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EAST BOSTON FC CAPTURES THE 2026 MAYOR'S CUP IN DRAMATIC SHOOTOUT VICTORY



CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

The East Boston FC fifth-grade soccer team captured the championship in the Mayor's Cup Tournament held at Boston Scores Field at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club. Front row, from left, are Drey Alzate, Jacob Gutierrez, Theo Sellars, Siles Sellars, Omar Lazo, and Julian Grondin. Middle row, from left, are Karim Al-Kaleem-Henderson, Gael Ramos, Anthony Lopez, Beau Emond, Samuel Welch, Mathew Gomez, and Elijah Cisneros. Back row, from left, are Boston Parks and Recreation Program Manager Woodley Auguste, Coach Masaki Nakamura, Coach Matt Emond, and Coach Tommy Welch. (Not pictured, Coach Jane Reilley). See story on Page 5.

YMCA's Reach Out Breakfast raises $130,000 to support local youth

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The East Boston YMCA brought together more than 440 community members, business partners, elected officials, and supporters for its annual Reach Out Breakfast on Friday, October 16, at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport. Featuring remarks from Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, the event raised $130,000 to strengthen the Y's ability to support local children, individuals, and families.

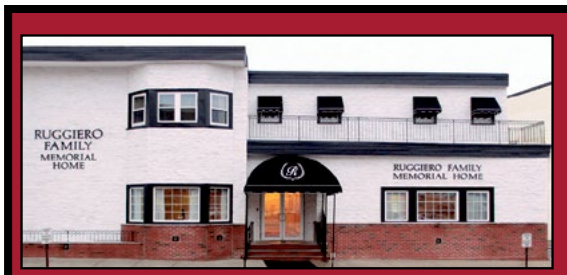
Centered on the theme "Built by Community, Powered by You," the breakfast celebrated the relationships that make the East Boston YMCA a welcoming place to learn, grow, and connect.

Mayor Michelle Wu delivered featured remarks, joining the East Boston YMCA in celebrating its impact and the community partnerships that help expand opportunities for Boston's children and families. Her participation underscored the importance of bringing city

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The many guests are pictured at the East Boston YMCA Breakfast at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel.



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Boston residents taking advantage of early voting

By Keona Hayes

With one week left for early voting, Boston residents have been turning out at sites across the city to ensure they voices are counted.

Boston resident Tom Ouellette cast his ballot at the Boston Architectural College voting site on Boylston Street on Oct. 17, the first day of early voting. He said he was scared to vote by mail, alluding to the current political climate that invokes doubts about mail-in voting and election integrity.

"I think politics have gotten very scary lately, and I wanted to vote early," Ouellette said. "I wasn't going to trust the mail."

Early voting in Massachusetts kicked off Oct. 17 and will end at 5 p.m., Friday Oct. 30. Election Day is Nov. 3.

Boston City Hall will serve as the primary site, with early voting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. People can vote there on the following days: Monday, Oct. 26; Wednesdays, Oct. 28; and Friday, Oct. 30. Other City Hall times for the remainder of the month are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 and Thursday, Oct. 29.

People can also vote at various sites in the neighborhoods from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m on Saturday, Oct. 24 and Sunday, Oct. 25; and from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Thursday, Oct. 29.

In addition to casting their ballots early, residents can also vote by mail. At the start of this month, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin's office announced that more than 600,000 ballots are already on their way to voters who have applied to vote by mail. Local election officials were expected to mail another 300,000 ballots in the next several days, to fulfill pending requests, the office said.

Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day and received by the local election office by Nov. 6, in order to be counted. Voters returning their ballots by mail are urged to do so no later than Oct. 27, Galvin's office said.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check-in. Early voting locations will be well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters. All sites are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

This election will feature several ballot questions, urging voters to decide on things such as eliminating the state party primaries, allowing residents to vote on Election Day, deciding whether the Committee for Public Counsel Services should be given the opportunity to unionize and expanding the public records law to include the governor's office and state Legislature.

Several key races are also in contention, as incumbents Sen. Edward J. Markey, a Massachusetts Democrat, Governor Maura Healey and Attorney General Andrea Campbell seek another term.

