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### OPEN STREETS EAST BOSTON FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Last Sunday, Open Streets was in East Boston, covering Bennington Street and Prescott Street to Meridian Street and London Street.

Above, a colorful procession started the event. Right, Paulina Migalska shows her wide range of ear rings. See pages 5 and 6 for more photos.



### Red Line/Blue Line Connector meeting scheduled for tomorrow

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) is slated to hold a second meeting concerning the Red Line/Blue Line Connector tomorrow — October 19 — at the East Boston Public Library, beginning at 6 p.m.

The first public meeting was held on Monday, October 16 at the Russell Museum at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), where members of the project team provided an overview of the preliminary design plans

for the project that would “connect the Red and Blue lines by extending the Blue Line beyond its current terminus at Bowdoin station through a new tunnel under Cambridge Street to Charles/MGH station on the Red Line.

About 75 residents and business owners attended the meeting on Monday night, and overall endorsed the project. Fred Salvucci, Transportation Secretary in the Dukakis Administration praised the project saying, “I am

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### Neighborhood groups stand together in response to PLAN: East Boston

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

In what John Casamassima of the Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) thought was a first in many years, leaders of five neighborhood groups, the OHNC, Eagle Hill Civic Association (EHCA), Gove Street Citizens Association (GSCA), Harbor View Neighborhood Association (HVNA), and Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) have come together as one to make their voices heard on PLAN: East Boston.

The group of five,

coined the East Boston Board of Boards, gathered to discuss the Boston Planning and Development Agency’s (BPDA) neighborhood planning initiative — PLAN: East Boston — which would bring changes to zoning, parking, roadways, and more.

Through discussions and assessments of the plan’s complete draft, released at the beginning of September, the East Boston Board of Boards has penned a 10-page letter with comments, sug-

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### FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE MARSH – HARVEST FESTIVAL



Gail Miller, Suzanne Ryan, Joe Wilson, Dani Foley, Barbara Bishop, Karyl Stoia, Norm Hyett, and Justi Santana.

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

Friends of Belle Isle Marsh (FBIM) celebrated 40 years of protecting and preserving the marsh during its October 14 Harvest Festival. Residents learned about local wildlife and environmental conservation efforts, while Tree Eastie volunteers planted 10 apple and white spruce trees.

“The marsh is under great threat because of rising seas and other human factors,” said Kennan Thiruvengadam, President. “Human factors emit too much carbon into the atmosphere, which is why



Emi, 9, and Samuel Welsh, 7, painting with vegetables with Eastie Farm.

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### Massport, elected officials celebrate modernization of Logan’s Terminal E

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today joined Governor Maura Healey, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, airline partners and other stakeholders to celebrate the completion of the Modernization of Terminal E as well as Boston Logan’s 100-year anniversary.

Massport recently completed four new gates in Terminal E, the airport’s international terminal, along with respective amenities to support the increased operational demands and create a better and more efficient travel

experience for passengers. Once through the new security checkpoint, passengers flow into an open space with high ceilings drenched in natural light where they will find a number of new concessions, departure lounges and can access new airline clubs on the fourth level. The project included construction of approximately 390,000 square feet and renovations to the existing Terminal E structure to create a unified building.

Throughout the last century, Boston Logan has grown from a small

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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

## State Rep. Adrian Madaro endorses Henry Santana for City Council at-Large

State Rep. Adrian C. Madaro announced his endorsement of Henry Santana for City Council At-Large. Rep. Madaro's endorsement builds on Santana's strong and growing grassroots coalition of supporters. Citing his track record of connecting residents to resources, Rep. Madaro stated that Henry Santana will be a leader at the City level who focuses on getting things done and advocates for East Boston residents.

"I'm excited to endorse Henry Santana for City Council At-Large. As we work to improve the quality of life for the residents of East Boston at the state level, it's so important to have leaders on the City Council who are focused on getting things done," said State Rep. Adrian C. Madaro. "Henry represents what is possible when we invest in our young people and he has spent years working to ensure residents are better connected to resources. I know that he will always listen to and advocate for the people of East Boston."

Rep. Madaro represents Massachusetts' 1st Suffolk District, which consists of East Boston. At

the State House, Adrian serves as the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, Chair of the Afterschool Caucus, Co-Chair of the Italian Caucus, Commissioner on the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, and past Chair of the Boston Delegation.

"I'm grateful to earn the endorsement of State Rep. Adrian Madaro," said Henry Santana. "Rep. Madaro has been a remarkable advocate for East Boston and a leader on climate, transit and addressing our substance use crisis at the state level. I look forward to partnering with him and all of our state partners to address the urgent challenges facing residents and build a Boston that works for all."

State Rep. Adrian Madaro's endorsement adds to an enthusiastic coalition of grassroots supporters, including leaders Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Boston City Councilor Sharon Durkan, Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijenne, Boston City Councilor Brian Worrell; State Senators Lydia Edwards and William Brownsberger; State

Representatives Brandy Fluker Oakley, Russell Holmes, Jay Livingstone, Liz Miranda, Sam Montaño, Chris Worrell and Former City Councilors Kenzie Bok, Matt O'Malley, and Josh Zakim; labor unions AFSCME Council 93 Boston Presidents' Committee, Boston Teachers Union, Greater Boston Labor Council, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, SEIU Local 509, SMART NERC, UAW Region 9A, UNITE HERE Local 26, UNITE HERE NEJB; climate organizations Sierra Club and the Environmental League of Massachusetts; Jamaica Plain Progressives; Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts; Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale; and Boston's Ward 4, Ward 5, Ward 10, and Ward 22 Democratic Committees.

Henry Santana is running a grassroots, community-centered campaign, firmly rooted in a commitment to listen to residents, prioritize quality city services, and address the housing crisis, public safety, and environment. For all of Henry's endorsements, visit [henry-santana.com](http://henry-santana.com).

## City Council observes Hispanic Heritage Month

Boston City Council together with Tu Hispanidad, hosted the 29th annual celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Iannella Chamber, decorated by Devila Decorations, was filled with music by DJ Amador and performances by Venelatin Dance.

This year, the Councilors acknowledged Hispanic leaders in Boston for their hard work, leadership and commitment to their communities. Recipients were awarded the Pilares de la Hispanidad 2023 Award, and presented with a resolution for outstanding service to the hispanic community and the City of Boston.

The Hispanic Heritage observation in the United States began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon

Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

The Hispanic Heritage theme for this year is "Todos Somos, Somos Uno: We Are All, We Are One." Tu Hispanidad "Tribus Unidas" celebrates with pride and joy the outstanding contributions made by the Hispanic natives and immigrants and all those with ancestral lineage to Spain, Mexico, Africa, the Caribbean, Central and South America.

For the first time, the Tu Hispanidad Flag was raised over City Hall Plaza and the Council proclaimed October 11, 2023 as Hispanidad Flag Day in the City of Boston.

Award Recipients:  
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mante (Councilor Flaherty)

Brian Chavez (Councilor Baker)

Doug Chavez (Councilor Mejia)

Alex Garcia (Councilor Arroyo)

Joselina Leon (Councilor Murphy)

Franklin Marval (Councilor Worrell)

Councilor Julia Mejia (Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

Carol Miranda (Councilor Lara)

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## Atlantic Works Gallery presents a special screening of a remake of an iconic cult science fiction/horror film

For its October exhibition, the Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG), a collaborative of contemporary artists located in East Boston now in its 21st year, is inviting the public to a special cultural event: The screening of a remake of the campy, American filmmaker Ed Wood's iconic 1957 cult science fiction/horror film, "Plan 9 From Outer Space" with an introduction and Q&A with the filmmaker.

In May of 2014, Atlantic Works Gallery artist Mitchel Ahern was scheduled to exhibit a solo showing of his artwork in the gallery. Rather than hang a traditional gallery exhibition, Ahern enlisted artist members to build sets in the gallery, and casting gallery members and friends, he lovingly reshot Edward Wood's cult masterwork.

In the original film,

space aliens seek to stop humanity from destroying itself by implementing Plan 9, calling for the resurrection of the dead. Plan 9 From Outer Space attained cult fame when it was dubbed "the worst film ever made" and "cinema so bad it's good."

But Ahern disagrees. "I think it's one of the greatest films of all times, and I mean that unironically," said the Boston-based visual and performing artist. "I think Wood's filmmaking is extremely direct, improvisational, and flows out of a community. The dialogue is pure poetry."

Nine years after its completion, the Ahern's remake is having its world premiere at the Atlantic Works Gallery. Ahern's film serves not just as a tribute to Wood's original film, it documents the 2014 Atlantic Works gallery, its members, vis-

itors, and especially the East Boston neighborhood where much of it was filmed.

A Halloween Special (details)

• Plan 9 From Outer Space (the remake)

• Thursday, October 19, from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Pop-up Art Exhibit

• Screening begins at 7 p.m.

(screen time, 1 hr. 5 min.)

• Ten minute introduction by Mitchel Ahern

• Q & A post screening

• Costumes encouraged

• Light refreshments served

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Atlantic Works Gallery, 80 Border Street, Boston, MA 02128 is a collaborative space for Art and Ideas. For more information, visit <https://atlanticworks.org/>.

## Joey Chiarenza and the SOS Band coming to Quincy

Fresh off his appearance on America's Got Talent as a solo act, Frank Sinatra tribute show artist, Joey Chiarenza will be teaming up with the 18-piece SOS Band to bring his show to the Sons of Italy in Quincy on October 28, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m.

The show is dubbed a Halloween Show with optional costumes and includes a complete Italian buffet and the comedy of Jody Sloane. The event will be MCed by Paul Santos of the Paul Santos Show.

