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### EBCCS HOLDS 50TH ANNIVERSARY LEGACY GALA

Alumni, faculty, and members of the Most Holy Redeemer and Sacred Heart Parishes gathered on April 12 for East Boston Central Catholic School's (EBCCS) 50th Anniversary Legacy Gala at Spinelli's Function Facility. Shown above, Principal Robert Casaletto with his mother, Roberta Casaletto, librarian, daughter, Ashley, wife, Toni, daughter, Courtney, and son, Bobby. Below are Jennifer, Carol, Jade, and Robert Baglio at the EBCCS Legacy Gala. See Pages 3-5 for more photos.



PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

### Events for Love Your Block, Earth Day, and Arbor Day coming soon

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

As spring blossoms and the weather gets a bit nicer, several organizations are hosting events that will allow residents to get involved and show their love for East Boston's environment.

The upcoming string of events, dubbed Earth Week, begins this weekend and coincides with a few initiatives or celebrations coming down the pike.

These celebrations include Love Your Block, a citywide initiative focusing on "community engagement and neighborhood beautification," according to the city's website, Earth Day and Arbor Day.

"I'm really excited about Earth Week because it's all about neighbors coming together to take care of the community we all live in," wrote Valinda Chan in an email, who is affiliated with several local groups like Mothers Out Front.

Tree Eastie's Founder, Bill Masterson, also expressed his excitement about the upcoming events and wrote in an email, "This is quite a lineup of events in every corner of East Boston made possible by residents of all ages and nationalities giving back to the community and making Eastie a better place to live."

Specifically, on Saturday, April 20th, countless organizations are hosting events in different neighborhood areas.

GreenRoots is holding an Earth Day celebration at the Urban Wild at 300 Condor Street from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., which will include clean-ups, tree plantings, and more.

The organization is planning to provide breakfast and lunch. For more information, visit <https://greenrootsej.org/get-involved/events/earth-day-2024>.

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh is inviting all

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### Wu announces her 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin' in parks citywide from April 22 to June 26. Wu will be in Eastie on May 29 at Noyes Playground that is located at 86 Boardman Street from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours offer a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods. Through these conversations, and a suggestion box at each site, Mayor Wu looks forward to hearing how the City of Boston can improve upon parks, public areas, and City services.

"Every neighborhood and every resident has their own diverse set of concerns that deserve to not only be heard, but to be acknowledged and ad-

ressed," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am excited for all of the conversations and connection that will come from Neighborhood Coffee Hours."

Leadership and staff from the Community Engagement Cabinet will be at each Coffee Hour. Community members will have an opportunity to meet their neighborhood liaisons, who will share updates on each neighborhood, including how many 311 cases have been resolved, streets repaired, as well as the City's investments in housing, local businesses, and the arts. The City is again releasing a Community Input Survey, which provides an opportunity for constituents to ask questions and inform what will be presented during Coffee Hours with the Mayor. Last year, this proved to be a success, allowing constituents to hear directly from the Mayor

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### State, city officials meet with La Colaborativa on shelter operation plans in Chelsea

By Adam Swift

State and Chelsea officials, along with local nonprofit La Colaborativa, have spent the last several weeks updating the public about the proposed temporary migrant safety net shelter at the old Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

Late last month, state officials announced that the shuttered Quigley hospital building, which is slated for demolition, will be home to a temporary shelter for the next six to 12 months. The shelter will house up to 100 families.

At several meetings

in Chelsea over the past three weeks, state officials have noted that the shelter is part of a broader plan to address the migrant crisis in the state.

The most recent meeting took place at the Chelsea senior center on April 10, and focused on the services that will be provided for the families in the shelter by La Colaborativa.

La Colaborativa will be responsible for both 24/7 security and services to the families in the shelter, which should be ready to open later this month.

Kicking off the meeting, Chelsea City Councilor Melinda Vega high-

lighted the outreach city leaders have done to inform residents who live near the Quigley building about the plans.

State representative Judith Garcia, who represents Chelsea and a portion of Everett, noted that the states have had to deal with the immigration crisis because there has been no clear immigration reform path at the federal level.

Garcia said that those at the state level have tried to lead with compassion and empathy to help those families and children facing uncertainty, while also trying to create some pa-

rameters for the emergency shelter program.

"When we got the call that this was a possibility of happening in Chelsea, I can tell you that people were ready to step up and help, as Chelsea always does," said state Senator Sal DiDomenico. "We also had questions, like many of you probably have questions, about how this is going to look ... and how this is going to affect the community and neighborhood."

The use of the old Soldiers' Home is part of a wider state effort to ex-

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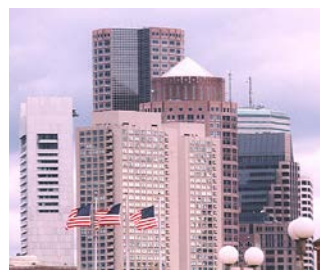
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# Forum

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## Community leaders advocate for housing and energy equity at Senate Committee hearing

By Mutual Aid Eastie

In March 2024, community leaders Reina Reyes, a captain at Mutual Aid Eastie, and Valinda Chan, a Core Team Member at Mutual Aid Eastie, had the privilege of testifying at the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change. Their testimony shed light on the urgent need for equity in energy programs and the challenges faced by marginalized communities in accessing essential resources, particularly in the context of housing insecurity and displacement, and the high costs of living experienced by East Boston residents.

Reyes and Chan emphasized the critical link

between housing justice and climate justice, highlighting the impact of outdated infrastructure and inadequate housing on vulnerable residents. “The intense cold of New England winters, infrastructure over 100 years old, and lack of maintenance in East Boston buildings leave us freezing inside our homes at night, endangering the health of vulnerable residents,” stated Reyes during the hearing.

Chan echoed this sentiment, shedding light on the broader context in their own testimony after interpreting Reina’s testimony from Spanish to English. Chan emphasized, “It’s hard for neighbors to think about energy efficiency or climate change when they

are struggling to keep up with their rent. However, we understand that energy justice, climate justice, and housing justice are intrinsically linked, as access to safe and affordable housing is essential for achieving equitable energy outcomes.”

The committee members, including Garrett Casey, Policy Director and Counsel for the Office of State Senator Cindy Creem, listened attentively to their testimonies. In his response, Casey expressed gratitude for their insights and reaffirmed Senator Creem’s commitment to prioritizing equity in energy programs like Mass Save.

“Thank you both for taking the time to testi-

fy at today’s hearing. It’s essential that the committee hear directly from communities like East Boston about Mass Save and the need for building decarbonization programs that work for renters and non-English speaking households,” wrote Casey in his message in response to Chan’s and Reyes’ testimonies.

Mutual Aid Eastie extends its gratitude to the committee for providing an opportunity to amplify community voices. We are committed to advocating for community needs.

