can exit Route 1A North on local exits, specifically Bremen Street Exit

3) Allow residents to access the airport through the Maverick Street Gate, allowing direct access to the Ted Williams.

4) Coordinate Schedules to avoid amplifying the effect of the shutdown. Remove the overlap with the lane closures on the Tobin Bridge. These began the week of May 1st and will continue for three months. Can this be re-scheduled or removed?

We, the undersigned, are East Boston residents and neighborhood associations and ask for the assistance of our elected officials and State Departments to both complete and implement comprehensive planning before the scheduled closure of the Sumner Tunnel in July and August 2023.

Many of the items we ask for can dramatically improve the quality of life for not only our residents, but the surrounding com-

munity and greater Boston.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you.

Best,

**The Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association Board (JPNA)**

**Orient Heights Neighborhood Association (OHNA)**

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ly seen firing twice, striking the victim once in the foot. After the shooting, Flores, Rodriguez, and the two juveniles were observed fleeing up Bellingham Street toward Willow Street before being stopped by police, according to the DA’s office.

Massachusetts State Police retraced the four individuals’ flight path and recovered two black semi-automatic handguns. One had a filed down serial number and the second gun did not have any serial number. Flores reportedly told investigators he found the gun in his possession in a park near Logan Airport approximately a week ago.

Misael Rodriguez has not been apprehended at this time.

“This broad-daylight shooting in a public park is yet another example of gun violence that we’re seeing too often, in too many places, with too many people being hurt and too many neighborhoods being terrorized,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “Along with prosecuting those who carry and use guns, we are working with all of our police departments and all of our civic partners to address the issues that cause gun violence in the first place.”

All charged individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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# Sacred Heart Parish 150th Anniversary

In the year 1855, Winthrop and all of East Boston, known as the "Island Diocese," were under the care of the Rev. James Fitton, pastor of the first Catholic Church in East Boston, the Most Holy Redeemer. Later, three additional churches were built: Our Lady of the Assumption (the 2nd section), Sacred Heart Church (the 3rd section), and the last church, St. Mary Star of the Sea (the 4th section).

On February 6, 1873, ground was broken to commence the building of Sacred Heart Church. Although a church of stone was intended, the sandy, unstable soil made this idea unfeasible and a wooden Gothic structure was erected. The work was carried on until Christmas of 1873 when a temporary altar was erected and Mass was celebrated for the first time. The Sacred Heart Church was finished around Easter in 1874 and dedicated on June 12, 1874, the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Rev. Lawrence P. McCarthy was the first pastor of Sacred Heart, appointed from 1877 to 1881, followed by the Rev. Fr. Michael Clark who was pastor from 1881 to 1906. It was during this time, a large brick schoolhouse for elementary grades and a parochial residence for priests were erected. The children of the school were taught by the Sisters of Notre Dame who resided at the Most Holy Redeemer convent. They taught until 1911, the same year the cornerstone for a Sacred Heart convent was put in place on Paris Street. It would be the order of Dominican Nuns who would continue Catholic education for the parish.

Pastoral duties were then taken up by Rev. James H. O'Neil from 1906 until his death in 1928. He would often visit the school and pick-slip children whose shoes were badly worn. The pink slip

could be traded in for a pair of shoes at Kushner's shoe store. From 1928 to 1939, Rev. Thomas C. Garrahan continued the pastoral leadership of Sacred Heart Parish.

In 1946 major renovations to the 72-year-old church were undertaken by then pastor, Rev. Charles Donahue. In that same year, Fr. Donahue was transferred and the Rev. Laurence B. Killian arrived at Sacred Heart. Fr. Killian established a High School that lasted a brief but memorable 10 years. During this same period, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing determined that St. John the Baptist church, a national Portuguese church established in 1922 on Saratoga Street, East Boston, would be administered to by the Archdiocese of Boston.

It was a cold Saturday afternoon on January 30, 1965, when a fire, believed to have started in the boiler room, completely consumed the 93-year-old Sacred Heart Church. For the next year, Mass was celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church and in the school cafeteria. The church was rebuilt in 1966 and Christmas Mass was celebrated in the new Sacred Heart Church.

The Rev. Vincent J. Piscitelli became pastor in 1971 and served the parish for 14 years before his retirement. In 1973, the elementary school merged with Our Lady of Mount Carmel School thus creating the Community Center of Christian Education. The Dominican nuns were then reassigned to a new location.

In 1983, a project of major proportions was undertaken to demolish both the schoolhouse, located in the parking area, and the rectory on Brooks Street, where the handicap ramp is today. The old boarded up convent would be restored as a new rectory.

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ties as pastor on September 15, 1985, would be the first pastor to occupy the new rectory, which was ready for occupancy on June 22, 1987. Fr. Chambers left for his new assignment on March 1988.

On May 10, 1988, the Rev. Albert J. Sallese was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. During Fr. Al's tenure, the formation of a Parish Council was established for the first time. Also, the CCD Center in the basement of St. John the Baptist Church was totally renovated and renamed the Holy Family Center.

In the year 2000, the Rev. Brian McHugh came to Sacred Heart as pastor. He would be transferred to another assignment in 2003 and be replaced by Rev. Wayne Belschner who would be with Sacred Heart for the next 13 years. Fr. Wayne instituted an 11:00 Italian Mass on Sundays which drew many from Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish and Our Lady Star of the Sea following closure of their churches.

