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MASSPORT LENDS A HAND TO STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL



Alaina Coppola and Audrey Nagle of Massport delivered backpacks to East Boston YMCA as part of the Authority's annual Backpacks Project.

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Employees at the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) joined together this year to help prepare students in neighboring communities for the upcoming school year. Nearly 100 children at the 21st Century Afterschool Program in Winthrop, Condon Community Center in South Boston, Crossroads Family Center in East Boston, East Boston YMCA and the South Boston Neighbor-

hood House, are starting the school year with new backpacks, new school supplies and new clothes donated by Massport employees through the 15th annual Backpack Project. The Backpack Project is Massport's annual back-to-school drive aimed at assisting local families in need.

"The annual Backpack Project is always fun and rewarding for Massport employees to participate

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Alaina Coppola and Audrey Nagle of Massport delivered backpacks to Crossroads Family Center as part of the Authority's annual Backpacks Project.

JPNA narrowly supports project on Sumner Street

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

During the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) latest monthly meeting on August 14, those in attendance heard about a proposed project at 338-342 Sumner Street, and a slight majority of voters supported it.

The project at 338-342 Sumner Street was presented at the JPNA earlier this month by Attorney Richard Lynds.

He explained that the proposal would confirm the occupancy of the existing mixed-use multi-family dwelling with four units and ground-level retail

and then change the occupancy to six units and maintain the ground-level retail space.

In addition to the change in occupancy, there are also plans to do a complete rehabilitation of the building, which, according to Lynds, has been the family home of the Petrucci family for "the better part" of the last five or six decades.

"The Petrucci family has lived here and remained in the community for a good deal of time. This property is in need of substantial upgrades and repairs. They've decided

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City celebrates Latinx Heritage Month with Fiesta in the Plaza

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The City of Boston announced the celebration of Latino Heritage Month with Fiesta en la Plaza, a diverse program of cultural activities that will take place over four weekends in the renovated City Hall Plaza.

The program brings together Latin American artists residing in Boston who will delight the audience with musical presentations, comparsas, dance classes, poetry readings, documentaries, and an artists' panel about Afro-Latin art and culture. The series of events is produced by Ágora Cultural Architects, a company founded and directed by Latin American women, with the support of the Office of Arts and Culture of the Mayor's Office.

"Our Latin American communities are an integral part of Boston's vibrant cultural presence, and we honor their contributions during Latinx

Heritage Month and beyond. We are excited to announce Fiesta en la Plaza, where Boston residents can celebrate and learn about the diversity of Latin American culture through a variety of programming all month long", said Mayor Michelle Wu.

Elsa Mosquera-Sterenberg, Ágora's Principal, explained that Fiesta en la Plaza "invites us to meet friends and families to celebrate everything that unites us. With Fiesta en la Plaza, we evoke that traditional community meeting space that our parents and grandparents had in their towns of origin." Therefore, the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture chose the City Hall Plaza to hold the events.

The opening during the Inauguration Day on September 16 will feature a comparsa by the mar-

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Public health warning issued related to recent sewage discharge

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The following is a public health warning related to a recent sewage discharge, also known as a combined sewer overflow (CSO). State regulations require local public health departments to provide notice to the public when these discharges may create a risk to public health, including when a discharge lasts for more than two hours.

Boston Water and Sewer Commission Outflow BOS003, located at Jeffries Point in East Boston experienced a discharge or overflow starting on Friday, August 25 at 8:50am,

creating a potential public health risk. The overflow ended at 11:00am on August 25 and this advisory will expire 48 hours after the overflow has ended. Note that this data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website here and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission here for current updates. This event impacts the waters of the Lower Inner Harbor.

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Outflow MWR203, located at Prison Point in Charlestown near the Charles River Dam, experienced

a discharge or overflow starting on Friday, August 25 at 9:15am, creating a potential public health risk. The overflow ended at 12:40pm on August 25, and this advisory will expire 48 hours after the overflow has ended. Note that this data is preliminary and may be revised. Check the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority website here and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission here for current updates. This event impacts the waters of the Upper Inner Harbor and Charlestown.

The public is advised to avoid contact with affected water bodies for at

least 48 hours after a sewage discharge or overflow, during rainstorms, and for 48 hours after rainstorms end, due to increased health risks from bacteria or other pollutants associated with urban stormwater runoff and discharges of untreated or partially treated wastewater.

A combined sewer overflow occurs when a large storm overwhelms the combined sewerage system causing rainwater to mix with wastewater and discharge to a nearby water body. This prevents sewage backups into homes and businesses.

TRASH DELAY

Due to the Monday, Sept. 4th, Labor Day Holiday, Trash will be delayed by one day.

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Helping the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston are Planet Fitness Staff Abdi Farah (left) and Maddy Zuniga.

Area Planet Fitness locations donate school supplies to local Boys & Girls Clubs

Alder Partners LLC, an independent franchise group of Planet Fitness, owned and operated by the DeMartinis brothers, recently held a school supply drive at their nine Planet Fitness locations throughout the Boston area to support the Dorchester, Plymouth, and Salesian Boys & Girls Clubs (East Boston). Thanks to the generosity of their members and non-members they were able to collect and donate backpacks, pens, pencils, notebooks, markers, crayons, and folders, to help local Boys & Girls Clubs members thrive through the school year. The donation benefited more than 275 children across the three Clubs.