*Mutual Aid Eastie is a network of neighbors creating community spaces that build unity, trust, solidarity, and community care.*

## BATTEN DOWN THE HATCH

The Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University has released its annual forecast for the 2024 hurricane season and it is nothing less than frightening, with a prediction that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season will have activity well above average. Their summary is as follows:

“We estimate that 2024 will have 23 named storms (average is 14.4), 115 named storm days (average is 69.4), 11 hurricanes (average is 7.2), 45 hurricane days (average is 27.0), 5 major (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 3.2), and 13 major hurricane days (average is 7.4). The probability of U.S. and Caribbean major hurricane landfall is estimated to be well above its long-period average. We predict Atlantic basin Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) and Net Tropical Cyclone (NTC) activity in 2024 to be approximately 170 percent of their long-term averages.”

The reasons behind the forecast are two-fold: The first is that the El Nino weather pattern of the past few years has changed into a La Nina pattern, which means that the upper-atmospheric wind shear conditions of El Nino that prevent hurricanes from forming will dissipate, thereby creating conditions favorable to hurricane formation.

The second major factor is that ocean water temperatures are soaring beyond anything ever seen before. Warm water temperatures are the fuel for hurricanes, but the unprecedented high ocean temperatures we are experiencing all around the world -- every day literally is setting a new record -- will provide the rocket fuel that will feed tropical storms that will propel them to strengthen into major hurricane status.

While the change from an El Nino weather pattern to a La Nina pattern is a normal occurrence, the dramatic increase in ocean temperatures is attributable to climate change thanks to the ever-increasing amount of fossil-fuels that the world continues to spew into the atmosphere.

We haven’t had a major hurricane in our little corner of the world in a while, so we are overdue -- and thanks to the effects of climate change exacerbating every meteorological event, we could be in for a long, hot -- and dangerous -- summer and autumn.

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comes to a cleanup of the marsh, which is also sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Recreation from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Those interested in attending should meet at the CVS at 1150 Saratoga Street.

Organizers noted that participants should wear boots and that supplies like gloves and trash bags will be provided.

The Harbor View Neighborhood Association is inviting residents to participate in a Love Your Block cleanup event from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Participants should meet at the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street to clean up several areas in the neighborhood.

Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway is holding an Earth Day cleanup from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Those interested in attending should meet at the Gove Street Greenway crossing. There are plans for general cleanup, and there will be snacks.

The Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) is hosting a Love Your Block cleanup at 10:00 a.m. to spruce up three locations: the Garden at 243 Border Street, the Urban Wild at 310 Condor Street, and the planters outside its office at 143 Border Street.

For more information on NOAH’s event, email Manlio Mendez at [mmendez@noahcdc.org](mailto:mmendez@noahcdc.org).

Mothers Out Front East Boston is holding a cleanup for areas like Border Street, Meridian Street, and more at 10:00 a.m. Participants should meet at Central Square Park; tree mulching, litter pickup, and more will be planned.

The Harborkeepers are also planning a cleanup of the Boston East Shoreline scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

In addition to all the



The community cleanups and beautification projects are not only to clean up litter, plant flowers, but also a chance to connect with neighbors.

cleanups mentioned above, Speak for the Trees, in conjunction with the East Boston Public Library, is hosting a tree identification walk to celebrate Earth Day.

The tree identification walk, which will begin at the library on Bremen Street from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will teach participants more about trees and their importance.

For more information about the event, you can visit <https://treeboston.org/events/event/tree-id-walk-east-boston-public-library/>.

After a jam-packed day of events on Saturday, several groups, including Extinction Rebellion Boston (XR), Mothers Out Front, and Eastie Farm, are hosting a Jenga event at Eastie Farm’s greenhouse at 6 Chelsea Terrace on Sunday, April 21st, at 2:00 p.m.

At this event, residents can play a giant version of Jenga and learn more about “biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse,” according to XR’s website.

If the weekend events left you wanting more, you are in luck, as more events are scheduled for next week to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day.

On Monday, April 22nd, Earth Day, Eastie Farm, in

collaboration with organizations like Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Tree Eastie, and more, is holding a community work day from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participants will meet at Eastie Farm’s Green House at 6 Chelsea Terrace as part of this event. There will be a short conversation about Earth Day, and then folks will go to different areas like Eagle Hill, Gove Street, and Jeffries Point to take on various tasks.

Other aspects of the event include a collaboration between the city’s Green Infrastructure Department, Eastie Farm’s Climate Corps, and staff to rehab and maybe even install a new rain garden, tree planting with Tree Eastie, planting at Eastie Farm sites, and more.

Late next week, Tree Eastie will hold events to celebrate Arbor Day. Specifically, Tree Eastie and the city’s Parks Department will plant trees and perform maintenance at Memorial Park on Arbor Day — Friday, April 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Additionally, Tree Eastie will plant nine new trees in Brophy Park on Saturday, April 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to replace trees that were lost

in a wind storm last year.

Finally, another upcoming event to keep an eye on is a Block Party and Spring Kick-off ride on Saturday, May 4th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event, hosted by Bike Winthrop, which is partnering with groups like the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, is set to take place on Morton Street between Douglas and Read Streets in Winthrop.

There are plans for a kids’ bike ride at 11:30 a.m., a group greenway ride at 1:00 p.m., and other activities. The event will also allow folks to learn more about a proposal to extend the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway into Winthrop. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/Bike-Winthrop/>.

Ultimately, there are tons of events coming up for residents looking to get involved in their neighborhood.

“It’s so important, especially for us in environmental justice communities, to tackle local environmental issues, improve our health, and work together to create positive change right where we live,” wrote Chan.

For more information about all of these events and rain dates, visit [bit.ly/EarthWeekEastBoston](http://bit.ly/EarthWeekEastBoston).

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before becoming principal. The celebration recognized his selflessness, exceptional leadership, and dedicated service to Catholic education.



Laura Gluffing, Susan Murphy Lucey, and Marlene Mazzone, Class of 1979. See Pages 4 and 5 for more photos.



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Principal Robert Casaletto, Father Paolo Cumin, and Assistant Principal Gabriela Twaalfhoven.