Rev. Eric M. Bennett arrived as the new Administrator of Sacred Heart in 2016, followed by Rev. Guy Sciacca in 2018. On August 1, 2020, we were happy to welcome our current Administrator, Rev. Paolo Cumin, of the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo. We look forward to many new and exciting things for Sacred Heart parish.

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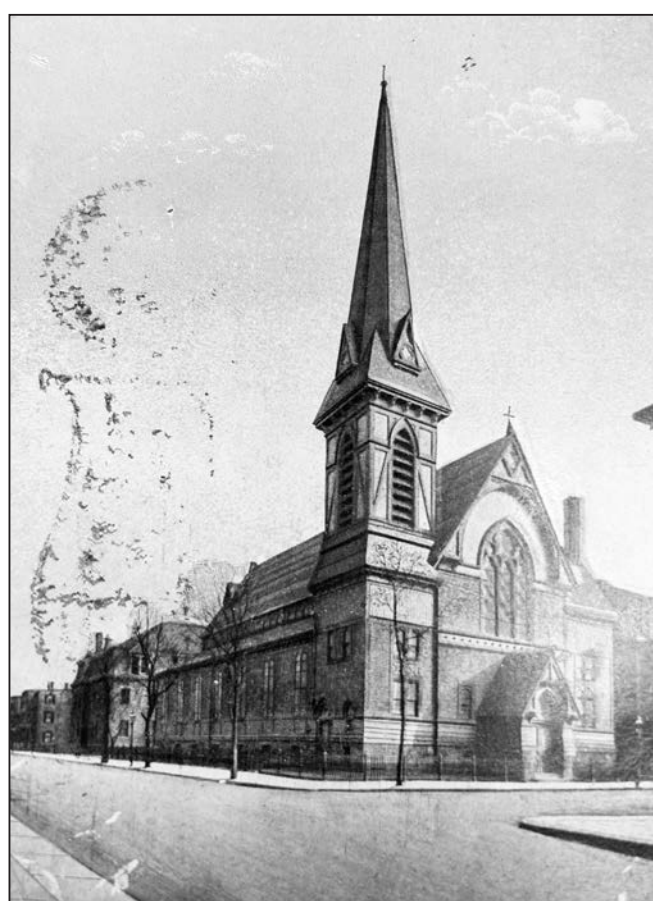
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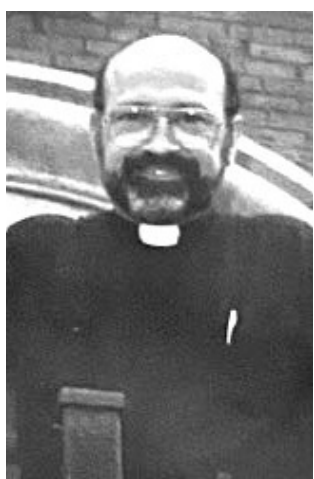
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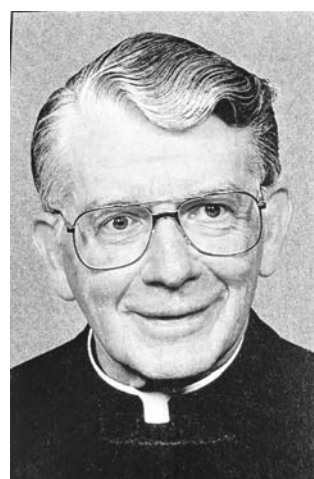
Rev. Paolo Cumin, of the Fraternity of St. Charles Borromeo. We look forward to many new and exciting things for Sacred Heart parish.

Sacred Heart Parish will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on June 18 with a special Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley at 10:00 a.m. and followed by a celebratory luncheon at Spinnelli's in Lynnfield. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online at [www.sacredhearteb.org](http://www.sacredhearteb.org) or by calling the Parish Office at 617-567-5776.

## Former Priests of Sacred Heart



Fr. Albert Sallese, former Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish.



Rev. Joseph Wilson, former parochial vicar of Sacred Heart Parish.



Rev. Henry Chambers, former Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish.



From the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Sacred Heart  
Rev. Donahue, Rev. Chambers, Guest, Fr. Piscitelli, Rev. Wilson, and Fr. Sallese.



SACRED HEART CHURCH, East Boston, was dedicated on June 12, 1874, at the corner of Brooks and Paris Streets, on land acquired for the purpose four years earlier. "Because of the sandy soil," says the "History of the Archdiocese of Boston," the intended stone church "had to be replaced by a wooden, Gothic structure, with a handsome spire . . ." By 1906, the church's \$100,000 debt had been paid off and Sacred Heart "was then the second strongest parish in East Boston." This photo, taken by the Boston Gas Company as one of its crews began work on nearby Bennington Street, is believed to have been made just at the turn of the century.

(Pilot Courtesy Public Relation, Boston Gas Co.)



