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RECORD BREAKING TASTE OF EASTIE

Delayed a week due to a thunderstorm, this year's Taste Of Eastie was a sold-out event.

Above, the Tall Ship was a perfect place to hold the Taste Of Eastie.

Right, Christina and Karina Gomez at the Airport Diner table. See Page 6 for more photos.



Two development projects presented at HVNA meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

After its July hiatus, the Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA) was back in action on Monday night when those in attendance heard the first presentation for two proposed projects in the neighborhood.

The first project up for discussion was at 106 Moore Street and was presented by Attorney Richard Lynds. The proposal for this development is to demolish the existing two-family home at the site in order to build a new eight-unit building with nine parking spaces and three private roof decks.

Moreover, the newly

built units are intended for homeownership upon completion. Lynds also shared the zoning relief that is being requested with this project which includes the use, parking, and more.

Following the rest of the presentation, which included renderings and floor plans of the proposed project, the floor was opened for discussion and touched on several topics.

The first meeting attendee to participate in the discussion talked about other multi-unit buildings popping up in the area and simply asked, "Why do we need another one,"

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Massport CEO Wieland to leave in November

Special to the Times-Free Press

After four years of serving as Massport's CEO, last week Lisa Wieland announced she will be leaving the Authority in November. Following the announcement, the Massport Board voted Director of Aviation Ed Freni as Interim CEO upon Wieland's departure. Freni will continue his duties as Director of Aviation during this time.

"It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as Massport's CEO, which makes the decision to leave a difficult one," said Wieland. "I am so grateful for the talented, dedicated and collaborative team I have been fortunate to work with each day, and for the support of the Massport Board through the many challenges and accomplishments over the last four years."

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Wu appoints Shepard, Bennett to the BPDA Board of Directors

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu announced two new appointments to the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors. Raheem Shepherd of Hyde Park, Region-

al Manager of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters for the City of Boston and a current member of the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), is being appointed to fill a seat traditionally held by a representative

of the construction trades. Shepard will fill the seat being vacated by current member Michael Monahan, whose term expires this month. Kate Bennett of Roslindale, the outgoing Administrator of the Boston Housing Author-

ity, is being appointed to fill a vacant seat. Current Board Chair Priscilla Rojas, whose seat is in holdover status, will also be reappointed. The new appointments will need to be approved by the City Council. Once they are confirmed, all BPDA Board member seats will be filled and current.

"I join the board members in thanking Mike Monahan for his years of service to the City of Boston and working people," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Raheem Shepherd and Kate Bennett are tremendous additions to the Board who will bring experience and focus to make Boston the best city for families — affordable and green, with opportunities connecting every generation. I thank them and Chair Rojas for rolling up their sleeves with Chief Arthur Jemison and our entire City team to build a growing and green city for everyone."

"I want to thank Mike

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VIVA COLUMBIAN FESTIVAL



DEREK KOUYOUJIAN PHOTO

Isabela Rodriguez perched on the hood of the Yipaos during the second annual Viva Columbian Festival at the Veronica Robles Cultural Center in East Boston. See Page 13 for more photos.

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THE FEAST OF THE DIVINE SAVIOR

August 6 is the Feast Of The Divine Savior, the transfigured Jesus Christ who is the patron Saint of El Salvador. The Most Holy Redeemer Church parishioners held a pro-

cession with a statue of The Divine Savior Of The World, brought to Boston from El Salvador, through the Maverick Square Neighborhood.



Parish members from the Most Holy Redeemer Church carry the statue down Border Street.



The Divine Savior Of The World statue was brought to Boston from El Salvador.



Parishioners Edwin, Sophia, and Jeffrey Rivera.



Parish members from the Most Holy Redeemer church carry it down Border Street carry The Divine Savior Of The World statue through Maverick Square.



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Monahan for 22 years of service – to the ZBA for 12 years and to the BPDA for the last 10. He has been an important voice for the growth of the City,” said Chief of Planning and Director of the BPDA Arthur Jemison. “I look forward to working with Kate and Raheem, who are experts in their own right on building Boston in a thoughtful way. I am confident they will help guide growth that will make our City more resilient, affordable, and equitable.”

Kate Bennett has worked in affordable housing development, policy, and planning for more than 25 years, with a particular focus on public housing revitalization as the former head of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA). Bennett has spearheaded over \$2 billion in redevelopment activity currently underway at several BHA sites across the city. She has also been instrumental in the development of the BHA’s green, healthy housing and sustainability programs, and in the expansion of resident empowerment and self-sufficiency initiatives. Bennett holds a Masters in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has also managed affordable housing programs for the City of Chelsea and the City of Newton.

“As someone who has dedicated my career to housing for Boston residents and families, I share the Wu Administration’s belief that our growth depends on government, community, and developers coming together to build a stronger City,” said BPDA Board of Directors nominee Kate Bennett. “I am very grateful to Mayor Wu for this opportunity to continue to serve our community.”

Raheem Shepard is the Regional Manager of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters for the City of Boston. His appointment upholds Boston’s longstanding tradition of including union representation on the BPDA Board. As a member of the ZBA, Shepard reviews development proposals which require zoning relief, and works with his fellow ZBA members and Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison to help advance the Mayor’s goal of rebuilding trust with communities through plan-

ning-led development, while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the City’s development review process.

“Serving on the BPDA Board of Directors is not only a great professional and personal honor, but it’s an opportunity to work closely with Mayor Wu’s Administration to chart a course for Boston’s future,” said BPDA Board of Directors nominee Raheem Shepard.

“I am grateful to Mayor Wu for reappointing me to a new term on the BPDA Board, and I am eager to welcome Raheem and Kate,” said BPDA Board Chair Priscilla Rojas. “I appreciate the opportunity to continue supporting smart planning and development that serves the City and its residents.”

These appointments are part of Mayor Wu’s ambitious growth agenda for Boston, which is focused on advancing the City’s resilience, affordability, and equity goals. Under the Mayor’s leadership, the agency approved Inclusionary Zoning for the first time in the City’s history, completed the Western Avenue Corridor Rezoning Study and PLAN: Mattapan, which includes zoning recommendations, and completed a land audit of all City-owned parcels to unlock opportunities for new housing and growth. The agency is undertaking the first major reform to Article 80 of the zoning code, which governs Boston’s development review process, to modernize development review and increase efficiency and predictability for development.

The Mayor’s agenda also includes the creation of a City Planning and Design Department and Planning Advisory Council operating under the direction of Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. The staff of that new City agency will support the work of the BPDA Board. The Mayor has also committed to completing the neighborhood planning initiatives in Downtown, Charlestown, East Boston, and Newmarket in the coming months, and to launching a rezoning effort of Boston’s squares and corridors to create thousands of additional housing units across the City.

