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#### CELEBRATING FARMERS MARKET WEEK

Governor Maura Healey declared August 6 -12 as Massachusetts Farmers Market Week. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Farmer's Market is a yearly event that runs from July through October.

Above, fresh baked pastry filled with locally grown fruit filling from Meadow Brook Farms.

Right, Shawn Hennigan from the Farmhouse Meats and Cheese talks to a happy customer. See Page 7 for more photos.



## Annual Beach: Ability event promotes access and fun for people of all abilities at public beaches across the state

## BPDA holds another Waterfront and Evolving Industrial Areas meeting

#### By Michael Coughlin Jr.

On Wednesday, August 9, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) held another Waterfront and Evolving Industrial Areas meeting, releasing draft recommendations that focus on the McClellan Highway Economic Development Area and the Upper Chelsea Creek Waterfront and, the Saratoga Street Economic Development Area and the Belle Isle Marsh Waterfront.

"Formed initially to service the needs of regional industry and infrastructure — East Boston's waterfront faces significant physical challenges," said Kristina Ricco, a Senior Planner with the BPDA.

Some of these challenges East Boston's waterfront faces, which Ricco outlined, include degraded ecological conditions, coastal and inland flooding vulnerability, limited publicly-accessible open space and public access to the waterfront as well as inadequate public rightsof-way and sufficient transit access.

"Planning for the future of these areas prioritizes increasing public access to the waterfront, implementing resilient infrafor the two focus areas mentioned earlier, Ricco explained that the recommendations fall into two categories.

The first category is land use and built form, which focuses on supporting essential economic activity to create opportunities for employment-focused development, limiting the proliferation of low-intensity uses like self-storage and logistic centers, transitioning building scale appropriately, and encouraging the adaptive reuse of existing structures.

The second category is transportation and public realm, which focuses on advancing coastal resilience infrastructure, increasing open space and public access to the waterfront, reconfiguring waterfront transportation networks while expanding transit options, and evaluating equitable connections to opportunity.

Moreover, before getting into the recommendations, Ricco made a critical acknowledgment, detailing that planning in the waterfront is more complex due to the state also having jurisdiction.

"There's a kind of regulatory lasagna that gets made on the waterfront, which includes municipal layers like zoning and state layers like Chapter 91 — which protects

#### Special to the Times-Free Press

On Saturday, August 12, nearly 200 of people of all abilities gathered on Constitution Beach in East Boston for Triangle, Inc.'s annual Beach:Ability event. The annual event was made possible by a grant from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program partnership with DCR and supported by DCR's Universal Access Program. In addition to being a fun-filled day of food and games, Beach:Ability highlights the programs and materials, such as beach wheelchairs and mobility mats, that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone.

"It is so exciting to see this event grow very year, it emphasizes the importance of making all places and spaces accessible to everyone," said Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. "Beach:Ability highlights the incredible resources available at our state beaches that make it possible for



Beach:Ability highlights the programs that make Massachusetts' urban beaches welcoming and accessible for everyone. Coleman Nee, CEO of Triangle Inc. and Triangle participant Wayne kayaked with support from Piers Park Sailing Center.

people of all abilities to enjoy a trip to beaches across the Commonwealth."

Participants kayaked with Piers Park Sailing Center and used floating beach wheelchairs to get out in the water. The day was filled with music and dancing was provided by Trike Called Funk.

"We're always looking for ways to improve and make it easier for people with disabilities to enjoy our beautiful green and blue spaces," said Representative Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. "Beach: Ability helps raise the profile of the materials and infrastructure we already have here in the Commonwealth, and it's simply a joy to see everyone out enjoying the beach."

"We couldn't do events and programs like this without the sustained and generous support of our

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structure, and supporting essential economic activity," said Ricco.

Before getting into the draft recommendations

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## Wu announces grants for energy assessments in affordable housing buildings

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) announced the launch of a grant program aimed at supporting deep green energy retrofits (GERs) and decarbonization efforts in existing affordable housing buildings. Mayor Wu initially announced her intention to launch this program in March. The City now has established funding for energy assessments for income-restricted residential buildings, which is the first step in facilitating significant reductions in energy consumption and carbon emissions. This initiative, supported through ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding, aligns with the City

of Boston's commitment to the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO), which sets requirements for large buildings to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions gradually to net zero by 2050. Through this grant program, the City is seeking to further the Mayor's Green New Deal by creating cleaner affordable housing units to enhance the climate, livability and justice of Boston's communities.

"Creating clean homes and improving the health of our communities must be at the center of our climate action," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to the Mayor's Office of Housing for their leadership in our Green New Deal efforts to make Boston's buildings greener and more energy efficient."

"By supporting comprehensive energy assessments, we are empowering building owners to make informed decisions and take meaningful steps towards a sustainable and healthier future," said Sheila Dillon, Chief of Housing. "This program aligns with our commitment to BERDO and reinforces our dedication to equity, affordability, and environmental stewardship. We are excited to partner with building owners and continue our efforts to create a more sustainable and healthy



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As part of the support for deep energy retrofits and decarbonization efforts, building owners of affordable housing now have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$10,000. These funds will be allocated towards comprehensive energy assessments, which will enable building owners to evaluate the current performance of their buildings and develop strategies to achieve substantial energy savings and carbon emission reductions. This initiative will also allow the City to gain more insight into the specific measures that can be taken to significantly reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions in affordable housing.

By completing these comprehensive energy assessments, building owners will not only contribute to a greener environment but also enhance the safety, comfort, and sustainability for residents. Moreover, these assessments can serve as a roadmap offering building-specific strategies to comply with BERDO while providing building owners with valuable guidance. Building owners who complete the assessments will be well-positioned to apply for additional funding from MOH and other sources to implement the identified GER measures.

"We firmly believe that the residents of affordable housing in Boston should be the first to experience the transformative benefits of the Green New Deal," said Green New Deal Director Oliver Sellers-Garcia. "This means providing them with cleaner and more comfortable buildings year-round. Our commitment to this program showcases our strategic utilization of ARPA funding to make targeted investments that enhance quality of life and promote equity. As we move forward, we will persist in on the number of eligible

our efforts to secure Federal climate funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, leveraging our early successes with ARPA funds. Together, we will continue to build a sustainable future that leaves no one behind."

The City anticipates that the comprehensive energy assessments can be scoped, completed, and with funds disbursed within 3-6 months of the grant award. After a thorough evaluation process, including eligibility confirmation under ARPA guidelines and suitability assessment, MOH received a total of 20 applications representing 56 buildings and 2,078 units across the city. After review, the Office of Housing will be awarding grants to all 20 applicants. The exact amount of funds to be disbursed will be determined based on the approved scopes of work. The Office of Housing will continue to accept applications on a rolling basis. To apply, please visit this link.

"With the Mayor's Office of Housing's support, 2Life Communities can begin to comprehensively plan for the future of Leventhal House, a 254-apartment building that has served hundreds of residents for more than 50 years," said Lizbeth Heyer, 2Life Communities' Vice President and Acting CEO. "These funds will allow our organization to explore greater energy efficiency and resiliency, a reduced environmental impact, and, most importantly, enhanced comfort for our residents at Leventhal House for years to come."