THROUGH THE YEARS

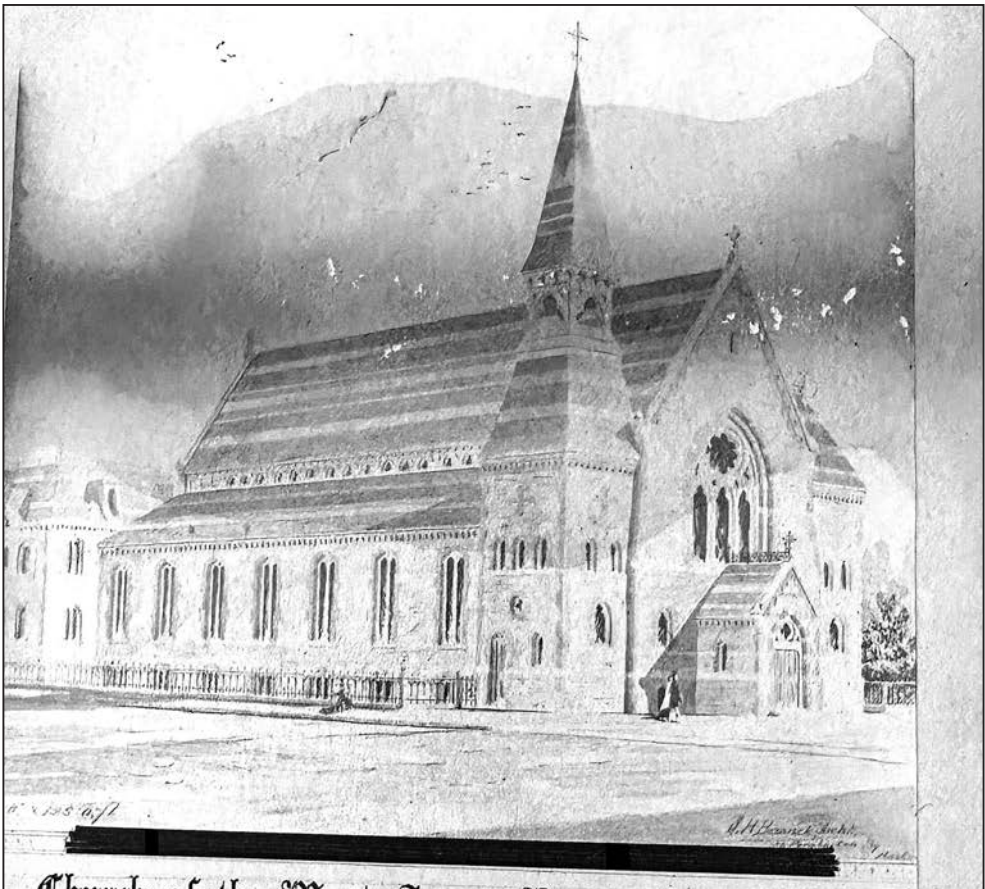
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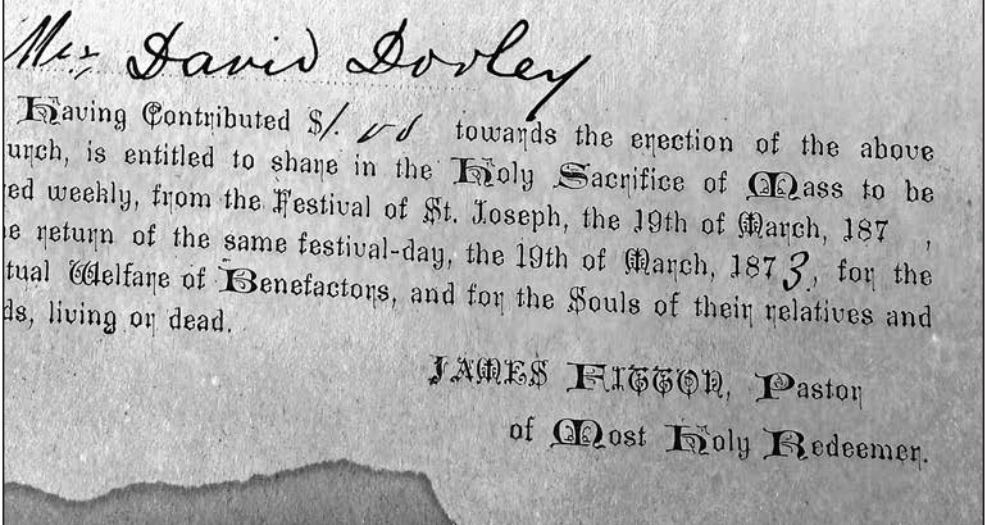
Fr. Garrham with altar boys.



Wedding of John and Marie Barry - Sacred Heart Church 1948



Church of the Most Sacred Heart, East Boston.