In Boston, Catherine Radford, a clerk in the city's elections office, said Internet access allows voters to go into the polling booth informed.

"In the old days it was a real problem because people would show up and they wouldn't know the candidates," said Radford.

Liam Healy, a Boston resident, said early voting is a "very smooth" process.

Boston voter Paul LaCamera agreed, adding that he appreciated the numerous ballot questions and felt there was no real competition in the races.

"I love being in a blue state and a blue city and a city as progressive as Boston," LaCamera said. "But sometimes, I wish my vote would mean more in terms of elected officials."

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Harbor View Neighborhood Association November 2 meeting announcement and agenda

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The next meeting of the Harbor View Neighborhood Association will be on November 2, at 6pm. The meeting is In Person only but will be streamed via Facebook for archival purposes. Attendance on Facebook does not qualify for voting. The meeting will be held in the Salesian Boys and Girls Club cafeteria, across from the Brooke Charter School on Byron Street. You can access the meeting from the front door on Byron Street which is also handicap accessible and an elevator is available for your convenience if needed. which is the handicap entry, to avoid the stairs.

La proxima reunion de Harbor View Neighborhood Association esta en 2 de noviembre a las 6pm. La reunion esta en persona y via Facebook. La asistencia en Facebook no califica para vota. Llega a la cafeteria del Salesian Boys y Girls Club por la calle Byron al otro lado de Brooke Charter School. Puede entrar a la junta por la entrrada principal en la calle Byron la cual puede ser utilizada por personas con discapacidades y tiene un elevador si es que es necesario para evitar las escaleras.

Agenda: Welcome/Introduction (5min)

Station 7 Police Report (15min) Officers Curtis Mosley and Dave Hale, and Sgt. Cintolo.

Announcements: Day Light Savings November 1, 2026, remember to set your clocks back one hour. Remember to get out and Vote on November 3, 2026. The Boston Police Department, Area A-7 (East Boston) is planning an Area A-7 Community CompStat meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at Station 7, 300 East Eagle Street, from 6pm-8pm. Great opportunity to meet and speak with members of BPD. Presentation and Q&A. East Boston Artist Group (EBAG) 4th Annual Harboring Creativity Exhibit and Sale, November 7th and 8th 11am-4pm at the ICA Watershed. 20 local artists, painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, fiber art and more. Meet the artists on November 7th, 4pm-6pm. On October 20, 2026, the Boston Police Department Academy graduated 118 recruits in a ceremony at Faneuil Hall. The class included 91 men and 27 women, with 80 recruits born in the United States and 38 born abroad. Veterans Day is November 11, 2026, remember to pay tribute to our men and women of the United States Armed Services. The Annual Salesian Pasta Dinner will be on November 20, 2026, at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club. Come and support this event for the kids. The Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the Madaro Family Community Fund will be held on November 26, 2026, starting at 11am at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club. Free takeout only meals will be provided. Free Monthly Community Dinner at Sacred Heart Parish, November 11, 2026, 5pm - 7pm. Save the date, December 10, 2026, HVNA Holiday Party at the EBYC. Please remember Grace Church Food Pantry for any donations of food or money. ONS Contact Information, Carlos Garcia, East Boston Liaison, Office of Neighborhood Services, carlos.garcia@boston.gov or 617-308-5725.

Massport Update on the Service Area Project and the Byron Street Access to the Greenway (30min) Anthony Guerriero, Deputy Director Federal Affairs and Community Relations Massport Authority will present with his team on these two projects.

A Safer and More Accessible Goodearl Square (20min) Daniel Milbrandt and his team with the City of Boston Streets Cabinet will present some ideas on improving the safety of this busy intersection near the Orient Heights Station and Saratoga Street, Barnes Ave and Bayswater Street. Q&A.

172 Horace/0 Westbrook Street (30min) Attorney Richard Lynds will present on behalf of the Horace Wordsworth, LLC to erect a four (4) story fourteen (14) unit residential dwelling with 14 parking spaces. Anticipated variances Use and Building width.

