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ZUMIX HOSTS ANNUAL WALK FOR MUSIC



One of the inaugural events of Eastie Week is the Walk For Music presented by Zumix. It is a parade to celebrate music and community as teachers, students, and their supporters of the East Boston educational resource march with a brass band and celebrate the creativity of East Boston. See Pages 5 and 6 for more photos.

2024 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival

Special to the Times-Free Press

The Revere Beach Partnership is thrilled to announce our award recipients for the 2024 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival. The festival, held from Friday, July 19th through Sunday, July 21, attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors who are still marveling at the incredible

sand sculptures created by 15 Master Sand Sculptors from around the world.

Broken Glass, led by Melineige Beauregard and Chris Guinto have managed the sand sculpting component of the Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival for the past three years. They have selected some of the

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The International Sand Sculpting Festival at Revere Beach celebrated its 20th Anniversary with another spectacular event on America's first public beach. Artists from around the world and next door came to show their craft to a grateful public. See pages 7 and 8 for more photos.

ZBA approves project on Princeton Street

By Michael Coughlin Jr.

At a hearing last week, the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) voted to approve a project at 261 Princeton Street that would bring multiple units to the area. According to Attorney

Jeff Drago, who presented the proposal to the ZBA on behalf of the applicant, the project includes demolishing two existing structures at the site to build a new three-story condominium building with four units. Additionally, the proj-

ect is slated to contain two exclusive roof decks and two tandem parking spaces. Moreover, the building will have two two-bedroom and two three-bedroom units.

"We feel that this project is really going to clean up this site, which is predominantly two structures [and] very dated," said Drago.

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Coletta Zapata sponsors hearing on ongoing reform of Article 80 development review process

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Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) sponsored a hearing on July 15, to discuss the ongoing efforts to reform Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code, highlighting the need for transparency and larger community engagement. Co-sponsors of the hearing include Councilor John FitzGerald (District 3) of Dorchester and Councilor Tania Fernades Anderson of Roxbury (District 7). Those in attendance included Councilors At-Large Julia Mejia, Erin Murphy, Ruthzee

Louijeune, Councilors Ben Weber, Ed Flynn, Sharon Durkan, Liz Breadon, Brian Worrell, and Enrique Pepén.

Article 80 was first launched in 1996 to allow communities to engage in the large development review process and extract adequate and fair mitigation. In 2023, through an Executive Order, Mayor Michelle Wu called for an update on the Article 80 process to improve community engagement and the development review operations. Previously, the

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Wu announces two new neighborhood liaisons

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced new staff in the Office of Neighborhood Services, including Roberto Gomez as the East Boston Liaison, and Asiah Wotring as the Mattapan Liaison. The Office of Neighborhood Services is integral in connecting residents to City services and resources, facilitating resident input in all aspects of local government, ensuring the appropriate City departments respond to constituent service requests, attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to emergencies such as fires to help displaced residents.

"Asiah and Roberto bring a wealth of experi-



Roberto Gomez is the new East Boston Liaison.

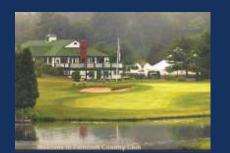
ence working with Boston's residents, from early education to fighting food insecurity at local community farms," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I look forward to working with both of them in strengthening

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Last Thursday, State Representative Adrian Madaro visited the Piers Park Sailing Center, which received funding through the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) summer learning grants.

Through this \$3 million statewide program, Boston After School &

Beyond, an organization that focuses on expanding access to after-school and summer programs, provided \$900,000 to 58 programs serving kids in Boston.

Previously, Alex De-Fronzo, Piers Park Sailing Center's Executive Director, told the East Boston Times that the funding the organization received would help it offer its summer programs—Harbor Explorers for ages six to nine and Science of Sailing for ages ten and

up—at a discounted rate or for free for those who need financial assistance.

For more information

about Piers Park Sailing After School & Beyond, Center, visit https://piersparksailing.org/ and to learn more about Boston

visit https://bostonbeyond.

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Rep. Madaro poses with staff and kids at Piers Park Sailing Center (Left to Right: Omar Sahrour, Manuela Villa Gomez, Maren Connolly, Alden MacNaulty, Jake Rosasles, Alice Weston, William Bradley, Adrian Madaro, Mehdi Ayed, Rhys Navarro, Liam Londono, Mayra Souza, Isabella Alvez, Jacob Thomas, and Alex DeFronzo.



State Representative Adrian Madaro (photos above and right) speaks with children at Piers Park Sailing Center.

It's that time of year!



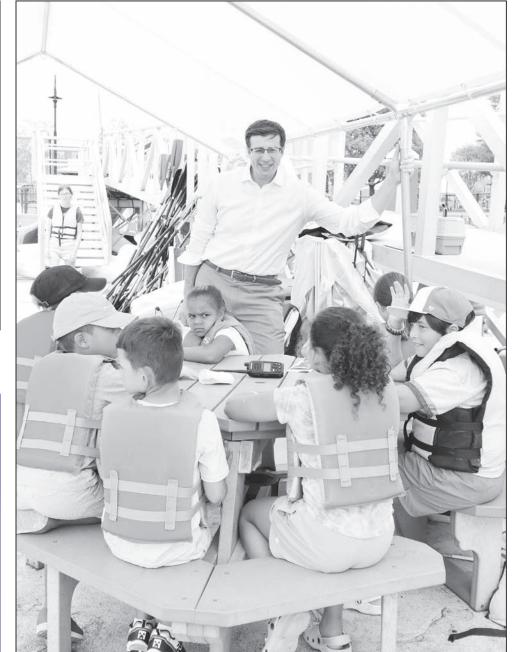
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Major Red Line Braintree branch improvement work to take place September 6 – 29

