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EAST BOSTON KIDS JOINED SAVE THE HARBOR/SAVE THE BAY'S ANNUAL BEACH BASH



Above, Boston Scores kids at Save The Harbor/Save The Bay's Beach Bash.

PHOTOS BY IRKA PEREZ.

On Wednesday, July 12, as heat and humidity soared, 500 kids beat the heat at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's annual Youth Beach Bash on DCR's Constitution Beach in East Boston, including 68 people from Maverick Landing Community Service and the Boston Scores groups in East Boston.

While JetBlue volunteers served sandwiches and drinks, the kids played soccer, made sand art, got fishing lessons from

Save the Harbor's youth staff, kayak rides with Piers Park Sailing Center, and heard tales of the high seas from drag performer Big Ohh as the infamous pirate Mary Read. Shirley Fabbio from the East Boston Chamber of Commerce was on the beach sharing games and activities with the kids as well.

The event culminated at noon with Grooversity Boston's Drumline, aNova Brazil, leading a 400-kid

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Right, Save The Harbor/Save The Bay Youth Staff making a big splash as part of the annual Beach Bash tradition. Photo by Irka Perez.



PHOTO BY KATY ROGERS.

Over 400 kids and teens joined Jetblue, TrikeHub, and Grooversity before their big splash at Consuttion Beach.

Things to do at the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival

Special to the Times-Free Press

Get ready to immerse yourself in a world of creativity, fun, and unforgettable experiences! Whether you're a fan of live entertainment, a huge foodie, bringing the whole family to the beach, or want to be in awe of the art of our master sand sculptors, we have something for you.

The Revere Beach In-

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For the 19th festival theme, Kong is the featured character, and a bigger than life figure he is. See more photos on page 7.

GSCA pondering two development proposals

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Following the presentation of two separate proposed developments — 9 Geneva Street and 9 McKay Place — at the Gove Street Citizens Association's (GSCA) regular meeting on Monday, members of the community got together to discuss each project.

Each of these projects was presented to the GSCA

at last month's meeting; however, Monday's meeting served as an opportunity for both the project teams to respond to previous concerns about the projects and for the community as a whole to discuss the projects once again before a vote is held.

The proposal at 9 Geneva Street, which was presented by Attorney Richard

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Draft recommendations for waterfront and evolving industrial areas released

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As part of PLAN: East Boston, a planning initiative that touches on aspects such as zoning, design guidelines, and more, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held a community meeting on Tuesday, July 18, to share draft recommendations for the neighborhood's

waterfront and evolving industrial areas in the inner harbor.

"After decades of economic disinvestment, recent development trends have transformed limited portions of East Boston's waterfront; however, much of the area remains physically and economically disconnected from

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BCYF Pino Community Center to host Fun Fest on July 27

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On Thursday, bring your friends and family to a fun and free Neighborhood Fun Fest Party and learn more about your neighborhood community center! The Fun Fest will be held on July 27, from 5-7 p.m. at BCYF Pino

Community Center, 86 Boardman Street in East Boston.

The BCYF Fun Fest will offer a variety of free activities including music, a cookout, a bouncy house / obstacle course, costume characters and clowns,

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

HADDI GRADUATES FROM TUFTS UNIVERSITY

Tufts University awarded more than 2,800 degrees across all schools during its ceremony commemorating the accomplishments of the Class of 2023.

Ali Haddi of East Boston graduated with a degree in Child Study & Human Dev (BA) from Tufts University.

Tufts University, located on campuses in Boston, Medford/Somerville and Grafton, Massachusetts, and in Talloires, France, is recognized among the premier research universities in the United States. Tufts enjoys a global reputation for academic excellence and for the preparation of students as leaders in a wide range of professions. A growing number of innovative teaching and research initiatives span all Tufts campuses, and collaboration among the faculty and students in the undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs across the university's schools is widely encouraged.

HOLY CROSS ANNOUNCES SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Local students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2022-23 academic year. The following local students made the list:

Eileen Ledesma of East Boston, Class of 2026

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must pass four or more letter-graded courses with no failing grades during the semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

About Holy Cross

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, ex-

clusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

TUFTS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Tufts University recently announced the dean's list for the spring 2023 semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

The following earned Dean's List honors:

Amina Addaberkane of East Boston

Ali Haddi of East Boston

Victor Portillo of East Boston

Miguel Rincon of Boston (02128)

Paola Ruiz Manrique of East Boston

Jace Wai of East Boston

LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE UMASS AMHERST SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2023 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a four-point scale.

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Kevin Joan Bedoya Catano

Rosanna Teresa Caralis

Maxwell Shane McHugh

Jiacheng Mei

Alex Vuong Nguyen

Arlette Vanessa Ordonez

Cameron Alexander Shepherd

Cristina Lisseth Vasquez

Anna Zou

BPS join Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown's Bridge Program

Boston Public Schools (BPS) is proud to announce its collaboration with Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown's 7uice Foundation's signature 2023 Bridge Program. This multi-day camp aims to provide Boston's high school students access to a wide range of resources to help them achieve a choice-filled life. Around 100 Boston Public Schools students are registered to participate in the 2023 Bridge Program.

By collaborating with the renowned MIT Media Lab, the Bridge Program offers a transformative experience for participating high school students, introducing them to STEAM-related opportunities while focusing on emotional literacy, financial literacy and leadership.

"We are excited to join forces with The 7uice Foundation's Bridge Program to empower our Black and Brown students with invaluable opportunities and experiences," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. "The 7uice Foundation's Bridge Program is a wonderful and powerful example of a true

collaboration that aligns with our vision of educational equity in BPS. We are so thankful to Jaylen Brown and his foundation for helping to prepare our students to be full contributors and leaders in an increasingly diverse and technologically advanced world."