By Sydney Ciano

Josh Kraft, president of the New England Patriots Foundation and son of team owner Robert Kraft and the late Myra Kraft, had it instilled in him from his youth to “always look out for the groups that are overlooked, the most marginalized groups... [and] create access and opportunities for them,” and he has used this message throughout his career to bring communities together to accomplish projects.

At 23, Kraft started doing public housing outreach in South Boston, working to provide opportunities for students not doing well in school. He then launched a Boys & Girls Club in the basement of public housing in Chelsea, eventually transferring the Club to the Mary C. Burke Elementary School Complex and then the old Chelsea High School. Then, because of Kraft leading a major fundraising campaign that included very generous contributions from the Kraft family, Gerald and Darlene Jordan and others, the Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea officially put itself on the map.

“During that time [at the high school], businesses, community folks, people who had grown up in Chelsea, all came together. We raised over \$11.5 million, and we built a new Club on Willow Street. It was just a great community effort,” he said.

The Gerald and Darlene Jordan Boys & Girls Club, now located at 30 Willow St. in Chelsea, “became a prototype for Boys & Girls Club of America,” according to Kraft.

In 1993, Kraft became the founding Executive Director of the Jordan Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea, and remained in that role until 2008 when he became the President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, of which Chelsea is a member. He held that position until 2020.

The City of Chelsea recognized Kraft’s outstanding leadership by naming a street in his honor: Josh Kraft Way.

“I loved what I was doing, I loved all [of] the neighborhoods in the city,” Kraft reflected. “After my family, it’s the most important thing in my life.”

With the Boys & Girls Club, his most notable highlights were the inclusion initiative, the comprehensive campaign that raised over \$132 million over a five-year period, the rebuilding of the club in South Boston (the Edgerley Family South Boston Club), and the construction of the Mattapan Teen Center at the former public library on

FOUNDATIONAL SUCCESS

Josh Kraft continues to inspire people with his philanthropic efforts



Josh Kraft is the President of the New England Patriots Foundation.

Hazelton Street. The vibrant neighborhood youth facility was renamed the Josh Kraft Teen Center in another tribute to his positive, lasting effect on an entire community.

The Teen Center was an inspiring project, according to Kraft, and held its grand opening in November, 2014.

“When we opened [the Teen Center], Mayor Walsh, [the] police commissioner, local police from across the city, political leaders, people [who] lived in the neighborhood... philanthropists,” all gathered for the grand opening. “It really showed the power of community.”

The Boys & Girls Club of Boston had submitted a proposal to build a Teen Center and brought in local labor to help complete the project. A major contributor to the contracting was Gregory (Greg) Janey, founder of Janey Construction Management. In total, 70 percent of the workers were from Roxbury, Dorchester, and Mattapan with subcontractors coming from minority-owned and women-owned companies.

“[Kraft] walked in my office and sat with us at the table and talked together about... ‘we,’ what can ‘we’ do to make sure everyone’s involved on this project,” Janey recalled of the early beginnings of the project.

Janey said that working with Kraft was effortless and enjoyable, and that it was a simple decision to want to partake in creating a safe space for young community members.

He said, “How could you not give back to a place like this?”

Leader of the Patriots Foundation

In taking on the leading role as president of the Patriots Foundation, Kraft said that the Foundation gives him the opportunity to “work with some great community folks and [find] ways to make our community better, support those who are marginalized and most in need.”

In 2008, the Foundation worked with the Federal Reserve in Boston, mortgage companies, and banks to hold a mortgage relief workshop for those losing their homes. At the workshop, people received counseling and learned how to get into better mortgages. It served as a great resource for those affected by the economic recession, which impacted everybody.

“The most powerful thing is, the lot for people with disabilities was the first lot to fill up,” he said.

Having the opportunity to give back to the Greater Boston area did not stop there for Kraft, though. The Kraft Center for Community Health, an organization for which he serves as president, furthered his ability to provide basic needs to the community. He noted that one of the biggest initiatives was creating mobile vans to treat those with opioid addiction, providing them with resources and aftercare.

“Everybody deserves access to... basic things like food, food banks, education, afterschool programs, and one of the most important things is health – good healthcare,” Kraft said, adding that the organization acted as a vehicle to first-class healthcare for everyone.

Advocating for cancer screenings

Kraft has also taken steps to advocate for medical cancer screening. In 2018, he was diagnosed with prostate cancer and found nearly two years later that his PSA (prostate-specific antigen) count was high again after having his prostate removed when the cancer was detected. He was re-treated with radiation

and hormone therapy a second time.

“All people should get screened... screening is prevention,” he said, remembering the common phrase, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

Will be teaching a course at Suffolk

Creating equal opportunities and accessibility to all is something he continues to emphasize throughout his career. In the Spring 2024 college semester, Kraft will be teaching a non-profit management course at Suffolk University.

Kraft, 56, graduated from Williams College in 1989 and was the recipient of the Bicentennial Medal from his alma mater. He continued his education at Harvard Graduate School of Education, completing his master’s degree in Education and Social Policy. This past May, he was the commencement speaker at Nichols College.

Alongside his course at Suffolk, Kraft also hopes to help students earn and complete non-profit internships.

Bringing a community together through sports

“My brothers and I have seen how important [philanthropy] was and how powerful it is for the community,” said Kraft.

Being directly connected to such a large and influential sports culture in New England, Kraft discussed the special importance of sports in giving back to their communities one initiative at a time.

“When you’re on the parade route [through Boston] you see everybody. It doesn’t matter their socioeconomic status, who they love, what their religion is, everybody’s celebrating... to have that power, sports teams can do so much for the community because it brings everyone together,” Kraft said. “So, when a team takes the lead on an initiative, no matter what it is – fighting racism, LGBTQ+ rights, homelessness, food insecurity– usually it’s going to inspire a lot of people because sports have that ability to unify.”

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GUEST OP-ED

Want a friend? Be a friend

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You may have heard this before. I went out to find a friend and none were to be found. I went out to be a friend and found them all around.

Where do you find friends?

Your best friends may be your family. You may be close to siblings, cousins, and others related to you. Growing up, I was blessed to be around a lot of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, siblings, and parents. I didn't have to think much about searching for friends because so many relatives were always around. This is not always the case. Many people have small families or maybe even no family. Some families go in different directions, live in different places, or move on with different interests and lives.

We often find friends in school. Some of the people we shared elementa-

ry and high school with become lifelong connections. Even if we don't see each other much, we still have those great past times that help us reconnect quickly.

We connect with people at our places of employment. Some of the people you spend hours with every day become lifelong friends.