The North End in Boston's Little Italy is where Joey fell in love with the sounds of Sinatra' and they have remained in his heart to this day. "When I grew up, I began singing at family affairs," shared Chiarenza, who appears weekly on Friday after-



Joey Chiarenza.

Peabody MA. "These guys are top notch musicians, and this show allows them to get out there and do what they do best. Wow the crowd. Their band leader Dave Coccia is well-known in the industry and leads a tight big band sound."

Joey and the SOS Band have upcoming shows at the US Coast Guard Sector in Boston on December 2, Spencer Ma at the Spencer Country Inn on December 16th, NY Eve at the Attleboro Elks Club and February 10th at the Polish American Club in Gardner.

Tickets to the Quincy Show are \$55 per person with a table of 10 for \$500 and are available on Eventbrite/Joey Chiarenza, via Venmo at toddcivin or by phone at 978-502-1453.

noons on WMEX radio. "I would sing my mother's favorite song, "My Way," which still makes me tear up when I sing it on stage."

Now in his 60's, Chiarenza's act is widely considered the best Sinatra act in New England. "Teaming up with the SOS Band has taken the show to the next level," explained Chiarenza, who resides with his wife, Gina, in

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# Maverick Street Café proposal presented at JPNA monthly meeting

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

Will Isaza, born and raised in East Boston, joined the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) monthly meeting last week to present his concept for a café called Café Gloria Coffee and Espresso Bar at 287 Maverick Street.

Isaza is proposing to rezone the current property on Maverick Street from a retail space to a restaurant and café space with seating and takeout.

In talking about the concept of the café, Isaza likened it to an internet café, saying, "Part of our initial research for the café was sort of filling the gaps and the voids in the neighborhood, in Jeffries Point in particular and having a place where especially during the daytime where a lot of residents work from home nowadays can kind of hang out have sort of like an internet café sort of vibe."

Moreover, the concept of the café also stems from Isaza's success in the Bacardi Legacy Global Cocktail Competition in 2019, in which he placed top 16 in the world for his cocktail, Gloria.

The flavor combination from his world-renowned cocktail will come to the café as its signature drink.

"Taking those flavors and that concept and telling my story is how the café came to be as a brick-and-mortar concept. A huge ingredient in the cocktail itself was coffee and was native Colombian coffee as well, so that's how we landed kind of here now," said Isaza.

It should be noted Isaza acknowledged that while there has been some confusion because "bar" is associated with the concept, he said, "There's actually no liquor license, no alcohol that's going to be in effect at the café."

"Merely the expression is so people can feel like

they have a space to come and hang out and be within the community," said Isaza.

According to Isaza, the plans for the café would be to have a selection of different coffee and espresso drinks along with food.

In discussing the drink selection, Isaza said the café seeks to use modern and innovative techniques that fall in line with the cocktail world. For example, he mentioned using and making their own syrups and more.

As for food, recipes will be curated from Isaza's mother, Gloria Manrique. "We are seeking to do something a little bit more homey, a little bit more homegrown, and make it feel like you're enjoying something in someone's living room," said Isaza.

A sample menu was also shown, which included items like specialty drinks, such as the Latte Gloria, classic coffee drinks, rice bowls, sweets,

and more.

There are also plans for a grab-and-go station where the specialty drinks could be pre-bottled or canned if you are in a rush.

Other information to note is that this proposal did go through an abutters meeting this month, and there was a concern over a potential bottleneck being created on the street due to the use of delivery services like Uber Eats or DoorDash out of the café.

However, Isaza said he would contact the parking clerk, asking to take the first two parking spaces in front of the café to be designated as a pickup and dropoff space.

Moreover, the planned hours for the café are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Regarding staffing, Isaza said there are plans for two people working in the kitchen and two in the front taking orders and executing coffee orders.

Further, capacity is limited to 16 people in the space, so there are only plans for 12 seats in the café.

"Our hope is that there is going to be a revolving

door of takeout and coffee to go and things like that, but the majority of the seating will be on a countertop, as mentioned, internet café style," said Isaza.

As this was the first meeting with the JPNA, Isaza will have to come back to the association for a vote. According to Co-Chair Margaret Farmer, the vote will happen next month.

## 40 YEARS OF PROTECTING



Friends of Belle Isle Marsh (FBIM) celebrated 40 years of protecting and preserving the marsh during its October 14 Harvest Festival. Bethany, of Amazing Animal Ambassadors, holding Dracula the owl.

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delighted to see the project moving." He did caution that closing the Bowdoin St. Station immediately at the start of construction for five years may cause hardships for some travelers and urged that this process be reviewed.

Today's price tag for the project to construct the 2,000 feet of tunnel in a cut and cover process that must be built to connect Government Center on the Blue Line to the MGH Red Line station is pegged at \$850M. The construction project on Cambridge St. that has been talked about since 1990 is expected to last five years and open in the early 2030's.. The tunnel is expected to be more than 40 feet below the street surface.

Like the meeting on Monday, the meeting in East Boston will also serve as an opportunity for the project team to hear comments from residents, answer questions, and more.

Earlier this month, on October 2, the MBTA submitted a Notice of Project Change (NPC) to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act's (MEPA) Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA).

According to this NPC document, the reason for the submission was due to the time elapsed and "design refinements" that have taken place since the draft environmental impact report (DEIR) was filed back in 2010.

In addition to outlining the project change, providing information on plans for public outreach, and more, the document also outlines project alternatives that come from a 2010 Definitions of Alternatives Report, the 2010 DEIR, and a 2021 Concept Design Report.

Per the document, the preferred build alternative would extend the Blue Line from Bowdoin Station to Charles/MGH station but would eliminate operations at Bowdoin, citing "the current operational constraints of Bowdoin station, platform length, and loop track configuration."

Further, the preferred alternative would include the construction of a new subsurface platform at Charles/MGH station to service the Blue Line and a two-track tunnel under Cambridge Street.

The document also outlines the preferred tunnel construction alternative, which is stated to be Cut and Cover (C&C). The method includes the "installation of an earth support system along the outside limits of the tunnel" and the "installation of

lateral support structures as the tunnel excavation advances," per the NPC document.

According to the NPC document, the advantages of this tunnel construction method include lower cost, shorter construction time, lower project risk, and more.

Other preferred alternatives discussed in the document include the station, which would place the platform close to the Charles/MGH station headhouse. "This option provides customers with the clearest path of travel between the Red and Blue platforms as well an entrance within the future MGH Clinical building."

The preferred storage track alternative was discussed in the document briefly; however, the preferred alternative is slated

to be decided during the design phase.

Finally, the preferred build alternative section of the document mentions that tracks west of the new Blue Line station would have to be built to accommodate a "safe stopping distance beyond the platform."

It should be noted that the document identifies that those tracks would not be used to store vehicles or equipment.

Currently, the NPC is open for review and public comments. The comment period is scheduled to run until October 31.

If you are interested in learning more about the project, viewing the NPC document, or more in advance of tomorrow's meeting, you can visit <https://www.mbta.com/projects/red-blue-connector>.

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gestions, and questions, which was agreed upon by the leadership of all five associations.

The letter, addressed to Arthur Jemison, the BPDA's Chief of Planning and Director, begins with overall comments on the plan.

The letter begins outlining the desire for a neighborhood needs analysis to better gauge the current and future needs of the community.

"The plan promises to fulfill the goal to preserve, enhance, and grow East Boston through zoning changes. However, preservation is missing entirely from the plan, and the plan was drafted

without a needs analysis to consider current and future needs," reads the letter.

"East Boston should be afforded the same opportunity as Charlestown and Mattapan, who each received a needs analysis to help guide future zoning, allowing for appropriate consideration for services and infrastructure that benefits existing residents and allows for future growth," the letter continues.

Another significant comment at the beginning of the letter concerns the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and its ability to enforce the zoning code.

"Our expectation is that your agency and our elected officials will offer clear direction to the ZBA around the importance of not setting future precedent in the variance dispensation process and putting the community back in the same position we are in today."

Further, the letter also requests that the BPDA meet with the plan's advisory group and the community at intervals no less than every six months for the first year and a half to review and correct aspects if necessary.

After the overall comments in the letter, it lists 13 different topics ranging from structural massing to data requests with specific suggestions and feedback for the plan.

The first topic was structural massing and the proposed consolidation of residential subdistricts into three — East Boston Residential (EBR)- one, two, and three.

In this section of the letter, the group proposes actions for each EBR subdistrict. For example,

in EBR-1 subdistricts, the East Boston Board of Boards wants the plan to clearly state that the gross floor area per floor is capped at 1,800 square feet.

Currently, in EBR-2 subdistricts, the plan would allow six units for lots greater than or equal to 50 feet in width, but the group would like that changed to 55 feet.

Moreover, in EBR-3 subdistricts, the Board of Boards would like to see the gross floor area decreased from 8,000 sq feet to 5,000 sq feet per floor.

It should be noted that these examples only scratch the surface of the numerous proposed actions from the Board of Boards regarding structural massing.

The next topic discussed was transitional zoning out of fear that how certain areas are zoned could lead to "jarring, out of place and large buildings next to historic housing stock."

The letter uses the example of Faywood Avenue in that portions of that street are zoned as EBR-3, which allows buildings up to four stories but abuts an EBR-1 zone that only allows two and a half stories.

To combat this, the Board suggests implementing gradual transition zones, a transition zone on Bennington Street, and reducing zoning on the left side of Faywood Avenue.

In terms of Planned Development Areas and squares, the Board of Boards would like to see the reconsideration of how squares are being developed, an analysis of neighborhood amenities needed to be able to take in more density, and ground floors of buildings to have those amenities.

Parking was a big topic in the letter, with several proposed actions, such as giving clear parking requirements in the plan for buildings over three units, contemplating a spot where a municipal parking garage could ease parking shortages, and more.