It is important to note that while not all the buildings represented are 100 percent affordable, MOH's grant funds will be proportionally allocated to each comprehensive energy assessment based affordable units (affordable to households at or below 100 percent of the Area Median Income).

The City is embedding the Green New Deal throughout City initiatives, making healthier and cleaner communities for all of our residents. In July, Mayor Wu signed an Executive Order (EO) Eliminating the Use of Fossil Fuels in New Construction and Major Renovations of City Buildings. While the EO exempts projects already in procurement, design, or construction, it requires all new municipal buildings and major renovations to operate without fossil fuel usage.

Additionally, previously in March, Mayor Wu launched the Large Building Green Energy Retrofits Program-an initiative under the Mayor's Office of Housing supported by \$10 million in ARPA funding. Today's announcement is an update to this programming. granting \$10,000 for technical assistance grants that help building owners plan toward achieving BER-DO compliance and deep energy retrofits of their buildings. The City intends to provide additional funding when the assessments are complete. These green energy retrofitting measures include installation of energy-efficient lighting and appliances, installation of solar panels, and more. The City announced its intention to expand on these initiatives with a retrofit program for smaller residential buildings and a program specific to retrofitting the Boston Housing Authority. These programs that will mitigate carbon emissions from the building sector and improve housing affordability reinforce the Mayor's commitment to a Green New Deal approach to working toward environmental and economic justice in Bosto

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Healey calls for shelter support for new migrant families arriving in Massachusetts

Governor Maura T. Healey declared that a state of emergency exists in Massachusetts due to rapidly rising numbers of migrant families arriving in Massachusetts in need of shelter and services and a severe lack of shelter availability in the state. The declaration serves as a notice to the federal government and the Commonwealth that the state's shelter system is rapidly expanding capacity in an unsustainable manner, and that further assistance is urgently needed. There are currently nearly 5,600 families or more than 20,000 individuals in state shelter, including children and pregnant women.

In a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, Governor Healey pointed to work authorizations as a primary driver of the crisis. She called on the federal government to take urgent action to streamline and expedite work authorizations and increase funding to states to assist in providing shelter and services to families. She called on bipartisan leaders in Congress to address outdated and punitive immigration laws. She also called on the cities and towns, charities, advocates, faith organizations

and providers to continue to partner with the administration to meet the need for shelter and work. Information about how the public can help is available mass.gov/sheltercriat sis. Anyone who can offer assistance should contact the state at shelterhelp@ mass.gov or by dialing 211, which will be monitored by MEMA.

The administration recently launched the Immigrant Assistance Services (IAS) program, which provides case management, legal services and other support for families in state shelters. This program, not yet replicated in any other state, is providing an unprecedented level of legal support toward asylum, work authorization, and other legal steps to help new arrivals integrate into Massachusetts. The state is also working to establish new and innovative pathways for new arrivals to secure work. The Massachusetts federal delegation also recently wrote to Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Ur M. Jaddou urging them to expedite and streamline the work authorization process.

"State employees and our partners have been miracle workers throughout this crisis - going above and beyond to support families and using every tool at their disposal to expand shelter capacity by nearly 80 percent in the last year. But in recent months, demand has increased to levels that our emergency shelter system cannot keep up with, especially as the number of families leaving shelter has dwindled due to a lack of affordable housing options and barriers to securing work," said Governor Maura Healey. "I am declaring a state of emergency in Massachusetts and urging my partners in the federal government to take the action we need to address this crisis by streamlining the work authorization process and passing comprehensive immigration reform. Many of the new arrivals to our state desperately want to work, and we have historic workforce demands across all industries. I am also calling on all of our partners - from cities and towns to the faith community, philanthropic organizations, and human service providers - to rise to this challenge and do whatever you can to help us meet this moment."

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public access — and designated port areas — or DPAs — which protect water-dependent industrial uses," said Ricco.

"Just like a lasagna, the layer that ends up on top really matters — for much of East Boston's waterfront, that's state-level DPA designations. DPAs heavily restrict allowed uses and prohibit publicly accessible open space," she added.

The McClellan Highway Economic Development Area and the Upper Chelsea Creek Waterfront, bounded by the Chelsea Street Bridge and the border of Revere, was the first area to have its draft recommendations presented.

"Today, much of the area remains underleveraged and includes several acres of low-intensity uses like self-storage and lots and lots of surface parking," said Ricco.

Further, the area is governed by two zoning subdistricts. One is the McClellan Highway Economic Development Area, a zoning subdistrict promoting economic growth "appropriate to the area."

Moreover, the subdistrict is bounded by properties on both sides of Addison Street to Boardman Street and from Route 1A to Brandywyne Village and Noyes Playground.

There are a few proposed recommendations for this subdistrict which include adjusting its boundary to remove property across Addison Street — returning it to a residential subdistrict, and relaxing the allowed uses in the remaining area of the subdistrict following the adjustment.

Ricco mentioned that the subdistrict's existing regulations make it so general office space, education, community, and other uses are either conditional or forbidden.

"These uses and others directly contribute to the essential economic activity and should be allowed by right," said Ricco. Other recommendations for this area include increasing the allowed height and density for planned development areas and studying opportunities for and the potential impact of residential growth in the subdistrict.

There were also recommendations for the Upper Chelsea Creek Waterfront Manufacturing subdistrict, which is designed to protect the working waterfront. The Chelsea Creek DPA also governs this area.

However, the DPA boundary was reconfigured in 2022 and removed around 23 acres of land between Addison Street and Boardman Street, stretching up to the creek's shoreline. Due to this change, the 23-acre area is only subject to Chapter 91 and zoning.

This subdistrict's only land use recommendation is to relax the allowed uses to support essential economic activity. However, at this point, there are no recommendations to study the area for residential use.

The BPDA also suggests constructing a 2,800-foot-long landscaped berm and a publicly-accessible shared-use path within a disused rail right-of-way adjacent to the Chelsea Creek waterfront.

In conjunction with the previous recommendation, the BPDA is suggesting that the city, state, Chelsea, and private landowners work together to "Join family-friendly paths between the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, the Chelsea Greenway, and the envisioned Chelsea Creek waterfront," said Nick Schmidt, a Senior Transportation Planner at the BPDA.

Schmidt also explained that realizing the recommendation of joining the family-friendly paths includes changes to the Chelsea Street Bridge. One change highlighted is bringing the path on a portion of the bridge.

Furthermore, several transportation recommendations were made for the area, including adding a new frequent bus service that would connect East Boston, Revere, Chelsea, and more. There are also recommendations to redesign McClellan Highway into McClellan Boulevard. "McClellan Boulevard is the city's vision to slow

speeds, expand transit access and facilitate access to the waterfront," said Schmidt.

During the presentation, Schmidt walked through proposed changes to McClellan Highway at specific points, where the aforementioned rail rightof-way meets the highway at Addison Street and the area where they diverge.

These proposed changes included more crosswalks, green infrastructure, a dedicated transitway, and more. The BPDA also proposes introducing a new local street network in the area.