“Many students start

the school year without some of the essential supplies they need to succeed. We are very thankful to all those who contributed, and we look forward to continuing our partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs,” said Planet Fitness franchisee Stan DeMartinis.

“We look forward to sharing these items with our members as they head back to school next month. Thanks to the team at Planet Fitness for their ongoing support of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester!” said Mike Joyce, Sr. Vice President of Operations at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester.

The local franchise group has always been passionate about giving

back to the communities in which they do business, through multiple backpack and toy drives, events sponsorships, monetary contributions, and building a Mini Judgement Free Zone in the Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston.

Planet Fitness is proud to partner with Boys & Girls Clubs of America as part of the brand’s national philanthropic initiative, The Judgement Free Generation®, which aims to prevent bullying and promote kindness. Since 2016, together with its franchisees, members and partners, Planet Fitness has contributed more than \$8.4 million to support anti-bullying, pro-kindness initiatives.

PHOTO COURTESY ALDER PARTNERS LLC/JOEY PERELLA

EBCCS AWARDED THE CSF GRANT

East Boston Central Catholic School (EBCCS) has been awarded a Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) Elementary School Grant of over \$220,000 for the 2023-2024 school year as part of the Building Minds Scholarship Fund. The scholarship grant will support over 95 students, which includes over 25 new students receiving assistance to attend EBCCS this year.

This grant is part of a \$7.3 million dollar effort by the Catholic Schools Foundation to support Catholic elementary school students in the Archdiocese of Boston. Eligible students in kindergarten to eighth grade are guaranteed their scholarship each year that they are enrolled in their Catholic grade school provided they meet eligibility requirements. Scholarships are awarded regardless of religion, race, ethnicity, gender, etc.

Additionally, this grant will also fund Peter Lynch Scholars at EBCCS. A Peter Lynch Scholar is a student who has excellent academic achievements and work ethic, cares for others in the school community, has had his/her life impacted significantly by a Catholic education.

CSF is the premier institution for granting aid to financially in-need students to attend Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of Boston. On an annual basis CSF distributes more than 3,900 scholarships awarded with over \$10.6M awarded a year.

Contact EBCCS at www.ebccs.org or call 617-567-7456 to apply for a seat and financial assistance now.

CONSUMER NOTIFICATION SERVICE

Suffolk Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy announces a new Consumer Service available on Suffolkdeeds.com.

The Consumer Notification Service alerts a homeowner by email when a document is recorded at the Suffolk Registry of Deeds in their name or at their address.

Click on the link Con-

sumer Notification Service appearing in the banner at the top of the Suffolkdeeds.com website to create an account and register up to 3 separate properties in Suffolk County (Boston, Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop) about which you want to be notified.

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All victims of fraud should contact local law enforcement authorities.

SEPTEMBER HARBOR VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on September 11, 2023, at 6pm. The meeting is In Person only but will be streamed via Facebook for archival purposes. Attendance on Facebook does not qualify for voting. The meeting will be held in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club cafeteria, across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. You can access the meeting from the front door on Byron Street or from the rear door on Wordsworth Street, which is the handicap entry, to avoid the stairs. Since we are indoors, masks are optional for those in attendance.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en once de septiembre 2023 a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Facebook. La asistencia en Facebook no califica para vota. Llegar a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado de Brooke Charter School.

Pueda usar la entrada principal por la calle Byron o la entrada en calle de Wordsworth. La entrada de calle Wordsworth no tiene escaleras por personas con discapacidades. El cubre bocas sera opcional puesto que estaremos adentro.

Agenda
Welcome/Introduction (5min)
Moment of Silence in remembering those lost in 9/11 as well as the heroic efforts of First Responders.

Announcements (5min)
East Boston Senior Center is open. Greenway Council, Tree Eastie, Rockland Trust Shredding Day, Abutter meeting for 58 Wordsworth Street project.

Station 7 Police Report (15min) Captain Bickerton, Sgt. Cintolo, Officers Mosley and Alvarez.


McLean Park Update (5min) Barbara Puopolo will share information from the latest meeting with the new Project manager from the Parks Department.

106 Moore Street (30min) 2nd Presentation and VOTE by Attorney Richard Lynds for owner, Trichilo Development, LLC, developer Joseph Trichilo. The proposed plan is to tear down the existing 2 family house and erect an 8-unit residential dwelling with 9 parking spaces and 3 private roof decks. Variances: Use, Parking, IPOD, FAR, Stories, SideYard and Roof Structure Restrictions.

141 Addison Street (30min) 2nd Presentation and VOTE by Attorney Richard Lynds for owner, BP Realty Trust and developer Volnay Capital. The proposed plan is to combine lots to create one lot containing 11,000 square feet and erect a four (4) story, twenty (20) unit building with a residential lobby, bike storage, and fourteen(14) enclosed parking spaces. Variances: Use, FAR, Rear Yard, Parking and IPOD.

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on October 2.

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September 12, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 973 9623



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 near- and 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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September service changes will allow MBTA crews to continue improvement

The MBTA announced service changes in September on the Red, Green, Orange, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, Newburyport/Rockport, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve service reliability across the system.

Service changes will take place on the Red Line Braintree Branch this month in order for MBTA crews to perform critical rail and tie replacement work. Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between North Quincy and Braintree Stations on the following dates:

- Beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesdays through Thursdays, September 5-7 and September 12-14, as well as Tuesday through Friday, September 19-22.
- All day from start to end of service during the weekend of September 23-24.