"The BPDA is overlooking the reality that a car free environment in certain parts of the neighborhood is just not feasible due to the lack of amenities, infrastructure, demographics or topography," reads the letter.

Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs) were also covered in the letter, requesting that the imple-

mentation be outlined in the plan as it is in PLAN: Mattapan. Moreover, the group would like ADUs implemented into the existing recommendations, among other suggestions.

The letter then moves to the protection of family affordable housing. "The plan fails to address how we deepen affordability and avoid the displacement of many of the middle to low-income residents and families in East Boston, other than a build, build, build mindset."

An example of a proposed action for this topic, of which there were a few, is to "require an overall percentage of square footage in addition to unit counts" when determining affordability and using Area Median Income (AMI) levels that reflect the community.

As the letter continues, several other topics were covered with proposals, such as protecting single-family homes, adding Orient Heights and Harbor View to the travel section of the plan, adding a community needs and services enhancement section, data requests in terms of population, and much more.

In addition to the 13 topics covered in the letter, it also lays out key prioritized concerns not touched on in the plan, such as protecting the greenway, pedestrian walkway enhancements, the airport, and more.

Moreover, the letter also lays out specific concerns for different associations and some overall clarification requests.

As previously noted, descriptions of these proposed actions merely scratch the surface of the 10-page letter. If you want to see the full version of the letter, visit <https://tinyurl.com/planeastboston>.

"The current draft of the PLAN is a good start; however, it fails to strike a balance of benefit to existing residents vs developers. We hope this letter and recommendations will help to swing the pendulum allowing existing residents to benefit from future zoning and the city to continue to grow," reads the letter.

Later, concluding, "We look forward to a robust conversation with the BPDA and elected officials around these concerns and how we can make PLAN: East Boston something that we can all proudly support."

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §18-20  
The East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** a public meeting of the East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc., (aka PIERPAC) will be held remotely via Zoom in accordance with the extension of Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 as amended to permit virtual hearings.

A Link to the meeting with instructions for remote participation shall be posted on the organization's website ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) on or before **October 20, 2023**.

It is the intention of the Committee to discuss in open meeting the following matter(s):

**REGULAR MEETING**

- a. Attendance 6:30 pm
- b. Approval of Previous Minutes 6:35 pm

**New Business**

- a. 6:45 pm - Phase II construction update and review with Massport (w/public comment)
- b. 7:30 pm - Update legislative changes to PierPAC

**Old Business**

**Anticipated Adjournment – 8:00 pm**

At the conclusion of its regular business meeting and prior to adjournment, the Board, upon a motion duly made and seconded, may hold an Executive Session pursuant to G. L. 30A.s.21 upon the conclusion of which, the Board will not resume its public meeting.

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED AND WELCOMED TO ATTEND –**  
English to Spanish Translation available on request via Zoom – please email the President at [lmms@verizon.net](mailto:lmms@verizon.net) no later than October 17, 2023 to request translation.

A copy of this notice and instructions for remote participation will also be posted on the organization's website at: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) and has also been placed on file with the Regulations Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth by mailing same via first class mail at least 3 days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.  
By: Louise Montanino, President

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Por la presente se notifica que el martes **24 de octubre de 2023, a las 6:30 p.m.**, se llevará a cabo una reunión pública del Comité Asesor del Proyecto East Boston, Inc., (también conocido como PIERPAC) de forma remota a través de Zoom de acuerdo con la extensión del Capítulo 22 de las Leyes de 2022 para permitir audiencias virtuales.

Se publicará un enlace a la reunión con instrucciones para la participación remota en el sitio web de la organización ([ebpierpac.org](http://ebpierpac.org)) a más tardar el **20 de octubre de 2023**.

El Comité tiene la intención de examinar en sesión pública la(s) cuestión(es) siguiente(s):

**REGULAR MEETING**

- a. Asistencia 6:30 pm
- b. Aprobación del Acta 6:35 pm

**Nuevos negocios**

- a. 6:45 pm - Actualización y revisión de la construcción de la Fase II con Massport (con comentario público)
- b. 7:30 pm - Actualizar los cambios legislativos en PierPAC

**Negocio antiguo**

**Aplazamiento anticipado – 8:00 pm**

Al concluir su reunión ordinaria de trabajo y antes de levantar la sesión, la Junta, previa moción debidamente hecha y secundada, puede celebrar una Sesión Ejecutiva de conformidad con G. L. 30A.s.21 al concluir la cual, la Junta no reanudará su reunión pública.

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Una copia de este aviso e instrucciones para la participación remota también se publicarán en el sitio web de la organización en: [www.EBPierPAC.org](http://www.EBPierPAC.org) y también se ha archivado en la División de Regulaciones del Secretario del Commonwealth por correo postal de primera clase al menos 3 días antes de la fecha programada de la reunión.

East Boston Project Advisory Committee, Inc.  
By: Louise Montanino, President

# East Boston

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## HAMAS ARE TERRORISTS, NOT FREEDOM-FIGHTERS

The demonstrations that have been occurring around the country, especially on college campuses, in apparent support of the Hamas terrorists who slaughtered 1400 Israelis, have been disappointing on many levels.

The Hamas organization is not composed of “freedom fighters” who are seeking to better the lives of the two million people of Gaza. Rather, Hamas is a terrorist group that proclaims only one goal -- the destruction of the State of Israel -- and has shown it will stop at nothing to achieve its ends, including the cold-blooded slaughter of 1400 Israeli civilian men, women, and children.

In addition, Hamas and its masters, the Iranian government leaders (who have funded and trained the Hamas terrorists), consider the two million residents of the Gaza strip -- of whom half are children -- essentially as cannon fodder to achieve their objective of provoking a response from Israel that, they hope, will set the Middle East, if not the entire world, aflame.

The massacre at the Israeli kibbutzim, dance festival, and villages on October 7 accomplished nothing, other than to bring about an Israeli military invasion of Gaza that the Israelis see as necessary in order to root out the military capacity of the Hamas terrorists, but which Hamas knows invariably will result in the deaths of hundreds of innocent Gazan civilians and children.

Peace in the Middle East will be achievable only when all Arab states and Iran are willing to acknowledge the right of the State of Israel simply to exist. However, given that Iran, Hamas, and others preach that Israel must be destroyed, peace will never be achieved and the endless cycle of violence only will continue for future generations, a sad state of reality that the pro-Hamas demonstrators conveniently ignore.

## WILL A PILL MAKE AMERICANS SLIMMER?

Americans have been overeating -- and eating the wrong kinds of food -- for a long time. It is estimated that 40 percent of Americans are obese and another 32 percent of us are overweight -- which means that three out of every four Americans maintain an unhealthy weight. American men today weigh 30 pounds more than they did 50 years ago and American women now weigh as much as that average American man of 50 years ago.

Americans currently rank in the top 10 among all countries for obesity in the world (those who rank higher than us for obesity mostly are small, developing nations) and we are the most overweight nation of every affluent country on earth.

Diabetes has become epidemic in the U.S. and the economic costs stemming from health issues related to our obese society runs in the billions of dollars, while bringing misery to hundreds of millions of our fellow citizens. During the recent pandemic, the biggest factor (aside from being over the age of 65) for developing a serious case of COVID-19 was being overweight.

However, it would appear that a miracle solution -- in the form of drugs originally meant to treat diabetes that also have been shown to tamp down patients' appetites -- is on the horizon.

These drugs already are being prescribed “off-label” for use as weight-loss drugs and the results thus far have been dramatic. In addition, these drugs also show promise for other medical conditions, such as improving blood pressure and cholesterol levels, improving blood sugar levels in patients with diabetes, delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes, and decreasing the occurrence of repeat heart attacks and strokes in those who have type 2 diabetes.

Wall St. believes that these drugs will have a dramatic effect on our society. The two drug companies who make these drugs, Eli Lilly (Mounjaro) and Novo Nordisk (Ozempic and Wegovy), have seen their stock prices surge, while those in the snack food industry -- the makers of junk food such as Twinkies, Oreos, and Doritos -- have seen their stock prices plummet in recent weeks.

There are still many questions about the efficacy and side effects of these new drugs if they are to be prescribed for weight loss, but the future holds hope that America may have found a “cure” for our obesity epidemic.

## Your opinions, please

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# Forum

## LETTER to the Editor

### AN ITALIAN AMERICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE CELEBRATION

**To the Editor,**

On October 9, in commemoration of Italian Heritage Month and in honor of Christopher Columbus, Italians affectionately gathered at the Tall Ship Park in East Boston to celebrate and share their culture and heritage with the thousands who attended the event. The Italian American Alliance hosted the celebration. Sponsors of the event included The National Italian American Foundation, the Consulate General of Italy in Boston, the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, the Post Gazette, the Center for Italian Studies at Fitchburg State University, Ansonia Council 1513 of the Knights of Columbus, Angelo and Carol Rossi, The Sicilian Corner (WCCM, 110 am), Itali-Echo (WNTN, 1550 am), Style & Glamour (WCAC-TV), Lino Rullo, Italia Unita, Representative Adrian Madaro, North End Boston Food Tour, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Fran Yerardi, Dino, Rossi, Wayne Brasco, Dottie D'Onofrio, Marissa Sestito and Lisa Cappuccio.

The day could not have been better. The bright sun, the gentle wind, the majestic park with astonishing harbor view of Boston, and the high spirits of the attendees filled the air with much enthusiasm, joy and delight. DJ Felix Cutillo, MC Tommy Damigella, and the live entertainment kept the appealing and invigorating energy going throughout the afternoon. Throughout the day, catchy tunes

filled the air and delighted listeners with nostalgic Italian songs performed by Sea Breeze with Stephen Savio. Renowned musician, Ray Cavicchio on his Cavi-Chord, and world champion accordionist Cory Pesaturo also delighted with both classical and folk Italian tunes loved by all. North End's famed Street Magic also delivered their classic doo-wop style.