The meeting then moved on to the Saratoga Street Economic Development Area, which goes from Saratoga Street near the Winthrop town line to Bennington Street, extends up Walley Street, and the Bennington Street corridor to the Suffolk Downs development area.

"The sub-area primarily comprises MBTA-owned property, including the Orient Heights MBTA station, surface parking lots, and rail yards, but also includes a limited amount of low-scale commercial uses along Saratoga Street and residential uses along Walley Street," said Ricco.

A familiar recommendation is also being made for this area, which includes relaxing the allowed uses within the subdistrict to support essential economic activity. However, residential uses would also be included as part of the relaxation.

Additionally, the BPDA suggests extending and connecting the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway to the proposed Winthrop Greenway within the area of Orient Heights station.

"PLAN: East Boston envisions this area as the nexus of the shareduse path network," said Schmidt.

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tance system is designed to be a temporary, emergency safety-net program. It is not equipped to handle the demand that we have seen in recent months. While we have made herculean efforts to expand capacity as much as possible, we've reached a point where the expansion is unsustainable," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We know what it will take to truly address the root causes of this emergency - rapidly increasing housing production across the state and implementing comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level, including work authorizations. We invite our partners in the federal government and across the Commonwealth to join us in advancing these solutions and supporting all families in Massachusetts."

In her letter, the Governor pointed to several primary drivers of this emergency, including federal policies on immigration and work authorizations, inadequate production of affordable housing over the last decade, and the end of COVID-era food and housing security programs. As a result, the demand for emergency shelter in Massachusetts has skyrocketed over the past year. Today, nearly 5,600 families, including very young children and pregnant women, are living in emergency shelter, many of whom are migrants who recently arrived in Massachusetts. That's up from around 3,100 families a year ago. Meanwhile, the number of families leaving emergency shelter for safe, permanent housing has dwindled, in large part due to a lack of affordable housing options.

"Teams of people from EOHHS have worked with our colleagues across state government relentlessly pursuing creative ways to provide essential resources for families in need, many of whom are new arrivals to Massachusetts," said Health and Human Services Secretary Kate Walsh. "We are committed to supporting these resilient families as they find new opportunities in our state."

the teams at EOHLC have been able to expand emergency shelter capacity and support more families than ever before. But now we confront significant challenges. Our service provider partners are stretched beyond their means, and it has become increasingly difficult to add new shelter units to our EA portfolio," said Housing and Livable Communities Secretary Ed Augustus. "The health and well-being of the families in emergency shelter are our first responsibility and we will continue to place eligible families when units become available. I thank the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor for leading an empathetic and collaborative approach to addressing this crisis, and I thank the communities and shelter service providers who have partnered with us in this incredible, ongoing effort."

administration The also announced that the United Way of Massachusetts Bay and The Boston Foundation have launched Massachusetts Mithe grant Families Relief Fund to help ensure that new arrivals in Massachusetts have their essential needs met. More information can be found at unitedwaymassbay.org/migrantrelief. The Fund will:

• Rapidly deploy emergency financial assistance through our trusted network of human services and shelter organizations in the Commonwealth to ensure individuals, children, and families have access to essential needs (temporary accommodations food, clothing, diapers, hygiene items, transportation).

• Fund livelihood opportunities and assistance such as health screenings, translation services, legal assistance, work authorizations, ESOL classes, and other socio-economic and cultural integration supports.

those individuals and families in need of housing and support, and to work in partnership with cities, towns and civic and community organizations leading this work," said M. Lee Pelton, President and CEO of The Boston Foundation. "We are honored to join the Healey Administration, the United Way and the roster of community leaders who are tirelessly working to ensure the dignity, safety, and health and wellbeing of these new arrivals."

"We are committed to demonstrating we are a welcoming place for our newest arrivals and to connecting them to the resources and support needed to work and thrive," said Bob Giannino, President and CEO at United Way of Massachusetts Bay. "By working together, we can ensure every person in Massachusetts has their essential needs met and is treated with the dignity and respect we would all want for our own families. We are proud to stand with the Healey-Driscoll Administration and The Boston Foundation to mobilize and distribute resources with urgency and compassion to address this humanitarian crisis."

Since taking office in January, the Healey-Driscoll Administration has taken a whole-of-government approach and utilized every resource at its disposal to expand shelter capacity and support families. The administration created a standalone housing secretariat and dramatically expanded staff and resources dedicated to address this crisis. The Emergency Assistance system spread to more than 80 communities. added thousands of new units of emergency assistance housing, launched new shelter sites, including activating 50 National Guard Members at Joint Base Cape Cod, and created Family Welcome Centers to serve as central intake centers to connect families with shelter and services. Despite these efforts, demand has continued to rise at a pace that the Emergency Assistance system cannot sustain.

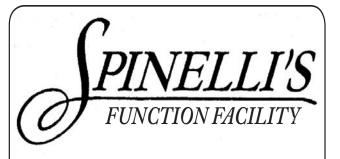
If you want to learn more about these recommendations, with graphics included, the recorded presentation and the PowerPoint are available at https://www.bostonplans.org/planning/planning-initiatives/plan-eastboston.

"Over the past year,

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#### **Project Description:**

Please join Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) planning staff for the public release of the complete draft of East Boston Tomorrow, the final report of the PLAN: East Boston planning initiative. The report includes proposed changes to East Boston's zoning article and new capital improvements to public space, including nearand long-term improvements to the neighborhood's transportation network. The event will include a high-level summary of the report and information about early implementation actions, including draft changes to East Boston's zoning, Article 53. This event will initiate a 30-day comment period for the report and proposed zoning amendments. Translated materials and interpretation will be available in Spanish.

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#### HOW TO HELP THE MAUI FIRE VICTIMS

The horrific and tragic disaster in the town of Lahaina on the Hawaiian island of Maui has gripped the world this past week. The scope of this tragedy is unimaginable -- photos of the scene look like something from after the atomic bombs were dropped over Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

But as we all know, it won't be long before this story slips off the national radar screen. However, the rebuilding of this historic community and the lives of its residents, both physically and emotionally, will take years.

There are many ways to help the victims of this disaster and we have listed some of those below that are among the most prominent:

-- The Maui Strong Fund, run by the Hawaii Community Foundation, is accepting donations for necessities like food, clothing, and shelter for families who have lost their homes.

-- The American Red Cross of Hawaii has 220 trained responders on the ground in Maui helping with search and rescue operations. Donations to the Red Cross are also providing shelter, food, and emotional support. You can donate to the Red Cross by calling 1-800-HELP NOW (1-800-435-7669).

-- Aloha United Way, a non-profit organization based in Honolulu, has set up a dedicated fund for victims of the Maui wildfire.

-- The Maui Food Bank is accepting donations that will pay for meals provided to displaced residents in Maui.

-- The Maui Humane Society is seeking contributions to fund care for pets displaced by the wildfire.

We urge all of our readers who are able to do so to make some small contribution to help the victims of this horrific natural disaster.