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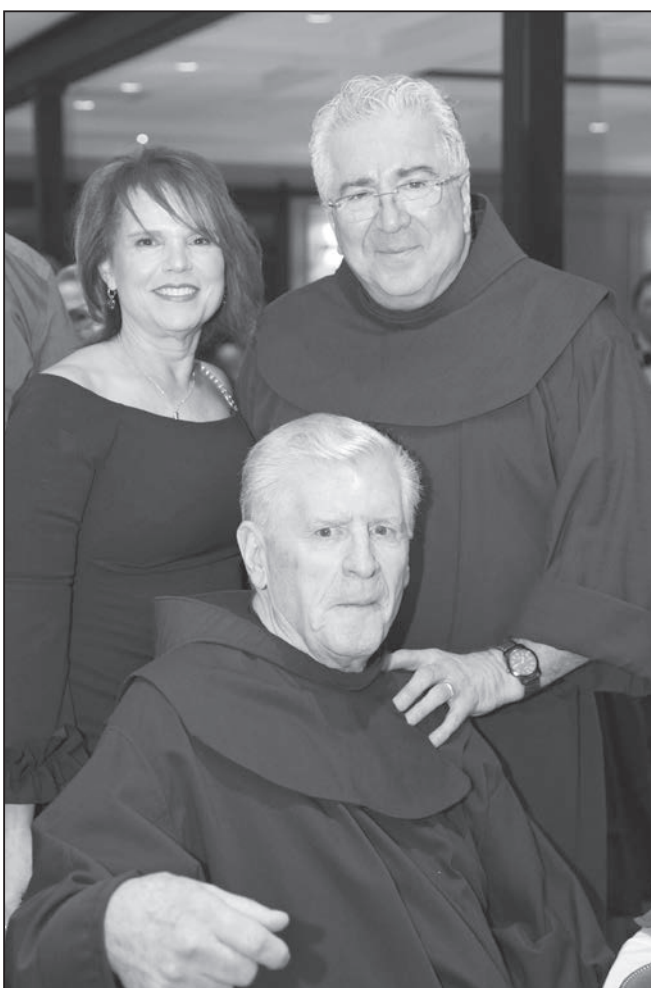
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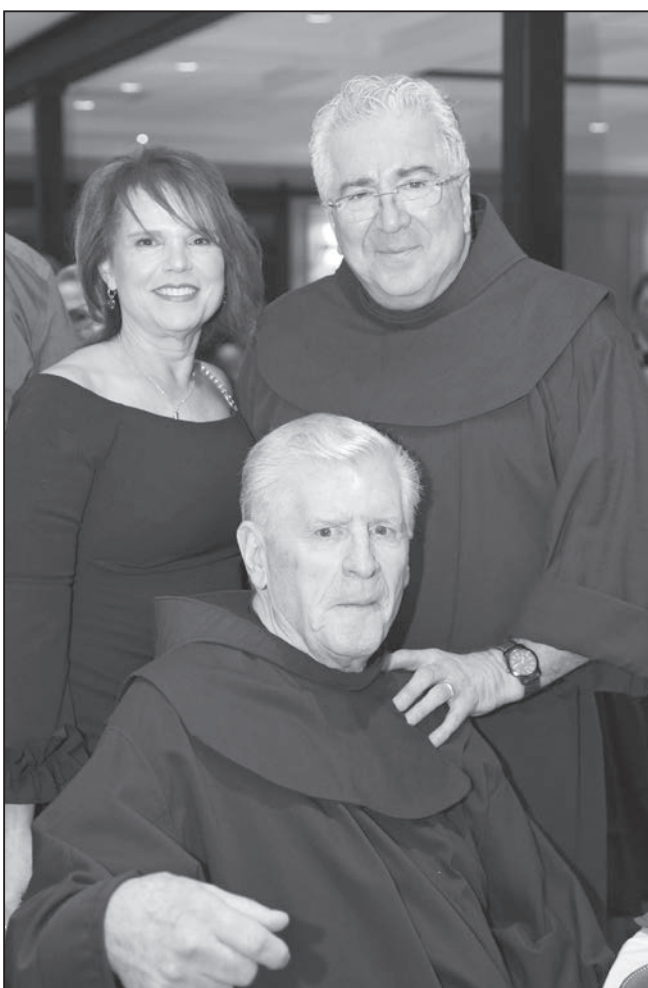
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Best Yet Barbecue Sauce .....	2/ \$3.00
Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent.....	\$6.99
Lipton Tea Bags 100 ct .....	\$4.99
Ellios Pizza .....	\$3.99
Daisy Sour Cream 16 oz.....	2/ \$4.00
Best Yet Orange Juice 52 oz .....	2/ \$4.00
Cabot Cheese Cuts.....	2/ \$6.00

**Bakery**

5" Carrot Cake.....	\$6.99
Two Bite Mini Cupcakes.....	\$3.99
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**Produce**

California Navel Oranges.....	\$1.39/lb
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Premium Golden Yams.....	99¢/lb
Lil Chief Red Delicious Apples 2lb bag .....	2/ \$5.00

**Deli**

Kretschmar Black Forest Ham.....	\$8.99/lb
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Corner Shop Provolone Cheese .....	\$4.99/lb
Kretschmar Black Forest Turkey .....	\$8.99/lb

**Meat**  
"Meat Cut Fresh Every Day"

Center Cut Steaks .....	\$5.99/lb
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Grade A Boneless Chicken Thighs .....	\$2.69/lb
Center Cut Boneless Pork Chops .....	\$2.99/lb
Simply Mashed Potatoes .....	2/ \$7.00
Hatfield Bacon.....	\$6.99

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**BAKERY**

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Peanut Butter Cookies 10pk .....	\$3.59

**DELI**

Great Lakes American Cheese .....	\$3.99/lb
Hans Kisse Seafood Salad .....	\$8.99/lb

**PRODUCE**

Florida Fresh Bi-Color Corn .....	5/ \$2.99
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**MEAT**

Grade A Boneless Chicken Breast.....	\$3.29/lb
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**GROCERY**

Best Yet Ice Cream.....	2/ \$5.00
Pepsi Cola 2 Liter .....	2/ \$4.00 + deposit

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

### SMALL INCREASES IN WATER AND SEWER RATES PROPOSED

CHELSEA - The city's public works commissioner is recommending an increase of 1.5 percent for the FY 2025 water and sewer rates.

At last week's meeting, the city council voted to hold a ways and means subcommittee meeting with public works commissioner Cate Fox-Lent and City Manager Fidel Maltez for a discussion of the recommendation.

There is also a proposed increase for trash fees for non-owner occupied units in the city.

"We will hold a public hearing in June to notify and inform our residents of this increase," stated Maltez in a letter to the council. "We welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with our city council ahead of this public hearing."

This year, the public works department performed an assessment of the usage tier thresholds for water rates and the properties served in each tier, according to Fox-Lent.

"Overall, we find the structure to be equitable and have retained the three tiers," she stated in a letter to Maltez. "This year, we propose a flat increase for all water users."

The three tiers are determined by monthly water and sewer usage, with higher rates per hundred cubic feet for uses that use more water per month.

Across all tiers for water and sewer, the proposed increase is 1.5 percent.

"For the monthly trash rates, we completed a similar analysis and recom-

mend an increase of 8% across the different usage groups," stated Fox-Lent. "Owner-occupied units will remain at no trash charge. Our 10-year contract with Wheelabrator in Saugus ends in December 2024. As landfill space in Massachusetts becomes more limited, costs for trash disposal are increasing significantly state-wide."