The MBTA announced its plans to accelerate major Track Improvement Program work on the Red Line Braintree branch during a 24-day service suspension from September 6 - 29. Between JFK/UMass and Braintree, MBTA crews will make repairs to 18 miles of track, resulting in the removal of over 20 speed restrictions and improving round-trip Braintree branch travel times by as much as 24 minutes. This means there will be no Red Line trains servicing North Quincy, Wollaston, Quincy Center, Quincy Adams, and Braintree, though the MBTA is in the process of finalizing alternate shuttle bus plans that

"The work to take place on the Braintree branch in September is unprecedented but long needed," said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. "The MBTA is committed to not only restoring our system to deliver safe and reliable service, but we

will be announced soon.

are focused on building it back better. While each of these critical but necessary closures impacts your travels in the short term, the public will gain long-term benefits. Once complete, we estimate that our riders taking a round trip between Braintree and JFK/UMass stations will save 24 to 27 minutes a day. We're committed to communicating our progress, listening to the public, and delivering on the promises we make to provide better service. I look forward to returning faster, safer, more reliable Braintree branch service to our riders on September

The MBTA continues to thoughtfully plan this service outage, incorporating important stakeholder feedback from impacted communities and lessons learned from previous Track Improvement Program suspensions this past year. The MBTA's Engineering, Maintenance of Way, Operations, Signals, and Stations teams

have spent the last several months carefully planning the upcoming outage to get as much work done as possible, maximizing every opportunity for track, signals, and station work, and have a clear set of goals to be accomplished when the outage ends.

The track work accomplished during these 24 days allows the MBTA to run service up to the maximum allowable speed of 40 miles per hour, but also lays the groundwork for our goal of raising current Red Line train speeds above that. Other critical steps after the work is completed will need to be take place before train speeds are increased above 40 miles per hour, like additional Red Line motorperson training, further service and schedule planning, and more.

The MBTA is in the process of finalizing alternate service plans, including shuttle route stop locations and frequencies, and will provide more information in the coming weeks. Alternate service will be a combination of shuttle bus service replacement that serves all closed stations and adjacent Commuter Rail options. There will also be increased service on the Ashmont Branch in order to maintain train frequency through the Red Line core between JFK/ UMass and Alewife. This information and more will be available soon at mbta. com/RedLine as well as through in-station signage, public announcements, and more.

Following this important work, riders will experience a more reliable trip with fewer unplanned service disruptions related to older tracks, older infrastructure, signal issues, or power problems. Riders will also be provided with a safer ride as a result of this state of good repair

The MBTA understands how these service changes affect riders' daily travels. The MBTA is committed to improving commutes long term with more reliable, timely, and safe service. The MBTA thanks riders for their patience as this important work is delivered and for continuing to ride the system.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/ TrackProgram or connect with the T on X (the site formerly known as Twitter) @MBTA, Facebook / TheMBTA, Instagram @ theMBTA, Threads thembta, or TikTok @ thembta.

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ability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to dependable, providing frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on, while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program and the Bus Network Redesign and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, customers are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA. com or follow @MBTA

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community in Mattapan and East Boston to make Boston a home for every-

Asiah Wotring grew up in Lynn and Everett and has been a resident of Boston since 2017, initially settling in Mattapan for the start of her journey in the city. Her connection to Boston comes from her family members who have been born and raised in the city. One of her fondest childhood memories is attending her aunt's annual cookout on Morton Street directly after Boston Caribbean Carnival.

Wotring has a background in local government, education, and community service. She has her certification in Early Education and Care as a preschool teacher. She gained valuable experience during a legislative internship with the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families. She also worked with the United States Census Bureau. Before joining the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Wotring was a call taker for Boston 311 for close to

Former Mattapan Liaison Eric James recently transitioned from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services to the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT). James is the new Community Engagement Specialist where he is

two years.

leading the creation and maintenance of fostering strong relationships with neighborhoods and overseeing OPAT's youth engagement.

"I look forward to learning from the intergenerational neighborhood leaders of Mattapan to be an ally and uplift the youth in the neighborhood," said Mattapan Liaison Asiah Wotring. "I am excited to connect with residents and always be a familiar face in the neighborhood to help better serve Mattapan constituents' needs."

Before moving to East Boston, Roberto Gomez lived in Texas, on the border between Mexico and the U.S. in Laredo, Texas. As a child of Mexican immigrants living in the U.S., Gomez grew up between two cultures and later in life developed a passion to embrace his upbringing and the cultures of those he now surrounds himself with in East Boston.

Prior to working for the City of Boston, Gomez worked at Eastie Farm. He spent his tenure working with other nonprofits and the city to combat food insecurity and to push forth environmental justice awareness into the community. In 2021, he received the Zumix Luminary award for his dedication to the community over the years, especially during the pandemic.

"I look forward to getting to the root of any

present issues that East Boston residents face and see how I can help," said East Boston Liaison Roberto Gomez. "I am excited to listen to the diverse communities in East Boston and learn more about their varied needs and goals."

"Asiah and Roberto are two passionate leaders with strong connections to the neighborhoods they serve," said Office of Neighborhood Services Executive Director Beata Coloyan. "I look forward to watching them continue the legacies of our former Mattapan and East Boston liaisons and strengthen our community engagement

in their neighborhoods." Community members can meet with their designated neighborhood liaisons by attending weekly coffee hours in-person every Friday to receive guidance on how to navigate City services.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) encourages, facilitates, and maximizes citizen input and participation through service requests, neighborhood meetings, mailings, and emergency responses. To report non-emergency issues to the City, residents are encouraged to connect with BOS:311 by dialing 3-1-1 or downloading the free BOS:311 app on iOS or Android platforms.

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Boston City Council had only received one briefing on the ongoing process in February 2024, from the Planning Department, then the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

During the hearing, Councilors highlighted the current process as flawed and lacking a clear assessment of community needs. Councilor Coletta Zapata called for a standardized mitigation formula to be regulated through the zoning code and informed by an analysis of existing neighborhood needs. She argued for both mitigation and community benefits to adequately address citywide issues like lack of access to affordable housing, varied public realm and infrastructure improvement, and climate resilience.