"I'm thankful to be able to team up with Boston Public Schools and the MIT Media Lab to host our third year of the Bridge Program," said Jaylen Brown. "All kids, no matter their zip codes, should have access to these resources, and I'm committed to creating equal-opportunity education programs that benefit traditionally underserved communities. I see myself in a lot of these kids and want to give them all the chances in the world to succeed and be their best selves."

The Bridge Program centers around three key areas that are crucial for students' personal and academic growth:

- Leadership and Activism: Connecting Bridge participants with leaders of social change to advance a transformed society in which youth of



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Boston Celtics star Jaylen Brown.

color can access opportunities that will change their lives and that of their communities.

- Health and Wellness: Offering programs that incorporate yoga, meditation, empathy, and emotional literacy workshops. These programs aim to cultivate mindfulness skills and support the Bridge participants in effectively communicating their experiences and narratives and promoting healing and personal growth.
- Sustainability, Innovation & Technology: Introduce participants to workshops led by distinguished researchers within the fields of artificial intelligence, aeronautics, virtual

reality, clean technology, robotics, and sustainable food systems. In a rapidly changing environmental and technological world, the Bridge Program introduces participants to advanced technological tools and justice-based approaches that can be utilized to address the most urgent challenges of our time.

The 2023 Bridge Program incorporates the concept of "Sankofa," symbolizing the importance of acknowledging historical knowledge and wisdom to shape a better future. The program seeks to create a culturally relevant and transformative experience for all participants.

Wu and BPHC announce new contract with Boston EMS

Mayor Wu, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), and Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS) announced the appropriation approval of the new collective bargaining agreement for the Boston Police Patrolman Association's EMS Division, which represents 355 current emergency medical technicians (EMTs), Paramedics, Lieutenants and Captains of Boston EMS. The Boston City Council approved the budget appropriation for the ratified contract yesterday.

"I am so grateful to all members of Boston EMS for their service and proud that this contract was settled through our shared commitment to delivering on reforms that will enhance the care we provide our residents, particularly the most vulnerable," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

Boston EMS hopes the new contract will help retain current members and entice state certified EMTs to come work for the department. Starting pay for new hires is now \$33 per hour, with opportunities for overtime after six months, as well as annual step increases, raises, and longevity bonuses. As a critical City service facing staffing challenges, the contract also includes a 3-year temporary suspension of the residency requirement.

In addition to cost-of-living wage increases, the agreement includes a Mobile Integrated Health Care (MIH) adjustment. As a public safety and healthcare profession, EMS is an evolving field.

"The men and women of Boston EMS have adapted to new clinical standards, expectations, and innovations, over the

years, through a commitment to doing what is in the best interest of our residents and our patients. MIH has been no exception," said Chief of Department James Hooley.

MIH includes the option of 9-1-1 call transfers to behavioral health clinicians, treatment on scene, and transport to non-hospital destinations.

"This contract is about change," said Matt Anderson, president of the BPPA-EMS Division. "We are writing history, redefining what it means to provide emergency medical services in Boston."

MIH is intended to increase access to care, decrease avoidable emergency department visits, prioritize EMS resources for patients in more critical condition, and improve patient care coordination.

"We are proud that Boston EMS was the first

EMS in the Commonwealth to be approved for Mobile Integrated Health Care Emergency Department Avoidance. The department works tirelessly to serve patients across all neighborhoods, with compassion and dignity, and the best possible care," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission.

For those not certified as EMTs, Boston EMS has secured funding through the City's Office of Workforce Development to offer hundreds of EMT course scholarships through their City Academy program. EMTs interested in a rewarding career at Boston EMS are encouraged to go to www.boston.gov/ems to learn more and apply.



Virtual Public Meeting

PLAN: East Boston - Reunión Comunitaria en Español

el Frente Costero & las Áreas Industriales en Desarrollo del Inner Harbor


August 1, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/PLANEastBostonEspanol0801

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 161 595 3157



Project Description:

Acompáñenos a una reunión pública en español para aprender sobre las recomendaciones provisorias para el Frente Costero y las Áreas Industriales en Desarrollo, dentro de las comunidades que forman parte del Inner Harbor. Este evento es parte del PLAN: East Boston, una iniciativa de planificación que, una vez finalizada, actualizará la zonificación del vecindario, proveerá guías de diseño urbano, y propondrá mejoras al espacio público, incluyendo mejoras a corto y largo plazo para la red de transporte. Se ofrecerá servicio de interpretación en inglés.

Por el momento, la Agencia de Planificación y Desarrollo de Boston (BPDA en inglés), continúa brindando reuniones públicas de manera virtual por la salud, seguridad y accesibilidad de los residentes de Boston. Para más información y adelantos, visite bostonplans.org.

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News in Brief

COLOMBIA BOSTON FESTIVAL SET FOR AUGUST 5

The Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC) and the Colombia Cultural Heritage Committee invites everyone to the the ‘Colombia Boston’ festival, a group of enthusiastic Colombians and lovers of Colombian culture who are working together to open this space to highlight the rich, and colorful culture of Colombia in Boston. Last year, more than 1,500 people had the opportunity to experience an authentic celebration with delicious food, folkloric dances, traditional music, and troubadours. Festival will take place on Border St. between Lexington and Saratoga St. behind Veronica Robles Cultural Center on Saturday, August 5 from 2 to 8 PM.. Admission is free and everyone is welcome! The mission of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC) is to promote Latino arts and culture as an engine for stronger communities and economic growth.