Mary Ellen Welch Greenway Construction Update (5min) Review photos and learn about the boardwalks, new granite retaining walls and seating. Project Website: www.boston.gov/welch-greenway. Further information contact amy.linne@boston.gov or 617-961-3045.

Halloween House Decoration Contest (5min) Once again our annual contest will reward the best houses that are decorated for the Halloween season. Let's get in the spirit of the season and let your house show it! Winning houses to be revealed and awarded.

The next meeting of the HVNA will be on December 7, 2026. Visit us at http://www.facebook.com/groups/harborviewna or check our website at harborvieweastboston.com or board@harborviewna.org



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SENIOR DAY HELD FOR THE EBHS BOYS SOCCER TEAM

At the conclusion of the home game last Saturday afternoon, Senior Day took place as the seniors were called out individually by head coach Jasyon Smiith and presented a framed photo. Adding to the happy occasion was the Jets beat the visiting team from Nantucket 3-2. On Monday, the Jets clashed at home in preliminary play-off game with O'Bryant and won 1-0. As we go to press this week, the Jets will clash with Boston International on Wednesday afternoon and if successful, will play for the city league championship on Saturday at Madison Park. Thus far, the Jets have had a remarkable season at 12-2-2.

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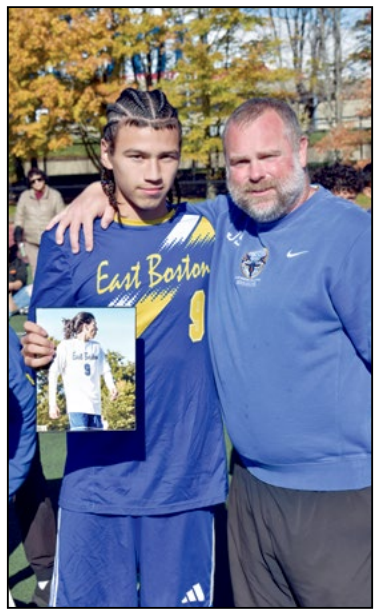
The starting ten get together prior to the start of the home game last Saturday, October 24, 2026.



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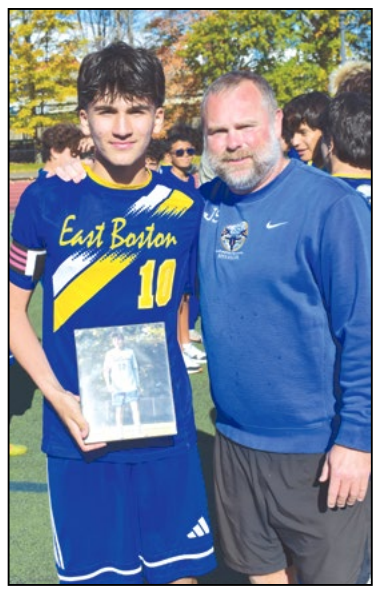
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East Boston FC captures the 2026 Mayor's Cup in dramatic shootout victory

Fifth-grade boys rally past South Boston, extend winning streak to 24 games

Special to the Times-Free Press

A year after falling to the South Boston Gunners in a championship penalty shootout, the East Boston FC fifth-grade boys' Red Team found itself facing the same opponent with another title on the line.

This time, East Boston celebrated.

Goalkeeper Drey Alzate made three saves in four rounds of penalty kicks, and Anthony Lopez delivered the winning shot Sunday evening, lifting EBFC to the championship of the Mayor's Cup. The victory extended the team's remarkable winning streak to 24 games, dating back to the same weekend last year.

Hosted by the City of Boston Parks & Recreation and Boston Scores, the tournament brought together 48 teams from across the city, with boys and girls competing in third-, fourth- and fifth-grade divisions.

For EBFC Red, the road to the title began with a dominant opening round. East Boston defeated the North End Trailblazers 8–0 and Mattapan United 5–0, earning a quarterfinal bye and a spot in Sunday's semifinal against Dorchester.

In the semifinal, Dorchester struck first on a direct free kick from outside the penalty box, but East Boston responded with seven unanswered goals to secure a 7–1 victory and advance to the final.