The Planning Department stated that through their study, they had drafted recommendations for core changes to include effective engagement by expanding community participation opportunities and establishing coordinated review through a transparent, sequential, and coordinated approval process. Highlights of the recommendations are introducing new engagement methods to reduce barriers to participation, replacing IAGs and task forces with new Community Advisory Teams (CATs), creating new zoning definitions, and updating the Article 80 eligibility criteria dependent on the project type.

"This hearing came from the need for public conversation and transparency on the ongoing efforts to reform the Article 80 process. There are few levers and checkpoints for city departments, community members, and councilors to advocate for fair and adequate mitigation," said Councilor Coletta Zapata. "The Planning Department has made strides in the reform process but we can always do better. I'm hopeful that with the proposed recommendations the City will have a framework that

understands community

needs and sets a process to extract resources to ad-

dress existing issues in respective communities." "I appreciate the work

that the administration has put into engaging the greater community into larger development projects. As these reforms continue, I believe that this work must be expanded to facilitate greater dialogue around smaller scale community developments. These projects are by far the most common across our city, therefore they are more representative of what residents will engage with on a day to day basis. Through my former work with the article 80 process, I further caution against becoming too reliant on a formulaic approach when assessing community impact. I fear that such models may be used as a tool to bypass community input, and create projects in neighborhoods that are not built off of diverse community dialogue." said Councilor FitzGerald.

Members of the administration present include:

- Arthur Jemison, Chief of Planning for the City of **Boston**
- Kristiana Lachiusa, Deputy Director of Community Engagement for

the Planning Department

on social media.

• Nupoor Monani, Deputy Director of Institutional Master Planning & Policy Development within Review for the Planning Department

Additionally, Councilors heard testimony from Chaton Green, member of Greater Boston Building Trades Unions (GBB-TU), Victor Brogna, Steve Hollander, and Elvira Mora of Abundant Hous-

This docket was referred to the Committee on Planning, Development, and Transportation chaired by Councilor Sharon Durkan (District 8) of Beacon Hill in January 2024. A recording of the hearing can be found at https://youtu.be/0Cw-

bUXaDAvM A copy of the Planning Department's presentation can be found at www.bostonplans.org/projects/improving-development-re-

view-process-article-80. For additional information, including how to testify, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at gabriela. ramirez@boston.gov.



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MAKE THE MOST OF THE REST OF SUMMER

Sad to say, the summer of 2024 rapidly is coming to

We've passed the midpoint of what's known as meteorological summer -- the months of June, July, and August -- and we now have less than six weeks to go before the Labor Day weekend.

Summer thus far has been a delight for those of us who like it hot and humid. This past June was among the warmest on record, with chains of hazy, hot, and humid

Our most vivid memories from our childhood are of steamy days spent with our family and friends on our boat, at the beach, and on the playgrounds, listening to every Red Sox game on our small transistor radios when Curt Gowdy was the voice of the Red Sox, who were cellar dwellers in those days before the 1967 Impossible Dream season.

Later in young adulthood, when we played in the summer basketball leagues in Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, and Everett on listless summer evenings when the temperatures were still in the high 80s, the day's heat would radiate off the asphalt, adding another 5-10 degrees to the playing conditions. But that heat always felt so good -- there's no better feeling from the natural high you get when you're drenched in sweat after a tough game -- and then going with your teammates and girlfriends to the Banana Boat on Revere Beach or to Richie's on the Parkway in Everett for a well-deserved post-game banana split or slush.

And then as we got married and had children, summer days seemed endless, with the kids always on the go, running around on the sand and splashing in the water.

Summer also is a time for personal time. As much as we enjoyed being with friends and family, we also delighted in our alone time. When we were children, that meant building our sandcastles or playing "war" with our soldiers in the sand, separating ourselves from reality, lost in our own world of make-believe.

As we moved into adulthood, the perfect "personal" day meant a comfy chair with a good book or magazine on the beach or in a park, or hanging out in the water on a boogie board or surfboard for a couple of hours, waiting for that perfect wave.

So however you may define your perfect summer day, our advice is to make the most of it while it's here. Summer is fleeting and the chance to make memories for ourselves and our families will be gone before we

In the words of the ultimate summer song by Nat King Cole:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer Those days of soda and pretzels and beer Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer You'll wish that summer could always be here

WE'RE BACK IN THE GAME

A couple of weeks ago we wrote of how we were resigned to an election season featuring the same old faces -- and we literally meant old faces -- that almost nobody wanted. If you were among the 50 million Americans who watched the Debate Debacle on June 27, you may recall when the two candidates got into an argument about who had the lower golf handicap. For those who missed it, here's what they said:

Candidate #1: "He challenged me to a golf match...I've seen his golf swing...He can't hit a ball 50 yards..."

Candidate #2: "I'd be happy to have a driving contest with him. I got my handicap down to a 6 when I was vice-president."

Candidate #1: "That's the biggest lie, that he had a 6 handicap."

Candidate #2: "I..I...was an 8 handicap..."

That exchange flicked on the proverbial light switch in our mind's eye-- it was an epiphany that made us realize that American politics had reached the nadir of ba-

However, all that has changed in the past week with the injection of Kamala Harris as the Democratic Presidential candidate and J.D. Vance as the Republican vice-presidential candidate. Both will bring fresh faces and fresh perspectives to the upcoming campaign, which now has essentially been compressed into a sprint to November 5.

Hopefully, the candidates will address the issues that

matter most to Americans. To be sure, we fully expect that there will be the usual mud-slinging, but we trust that the voters will be able to

sort that stuff out. But at least we'll never have to hear the candidates "debating" about their golf handicaps.