Accessible shuttle bus

service will also replace Red Line trains between Quincy Center and Braintree Stations beginning at approximately 8:45 PM on Friday, September 8, and through the weekend until the end of service on Sunday, September 10.

Accessible shuttle bus service will also replace Red Line trains between Broadway and Ashmont Stations on the Ashmont Branch and between Broadway and North Quincy Stations on the Braintree Branch all day from start to end of service during the weekend of September 30-October 1. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work on the Savin Hill Avenue and Dorchester Avenue bridges, to perform necessary tunnel inspections on the Ashmont Branch, and to accomplish station brightening work at JFK/UMass Station.

The Kingston, Middleborough, and Greenbush Commuter Rail lines, which run adjacent to the

Red Line, will also experience service changes. Accessible shuttle bus service will replace trains between South Station and Braintree on the following dates:

- After 7:30 PM through the end of service Tuesdays through Thursdays on September 5-7 and September 12-14 as well as Tuesday through Friday September 19-22.
- All day from start to end of service during the weekends of September 9-10, September 23-24, and September 30-October 1.
- Accessible express shuttle bus service will also operate directly between South Station and Braintree Station.
- Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses, and regular Commuter Rail fares will be collected between Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Braintree Stations. Keolis Customer Service Agents, MBTA staff, and Transit Ambassadors will

be on-site at impacted stations to support riders.

- The diversion schedule will be available online soon at mbta.com/CommuterRail.
- Due to the continued demolition of the Government Center Garage by private developer HYM Construction, Orange and Green Line service changes will take place in the downtown Boston area all day for 25 days from September 18-October 12:
- Orange Line trains will bypass Haymarket Station. Orange Line riders should instead exit at North Station or State, less than a half-mile from Haymarket (or a four- to eight-minute walk), and travel to the Haymarket area.
- Green Line service will be suspended between North Station and Government Center Station. Riders are instead asked to walk above ground between these stations – Government Center, Haymarket, and North Station are each less than a half mile from each other (about a five- to 10-minute walk). The distance between Government Center to North Station is about three-quarters of a mile (about a 13-minute walk).
- Riders are also reminded that Orange Line / Green Line connections can also be made via the Winter Street Concourse, which connects Park Street and Downtown Crossing Stations.
- Accessibility vans will also be available for on-demand transportation – Orange and Green Line riders should ask MBTA personnel for information and assistance.

Accessible shuttle buses will replace Newburyport/Rockport Line trains between Swampscott and North Station during the weekend of September 9-10. This service change will allow for work on the future temporary platform at Lynn Station. There will be no service at Chelsea Station with passengers instead encouraged to utilize Silver Line 3 service. Passengers should note that bicycles are not allowed on shuttle buses. Regular train service will operate between Newburyport/Rockport and Swampscott with regular Commuter Rail fares collected. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and is available on mbta.com.

As previously announced, accessible shuttle buses will replace Haverhill Line trains between Ballardvale and North Station for 58 days from September 9-November 5. This service change allows crews to perform Automatic Train Control (ATC) work. ATC is a federally mandated safety system that sends signals to trains about potentially unsafe conditions, automatically slowing and stopping a train if needed. Shuttle buses will replace train service between Reading and Oak Grove where passengers can make an Orange Line subway connection. A shuttle bus will also provide service between Reading and Anderson/Woburn for connections to the Lowell Line and Haverhill Line. The shuttle service between Reading and Oak Grove will make stops in Wakefield, Greenwood,

Melrose Highlands, Melrose Cedar Park, Wyoming Hill, and Oak Grove. Train service for passengers between Ballardvale and Haverhill will be re-routed along the Lowell Line after Ballardvale, making one additional stop at Anderson/Woburn station then running express to North Station. A dedicated diversion schedule will be in effect and will be available online soon.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/alerts. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site during these service changes to offer information and assistance. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on Twitter @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in August on the Red, Green, Orange, Silver, Kingston, Middleborough, Greenbush, and Lowell lines. More information is available [here](#).

The MBTA apologizes for the inconvenience of these scheduled service changes and appreciates the understanding and patience of riders as this critical and necessary work to maintain, upgrade, and modernize the system takes place.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/alerts, or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, or TikTok @thembta.

Jodi Cohen named Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office

Director Christopher Wray has named Jodi Cohen as the Special Agent in Charge of the Boston Field Office. Ms. Cohen most recently served as the Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office in Louisville, KY.

Ms. Cohen joined the FBI as a Special Agent in 2005 and was assigned to the New York Field Office, where she investigated white-collar crime and health care fraud. She also worked violent crime matters on the Safe Streets Task Force.

In 2014, Ms. Cohen was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent and



Jodi Cohen.

reported to the Washington Field Office to provide support to national security and criminal covert operations. In 2018, Ms. Cohen was selected as the Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal

Branch in the Seattle Field Office.

In 2017, Ms. Cohen served as a team leader in the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C. She oversaw agent-involved shooting investigations, national program reviews, and field office inspections.

In 2020, Ms. Cohen served as the chief of staff for the executive assistant director and section chief in the National Security Branch of FBI Headquarters. In 2021, Ms. Cohen was promoted to Special Agent in Charge of the Louisville Field Office.