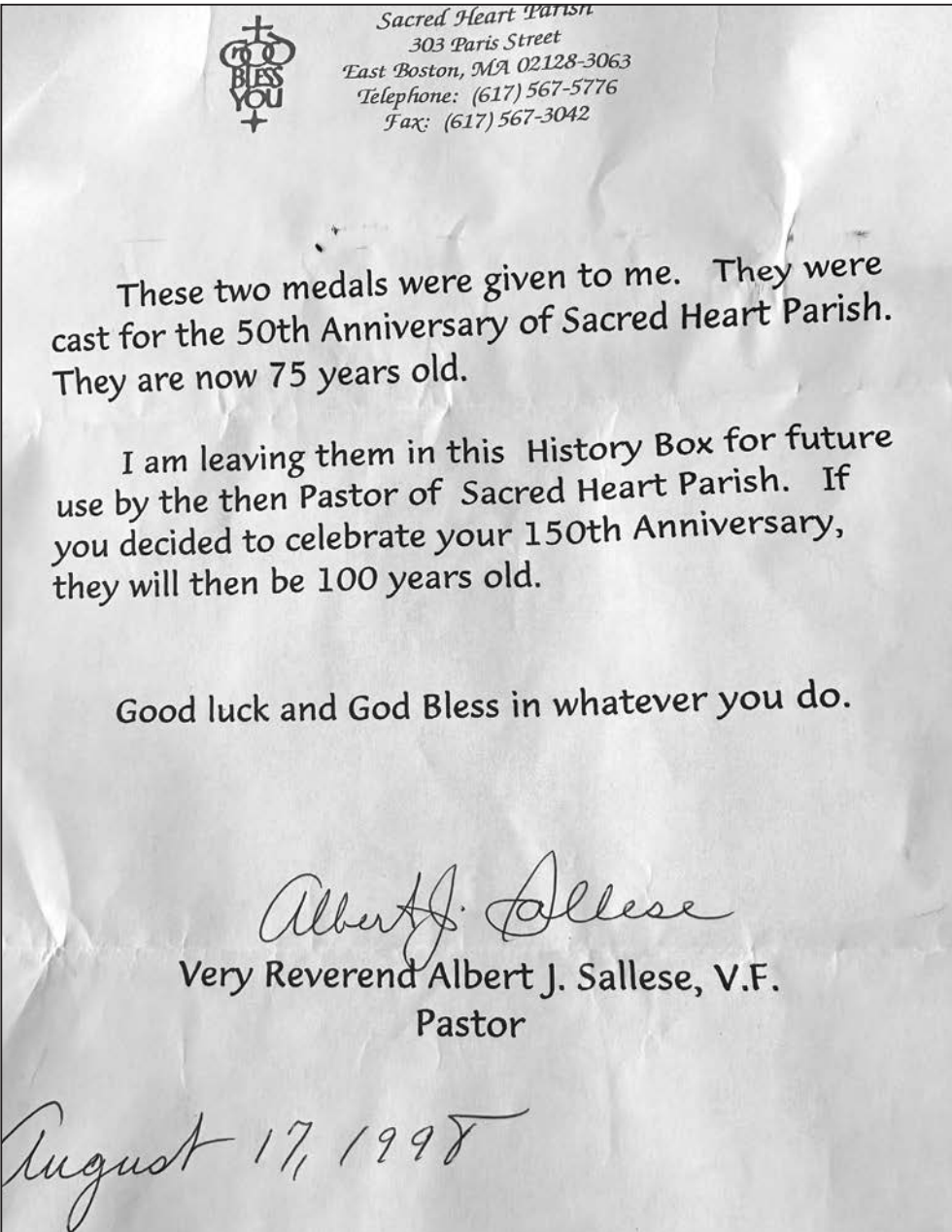


This artifact is over 100 years old. This was a note given to a parishioner who made a contribution of \$1 in 1872 to help fund the building of Sacred Heart Church.

## Former Nuns of Sacred Heart



These medals are over 100 years old. Below is letter from Fr. Al Sallese to the future pastor of Sacred Heart.



More photos of Sacred Heart Parish 'Through the Years' in next week's East Boston Times-Free Press



MAYOR MICHELLE WU HOLDS COFFEE HOUR

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Mayor Michelle Wu held a Coffee Hour on May 17 at Noyes Playground, one of East Boston’s newest renovated parks. Local and state officials and members of the Police and Fire Departments gathered with residents to discuss concerns and updates about the state of the neighborhood.

“East Boston is a special place for me. This is the neighborhood I call home,” said Nathalia Benitez, East Boston liaison. “This past year, I have learned a lot, and built friendships and trust. This City of Boston has been busy working hard at community building to make sure our constituents’ needs are being met.”

Benitez expressed her excitement about the upcoming October 15 Open Streets, when streets will be closed to traffic and open to pedestrians, as well as the newly constructed police facility on East Eagle Street. She announced that the Paris Street pool will be re-opening this summer, and encouraged elderly residents to attend the daily activities and classes held at the senior center in Orient Heights (formerly the Orient Heights Branch Library) that is operated by the City of Boston’s Age Strong Commission.



Gladys Oliveros, Latinx liaison.



Nathalia Benitez, East Boston liaison.



Luz Leal, Assistant Director of the Age Strong Commission, with Ang Gueene.



Liz Kelley and Troy Retzer, of The Blue Caboose ice cream and coffee shop on the Greenway.



Austin Udemagwuna and Elaine Lopes of the Boston Public Health Commission.

“East Boston is one of the communities that is a role model for organizing and taking on many issues that are interrelated,” said Mayor Wu. “I am thankful to represent this incredible community.”

Mayor Wu recognized community leaders who have been advocates for migrant families: Carlos Cespedes, Denise Rincón, Fernando Rosas, Walter Castañeda, and Nury Garcia.

“We are fighting for a vision of the City of Boston that is about including everyone,” Mayor Wu declared. “We want Boston to be the greenest city in the country because that is how we are the healthiest and have the most jobs for the next generation. We also want to be the best place to raise a multi-generational family.”

Elected officials shared



Mayor Michelle Wu with Representative Adrian Madaro and Councilor Gigi Coletta.

information on the investments that are being made in the neighborhood, and discussed topics regarding floodplains, health-care access, and parking. Attendees learned about local resources while en-

joying Dunkin’ coffee and donuts, and fruit from Star Market. Neighbors were also able to bring home flowers and vegetable seeds provided by Parks and Recreation.