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GUEST OP-ED

Boston can protect small businesses from tax hikes too

By Gabriela Coletta Zapata

A local state law opt-in could provide exemptions to small businesses who can't afford the increase should the city's new tax levy be approved. In April 2024, Boston

Mayor Michelle Wu proposed a home rule petition to the Legislature entitled Petition for a Special Law Re: An Act Relative to Property Tax Classification in the City of Boston. This proposal would shift the tax levy on commercial properties only if commercial property values in the city's downtown core continue declining as predicted, protecting property owners from excessive tax increases. Shifting the tax levy to protect residential property owners, some of whom are house-rich and cash-poor, and renters who would potentially absorb these taxes in rental increases, seemed like a potential no-brainer for me and many of my colleagues. However, top of mind was also the fact that these commercial property tax increases could potentially trickle down to our beloved and essential neighborhood 'mom & pop' shops. I understood that we had a similar responsibility to protect and support our small businesses, many of which are still reeling from the Covid-19 pandemic, and the exorbitant increases in

commercial rents. Nationwide we are seeing the decline in commercial property valua-

tions due to the economic drawbacks following the COVID-19 pandemic. Businesses are struggling to stay afloat and many are faced with the difficult decision of continuing to operate under tight margins or closing down their doors. Cities across the country are facing this new reality, and Boston is no outlier. Still, we're uniquely vulnerable due to our heavy reliance on property tax revenue to fund day-to-day operations and city services. As we watch this unfold, Boston needs to take tangible action now.

I oversaw the review and passage of this proposal as Chair of the Government Operations Committee of the Boston City Council earlier this Spring. Simultaneously, I made a commitment to find a way to leverage a carve out that would financially bolster our local businesses - like our barber shops, salons, retail stores, bakeries and so many of the places communities rely on for their day to day needs. These shops are the lifeline of our neighborhood corridors, and it is incumbent upon us to ensure they are able to comfortably and successfully continue to keep their businesses in Boston.

What is Boston without being able to stop for a lemon slush on a sweltering summer day or to visit the shop with the perfect Italian sub? Being able to walk down to the 'hole in the wall' convenience store or bodega down the street when you're running low on toilet paper because Shaw's is too far away, or to grab your favorite bouquet from your local flower shop, is part of what makes our beautiful Boston so vibrant. No first-class city functions without its small businesses, many of which are oftentimes first generation or minority-owned establishments that act as an economic mobility tool for families.

In the midst of researching and acquiring all the data possible to ensure that approving the new tax levy was a sound decision, my office found an existing Massachusetts General Law 59, Section 5I (M.G.L. c. 59, § 5I). This state law allows local municipalities to opt into an exemption that would provide financial relief for small businesses valued under one million dollars with a maximum of ten employees for up to ten percent of their assessed value. The opt-in is a policy the City of Boston could quickly implement to get more money in the pocket of small business owners and protect them from the tax burden being

shifted on them. Understanding that the state law opt-in, as it currently stands, might not fully meet the moment as many commercial properties in Boston are valued over the one million dollar threshold, I am also working on increasing the maximum assessed property value allowed to two, three or even four million dollars to ensure more small businesses are eligible for this exemption in Boston. However, this amendment requires a Home Rule Petition, which would need to be approved by the Boston City Council, the Mayor, and then the State House. Additionally, bill H.2952 was filed in 2023 to increase the Small Commercial Property Tax Exemption from one million to four million. The bill is now accompanied by a Study Order, which has yet to take place. The current opt-in, which could affect over six thousand small businesses, is the best way to financially support our small busi-

nesses immediately. Boston's array of small businesses reflect our cultures, communities, and values as a world-class city. These small businesses not only operate in our neighborhoods, but also provide employment opportunities for residents and inspire neighborhood pride. By opting into this small business exemption, we're helping our restaurants, corner stores, laundromats, and dry cleaners stay open and operate day in and day out. As a city, we are indebted to them and must always look at ways to help them contin-

Gabriela Coletta Zapata is the Boston City Councilor of District 1.

ue to flourish.

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Drago indicated that this proposal has been updated recently with hopes of meeting requirements under new zoning, which was adopted by the Boston Zoning Commission in April.

"This project was filed about a year and a half ago, prior to any knowledge of what the actual code was going to change to for this area," said Drago.

"My client worked, listened to the comments, and the plan to make these changes over the last months during our deferral period."

Per Drago, the initial project called for a 43foot building with "an additional story" that contained seven units and four parking spaces.

The project site is located in the East Boston Residential (EBR)-3 subdistrict, and Drago stated that the proposal now complies with all of the area's dimensional regulations. However, it should be

noted that the project does not comply with the maximum number of units allowed in the subdistrict, which is three units. Drago was asked about this when ZBA Board Members asked questions.

Specifically, David Aiken, a ZBA Board Member, asked why they could not comply with the three-unit maximum. Drago chalked this up to financial feasibility, indicating that the project is "barely finan-

cially feasible" at four

As the hearing progressed, Chris Breen from the Office of Neighborhood Services deferred judgment to the ZBA and noted that the Eagle Hill Civic Association opposed the project.

Moreover, Elaine Donovan from Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata's office, citing community opposition, indicated that Coletta Zapata opposed the project.

While there was some opposition to the project, a few attendees spoke out in support during the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Krystle Szala, a resident, said she was in "strong approval" of the project and added, "I do think four units is totally fine there. I believe the current building and the garage behind it is in desperate need of a complete overhaul, and this design fits within the rest of the neighborhood."

Another resident, Margaux King, echoed this sentiment and also said, "I think it would be great to have some more family-friendly housing in the neighborhood."

Ultimately, the ZBA unanimously approved a motion to approve the

project with the proviso that windows be included on both side elevations. "I think it's a reasonable compromise given this

transition period between

zoning codes," said Aiken.

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The Zumix Parade marches its way to Piers Park.



David and Juliana Marquez listen to the Hot Tamale Brass

Band.