In order to keep utilizing the nearby Saugus incinerator, Fox-Lent said the city can expect to see a jump in rates compared to the past decade.

"Other disposal options would have much larger travel costs associated," stated Fox-Lent. "Despite the increase, rates remain below the full costs of disposal, resulting in a deficit that must be subsidized by the general fund."

### UPDATE OF ENCORE HOST AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATIONS

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria has responded to Councilor Stephanie Martins' request for an update on the renegotiation process for the Encore Boston Harbor host agreement.

Martins had asked for the update at previous meetings, including the addition a public safety component to the agreement.

Town Clerk Sergio Cornelio read the response from Mayor DeMaria at Monday night's Council meeting.

"Please be advised that my team and I have met with the representatives from Encore on four occasions since Feb. 12, 2024," wrote DeMaria. "These

meetings are in addition to the ongoing dialogue that members of my administration and I have had with representatives from Encore in between actual meetings. These meetings are also in addition to the internal discussions that I conduct on this matter."

DeMaria, who was scheduled to meet with Encore representatives this week, also said he has conveyed to Encore "the City Council's request that a new public safety facility be included as part of these negotiations."

Martins thanked the administration for the update. "This an important matter that we want to be on top of to make sure that we negotiate the best terms for our City," said Martins, adding that she favors the construction of a combined police/fire substation as part of the new agreement.

In an interview following the meeting, Martins said she would not only like to see the payment (estimated at \$26 million per year) to Everett from the current Encore host agreement increase, "but also what it's being used for."

"We heard in a previous meeting that the Fire Department made 700 trips to the casino in a 12-month period. We have police that are constantly responding to incidents, so we need more [funding]," said Martins. "I also think there should be more voices involved in the [renegotiation] process. Right now, it's just the Administration at the table. We should be talking to more partners in the community, especially to our small businesses and public safety officials."

The matter was referred

to the Council's Government Operations Subcommittee.

The Council voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Council's Government Operations Subcommittee.

### MSBA TO VOTE ON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT BY MONTH'S END

REVERE - The Massachusetts School Building Authority Board is expected to vote on the grant approval of the new Revere High School building at Wonderland at its April 24 meeting.

If the project is approved by the MSBA, it would then come back to the city council for several votes in May, including a potential May 20 vote on the debt authorization for the new four-story high school, which is expected to have a \$522 million price tag.

At Monday night's council meeting, project manager Brian Dakin of Leftfield gave an update on the MSBA process, and said there is the potential that the state grant could be slightly higher than initially estimated. After accounting for the MSBA grants, the total cost of building on the Wonderland site to the city had been estimated at about \$285.5 million, according to the project team.

"We have submitted the schematic design package and we have submitted the vote language," said Dakin.

The package was submitted on Feb. 29, and for the past several weeks,

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## OBITUARIES

### Analia "Sally" Pagliuca

Devoted mother and grandmother

Analia M. "Sally" Pagliuca, of East Boston passed away suddenly on April 15 at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, surrounded by her loving family.

Sally was born in the Azores, Portugal, on April 21, 1936. She was the daughter of the late Elias Travassos and Mary Mello (Lundstrom) Travassos. Sally and her family moved to the United States in 1948, settling in Cambridge.

Sally later moved to East Boston to start her family with her former husband, Anthony Pagliuca. She was a devoted mother and grandmother to her three sons and five grandchildren. Sally enjoyed sewing, knitting, and making her own clothing. Most importantly, she loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them.

She was the devoted mother of Mark Pagliuca and Victor Pagliuca, both of Winthrop and Paul Pagliuca and his wife, Kerri of Lynnfield; cherished grandmother of Nykole Pagliuca of Tewksbury, and Allison, Jennifer, Ashley and Joseph Pagliuca, all of Lynnfield; dear sister of Elias Travassos and his wife, Jan of Hudson, NH and



the late Edward Travers and Allan Travassos and his wife, Lorraine. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews and her former sister-in-law, Madeline Reyes.

Family and friends are invited to attend Visiting Hours on Thursday, April 18th, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere. At the conclusion of visiting hours, there will be a brief prayer service. Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Sally's memory to MGH CAA Research.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

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### Anthony "Tony" Maio

He will always be remembered as a hardworking, humble family man with a great sense of humor

Family and Friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Visitation on Friday, April 26, from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Anthony "Tony" Maio, of East Boston, who died at his home in Orient Heights following a most courageous battle with cancer. He was 81 years old. A Funeral Service will be held in the Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Interment will be private.

Tony was born in Boston on May 25, 1942, to his late parents, Frank Maio and Anna (Carbone) Maio. Tony was one of six children who began his younger days in Winthrop before settling in East Boston. Tony was raised and educated in East Boston. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a Tailor. As a young man, he worked alongside his father and began to master the skillful trade. He eventually went on his own and worked all of his life as a tailor and dry cleaner. Tony also operated at the Chelsea Soldier's Home at "the Tailor Shop" which was his business and spanned over 40 years. Tony loved his garden and was most proud of his tomatoes. He also loved to play his guitar and sing.

Tony married his wife, Christine (Canney) of OHEB on November 6, 1966 and they enjoyed 57 years of marriage. Tony and his wife remained in East Boston where they began their family having a son and daughter. He



will always be remembered as a hardworking, humble family man with a great sense of humor.

He was the adoring father of Attorney Anthony M. Maio and his wife, Alison Booth - Maio of Sunderland, MA and Alyson (Maio) Federico and her husband, John of Orient Heights East Boston. He is the proud and cherished grandfather of Army Specialist PFC Gianna Federico, Caitlin Maio, Anthony Federico and Evan Maio. He was the dear brother of the late Louis Maio, Ralph Maio, Esther Gualtieri, Michael Maio and Rosemarie Mazzone. He is also lovingly survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741. To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com). Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, Revere.

To place a memoriam in the Times Free Press, please call 781-485-0588

### Join Us for a Community Discussion!

#### Revitalizing Our Neighborhood:

#### The Future of 120-128 Gove Street

Dear Neighbors,

We invite you to join us for a pivotal community discussion regarding the revitalization of 120-128 Gove Street in East Boston. This meeting aims to gather your positive feedback on the potential development of the old Our Lady of Mount Carmel site. After years of neglect, we're eager to propose a revitalization plan that breathes new life into this cherished property. However, we can't do it alone - we need your help and guidance.

Together, let's reshape our neighborhood and create a new project that memorializes the families who built it and called Jeffries Point...HOME!

**WHERE:** Embassy Suites Boston at Logan Airport

(207 Porter Street East Boston 02128)

Mystic B Room - Only Valet Parking available...

**WHEN:** Monday, April 22nd, 2024

**TIME:** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Your participation is crucial to the success of this endeavor. Join us as we collaborate to transform our neighborhood. Together, we can make a meaningful difference.