The celebration offered every attendee something to enjoy. Many were captivated and mesmerized by the four-time World Pizza Acrobat, Jamie Culleton, with his impressive skills of maneuvering the flying pizza dough like a frisbee, spinning it on his fingers, rolling around his shoulders, and under his legs as he displayed his high energy juggling tricks. Equally magical and entertaining were the spectators who made their attempts at becoming pizza acrobats. Not to be outdone, the master illusionist, Steve Charette, worked his exceptional magic to captivate groups of attendees with his repertoire of interactive deceptions. The children were truly mesmerized and amazed by his special set of tricks.

Food vendors were, of course, a big part of the celebration. Montilio's brick-fired pizza oven churned out an amazing number of delectable pizzas and provided delectable Italian pastries. DNL Concessions grilled a huge quantity of sausages with peppers and onions and lots of hotdogs, hamburgers, chicken tenders and Philly steaks for children and adults alike. Dirty Water Dough of East Boston dished out lots of meatball subs, in addition

to other mouth-watering sandwiches. And no Italian festival is complete without cannolis -- delivered scrumptiously by Uncle Joey's Cannolis.

Non-food vendors gave the attendees a chance to enjoy shopping for the creative and delicious wares being sold: CRA-IC famous organic flavored hot sauces, Crafty B Wreaths for all occasions, Diamond Hearts Art Studio with acrylic painting and resin art, MAB Fine Art and Photography featuring fine art prints, photo prints and note cards, many displaying beloved Admiral Cristoforo Columbus, The Sweet Spot showcasing unique soy candles and Uncle Moo's Emporium with great doggie treats and pickles.

For the Italians, the celebration brought to life their ancestral traditions, their national identity, the strong bond they maintain with family and friends, and the enormous respect they have for their scores of ancestors, especially Columbus, who in their lifetime have contributed significantly to the betterment of the world. The day allowed them a forum to share their heritage, highlight their love and appreciation of their original and traditional food, foster their sense of belonging within their communities, retain their cultural legacy within the societal fabric of America, and document and bestow their heritage to their future generations.

The children fully underscored these aspirations. Their excitement, joy, and cheer was evident at all times, as they played games, competed for prizes, and danced along with the characters of the “Barbie Dance Show”. Their

beautifully painted faces by The Painted Smile underscored their delight in the day and their sand art projects by Custom Printing and More exposed their creativity. They are indeed the true aspirational future of the Italian culture.

The heritage of a nation represents the principles it has inherited from its past. The culture, on the other hand, brings it to life for the development of its society. Both culture and heritage help define who we are, how we make decisions, and how we bond our diversities. It is impossible for a society to build its future without first knowing and cultivating its past. Therefore, it should be of great interest to everyone to get to know cultures and to cultivate and preserve their own cultural heritages. With that in mind, it was the IAA's absolute pleasure to host the fun-filled afternoon to highlight the Italian American Cultural Celebration at the Tall Ship Park. The event not only exemplified the spirit of the Italian culture, their love of celebrating with family and friends with food, warmth and good decor, but also served as a testament to how a cultural heritage can create meaningful connections with others of diverse nationalities.

A big Thank You to the Committee, Carol Rossi, Dom Amara, Lisa Cappuccio, Lina and Phil D'Allea, Dottie D'Onofrio, Angelo Rossi and Marissa and Tony Sestito for their hard work and dedication in delivering a successful Columbus Day Italian American Cultural Celebration. In other words, “Oh what a day”!

**Lisa Cappuccio**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### GOVE STREET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING AGENDA

Gove Street Citizens Association agenda for the October 23, meeting at 6:30 pm

- Cintolo
- Updates from City Hall (Mela Villa Gomez
- Henry Santana, Candidate

### EAST BOSTON'S WARD 1 DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES NETWORKING EVENT

The Ward 1 Democratic Committee in East Boston is hosting a networking social event on Tuesday, October 24th at Angela's Cafe in Orient Heights from 6 to 7:30PM. The event is free, and appetizers will be included, the bar will be open for people to purchase beverages. All are invited and the restaurant will remain open.

Committee chair Brian

Gannon states “We see this as a fun way to bring people together, but also a great way to let people know that there are many ways to get involved, even in off presidential election years.” One of the event organizers, Margaret Farmer, added “connecting to one another is a great way to help stay informed about what is going on, and can help ensure you know who to call when you want to be involved with an issue”. She went on “We hope this will be the first in a series of events, designed to bring the community together. There are so many active issues, at every level of government, it is important to know other community activists”.

All are welcome at this event, including elected officials and candidates. To learn more about committee activities, please check the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ward1dems/>.

The goal of the Ward 1 Committee is to build a strong, open, and inclusive Democratic Com-

mittee in East Boston. At the event, they envision fostering a rich discussion around issues most important to East Boston

residents, and will brainstorm ways to amplify the voices of local residents' input on city, state, and federal policy.

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### OPEN STREETS EAST BOSTON FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Last Sunday, Open Streets was in East Boston, covering Bennington Street and Prescott Street to Meridian Street and London Street.

These streets were closed off to traffic from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Major intersections were manned by Boston Police to keep everyone safe. During this period everyone was allowed to skate, bike walk and if desired ride in a fare

free bike taxi service provided by the event.

There were 3 major sections of the event, Zone 1 art activities, DJ, wellness, kids' hub, zone 2, food trucks, and resources, zone 3, Community marketplace, main stage events, live music. It was a great day for all, a wonderful fall weather, and plenty of things to keep everyone satisfied and glad they came.



The colors of Mexico by Brenda Guichard. See Page 6 for more photos.



Outdoor activities for all.



East Boston Little League President Nick Free with his son Catcher.



Hamilton Moguea was one of the many biking cabs available for event goers.



James Mackey from Dffrnt Products and Kloth.



CRG Centre Realty, Alissa Charles, Fionnula Bohan and Patricia Candela.



Latino culture dancing.



Maggie Lopez (center) offers a full service salon by appointment only, shown with Sandra Munara and Belleza Intagral.



Sarah McCorry enjoys shopping along Bennington Street.



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### OPEN STREETS EAST BOSTON FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



Sharon Galloway and Noah Neville from the Boston Fire Department.



Carmen Hemriquez from Reina Restaurant prepares a dinner for a customer.



Kevin Patino on a Boston Fire Truck.



Antonia Gaviria and Yuliana Patino.



Adaya Wray getting a balloon animal from Kimberly Williams.



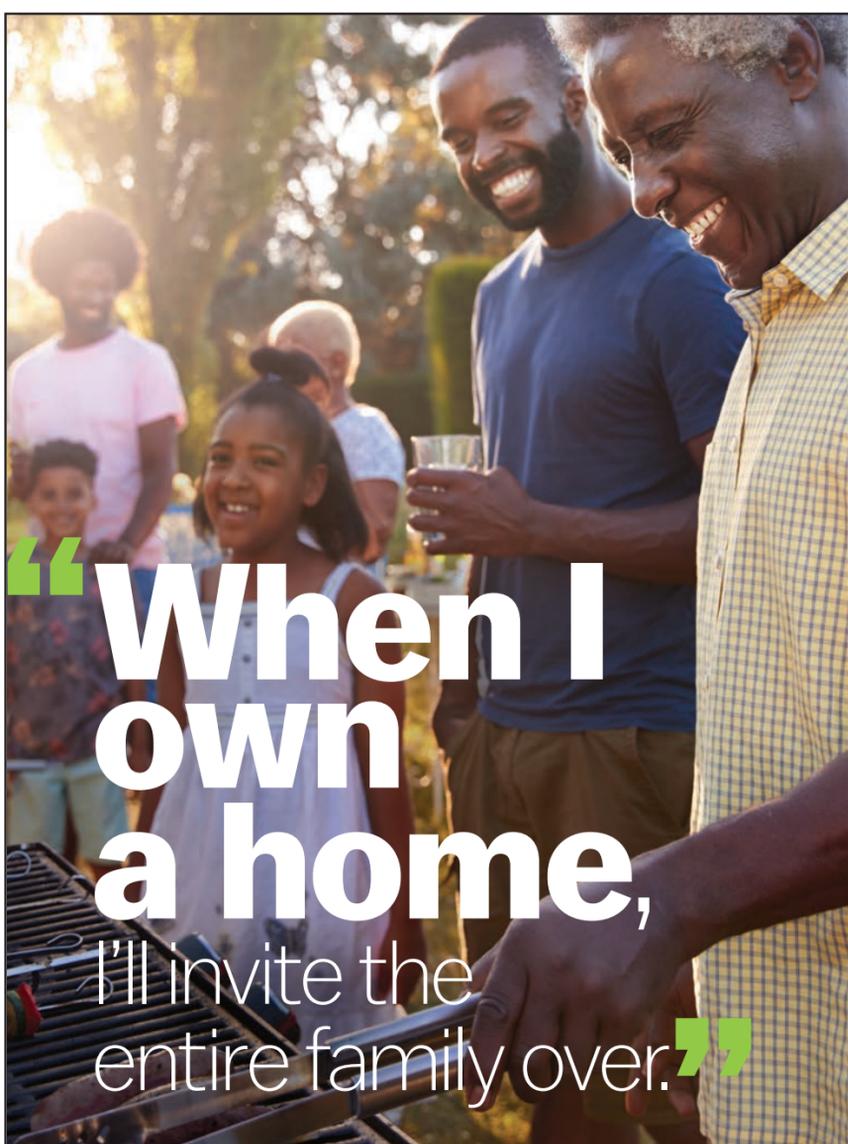
The Ritter family with the Boston Police A-7 crew.