The Zumix Parade makes its way into Piers Park.



Erligne and Sebastian Britto.



The Hot Tamale Brass Band performs under the Porter Street Overpass.



Brandon Allen (@bhardawaymusic) with Madeleine Steczynski, co-founder and Executive Director of Zumix.



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Agnieszka Rytych-Foster with her son Ivo Foster.



The Zumix Parade marches on the East Boston Greenway.



The Zumix Parade marches through Piers Park.



Zumix Board menbers Richard Bouchard, Chair Andrew Secker, and co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski, Creator of Eastie Week and Boston Harbor Now Director of Communications Christian Merfeld, Massachusetts State

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The Zumix Walk For Music concluded at Piers Park. Here a student group "Beware Of Denise" and an adult group "Don't Be Denied" performed cover and original songs. It was a proper compliment to a vibrant Summer

day and an excellent start to Eastie Week.

ZUMIX WALK FOR MUSIC EVENT HOSTS CONCERT AT PIERS PARK



Zumix co-founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.



Massachusetts State Rep. Adrian Madaro with his son



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Omar Sosa of Don't Be Denied on guitar.



Linicker DaSilva of Don't Be Denied on drums.



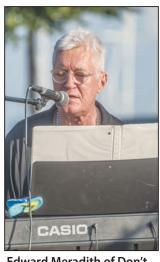
Pedro Moreno of Don't Be Denied pours down the sax



Nathalie Fitzpatrick of Don't Be Denied on vocals.



Brian Paulding if Don't Be Denied on the trombone.



Edward Meradith of Don't Be Denied on keyboard and vocals.



The second band to perform was Don't Be Denied, a band comprised of adults from throughout the diverse makeup of musicians in East Boston.



Callum MacKenzie of Don't Be Denied on sax.



Allison Geddes on guitarand Nora Janjar on vocals.



Zumix fans who participated in the Walk For Music were eagerly awaiting the music to begin.



Allison Geddes on guitar and Ricky Tran on drums.



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best sand sculptors from around the word and invited them to compete in this competition that featured \$28,000 amount of prize money.

Here is a list of awards:

- 1st Place: Jobi Bouchard from Canada, "Blend In'
- 2nd Place: Slavian Borecki from Poland
- 3rd Place: Susanne Ruseler from the Netherlands, "Dunner"
- 4th Place: Bouke Atema from the Netherlands, "Barn Swallow, Swallow, Barn'
- 5th Place: Karen Fralich from Canada, "Fish Fantasy'
- Jobi Bouchard from Canada, "Blend In" • People's Choice: Jobi

Bouchard from Canada,

• Sculptor's Choice:

- "Blend In Thank you to all our other Master Sand Sculp-
- Bruce Philips from California, "Phoenix Rising"
- Deb Barret-Cutulle from Saugus, MA, "A Butterfly's Playground"
- Abe Waterman from Canada, "Reflower" • Hanneke Supply from
- Belgium, "Embrace your shadows to see wholeness" Greg Grady from New
- Hampshire, "Dice of Destiny' • Ndricim (Jimmy) Be-
- jko from Albania, "The Special Selfie" • Morgan Rudluff from
- California, "Say More" • Matsu Yoshi from Ja-
- pan, "Pray" • Jeroen Advocaat from
- the Netherlands, "Space Child"
- Patrick Harsch from Florida, "Cat Burglar" The Revere Beach In-

ternational Sand Sculpting Festival continues to be a staple event, drawing both local and international visitors to experience the artistry and skill of sand sculpting. In addition to the competition, the festival features a variety of live entertainment acts, delicious food trucks, beer garden, and activities for all ages.

The Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival is a renowned annual event that transforms the shores of Revere Beach into an awe-inspiring boardwalk and openair festival. Celebrating its 20th year in 2024, this festival gathers world-class sculptors who showcase their incredible talents to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.

Beyond the sand sculptures, the event features over 75 food vendors, food trucks, and exhibitors, live music, interactive activities, amusement rides, fireworks, and a vibrant atmosphere, creating a memorable experience for attendees of all ages.

As a beloved tradition, the festival serves as a testament to the power of creativity and collaboration, fostering a sense of unity and appreciation for the arts along Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www. rbissf.com.

Revere Beach Partnership is a 501(c)(3)non-profit organization that was established in 2001. The mission of the Revere Beach Partnership is to preserve and enhance America's first public beach for the enjoyment of all. The partnership is made up of a volunteer board that shares a love for Revere and Revere Beach. For more information, please visit www. reverebeachpartnership.



Fifth-Place winner: Fish Fantasy by Karen Fralich from Canada.



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AUGUST 25



First-Place winner, as well as Sculptor's and People's Choice: Blend In by Jobi Bouchard from Canada.



Second-Place winner: Untitled sculpture by Slavian Borecki from Poland.



The Centerpiece sculpture honoring the 20th "Birthday" year of the Sand Sculpting Festival.







Fourth-Place winner: Barn Swallow, Swallow Barn by **Bouke Atema from The** Netherlands.

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SUMMER MUSIC/ART SERIES

SUM POETS

The International Sand Sculpting Festival at Revere Beach celebrated its 20th Anniversary with another spectacular event on America's first public beach. Artists from around the world and next door came to show their craft to a grateful public.



Detail from Cat Burglar by Patrick Harsch from Florida.



Abe Waterman works on his sculpture Reflower.



Morgan Rudfluff works on her sculpture Say More.





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Pray For by Matsu Yoshi from Japan.



Let's Take A Selfie by Jimmy Bejko from Boston.



Say More by Morgan Rudfluff.





Carmen Orlando

Longtime volunteer for East Boston's Girls Softball and Little League

Carmen A. Orlando of East Boston passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on July 21, 2024.