For inquiries or to RSVP, please contact Paul Passacantilli at...

617.963.6128 or

[Paul@HanoverBatteryStrategies.com](mailto:Paul@HanoverBatteryStrategies.com)

Let's embark on this journey together, forging a path toward a revitalized community!

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Sincerely,

Nick Dilibero/ Paul Passacantilli



# OBITUARIES

## Corinne Jean Corbett

She loved and cared for everyone, especially her family

Corinne Jean Corbett of East Boston passed away on April 11, 2024. Corrine was a long time former employee at Spotless and Frankie's Cleaners in East Boston. She was a social butterfly who loved and cared for everyone, especially her family. Corrine was the heart and soul of the family and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her.

The loving daughter of the late Joseph and Gertrude (Tiffany) DiStefano, she was the beloved mother of Jodi Spolsino and her late husband, Peter Pelosi of Revere, Tammie Ambrosino and her husband, Frankie of Saugus, and Tracie Corbett-Donovan of Malden and former spouse Michael Portrait, Sr. of Medford; dear sister of Robert DiStefano and his wife, Anne of Revere, Claire Sparks and her husband, Nick Spolsino of Saugus, Gail DiStefano and her husband, Ray Cosby of Malden, the late William DiStefano and numerous loving nephews and nieces. She was the adored grandmother of Shane



Corbett and his wife, Cassie, Keah Tillman, Destiny Morgan, Michael Portrait, Jr., Shealynn Spolsino, Kaylee Morgan and the late Vanessa Gail Morgan and the cherished great grandmother of fourteen.

Family and friends will honor Corrine's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston today, Wednesday, April 17th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Committal services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Corrine's name to the American Cancer Society. Rest in peace our sweet and forever angel!

For more information please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

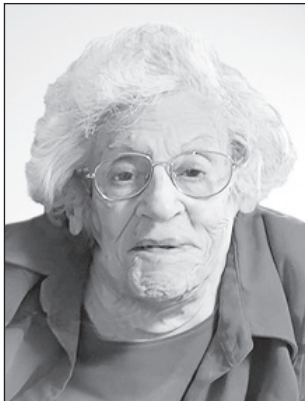
## Marion Femia

Her life was defined by unwavering love and devotion to her family

Marion A. Femia, a cherished member of the East Boston community, formerly of Brookline, passed away on April 9, 2024.

Born on August 4, 1923, in Boston, Marion was the beloved daughter of Joseph and Victoria (Cocenza) Femia. Marion's life was defined by her unwavering love and devotion to her family. She was the loving mother of John and his wife, Mary-Ellen and Zani Nicolopoulos of Melrose. Marion was also a dear sister to the late Mary "Dolly" Hitchcock, Joseph Femia, Nicholas Femia and Charles "Chickie" Femia. Her legacy lives on through the many nieces and nephews she leaves behind, each of whom was touched by her kindness and generosity.

Family and friends will honor Marion's life by gathering at the Ruggiero



Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, today, Wednesday, April 17 at 8:30 a.m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Parish, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Marion being laid to rest at Winthrop Cemetery, Cross Street, Winthrop.

Marion was a life-long parishioner of St. Lazarus Parish in East Boston and was a long-time employee of the Logan Airport Hilton, where she developed friendships with colleagues and guests alike. Marion's memory will be cherished by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She was a warm, fun-loving, compassionate person, with an unrivaled zest for life. May she rest in eternal peace, surrounded by the love of her family and the comforting embrace of her faith.

For more information, please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

## Thomas Farrell

An extraordinary man who braved the world

A Memorial Funeral Service was celebrated in the First Congregational Church of Revere for longtime member, devoted volunteer, and friend, Thomas W. Farrell, who died on Tuesday, March 26 at the Kaplan Family Hospice in Danvers following a long illness. He had just celebrated his 76th birthday on March 14.

Tom was born, raised and educated in Revere Public Schools and was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1967. Tom was an extraordinary man who braved the world while afflicted with Cerebral Palsy from birth. This did not slow him down in any manner. He still pursued and lived his life every day. He had strong convictions, will and incredible faith.

Tom married his sweetheart and best friend, Barbara (Butler) on July 12, 1987. The couple lived in Revere and Winthrop and then settled in East Boston. Tom was a custodian for the Boston Public Schools, and was very well liked by his peers, teachers, and most of all, the students.

Tom was a character and his always smiling face made it very easy for him to make friends quickly. He was a man who enjoyed fishing and especially liked planning fishing trips in various areas of New England with his nephews.

He was a devoted mem-



ber of the First Congregational Church in Revere and loved his church friends and family. He was a committed volunteer for years at the First Congregational Food Pantry and assisted in any way possible. His memory will live on with the many people he met each week.

He was a devoted and loving husband for 36 years to Barbara A. (Butler) Farrell of East Boston, the beloved son of the late Francis J. "Frank" Farrell, Sr. and Mary J. (O'Brien) Farrell, dear brother of the late Francis J. "Chickie" Farrell, Jr. He is survived by his sister Anne and her husband, John of Arizona, as well as by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

To honor his memory, please make a donation in Tom's memory to the First Congregational Food Pantry, 230 Beach St., Revere, MA 02151.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com)

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## Ann Marie Cuozzo

Retired Office Worker who enjoyed travel and spending time with her family

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Monday, April 15 in the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals, 262 Beach St., Revere for Ann Marie (Sistillio) Cuozzo, who passed away on April 8 at 84 years old. A Funeral Service was conducted in the funeral home, during the visitation and interment will be held privately.

Born in Boston, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Antonette (DiGiacomo) Sistillio. She was raised in East Boston where she attended local schools. She entered the workforce at a young age and began working for Cappizio Shoe, a manufacturer of ballerina shoes located in Boston. She began working in the factory and eventually worked her way up the ranks to an office position. Her career there spanned 20 years. She later found employment working for the Law Offices of Foley, Hoag and Elliot, a large law office in Boston where she enjoyed another 20 plus year career operating the switchboard. She retired about 10 years ago.

Ann Marie and her husband lived in East Boston and later moved to Revere. They took residency in Winthrop 10 years ago. Ann Marie enjoyed spending time with her family and especially loved to



travel with her husband. The couple took every opportunity to travel and share wonderful experiences together.

She was the beloved wife of Joseph T. Cuozzo of Winthrop and the cherished sister of the late Theresa "Chickie" Iannarone and her husband, Leonard, Louise LaGrasta, Olga Annese, Florence DiBello and Irene, Fred, John, Peter and Frank Sistillio, Jr. She was also the dear sister-in-law of Dorothy "Dottie" Cuozzo and the late John Cuozzo.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To send online condolences, please visit [www.vertucciosmithvazza.com](http://www.vertucciosmithvazza.com).

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Dakin said the project team has been fielding questions from the MSBA about the project.