BOSTON WARD 1 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

The East Boston Republican Ward Committee is holding its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening, August 1, 2023 starting at 6:30 p. m. The meeting will be at Kelley Square Pub, at 84 Bennington Street (at the corner of Marion Street) in East Boston. 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 eastbostonrepublicanwardcomm@gmail.com.

MAYOR WU’S MOVIE NIGHTS BEGIN AUGUST 8

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department’s ParkARTS program presents Mayor Wu’s Movie Nights in 11 City of Boston parks from Tuesday, August 8, through Friday, September 1. All shows begin at dusk. The series is hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and title sponsor Bank of America with additional support from College

H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving and the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. Dates and locations are as follows: Tuesday, August 8 “Minions: The Rise of Gru” Moakley Park 1005 Columbia Road, South Boston Friday, August 11 Meteor shower program featuring “Light-year” Hynes Playground 502 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury Monday, August 14 “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever” Horatio Harris Park 58 Harold Street, Roxbury Tuesday, August 15 “Marcel the Shell with Shoes On” Ringer Playground 85 Allston Street, Allston Wednesday, August 16 “DC League of Super Pets” Hannon Playground 621 Dudley Street, Dorchester Monday, August 21 “Vivo” Noyes Playground 86 Boardman Street, East Boston Tuesday, August 22 “Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile” Peters Park 230 Shawmut Avenue, South End Wednesday, August 23 “Spiderman: No Way Home” Healy Playground 160 Florence Street, Roslindale Monday, August 28 “DC League of Super Pets” Iacono Playground 150 Readville Street, Hyde Park Tuesday, August 29 “The Bad Guys” Training Field/Winthrop Square 55 Winthrop Street, Charlestown Friday, September 1 “The Super Mario Bros. Movie” Boston Common Parade Ground 38 Beacon Street, Boston

All ParkARTS performances are free of charge. For more information please go to Boston.gov/MovieNight or contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Beach Bash //

strong parade along the shore to the lifeguarded swimming area, where they cooled off with a big splash into the waters of Constitution Beach. “This event was designed and voted on by East Boston kids as part of our participatory budgeting process in this year’s Better Beaches Program” said Save the Harbor Better Beaches Director, Maya Smith. “This program is a democratic process where community members decide how part of a budget is spent, allowing them to vote on and pitch their own events.” “Any opportunity to shift power into the hands of the people of Boston makes a positive impact among our constituents,” said Senator Lydia Edwards, Vice Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commision. “Our community members share ownership of so many incredible beaches, so it is exciting to create programming that empowers people to harness that

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ownership and directly select events that reflect them.” “This fantastic annual event directly addresses the feedback we heard on how we can make these spectacular public places more equitable and welcoming to everyone,” said Representative Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission “Plus it’s so fun to see all the kids out on the beach after all our work towards more accessible, clean, and safe beaches.” “We couldn’t do events and programs like this without the sustained and generous support of our partners and funders, especially the Healey/Driscoll Administration and the Department of Conservation and Recreation.” said Save The Harbor/Save The Bay’s Executive Director Chris Mancini. We’re so grateful, too for our incredible donors at Liberty Mutual Foundation, Coca-Cola Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of

Massachusetts, Eastern Salt Company, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, JetBlue, John Hancock Financial Services, Massport, the Mass Cultural Council, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the National Grid Foundation, and of course the hundreds of individual donors who support us every year.” Mancini went on to acknowledge donors Alexandria, Amazon, Bay State Cruise Company, BXP - Atlantic Wharf, City of Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment, the Comcast Foundation, Constellation Generation, the Cronin Group, Hood Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Trust, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, National Development, Nutter, P & G Gillette, Pembroke

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Sand Sculpting //

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ternational Sand Sculpting Festival is an annual summer staple that combines the mesmerizing artistry of sand sculptures with a wide range of exciting activities. If you’re planning to stop by but don’t know where to start, we have you covered! Don’t get us wrong, plenty of people just wander aimlessly along Revere Beach Blvd to see all the festival’s attractions and that’s absolutely fine. But, if you want the perfect guide to the Sand Sculpting Festival so you don’t miss a thing, make sure to keep reading. **Getting There** With the Summer Tunnel closure increasing traffic, the MBTA is providing free transportation on the MBTA Blue Line! We encourage guests to take the T (which is super easy to use) and just hop off at the Wonderland or Revere Beach stations which are both within walking distance to the festival. If you are driving, the closest and most cost-effective parking is at the Wonderland Station Parking Garage.

Family Fun Amusements The first thing you’re going to spot when you walk over is the Ferris Wheel. Seriously you won’t be able to miss it. If you’ve been to the festival before just know we have upgraded the Ferris Wheel this year and will have one of the largest traveling wheels in New England! Start here so you can get the perfect spot to see the full festival and the beautiful view of the ocean.

Support Your Local Businesses The only thing better than shopping is shopping for a good cause and this is the perfect excuse. New to the festival this year is The Beach Shop Pavilion. Basically, this area is dedicated to highlight local Revere businesses, emerging small businesses, or non-profit. With 19 different shops there will be plenty to browse from luxury sunglasses from Niraji to the perfect beach-themed décor from Ashley Mary Craftery and much more!

Engaging Entertainment Prepare to be entertained by an incredible lineup of live performances throughout the festival.

From talented musicians to captivating dancers and engaging performers, there will be four designated spots throughout the festival that will be alive with energy and excitement. The place to be on Friday night at 7pm will be the centerpiece for a special performance by none other than Blue Man Group. These three will let you see the world in a whole new way with their paint drums, one-of-a-kind instruments, and interactive show.

Fireworks Extravaganza Prepare to be dazzled by our Fireworks Extravaganza that will light up the night sky. Make sure to grab a spot along the sea wall for the best view of the display beginning at 9PM on Saturday, July 29th. Watch in awe as the colorful explosions illuminate the sand sculptures, creating a magical atmosphere. It’s the perfect way to end your Saturday night with a breathtaking spectacle.