Carmen graduated from East Boston High School in 1983. He was an employee of Massport for 30 years, doing both central parking and in the electrical department. He was a longtime volunteer for East Boston Girls Softball and East Boston Little League. Carmen was also a member of Local 103.

The beloved husband of Kathleen (Nealon) Orlando, he was the devoted father of Sydney, Christian and Madison Orlando and is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and great nieces.

Family and friends will honor Carmen's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, East Boston, on Sunday, July 28th from 2 to 6 p.m.



A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, July 29th at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church / St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Winthrop. Please meet directly at church. He will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to VNA Care, Fund Development Office, 100 Trade Center, Suite G-500, Woburn, MA 01801-1872 or Donate here. To leave an online condolence visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Mayor Wu's Movie Nights begin August 6

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department ParkARTS program presents Mayor Wu's Movie Nights featuring family-favorite movies in 11 City of Boston parks from August 6 to August 29, 2024.

The Mayor's Movie Nights series is hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and sponsored by Bank of America with additional support from the Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. All movies begin at dusk. Free fresh popcorn will be available while supplies

"Our annual movie series is a great opportunity for our parks to be used this summer as a famicommunity ly-friendly, space," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am so excited for the screenings to begin and grateful for our organizers for creating a fun and safe way for us to make memories together this summer." Dates and locations are

as follows:

Wednesday, August 28 "Encanto"

Noyes Playground 86 Boardman Street, East Boston

All ParkARTS performances are free of charge. For more information please go to Boston.gov/ MovieNight or contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505. Stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @ bostonparksdept on Twit.

OBITUARIES

Francis Crumley

February 10, 1958 – July 16, 2024

Francis Crumley, born February 10, 1958, died peacefully in his home on July 16, 2024, in Hanover, Massachusetts.

He was the loving father of Paul, Jennifer, Valerie, Jaclyn, Olivia, and Lindsay Crumley. An entrepreneur by trade, Francis was creative

enjoyed writing songs, playing guitar and photography. He was known for his vibrant creativity and ability to make others laugh. Francis was very passionate about family and enjoyed every moment spent with his children and grandchildren: Jeremiah, Adriana, Junior and Aleya. Francis was the beloved son of the late Angelina (Spinazola) and the late Francis Crumley and the dear brother to the late Joanne Fraser. He



his family and friends.

A Mass in memory of Francis will be celebrated on July 29 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Church in East Boston, followed by burial in Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Francis's memory to the American Cancer Society 30 Speen St., Framingham MA 01701.

Elizabeth Catanese

Former Suffolk Downs employee, well known in the community

Elizabeth "Betty" M (Gallo) Catanese of Revere, formerly of East Boston, died at home on July 19th surrounded by her loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Betty was born in Boston on June 1st, 1946, to the late Ralph and Yolanda (Andriotti) Gallo. She was a loving and devoted wife, sister, aunt and friend.

She was a longtime employee of Suffolk Downs and was well known in the community as a member of the Winthrop Catholic Ladies Club and she was active in the Winthrop, Revere and Saugus Senior Centers. A former member of the Winthrop Ladies Bowling League, she was an avid supporter of EBARC, WINARC and the Revere League.

The beloved wife of the late Anthony Joseph Catanese, she was the dear sister of the late Charlotte DeSimone and her husband, Frederick DeSimone Jr. of Revere; devoted aunt of Liza Internicola and her husband. Daniel of Winthrop, Erica Capogreco and her husband, Robert "Chicky" and Frederick DeSimone III, all of East Boston and cherished great aunt of Michalena, Lola and An-

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tonio. She is also survived by many loving cousins and friends.

Family and friends will honor Betty's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga St., East Boston on Saturday July 27th at 10:30 a.m. before leaving in funeral procession to St. John the Evangelist Church, Winthrop Street, Winthrop. Services will conclude with Betty being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Anthony at Woodlawn Cemetery. For more information or to send an online condolence, please visit ruggieromh.com

In lieu of flowers donations are requested in her memory to WINARC via

WINARC, P.O. Box 520240, Winthrop, MA

Stephen Celona, Jr.

His life was a testament to his loyal and loving nature

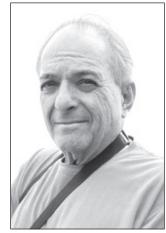
Stephen J. Celona, Jr., known fondly to many as "Stevie," passed away on July 13, 2024, in his home with his long time partner, Elaine Cantone by his side. He was also surrounded by his family, offering their love and support. Born in Boston on Feb-

ruary 20, 1951, Steve's life was a testament to his loyal and loving nature, characteristics that defined his relationships and interactions with everyone he

Steve was a loyal Bostonian at heart, having grown up in East Boston before moving to Winthrop, where he resided for 28 years. He was a supportive pillar in his community. His work ethic was unparalleled, his commitment unwavering.

Most of his professional life was with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority as an HVAC Manager/Plan-Project ner. Prior to his employment with the MWRA, Steve owned and operated Coastal Refrigeration, an HVAC company. Even in retirement, Steve carried the same passion and determination into his hobbies. As an avid fisherman and boating enthusiast, and a lifelong member of the Orient Heights Yacht Club, Steve found peace and joy on the water. These pursuits were often shared with his enduring partner, Elaine Cantone, with whom he cherished spending quality time. Their travels together were a source of joy and treasured memories.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Celona, and mother, Leila (Marabella) Celona. His love for his fam-



ily was profound, and he was a constant source of support and guidance for them. He leaves behind his partner, Elaine and her two sons, Anthony and Andrew Cantone Heinze. He is also survived by his siblings, Nunzio Celona of Wakefield and Josephine Pullo of Tewksbury; nieces, Michelle Birard and Jennifer Insogna and great nieces and nephew, Jessica, Alyssa, Skylar, Jeremy, Paige and Peyton. Steve also leaves behind extended family and many friends. A legacy of love and dedication will continue to inspire those who

To celebrate Stephen's life, we encourage those who knew him to share their memories and photographs on his memorial page. Let us remember Stephen J. Celona, Jr., not for his departure, but for the loving, humble and loyal life he lived, and the indelible mark he left on everyone who had the privilege to know him. His spirit lives on in our hearts

knew him.

and in the stories we share. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Steve's name to the MGB Pancreatic Cancer Research Foundation.