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# Marsh // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

we have global warming; but wetlands sink carbon, so we need these wetlands preserved.”

Thiruvengadam, runs an urban farm and is a Harvard University fellow concentrating on sustainability. His goal for FBIM

is to raise a sense of urgency in the community, and be a part of any discussions in which the marsh plays a role.

“It is an essential habit for a lot of land animals as well as birds, and marine species. Our work is to educate and help people

appreciate what a beautiful space this is,” said Thiruvengadam, who hopes

residents will visit and experience the marsh.

PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA



Mothers Out Front: Carol Walker, Maryalice Sharkey, and Peggy Reidster.



Arline Olivero, Alan Yu, and Silah, of the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen.



Cousins, Emily Quintanilla, 5, and Zion Baez, 4, painting birdhouses.



Tram Anh, Will, and Athena Zolla, 11-months-old.



Outgoing president, Mary Mitchell, and President Kennan Thiruvengadam.



Cat Pedemonti, Mystic River Watershed Association, Elle Baker, Open Space Environmental Planner, Revere, and Catherine McCandless, City of Boston Climate Resilience Project Manager.



The Vecchia Family.



Tree Eastie volunteers planting apple and spruce trees.



Tree Eastie volunteers planted 10 trees at Belle Isle Marsh.



Teresa, Nathan, 2, and Isla Danker, 4.

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This event is organized by Smit Shrestha.  
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## FRESH AND LOCAL

## Continuous training

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

For us, continuous training means that learning never ends for a dog or the people who train and communicate with the animal. The human half of the team needs to keep up with and improve their skills and methods. The canine teammate requires ongoing reminders and refinements of the behaviors that make a dog a great dog.

Nancy Kerns is the editor of the Whole Dog Journal, one of our most trustworthy resources for all dog information. Last January, she wrote an article in the publication about why she still takes training classes and why most dog guardians should.

While this is important and can benefit every family with a dog, it is vital when the dog has behavioral issues. Kerns wrote, "A single multiple-week course would help anyone get to know and understand their dog better and

communicate with the dog better, which would likely help the dog understand what the heck is expected of him better, too— which would surely relieve some of the anxiety that's likely driving some of his problematic behavior!"

**How to Train Yourself**

Classes are one way to train the trainer. Locally, groups like the Animal Rescue League and MSP-CA offer a wide range of classes from "Puppy Kindergartens" to "Learn to Train Your Dog" at various locations in the Greater Boston area.

Group classes have the advantage of putting you and your dog in a situation where there are distractions, other dogs, people of many experience levels, and the support of professional trainers.

Another benefit of group classes is that you can learn from your classmates. They may ask questions you didn't think to ask or share tips that

have worked for them. They may bring up issues they are having that you share.

You can also learn what not to do by noticing those who need to practice the skills they have learned between classes or even in class. And, as in any social situation, you and your dog may make new friends with a common interest.

**Private Training**

You could also opt for private classes with a carefully selected trainer. Whole Dog Journal also had an article on this topic by their training editor, Pat Miller, CBCC-KA, CPDT-KA. She warns that anyone can call themselves a trainer; many bad and dangerous ones are out there.

She recommends finding one through one of the Dog-Trainer Certifying Organizations. If your veterinary practice has a certified veterinarian behaviorist, that person can help



You may need to learn to train your dog on how not to do something, like stealing food. (photo from istockphoto.com)

you find someone who specializes in the type of training you prefer.

Once you have a referral or two, you should interview the candidates. Ask about their training philosophy to ensure their methods are force-free, reward-based, and backed by science. Miller suggests, "Ask if they would ever use a choke (slip), prong (pinch), or shock collar (also called

"electronic collars" or "e-collars"). We don't recommend trainers who use these tools." Finally, ask for references, and at this point, ask your friends and acquaintances if they have any information about your finalist.

We keep up with the latest training methods and ideas by subscribing to dog publications like the Whole Dog Journal. You can also follow websites

like Patricia McConnell, Ph.D., a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist (CAAB) Emeritus's "The Other End of the Leash." We also recommend the work of behaviorist Karen B. London, PhD, CAAB, CPDT-KA, on the site, The Wildest.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

## Healey announces state's emergency family shelter system approaching capacity

Gov. Maura Healey announced that, by the end of October, the state will no longer be able to add additional units to its emergency shelter system for families experiencing homelessness. For months, the state's emergency family shelter system has been expanding at an unsustainable rate to meet rising demand driven by increasing numbers of newly arriving migrant families and slower exits of families in long-term emergency shelter stays. The state will not be able to accommodate more than 7,500 families, or approximately 24,000 individuals, and will likely hit this number by the end of the month.

As of October 16, there are nearly 7,000 families with children and pregnant women in emergency shelter, including newly arrived migrant families and longtime Massachusetts residents. About half of the individuals in emergency shelter are children.

Governor Healey also announced several actions that her administration is

taking ahead of this next phase of the emergency shelter system, including appointing Lieutenant General L. Scott Rice as Emergency Assistance Director and prioritizing helping families who have been in shelter long-term to exit into more permanent housing options.

"For months now, we have been expanding shelter capacity at an unsustainable rate to meet rising demand. Despite the heroic work of public officials, shelter providers and the National Guard, we have reached a point where we can no longer safely or responsibly expand," said Governor Maura Healey. "Lt. General Rice has extensive experience leading large scale emergency management operations, and we are confident he is the right person to lead us through this new phase of the emergency shelter system. We will continue to help families exit shelter and move into more permanent housing options, connect those who are eligible with work op-

portunities to support their families, and advocate for the federal government to step up and address this federal problem."

"The Governor and I understand the strain that has been placed on Massachusetts communities over the past year as we have all come together to ensure that families have access to the shelter and resources they need. Lt. General Rice will be a valuable resource for local officials as we enter this new phase of the emergency shelter program," said Lieutenant Governor Driscoll. "Together, we will move forward on our efforts to connect families with work and permanent housing, while continuing to call on the federal government to help us meet this moment."

**Emergency Assistance Director**

Governor Healey has appointed Lieutenant General Leon Scott Rice as Emergency Assistance Director. In this role, Lt. General Rice will oversee management and coordination of the emergency shelter

system, including leading the administration's Incident Command Team, which was launched in May and includes representatives from multiple state agencies. He will be responsible for implementing this new phase of the emergency shelter system, coordinating directly with local, state and federal officials and other key stakeholders, and updating the Governor and Lieutenant Governor on daily developments.

Lt. General Rice has more than 40 years of experience with the United States Air Force and Air National Guard, retiring as a Lt. General and disabled veteran in 2020. He was the Director of the Air National Guard from 2016-2020, managing a \$11.5 billion budget and more than 100,000 personnel located in every U.S. state and territory. He also served as the Adjutant General (TAG) of the Massachusetts National Guard from 2012-2016, across two gubernatorial administrations. In this role, he led emergency response

and post-disaster recovery efforts for Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Irene, the Boston Marathon Bombing and ice storms.

"I'm honored that Governor Healey and Lieutenant Governor Driscoll have placed their faith in me to lead this critical mission to ensure the safety and wellbeing of families in Massachusetts," said Lieutenant General Rice. "I've spent my career leading large scale organizations and emergency response operations, and I've learned that communication and partnership are key to meeting any challenge. This is the approach that I will bring to this new role, and I look forward to working closely with our local, state and federal partners each step of the way."

**Prioritizing Exits from Shelter**

Beginning November 1, 2023, the state will no longer be able to add new shelter units. At this time, families seeking shelter will be assessed and those with high needs, such as health and safety risks, will be prioritized for placement. Families who are not immediately connected with shelter will be placed on a waiting list.

The state will be bolstering efforts to assist families with transitioning to stable housing, including assessing families who have been in shelter long-term — over 15 months — and prioritizing helping them exit the shelter system, which is intended to be a short-term, emergency option. The administration will be expanding support for rapid rehousing and rental assistance initiatives, such as HomeBASE, to support these transitions. The HomeBASE program helps eligible homeless families pay their first/last month's rent and security deposits, moving expenses, stipends to help with ongoing housing costs, and other costs that can help families stabilize an existing housing situation or stably rehouse. The state is also calling on the federal government, faith-based organizations and other non-government organizations to help support homeless families.

Other services will still be provided for families seeking emergency shel-

ter, including at the Family Welcome Centers. Families will be assessed for basic needs and offered the opportunity to apply for public benefits through the Department of Transitional Assistance, receive necessities including diapers, hygiene products, and formula, and be referred to community-based resources.

**Connecting Shelter Residents with Work Opportunities**

A key piece of helping families move out of shelter is connecting them with jobs. With the business community asking for assistance filling open jobs across the state, the administration has launched two new programs to get shelter residents working.

The first is a partnership with Commonwealth Corporation Foundation to develop a new job skills training program to connect businesses to individuals in shelter who are still waiting for their work authorization but looking to gain on-the-job training and skills development. This new program is beginning as a pilot, starting with Salem but with interest in building business partnerships in other shelters and communities over time.

The second program connects MassHire Regional Workforce Boards and careers centers to shelters statewide with the goal of assessing skills and work readiness of residents who have their work authorization. The initial phase of this new program is focused on 14 shelter sites across the state, representing approximately 1,500 families.

The program is a ready showing results. MassHire South Shore is working with Dunkin' Donuts to fill 30 employment openings and coordinating with Plymouth Area Coalition shelter provider to connect shelter residents to jobs. MassHire North Central started working with a local shelter that connected one individual with employment at a retail store in Leominster.

Both programs are looking for employers and businesses who want to be partners in these efforts that will help them meet



## Virtual Public Meeting

## 1188 Bennington St

NOVEMBER

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/1188Benn](https://bit.ly/1188Benn)

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Meeting ID: 161 338 6226



Project Proponent: GVC

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Meeting of general public to review the proposed 1188 Bennington St project in East Boston. Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard McDonald

Former proprietor of Heights Donuts



Richard E. McDonald, born in Winthrop on May 4, 1943 and a long-time resident of East Boston and Revere, passed away peacefully on October 14.