#### **CLARENCE THOMAS: THE** SUPREME COURT FOR SALE

With each new revelation about the extent to which Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has accepted extravagant gifts from assorted billionaires, it has become increasingly clear that Thomas has used his office as a ticket to live the lifestyle of the rich and famous.

The news that Thomas received an all expenses-paid, \$500,000 (that's not a typo) luxury vacation from a Texas billionaire (who also paid for his godson's private school education and bought Thomas's mother's house in Georgia, fully-renovated it, and has allowed her to live there reportedly rent-free) appears to have been just the tip of the iceberg.

Two weeks ago there was the report that another billionaire bought Thomas a \$250,000 motorhome.



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### Maui, devastation can happen anywhere

wants to hear. Maui's story reminds us that devastation can happen anywhere. It was a hurricane that swept away Ft. Myers Beach last year. A Tornado and flood destroyed parts of Kentucky. Or, it may be the fires that have destroyed so much in California. Maui reminds us that no paradise is untouchable.

You might feel safe and isolated in Appalachia. You may feel very comfortable in some remote Western terrain. You may live in a comfortable suburb or city surrounded by all types of Emergency Responders; you may be living in a tropical paradise. There are no guarantees that your community is insulated from disaster.

When a tornado, hurricane, or flood cripples a community there is nothing to do except pick up the pieces and try to start over. Likewise, Maui has

#### **LETTER** to the Editor

Recently, the New York Times exposed the area known as the Fertile Crescent (Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, West Bank, and Gaza) to be devastated by the effect of the shriveling up of the Euphrates River. This has caused the Mesopotamia Region to be without water in many regions. Forty percent of Iraq, an area roughly the size of Florida, has been overtaken by

no other choice but it will take years. There is no overnight recuperation for disaster.

There will be ongoing questions about Maui's emergency response abilities. What kind of fire department did Lahaina have? How often had they drilled and prepared for the possibility of a widespread fire? Was it even something that the island thought possible? As the smoke settles, these questions and more will be asked.

If you are reading this in the comfort and safety of your home or apartment then consider this; value what you have when you have it. We all take the present for granted. We take our towns, schools, stores, jobs, incomes, residences, food, health, and each other for granted. We look back to the past and cherish a town that used to be. We

cherish a parent or friend who used to be with us. We value and cherish old jobs and past experiences. It's good to cherish the past. However, why not look around you today and value what and who you have - today.

In the meantime, we certainly pray for the hurting people of Maui. Most Americans will do what they can to be helpful and supportive. We always do. That's one of many reasons our country is so great and blessed.

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causing the emission of poisonous gases into our atmosphere and cause climate change.

Wealthier countries need to financially support under-developed countries, so they will be able to share in our goals.

Finally, we all have an obligation to protect our planet but more importantly, our first obligation is to take care of our children and the generations of children to come.

Please join your environmental community in supporting the fight against fossil fuels, thus protecting our children and our Earth.

#### **PROTECT OUR** PLANET To the Editor,

We have all felt the horrendous weather this summer. Heat, humidity, rain, thunderstorms, floods, and tornadoes have wreaked havoc on our country.

The Southwest has gotten clobbered. The heated ocean waters off the coast of Florida are destroying the coral reefs. Whales are dying as they beach themselves on our shores. Ice caps are melting causing sea levels to rise. Firestorms have hit Canada hard, destroying Canadian forests and causing a tremendous amount of smoke to permeate our air. The Copernicus Climate Change Service has

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stated that "July is poised to be the hottest month ever on record."

All regions on our Earth have been affected. Climate change has become real and not just words. It is not a time to be frightened but it is a time for ACTION! We must all join hands in an attempt to work together to stop this "BEAST."

We all acknowledge that there are wars across our world, destroying lives. But climate change is destroying our whole world!

It is vital for all global governments to band together to find and imple-

Then last week, the on-line investigative journalism publication ProPublica reported that Thomas regularly has received numerous other gifts from assorted other billionaires:

"At least 38 destination vacations, including a previously unreported voyage on a yacht around the Bahamas; 26 private jet flights, plus an additional eight by helicopter; a dozen VIP passes to professional and college sporting events, typically perched in the skybox; two stays at luxury resorts in Florida and Jamaica; and one standing invitation to an uber-exclusive golf club overlooking the Atlantic coast."

Thomas's defenders point out that none of his benefactors ever had cases before him, and therefore his acceptance of these gifts did not involve a conflict of interest. That may be true.

But here's the thing: Even though these billionaires may not themselves directly have had matters before Thomas, he has sided with many decisions that either have upheld their ideological philosophies or that may have benefited their interests indirectly, such as court decisions that have struck down government regulations.

Perhaps the most significant of these was the infamous Citizens United decision (in which Thomas was a deciding vote in the 5-4 majority) in which the Supreme Court struck down the laws that limited political donations by corporations. Thanks to that decision, we have seen the rise of political action committees -- known as PACS -- by which corporations and billionaires can spend unlimited funds on campaign advertising so long as they are not formally "coordinating" with a candidate or political party. The ruling has ushered in massive increases in political spending from outside groups, dramatically expanding the already outsized political influence of wealthy donors.

Clarence Thomas long has been viewed as the most incompetent and least-qualified judge ever to sit on the Supreme Court. But now, he also is by far the most corrupt.

## Your opinions, please

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## Fresh and Local Cooking with restraint

#### By Penny & Ed Cherubino

There's been a flavorful bonus from the move to eat healthier, sustainable food. Changing from ultra-processed foods to simple whole foods, you learn to enjoy nature's unique flavors. This leads to a more restrained approach to making and presenting food. This time of year, we can make a lunch of sweetcorn and tomatoes with very little added to these summer superstars. A bit of olive oil or butter and a sprinkle of salt is all we need.

#### Real Food, Fewer Ingredients

To quote Jamie Oliver, "Real food doesn't have ingredients; real food is ingredients." Oliver has been one of the leaders in cooking with restraint. His cookbooks like, "5 Ingredients: Quick & Easy Food" and "5 Ingredients Mediterranean: Simple Incredible Food" celebrate using fewer ingredients in more straightforward ways and enjoying the full flavors of the best food you can find.

The "Five Ingredient Rule" has recently be-

come a trendy food and diet theme. In some cases, creators of simplified recipes will allow a few basic additions like a fat, an acid, salt, and pepper. This rule is also a good guideline if you buy prepared foods. If the ingredient list is long and contains chemicals and additives, look for a better choice.

Some find that eating more 5-ingredient meals helps with weight control. It makes sense since we know that ultra-processed and junk foods are significant factors in the obesity epidemic.



This crab toast is a perfect example of using the best you can buy and knowing when to stop adding ingredients to a dish.

#### **Craveable Food!**

We love reading menus where the chef has used few ingredients, and we can imagine how something will taste. A recent example is the crab toast at Little Whale on Newbury Street in Boston. It's avocado toast with a generous portion of crab, a sprinkle of Aleppo pepper, and fresh dill. Penny confirmed that it did not have an unwelcome dose of mayonnaise that many chefs add to many recipes. It didn't and has become a dish we crave and enjoy often.

Fewer ingredients mean you have less chance of including something your diners can't have or don't like. Buying fewer, high-quality ingredients means less food waste. When you pay a premi-

um for the best, you tend to buy exactly as much as you need and use it immediately.