Lyric Stage Boston presents Assassins production

A highly anticipated production of Stephen Sondheim’s Assassins opens Lyric Stage Boston’s 2023/24 season with an astonishing cast of Boston area artists performing this electrifying theatrical gem with Direction by Courtney O’Connor, Music Direction by Dan Rodriguez, and Choreography by Ilyse Robbins.

With the American dream out of reach, nine of the most notorious figures in our nation’s history ignite a chain of monumental nightmares. The white picket fence is set on fire in Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman’s tragically funny and unnerving musical which peers inside the shattered minds of presidential as-

sassins (both successful and failed) from John Wilkes Booth to John Hinckley, Jr. This gallery of historical misfits jolts us into their blurry points of view with unapologetic humor, fiery anthems, carefree tunes, and unbridled energy that boldly blurs the lines between ambition and madness.

Director Courtney O’Connor says, “Stephen Sondheim’s dark masterpiece speaks perhaps even more to audiences today than when it was written over 30 years ago. In a divided country where people are screaming to be heard, it is a prescient reminder that the past can also be a roadmap of the future. I look forward to working with the brilliant

Dan Rodriguez and this incredibly talented company of artists to share this deeply complex and complicated American story.”

Performances begin Friday, September 15, and run through Sunday, October 15.

Founded in 1974 and in residence at 140 Clarendon Street since 1991, Lyric Stage Company is Boston’s longest-serving resident theater company. Its mission is to produce and present live theater in Greater Boston with an intimate approach that promotes inclusivity and connection. The Lyric Stage leads an effort to integrate live theater and theater education into the lives of all residents of greater Boston.

CLARIFICATION

The following clarification is for the story that appeared in last week’s edition on Low Vision Group meeting story.

- “John Oliveira, Acting Commissioner for the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), Brookline, attended the August 16 Winthrop Low Vision Group meeting at the Robert DeLeo Senior Center to discuss the proposed \$27.1 million FY2024 state budget as well as agency resources, such as occupational therapy and home care assistance.”
- MCB main office is in Boston.
- We do not provide home care assistance.

- “Massachusetts Commission for the Blind serves approximately 30,000 visually impaired individuals. Through MCB, those with low vision can join adult support groups, enroll in educational opportunities, gain access to case managers, and partake in social rehabilitation services. Volunteers can assist in reading mail and grocery shopping, as well.”
- The low vision support groups are not operated by MCB. We do provide funding to support the groups and let our consumers know the groups exist, however a person does not need to be an MCB consumer to

attend a low vision support group. The majority of the low vision support groups, including the one in Winthrop, are operated by MABVI. The support groups on Cape Cod are operated by Site Loss Services.

- MCB does not have volunteers who read mail and grocery shop.

The items in red are in reference to the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, which is a separate non-profit organization. MABVI is located in Brookline, operates many of the low vision support groups, and has a volunteer program.

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The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, August 28, 2023, through Monday, September 11, 2023 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # **EV000012971**

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to **M.G.L. c.30, s. 5** and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2023** by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will **commence on or about Tuesday, September 12, 2023.**

Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner
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ENJOY A GREAT -- AND SAFE -- LABOR DAY WEEKEND

With the weatherman predicting a superb Labor Day weekend (as we're writing this), we hope that all of our readers will have a chance to make the most of the final weekend of the summer season.

Although the Summer of '23 overall has been a bit on the rainy side (which was great for our gardens and lawns), it nonetheless had plenty of perfect days that we hope created memories that will last a lifetime for our friends, families, and ourselves. The coming Labor Day weekend promises to give us one final opportunity to enjoy the outdoors in whatever way we choose.

However, as always, we urge our readers to do so safely, not only for ourselves, but also for our family members, friends, and loved ones, whether we are on land or on the water.

Just a few weeks ago we wrote about the spate of tragic accidents that befell the Boston area --- and sure enough, tragedies have continued in the weeks since.

None of us wants to be a tragic statistic, and that means making sure that both we ourselves and those around us do not overindulge in alcohol. Yes, accidents do happen, even under the best of circumstances, but generally speaking, no one ever gets hurt by being sober. It's when two beers become four or more that the chances for a tragedy increase exponentially.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Labor Day weekend.

SCHOOL'S BACK -- DRIVE WITH CAUTION

With schools going back in session this week and next after the summer vacation, morning rush-hour commuters to readjust our driving habits to ensure that we take into account the thousands of children who will be filling our streets during our morning commute.

We'll admit that school buses, school crossing guards, etc. are a pain in the neck, especially if we're running a bit late on our way to work.

But that is no excuse for ANY sort of driving behavior that does not take into account the safety of the children in our communities.

Every morning commuter needs to be a patient and defensive driver, especially in the first few weeks of school, when youthful exuberance typically results in kids dashing out into the street to greet friends for the start of the new school year.

Each of us is responsible not only for our own safety, but also for the safety of others when we are behind the wheel of a motor vehicle -- and that is doubly true when school is back in session.

THIS WEEK'S SHOOTINGS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE ACROSS AMERICA

Mass shootings have become all-too commonplace in America. But even by our nation's uniquely violent standards, the multiplicity of shootings that spread across the country like a tornado-driven wildfire this past weekend was mind-numbing.

First there was the shooting last Thursday night in a bar in California by a former police sergeant, who shot and killed his ex-wife and several others, in an apparent fit of domestic rage.