Houses of faith are often good places to make new friends. People get to know each other in Bible study classes and other small group religious settings. The people you share your faith with will often become like brothers and sisters.

The local gym is often a place where people socialize. If you become a routine attender of an exercise class you will eventually develop some friends.

The Internet and social media have become the world's biggest connection place. To many people

this is their only connection. All their "friends" are on Facebook or Instagram. Many people have thousands of social media friends. Too often the loneliest people on the planet are those who are only connected by a keypad.

There are many more places where you can connect. Many communities have baking, quilting, hunting, sports clubs, and more. Civic groups from Kiwanis, Rotary, and Ruritan groups will often meet weekly and do community projects.

You might make some friends volunteering at the hospital or nursing home. There will be people in most of these places who will be glad to make a new friend. Talk to your local nursing home about your interest and you may be surprised how quickly your talents are utilized. You will also find some people who will be glad to make a new friend. Keep

in mind this is not always easy as you will be trying to make friends with many who feel alone and forgotten.

You can always become active in the local political circles. This all depends on your level of desperation and if you don't mind being shunned by whichever party you don't declare affiliation.

Don't try to have too many friends. The Bible says a person of many companions may soon come to ruin. However, you need a few friends and hopefully you will have some good ones.

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.

LATIN MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVAL SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

On Saturday, September 9, Sen. Lydia Edwards' office, in conjunction with ZUMIX, Veronica Robles Cultural Center, East Boston Main Streets, and the City of Boston will present the second annual East Boston Latin Music and Dance Festival: "Sonidos de la Gente" for free at East Boston Memorial Park from 1 – 7 p.m.

The festival will consist of two stages, one presenting local live music acts and one presenting local dance ensembles.

Local live music will be provided by Eguie Castrillo, La Clave Secreta, Veronica Robles' Mariachi Band, La Chusma, and ZUMIX's youth Latin ensemble, Porque Puma?. Dancers will include Salsa y Control, Samba Viva, Bajucol, and VROCC youth dancers.

The festival will also feature multiple local and

independent restaurants serving food and drink throughout the event.

This is a family-friendly event happening in a beautiful neighborhood city park adjacent to the MBTA Airport Station on the Blue Line and the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Attendees are encouraged to use public transportation including the MBTA East Boston ferry.

An after party will take place at The Tall Ship at 1 East Pier Drive.

Segundo Festival Anual De Música Y Baile Latino De East Boston: "Sonidos De La Gente"

El sábado 9 de septiembre de 2023, la oficina de la Senadora Lydia Edwards, junto con ZUMIX, Verónica Robles Cultural Center, East Boston Main Streets y la Ciudad de Boston presentarán el se-

gundo Festival Anual de Música y Baile Latino de East Boston: "Sonidos de la Gente" de forma gratuita en el East Boston Memorial Park de 1 p.m. a 7 p.m.

El festival contará dos escenarios, uno que presentará actos de música local en vivo y otro que presentará conjuntos de baile locales.

La música local en vivo estará a cargo de Eguie Castrillo, La Clave Secreta, la banda de mariachis de Verónica Robles, La Chusma y el ensamble juvenil de música Latina de ZUMIX, Porque Puma?. Los grupos de baile incluyen a Salsa y Control, Samba Viva, Bajucol y

los bailarines juveniles de VROCC.

El festival también contará con múltiples restaurantes locales e independientes que servirán comida y bebida durante todo el evento.

Este es un evento familiar que se lleva a cabo en un hermoso parque de la ciudad adyacente a la estación del aeropuerto MBTA en la Línea Azul y Mary Ellen Welch Greenway. Se recomienda a los asistentes a utilizar el transporte público, incluyendo el ferry MBTA East Boston.

Habrà una fiesta posterior en el Tall Ship en 1 East Pier Drive.

HAVE WE REACHED THE TIPPING POINT?

The steady stream of news reports this summer about the ever-worsening effects of climate change have been depressing, ranging from the 100% loss of coral reefs off the Florida Keys (because water temperatures have reached 100 degrees), to the unprecedented floods in China, to the daily heat records in the American Southwest (where people are being treated for serious, third-degree burns if they touch the asphalt pavement).

Although the dire effects of climate change brought about by the burning of fossil fuels have been predicted for decades, the off-the-charts anomalies we are seeing this summer have far exceeded even the starkest of predictions. It is clear that scientists' warnings about climate change have been greatly understated and that climate change is happening faster than anyone had predicted.

During the height of World War II, after England had thwarted the Germans in the air (known as the Battle of Britain) and then defeated Rommel's army on the battlefield in North Africa, Prime Minister Winston Churchill uttered these famous lines, "Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Churchill's message was one of hope -- the war that Hitler had begun finally was turning against him and in favor of the Allies.

But in terms of climate change, we fear we are witnessing the reverse of Churchill's words: Climate change already has begun. But, unlike World War II, it will not be taking a turn for the better -- it's only going to get worse, with far-reaching consequences that we do not even want to contemplate.

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SCENES FROM TASTE OF EASTIE

Delayed a week due to a thunderstorm, this year's Taste Of Eastie was a sold-out event with 1,200 tickets sold. The event was the most successful fundraiser for Main Streets East Boston in its history. 24 restaurants throughout East Boston and surrounding communities provided attendees with sample of their cuisine at The Tall Ship, providing a sweeping view of Boston Harbor and Downtown.



Jordan Lee and Adelyn Gillespie kept themselves occupied while their parents sampled food and mingled.



Executive Director of East Boston Main Streets Miguel Vargas offers remarks.



Massachusetts State Rep Adrian Madaro offers remarks.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta offers remarks.



President of East Boston Main Streets Ida Candreva greeted attendees and thanked them for their support.



Dr. Sherri Raftery and Alex Rhalimi.



Elizabeth Obregon and Carolina Assis from Brasil Brazil hold açai cups, a Brazilian dessert.



Christina and Karina Gomez at the Airport Diner table.



Leo, Sophia, Olivia, and Andrea enjoy their waffles at their own "kiddie table."



Jerry Nelson and Joanna Olivera.



Sadie and Anna Dicenso, owner of Rino's Place.



Karen and Andrea Martinez.