#### Seasonality

Another way to show restraint in cooking is to take advantage of seasonal foods. When you shop at a farmers market and take home fresh foods from the field, pasture, or ocean, they have more flavor and nutrition. Limiting what you add to the dish can let the fresh taste shine.

In spring, we often have a big plate of asparagus roasted with olive oil, salt, pepper, and a squeeze of lemon. In the fall, we roast sheet pans of root vegetables and squash with the same preparation. These become the center of our plates, with a few slices of leftover turkey or a piece of fish on the side. When we buy fish at the market, we cook it simply. Scallops sautéd in butter with seasoning and lemon are a perfect plate of food. Penny will top a piece of salmon with ginger, scallion, soy sauce, and sesame oil and roast it in foil packets for a restaurant-quality dinner.

There are instances when a cook has the time and wants to spend an afternoon creating a complex curry or multi-sauced lasagna. However, for everyday meals that are healthy and delicious, we recommend editing the ingredients and letting natural flavors step into the spotlight.

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### CELEBRATING FARMERS MARKET WEEK AT EAST BOSTON'S CENTRAL SQUARE PARK

In recognition of the important role that farmers markets play in providing and expanding access to fresh, healthy, and local food in Massachusetts, Governor Maura Healey has declared August 6 to August 12, as Massachusetts Farmers Market Week. To celebrate the Governor's declaration, members of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), along with local, state, and federal officials, will tour farmers markets throughout the Commonwealth to highlight the impact that they

have on their communities, serving as a vital link for the public to buy directly from local farmers.

East Boston Neighborhood Health's farmers market in Central Square Park is every Wednesday from 3-6:30 p.m., July through October.

Featuring dozens of local farmers, with a wide selection of fresh fruits, meats, and vegetables. Other selections are also available, freshly baked fruit filled pastry and other farm fresh items. SNAP customers get extra money savings shopping at the market.



President/CEO Tony Paciulli, Molly Roark, Kevin Gilmore and Bradley Volz from First Priority Credit Union were on hand to offer services and handout to the shoppers last Wednesday afternoon.



Dr. Ryan Boxill, COO of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center starts the program off with his remarks.



Aliza Wasserman, Director of the City of Boston's Office of Food Justice with her remarks.



Winton Pitcoff, Deputy **Commissioner of MDAR** addresses the crowd and reads the proclamation from Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey, proclaiming the week of August 6-12 as Massachusetts Farmers Market Week. Pitcoff stated there are 200 farmers markets in Massachusetts, including 50, that run through the winter.





EBNHC COO Dr. Ryan Boxill and Heidi Emerson, Asst. VP of Quality for EBNHC, listen to the Official Proclamation from Governor Healey on **Massachusetts Farmers** Market Week.



There was plenty to keep the children busy, while mom and dad shops for fresh fruits and vegetables.





Kelsey Briggs, part of the staff on hand to assist shoppers and visitors, happily gives information to local shoppers.



Billie Finocchino selecting fresh grown fruits.



Revere's Pamela M. Anderson volunteers every Wednesday afternoon at the farmers market in Central Square Park. Pamela is working hard in the produce section. Showing a delicious cantaloupe.

Free lunches for the children were provided.



East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is always part of community programs. Shown at last Wednesday's event is Nery Castro and Laura Londano Montoya.

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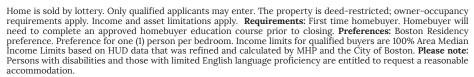
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## Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program celebrates 2023 season

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is celebrating another year of its Community Summer Jobs Program, which has supported thousands of local students through partnerships with community organizations. This year, 30 organizations received \$650,000 in grant funding to support nearly 280 seasonal jobs.

The annual program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to hire youth workers in Massport's neighboring communities including Bedford, Charlestown, Chelsea, Concord, East Boston, Lincoln, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, and Worcester. Without the assistance of Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program, many local organizations would not be able to offer affordable summer programs to local residents. Since 1991, over 9,000 local students have gained valuable work experience in various jobs, such as camp counselor, office assistant, maintenance worker and lifeguard, paid for by the grant.

"Massport is proud to partner with and support the great work of local non-profit groups and community organizations," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "These summer jobs mean much more than a paycheck they provide a great opportunity for young people to learn important life skills and gain professional, hands-on experience while giving back to their communities."

The 2023 program supported the following local organizations:

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Massport CEO Lisa Wieland and Director of Community Relations and Government Affairs Alaina Coppola with students at Paris Street Community Center in East Boston.

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Neighborhood Summer Park Steward Program

Massport also supports local youth athletic and enrichment programs throughout the year and offers scholarships for graduating high school seniors. For more information on Massport's community initiatives and youth programs, visit www.massport.com.

## Suffolk Downs announces new summer and fall activities at the track

The HYM Investment Group LLC (HYM), the firm leading the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs, announced an exciting line-up of activities taking place at The Track at Suffolk Downs throughout the summer and fall months. From kid-friendly "Tracktivities" to the electronic dance music festival Breakaway, there will be something for everyone to enjoy at The Track.

Over the past several

years, HYM has hosted numerous community-centered events at The

folk Downs. Since 2021, HYM has also opened The

ly adjacent to The Track, opened last year and is available for residents, visitors and their fourlegged friends to enjoy.

"Suffolk Downs will be a place that brings people together and creates community, " said Thomas N. O'Brien, Managing Partner and Chief Executive Officer of HYM. "The ongoing events and activities taking place at The Track are an integral component of bringing our vision for an accessible, vibrant site to life."

Upcoming activities for residents and visitors to look forward to at The Track include:

**Summer Tracktivities:** 

Suffolk Downs is partnering with Out of the Box Learning Company to offer free programming for kids at The Track this summer.

Join us in the Paddock

#### **Touch a Truck:**

On Sunday, September 10th, Suffolk Downs will host its 3rd Annual Touch a Truck event! Walk along The Track for an up-close view of tractors, trucks, diggers, police cars, and fire engines. Sit in the seats, honk the horns, and take your picture on the front end! Enjoy activities in the Paddock, visit the food trucks, and jam out to music. Registration is encouraged but not required.

#### **Breakaway Music Festival:**

On Friday September 15, and Saturday, September 16, The Stage at Suffolk Downs, a seasonal outdoor concert venue located on the infield of The Track, will host the Breakaway Music Festival, a two-day electronic dance music festival featuring artists such as Griz, Lane 8 and Porter Robinson! For tickets and more information please visit The Stage at Suffolk Down's website.

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Track, as part of the company's commitment to creatively activating the site throughout the multiphased build-out of SufTrack to the public from dawn to dusk daily for residents and visitors looking to walk, run and play. The Dog Park at Suffolk Downs, located direct-



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from 10am - 12pm on Thursdays in August for hands-on science experiments, games, challenges, and more!

These events are free to attend but registration is required as staffing and supplies are limited to 40 children per event. Events are appropriate for children ages 3 and up and children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. Events are weather dependent, and registrants will be emailed if events are canceled.