Waiting there were the South Boston Gunners, who had defeated EBFC Red on penalty kicks in the 2025 Mayor's Cup championship.

Sunday's rematch delivered another tense finish.

In the championship game, South Boston took an early lead on a direct free kick from 15 yards out. East Boston struggled to find its rhythm before scoring an equalizer in the closing minutes of the first half.



Enjoying the Mayor's Cup is the delegation from Boston Scores, who co-hosted the annual soccer tournament. From left, are Boston Scores Executive Director Jon Sproul, Director of Community Programs Allison Saucier, and Field Operations Assistant Nick Saucier.

The Gunners regained the lead early in the second half, going ahead 2–1. East Boston pressed forward, but outstanding saves by South Boston's goalkeeper and several shots off the posts kept EBFC from drawing even.

With fewer than four minutes remaining, Beau Emond pushed forward from his defensive position and fired home the tying goal.

Regulation ended at 2–2, sending the championship rematch to another penalty shootout.

Drey heroically blocked South Boston's opening attempt, and Jacob Gutierrez converted for East Boston to establish an early advantage. Drey stopped the Gunners' second attempt as well, but an East Boston miss kept the shootout alive.

South Boston converted in the third round, and another EBFC miss left the teams level heading into a decisive fourth round.

Drey delivered his third save of the night. Then Anthony Lopez, East Boston's leading goal scorer, stepped forward and drove his penalty into the lower-left corner of the net to clinch the championship.

Players, parents and supporters rushed the field, with cheers and tears of happiness marking a victory that reflected how far the team has come.

"I am so proud of this group of parents and young student-athletes for sticking with East Boston FC and growing with the organization," said Coach Tommy Welch. "Many of these players were on our very first EBFC team in the spring of 2025. That season, we endured the toughest start with seven straight losses."

Welch said the players' growth has extended beyond their soccer skills.

"Throughout that year, the boys' skills and understanding of the game progressed," he said. "They have learned how to quickly overcome challenges on the field, and, more importantly, they have strengthened their tenacity off the soccer field as well."

Coach Matt Emond credited the entire team's effort and determination.

"The boys played smart soccer all weekend. Our defense was incredible, and we saw lots of great passing up front," Emond said. "South Boston had amazing goalkeeping in the championship game, but we never gave up, and the coaches couldn't be more proud of the entire team."

This is the first year East Boston hosted the Mayor's Cup soccer tournament. Every game during the two day tournament took place at the Boston Scores Field beind the Salesians Boys and Girls Club. Allison Saucier, Director of Community Programs and Quality Assurance for Boston SCORES added, "Boston SCORES is incredibly proud to host this year's Mayor's Cup and we are so excited to share our facility with the Parks Department and youth across the entire city of Boston! Boston SCORES Field is a dream brought to life by our organization, a place where our coach-mentors and student-athletes can enjoy and experience the game together and discover what they are capable of both on and off the field. We built this field to break down barriers for students in our city, and to see the field full of youth, coaches, teams, families, and community members from across our city, competing in a free tournament put on by our city leadership, is truly a special experience." For more information, visit bostonscores.org.



Consider including Project Bread in your holiday giving coverage

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A turkey drive can fill one table for one night. But a family that just lost SNAP benefits, or a patient managing diabetes without a working stove, needs something that lasts longer than a holiday meal. As you plan your holiday giving coverage, please consider including Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts, which works year-round to help residents afford and access healthy food with dignity.

The need is steepening. In 2025, 40% of Massachusetts households experienced food insecurity, according to the Greater Boston Food Bank, including approximately 1 in 2 Black and Latino/a households. Massachusetts SNAP enrollment has already fallen by 196,000 people, including nearly 70,000 children, under new federal rules and another round of changes took effect Oct. 1.

Rather than handing out a single meal, Project Bread connects people with resources to buy their own food or find reliable no-cost food nearby:

A phone call. Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333) is the only comprehensive food assistance information and referral service in Massachusetts. In 2025, the Hotline received 20,383 calls, with counselors assisting in more than 180 languages, and completed 3,779 SNAP pre-screens and 510 SNAP applications over the phone.