The project team, including the mayor, the superintendent of schools, and other school and city leaders, recently attended an MSBA facilities assessment subcommittee meeting, which Dakin said went well.

"We heard nothing but praise on the project and on the proposal at that meeting," said Dakin.

All of those meetings and questions are leading to the April 24 MSBA Board vote, he said.

"I have extremely high hopes that they will pass the project and issue a board action letter and the project scope and budget agreement within a week of that meeting," said Dakin. "That is when all the numbers become finalized. I'm confident that we are going to be at least as good as the numbers we have presented to you, and probably better, but until the MSBA Board makes the motion and confirms the final grant amount, that is a ball in their court."

Once the project scope and budget is approved, the council is slated to meet on May 6 to approve that offer.

The debt authorization vote by the council for the project would then take place on May 20.

"That sends us off and

running on the MSBA side," said Dakin.

In concert with the MSBA efforts, Dakin said the project team is also currently moving forward with state and local permitting efforts for the project.

Council president Anthony Cogliandro said he was glad to see the permitting process restarting at the conservation commission level, and asked if it was anticipated there would be any issues or potential design changes related to wetlands issues at the former dog track.

"I think we will get through that process without any major changes," said Dakin. "What I mean by major changes is we might have to tweak areas a little bit here, slide a road or a drive, but I don't envision us having to lose any site program, any of the actual fields and parking as a result of this."

Cogliandro also noted that there will likely be additional presentations on the financing of the project in May, as well as a potential executive session meeting on the ongoing litigation over the eminent domain taking of the Wonderland property by the city.

"We have to be sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that the city can handle this," Cogliandro said of the financing.

## Patricia Sullivan

An incredibly hard working woman who loved to shop and never passed up a good deal

Patricia L. (Nerpouni) Sullivan of East Boston passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 28. She was 70 years old.

Born January 23, 1954, Patti grew up in Cambridge before moving to Rockville, CT when she was 13. She made her way back to Massachusetts in her early 20's and met Sully while working at KLH. The two married in 1981 and were together 38 years when Sully passed in December of 2014. He was the love of her life.

Incredibly hardworking, Patti spent 32 years at Boston Water and Sewer Commission and 25 years at Home Depot before retiring from both. Patti loved to shop and never passed up a good deal. You could often find her browsing the aisles of TJ-Maxx/HomeGoods and the Christmas Tree Shop when she got off work at Home Depot. When not working or shopping, Patti enjoyed spending time with friends and family, soaking up the sun at the beach (her happy place), and watching westerns.

The beloved wife of the late Donald (Sully), Patti is survived by her daughters, Jody Yeskey (Ben),



Dawn Cronin (Paul), and April Blake; proud 'Nana' to Josh, PJ, Dean, Michael, Joey, Will and Tom; loving sister and sister-in-law to the late Margaret (Peggy) Shellmer, Michael Smith (Linda), Joe Sgro (Michelle), Maria Flaherty, Tony Sgro (Noreen), Phyllis DeZenko, Sandra Sullivan and Mary Chrisom and cherished 'Auntie' to her many nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will celebrate Patti's life by gathering Saturday, April 20th from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St. (Orient Heights) East Boston.

In honor of Patti, and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For more information please visit [www.ruggieromh.com](http://www.ruggieromh.com)

## Remembering Frank Pellegrino

on the 2nd Anniversary of your Ascent to Heaven June 6, 1972 - April 20, 2022



Your time here with your family and friends made the world a better place. You left too soon, taking with you a part of all of us. We miss you every day, keeping in our hearts that we will meet again. God Bless and keep you, and may you rest in peace.

You are greatly missed, with love your mom Rose, your sister Tanya, son Sean, and the rest of your family and friends.

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# Wu files FY25 budget with investments to make Boston a home for everyone

Mayor Michelle Wu today proposed her third annual operating budget, which builds on the administration's steady progress to make Boston a home for everyone—where the City's communities' needs are met and dreams can grow. The recommended Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Operating Budget is \$4.6 billion and includes budgetary growth of \$344 million or eight percent over Fiscal Year 2024, and the Fiscal Years 2025-2029 Capital Plan totals \$4.7 billion and creates and protects critical City assets and makes numerous neighborhood infrastructure investments.

"Our focus is on working hard every single day to make Boston a home for everyone, in all senses of the word," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Home is where you are happy and healthy and safe. Home is when you're with the people you love. All of our work is about setting that basic infrastructure so that people's needs are met, creating access to programs that are necessary for health, wealth-building, joy, and safety and also about building the community to make it possible for all of our dreams to grow and become reality."



Mayor Michelle Wu.

annual operating budget include:

The revenue-neutral transfer of planning, workforce, and development review functions from the Boston Planning and Development Agency to City departments following the Council's approval of an Ordinance creating a new Planning Department for the first time in seven decades;

Equitable employee wage growth implemented through a responsible collective bargaining process that provided higher percentage wage increases to City workers earning less than \$60,000 per year;

The necessary resources to provide high-quality public education in the most inclusive possible environment for all students;

Maintaining the planned schedule to fully fund pension requirements and debt obligations that support the five-year capital plan and protect our AAA bond rating;

Targeted investments to support youth and schools, housing for all, health and well-being, and other core areas of government responsibility;

New investments made in this proposed budget have been based on informed analysis in support of long-term goals, a process of regularly reviewing operations, and ensuring the continued delivery of core City services by our workforce.

### Increasing Affordability

For the first time in 70 years, Boston now has a City Planning Department with the same accountability and coordination as every other Department, and focused on shaping Boston's growth for affordability, resiliency, and equity. As part of the administration's efforts to ensure every Boston resident can continue to call the city home, this

proposed budget builds on \$40 million in existing annual operating dollars dedicated to various housing programs such as affordable housing vouchers, rental assistance, and homeownership mortgage support, and homelessness prevention programming. Additionally, the budget adds \$2 million to seed a new Housing Acquisition Opportunity Fund and provides an additional \$1 million in funding for rental assistance and decarbonization efforts.

### Public Health and Safety

Boston's efforts on intertwining public health and public safety to build community trust have expanded much-needed services to residents through coordinating resources and led to the City's lowest levels of violent crime on record. Building on the administration's work to connect residents of the former encampments near Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard with housing and treatment and create citywide mobile outreach teams, this budget adds \$1 million to support the City's approach to managing substance use and homelessness through low-threshold housing. To continue delivering the highest standards of community policing anywhere in the country, this budget funds the implementation of historic collective bargaining agreements with Boston's police unions, including funding to deploy technology to modernize the detail system and allow for civilian personnel to participate in those opportunities for the first time. After celebrating the graduation of the first EMS cadet class in two decades last month, this budget adds \$1.3 million in funding to support 12 new Emergency Medical Technicians, increasing the number of EMTs to over 400 strong to improve call response times for medical emergencies across the City. This budget also includes an investment in maternal and infant health to combat health disparities and expand home visiting services for all Black birthing families in Boston. And to improve safety on Boston streets, the budget includes over \$155 million in funding for roadway resurfacing and sidewalk reconstruction to promote mobility and safety.