Stephen's wishes were for all services to be held privately.

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your home.

You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide, and although we cannot see you,

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and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

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CITY PAWS

Tips for a new dog or new to city life

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When people with common interests get to know one another, it's only natural to share tips and ask questions about that interest. So is the case with dog people. Informal doggie play groups and walking groups abound in urban areas. Inquire where locals gather with their dogs and join them. You'll make friends and have a great source of inside informa-

Out and About

As you meet fellow dog guardians, ask their opinion on local veterinarians, groomers, walkers, and other services. Beyond those they recommend, ask about those they don't recommend and why.

On congested sidewalks, pups need observant and protective friends. Put your pup between two people or close to you. City litter can be dangerous to paws. Guide your little one around broken glass, gum, fresh tar, and smoldering cigarette butts.

City drivers often cut corners and run traffic lights. In our area, it's not if anyone will come through the red light; it's how many will run the light. Stand well back from the curb and be sure all traffic has stopped before stepping onto the street. And, remember, a driver might not see your dog if she crosses a street ahead of you.

For years, we've used a trick to keep our dogs from jumping on someone or to keep them quietly by our side and under close control when we are distracted by a phone or taking a photo. We move our dog close to our side, ask for a sit, let the leash we are holding touch the ground between us and the dog, and put a foot on it.

Finally, be sure that

your dog has local identification on its collar, microchip, and, of course, a local license,

Beyond Basic Pet Supplies

We've always trained our Westies to use puppy pads inside. We suggest everyone keep a small supply of these pads for emergencies. They are very helpful any time your dog has a GI upset. At any sign of an upset tummy or diarrhea, we place a few around the house to swoop in and catch what the dog is ejecting. You can also take these on a walk for easier cleanup of loose bowel movements.

letry bag with backup supplies of items we always use for our dog Poppy. It also has her medications, dog-specific first aid supplies like her thermometer, pet bandages that stick to themselves, and curved scissors for trimming

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To prevent your dog from jumping on people, keep her by your side with one foot on her leash while chatting with someone.

without nicking a squirmy dog.

Suppose you live where you have to use an elevator or several flights of stairs to take your dog outside. In that case, consider having a supply of doggie diapers or belly bands for male dogs if your dog has a urinary infection, GI upset, or incontinence.

Unless you have a saltfree yard for your dog in winter, consider adding boots to protect their paws from salt and other deicing chemicals. It may take some time to put these on and play with your dog to gain acceptance, so don't wait until the snow flies to begin this process.

Thanks to the Tipsters

We wish we could credit the many friends and neighbors who have provided so many of the suggestions we share in these columns. There have been so many over the years that we can't remember who said what. We welcome any tips and suggestions readers may want to share at the email address below.

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

Wu announces expansion of Swim Safe program through grant opportunity

Special to the Times-Free Press

Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston's Human Services Cabinet, and Boston Centers for Youth & Families announced applications are now open for Swim Safe Boston grants to support non-profit organizations in Boston that provide free swim lessons for youth. The \$250,000 in grant funding continues the City's commitment to ensuring families have access to affordable, beginner-level swim lessons. Swim Safe was first announced in July of 2023. and since then has funded free swim lessons for over 1,500 youth. This number is in addition to the 2000+ youth that BCYF provided swim lessons to over the same time period.

"Swimming is not just a fun way to cool off in the summer, but also a crucial life skill, especially for residents of a coastal city like Boston," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "By investing in swim lessons and aquatics facilities, we're working to ensure every child and adult in Boston knows how to swim and has access to a pool close to home. I'm grateful to all our community partners making this effort so successful, and I encourage organizations to apply for these Swim Safe grants to continue the momentum."

Mayor Wu is acting with urgency to renovate several city-owned pools, many of which were built in the 1970s. Because of a collaboration between Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City has more pools open this year than in previous summers. In addition to the assessment, this fiscal year, Mayor Wu allocated \$54.5 million in the FY25-FY29 capital plan for repairing and renovating the city's pools.The BCYF Mildred

opened last week. The BCYF Clougherty Pool will reopen by the end of July. Interested Swim Safe

grant applicants should carefully review the application materials and fill out this form to be considered for a Swim Safe grant. The application is available through the city's Swim Safe website: boston.gov/ swim-safe. Awardees must be non-profit organizations that either operate aquatics facilities or have a partnership with an aquatics facility that is located in the City of Boston. The maximum award that will be considered for this opportunity is \$49,999. The grant application will close at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12, 2024.

Swim Safe is part of Mayor Wu's Connect, Learn, Explore: Commitment to Youth, a commitment to giving Boston youth an opportunity to explore and discover their passions. The funding to support swim instruction builds off the Mayor's

commitment to ensure all Boston youth learn to swim and can safely enjoy our City's coastline and pools.

"This latest release of grant funding will help us sustain the progress we've seen over the last year," said José F. Massó, Chief of Human Services. "We are excited to see so much enthusiasm for swimming and we want to continue the momentum generated this summer into the school-year."

As a coastal city with

As a coastal city with numerous pools and natural bodies of water, Boston families have an array of opportunities to enjoy water recreation. Swim Safe is focused on removing barriers to water access and increasing safety among Boston residents. Nationally, fatal drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1-4 years old and the second leading cause of injury death for children ages 5-14 (CDC). Black and Latino youth are less likeand therefore are at higher risk of drowning (CDC).

The City of Boston is seeking to remedy this disparity by investing in swim lessons, repairing the city's public pools, and recruiting and training lifeguards to staff the city's pools. The grant program announced today will be available to organizations that operate pools in Boston and have experience offering swim lesson programming to the public.