Richard was a beloved figure in his community, known for his warm heart, love for family and passion for life.

Richard was the former proprietor of Heights Donuts, a place where friendships were forged and stories were shared over coffee and pastries. Beyond his dedication to his business, Richard had a deep affection for music, movies, horse racing, and keno. He had an insatiable love for life's simple pleasures, and these interests brought him joy throughout his journey.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Nina Elizabeth (Walsh), and his loving children: Linda Cohen and her husband, David of Winthrop and Richard McDonald and his wife, Jacqueline of Waltham. Richard was also a cherished brother to Rosemarie Murray. He leaves behind a legacy in his grandchildren: Kenneth McDonald, Cameron McDonald and his partner, Cayla and Isabella McDonald, as well as great-grandchildren Madison and Hazel.

Richard was predeceased by his brothers William McDonald, John

McDonald and his surviving spouse, Mary, Anthony Ferragamo Jr. and his sister, Carolann Guarino. He is also remembered fondly by numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he held dear.

Visiting hours will be held today, Wednesday, October 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home located at 971 Saratoga St in East Boston. A funeral service to honor Richard's life will take place on Thursday, October 19, at 10 am at the same location. Richard will be laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Belle Isle section.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to Survivors by the Sea, 180 Lincoln St, Winthrop, MA, a cause that was close to Richard's heart. Richard's memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

## Josephine E. Calderone

She never passed an opportunity to live life



Josephine Elza (Maniccia) Calderone passed away on October 5 in Bristol CT. Josie was the seventh of ten children born on September 15, 1929 in Torrington, CT to the late Giovannina (DiCicco) and Tulio Maniccia.

The devoted wife of the late George Calderone who she married on May 16, 1958.

They settled in East Boston where many wonderful memories were made with the musically talented Calderone brothers and family, singing, dancing and taking trips to the casino.

Josie never passed up an opportunity to live life. They enjoyed visiting Torrington each year and took several trips with family and friends both in the states and abroad.

Josie was employed as an administrative assistant at MIT and after her retirement, she kept active working part time for security at Logan Airport. Josie always had a smile on her face, making anyone feel welcome with her engaging conversation. She made the best of any situation. Josie never forgot to remember a birthday, anniversary or other special occasion of a loved

one with a card.

Left to cherish her memory is her brother Armand; sisters, Anna, Francis Maniccia and Elda Rosenbeck and sister-in-law, Norma Maniccia, all of Torrington and brother-in-law Joe Calderone of East Boston, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, October 11th in Sacred Heart Church, followed with interment in St. Michael Cemetery, Boston.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertuccio-smith-vazza.com](http://www.vertuccio-smith-vazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

## Stephen Joseph Giardina

Family and friends will hold his memory close to their hearts forever



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of a beloved father, Stephen Joseph Giardina, who departed this world too soon on September 10, 2023. Stephen was born on March 10, 1957 to Mary Ann "Snooki" Puopolo and James Giardina in Boston and is survived by his two loving daughters, Angelica Giardina of Everett and Nicoletta Giardina of Winthrop; his siblings, Julie Ann and Frank Strangie and Jimmy and Milva Giardina, all of East Boston and Richard Giardina and Meca Andrade of Sao Paulo, Brazil; his step-mother, Karen Giardina of Peabody and his step-siblings: Tina Elliot and Jason Elliot, both of Peabody and Tonya Hernandez of Tewksbury along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who will forever hold his memory close to their hearts.

While we mourn his physical absence, we also

celebrate the beautiful life he lived and the enduring love he gave to us all.

A memorial service to honor and remember Stephen will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St, East Boston. In lieu of sending flowers or planting a tree, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the American Diabetes Association as it was a cause dear to his heart.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

## Elizabeth "Betty" Vitale

Retired school librarian who will be remembered for her kind heart, love for family and dedication to education



Elizabeth "Betty" (DeLeo) Vitale, 83, passed away peacefully in Boston on October 10 surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Boston on August 22, 1940 and spent the majority of her life residing in East Boston. Betty's life was marked by love, family, friends and a passion for reading.

In 1965, she married the love of her life, Anthony Vitale and together they raised their children in the vibrant community of East Boston. Betty devoted much of her career to helping children develop a passion for reading, serving as a librarian at St. Stanislaus School and East Boston Central Catholic. Her dedication to education impacted countless lives over the years.

Retiring 13 years ago, Betty moved to Laconia, NH where she enjoyed the serene beauty of her retirement home by the lake. Betty had a special fondness for Disney World and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren in the most magical place on earth. She looked forward to spending time with family at her lakeside retreat for memorable moments and shared adventures.

Betty was predeceased by her beloved husband, Anthony Vitale and several siblings: Vincent Dentino, Mary Venuti, Katherine Gordon, Rose Sacco, Pasquale DeLeo and Gloria Belmonte. She is survived by her loving children, Nancy Jean Parker, Betty Ann Vitale and Stephen Vitale. Betty's leg-

acy lives on through her cherished grandchildren: Benjamin, John, Julia, Anthony, Christopher and Emily. Additionally, she leaves behind many nieces and nephews who will always carry her memory in their hearts.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, an organization Betty held close to her heart.

Family and friends attended a memorial visitation on Sunday, October 15 at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St, East Boston. A memorial mass in celebration of Betty's life was held on Monday, October 16th at Sacred Heart Church on Brooks St, East Boston.

Betty will be remembered for her kind heart, love for family and dedication to education. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her memory be a source of comfort and inspiration to all whose lives she touched.

To leave an online condolence visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com).

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their workforce needs. Interested employers and businesses should contact [LWDBusinessinfo@mass.gov](mailto:LWDBusinessinfo@mass.gov).

These new program builds on the four prongs of legal services work the administration has been conducting for months in shelters:

1. Immigrant Assistance Services: In July, the administration launched the Immigrant Assistance Services (IAS) Program led by the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). The IAS program currently operates largely in staffed shelters, assisting with case management and work authorization, asylum, and Temporary Protected Status applications.

2. Resettlement Agencies Services: In September, the administration launched additional legal aid services led by resettlement agencies. This program focuses on new arrivals who, because of recent changes in federal policy and because these families entered at the border using the CBP1 app, can immediately apply for work authorization.

3. Pro Bono Program: Beginning on October 17, the administration will also launch a Pro Bono Program with immigration organizations to provide services for more than 100 families at large shelters and

4. Legal Services Contract: In late October, the administration will also begin contracting with five legal services agencies to provide services in 25 shelter sites across the state.

The United Way Migrant Relief Fund also supports the essential needs of migrant families, including temporary accommodations, food, clothing, diapers, hygiene

items, transportation, health screenings, translation services, ESOL classes and legal assistance. The fund has raised \$1.2 million since it was launched in August. More information can be found at [unitedwaymassbay.org/migrantrelief](http://unitedwaymassbay.org/migrantrelief).

### Federal Engagement

Governor Healey will continue to use every tool at her disposal to advocate for federal assistance to this federal problem. She has made multiple requests to Department of Homeland Security Secretary (DHS) Alejandro Mayorkas for federal funding and improvements to the work authorization process. She was joined by others from the Attorney General, the State Legislature, the Mass. Business Association, the Boston Archdiocese, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts. The Governor also conveyed these requests in meetings with the White House Chief of Staff last week and with Secretary Mayorkas in August, as well as a request for the federal government to stand up a congregate care site. Last week, a DHS consultant team visited Massachusetts to evaluate the situation, holding extensive meetings with administration officials over two days and visiting shelters and a Family Welcome Center.

Through its 1115 waiver, MassHealth is requesting federal funding for up to six months of temporary housing assistance and other supports for families and pregnant individuals, including newly arrived immigrants, who are enrolled as MassHealth members, in emergency shelter. These supports include case management and referrals to medical, social, and educational services.

9<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary

**David J. 'DJ' Dillon**  
Jan. 9, 1980—Oct. 22, 2014

*I hide my tears when I say your name, but the pain in my heart is the same. Although I smile and seem carefree, there is no one who misses you more than me.*

*Always loved...Sadly missed Ma, Dad, Derek, Michael, Deanna, Grandma & Auntie*

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## Massport // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

field with two runways to a world-class transportation hub with more than 120 nonstop destinations, providing people and businesses with a gateway to opportunity. Opened in September 1923 for the military, the airport quickly grew in response to advancements in aviation technology and the demand for commercial flights. The Commonwealth and City of Boston both managed the facility for a period. Massport has owned and managed the airport since 1956. Terminal E was first built in 1974 with 12 gates; these new gates bring the total number to 16.

“Logan International Airport is a critical economic engine for our state. These fantastic new upgrades at Terminal E are going to supercharge that engine and help to elevate our image on the world stage,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We are thrilled with the completion of this new step forward at Logan, and we are grateful to Massport, the Biden Administration and our Congressional delegation for their leadership and partnership on this critical project.”

Project details include:

- New, state of the art TSA 7-lane security checkpoint;
- An expanded Arrivals Level curb;
- Expanded ticketing area;
- Over 100,000 sq. footage of modern hold room and concession space;
- Enhanced outbound baggage handling system and baggage claim capacity; and
- Advanced amenities and diversified seating options to enhance the passenger experience.

“Logan Airport is a gateway to opportunity and fosters connections for residents, businesses, universities and organizations in the global economy,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We look forward to the continued partnership with Massport and investments into our communities.”