Calling All Foodies Indulge your taste buds with an enticing array of food trucks and vendors. From savory to sweet, there’s something to satisfy every craving. Whether you’re in the mood for creative Asian street food from Moyzilla, the best hot dog from Trolley Dogs, an ice cream cool-down with Ben & Jerry’s, or your typical festival snack from Fiesta Shows, there is truly something for everyone! Right now, there’s almost 30 food trucks and vendors to choose from so we definitely recommend checking out the full list!

Grab A Drink After exploring the festival for a bit, head to the Samuel Adams Beer Garden to unwind and soak up the festival atmosphere. Savor a refreshing selection of Samuel Adams products including Truly Seltzers, Twisted Tea, Wicked Hazy, and Angry Orchard as you mingle with fellow 21+ attendees. Raise a glass to the celebration, relax with some games, and enjoy the live music.

Beach Fit Weekend Looking to break a sweat and rejuvenate your body and mind? Join invigorating and free workout classes offered at the MoveStudios Mobile Stage with workouts on Revere Beach. From morning yoga sessions that allow you to connect with nature to high-energy group fitness HIIT classes, you can exercise in a refreshing beach setting while being surrounded by the incredible sand sculptures. It’s the perfect opportunity to stay active and find your inner balance.

Sand Sculptures Saving the best for last is the whole reason why everyone is coming to the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival, the sand sculptures! These sculptures are truly a work of art that captivates our imagination and transports us into a world of creativity and wonder. With just sand, water, and boundless talent, Master Sand Sculptors can transform ordinary grains into magnificent masterpieces. With the theme of this year’s festival being ‘Celebrating 90 Years of Kong’, one cannot wait to see the artistry of an epic battle of Kong featured at the centerpiece.


In addition to the centerpiece, there will be 15 Master Sand Sculptors from around the world in a heated competition for \$28,000 in prize money beginning Wednesday, July 26 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 28. Though all the sand sculptures are spectacular, make sure to watch last year’s 1st place winner, Abe Waterman, or the People’s Choice Award, Deborah Barret-Cutulle, transform sand and water into works of art.




Conclusion The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival offers experiences that will delight and entertain visitors of all ages. Immerse yourself in the mesmerizing world of sand sculptures while exploring the festival’s diverse attractions, including live entertainment, mouthwatering food, unique shopping, and a lively beer garden. Don’t miss out on this unforgettable experience that celebrates art, entertainment, and the joy of coming together. So, mark your calendars for July 28 through 30, and we hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more updates through our website www.rbissf.com, or follow us on social media.

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was established in 2001. The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America’s first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www.revere-beachpartnership.com or www.rbissf.com.


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THE REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events of the summer season in the Greater Boston area is set to take place this weekend when the 19th annual International Sand Sculpting Festival returns to Revere Beach this Friday, July 28, through Sunday, July 30.

America’s first public beach will host 15 sand sculptors from around the world who will display their amazing creations as they compete for \$28,000 in prizes. The theme for this year’s festival is King Kong, in observance of the 90th anniversary of the epic movie that captivates audiences to this day.

The festival is a free, family-friendly event that is hosted by the Revere Beach Partnership, a non-profit organization, and truly has something for everyone of all ages. The festival will feature vendors, food trucks, and a fireworks extravaganza on Saturday night in addition to the highly-competitive sand sculpture competition.

For entertainment, there will be over 20 acts of street performers, live music, and a special performance from Blue Man Group, in addition to various amusement rides. Vendors will include about 30 food trucks and there will be about 20 emerging small businesses and nonprofits taking part in the Beach Shop Pavillion.

For the first time, the Samuel Adams Beer Garden will offer live music, games, and entertainment from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, with the fireworks scheduled to go off at 9 p.m. Saturday evening.

With the promise of good weather, it is expected that close to a million visitors will turn out for the festivities. Needless to say, public transportation via the MBTA’s Blue Line -- which will be free -- is the best way to attend the festival, especially with the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs. The Revere Beach and Wonderland T stops literally are just minutes away by foot from Revere Beach.

This year’s festival promises to be better than ever -- and we urge all of our readers to take advantage of this unique and fun-filled opportunity.

A SAD, TRAGIC WEEK -- SAFETY ALWAYS MUST BE NUMBER ONE

When we looked at our Boston newspapers this past Thursday, a cavalcade of headlines, one-after-another, told stories of sadness and tragedy throughout our area.

There was the four year-old boy who was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in Hyde Park; the brothers who died in a single-car accident in Brockton; and the 11 year-old daughter of a former New England Revolution player who died in a boating accident in North Carolina. Saturday brought more tragedy -- a 21 year-old man who died while swimming in a lake in Hopkinton and a 17 year-old girl who died in a boating accident on the Cape.

These incidents remind us how precarious our lives, and those of our loved ones, can be -- and how life can take a turn for the tragic in just the blink of an eye. Accidents are the leading cause of death for young people in our country. Safety for ourselves and our loved ones never should be taken for granted and always must be our first priority in everything we do.

GOOD LUCK USA WOMEN’S SOCCER!

We wish to express our support for the U.S. women’s soccer team as they embark on their quest for a third straight FIFA World Cup, which this year is being held in Australia and New Zealand.

The U.S. women’s team has achieved unparalleled success in the World Cup, with four titles since 1991, and once again is among the favorites to win the championship, despite injuries to some of the American stars.

The women’s World Cup is something we look forward to every four years -- and we trust that 2023 once again will prove to be an exciting tournament for both ardent and casual soccer fans of all ages.