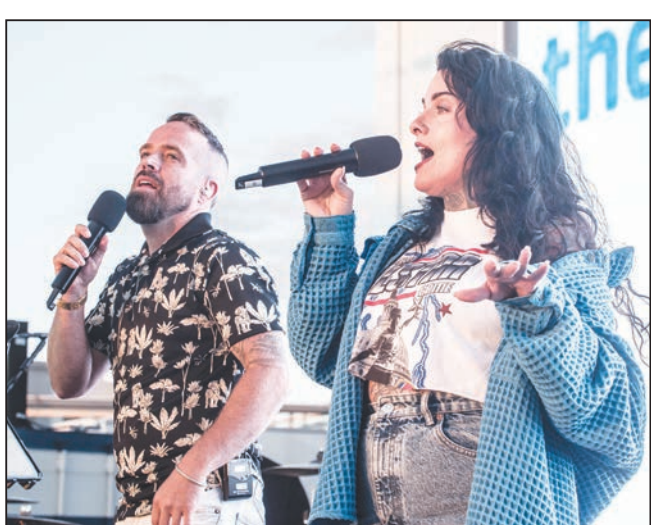
The Rino's Place Team: Lexi and Cheryl Breault, Baylee Wright, and Nana Susan Panzini.



The crew from Adriana's Cafe in Winthrop.



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Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels

Story by Marianne Salza

Inquisitive Cocker Spaniel, Logan, investigates the disappearance of royal treasures in the juvenile fiction book, “Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels,” written by life-long East Boston resident, Christine Ricci-McNamee, and illustrated by Amy Avery Smith, of Colorado.

“Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels,” published by Leaning Rock Press, was released on August 1, and is the second installment in the Magic Bone Adventure series featuring the tactful and tenacious dog, Logan, as he solves mysteries and bonds with new friends around the world.

Logan is implored by two ravens from the Tower of London to lead the search for the vanished, precious collection. Along with his excitable young-



Christine Ricci-McNamee, author of “Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels.”

er brother, Winston, a curious Cavachon, the siblings travel to Ireland, Scotland, and the Mediterranean, where they meet indigenous animals that graciously aid them in their quest.

“Children are going to learn about former and current colonies and territories, and animals from

different countries,” revealed Ricci-McNamee.

“Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels” is dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022), who reigned over the United Kingdom for 70 years. The book was inspired by Ricci-McNamee’s trip to London, where she viewed encased crowns, pins, scepters, and other sovereign Crown Jewels.

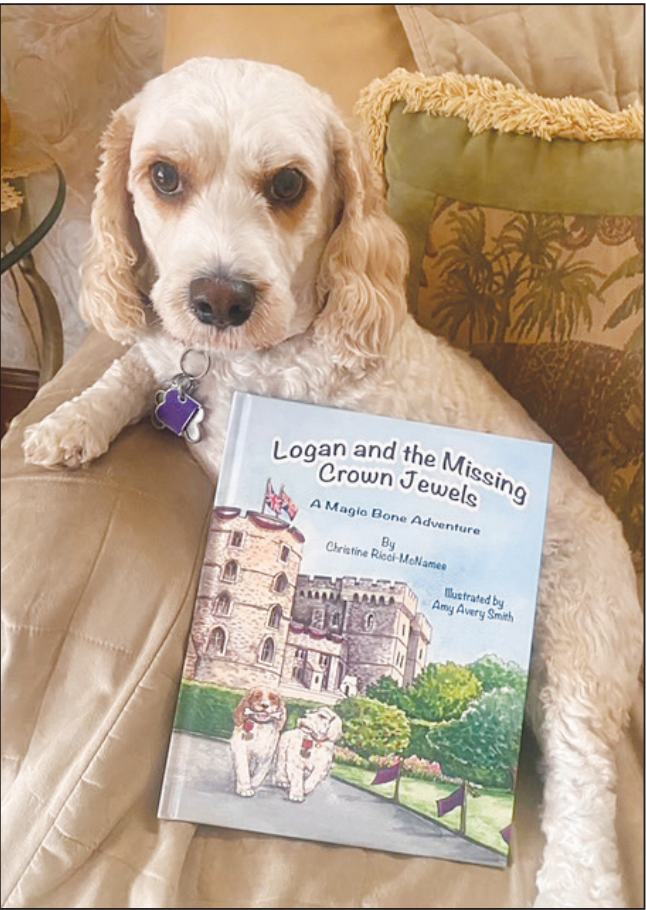
“I have a fondness for the queen, and wanted to pay tribute to her,” explained Ricci-McNamee. “I respected her and think she is an incredible iconic figure: elegant, regal, and majestic.”

Polite and calm Logan is based on Ricci-McNamee’s first dog; while eager and playful Winston is inspired by her present dog.

“Logan and Winston have different personalities. Winston is affectionate and fun-loving. Logan is more serious,” described Ricci-McNamee. “They’re both loyal and sweet dogs.”

Each morning, Ricci-McNamee and Winston walk around Orient Heights before she begins working at her family business. During the day, Winston and Ricci-McNamee’s 100-year-old father, Lou, keep each other company and nap together. Seven-year-old Winston, whose tail spins like a pinwheel when he is excited, enjoys his squeaky toys.

“Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels” is Ricci-McNamee’s fourth fictional children’s book, and she is planning a third addition to her Magic Bone Adventures. Readers can purchase “Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels” online through Amazon, at the Winthrop Book Depot & Café, Robin’s Nest



Chavachon, Winston, sitting with Christine Ricci-McNamee’s recently published book, “Logan and the Missing Crown Jewels.”

(Winthrop), and Hudson B and C at Logan International Airport.

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES



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Senator Edwards and Boston elected officials of color are supporting local businesses by dining at Rinos, a local East Boston Restaurant. Shown are Senator Edwards, Senator Liz Miranda, Representative Brandy Fluker-Oakley, Representative Sam Montano, Representative Christopher Worrell, Boston City Councilor-At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune and Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell.

Secured funding in the state budget

The Massachusetts legislature convened last week to enact the state budget. Senator Lydia Edwards secured over \$2.4M in state funding.

Investment in the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

Senator Edwards secured \$400,000 for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM), which supports adults of Eastern Massachusetts in accessing employment and economic development opportunities by providing support to overcome racial, social, economic, and sexual and domestic violence barriers. Their programs and services offer an array of crucial skills-training classes and workshops at no cost.

Winthrop Ferry Funds for the continued closure of the Sumner Tunnel

An incredible win for the Town of Winthrop includes \$1 million allocated to subsidize ferry services while the Sumner

Tunnel is closed July 5 – August 31, 2023. Notably, the Winthrop Ferry has a stop at the Logan Airport Ferry Terminal, making travel from East of Boston to Downtown Boston more accessible and dependable. Investing funds in these ferry services will provide a much-needed alternative method of transportation for residents and is set to decrease traffic congestion on neighborhood roads.