**Sustainability Benefits**  
The goal of this project was to create a sustainable, high-performance, resilient, and resource-efficient terminal building that is comfortable for passengers and employees. The design will achieve energy efficiencies at a minimum 20% better than the MA Energy Code. Upgrades to

the HVAC system will improve the terminal’s overall energy efficiency and help achieve LEED Gold certification.

The project integrates several innovative environmental features including photovoltaic window glazing, glare controlling View® glass and an energy efficient displacement ventilation system. Other benefits include:

- Lower energy and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Water conservation;
- Additional waste management and recycling;
- Air quality improvement; and
- Reduced energy consumption.

**Amenities and Concessions**

This modernization responds to diverse passenger needs by providing various amenities within the departures level including a mothers’ room and sensory room. The addition of the Sensory Room makes Boston Logan one of the few major airports in the U.S. to provide this type of experience to passengers of all ages. The space has various interactive stations that focus on balance, light therapy and cognitive/memory improvement, including a room that replicates an airplane cabin to help passengers acclimate themselves with the often stressful experience of flying. This initiative is a continuation of Massport’s efforts towards creating more inclusive spaces for passengers.

Passengers will also have access to a number of new dining options including sit down restaurants as well as grab-and-go including Sal’s Pizza, Boston Harbor Distillery, Legal Sea Foods, Boston Market Grab and Go, Hudson Grab and Go and a Marketplace food court. The space also features stores such as Whiskey Connoisseur, IStore and flow through Duty Free by Dufry.

The new security checkpoint will include seven new Analogic Computed Tomography (CT) lanes, which create 3-D images that can be rotated 360 degrees for thorough visual image analysis by a TSA Officer. Because of their enhanced imaging capabilities, travelers will enjoy the added benefit of keeping their laptops and other electronic devices in their carry-on bags during screening.

“Modernizing Terminal E represents Massport’s strong commitment to strengthening our role as an economic engine and connecting the people and businesses of New England to the world,” said Massport Board Chair Patricia Jacobs. “These improvements to Logan create a more efficient, enjoyable travel experience for our passengers today and into the future.”

### Anniversary Exhibit

Massport also unveiled its centennial exhibit in the public area of Terminal E called Boston Logan Looks Back: A century of Powering What’s Possible that focuses on critical events that shaped Boston Logan. Visitors of the exhibit will be able to view a series of videos and archive photography that explore the airport’s historical moments, impressive innovations and significant challenges. The videos, including historic moments such as when Amelia Earhart visited Logan in 1933, will also be accessible through QR codes at the exhibit and on our website here [www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/art-landmarks/logan-100/](http://www.massport.com/logan-airport/about-logan/art-landmarks/logan-100/).

“By creating a modern, customer-centric, and sustainable Logan Airport, we will be a stronger economic engine for the City and the Commonwealth,” said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. “Massachusetts is home to numerous travel-intensive industries that help power our economy and a modern international terminal will enhance connectivity across the globe, improve operations at the airport and create a more efficient travel experience for passengers.”

### Economic impact

Boston Logan’s first commercial flight in 1927 carried six passengers on Colonial Air Transport to New York. In 1946, the airport began connecting travelers to Europe.

Today, Logan serves 53 international destinations to more than 30 countries on four continents. International flights generate billions of dollars in economic benefits to the Commonwealth. In 2019, international travelers to Massachusetts spent \$4 billion and contributed \$250 million in state and local taxes.

Not only is travel a key industry for the region, international travel is critical to sustaining Boston’s

competitive edge. The state’s highly travel-dependent and diversified economic base, including finance, biotechnology, healthcare, and education, rely on direct connections to their partners and stakeholders, as well as current and potential clients.

This project is part of Massport’s efforts to ensure Boston Logan is able to connect New England residents and businesses to the global marketplace. Construction on the project began in spring 2019 and was completed in summer 2023.

Powering What’s Possible. The Massachusetts



The new area of Terminal E and the Logan 100 Exhibit in the public area of Terminal E.

Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public termi-

nals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport.



COURTESY OF EXTINCTION REBELLION BOSTON

Activists gather to protest an event celebrating Logan Airport’s 100th Anniversary and the modernization of Terminal E.

## Some aren’t celebrating Logan Airport’s 100-year milestone and terminal modernization

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

An event was held last Friday commemorating Logan Airport’s 100th Anniversary and the modernization of Terminal E; however, some people believe that there is no reason to be celebrating.

While this event drew the attendance of elected officials like Governor Maura Healey and Mayor Michelle Wu, it also drew criticism and protest from activist groups.

Members of several climate advocacy groups, such as Extinction Rebellion Boston (XR), Mothers Out Front, GreenRoots, and more, gathered at the newly renovated Terminal E to peacefully protest the celebration before they were asked to leave and continued at the Airport Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) station.

As part of this demonstration, members from these groups came together with signs, banners, and even an inflatable airplane that voiced their displeasure with the airport and the modernization of Terminal E, which adds four gates to the terminal.

Specifically, a press release from XR detailing the reason for the protest makes claims about the airport’s effect on pollution and people’s health, pointing to studies like the Logan Airport Health Study.

For example, the Logan Airport Health Study’s Executive Summary identifies that “children in the high exposure area were estimated to have three to four times the likelihood of this respiratory outcome [probable asthma] compared with children in the low exposure area.”

Moreover, it also indicated that “individuals diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) were statistically significantly more likely to have lived in the high exposure area for three or more years.”

Jule Manitz of XR also explained the purpose of

the demonstration, saying, “We think this should not be a reason to celebrate because the City of Boston has declared the climate crisis to be a public health emergency.”

Manitz cited what she called the expansion of Terminal E and other projects, saying they have burdened East Boston and added, “There is no reason to celebrate, and we wanted to make our voice heard.”

Valinda Chan of Mothers Out Front was also of the opinion that there was nothing to be celebrating.

“We wanted to make our voices heard as neighbors and as community members that this has been 100 years of air pollution, 100 years of noise pollution, 100 years of health impacts on the community, and we don’t think that this is something we should be celebrating,” said Chan.

“Given the attendance of 500 people, including the Governor and the Mayor, we wanted to call on our community, our elected officials, and ask them to please prioritize the health of members in this community,” they added.

For Chan, this issue hits close to home, as they are an East Boston resident. Chan detailed the experience they had to go through in attempting to limit exposure to air pollution for their young toddler and an unborn child whom they were pregnant with.

“I had to think about even basic decisions that I shouldn’t even be thinking about, like which way is the wind blowing? Which park do I go to based on that day,” said Chan.

“It was my third trimester, and I was thinking about, do I open the windows today? It’s so hot,” they added.

Furthermore, both Manitz and Chan emphasized that the protest was also to send a message to the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport). That message was no

more expansion and to compensate East Boston residents.

“It’s not okay for them to continue to pollute and expand at the expense of our health and residents in this community and our families, and we also want them to compensate East Boston residents for the expenses and the burden of living in this community,” said Chan.

Manitz echoed Chan, saying that East Boston residents should be compensated. She also said, “We don’t want any more airport expansions neither explicitly by the airport nor implicitly by vendors,” referring to projects like the haul road and Ever-source Substation on Concord Street.

With all this being said, it should be noted that although the modernization at Terminal E includes the addition of four new gates, a release on Massport’s website says, “The goal of this project was to create a sustainable, high-performance, resilient, and resource-efficient terminal building that is comfortable for passengers and employees.”

The release continues, “The design will achieve energy efficiencies at a minimum 20% better than the MA Energy Code. Upgrades to the HVAC system will improve the terminal’s overall energy efficiency and help achieve LEED Gold certification,” and cites other benefits such as lower energy and greenhouse gas emissions, air quality improvement, and more.

In the end, it is clear that although Logan Airport’s historic milestone and Terminal E modernization were celebrated by many, not everyone was pleased.

“The only way that we can make change is for us to speak up and make sure that our voices are heard and we don’t comply,” said Chan.

“We have science and data now that shows us that this is not something that should be taken lightly.”



Shown (back row left to right) are John Fish, (CEO, Suffolk Construction) Martha Sheridan (President & CEO of Meet Boston), Sam Sleiman (Executive Vice President, National Transportation, Suffolk Construction), Senator Brendan Crighton (Chair, Transportation Committee), Luciana Burdi (Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs, Massport), Dan Kraft (President of the Kraft Group-International & CEO of International Forest Products). Shown (front row left to right) are Tom Glynn (MBTA Board Chair and Former CEO of Massport), Jane Garvey (Former FAA Administrator & former director of Logan Airport), Acting Transportation Secretary Monica Tibbitts-Nutt, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Lisa Wieland (Massport CEO), Governor Maura Healey, Ed Freni (Director of Aviation, Massport), Patricia Jacobs (Massport Board Chair), Linda Pizzuti Henry (CEO of Boston Globe Media).

# Massachusetts awarded over \$118 million in federal grants to support community safety

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy has announced that \$118,366,566 in federal grants has been allocated to the District of Massachusetts to support public safety and community justice initiatives. The grants are part of \$4.4 billion in funding awarded by the Justice Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which help to build community capacity to curb violence, serve victims and youth, and achieve fair outcomes through evidence-based criminal and juvenile justice strategies.

The more than 3,700 OJP grants being awarded this fiscal year will support state, local and community-based efforts and evidence-based interventions that reduce violence, crime and recidivism while delivering treatment and services to those at-risk of justice system involvement. Funding will expand partnerships between criminal justice professionals and behavioral health experts, help people safely and successfully transition from confinement back to their communities, reach crime victims in underserved areas, steer young people away from justice system contact, improve the management of sex offenders and support a wide range of research and statistical activities that will help justice system professionals meet community safety challenges.