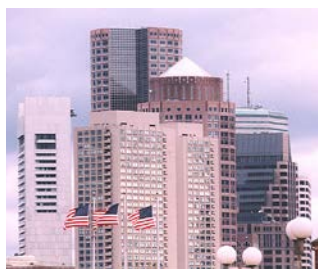
Then on Friday evening, there was the shooting at a high school football game in Oklahoma that claimed the life of a 16 year-old boy.

A few hours later, the rampage of shooting jumped east to Boston on Saturday morning, when gunfire among a group of young men left seven persons injured in the vicinity of the annual Caribbean Festival in Dorchester.

A few hours later, the inferno of tragedy veered south with the news from Maryland that a 34-year-old man shot his mother, cousin, and nephew before turning the gun on himself.

And then came the reports Saturday afternoon from Jacksonville, Florida, of the race-motivated shooting by a 20 year-old white supremacist (who espoused Nazi-style views) in which he targeted and killed three Black persons in a Dollar General store with an AR-15.

The spate of gun violence in a 48-hour period this past week demonstrated that no part of America is immune to the tragic consequences of our gun culture -- and as long as Republican lawmakers are beholden to gun owners' groups and refuse to pass even common-sense gun safety legislation, there will be no end in sight to the sort of senseless and horrific shootings that ripped across America this past weekend.



Forum



LETTER to the Editor

FLYNN ORGANIZES TRAININGS ON ETHICS, CIVILITY, PROFESSIONALISM

To the Editor,

During his term in leadership at the Council over the last twenty months, Boston City Council President Ed Flynn has organized a series of training sessions with colleagues and staff aimed at encouraging civility and professionalism, as well as abiding by state ethics laws and other regulations.

Most recently, Council President Flynn hosted a Massachusetts State Ethics Training for over two hours on Tuesday, August 8 which covered conflict of interest law, gift restrictions, code of conduct and related ethics issues. On Thursday, August 10, Council President Flynn held a three hour Working Session regarding an Anti-Bullying Policy for City Councilors, Council staff, and Council Central Staff that he previously introduced in May. The Council has also held sev-

en trainings related to the Open Meeting Law and the Public Records Law, along with annual compliance and Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) training. He has held multiple working sessions with the City Clerk and colleagues to review the Boston City Council Rules adopted by the body.

In addition, Council President Flynn is working closely with Boston City Council Central Staff on researching a Code of Ethics policy to be introduced later this year, along with recommendations around best practices on time off for Council staff. Council President Flynn continues to also engage in discussions with the State Legislative Leaders Foundation on potentially hosting a Civility Training later this year.

Moreover, Council President Flynn has focused on several administrative issues that have arisen this term, including implementation of an updated Executive Ga-

rage policy. During these challenging times for the management of meetings in municipal government, with anti-vaccine and other protestors, Council President Flynn has also worked in conjunction with City of Boston Property Management on upgraded security infrastructure at the Council, such as installation of panic buttons, putting a stanchion at reception, and requiring key card access at the Piemonte offices side.

Council President Flynn assumed leadership of the body during a particularly difficult time in our city and country; navigating the Omicron variant and subsequent transition back to in-person work and Council meetings, a new budget process, a contentious redistricting process that was ultimately sent back by a federal judge, as well as a number of ethical and legal lapses from several Council colleagues. Council President Flynn has spoken at length on several occasions, on both the Council floor

as well as via memos to colleagues, on the critical need for civility, professionalism and decorum, and to be available in City Hall to address quality of life and constituent service issues from neighbors.

"My goal as Council President, and for the remainder of my term, will be to continue to work on ensuring that the City Council is focused on conducting the people's business, and that we have a professional working environment for all," said Council President Flynn. "While working closely with our dedicated Central Staff, I continue to focus on implementing policies to address the need for civility and respect, and to promote a culture that is inclusive and attracts talent to public service at City Hall, where everyone feels welcome in the workplace without fear of any bullying or harassment."

**Boston City Council
President Ed Flynn**

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EAST BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

On Thursday, August 24, the East Boston Chamber of Commerce held a Summer barbecue for the membership which included City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, representatives Marsela Lopez-Romero from Adrian Madaro’s office, Lydia Edward’s office, and East Boston’s neighborhood liaison Manuela Villa-Gomez’ office. Six Board members were inducted into the Chamber’s Board of Directors including: Pat Capogreco of Cargo Ventures, Marshall Greenland of Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, Jimmy Martinez of HVV MA Happy Valley, Linda Procopio of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Gabriela Salas of

TailWind Air LLC, and Jon Fredy Sosa of CT App Corporation. Jim Kearney performed the induction and swore in the Chamber’s presidency from the most recent past president Veronica Robles to the current president Shirley Fabbo. The event was well attended and citations were given to each of the new Board members. Veronica Robles was commended on her years of service as she passes on from Chamber President to Ex Officio as the most recent past Chamber President. Her hard work kept the Chamber running through challenges and uncertainties such as Covid. The Chamber looks forward to her continuing hard work within

the East Boston business community. Noticias de la Cámara de Comercio de East Boston. El jueves 24/8/23, la Cámara de Comercio de East Boston celebró una barbacoa de verano para los miembros, que incluyó a la concejal de la ciudad Gabriela Coletta, los representantes Marsela López-Romero de la oficina de Adrián Madaro, la oficina de Lydia Edward y la enlace vecinal de East Boston, Manuela Villa- Oficina de Gómez. Seis miembros de la Junta fueron incorporados a la Junta Directiva de la Cámara, entre ellos: Pat Capogreco de Cargo Ventures, Marshall Greenland de Boston Harbor