#### **Dock Dogs:**

On Saturday, October 21 and Sunday, October 22, Dock Dogs, the world's premiere canine aquatics competition, is coming to Suffolk Downs! To learn more and to register visit the Dock Dogs website.

Follow Suffolk Down's social channels and website for more information about The Track and upcoming events.

## **BWSC** announces free lead pipe replacement for **Boston property owners**

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) announced that it now offers private lead service lines replacement at no cost to property owners, a move that is expected to accelerate BWSC's intensive efforts to make Boston lead pipe free. Funding from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will defray the costs of the initiative and enable Boston to replace remaining private lead service lines for free.

"Some ratepayers had rightly been concerned about their share of lead replacement costs, but all financial barriers have now been eliminated,"

stated BWSC Executive Director Henry

F. Vitale. "Property owners with lead service lines should call BWSC and schedule to have these lines removed and replaced."

With its existing Lead Service Replacement Incentive program, BWSC has long been a national leader in private lead service line replacement and has removed thousands over the last three decades. Most recently, BWSC offered private property owners grants up to \$4,000 for lead service pipe removal, an amount that often covers the en-

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## Steps to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event

The state of Hawaii has been devastated by extensive wildfire activity that has scorched thousands of acres and destroyed nearly 300 structures in Maui County, forcing thousands to seek emergency shelter, injuring dozens, and killing at least 36 people in the historic town of Lahaina, according to news reports.

The relentless tally of losses makes it increasingly clear that the U.S. is facing a deep wildfire problem. Today there are nearly 45 million homes in the wildland/urban interface (WUI). According to the National Interagency Fire Center, some 71.8 million properties in the U.S. are at some level of risk from wildfire. Each year some of the largest-loss fires occur in the WUI.

In the past five years, wildfires have destroyed nearly 63,000 structures in the U.S., the majority of which were homes. Record high temperatures, crippling drought, and high winds from severe weather events such as thunder and lightning storms have been blamed for the recent increase in wildfire activity in Canada, Europe, and in high-risk areas across the U.S. Officials predict more wildfires will erupt cialist, responsible for in the coming months due to continued dry heat and increased storm activity, prompting residents to look for information on what they can do to reduce their risk before a wildfire.

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) has many resources for reporters to assist their coverage of wildfire events, including valuable information for the public and community leaders working to help reduce the risk of losing homes and communities to wildfire damage.

As media outlets continue to cover wildfire activity and its related issues, NFPA resources that may support your news coverage include:

Expert interviews regarding wildfire safety preparedness, community activities, firefighting, and statistical data:

• Michele Steinberg, Wildfire Division Director at NFPA, oversees national policy, development regulations, and community safety, and supports wildfire-related projects that cover a broad spectrum of safety education, advocacy, training, and certification.

 Megan Fitzgerald-Mc-Gowan is a program spethe management of the Firewise USA® recognition program.

• Curt Floyd, NFPA senior specialist, technical lead, Engineering Technical Services, oversees NFPA standards that address the needs of the fire service and emergency responders.

Birgitte Messerschmidt is the director of the NFPA Applied Research Group, responsible for NFPA's research strategy, research on fire problems and other safety issues, data collection efforts, and the NFPA research library.

Subject matter expertise:

 Steps residents can take to enhance home safety ahead of a wildfire event.

• How wildfire spreads and why we must adapt to living with wildfire.

• Simple, but effective steps people can take to reduce the chances of wildfire damage to homes and property.

• Information about the Firewise USA® recognition program that empowers residents to work collaboratively in reducing wildfire risks.

• Information about Outthink Wildfire<sup>™</sup>, a comprehensive strategy that lays out five key policy changes that need to be made at the federal, state, and local levels and if followed, will end the destruction of communities by wildfire over the next 30 years.

• Facts every resident should know about protecting themselves and lowering their risk of property loss from wildfire.

Additional information, resources, and articles:

• Prepare Your Home for Wildfire Fact Sheet

• Home Ignition Zone Checklist

• Wildfire Preparedness Tips

• NFPA/IBHS Wildfire Research Fact Sheet Series

• Blog: Clearing the Five-Foot Zone Around Your Home is Critical to Safety from Wildfires

• NFPA Journal, May 2023 Wildfire Column: Inflection Point

For additional resources and information, and to learn more about how to keep families safe and reduce homeowners' risk for wildfire damage, please visit NFPA's wildfire division webpage.

**Marilyn Ford** Longtime volunteer and founder of Grace Church Food Pantry

Marilyn A. (Marcella) Ford of East Boston passed peacefully surrounded by her family at her daughter's home in Pelham, NH on August 8.

Marilyn was a longtime member of Grace Church Federated and founder of the Grace Church Food Pantry, she was a nanny and second grandmother to Katherine, member of East Boston Kiwanis, longtime volunteer at Boston Medical Center and East Boston PACE program. She made countless blankets that made their way to Boston hospitals and they were distributed to anyone who needed them. Her most favorite job was being a wife, mom and grandma.

The beloved wife of the late Harry T. Ford, she was the mother of Mark A. of Lee, NH, David L. of Newmarket, NH, Dana R. of Weare, NH, Charlotte V. of Pelham, NH and John Paul of Wakefield, NH; sister of Charles J. "Skip" Marcella and Kenneth Marcella, both of East Boston, Mary Beth Osgood of Saugus, Virginia Sprague of Malden. Maureen Sprague of Sterling, Virginia and Karen Giardullo of Saugus and the late Dolores "Dodi" Tennerini, Helen Bono, Richard Marcella, Robert Marcella and Charles B. Marcella.



Marilyn is also survived by her beloved grandchildren: Sabrina. Matthew, David Jr., Alyceson, Brittany, Emily, Ryan, Zachary, and Christine; great-grandchildren: Madeline, Olivia and Hendrix, as well as many nieces and nephews, adopted children, grandchildren and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held in Grace Church Federated, 760 Saratoga St., East Boston on Sunday, August 20 at noon. Relatives and friends are invited.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marilyn's memory to the Grace Church Food Pantry, 760 Saratoga St. East Boston, MA 02128 or The Angelman Syndrome Foundation (Angelman. org) would be greatly appreciated.

Please leave messages of condolence for her family on Marilyn's Tribute Page at MagrathFuneral-Home.com.



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tire job or leaves a balance that can be repaid interest free. For various reasons some owners were left with larger remaining costs to remove their lead service pipes, especially those whose properties are set back from the street, a situation that increases lead pipe replacement costs. Now, Boston property owners who would like to take advantage of this no-cost program are urged to call the BWSC Lead Hotline for assistance at (617) 989-7888. Customers may also visit the Commission's Lead Service Map at:

https://www.bwsc.org/

environment-education/ maproom/lead-servicemap

to look up information the Commission may have on the status of their property.

At the source of supply, Boston's drinking water, which is provided by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), is lead-free when it leaves the reservoirs. Neither MWRA's nor BWSC's water distribution mains contain lead. Lead can enter the drinking water when water remains standing in a lead service line for long periods of time. Also, lead

solder used in plumbing. and older brass fixtures can contribute to lead in drinking water.