Boston Police Captain Bickerton speaking with residents.



Residents receiving flowers and vegetable seeds from Parks and Recreation.



East Boston residents gathering for Mayor Wu’s May 17 Coffee Hour at Noyes Playground.



Councilor Gigi Coletta, Representative Adrian Madaro, Nury Garcia, Denise Rincón, Fernando Rosas, Walter Castañeda, and Carlos Cespedes, who received certificates of recognition from the City of Boston, with Mayor Michelle Wu, and Gladys Oliveros.

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Ang Greene enjoys fresh fruit from Star Market.



Glenn Salza holds the plant he received from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department greenhouses.



Spotted at Mayor Michelle Wu's May 17 Neighborhood Coffee Hour are, left to right, Lisa Cappuccio, Fatima Litim, Paul Travaglini, and Mary Berninger. Attendees were treated to Dunkin' coffee and donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market along with potted plants grown at the Parks Department greenhouses in Franklin Park.



Alberta (left) and Deborah Cali (right) of East Boston join Gloria Rivera of Dorchester at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour hosted by the Boston and Recreation Department at Noyes Playground in East Boston on May 17.



Boston's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space Rev. Mariama White-Hammond congratulates Dunkin' raffle winner Amparo Perez.



Recently arrived in America from Colombia, Ruby Ariza received a flowering plant from the Boston Parks Department's greenhouses and made a new friend in Damien Cabezas, president and CEO of North Suffolk Community Services.



Mayor Michelle Wu addresses a packed crowd at the May 17 Neighborhood Coffee Hour at Noyes Playground presented by the Boston and Recreation Department in partnership with Dunkin' and Star Market. The Coffee Hours give residents the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Mayor Wu and City officials while enjoying treats from Dunkin' and Star Market.



Guadalupe Maravilla, *Mariposa Relámpago*, 2023. Courtesy of Guadalupe Maravilla and P.P.O-W, New York. Photo by Chris Cardoza. © Guadalupe Maravilla

GUADALUPE MARAVILLA: MARIPOSA RELÁMPAGO

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Please join us for a special preview of the new exhibition at the ICA Watershed featuring the works of Guadalupe Maravilla (b. 1976, San Salvador, El Salvador), including the unveiling of his largest sculpture to date, *Mariposa Relámpago* (Lightning Butterfly). The artist will be onsite and will share a Sound Bath demonstration at 1:15.





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MISSING PERSON ALERT

The Boston Police Department is seeking the public’s assistance in efforts to locate Reina Morales Rojas, 41, of East Boston. She is described as a Hispanic Female, 5’5”, 145lbs, black hair and brown eyes. We are praying Reina is found and returned with her family.

Anyone with information regarding her whereabouts is advised to contact 911 or A-7 Department at (617) 343-4324.

BPD Missing Person Alert Update: 41-Year-Old Reina Morales Rojas - Correction on First Name Spelling and New Photographs Released

January 19, 2023



Coletta announces community trash initiative in District 1

Special to the Times-Free Press

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta is announcing a community trash initiative in District 1 to reduce trash and litter across the neighborhood and foster community pride.

“I’ve heard from many residents about the accumulation of trash. Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End are extremely dense neighborhoods that make them susceptible to more debris and trash build-up. Last Summer, when my office implemented a Summer of Service initiative, my team collected over 80 pounds of trash throughout these neighborhoods. I’m excited to launch this initiative in partnership with the City of Boston, Boston Public Schools, and the community to promote keeping our neighborhoods clean,” said Councilor Gabriela Coletta. “We’re tackling this perennial issue through a multi-layered strategy focusing on litter prevention (barrels), civic education, and trash mitigation (hokies, clean-ups). Let’s stand together against littering and illegal dumping that contribute to air, land, and ocean pollution. We’ll foster community pride while leveraging city resources to ensure that our communities remain bright and beautiful for future generations.”

Councilor Coletta is fighting for additional city resources, such as reviewing and reforming trash contracts, additional funding for the Office of Civic Organizing’s “Love Your Block,” identifying high pedestrian corridors for additional trash barrels, and more staff capacity and resources for rat mitigation. She seeks to promote civic engagement by installing signs across the district promoting beautifying the streets. BPS Students across the district will create signs that residents and businesses can adopt saying “Keep our community beautiful, don’t litter!” in multiple languages.

The initiative seeks to amplify the efforts of various organizations that conduct regular community clean-ups across the district. Over the Spring and Summer, Councilor Gabriela Coletta and her team will work on joining community clean-ups across the district and collaborate with neighborhood groups to assign neighborhood captains to help with ongoing clean-ups.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

JAVIER PARTICIPATES IN RUNWAY SHOWS

Sheri Javier, a Lasell University student from East Boston, participated in the institution’s annual RUNWAY shows last month.

Javier was a designer who presented original work at the RUNWAY undergraduate show.

The annual fashion shows featured work from 89 student designers and more than 150 models and production staff members. An undergraduate show on Friday, April 28, showcased work across 11 categories, including sweater knits, corsetry, athleisure, and non-textiles. On Saturday, senior designers presented full collections.