Shipyard and Marina, Jimmy Martinez de HVV MA Happy Valley, Linda Procopio de East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Gabriela Salas de TailWind Air LLC y Jon Fredy Sosa de CT App Corporation. Jim Kearney realizó la juramentación y juramento de la presidencia de la Cámara desde la más reciente ex presidenta Verónica Robles hasta la actual presidenta Shirley Fabbo. El evento contó con una gran asistencia y se entregaron menciones a cada uno de los nuevos miembros de la Junta. Verónica Robles fue elogiada por sus años de servicio al pasar de Presidenta de la Cámara a Ex Officio como la ex Presidenta de la Cámara más



New Chamber President Shirley Fabbo with Brenda Guichard of Colores de Mexico.



Veronica Robles and Marsella Lopez-Romero presenting the citations to the new East Boston Chamber Board members: Pat Capogreco of Cargo Ventures, Marshall Greenland of Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, Jimmy Martinez of HVV MA Happy Valley, Linda Procopio of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Gabriela Salas of TailWind Air LLC, and Jon Fredy Sosa of CT App Corporation.



The new East Boston Chamber Board members: Gabriela Salas of TailWind Air LLC, (missing from picture but citation issued,) Marsella Lopez-Romero presenting the citations to the new East Boston Chamber Board member Jon Fredy Sosa of CT App Corporation (missing from the picture,) Marshall Greenland of Boston Harbor Shipyard and Marina, Pat Capogreco of Cargo Ventures, Linda Procopio of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Jimmy Martinez of HVV MA Happy Valley, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, and Veronica Robles.

Students// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

in,” said Massport Director of Community Relations & Government Affairs Alaina Coppola. “We are grateful for the generosity of our employees and proud to partner with these organizations to help make a positive impact on local children.” “The Crossroads families are grateful for these wonderful backpacks, and it means a lot, knowing that the backpacks project team always has them in mind before the school year,” said Danila Theagene Pierre, Assistant Program Director, Cross-

roads Family Center. “The Y is grateful to Massport for ensuring our young people are prepared for the school year with fresh supplies!” said Joe Gaeta, Executive Director, East Boston YMCA. “Setting our children up for success early in the school year is key to a positive year.” This year, over 150 Massport employees participated in the Backpack Project by sponsoring children individually or as a group, providing school supplies and new outfit for children, ages 4-17.

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LATINO HERITAGE CAMP GRADUATION

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC) celebrated the conclusion of its five-week Latino Heritage Summer Camp with a ceremony and art exhibit on August 17. The

bilingual program honors Latin American cultures through music, dance, and theater to teach students about the importance of sharing one’s ethnic back-grounds and traditions. “We have an amazing program, teachers, and

mentors,” said Veronica Robles, Executive Direc-tor. “Theater helps us ex-press our ideas with our words and bodies.” Students performed an original play representa-tive of their multicultural identity. “Somos Latinos”

told the story of three Lati-no students growing up in the United States. Robles encourages friends of all ages to join in a weekly theater group in collaboration with the East Boston Police Department, on East Eagle Street.

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Stephanie Sola, 7, with her mother, Ana, pointing to her marker and colored pencil drawing.



Valentina Basulto and Silvia Pleites Rodriguez performing in “Somos Latinos.”



Sofia Gutierrez performing a Colombian cumbia sam-puesana dance.



Students of the Veronica Robles Cultural Center Latino Heritage Summer Camp bowing during the finale of their play, “Somos Latinos.”



Students performing a Puerto Rican bomba dance.



Officer Hugo Alvarez, Veronica Robles, Katherine Menacho, Isabella Lobo, of Senator Markey’s office, Claudia Basulto, Sylvia Pleitez, and Maritza Pacheco.



Katherine Menacho, Valeria and Amanda Santillan, Emily and Danna Cardoo, and Mia Cuasput.

Over 5,000 community members joined Save the Harbor for free harbor island cruises this summer

This summer over 5,000 community mem-bers joined Save the Har-bor/Save the Bay for free harbor island cruises to Georges and Spectacle Is-lands, including around 40 teens from Eastie Farms in East Boston. “There’s no better way to beat this summer’s re-cord-breaking heat than to spend the day out on the harbor and the islands,” said Save the Harbor Ex-ecutive Director Chris Mancini. “Swimming in the clean waters off Spec-tacle Island and exploring the ‘Dark Tunnel’ in Fort Warren are two of the best places to be during a heat-wave.” Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thurs-day 300-500 kids from around the region meet at the Leader Bank Pavilion or Fan Pier where Harbor Historian David Coffin tells them how Spectacle Island went from a land-fill on fire to the beautiful park it is today. “It’s one of my favorite stories to share with the kids,” said Coffin, “And it emphasiz-es the importance of the park’s carry-in, carry-out policy. They take that ex-perience home with them and become the next gen-eration of environmental stewards.” The trips are organized and run by Boston Pub-

lic School students in Save the Harbor’s Youth Jobs Program. Once on the island, they lead fun, STEAM-based education activities like Fishing 101, the Treasures of Spectacle Island archaeology explo-ration, and hikes through Fort Warren on Georges or to the top of Spectacle’s drumlins for a great view of the Boston Skyline and the outer harbor. “We’re particularly proud to have added guid-ed audio tours and infor-mation in six languages this year,” said Deputy Di-rector Kristen Barry. “This way, native speakers in Mandarin, Spanish, Cape Verdean Creole, Vietnam-ese, and Haitian Creole can more easily partici-pate in our programs.” “All of these free cruises are only made possi-ble with leadership sup-port and partnership from Cronin Development, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and En-vironmental Affairs, Mas-sachusetts Office of Envi-ronmental Protection, Bay State Cruise Company, and Mass Bay Lines,” said Mancini. Mancini went on to thank partners and funders for their sustained sup-port, including the Healey/Driscoll Administration, the Department of Con-servation and Recreation,



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Local groups joined Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for their final Summer 2023 trip to Georges Island.