A prescription. Through the nonprofit's Health Care Partnerships program, Project Bread works with MassHealth and health care providers to treat food insecurity as a health issue. Since its 2020 pilot, the program has connected more than 25,000 patients with grocery store gift cards, nutrition counseling, cooking classes and the kitchen essentials holiday food drives often overlook. In 2025 alone, that support included more than $3.4 million in grocery store gift cards and nearly $1.2 million in kitchen supplies and appliances. A new five-year report found 93% of participants reported improved health, along with lower A1C (blood sugar) levels and fewer emergency room visits. One health care partner reported $10.35 million in annual savings across 1,600 patients.

A lunch tray. Since Project Bread led the Feed Kids Coalition's successful push for permanent School Meals for All in Massachusetts, it continues to support school and summer meal programs statewide. On an average day in October 2025, 588,669 kids ate school lunch.

A seat at the table. Through the Make Hunger History Coalition, Project Bread is uniting more than 700 partners to make Massachusetts the first state to permanently end hunger. Its Council of Experts with Lived Experience helps shape that work.

"The holidays put food at the center of our lives, which is why this season can be so hard for families struggling to afford groceries," says Erin McAleer, Project Bread CEO. "With federal cuts reaching Massachusetts households now, a gift to Project Bread does more than fill a plate for one night. It helps a parent connect to SNAP, a patient get the food their doctor prescribes and a child eat at school every day. That's how we move from getting people through the holidays to ending hunger for good."

Learn more and donate at www.ProjectBread.org.

Residents who need help affording food can call the FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chelsea's Day of the Dead Festival returns Nov. 1

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The City of Chelsea, in partnership with the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), invites community members to honor their loved ones who have passed away by adding their framed photos to Chelsea's Día de los Muertos Ofrenda (community altar) located in Chelsea Square (179 Winnisimmet Street) during the altar's public viewing period Friday, October 30, at 6 p.m. through Sunday, November 1, at 5 p.m.

The ofrenda will be decorated with the photographs, LED candles, marigolds, sugar skulls (calaveras), and other traditional Mexican art pieces, such as catrina figures.

Centered on the ofrenda, Chelsea's Día de los Muertos Festival will take place Sunday, November 1, between 1 and 5 p.m. and will feature a procession from East Boston to Chelsea, a costumed parade around Chelsea Square led by a thematic float, more than a dozen local vendors, and a costume contest for the best dressed Catrina.

After the festival is over, community members can collect their belongings from the ofrenda anytime between November 1 at 5 p.m. and November 2 at 6 p.m. Alternatively, photos may be picked up at the Veronica Robles Cultural Center after 3 p.m. on any of the following days:

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Obituaries

REMEMBERING THE LIVES THAT SHAPED OUR COMMUNITY

Rosemarie Grasso

The highlight of her life was celebrating her 100th birthday with three generations of family members



Rosemarie (DeFilippo) Grasso, a lifelong resident of East Boston, passed away peacefully at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers on October 22, 2026 at 100 years of age. She was born November 27, 1925 in Boston to the late Vincent and Florence (Ippolito) DeFilippo. She was the beloved wife of the late Luigi Grasso, a US Marine Sergeant who served in WWII; devoted mother of Kenneth Grasso, Ronald Grasso and his wife, Christina, and Charlotte Sousa and her husband, John; loving grandmother to Kenneth Grasso Jr. and his wife, Cherise and Melissa (Sousa) Tarness and her husband, Matthew; cherished great-grandmother of Anthony and Athena Grasso; dear sister of the late Vincent DeFilippo Jr. and his wife, Lena. She is also survived by her companion, Joseph Todesca, as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Rosemarie was a hairdresser for many years in East Boston. She loved vacationing in Florida with her husband and friends. She was a member of the Courageous Generation Club of St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church in East Boston. She was an avid bingo player at the Church and enjoyed the many trips to Foxwoods with the Club. The highlight of her life was celebrating her 100th birthday with three generations of family members. She was honored and recognized by the Boston City Council and the Massachusetts House of Representatives with official citations from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Family and friends honored Rosemarie's life by gathering at the Ruggiero Family Memorial Home, 971 Saratoga Street, East Boston, on Tuesday, October 27th and will gather again today, Wednesday morning, October 28th at 8:30 a,m. before leaving in procession to St. Joseph - St. Lazarus Church, Ashley Street, East Boston, for a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m, Services will conclude with Rosemarie being laid to rest with her beloved husband, Luigi, at Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Rosemarie's name to Care Dimensions - Kaplan Family Hospice House, 75 Sylvan Street, Suite B-102, Danvers, MA 01923. May she rest in peace.