Fashion merchandising and management students Jacqueline Minasian ‘23 and Catherine King ‘23 co-directed the shows, while Noelle Engrassia ‘23 served as production assistant. With guidance from Kristin Kinsky, assistant professor of fashion and RUNWAY faculty director, the student leaders managed the entire process: sourcing, training, and coordinating models; managing production staff; coordinating backstage and front-of-house needs; overseeing promotions and media; and working with designers to make their visions a reality.

The senior class show on Saturday, April 29, highlighted collections from 22 fashion design and production students from the fashion design and production Class of 2023. Each collection included seven looks developed over the course of the year with accompanying music and video content to convey the designer’s vision.

The RUNWAY shows closed out Lasell’s end-of-year academic festivities, including the Connected Learning Symposium on Thursday, April 27.

HAIDAR NAMED TO SNHU DEAN’S LIST

Sara Haidar of East boston has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Winter 2023 Dean’s List. The winter terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Docket No. SU23CO219CA

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# Salem State nursing majors present research at nursing conference in Nashville

Special to the Journal

Ten Salem State University nursing majors attended the National Student Nurses' Association's (NSNA) annual conference in Nashville, Tennessee in April, and four of them presented research that they conducted for their senior theses.

The students are all members of the university's chapter of NSNA known as the Student Nurses' Association (SNA). As part of the event in April, four of them, all seniors in the Commonwealth Honors Program, joined nursing students from across the country displaying posters that outlined their research.

"The importance of having our students attend the conference was twofold," said Salem State Nursing Professor Marion Frost, who accompanied the group. "First, it provided them the opportunity to discuss their work with others in the nursing field. Second-

ly, our students got the chance to learn about the research that other nursing majors from across the country are doing."

Seniors presenting at the conference included:

- Kacy Cameron of Duxbury. Presenting thesis: "Myths, Implicit Bias, and Pain Disparities for Patients of Color in Emergency Department Settings."
- Alicia Donoso of Lynn. Presenting thesis: "Interventions to Reduce Overprescribing and Adverse Effects of Opioids for Post-Operative Pain Management."
- Rachel Gray of Peabody. Presenting Thesis: "The Comprehensive Care of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD): The Application of Evidence to Nursing Practice."
- Kaleigh Lessieur of Lowell. Presenting Thesis: "Treatments for Adolescents Affected By Eating Disorders: A Systemic Review of Literature."

Other SSU student nursing leaders attending the conference:

- Molly Egan, of Norwood, on SNA's executive board
- Kelsey Payne, of Everett, on SNA's executive board
- Lauren Springer, of Arlington, on SNA's executive board
- Erika Cheever of Revere, SNA member
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# As Memorial Day fast approaches, NFPA offers grilling safety tips to help reduce fires and injuries

Often considered the unofficial kick-off to summer, Memorial Day weekend is synonymous with outdoor celebrations and cookouts. With the holiday just around the corner and the warmer months upon us, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) is working to ensure that people understand where potential grilling risks exist and ways to minimize them.

“Because outdoor grilling involves the use of a fuel source to generate an open flame, it inherently presents potential fire risks that needs to be

taken seriously,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA.

NFPA data shows that between 2017 and 2021, U.S. fire departments responded to an annual average of 11,421 home fires involving grills, hibachis, or barbecues, including 5,763 structure fires and 5,659 outside or unclassified fires. These fires caused an annual average of two civilian deaths, 176 reported civilian injuries, and \$172 million in direct property damage. July was the leading month for grilling fires (16 percent),

followed by June (14 percent), May (12 percent) and August (11 percent); grilling fires in November through February accounted for 4 percent or less each year.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), for the same fire-year period, an annual average of 22,155 patients went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Nearly half (47 percent) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects. These burns

typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, grill part or hot coals. In fact, children under five accounted for an average of 2,820 of the contact-type burns (46 percent) per year.

“These numbers reinforce that grilling fires can and do happen. However, there’s no need to avoid grilling during Memorial Day or in the months ahead,” said Carli. “Instead, by following simple safety precautions, people can greatly reduce the risk of experiencing a grilling fire.”

NFPA offers a wealth of tips, recommendations, and resources for grilling safely, including these key messages:

- For propane grills, check the gas tank for leaks before use in the months ahead. (Watch NFPA’s video on how to check for leaks.)
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Place the grill well away from the home, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always make sure