Champions Liberty Mutu-al Foundation, Coca-Co-la Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachu-setts, Eastern Salt Com-pany, Executive Office of Energy and Environmen-tal Affairs, JetBlue, John Hancock Financial Ser-vices, Massport, the Mass Cultural Council, the Mas-sachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the National Grid Foundation, and the hun-dreds of individual donors who support the organiza-tion. They also thanked Al-

exandria, Amazon, Bay State Cruise Company, BXP - Atlantic Wharf, City of Boston Depart-ment of Youth Engage-ment and Employment, Boston Consulting Group, the Comcast Foundation, Constellation Generation, the Cronin Group, Hood Park, HYM Investment Group, Income Research and Management Charitable Trust, Leader Bank Pavilion/Live Nation, Massachusetts Bay Lines, Massachusetts Water Re-sources Authority, Nation-al Development, Nutter, P

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continue weekly until Au-gust 24th and are free and open to all to join through Save the Harbor’s website, along with evening and weekend Share the Harbor tours. To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s free All Access Boston Harbor excursions or upcoming free events on the waterfront or your favorite beach, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow @savetheharbor on social media.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families to host two additional lifeguard hiring events

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is hosting two additional free lifeguard hiring events on Monday, September 11 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the BCYF Mason Pool in Roxbury. Any Boston residents with valid lifeguard certification who are interested in working as a lifeguard at a BCYF pool are invited to attend one of the events.

The lifeguard hiring events will combine all the necessary steps to become a lifeguard for a City of Boston pool in one location. These include a swim evaluation, skill evaluation, interview, and paperwork processing. Full-time and part-time positions are available as well as Head Lifeguard positions.

BCYF lifeguard positions start at \$22/hour and all lifeguards, even those who work part-time hours, are eligible for all the benefits available to City of Boston employees, including generous health, dental and retirement benefits as well as paid vacation. With pools located in almost every neighborhood of Boston, working at a BCYF pool is a great way to serve your community.

Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old and should bring the following: at least two references, contact information we can follow up on, a state ID or license, and American Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. Proof of Boston residency will be required later in the application process. We recommend signing up at this link: bit.ly/BCYF-LifeguardHiringEvent. However walk-ins are welcome. If you are interested and can't stop by, more information about lifeguarding at BCYF as well as the link to apply can be found at Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics.



BCYF Mason Pool is located at 159 Norfolk Ave in Roxbury. Parking is available next to the pool or on nearby streets or it's a short walk up Proctor Street from any of the buses that serve Massachusetts Avenue.

The City of Boston is working across departments to renovate several city-owned pools following years of disinvestment. Over the last 3 months, the City has reopened the BCYF Paris Street Pool in East Boston and the BCYF Hennigan Pool in Jamaica Plain. The BCYF Paris Street Pool reopening was the result of a \$10.2 million investment. More pools will be reopened in the coming months and this hiring event is seeking lifeguards to help staff them and other BCYF pools.

Lifeguard recruitment and pool renovations are part of Mayor Wu's Swim Safe initiative, a commitment to support Boston residents' safety around water.

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The Bridges stamps are intended for business mail users and are sold in self-adhesive coils of 3,000 and 10,000. Use of these stamps requires a special permit and a minimum quantity of 500 letters.

The stamp art features four bridges completed between 1938 and 2022: the multi-span steel through arch Arrigoni Bridge connecting the Connecticut municipalities of Middletown and Portland; the S-curved cable-stayed Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge between Council Bluffs, IA, and Omaha, NE; the steel truss Skydance Bridge topped by a public sculpture in Oklahoma City; and the basket-handle twin arch Iowa-Illinois Memorial Bridge connecting Bettendorf, IA, and Moline, IL.

Bridges are among the oldest structures created by humans. In ancient times, simple slabs of stone spanned slow moving rivers. And in modern times, concrete and steel are used to cover vast distances. While the materials and designs have evolved from utilitarian structures to engineering marvels, bridges remain integral parts of American life, with over 600,000 bridges in the United States. The construction of bridges is a way to reinvigorate communities economically as well as create landmarks of regional pride. Many modern bridges are designed for use by cyclists and pedestrians as well as motorists, capturing

the imagination of human possibility.

Whether simply improving transit or vibrantly lighting the night with color-changing light displays, bridges remain vital connectors drawing together people, cities and the nation.

Ethel Kessler, an art director for USPS, used existing photographs to design these stamps.

SUICIDE
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September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a crucial time to raise awareness, remove stigmas, and provide education about suicide. Having conversations about suicide is important because it reduces the stigma associated with the topic. By allowing for more open and honest communication, individuals with suicidal ideations can feel more empowered to seek help and are less likely to feel alone. Currently, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States. For ages 10-44, suicide is the second leading cause of death.