Youth and Families  
The proposed budget

investments help bolster Boston as the best place in the country to raise a family. The administration has expanded universal pre-K seats, decreased chronic absenteeism by seven percent, grown the electric school bus fleet to nearly 90 electric buses, and launched multiple new early college and career pathways across Boston high schools. This budget includes an additional \$20 million to support high quality teaching and learning through school-based investments in inclusive education, including additional support for students with special needs and English learners, and \$1.3 billion from our Capital Budget for world-class Boston Public School facilities. It also proposes investments in children's lives outside of the classroom, by prioritizing community centers and other opportunities for extracurricular enrichment. In the last year, the City reopened the Curley Community Center and the Faneuil Branch Library and provided over 1,000 free youth swim lessons through the Swim Safe program. To ensure facilities across all neighborhoods are the state of the art centers residents deserve, the budget proposes \$54.5 million in pool repairs and renovations at BCYF and BPS facilities. The capital plan also includes the new constructions of the \$31 million Fields Corner Library and \$65 million Grove Hall Community Center, the first of its kind facility for this area of Dorchester. To maintain and extend the life of these important community assets, this budget includes investing in facility maintenance staff at the Property Management Department for various facility repairs at BCYF community centers and other buildings across Boston, funding for refinishing of gym floors, as well as upgrades and preventative maintenance to prevent future emergency closures and ensure our community centers can continue to serve as resources and places of gathering for residents of all ages. To ensure City investments are supporting multiple generations of Boston's families, the proposed budget adds \$500,000 in funding for community connection services for Boston's older adults. And for residents of all ages the budget proposal includes increased funding for block party grants, with continued im-

provements in the streamlined application making it easier for residents to build community in our neighborhoods.

### Climate and Green Space

A key part of Boston's Green New Deal is ensuring that the City's work supports the climate, livability and justice of Boston's neighborhoods for residents. This proposed budget invests in preparing our City's coastline for the impacts of climate change by adding \$200,000 to support emergency preparedness for climate resilience and to update the climate action plan, while also allocating \$75 million in capital funding to leverage state and federal resources in planning and construction of a resilient coastline. The proposal also prioritizes green spaces, an important part of making Boston the greenest, most-family friendly city in the U.S. This includes investing \$735,000 in additional staff and equipment to manage and maintain Franklin Park, including a new park administrator that will oversee park operations and help restore Franklin Park to its place as a crown jewel within our parks system. It also continues to enhance parks citywide, including investing \$14 million in the Capital Plan into the renovation and reconstruction of Clifford Playground. To increase the livability of Boston's neighborhoods, the proposal invests in cooling streets, reducing stormwater flooding, and supporting the final implementation of Boston's wetlands ordinance by adding \$200,000 for tree pruning to the \$3.1 million Urban Forestry budget to care for over 35,000 street trees. To complement this work, the City is incorporating green infrastructure features into our street construction projects to improve stormwater management and heat island impacts with \$1.6 million allocated for retrofits. This work will support enhancing climate resilience across Boston to prepare for climate change while supporting the lives of our residents.

### Delivering Exceptional City Services

This proposed budget increases accessibility and improves City processes to continue providing exceptional constituent services across Boston's neighborhoods. The proposed budget will ensure City communications are accessible to all residents

by investing in additional translation and interpretation services and multilingual City Hall constituent engagement. A \$3 million investment will help streamline City approvals and improve the licensing and permitting process by recruiting and hiring more workers and adding lab inspection and permit technicians for buildings. The proposed budget also modernizes traditional City services by funding a trash containerization pilot plan to promote cleanliness in Boston neighborhoods and replaces the aging City Hall to Go truck, which brings crucial City services out into the neighborhoods where our families live. The proposed budget will make it easier for neighbors to stay connected through community by adding permit technicians for special events and block parties. Last year, the City filled more than 7,000 potholes, repainted 100,000 feet of crosswalks, and extended hours at 21 libraries. An \$850,000 investment will continue to improve basic City services, including roadway pavement markings, traffic and parking signage, graffiti removal, and self service equipment at branch libraries.

### Promoting equity and economic opportunity

Advancing equity and ensuring all of Boston's communities are connected to economic opportunity is critical to making Boston the best city for families today and for generations to come. As Boston continues to grow, it is essential that more residents are connected to critical pathways through skills and job training and City services, so the budget proposes investing \$6.8 million into the Office of Workforce Development to fund a variety of programs such as Boston Saves, the Center for Working Families, Youth Options, and PowerCorps Boston. It also proposes increasing the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet budget by \$1 million—building on the administration's commitment to transform City policies and programs so every resident can access City services and thrive, across every neighborhood. This investment will advance the City's reparations work, support healthy pregnancies, provide additional translation and interpretation services to residents accessing City services, support individuals who need gender affirming identity documents and launch an equity study to learn how we can continue to support Boston's Black men and boys. The future of Boston centers around connecting young people to every opportunity. The administration's Youth Jobs Guarantee will strengthen Boston's nation-leading youth jobs program with more employers and opportunities than ever for our City's young people, ensuring they are positioned to grow and lead in our communities now and for years to come.

The proposed FY25 annual operating budget and the FY25-29 five-year capital plan were formally filed with the City Council on Monday, April 8.

For more information about the proposed budget visit <http://budget.boston.gov/>.

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# Wu, B.A.A. announce recipients of the Fastest Bostonian awards at the 128th Boston Marathon

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced the recipients of the second annual awards for the Fastest Bostonians, given to the Boston man, woman, and non-binary runner with the quickest finish times at the 128th Boston Marathon. The awards will be given to Dr. Miles Batty from West Roxbury, an orthopedic surgery resident who finished the race in 2 hours and 25 minutes; Arianna Maida from Jamaica Plain, a Physician Assistant at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute who finished the race in 2 hours 48 minutes and 50 seconds; and Nonie Anderson from Brighton, a Boston College Law School student who finished the race in 3 hours 44 minutes and 18 seconds. Mayor Wu and the B.A.A. will celebrate these three runners at a reception in the coming days.

“As Boston welcomes elite runners and visitors from around the globe for the world’s greatest race, we are also proud to celebrate our hometown talent,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Thanks to the B.A.A.’s partnership, we’re excited to continue the tradition of honoring our Fastest Bostonians. Congratulations to Miles, Arianna, and Nonie, who exemplify the best of Boston and contribute to our city everyday. Their determination and commitment to excellence is inspiring to all.”