Replacement of private lead service lines is an important public health issue because excessive amounts of lead in the body can cause serious adverse health effects.

For more information about lead in drinking water and to find out how to participate in the new No Cost Lead Replacement Incentive Program, Boston residents may contact the Commission at the Lead Hotline (617) 989-7888.





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## LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION FORMER MOBIL EAST BOS-TON TERMINAL NO. 20-0001 **580 CHELSEA STREET, EAST** BOSTON, MA RELEASE TRACKING NUMBER 3-1558 A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan, 310 CMR 40.0000 (the "MCP"). On August 9, 2023, ENERGY **TRANSFER MARKETING &** TERMINALS, L.P. recorded with the Suffolk County **Registry of Deeds a NOTICE** OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION on the disposal site, pursuant to 310 CMR 40.1070 through 40.1080. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND **USE LIMITATION will limit the** following site activities and uses on the above property: (i) Current use as a petroleum product storage and distribution facility and activities associated therewith, including, but not limited to, routine and non-intrusive maintenance of the buildings and ancillary facilities, and routine maintenance of surface cover that does not result in excavation of contaminated soil; (ii) Industrial, commercial, office, and/or retail use of the Property and the activities consistent therewith, including but not limited to pedestrian and/or vehicular traffic, vehicle parking, and routine non-intrusive maintenance of paved, hardscaped, and landscaped areas that does not result in excavation of contaminated soil; (iii) Construction of new structures, provided that

a prior evaluation is conducted by a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) to assess the potential for vapor intrusion of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from nonaqueous phase liquid (NAPL, as that term is defined in the MCP), soil, and/or groundwater into indoor air of the proposed structures. If the LSP's evaluation indicates the potential for vapor intrusion into the proposed structure, the proposed structure shall be designed to eliminate the vapor intrusion pathway by preventing migration of VOCs into indoor air; (iv) Short-term (i.e., five days or less) emergency repair of existing underground utilities and appur-01801, 978-694-3200 tenances, provided that any excavated soil, groundwater, or Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid (NAPL) are managed in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations; (v) Planned (non-emergency) excavation, provided that such work is conducted under the oversight of a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) and in accordance with the MCP, a Soil Management Plan (SMP), and Health and Safety Plan prepared pursuant to Obligations and Conditions (i), (ii), and (iii) in Section 3 of the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIM-

ITATION; (vi) Such other activities or uses which, in the Opinion of a Licensed Site Professional, shall present no greater risk of harm to health, safety, public welfare or the environment than the activities and uses set forth in this Paragraph; and (vii) Such other activities and uses not identified in Section 2 of the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMed in the Petition. **ITATION** as being Activities The Petitioner requests that: and Uses Inconsistent with

**Maintaining No Significant Risk Conditions.** Any person interested in obtaining additional information about the NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION may contact Mr. Jeffrey LaCroix of Roux Associates, Inc., 200 Summit Drive, Suite 500, Burlington, MA 01803, (781) 569-4000. The NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATION and the disposal site file can be viewed at MassDEP website using **Release Tracking Number** (RTN) 3-0001558 at https:// eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/ portal#!/search/wastesite or at MassDEP Northeast **Regional Office**, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA

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#### <u>LEGAL NOTICE</u>

COMMONWEALTH **OF MASSACHUSETTS** THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND

FAMILY COURT Suffolk Division 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 **CITATION ON** PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU23P1686EA Estate of: Lu Zou Date of Death: 08/23/2020 A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Rebecca W. Zhao of Castro Valley, CA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as request-

Rebecca W. Zhao of Castro Valley, CA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. **IMPORTANT NOTICE** You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/19/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ÁDMINISTRA-TION UNDER THE MASSACHU-SETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) **A Personal Representative** appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the

estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: August 08, 2023 Vincent Procopio, **Register of Probate** 8/16/23

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#### Healey-Driscoll administration announces equitable expansion of electric vehicle rebate program

The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced substantial changes to the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles Program (MOR-EV Program), which provides rebates for the purchase or lease of light-, medium-, and heavy-duty battery electric and fuel cell electric vehicles (EVs). These changes aim to support greater adoption of EVs in Massachusetts, including new rebate programs for income-qualifying Massachusetts residents.

"This significant expansion of the MOR-EV Program will make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible for residents of all income levels," said Governor Maura Healey. "Residents will now be able to get their rebates the day they buy their car, instead of waiting for the funds to come in. And income-eligible folks will now be able to get additional rebates, including for used vehicles. This is a great development in our efforts toward an equitable clean energy transition."

"Our administration is committed to reducing transportation emissions, and these important changes to MOR-EV will help provide cleaner air in our communities," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Far more residents will now be eligible for rebates, and we look forward to seeing the number of electric vehicles on the road across Massachusetts grow exponentially in the coming years."

In addition to the existing \$3,500 rebates for EVs, the new MOR-EV program elements include:

• The launch of rebates at the point-of-sale with participating dealers;

• \$3500 rebate for used EVs for income-qualifying residents;

• \$1,500 rebate adder for income-qualifying residents called MOR-EV+ that is in addition to the standard rebate for new or used electric vehicles; and • Increased rebates for

certain light-duty pickup trucks.

The MOR-EV+ and MOR-EV Used rebates are retroactive to November 10, 2022 for any income-qualifying residents who purchased new or used EVs on or after that date.

"Reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector is critical to meeting our climate goals, and we are excited that our expanded MOR-EV program will provide greater access to electric vehicles for more Massachusetts drivers," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rebecca Tepper. "MOR-EV is forward-looking and brings Massachusetts one step closer to phasing out expensive, volatile fossil fuels and transportation pollution that disproportionately impacts environmental justice communities."

"In Massachusetts, transportation accounts for 42% of our emissions, and we know that environmental justice communities often bear the brunt of pollution while challenged to participate in clean energy and transportation programs," said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Elizabeth Mahony. "The updated MOR-EV more equitably serves a greater number of residents to offset the cost of buying an electric vehicle."

Additional details about the rebates are available at https://mor-ev.org.

Culturally Competent Outreach

Through the MOR-EV program administrator, the

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Bennett, Nathan	Taatjes, John	41 Monmouth St #2	\$465,000
Sardegna, Sophia	Geddes, Bradley J	63 Maverick Sq #5	\$625,000
Au Rt	Previte, Peter M	67 Frankfort St #101	\$290,000
Montgomery, Bryan C	87 Putnam LLC	87 Putnam St #2	\$670,000
London Suites LLC	Thomas J Haddock T	103 London St	\$675,000
Garibaldi, Jorge	White, Anthony F	156 Porter St #135	\$532,500
Manella, Hanna	Mccarthy, Brian	168 Falcon St #1	\$595,000
Gonzalez, Rosa M	291 Sumner Street Rt	291 Sumner St	\$835,000
Sachem-9 Rt	Giglio Frances M Est	745 Saratoga St	\$634,000
1141-1143 Saratoga St LLC	Leblanc Ft	1141-1143 Saratoga St	\$850,000

#### Center for Sustainable Energy, the Commonwealth has initiated a culturally competent outreach program to more effectively reach Environmental communities, Justice income-qualifying residents, and limited English proficiency residents with targeted information about available electric vehicle rebates. The MOR-EV website includes translation capabilities, with the option to translate into Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

Background on MOR-EV

Launched in 2014, the Massachusetts Offers Rebates for Electric Vehicles

(MOR-EV) program is an education and rebate program funded by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) and administered by the Center for Sustainable Energy. The program aims to increase the number of zero emissions vehicles on roadways and reduce Massachusetts transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions. As of July 1, 2023, MOR-EV rebates are for battery electric and fuel cell electric vehicles only.