"Everyone in this country deserves to be safe in their communities," said Attorney General Merrick B. Garland. "That is why, in addition to continuing our efforts to identify and prosecute the most violent criminals, the Justice Department is putting every available resource to work to support the efforts of our law enforcement and community partners nationwide. This significant investment will go directly to state and local programs that support the victims of crime, support officer safety and wellness, build the public trust in law enforcement essential to public safety, and help make all of our communities safer."

"Protecting the people of Massachusetts is my highest priority, and the best way to accomplish that goal is to forge close working relationships with our state and local partners. Federal resources like this are invaluable in the support they

provide for comprehensive public safety solutions and resources specific to the unique needs of Massachusetts communities," said Acting U.S. Attorney Levy. "By investing in state and local programs, we aim to empower victims, enhance officer safety, strengthen public trust in law enforcement, and ultimately create safer communities across Massachusetts."

In Massachusetts, nearly \$60 million has been awarded under OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), which provides leadership and assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation's criminal justice system. BJA's goals are to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and to improve the way in which the criminal justice system functions. BJA funding announcements are posted at: <https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx>.

Additionally, over \$34 million has been awarded to support crime victim compensation and assistance in Massachusetts under OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). This funding will support local victim assistance and compensation programs across Massachusetts to help build capacity to reach those disproportionately affected by crime and victimization. To learn more about OVC funding, visit: <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding>.

"Across the country, the Justice Department is working side-by-side with our partners in state and local law enforcement to combat violent crime by using our federal resources to amplify their work on the front lines," said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. "The billions of dollars in grants announced today will augment those

efforts and the tools law enforcement is using to curb violence, counter deadly drug abuse, and promote safety and public trust. Together with our state and local partners, the Department will continue to do everything we can to protect the communities we all serve."

"The Department of Justice is investing in community-based approaches to violence prevention, law enforcement health and wellness, Tribal courts, improved services for victims, research and data collection efforts, reentry programs, and much more," said Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta. "The grants announced today further our commitment to working with our state, Tribal, and local partners to increase public safety, build police-community trust, and ensure safe, healthy, and just communities for all."

"Every sector of our society — not only the justice system, but nonprofit and faith-based groups, local leaders, and advocates, and people with lived experience who serve as credible messengers — plays a critical role in ensuring public safety and public health," said OJP Assistant Attorney General Amy L. Solomon. "The Office of Justice Programs is proud to make these substantial investments in building community infrastructure and supporting communities as co-producers of safety and justice."

Grants will support five major community safety and justice priorities nationwide:

- Awards totaling more than \$1 billion will promote safety and strengthen trust, helping communities tackle the proliferation of gun violence in America and re-

store bonds of trust between community residents and the justice system. Grants will support innovative and evidence-based strategies designed to prevent and reduce violent crime, support the health and safety of law enforcement and public safety professionals, promote rehabilitation and reentry success and address the rise in hate crimes across the country.

- More than \$437 million in grant awards will accelerate justice system reforms designed to achieve equal justice and fair treatment for all. Grants will expand access to services

among historically underserved and marginalized communities, reduce counterproductive involvement in the justice system, increase opportunities for diversion and build pathways to treatment for people with substance use and mental health disorders.

- Over \$192 million will improve the fairness and effectiveness of the juvenile justice system by supporting developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive interventions for youth. Funding will ensure that young people are served at home in their communities whenever

er possible, are equipped to transition to a healthy adulthood free of crime, and are protected from violence and abuse.

- More than \$1.7 billion will expand access to victim services by investing in programs that provide trauma-informed and culturally responsive services to victims. Funding will support thousands of local victim assistance programs across the country and victim compensation programs in every state and U.S. territory, while helping these programs build their capacity

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# Fall backyard activities for families

By Valerie Smith

'Tis the season of fall. If you and your kids have been waiting for the breezy winds and falling leaves, this is the time for you. Fall is the best time for you and your kids to get out of the home and enjoy the season in its full bloom. One great idea to have fun outdoors is to come up with backyard activities that you and your family can enjoy easily!

## Jump in Piles of Leaves

If you have trees in your backyard, then in fall, the leaves must fall! You and the family can now jump in piles of leaves. Channel your inner child, and it's time to have some fun. Rake all the leaves in the corner of your backyard.

Once there is a huge pile of leaves, be patient and let the kids jump in first. We know it's difficult, but the joy on their face will be worth it. You can rake the leaves into a pile after every few jumps and have a blast.

## Autumn Photo Shoot

Fall is the perfect season to make lots of memories. The best way to make memories and remember them is by taking photos. You can plan a funky photo shoot with your kids or use fall-themed props to take lots of pictures. There are many creative ideas you can use to take pictures. For example, you can get a fall-themed backdrop to add more drama to your backyard and dress your children in cute costumes to take exciting and memorable photographs.

You can even follow the

pumpkin theme and hollow out different pumpkins so the kids can wear them on their heads like a Jack-o-Lantern. Ask your children to come up with fun ideas, and you can put those ideas to the test in the photo shoot for some added fun!

## Pumpkin Carving

Pumpkin carving is an age-old activity; kids love it! Halloween is the biggest attraction in fall, and to prepare for it, you may start carving pumpkins. Children love this activity as it gives them the chance to be creative and carve out funny faces in their pumpkins.

This activity can keep your kids occupied, and you can have a wonderful time sitting in your backyard and cracking jokes.

## Build a Campfire

The nights can be a little chilly in fall, and the perfect weather for you to have a campfire. Children thoroughly enjoy campfires; you can get a fire pit and use crystals like the ones linked below to make the fire even fancier. Once the fire is set up, you can set up cushions or chairs around the fire in a circle so the whole family can sit comfortably.

Moreover, you can set up different snacks that all of your family can enjoy. Some popular snacks for a campfire include s'mores, nachos and popcorn. Keep drinks on hand so no one has to run inside each time they are thirsty.

## Scary Story Night

Who doesn't love a bone-chilling story at night in fall? You can make a complete night out

of it. Set up a comfortable space to sit in your backyard. Gather all your cushions and blankets so you can sit comfortably and begin with the scary story night.

For added effect, you can use props such as a flashlight. Whoever is telling the story can put the flashlight up their face and make faces and expressions to add drama to the story. However, if you have young ones, it is better to lay off terrifying stories that may scare them a little too much. Moreover, motivating your children to come up with scary stories independently is a good idea. To have a complete experience, you can even arrange snacks so your everyone can have a good time.

## Star Gazing

Most of us are fascinated with stars and the skies in fall are often clear. Clear skies allow you to spot all constellations and pinpoint different stars.

It can also be a great learning experience for you and your family. You may get to learn about different stars. Then you can research to give kids more information about each constellation or star you spot. Lay down mats so you can lie under the starry sky and have a whimsical time.

## Arts & Crafts

Let's get crafty! If you are fond of arts and crafts, you will have a great time crafting with your family. You can do many things; for instance, you can ask your children to come up with some DIY projects they would like to work



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on outdoors. For instance, they can make something out of leaves, such as leaf paintings and even decorative DIYs. Each child can have a different DIY project; all you need to do is to provide them with all the art and craft materials. You can also offer them occasional help whenever they get stuck.

## Build a Birdhouse

Building a birdhouse is a great activity in your backyard. If your kids are older, they can handle hammer and nails easily. If not, you can put them to much simpler and easier tasks such as painting the birdhouse.

Once the birdhouse is ready, you can put it on any tree or against the backyard wall and put a little food in it to attract birds. Your family will enjoy it when they see lots of birds in the birdhouse. You will find many design ideas, and you can choose from them.

## Movie Night

A good movie is time spent in the best way. You can arrange a mov-

ie night for your family in the backyard. To set the movie night, you will need comfortable seating, a projector and a backdrop to project the movie on.

Many shops rent out projectors on rent. You can get the projector and a backdrop to arrange the movie. Once that is done, you can set up a comfortable seating arrangement in front of the backdrop so everyone can sit down and enjoy the movie. Add lots of pillows and blankets to make the space more comfortable. Moreover, you must have movie snacks! Prepare baskets of popcorn and get a soda to have the best time.

Most family members find it challenging to decide on a single movie. To avoid going back and forth, you can take a poll and watch the movie with the most votes.

## Backyard Picnic

If you are tired of spending all your time indoors but still can't go out somewhere far, then you must opt for a backyard picnic. There are lots of things

you can do to arrange a backyard picnic. Choose a day with good weather to enjoy the fall breeze and clear skies. Prepare a picnic basket with all the goodies. You can ask your family what they want to eat and make the food together. Cold sandwiches, cheese and crackers, and crisps are great examples of eatables that can be a part of your picnic basket.

For entertainment, you can play car games like UNO or even party games like 'pass the parcel.'

These activities are a great way for families to spend quality time together and make the most of the fall. With lots of time, you can try most of these activities and have lots of fun! Make the most of this season and spend some quality time with your loved ones!

*This article was written by Sod Solutions Content Strategist, Valerie Smith. For all media inquiries or for high-resolution photos, contact Cecilia Brown at cecilia@sodsolutions.com.*

## TRIBE STUDIO RIBBON CUTTING

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Tribe Studio Ribbon Cutting event to celebrate the recent business start up here in East Boston and highlight the newest member of the

Chamber in their studio at 55 Chelsea Street.

The event was attended by Chamber Board members Pat Capogreco, John Fredy Sosa, and myself. Representatives attending the event included Gabrie-

la Ramirez from Gabriela Coletta's office, Marse-la Lopez-Romero from Adrian Madaro's office, and Manuela Villa-Gomez from the office of the East Boston Neighborhood Liaison.

The East Boston Chamber of Commerce is proud to have participated in such a successful event and to celebrate this East Boston barber shop in our business community.



Staff from The Tribe Studio include: Andres Ospina, Omarys Cantaro, Jhon Tabares, Kevin Velez, Duvan Franco, Cesar Serna, and Yeison Taborda.



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