Your opinions, please

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GUEST OP-ED

Life is always changing

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

No doubt life is always changing. If you don’t like the weather it will change, eventually. It’s been hot most all over but cooler weather will come. In most of the country, cooler weather will be welcomed sooner rather than later.

An Arizona friend told me last week, “One hundred degrees is actually nice in our area. One hundred and twenty degrees is unbearable.” Across our country, Europe and Asia record temperatures have been recorded and for the longest periods of time.

When it’s icy cold weather we hope and wish for warm weather. The problem in many of our areas is that we don’t

have much moderately cool weather or moderately warm. It seems to either be blazing hot or freezing cold.

It’s hard to be satisfied. We get too hot and then we get too cold. Triple digit heat is insane and so is below zero. No one wants either one.

Have you ever been satisfied with your life? When were you satisfied? Were you happy when your parent was telling you what to do and how to live? Do you still have them telling you what to do? The day comes when they are no longer around. Most likely you didn’t take as much advice from them as you should have.

We don’t pay much at-

tention to old people when we are young but we wish we had. They knew more than us but we thought we knew everything. We now know how smart they were. We learn the hard way and by the time we figure it out life has greatly changed.

Life is always changing. Children grow into adults. Our bodies change. We get old if we are very fortunate and blessed.

If possible, try to be happy and content today with what you have, where you are and what you are doing. Life changes and while it may get better and better, it can always become worse.

Enjoy the sunshine and enjoy the rain. Enjoy the

car ride or sitting in your swing. Enjoy whatever labor you have to do. The time is coming when all will be through. Live your life the best you can and there will be times you don’t understand. So, make your schedule, make your plans and always do the best you can. After all is said and done, it’s all in God’s hands.

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.

Wu announces new East Boston and Jamaica Plain neighborhood liaisons

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Melissa Beltran as the new Jamaica Plain liaison and Manuela Villa Gomez as the new East Boston liaison in the Office of Neighborhood Services. Melissa and Manuela will serve as the primary contacts for constituents and businesses in the neighborhoods seeking to connect with the Mayor’s Office, and will facilitate the delivery of services in collaboration with City departments.

“Melissa and Manuela were raised in the neighborhoods they will now be serving, and bring this personal connection to their work,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Melissa has proven experience advocating for vulnerable populations in our city, and Manuela brings a passion for environmental justice and preserving the natural beauty of our communities. I look forward to working with both of them to better address the daily concerns of our residents.”

The Office of Neighborhood Services liaisons play an integral role in connecting residents to City services and resources by facilitating citizen

input in all aspects of local government through service requests, attending neighborhood meetings, and emergency responses.

“Melissa and Manuela are already passionate about their roles as liaisons because of their strong ties to their neighborhoods,” said Brianna Millor, Chief of Community Engagement. “I am confident they will serve East Boston and Jamaica Plain with compassion, equity, and enthusiasm to provide the best constituent services City Hall has to offer.”

As a first-generation college student, Melissa received a degree in Sociology with a minor in Communications from Worcester State University. In 2022, she was selected to join the SPARK Boston cohort to help encourage young adults to participate in local government initiatives. Melissa previously worked for the Boston Public Health Commission where she served in two departments: Homeless Services and the Youth Development Network.

“As a lifelong resident of Jamaica Plain, I’ve

seen firsthand the difference that having equitable access to essential city services can make in our community and I’m extremely thankful for the opportunity to continue to bridge the gap for not only underrepresented populations, but all of Jamaica Plain,” said Melissa Beltran, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services Jamaica Plain Liaison. “I take pride in serving as an inspiration for women and girls, and I’m excited to build on the foundation laid by Mayor Wu as the first elected woman leader of our city to encourage future generations to dream big and work hard to become the change they wish to see in their neighborhood.”

Mela (Manuela) Villa Gomez’s parents moved to East Boston when they arrived from Colombia in 2000. She attended Excel Academy Charter School and participated in a sailing camp at Piers Park Sailing Center. These two places were integral in developing her love for community programming and enjoying the natural resources available in the city. She attended Boston

College where she graduated with a degree in Environmental Studies and a concentration in Climate Change and Societal Adaptation.

“In this role, I want to continue connecting the people I serve with resources that are helpful to them, and thus contribute to the vibrancy of our neighborhood,” said Manuela Villa Gomez, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services East Boston Liaison. “East Boston is my favorite neighborhood in Boston because the people are so genuine and embrace diversity as a major melting pot of people. I’m committed to doing everything I can to maintain that legacy!”

The Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) encourages, facilitates, and maximizes citizen input and participation through service requests, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and emergency responses. To report non-emergency issues to the City, residents are encouraged to connect with BOS:311 by dialing 3-1-1 or by downloading the free BOS:311 app on iOS or Android platforms.

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Friends of Mary Ellen Welch Greenway elect new Board Members

New and old residents of East Boston have stepped up to volunteer as new Board Members of the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Inc. They will serve the East Boston community by building upon the efforts of previous community leaders that have strived to bring a beautiful and safe recreational space to East Boston.

Elizabeth Mullard will serve as the organization's new President. A new resident of East Boston since 2020, Elizabeth's grandfather, William Cooke, was formerly employed at General Ship and Ironworks, and served on the East Boston Bank's Board of Directors. An engineering graduate from Brown University, she brings her experience leading other



Elizabeth Mullard

non-profits, and her business acumen as an entrepreneur to the Friends organization as it strives to improve and expand its reach and participation. She has a particular interest in protecting and enjoying our natural environment.