To leave an online condolence please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

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REMEMBERING THE LIVES THAT SHAPED OUR COMMUNITY

Laura T. Coviello

Her life was one of service, service to God and service to people

Laura Theresa (Henderson) Coviello was born in East Boston on November 16, 1937 to James and Laura (Rothwell) Henderson. She died peacefully on October 20, 2026 in the same way that she lived the vast majority of her life and that was surrounded by her family.

Laura loved her family more than anything, but she also just loved people. She was the kindest person in any group and was a deep empath; she felt the weight of other people's misfortunes and sorrows. That would be the hallmark of her life, she cared and cared and cared some more.

In 1959, she married Nicholas Coviello, the man that would be her rock, partner and the love of her entire life for the next almost 66 years of marriage. Their union was a special one. She was the most caring and loving person you could meet and he was the most reliable, trustworthy and unflappable. Their marriage, in public and in private, was a union of love and joy. Though there were hardships and hurdles to overcome, those hurdles never came from one another. They were steadfast and true and a team, always.

Laura was the devoted mother of Deborah Barker, Sandra Colantonio and her husband, Mark, all of East Boston. She was predeceased by her only son, Nicholas, whom she loved fiercely and missed terribly for the last decade of her life. She was predeceased by her special niece, Theresa whom she loved like another child. She was the beloved sister of James, Dorothy, George, William, Ruth, Alice, Robert, Paul and Diane, all of whom predeceased her. She was the adored grandmother of Amanda Barker-Santiago and her husband, Joseph of Peabody, Alicha DiTomaso

of North Reading, Laura Pari of Everett, Jaclyn Pari of Waltham and Christopher Colantonio of East Boston. She was the cherished great-grandmother of Alexandria, Jacob, Drayven, Kayson, Scarlett, Nicole, Grace, Nicholas and Jackson. She was the best friend of eighty-four years to Carol Buchanan of Medford. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Laura's life was one of service, service to God and service to people. She was a caretaker, first at home to her children and later through her professional work. She worked for years at the Marco Polo Rest Home caretaking their residents. Later, she worked as a home health aid to elderly and infirm people. Many of her clients became true friends. She spent the last decades of her working life at the East Boston Health Center first with the elderly to help them stay engaged



and enjoying life and later with Alzheimer's patients. She loved her patients. She never shied from the most challenging ones and believed that they all deserved dignity and care until the very end and she was the one to provide it. She also loved God deeply. Whether she was praying to, or even for the Pope, watching her beloved Mother Angelica on television or singing in the church choir, God was at the center of her life. She was an active member of the Grace Church in East Boston for many years.

Nana Laura deeply loved her family. Babies were her specialty. She was the most expert baby whisperer. Beginning with her own children, she would lovingly hold a baby, swaddle it tightly and then sing it to slumber. Too-Ra Loo-Ra Loo-Ral (An Irish Lullaby) was her favorite song to sing while rocking the baby she loved. After her own children, she would rock each of her grandchildren and later her great-grandchildren to sleep in the same way. There are so many vivid and fond memories of Nana Laura singing the Irish Lullaby in her lovely, sweet voice.

While babies were her special job, Nana wanted all of her family members around all of the time. She always wanted to know what was going on at their jobs, with their friends and in their love lives. She refused to be left out of any storytelling. When she started losing her hearing, she would pull the closest of us over to ask "What are they talking about? Don't leave me out, I want to know." We all lovingly obliged. She loved tea, both the hot kind in the cup and the kind spoken during family Sundays.