Funds to Aid the Local Food Shelters in East Boston and Back Bay

East Boston and Back Bay will receive \$30,000 to support local food services, including the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, the Grace Church Federated in East Boston, and the Arlington Street Church’s Friday Night Supper Program in the Back Bay section of Boston. The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen in Maverick Square is open every Tuesday at 9 am and is the go-to destination for those facing food and resource insecurity. The Grace Church

Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10 am – 12 pm. East Boston residents can access the food pantry once per month to receive several bags of food to take home. The Arlington Street Church’s Friday Night Supper is one of the oldest food shelters in Boston and has served thousands of meals every Friday night, including on holidays and through snow, storms, power outages, and pandemics. Friday Night Supper is located at Arlington Street Church on Boylston Street. Funds for these incredible services promises the community that we can meet one of their most basic human needs: adequate nourishment.

Budget Win Invests in East Boston Latin American Arts and Culture

East Boston will see \$50,000 funding the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), a central community resource which promotes Latin American arts and culture

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Department of Public Health launches statewide survey to improve community health

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) is offering Commonwealth residents an opportunity to shape the future health of their communities through a statewide survey aimed at collecting input on the challenges their communities face and where resources should be directed.

DPH’s Community Health Equity Initiative will use the survey findings to build on the state’s efforts to provide access to social and economic opportunities that keep people healthy, like affordable housing, reliable transportation, and nutritious, affordable food.

The 2023 Community Health Equity Survey was co-designed with residents and community partners across the state and examines the root causes of health outcomes to identify community strengths, gaps, health needs, concerns, inequities, and unintended consequences related to public health crises.

“To improve the health of people in Massachusetts, we need to hear from everyone, including the communities and individuals who have been too long denied an equal chance at health,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “We know Black and Brown communities have historically faced barriers to health, as have those who are disabled and many who were not born in this country. These communities have traditionally been left out of the conversation. It is especially important for their voices and experiences to be heard.”

DPH will use the survey results to improve its programs, make decisions about funding and resources, and support policies to improve health inequities. Survey results will be made available to the public and community-based organizations so they can use the findings to better serve community needs.

Residents will be asked to answer questions on topics such as:

- Access to basic needs,

- like health care and transportation
- Physical and mental health and well-being
- Experiences with COVID-19
- Experiences with housing, education, and work
- Demographic information, such as age, gender, and race.

The Community Health Equity Survey is anonymous, does not ask for identifying information such as immigration status, and cannot be connected back to residents in any way.

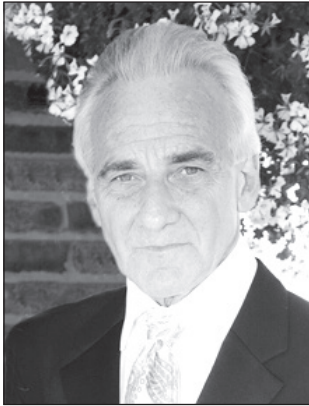
DPH wants to hear from a broad range of Commonwealth residents, including people and communities often disproportionately affected by health emergencies. Surveys are especially needed from people experiencing housing insecurity, front-line workers, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQ+, older adults (aged 60+), parents and caregivers of children with special health care needs, people who are pregnant, rural residents, people who speak a primary language other than English, parents under 25, young people (aged 14 to 24), veterans, and immigrants. Vital to the effectiveness of the survey is the participation of people representing racial/ethnic groups disproportionately impacted by health emergencies, including American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American/Pacific Islander, Black, and Hispanic/Latino/Latine residents.

The survey opened July 31, and it will be available through early fall 2023. Anyone aged 14 and older can take the survey. It takes approximately 15 to 25 minutes to complete and is available in 11 languages: Arabic, Cape Verdean Creole, Chinese (simplified), Chinese traditional, English, Haitian Creole, Khmer, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. The survey will also be available in American Sign Language later this summer.

To participate in this online survey, visit <https://www.mass.gov/chei>.

OBITUARIES

Ronald Orlando
Of East Boston



971 Saratoga Street, (Orient Heights) East Boston, today, Wednesday, August 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. and again on Thursday morning at 9:30 before leaving in procession to Saint Joseph - Saint Lazarus Church, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating Ronald’s life at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with Ronald being laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery, Malden. May he rest in peace. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com

Ronald P. Orlando, 76, of East Boston passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, August 5.

The beloved husband of Lorraine (Guarino) Orlando, he was the loving son of the late Attilio and Carmella (Cimo) Orlando; devoted father of Deana and her expected daughter, Mariella and her husband, Michael Demodena of Winthrop, Rochelle and her husband, Artie Georgacopoulos of Canton and Ronald Orlando of East Boston; cherished grandfather of George and Attilio; dear brother of Joseph Orlando, Carol Larsen, Michael Orlando and his wife, Robin and Paula Orlando. He is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Ronald’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home,

Robert “Bobby” DiNush
He will be remembered and loved by all who knew him



He will be remembered and loved by all who knew him.

The beloved husband of Elizabeth A. (Tauber) DiNush of Lexington, he was the loving father of Nicholas R. DiNush of Lexington, US Army Sergeant First Class, Shawn R. Gray of Texas, Amanda C. Jackson and her husband, Dustin of Texas, Deanna DiNush and Brittney DiNush, both of Peabody; the cherished grandfather of Zoe, Harlyn, Arian-na and Reece; treasured brother of Joseph DiNush and his wife, Sandra of No. Andover, Nicholas J. DiNush, Jr. of Revere and Joan M.P. DiNush and her companion, Thomas Petrulavage of Revere and the dear son in law of Stephen J. Tauber of Lexington and his late wife Erika Tauber. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his Camp Family at Pine Acres.

Donations in Bobby’s memory may be made to the Spina Bifida Association, 6 Bowdoin St., Boston, MA 02114.

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Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Anthony of Padua Church in Revere on Monday, August 7, for Robert N. “Bobby” DiNush, who died unexpectedly at his home in Lexington following a two year illness. He was 51-years-old. Interment was in Westview Cemetery, Lexington.

Bobby was born on March 3, 1972 in Boston to the late Nicholas J. DiNush, Sr. and Joan B. (Marshall) DiNush. He was one of four children. He was raised in East Boston and educated in East Boston Central Catholic School and later East Boston High School.

Bobby’s passion, ever since he was young, was cars. He was especially obsessed with Chevy Chevelle’s and American Muscle Cars. Bobby worked for many years as a mechanic at Doherty’s Garage in Lincoln repairing school buses. He later secured a position at Wind River Environmental and became the Fleet Operations Manager.

During this time Bobby spent the last 23 years with his wife and best friend who he married in 2009, Elizabeth “Liz” Tauber. They resided in Lexington since 2000, where they shared the happiest days of their lives together.