Mark Warren will serve as the Board's new Treasurer. Mark's



Mark Warren

family has been from East Boston since his great-great-grandfather returned from service in the Civil War. Mark is a graduate of Northeastern University, with a major in public administration. He earned his law degree at Suffolk University Law School and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar. Mark worked for the City

of Boston's Law Department through the 1980s and served as an Assistant Corporation Counsel. In 1995, Mark was one of the original members of what was then known as the East Boston Greenway Council when the Greenway was just a concept, and now looks forward to improving the user experience on the Greenway.

David A. Lank is Founder and Principal of Sharpe Venture Group, an East Boston-based real estate development & investment company alongside his brother, Evan. David serves or has served on the Boards of Directors and Steering Committees for East Boston Main Streets, East Boston Social Centers, and others. While David has worked from East Boston for the

past decade, he, his wife, Laura, and dog, Grover, are finally moving to East Boston this summer. David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Brandon Gatti is a Boston-based woodworking professional who provides architects, general contractors, and interior designers with high-quality custom architectural millwork.

In 2013, he founded Grain Architectural Millwork and set up shop in an 8,000-square-foot facility located in the heart of the city in the Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina. Brandon gives his time to community-building endeavors including helping develop curriculum for IYRS, supporting the

Navy SEAL Foundation, and participating in the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association.

The Mary Ellen Welch Greenway is a recreational open space in East Boston that runs from the historic Jeffries Point Waterfront through the neighborhood towards Constitution Beach and beyond. Residents of all ages use it to run, jog, walk, bike, or just stroll while taking in the historic and ecological beauty of various points along its length. Though the Greenway is part-owned by the City of Boston and in part by Massport, the Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, an organization of residents, stewards its use and serves as the stewardship body.

The Joe Guarino/St. Lazarus Bowling League celebrates its 65th Anniversary

St. Lazarus Holy Name Bowling League, had its beginning in 1957, using the then popular Orient Heights Bowlaway Lanes located on Bennington Street. In 1998 the members of the St. John's Bowling league merged

with the larger league and became the St. Lazarus/St. John's Bowling League until 2017. In 2017 the league was renamed to the Joe Guarino/St. Lazarus Bowling League. Guarino was the longtime trusted treasurer of the

league, starting his career in 1957, and continuing to bowl until his passing in 2017. In remembrance of his dedication and love of the sport, it was only fitting the league carried his name.

The bowling season for 2022-2023 came to an end, all the bowlers

enjoyed an evening at the Kowloon Chinese Restaurant in Saugus. The Jimmy Thornell Play-off Trophy was presented to Nick Moulaison Jr., Gio Leone and Nick Moulaison. Congratulations to the 2023 winners, looking forward to seeing everyone next season.

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AUGUST 13	HIGH TIDE	(hippie rock)
AUGUST 20	YAYA DE ANGEL	(jazz / r&b)
AUGUST 27	KOTOKO BRASS	(percussion-fueled dance music from Ghana)

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REVERE BEACH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTURING WEEKEND IS HERE



There are several sponsor exhibits partially or completed for your viewing pleasure, one even at the foot of the Boulevard Bridge.



Celebrating his 90th Birthday, King Kong will be visiting Revere Beach this coming weekend.



Although the sculpturing contest does not begin until Thursday, sponsor exhibits are under way.

The sand is here, the sun is coming and so are millions of people getting ready to visit the Nation’s First Public Beach, Historic Revere Beach.

For the 19th festival theme, Kong is the featured character, and a bigger than life figure he is. Kong has battled every monster known to mankind, including men out to destroy his home. Lately King Kong has partnered with Godzilla to save the world, however this year he is donning a swimsuit and visiting the sunny beach in Revere, celebrating 90 years as part of our heritage and movie enjoyment.

The Revere Beach Partnership is happy to present this event for free, and it is very family friendly. From Friday July 28 running through Sunday, July 30, the event will be officially opened, although the sculptures will remain long after the crowds sub-



A beautiful sunny Sunday on Revere Beach brought bathers and walker to its location, all stopping to see the center piece come to life.

side. Hosting world class sculptures for the event, as well as food trucks, food vendors and other trinkets and paraphernalia will be available for purchase.

The most up to date information can be obtained at www.rbissf.com , or on social media.



The special sand for sculpturing is in place along Revere Beach’s shoreline, ready to be transposed into greatness, and in the image of this year’s celebrity, King Kong.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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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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GABRIELA COLETTA HOLDS SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT

Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta had a Summer Celebration event at The Tall Ship at Piers Park in East Boston. The event was an opportunity for constituents to meet and talk with the City Councilor while supporters could donate funds to her re-election campaign.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta speaks with Jo Ann Fitzgerald and Sally and Bryan Bigelow.



Boston City Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune speaks with confirms.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta with Tall Ship owner Charlie Larner, Boston Harbor Shipyard And Marina owner Ann Lagasse, and president and CEO of Boston Harbor Now Cathy Abbott.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta with Steve and Maria Kirk.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta with Gilbert Calderin and Thompson Vou.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta with Lauren Hunter-Dyson and Rock Musiol.



Some constituents from Charlestown were in attendance: Greg Nolan, Paul Scapicchio, Abby Nolan, and Charlie Larner.



Boston City Councilor-At-Large candidate Henry Santana speaks with voters.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta’s staff.

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Lynds, is to build a five-story, 28-unit building that is just over 52 feet tall on a site that consists of seven separate parcels spanning about 15,000 square feet that will be combined.

The project would also include 16 parking spaces and five IDP units — 17.85% of the total units proposed.

During this meeting, members of the GSCA's Board displayed a list of concerns that were compiled after last month's presentation. Some of these concerns included parking, the height and density of the project, the road quality of Geneva Street, and more.

During his presentation, Lynds discussed these concerns and why certain parts of the proposal are how they are. In his response to the parking concerns, Lynds referred to a maximum parking ratio plan from the city.