your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- If you use starter fluid when charcoal grilling, only use charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. When you have or are finished grilling, let the coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container.
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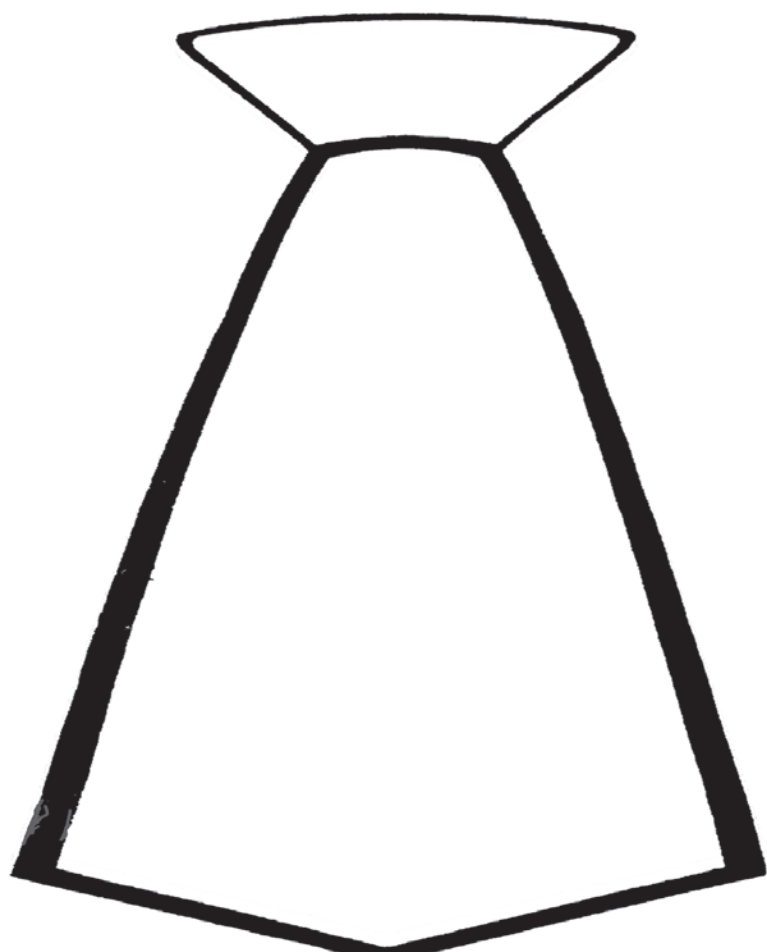
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## Crime prevention measures to protect Postal employees announced

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) and United States Postal Inspection Service (Postal Inspection Service) announced expanded actions to protect Postal employees and the security of the nation’s mail and packages as threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail fraud incidents have escalated concurrently with a national rise in crime. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service held a joint briefing for Congress members and staff on these efforts on May 11.

“As crime rises, so do the threats against our public servants,” said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. “The men and women of the Postal Service are walking our nation’s streets every day to fulfil our mission of delivering mail and packages to the American people. Every Postal employee deserves to work in safety and to be free from targeting by criminals seeking to access the public’s mail.”

“We’re doubling down on our efforts to protect our Postal employees and the security of the mail. We are hardening targets – both physical and digital – to make them less desirable to thieves and working with our law enforcement partners to bring perpetrators to justice,” said Postal Inspection Service Chief Gary Barksdale.

Incidents of letter carrier robberies are on the rise across the nation. In FY22, 412 USPS letter carriers were robbed on the job. With 305 incidents reported in the first half of FY23, these incidents are increasingly more prevalent. Additionally, the agency reported an increase in high volume mail theft incidents from mail receptacles including blue collection boxes: 38,500 in FY22 and more than 25,000 in the first half of FY23. The Postal Service will continue to work with its unions and management associations on training and employee education for letter carriers and other postal workers.

Recognizing these ongoing safety threats, the Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are expanding their Project Safe Delivery crime prevention initiative to

protect Postal employees and facilities, prevent mail and package theft and enforce the law against individuals who perpetrate crimes against Postal employees or engage in mail and package theft. Expanded Project Safety Delivery actions include:

- Reducing Letter Carrier Robberies and Mail Theft – As part of Project Safe Delivery, USPS and USPIIS are taking action to harden physical targets against criminal activity and reduce criminal acts against postal employees including:
- 12,000 High Security Blue Collection Boxes To Be Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is hardening blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. These boxes are now being deployed in high security risk areas through the next fiscal year. The Postal Service will continue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes.
- 49,000 Electronic Locks to Replace Antiquated Arrow Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Arrow Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service will replace 49,000 antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks. New locks have been installed in select cities with installation to occur in additional major metropolitan areas soon. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.
- Preventing Change of Address Fraud –The Postal Service processed more than 33 million change of address (COA) transactions in FY22. The majority of COA frauds are driven by an identity theft motive separate from the Postal Service. The Postal Service is not the intended target but implicated as the fraudster intercepts financially oriented mail,

credit cards or checks. The Postal Service is embarking on strengthening authentication processes for all methods of COA – electronic, and hard copy format whether by mail or in-person. Actions include:

- In April, the Postal Service implemented dual authentication Identity Verification Services for online change of addresses transactions to provide enhanced security controls to reduce fraud.
- Effective May 31, the Postal Service will offer enhanced in-person change of address transactions at Post Offices and retail outlets. COA customers can verify their identity by presenting an approved form of identification to a retail clerk.
- Postal Service customers seeking a COA will now receive a validation letter at their old address and receive an activation letter at their new address.
- As an additional safeguard, the Postal Service will no longer accept third-party change of address submissions.
- Defeating counterfeit postage – In FY2022, the Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service seized more than 340,000 packages with counterfeit postage and more than 7.7 million counterfeit stamps with an estimated \$7.8 million loss avoidance for the Postal Service. Expanded actions to crack down on fraudulent postage include:
- Postal Service interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed. The Postal Service will fully exercise new authority to take possession and dispose of packages identified with counterfeit postage.
- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration
- Promotion of the Inspection Service’s rewards program which provides rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a person that unlawfully uses, reuses,

or forges postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or uses, sells, or possesses with the intent to sell any used, forged, or counterfeit postage stamp or other postage.