“It’s been another fantastic day in Boston, with the city’s local runners setting the pace and doing us all proud,” said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the B.A.A. “Boston is known as the City of Champions and today is no exception. Congratulations to our top finishers and every participant who we welcomed home on Boylston Street.”

The Boston Marathon is the world’s oldest annual marathon. This is the second year that Boston residents with the quickest time crossing the Finish Line will receive a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase “Fastest Bostonian.”

Last year’s inaugural Fastest Bostonian Award went to three Boston runners. Vinny Castronuovo from the South End won for the fastest Boston man, finishing the race in 2:25:56. Shannon La-

marre, a Charlestown resident, was the fastest Boston woman with a time of 2:54:34. The City and the B.A.A. also recognized Danielle Bishop, an Allston resident who was the first Bostonian to participate in the race registered as non-binary.

The reception to honor Boston’s fastest runners will be announced soon.

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## CITY PAWS

## Canine coat care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the Northeast, we're about to enter a change in weather. With more time spent outside, excursions to the sandy shore, and strolling through spring mud, our dogs need more grooming. And, if your dog is shedding a winter coat, you'll want some control over where all that hair lands.

### To Shave or Not To Shave

One of the questions that comes up every year as the temperatures rise is whether or not you should shave a dog with a heavy coat. The ASPCA says, "Hold Those Clippers." They go on to explain, "... your pets' fur coats are actually providing them with heat relief. Acting like insulation, a dog's coat keeps him from getting too cold in the winter, but also keeps him from overheating in the summer."

"Robbing your dog or cat of this natural cooling system can lead to dis-

comfort, overheating and other serious dangers like sunburn or skin cancer."

### Benefits of Grooming

Grooming is about an animal's comfort and health. Routine brushing keeps your dog from excess shedding and matting and could prevent painful skin sores. It may also help reduce human allergy symptoms by removing dander and much of the pollen that travels inside with your dog.

Like many double-coated terriers, our Westie Poppy tends to weave her downy undercoat into snarls. However, if we regularly attend to the areas that snarl the most, we don't have to resort to mat breakers or cutting out the snarls with scissors.

Start grooming your dog early in your relationship and do it often until the animal becomes comfortable and you both begin to relax into a routine.

The dog will come to understand that this doesn't hurt all the time and that,

many times, it is simple stuff that happens regularly.

Grooming sessions can also bring you and your dog closer and help you bond. If you can make them gentle and pleasant, they can relax both of you. Regular grooming can also reveal lumps, bumps, or other skin abnormalities.

### Grooming Tips

We find it easier to groom Poppy when she is a bit tired from a walk or play session and has recently relieved herself. We also try to deliver her to her groomer the same way.

Add a damp cloth doggie rubdown as you enter your home during allergy season. That could help reduce much of the pollen that rides inside with your dog and can make both canine and human allergies worse.

Controlling a dog up on something can be easier than on the floor. This could be a counter, table,



Outside is the best place to brush a thick, heavy coat like this Husky's. (Photo by Andrii Zorii)

or ottoman. We use an inexpensive, non-slip bath mat to give Poppy secure footing and protect the surface.

Create a kit of grooming tools that you use all the time. Our kit has a rotating comfort pin comb to help detangle Poppy's coat. We use a slicker brush to remove loose hair. When we run into a snarl, we use a matting breaker to slowly and gently cut through the

tangle. Curved bandage scissors help us safely do a sanitary trim around her anus or to cut off a tangle. Finally, our kit has a headlamp flashlight. It's excellent when you want hands-free light on a specific spot on the pup. (It's also good for picking up poops at night.)

You can find more videos and tips on grooming your dog's coat online.

Breed rescue groups often have information on grooming problems for the breed they know best. You can also consult your professional groomer and veterinarian about the home grooming necessary for your companion.

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

## Shelter // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

pand the emergency shelter system and provide temporary shelters for migrants and others in need of service, according to Adit Basheer, an assistant secretary in Governor

Maura Healey's administration.

"Over the last few months, we have started to operate new services for those families that are waitlisted and operate new

styles of overflow shelters," said Basheer.

The Chelsea shelter will be strictly for families, either with children or for pregnant people and their partners. The state will

conduct eligibility checks for those who may be placed in the temporary settings, according to Alicia Rebello-Pradas, the governor's deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs.

Rebello-Pradas said the state was fortunate to have an organization such as La Colaborativa step up to run the Chelsea site and to provide a range of services for the families.

"One of the goals of this site is to provide a safe place for families to be while they are identifying the next steps or waiting for a spot in our EA (emergency assistance) shelter system," said Rebello-Pradas. "But we also view this as an opportunity to really stabilize families and support them as quickly as possible into stable housing."

La Colaborativa President Gladys Vega gave a

brief overview of her organization's work over the past 35 years and its commitment to working with immigrants of all backgrounds.

While La Colaborativa will be overseeing the efforts at the Quigley building, Vega said it will continue to provide the full range of services it currently provides to those in Chelsea at its 318 Broadway and Survival Center locations.

"Given the scale of the housing crisis in the community, we need to be sure that we are continuing to provide these services while taking on the new project," said Alex Train, La Colaborativa's chief operating officer.

The organization will be hiring new staff to operate the Quigley site, and will focus on hiring Chelsea residents, according to

Train.

The state will help in getting four floors of the building up and running, with residence, case management, and recreation areas on each of those floors.

La Colaborativa will provide 24/7 staffing and security to ensure that everyone inside and outside the building is safe.

"We will be employing our model of case management and wraparound services," said Train. "This casts an eye to economic mobility. Our goal is to get people out of shelters as quickly as possible."

As La Colaborativa moves forward with operating the shelter services, Train said its goal is to work closely with city and state officials and residents of the neighborhood.



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## Coffee Hour // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and City leaders as they addressed concerns and answered constituents'

questions at each Coffee Hour event.

"Coffee Hours with the Mayor is an intentional effort to meet community members in the heart of their neighborhoods," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "I encourage residents, including our youth, seniors, civic organizations, business owners, and local leaders to attend this neighborhood-centered event. Boston 311 will be present to connect residents to essential city services."

Dunkin' will be on-site with freshly brewed Iced Coffee and MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats. Dunkin' will have lawn games and gift card giveaways. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'. Individuals in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

"Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are vital for community engagement, allowing residents to share their

thoughts directly. We're grateful for their participation," noted Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department. "These events not only foster dialogue but also mark the kickoff for our exciting summer calendar of events. From outdoor concerts to movies to arts and crafts workshops for kids, our programming breathes life into our parks, fulfilling our core mission of creating vibrant spaces for all to enjoy."

All coffee hours will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., weather permitting. Visit [boston.gov/coffee-hours](http://boston.gov/coffee-hours) for more information. The full schedule of Mayor Wu's 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hours is as follows:

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For more information and updates on possible rain locations, please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505 or @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, or Instagram, or by visiting [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks).

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