The past year's grantees included the YMCA of Greater Boston, Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, Dot House Health, and Bridge Boston Charter School, among others. At Bridge Boston, the school leadership partnered with the Roxbury YMCA to bring kindergarten and fourth grade students to the YMCA pool for lessons during the school day. This resulted in 19 Bridge Boston students receiving beginner lessons over the course of the 2023-2024 school year.

"Jeremy enjoyed the swimming lesson program so much, he's convincing me to take lessons," said Tirza Adams, the mother of Jeremy Wallace, Jr, a 6-year-old student at Bridge Boston Charter School in Roxbury. "I do not know how to swim, but he ensures me that I will be ok and that I need to relax."

"Boston Centers for

Youth & Families is excited to be able to offer funding to support our aquatics partners across

the city," said Marta E. Rivera, Commissioner of Boston Centers for Youth & Families. "Together, we operate pools in every neighborhood and will use this partnership to offer free and accessible aquatics programming to Bostonian Commission of the Programming to Bostonian Commission

ton's families." The Human Services cabinet oversees six departments that provide direct services to Boston residents: Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Boston Public Library, Age Strong Commission, Office of Youth Engagement & Advancement, Office of Returning Citizens and the Office of Veterans Services. The mission of the Human Services cabinet is to provide equitable access to high quality services, resources, and opportunities so that every Boston resident - especially those with the greatest needs - has what they need to thrive. In pursuit of this mission, the departments in the Human Services Cabinet meet residents where they are in their homes, neighborhoods, and communities - to break down barriers to

critical resources.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 35 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs.



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Malden Catholic students have completed the coursework required for the third and fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 school year (this list is complete as of July 8, 2024). The school has three categories for outstanding academic performance honors: President's List (90 - 100 in all classes), First Honors (85 to 89 in all classes), and Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes).

Malden Catholic Honors – Quarter Three 2024 Second Honors (80 to 84 in all classes)

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LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO **HOLY CROSS' DEAN'S LIST**

More than 1.600 students were named to the College of the Holy Cross' Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the Spring semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The following local students made the list: Juan Hernandez of East

Boston Class of 2027 Eileen Ledesma of East

Boston Class of 2026

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BLINMAN PARTICIPATES IN COLLEGE NATASHA, PIERRE & THE GREAT **COMET OF 1812** Emerson College stu-

dent Nel Blinman of Boston, MA (02128) participated in Emerson Stage's production of Natasha. Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812 from April 18-20 at the Cutler Majestic Theatre in Boston, MA. Written by Dave Malloy, directed by M. Bevin O'Gara, with music direction by Sariva Goetz and choreographed by Christopher Shin, The Great Comet is an electropop opera based on a portion of Leo Tolstoy's War and

Blinman is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies and is a member of the Class of 2027. Emerson Stage and the

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LOCAL EMERSON **STUDENTS** PARTICIPATE IN **NEWFEST SHORT WORKS 2024**

Kwezi Shongwe of East Boston participated in NewFest Short Works 2024, a theater production featuring short plays written, directed, and performed by Emerson College Performing Arts students this past spring, from March 21-23 in the Semel Theatre in Boston, MA. The plays include Chekhov's Gun, Fluff, Cat's out of the Bag, Approaching September First, Prune, Goose, Roadmap, Payphone, The Hotel Visitants, Hear Me Out, Don't Be a Stranger, and Until the Astroid Falls.

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Shongwe is majoring in Acting and is a member of the Class of 2024.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, opposite the historic Boston Common and in the heart of the city's Theatre District, Emerson College educates individuals who will solve problems and change the world through engaged leadership in communication and the arts, a mission informed by liberal learning. The College has approximately 4,161undergraduates and 554 graduate students from across the United States and nearly 70 countries. Supported by state-ofthe-art facilities and a renowned faculty, students participate in more than 90 student organizations and performance groups. Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs at Emerson Los Angeles, located in Hollywood, and at its 14th-century castle, in the Netherlands. Additionally, there are opportunities to study in Washington, DC, London, China, and the Czech Republic, Spain, Austria, Greece, France, Ireland, Mexico, Cuba, England, and South Africa. The College has an active network of 51,000+ alumni

who hold leadership po-

sitions in communication and the arts. For more information, visit emerson.

LOCAL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE **UMASS AMHERST SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST**

Below is a list of local students who were named to the dean's list at the University of Massachusetts Amherst for the spring 2024 semester.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 gradepoint average or better on a four-point scale. Kevin Joan Bedoya Cata-

Ayman Joseph Blanco

Melissa Castaneda Vargas Emily Elvia Depina-Londono

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EAST BOSTON REPUBLICAN WARD COMMITTEE HOSTS EVENT AT EBYC

The East Boston Republican Committee hosted an event July 18 at the East Boston Yacht

Club. EBRWC members and guests watched a live televised broadcast of the final night of the Republican Conven-National tion that concluded with the nomination acceptance speech by former President

Donald J. Trump.



Maria Galbiati and Eliza DiNoioa joined EBRWC members and guests at the East Boston Yacht Club in watching the televised broadcast of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee.



Pictured at the event are Michelle Baldwin, Sal Giarratani, and Marika Lomba.



The Galbiati sisters, Maria and Giovanna, pictured at the EBRWC event.



Pictured at the East Boston Republican Ward Committee event at the EBYC are Vera Carducci, Third Suffolk State Republican Committeewoman, Marika Lomba, Revere Republican City Committee, Anthony Zambuto, Revere Councillor-at-Large, and Jeanna Tamas, Candidate for State Senator.



East Boston Republican Ward Committee Chair Joseph E. Steffano (left), with Edna Chesna Serino, and Jeffrey Wallace (front row); and Sterling Sobey of the EBRWC, and Third Suffolk State Republican Committeewoman Vera Carducci.