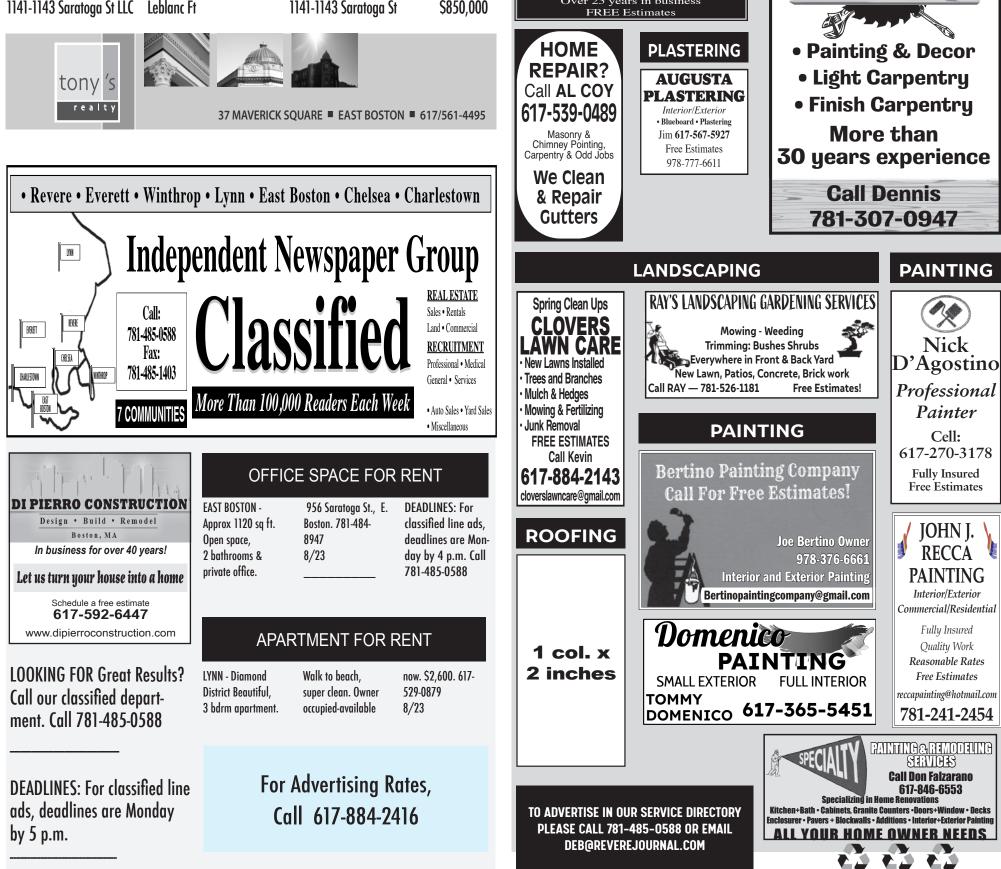
Since June 2014, the MOR-EV Program has issued nearly \$72 million in rebates for passenger vehicles, incentivizing the purchase of more than

32,000 electric vehicles as of the end of June 2023.

For additional information regarding MOR-EV, including current program eligibility details, please visit the program's website. Additional details regarding rebates for electric vehicles greater than 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) can be found by visiting the MOR-EV Mediumand Heavy-Duty Program website.

Funding for the MOR-EV Program is available from the Electric Vehicle Adoption Incentive Trust Fund and through proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

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### National Grid reminds all to call 811 before starting any digging or excavation project

Serving as a crucial reminder for customers to contact 811 before digging, August 11 marked National 811 Safe Digging Day. To observe the occasion, National Grid was reminding customers and contractors nationwide to call 811 before starting any digging or excavation project (no matter how big or small) to have underground utility lines properly marked. Dig Safe ® is a free service funded solely by its utility members to promote public safety and avoid costly underground utility damage.

An underground utility line is damaged every few minutes because someone decided to dig without first contacting 811. Digging without knowing the approximate location of underground utilities can result in severe injury or death, inconvenient service disruptions, and costly fines and repairs. Hitting underground gas, electric, communications, water, and sewer lines while digging can have a major impact on communities and businesses. Making a free request before digging online at www.811beforeyoudig. com or by calling 811 will help everyone who digs maintain essential utility service for their communities while keeping themselves and their neighbors safe by reducing the likelihood of accidentally digging into buried utility lines.

"On August 11 and throughout the year, National Grid wants to remind homeowners and professional contractors alike to use the free 811 service before digging to keep themselves, their family, and community safe by reducing the risk of striking an underground utility line," said Caroline Hon, Senior Vice President of Network Strategy and Planning, National Grid U.S. "Calling 811 or visiting www.811beforeyoudig.com is the only way to know which utilities are buried in your area so that you can dig safely and keep your community safe and connected. Safe digging is critical in ensuring the safety of our employees, the public, and local communities that we proudly serve daily."

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. It's not only the safe and smart thing to do - it'sthe law! A call to 811 is the best safeguard and the first line of defense to preventing strikes on underground utility lines. The depth of utility lines can vary for several reasons, such as erosion, previous digging projects, and uneven surfaces. Utility lines must be appropriately marked in each previously marked location to avoid risk.

As part of National Safe Digging Day, National Grid encourages everyone to take the following steps when planning a digging project this summer:

• Always contact 811 a

few days before digging, regardless of the depth or familiarity with the property.

• Plan ahead. Make a free 811 request on Monday or Tuesday for work planned for an upcoming weekend, providing ample time for the approximate location of lines to be marked.

• Confirm that all lines have been marked.

• Consider moving the location of your project if it is near utility line markings.

• If a contractor has been hired, confirm that the contractor has contacted 811. Don't allow work to begin if the lines aren't marked.

• Visit www.811beforeyoudig.com for complete information.

Everyone who contacts 811 before digging is connected to a local 811 center that will take the caller's information and communicate it to local utility companies. Professional locators will then visit

the dig site to mark the approximate location of underground utility lines with spray paint, flags, or both. Once a site has been accurately marked, it is safe to begin digging around the marked areas. The service is easy to use and free of charge.

State laws mandate that 811 must be contacted a few days before beginning projects requiring excavation. Failure to call 811 may be punishable by fines, which in some states can be as high as \$1,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for subsequent violations.

National Grid works closely with local fire and police departments; with their strong support, people are calling before they dig. Calling 811 can avoid an incident that requires police and fire response.

Additional Resources:

Massachusetts: Call
811 or 1-888-DIG-SAFE
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