He was a loving husband, caring father and an exceptional brother, uncle and friend to many. Bobby was a man with a huge heart and his bark was always bigger than his bite. He would lend a hand to anyone who needed help and was always someone you could count on.

Bobby’s other baby was his 1967 Chevelle, he was so proud of that car and he enjoyed fixing it, restoring it and he was simply proud of owning it. He also enjoyed camping at One Acres in Raymound, NH, where he has spent time for over 38 years.

Vincent Basile

Dedicated public servant, accomplished scholar, and beloved member of the community



Vincent “Vinnie” D. Basile, a dedicated public servant, accomplished scholar, and beloved member of the community, passed away on August 1. He leaves behind a profound legacy of unwavering commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

Born on January 26, 1940 in Winthrop, Vinnie spent most of his life in his beloved East Boston before moving to Stoneham in 1981. He demonstrated his passion for service from an early age. He excelled academically, earning a Bachelor’s degree in Government from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1962 and a Master’s degree in Sociology/Criminology from Northeastern University in 1971. Throughout his life, Vincent remained devoted to learning and continued his education through graduate studies in Law, Business, and Social Work.

Vinnie’s career spanned various fields, and he touched many lives in his roles. He served as a Probation Officer at the Boston Municipal Court from 1966 to 1981, rising to the position of Chief Probation Officer. Later, he held leadership positions in the Massachusetts Office of the Commissioner of Probation and the Essex County Sheriff’s Department, making a significant impact through his work on a Re-entry Program and Recidivism studies.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Vincent was deeply involved in public service and community organizations. He served on Governor Romney’s Commission on Criminal Justice Innovations and the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Corrections and contributed to youth services, child support enforcement, and numerous civic associations.

Vincent Basile’s commitment to education extended beyond his own studies. He served as an adjunct faculty member at several colleges, sharing his expertise in Criminology, Criminal Justice and Juvenile Justice, leaving a lasting impact on countless students.

Vincent’s life was a symphony of goodness, known for his generosity and willingness to help others. He supported numerous communi-

ty organizations and he also served on the Board of East Boston Savings Bank, now known as Rockland Trust.

He had a remarkable ability to connect with everyone he met, genuinely interested in their lives. His love for God, his country, his family, his church, and his cigars were evident to all who knew him.

Vincent was predeceased by his beloved wife, Sherid P. Basile, who he would have celebrated 56 years of marriage with on August 5. He spoke lovingly of Sherid and cherished her love and companionship every day. He is survived by his loving children: Jennifer Jenkins, Matthew Basile and Susan Otis and his grandchildren: Jake and Miles Jenkins, Skyla Holmes, Nicholas, Sadie and Madison Basile, brought him immeasurable joy. He is also survived by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Linnea and James Westberg and Greg and Kathleen Peterson, along with numerous nieces and nephews who loved him dearly.

In memory of Vinnie, donations may be made to St. Patrick’s Parish, Stoneham, Massachusetts, 71 Central St, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Family and friends honored Vinnie’s life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. East Boston on Sunday, August 6 and a Funeral Mass in celebration of Vinnie’s life was celebrated at St. Patrick’s Parish in Stoneham on Monday, August 7. Services concluded with Vinnie being laid to rest in St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Stoneham.

In memory of Vinnie, donations may be made to St. Patrick’s Parish, Stoneham, Massachusetts, 71 Central St, Stoneham, MA 02180.

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A ghost haunted the fountain, a sword fight broke out in the street, and a pop-up beer garden was host to a royal wedding. The free, immersive, bilingual, on-your-feet, adaptation of Hamlet took audiences on a wild journey throughout Chelsea Square this past Saturday. Presented by Apollinaire Theatre Company, in collaboration with Teatro Chelsea and the City

of Chelsea, the evening began at 6:30 with Live Music, Performances, and Craft Brews at the pop-up BearMoose Beer Garden on Winnisimmet Street by the Chelsea Theatre Works. Guests also enjoyed dinner via take-out from Chelsea’s exciting culinary delights. Hamlet returns this Friday. The free performances are Fridays and Saturdays through August 19,

at 8 p.m. BearMoose pop-up Beer Garden opens at 6:00, and pre-show performances begin at 6:30. The action starts in Chelsea Square outside the Chelsea Theatre Works, 189 Winnisimmet Street, Chelsea, MA. Information, Directions, and Parking Locations are at: www.apollinairetheatre.com. Run-time is about 90 minutes. In case of rain, call (617) 887-2336 to check status. Major Support from MassDevelopment, The City of Chelsea, Chelsea Heritage Grant Celebrations, Yawkey Foundation, and the Chelsea Cultural Council. Sponsorship support from MassPort.



Armando Rivera as Hamlet, Paul Benford-Bruce as the Ghost.

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Ron Lacey as Polonius, Paola Ferrer as Gertrude, Brooks Reeves as Claudius, Armando Rivera as Hamlet.

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Wieland // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Wieland became CEO in August of 2019 at a time when Massport was experiencing strong growth across aviation, maritime, and real estate operations, and making significant investments in critical infrastructure at Logan Airport and in the Port of Boston. When the global pandemic hit in March of 2020, the Authority faced a significant loss of business activity and an ensuing financial crisis.

“Because of our amazing team, we restored activity across our business lines, delivered strong financial performance, and invested in strategic initiatives to position the Authority for future success and contribute to the Commonwealth’s economic development, transportation and climate goals,” said Wieland.

In addition to successfully navigating the pandemic, Wieland’s tenure has led to new markets opening up in Massport’s aviation and maritime business lines, an expansion of the “Massport Model” incorporating diversity, equity, and inclusion into procurements, and the launch of an ambitious effort to make Massport Net Zero by 2031. Under Wieland’s leadership Massport has also completed and advanced strategic infrastructure projects, including the dredging of Boston Harbor, the modernization of Conley Container Terminal, and multiple important projects at Logan Airport, including the soon-to-open modernized Terminal E featuring four new gates.

“Lisa Wieland has been an outstanding CEO whose clear strategy, get things done approach, and collaboration with business partners and communities have led to a lot of success,” said Massport Board Chair Patricia Jacobs, who was last month reappointed to another seven year term and named chair of the board. “Her leadership has expanded Massport’s existing strengths while ensuring the organization is more agile for today’s ev-



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Lisa Wieland.

er-changing competitive landscape. I am confident in Interim CEO Ed Freni and the senior management team to keep Massport moving forward as the board undertakes the process to find the next CEO.”

“Lisa Wieland has been a valued partner to our administration. Her leadership on transportation, climate, economic development, and public safety has made Massachusetts stronger and more competitive,” said Governor Maura Healey. “I’m confident that Massport, with its incredible Board and executive team, will continue to deliver excellent service and play a critical role in the global economy during this transition and beyond.”