Throughout the year, the Postal Inspection Service will continue to partner with federal, state, and local authorities to enforce the laws and bring criminals to justice. The Postal Service and Postal Inspection Service will continue to adapt to evolving security threats and implement expanded measures to safeguard Postal employees and preserve the security of the mail that Postal Service customers expect and deserve.

Action the American Public Can Take To Help Prevent Mail Theft

Customers can take several steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- Don’t let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox. You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.
- Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.
- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.
- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.
- Keep an eye out for your letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.

Customers are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at [www.uspis.gov/report](http://www.uspis.gov/report) or calling 877-876-2455. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to report allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct, including attempts to corrupt a Postal Service employee, to the USPS OIG at 1-888-877-7644 or [www.uspsoig.gov](http://www.uspsoig.gov).

## OBITUARIES

### Diane Lennon-Blasetti

Food Industry Retiree

Diane M. Lennon-Blasetti, 80, of Brockton passed away on Friday, May 12th, at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston.

Born and raised in Boston, she was the daughter of the late George and Louise (Mirabello) Lennon. Diane worked for many years in the food service industry. She lived for a time in Florida before returning to Massachusetts in 2022 and settling in Brockton.

Diane loved her grandchildren very much and always sent them home from visits with big bags of candy. She also enjoyed watching “The Price Is Right,” spending evenings playing cribbage and cards with friends and doing crossword puzzles.

Diane was the devoted mother of Joseph Blasetti and his wife, Donna of Medford and Cathy Blasetti of Fruitland Park, Florida and her partner, Ray Marrero. She was the loving grandmother of Brittany Blasetti, Lauren Blasetti, John Blasetti, Russel Boughner Jr. and the late Joseph Blasetti Jr.; the dear sister of George “Rusty” Lennon and his late wife Karen, Thomas Lennon and his wife Joyce, Kenneth Lennon and his wife Elsa, Roberta Moscato and her husband Joseph, and Doreen Doddy and her husband Brian. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. The family would like to acknowl-



edge Diane’s best friend Brenda (Remick-Blasetti), they had a wonderful friendship that was built on love, trust and respect for each other. We are so very grateful that these two women had such a beautiful friendship and were able to have the time to make many happy memories.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph Church, 118 High St., Medford, on Friday, May 26 at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend and are encouraged to arrive at church prior to the 10 a.m. start of Mass. Visiting hours have been respectfully omitted. Services will conclude with burial in St. Patrick Cemetery, Stoneham.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in Diane’s name to Aspire living and learning, 2096 Airport Rd., Berlin, Vermont 05641; In memory of Diane Lennon-Blasetti / C/O Tommy Lennon; Attn: Judy. Tel. #802-881-3121.

### Jennie Garufo

Beloved Family Matriarch

Jennie (Staffier) Garufo of East Boston passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 16.

Jennie will be remembered for her love and commitment to family. She was the matriarch of the family. Living in East Boston throughout her life, Jennie will always be remembered for opening her home to all. She left everyone with a full heart and full belly. Everyone will miss her dearly.

Jennie was the loving wife of the late Carmello Garufo. She was the daughter of Louisa and Emillio Staffier; the beloved sister to eight siblings. She was a loving mother to her children: Linda Camerano and her husband, Peter of West Roxbury, Carl Garufo and his partner, Tony Brownstein of Hyannis, Janet Ikononopoulos and her late husband, Kostas of Peabody, James Garufo and his wife, Elizabeth of Winthrop, Stephen Garufo and his wife, Karen of Palm Harbor, and Denise MacMillan and her husband, Jay of Revere. She



is survived by her grandchildren: Kristen Jasset, Adrienne Camerano, Joseph Camiolo, Angela Koziski, Amanda Ikonos, Cal and Regina Garufo, James MacMillan, Stephen, Peter, Anna and Gabriel Garufo. She is also survived by many great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday, May 23rd, at St Joseph and St Lazarus Church, 59 Ashley St, East. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer’s Foundation, 309 Waverly Oaks Rd Waltham MA 02452.

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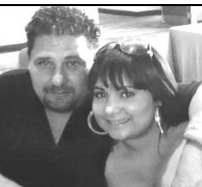
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SACRED HEART PARISH HOLDS WINE AND CRAFT BEER TASTING

The Sacred Heart Parish held a Wine and Craft Beer Tasting on May 19 in honor of the church’s 150th anniversary. Parishioners sampled fine, Italian-imported wines provided by Highland Wine Company, craft beers provided by Night Shirt Brewery, in Everett, and

lemon, chili, and white truffle-flavored olive oils provided by Saponi di Famiglia, of Medford. The fundraiser benefitted the Sacred Heart’s 150th anniversary celebration on June 18 at Spinelli’s, Lynnfield. Contact the Sacred Heart Parish at (617) 567-5776 to purchase tickets.



Paul and Lisa Lichtenegger sampling Moscato and Pinot Grigio.



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6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is hosting two virtual public information meetings to update the public on the first of two full closures of the Sumner Tunnel. The first closure will take place from July 5, 2023 to August 31, 2023. The second closure will take place next summer from July 2024 to August 2024.

These meetings will discuss project goals, construction activities and travel options for the public during the closure. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. Meeting attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will provide the same information. Holding two meetings is an effort by MassDOT to accommodate everyone’s schedules as best possible. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both meetings.

Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us at: [summer100@dot.state.ma.us](mailto:summer100@dot.state.ma.us).

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