The plan gives "mobility scores" throughout the city, which corresponds with a maximum parking ratio for new rental or condo developments. For most of East Boston, the neighborhood's mobility score correlates to a maximum parking ratio for rentals at 0 to 0.75 and for condos at 0 to 1.0.

Using this plan, the project's proposed parking ratio would fall within these ranges at 0.57 (16 parking spaces for 28 units). "Don't shoot the messenger. I'm simply passing along how the city approaches development when it comes to parking," said Lynds.

It should be noted that the table Lynds provided in his presentation points out that this maximum parking ratio plan is for developments 50,000 square feet or larger.

However, Lynds said, "I can confidently tell you based upon many of the Article 80 projects I have ongoing right now in the City of Boston — this applies to all Article 80 projects."

In his response to concerns about the height and density of the project, Lynds pointed to PLAN: East Boston, a neighborhood planning initiative from the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

In speaking about the initiative, Lynds pointed out that the Gove Street area is in a district outlined by PLAN: East Boston that would allow for developments that are four stories tall with 60% lot coverage as the norm.

He also talked about how height can increase within the district where additional community benefits are added. Lynds pointed to having more IDP units than required and other public realm improvements as benefits.

"We feel that there are going to be appropriate community benefits to ask for a fifth story in this instance," said Lynds.

Lynds also said that the Gove Street area is a "transition area" in the BPDA's planning initiative which is an area that allows mid-rise residential buildings, notably of four or five stories.

Lynds went on and addressed other concerns that members of the GSCA had and then fielded some questions following the presentation.

As for 9 McKay Place, the project proposes to demolish four existing buildings at the site to build a five-story building comprised of 41 units and 35 parking spaces.

Other aspects of the proposed project include sev-

en IDP units — 17% of the total units — an amenity gym, public park, community meeting space, bike parking, and more.

Similarly to the 9 Geneva Street project, the GSCA compiled a list of concerns from the community that included aspects such as how the project would affect the McKay School, a direct abutter.

The concerns regarding the McKay school involved the building's parking garage and its safety, with it being right down the street from the school.

However, Monday's meeting reaffirmed plans for the garage mentioned last month, including equipping it with alarms, beacons, mirrors, and more to make it safer.

Other concerns relating to the school addressed Monday included shadows and how they might impact the school's learning garden. A shadow study was shown, along with a commitment made by the project team to donate \$25,000 to the school to upgrade or relocate the learning garden.

There were also other concerns about the project, such as parking, height, and, notably, problems with the developer due to issues voiced by residents at another property owned by the developer.

However, Armindo Goncalves, a member of the project team, indicated that these issues with the developer had been quelled with the creation and near completion of a punch list. "The residents are at a much more satisfactory level right now than they were nine months ago," he said.

Following the 9 McKay Place presentation and question and answer session, the meeting moved on with a twist.

The twist involved asking the development teams for each project to leave, and the remainder of the meeting was used to speak about the projects amongst community members and the GSCA Board.

During this discussion, members of the GSCA board and the community brainstormed ideas for improvements to each project. These ideas ranged from asking the project teams to add an additional IDP unit or to deepen the affordability of the IDP units.

Other ideas were to figure out a way to make it so residents of East Boston would be the ones moving into these new units. However, there was unclarity among residents whether this idea might be possible legally.

Overall, the end of Monday's meeting was a way for the community to begin a discussion about potential benefits the community would like to see for each project and have some discourse on each project before it goes to a GSCA vote.

As of this writing, it is unclear when a vote will occur on either of these projects, as the GSCA is off next month and will not meet again until September.

If you are interested in learning more about each of the projects, the community's concerns, and the discussion about the projects, you can visit <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FWVcNmAo-qccO0VQu7BvPnewnnk9j-Lu5> which will have the meeting's notes, recording and other documents regarding these projects.

OBITUARIES

Sharlene Hicks

Former Medical Records Supervisor at East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

Sharlene M. (McIntosh) Hicks died in at home in East Boston unexpectedly on July 19.

The beloved wife of the late Robert F. Hicks Sr., she was the loving mother of Jack and his wife, Carrie Clarke Hicks of Danvers, Kelly Hicks and her partner Jonathan Tanner of Lynn, Scott Hicks and his fiancée, Sheri of Peabody and the late Lil, Bob and Michael Hicks; grandmother of Paulette, Scott Jr., Shanell, Samantha, Nicolas, Mikey and Jacob Hicks; great-grandmother of Haylie and foster mother of Lia and many other children that she fostered over the last 12 years.

Sharlene was the Medical Records Supervisor at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center for 25 years and then became a Family Partner at North Suffolk Mental Health Program. Sharlene really enjoyed shopping



of many kinds. She loved yard sales, flea markets and malls.

Her Funeral Mass was held on July 25 in St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Church and burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

A GoFundMe page will be set up for the benefit of the children she was still raising. Donations would be appreciated.

Please leave messages of condolence for the family on her Tribute Page at [MagrathFuneralHome.com](https://www.MagrathFuneralHome.com).

Josephine Julie Lusso

Of Peabody, formerly of Revere and East Boston

Josephine Julie "Josie" (Cannarozzo) Lusso of Peabody, formerly of Revere and East Boston, passed away peacefully on July 19.

Born and raised in East Boston to the late Joseph and Vincenza (Sabbia) Cannarozzo, she was the beloved wife of the late Clifford L. Lusso, Jr., devoted mother of Cliff Lusso and his wife, Cheryl of Florida, Ron Lusso and his partner, Jeanine of Saugus and Joseph Lusso and his partner, David Kaley of Minnesota and her late daughter-in-law Leanne (Sasso); dear sister of James Cannarozzo of Revere, Rosalie Klause of Virginia and the late Anthony Cannarozzo and Fanny Lachiana and cherished grandmother of Christopher and his partner, Jennifer, Cassandra and her husband, James, Ronnie, Joseph and Larissa. She is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.