Sen. Lydia Edwards and Rep. Adrian Madaro also praised Wieland’s leadership of Massport and wished her continued success in her administrative position at National Grid.

“I wish Lisa Wieland well,” said Edwards. She served as head of Massport during Covid and maintained morale and focus. She helped to fulfill promises made to our community and was always accessible and willing to listen. She will be missed.”

“It was a pleasure to work with Lisa Weiland in her capacity as Massport CEO, and I wish her the best as she steps into the role of New England President for National Grid,” said Madaro.

At last Wednesday’s meeting, Wieland said she will work with the Board, Freni and the leadership team over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.



Alan Kuang performing his Rap introduction to the play.

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as an engine for stronger communities and economic growth. The VROCC offers a safe space for immigrants and their families, as a source of connection to their cultural heritage, and for people of all backgrounds to celebrate Latino cultures.

An additional \$50,000 will be provided to support the East Boston Latino Festival in Summer 2023, presented by ZUMIX and Senator Lydia Edwards. Last year, Senator Edwards partnered with ZUMIX to celebrate the diverse Latin American cultures of East Boston and their vibrant music. This year, the Latino Festival will be hosted on September 9, 2023 at the East Boston Memorial Park.

Along with showcases of talented performers and community events, ZUMIX offers programs and lessons to help young people reach their full potential and create a safe space for youth to explore who they are and who they want to be.

Progress for the Green Workforce and Environmental Resiliency

To help protect the largest surviving salt marsh in Boston Harbor, this budget win will allocate at least \$50,000 in funds for Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Inc., a grassroots organization that preserves the Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop.

Additionally, \$75,000 will go to other green workforce and environmental resilience programs, including Eastie Farm, Inc., Mass Save, and Community Choice

Electricity (BCCE) Eastie Farm, Inc. These programs aims to create green job pathways for teens and young adults in environmental justice communities, including the development of skills in energy efficiency, conservation, and clean energy. Funds are also provided to increase the utilization of ecosocial state and city programs like Mass Save and Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). Mass Save helps homes and businesses become more energy efficient, and BCCE gives Boston residents greater control over the electricity that powers their homes, places of worship, and small businesses. These programs will create more access to Massachusetts-grown fresh produce for low-income families in environmental justice communities.

Expanding the Boston Common Public Bathrooms

Boston Common and Public Garden will receive \$50,000 in funds for the purpose of providing public restrooms. In these spaces the lack of public bathrooms in this area amounts to an ongoing public health crisis, shining the light on community inequities in the ability of unhoused residents to access dignified bathrooms. This budget win will create more public access to restrooms for all Bostonians traveling through the Boston Commons.

Financial Assistance for First-time Homebuyers

To help first-time homebuyers with financial stress and hardship, this achievement will provide \$25,000 to the city of Revere to create a pilot program for grants of \$5,000

for eligible first-time homebuyers in Revere. With this funding, the new pilot program will be able to distribute grants over the next year and a half.

Support for survivors of the April 21st fire in the town of Winthrop.

A four-alarm fire broke out in Winthrop on April 21, 2023, leaving over 100 individuals and families without a home. After 64 apartments were no longer available, Winthrop residents were placed at the Senior Center, and then provided services through the support of the Red Cross, Winthrop Foundation, and other local organizations. The Town Manager Tony Marino said that about 15 families are still in need of another apartment. Senator Edwards secured \$100,000 in the budget to support those who lost their homes in the fire.

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Reynaldo Ricardo Vallejos
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Martha A. Mejia Erazo 220 Waldemar Ave. Mattapan, MA 02126, your answer, if any, on or before 9/20/23. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 27, 2023
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU23C0370CA
In the matter of: Leslie Jennifer Garcia Martinez
A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Leslie Jennifer Garcia Martinez of East Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Leslie Jennifer Garcia Angelico
IMPORTANT NOTICE
Any person may appear for

purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at:Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/17/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 20, 2023
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LEGAL NOTICE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
CITATION GIVING NOTICE AND ORDER OF PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OF A CONSERVATOR
Docket No. SU22P2376PM
In the interests Of:Michael Romero
Of: East Boston, MA
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Luz Romero of East Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Conservator.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 08/28/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 31, 2023
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU23P1616GD
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
In the matter of: Ovidio Ernie Ospina Mora
Of: East Boston, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Ovidio Ernie Ospina Mora is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Libida Mable Ospina Mora of Boston, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 09/14/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the

specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 28, 2023
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Omar A. Bonilla Ventura VS.
Zulma E. Pineda Bonilla
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown.
The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Omar A. Bonilla Ventura, 25 Chelsea St. Apt. 2 East Boston, MA 02128-1010, your answer, if any, on or before 9/14/23. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
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Boston Children’s Rec Fest returns August 15

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite city youth to come celebrate the summer at the 2023 ParkARTS Boston Children’s Rec Fest on Tuesday, August 15 at Franklin Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Boston Children’s Rec Fest is presented with the support of title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsors College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving and H.P. Hood, LLC. Additional support is provided by LEGO Discovery Center Boston.

Children and families from throughout Boston have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities from various exhibitors including Rosalita’s Marionette Puppets, ParkARTS arts and crafts, and face painting. The event will showcase active sports and play with exciting inflatable attractions such as the All-In-One Sports Arena, a family Zumba class, and hands-on clinics hosted by sports professionals teaching tennis, baseball, and soccer skills. The event will also include free treats from HP Hood LLC.

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Second annual Adopt-a-Pole campaign HVNA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Story & Photo by Marianne Salza

The second annual Adopt-a-Pole campaign will be hanging purple ribbons and name tags along the streets of East Boston, Chelsea, Revere, South Boston, Roxbury, and Charlestown in late summer in memory of loved ones who lost their lives to substance-related causes.

“It’s a way to bring awareness, remember those who are lost without stigma, and bring hope to families that are left behind,” said Charlestown resident, Shannon Lundin, Director of Recovery and Community Engagement, Chapters Recovery Center, Danvers.

In observance of Overdose Awareness Month in August, and National Recovery Month in September, Adopt-a-Pole will be



Shannon Lundin, Director of Recovery and Community Engagement, Chapters Recover Center.

raising awareness about the public health crisis, acknowledging the grief of family and friends, and compassionately honoring those who have passed away.

“Charlestown is a small, tight-knit community. We’re all connected;

so when we lose someone, we’re all impacted,” recognized Lundin, who celebrated 19 years in long-term recovery in May.

The Adopt-a-Pole organizer became sober from her heroin addiction at 25-years-old, and is dedicated to helping individuals and families find appropriate support and care. Lundin has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to assist families with unexpected funeral services.