Anyone can participate in Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. There are activities that individuals, schools, offices, churches, and all types of organizations can conduct to bring awareness to suicide prevention.

Visit www.jasonfoundation.com to download our Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Informational Packet. Look for Suicide Prevention Month under the How to Get Involved tab. Within the packet, there are ideas on how businesses, schools, religious institutions, athletic organizations, and even your family can become involved in spreading the message of suicide prevention.

Also, on the Suicide Prevention Month page you can click on #IWONTBESILENT to learn about The Jason Foundation's campaign to reach as many citizens as possible with the positive message that suicide is preventable and enable those citizens to reach out for help for their loved ones and friends. You can download signs, brochures, flyers, and stickers to display. There is even a user guide to help you plan for the month-long campaign.

The Jason Foundation believes that education is the key to prevention. Our nation should be familiar with the warning signs associated with suicide, suicide facts and statistics, and how to find help for those at risk. Suicide can be preventable. Together, we can save lives. You may even save your co-worker, friend, neighbor's child, a relative, or even your son or daughter. Are you up for the challenge?

Alberta Marino
Grandmother was her greatest title

Funeral Services were held privately in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals in Revere for Alberta A. Marino, 76, who passed away on August 16.

Born in East Boston, the daughter of Albert and Susan "Susie" (Fontana) Marino, she was raised in East Boston and was a graduate of East Boston High School. Alberta was a mother who showed unwavering love and devotion to her only child, her daughter, Marina. As she was awarded her greatest title,

Grandmother, she became just as devoted to her grandchildren and was extremely proud of them. Her grandchildren will hold happy memories and they have gained a guardian angel for the rest of their lives. Alberta worked for a number of years at Tello's in East Boston. She was a proud lifelong resident of East Boston and she enjoyed reading and playing video poker for hours at a time.

The devoted moth-



er of Marina Costello of East Boston, she was the cherished grandmother of Joshua Costello and Jared Costello, both of Marshfield and Teri Palma, serving in the U.S. Navy in San Diego, California. She was the treasured sister of John Marino.

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Nicola Giorgione
Of East Boston


Nicola Giorgione of East Boston, formerly of Italy, passed away on August 24.

The loving son of Liberato and the late Giuseppina (Ciano) Giorgione, he was the devoted husband of Quintina Giorgione of East Boston, devoted father of Pauline Coleman, dear brother of Anna Giorgione and Lucia Grando and her husband, Jose of East Boston, cherished grandfather of Waleed and Nasser, adored uncle of Marco, Luigi and Alexander and fond great uncle of Giovanni.

Family and friends will honor Nicola's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston on Thursday, August 31, from 8 to 11 a.m. before leaving in procession to Sacred Heart Church in East Boston for a 12 noon Funeral Mass. Services will conclude with Nicola being laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.



In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Nicola's name may be made to Kidney Research Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, 165 Cambridge St., Suite 302, Boston MA 02114.



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John A. Barbero
Retired Tugboat Captain



Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, August 31, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for John A. Barbero who died unexpectedly in his home on Friday August 25. He was 93 years old. A funeral service will follow the visitation in the funeral home at 12 Noon. Interment with Military Honors will immediately follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

John was born on June 9, 1930 in East Boston to the late John and Catherine (Ricciardelli) Barbero. One of five children, he was raised in East Boston and educated in Boston Public Schools. He was a graduate of Boston English High School, Class of 1947. Following High School, John attended Newman Preparatory School and then decided to enlist in the United States Army. He proudly served his country and was honorably discharged.

He married Nancy (Socci) on August 22, 1954. The couple remained in East Boston and several years later they welcomed their only child, their daughter, Catherine "Cathy."

John held his Maritime License and worked on boats for all his working career. He worked his way up through the ranks on tug boats, steadily rising to the top position as Captain. He navigated tug boats throughout Boston Harbor and the northeast for several companies such as Perini Corporation, Hydro Dredging Company and lastly, Boston Towing & Transportation (a division of the Reinauer Transportation Companies), from which he retired. John was dedicated and passionate about his work and thoroughly enjoyed his years on the water.

At a young age, John was taught the trades of plumbing, electrical work and general carpentry. Fifty plus years ago, upon purchasing his current home, John gutted and renovated the property doing everything from building and installing the cabinetry, doing all of the plumbing and electrical work.



cal work, installing drop ceilings, windows and flooring, painting, wall-papering, etc. And all of this work was done during down time from his full time job on the boats.

He also had a "green thumb" and a knack for growing flowers and plants. He enjoyed listening to music, one of his favorite singers being Dean Martin. He enjoyed playing piano, doing home projects, watching classic movies, documentaries, the history channel, true crime shows and a good western. He was always eager to help family, friends and neighbors.

The beloved husband of 66 years of the late Nancy L. (Socci) Barbero, he was the loving father of Catherine L. "Cathy" Liberatore and her husband, Robert R. of Wilmington; cherished grandfather of Anthony J. Liberatore of Boston's North End; dear brother of the late Gilda M. Albanese and her late husband, John, the late Rose Ricciardelli and her late husband, John, the late James Barbero and his late wife, Julia and the late Eleanor Barbero. He is also lovingly survived by several Barbero and Socci nieces, nephews, grandchildren and grandnephews.

From your daughter, rest in peace my beautiful Father. I will carry you forever in my heart. Until we meet again.

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