Funeral services will held in the Paul Buonfiglio & Sons-Bruno Funeral Home, 128 Revere Street, Revere on Saturday, July 29 at 10:30 am. Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the service. Relatives and friends are kindly invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Josephine's memory to the Dementia Society of America by visiting [dementiasociety.org](https://www.dementiasociety.org). To share a memory or to leave a message for the family, please visit our guestbook at www.buonfiglio.com.

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Boston Public Health Commission introduces the Community Health Equity Empowerment Fund

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) announced the creation of the Community Health Equity Empowerment Fund (CHEE Fund), a new initiative that will provide grants to local non-profits and community-based organizations (CBOs) working to advance health equity through prevention, intervention, and response services. Using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), BPHC will distribute a total of \$1 million in CHEE grants this year, equating to \$200,000 per awarded organization. BPHC has issued a request for proposal (RFP) that Boston-based organizations can complete to apply for funding. The deadline for the RFP is August 18 at 5pm.

In conjunction with BPHC, grantees will develop strategies to connect or reengage residents in health care, increase access to prevention strategies, and improve social determinants of health. The funds awarded through CHEE must be used to help embed sustainable, consistent, and fundamental resources that promote and maintain health equity in communities with the greatest need. The CHEE Fund is a product of BPHC’s Advancing Health Equity Framework (2020-2023), which aims to address the need for greater community empowerment and involvement to promote health equity in Boston’s most vulnerable neighborhoods by providing residents with fair access to the resources that promote and protect the best possible health.

“One of the most important lessons learned during COVID-19 is that community-based organizations and coalitions are essential to advancing health equity,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Many of the organizations that were so effective during the pandemic are underfunded and unable to address the other disparities facing Boston residents. Investing in organizations through the CHEE Fund is one of the many ways that we can foster community engagement and empowerment.”

Health inequities are a persistent issue in Boston among communities with higher concentrations of Black, Latinx, immigrant, other historically marginalized groups. BPHC’s latest Health of Boston (HoB) report noted the many ways that social determinants of health, which include quality of housing, education, employment, environmental health, health care, public safety, food access, income, and health and social services, affect the health outcomes of residents.

The most concerning finding of the HoB report was that a Roxbury census tract has the lowest life expectancy in Boston (68.8 years), 23-years less than a Back Bay census tract, which had the highest life expectancy (91.6). At the neighborhood-level, Mattapan has the shortest life expectancy (77.3 years), and Back Bay has the longest life expectancy (82.8 years). From 2017 to 2021, Black residents in Boston experienced the greatest increase in the rate of premature mortality (37.3%), and in 2021, the premature mortality rate was more than twice as high in Dorchester (293.9) and Roxbury (282.9). These neighborhoods have higher concentrations of Black and Latinx residents and lower median income, than in Back Bay, Downtown, and Beacon Hill (140.3).

The report also highlights persistent health inequities in chronic disease outcomes by race and ethnicity. In 2021, the overall cancer mortality rate was highest among Black men (218.9) and the breast cancer mortality rate was highest among Black women (24.2). Similarly, the reports also found heart disease mortality was 37% higher for Black residents (158.5) as compared to white residents (115.6) in 2021. Further, the diabetes mortality rate for Black residents (50.9) and Latinx residents (28.6) were 3.1 and 1.8 times higher than the rate for White residents (16.1).

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For more information about the CHEE fund and to apply for the RFP, please visit <https://www.boston.gov/bid-listings/16039326>.

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11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
1-1:45PM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

12-1PM: Ryan Lally on the King Kong Stage
6:30-7PM: Opening Ceremonies on the King Kong Stage
7PM: Blue Man Group on the King Kong Stage

WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

11AM-2PM: Chiara at the Bandstand
3-6PM: Lee Ross at the Bandstand
8-10PM: Jermaine Hickling at the Bandstand

SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

1-9PM: Samuel Adams Beer Garden
2-5PM: Kelsey Blackstone in the Beer Garden
6-9PM: Dan Morgan in the Beer Garden

Saturday, July 29

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-10:00PM

BEACH FIT STAGE

8-8:45AM: Strength at the Beach Fit Stage
9-9:45AM: Barre at the Beach Fit Stage
10-10:45AM: Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
1-1:45PM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage
2-2:45PM: Sculpt at the Beach Fit Stage
6-6:45PM: Turn Up Dance at the Beach Fit Stage
7-7:45PM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
8-8:45PM: Hype Dance at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

2-5PM: Jahriffé on the King Kong Stage
6-6:30PM: Awards Ceremony on the King Kong Stage
6:30-9PM: Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

WILLIAM G. REINSTEIN BANDSTAND

10AM-1PM: Ward Hayden at the Bandstand
2-5PM: Pogo Fred at the Bandstand

SAMUEL ADAMS BEER GARDEN

1-9PM: Samuel Adams Beer Garden
1-4PM: Sean Rivers in the Beer Garden
5-8PM: Francoix Simard in the Beer Garden

Sunday, July 30

Festival Hours: 10:00AM-8:00PM

BEACH FIT STAGE

8-8:45AM: Kickboxing at the Beach Fit Stage
9-9:45AM: Pilates at the Beach Fit Stage
10-10:45AM: Abs & Body HIIT at the Beach Fit Stage
11-11:45AM: Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage
12-12:45PM: Power Yoga at the Beach Fit Stage

KING KONG STAGE

1-4PM: Live Entertainment on the King Kong Stage

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