“I am grateful that I am alive, clean, and able to give back to my community,” shared Lundin, mother of four daughters.

Ludin recently founded her non-profit organization, Scars in Heaven, which provides financial assistance to families with connections to Charlestown. Scars in Heaven of-

fers recovery scholarship opportunities for individuals in treatment, promotes healing, and provides addiction education to the public. Donations can be made through Venmo @ ScarsInHeaven.

“We still have a lot of work to do in terms of stigma,” recognized Lundin, member of the Charlestown Trauma Response Team. “The overdose crisis is still plaguing our community. It’s the number one cause of death.”

Lundin recalled how Charlestown had the highest fatal overdose rate in Massachusetts in the early 2000s, and admitted that it can seem like the predicament is worsening. She has observed the difficulties caused by the pandemic, when isolation and depression provoked alcohol and substance use problems.

Quarantine was detrimental to the recovery community that relies on social connection and comradery; and so Lundin held outdoor meetings, providing support for some 80 people.

“A lot of people in recovery felt like the risk of relapsing was greater than the risk of catching Covid,” Lundin revealed. “We had over 50 people celebrate one year of recovery during Covid – that’s unheard of.”

Bows will be provided for free through sponsorship by Chapters Recovery Center, All Roads Lead to Charlestown, North Suffolk Community Services, Think of Michael, and the Gavin Foundation. Last year, Adopt-a-Pole hung 100 bows; and Lundin hopes that more communities will continue to join the campaign in the future.

Adopt-a-Pole bows will be on display beginning the week of August 20 through September. Submit names for remembrance by August 15, by contacting Shannon Lundin at SLundin@ChaptersRecoveryCenter.com for light poles in Charlestown, or Rose Stone at RStone@NorthSuffolk.org for poles in Winthrop, Revere, Chelsea, East Boston, South Boston, and Roxbury.

and “Why would we even want another one?”

While Lynds indicated he was not sure if he could answer that first question, he explained that they were going through the community process and concluded by saying, “If you don’t like the project, then I assume you won’t support it — you won’t vote in favor of it.”

Another question raised was about the drainage and how it would be handled, especially with an upward grade in the driveway mentioned.

In speaking about the drainage situation, Lynds mentioned that systems would be built within the site to handle the stormwater runoff, which would then be released into the city’s system.

Other discussion points were some of the variances, and there were also talks about a potential shadow study being done.

Finally, one topic that was discussed at length was the roof decks, both in terms of the railings surrounding them and potential privacy concerns for abutters.

As for the railings, there are plans to use either clear glass or panel, which Lynds described as low-profile. “You don’t necessarily see the actual railings themselves,” he said.

Regarding privacy concerns relating to the roof decks, Lynds mentioned that they could show sight lines to illustrate what people on the roof deck would see and talked about setbacks helping to quell the issue of people on the roof deck being able to see into others’ properties.

The following proposal those in attendance at Monday’s meeting heard about was at 141 Addison Street and was also presented by Lynds.

The proposal for this project is to combine the two lots that the current industrial building at the site sits on into one to construct a four-story, 20-unit multi-family dwelling with 14 parking spaces and bike parking. This project is also intended to be for homeownership upon completion.

Regarding the unit makeup, there are plans for 10 one-bedrooms, eight two-bedrooms, and two three-bedrooms. There are also plans for four IDP units — 20% of the total project.

It should also be noted that according to Lynds, due to the project’s size, it is subject to Article 80 small project review.

“Unlike a lot of the other projects we present — smaller projects — this actually has a parallel track where the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) has to recommend approval before we can go to the Boston zoning board,” he said.

This process is currently ongoing, and the next step will be to have a public meeting hosted by the BPDA following the filing of a small project review application.

When this project was opened up for discussion, the topic that was frequently touched on was parking.

One resident thought that if there are 20 units in this proposed building, chances are that there would be at least one car or maybe even two per unit meaning having 14 spaces could contribute to already difficult parking conditions.

In response, Lynds attributed the lower amount of parking to the city’s planning guidelines.

“They don’t view it as the highest priority to, you know, have as much parking as you can for a site. They feel as if the requirements or at least the need for housing certainly outweighs the need for parking,” he said.

Lynds also made a point while acknowledging that it might be an unpopular opinion, saying, “There are people who want to buy housing and not have a car.”

He also said they could talk about including a ride-share program where one or two cars could be shared among those in the building.

Other topics brought up were the timeline for construction if approved. Lynds indicated that following the approval process and the projected time it would take to complete construction, the finished product could be in mid to late 2025.

There was also a question about the hours of operation for construction, which Lynds explained would be governed by the city’s ordinances.

Since these were the first presentations to the HVNA for each project, there was no vote held; votes for each would likely be held at a future meeting.

Also, it should be noted that the HVNA will not meet at its regular time in September due to Labor Day. Instead, it will convene again on Monday, September 11.

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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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Edgar and Patricia are tourists from Columbia that happened upon this festival.



John Ramirez with his family.



Luz Marinac Solano with her knitwork and friends.



The Miss Elsa Restaurant Team: Valentina, Andrea, Ximena and Sofia.



Colombian Tenor David Rivera Boson.



Viviana and Santiago Meija.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune and Veronica Robles celebrate on stage.



Tatiana and Mauricio.



Daniela and Chris sold PopsiCoolz, fresh fruit popsicles, to cool down the crowd.



The beer garden drew in an adult crowd.



The crowd cheers "Viva Columbia."



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front, Maverick Station, and Jeffries Point areas. “We want to see our community shine. We care about East Boston and our respective neighborhoods,” said Councilor Coletta, sweeping the rubbish around tree pits along Chelsea Street. “This is a way to help from an environmental stand point, build community, and show others that there are people who really care about this neighborhood.”



Oscar E. Cruz, along with friends from the East Boston YMCA, picking up trash along Breman Street.



Kelly Interiano, Joey Gaeta, Dan Joslyn, and Oscar E. Cruz, of the East Boston YMCA, cleaning Jeffries Point.



Katie LaScaleia, Representative Adrian Madaro, and his intern, Aidan Ormsby.



Gabriela Ramirez, Outreach and Communications Manager, and Jack Imbergamo, North End Liaison, of Councilor Gigi Coletta’s office, cleaning Lewis Mall.



Sandrine Colson, representing Atlantic Works Gallery, collecting trash around a rose bush in Maverick Square.



Katie LaScaleia discarding a water bottle near the rock fountain in Lewis Mall, outside a Maverick Station exit.



Kenya, Marcela, Gloribel, Julia, Councilor Gigi Coletta, Karina, and Sienna, who swept the streets around Maverick Station.

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