Eventually, Nana's love and care for people would be the very thing that wounded her the most. She always took on the sorrows of other people. She would pray for and cry for those that she loved, as well as those she only knew in passing. When someone had a tragedy, it became her tragedy and weighed heavily on her heart. For many years, she would take the emotional hit of a tragedy, worry about it, mourn it and then recover. In the later years of her life, the recovery part was slow to come. The Sandy Hook Massacre of beautiful, innocent children so nearby shook

her to her core. She lost a bit of herself after that tragedy. The Boston Marathon Bombing and the death of her only son were tragedies that her mind did not seem able to bear. She slowly slid away from the world that became too heavy and the family that she loved so dearly.

Now though, Nana gets to rest. She gets to bask in the love of her God. She is reunited with her husband and son and family. She can sing to and rock and comfort the babies taken from this earth too soon. There is no better person for the job.

Nana Laura, we hope that as you walk into your eternity in heaven: May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Funeral Services were held privately.

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EAST BOSTON BOYS WIN 3-1 OVER NORTHEAST METRO TECH

East Boston improved it's record to 8-2-5 and handed visiting Northeast Metro Tech only its second loss (9-2-3) of the season with a close 3-1 win Friday, October 23 at East Boston Stadium. The score was tied 1-1 late in the second half when senior forward Juan Adarve came out of a collision with Northeast goalkeeper Jonathan Baker and fired a shot that found the net to give Eastie a 2-1 lead. Brian Alas added a goal on a penalty shot in the game's final minute.

BOB MARRA PHOTOS



Jeronimo Perez (10, left) and Ronaldo Paloma (7) are all smiles after Paloma's goal put East Boston ahead 1-0 in the first half on their way to a 3-1 win over Northeast Metro Tech Friday at East Boston Stadium.



Ulises Rodriguez (right) is a step ahead of a Northeast defender as they chase a loose ball.



Angel Salina (18) is pulled down by Northeast Regional Tech's Mohamed Zouhair (19)



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Ronaldo Paloma (7) scores East Boston's first goal as his shot gets past Northeast goalkeeper Jonathan James Baker (00).

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Steven Garcia Barrera (19) finds just enough room between a pair of Northeast defenders to get a shot into the offensive end.



Juan Adarve (6) watches his shot get past Northeast goalkeeper Jonathan James Baker (00) for what turned out to be the game-winning goal in East Boston's 3-1 win over Northeast Metro Tech Friday, October 23 at East Boston stadium.



David Viana Restrepo (1) winces as he collides with Northeast's Nicolas Cardona Guerra (7)



Brian Alas (21) winds up on a penalty shot that put East Boston ahead 3-1 late in the game.

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leaders, local organizations, and residents together to support strong, connected neighborhoods.

State Representative Adrian Madaro served as emcee, bringing warmth, enthusiasm, and a deep connection to East Boston to the morning's celebration. A dedicated champion for the community, Madaro helped bring the Y's mission to life, keeping the room energized and inspiring attendees to invest in opportunities for their neighbors.

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta-Zapata also addressed attendees, highlighting community partnerships and the Y's role in supporting local families. Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden joined fellow elected officials, community leaders, and supporters for the celebration.

The program featured a children's performance and a video showcasing the people and programs at the heart of the East Boston YMCA. A live appeal raised approximately $10,000, demonstrating the community's commitment to expanding access and opportunity.

"This breakfast showed what makes our community so special—people showing up for one another," said Joey Gaeta, Executive Director of the East Boston YMCA. "Every gift helps us open doors for more children and families. We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors, board members, staff, volunteers, and everyone who believes in the work we do together."

Funds raised help support access to YMCA programs and services, including swim lessons, youth sports, summer camp, teen opportunities, and financial assistance. These investments help ensure that more people can experience the connection, confidence, and sense of belonging the Y provides.

The East Boston YMCA gratefully recognizes presenting sponsor Massport; gold sponsors Amazon, Cargo Ventures, East Boston Foundation, Enterprise, and Signature Aviation; and silver sponsors HCMI Inc. and Marketplace Development for their generous support in making the breakfast possible.

The Y also extends its appreciation to its Board of Advisors, staff, volunteers, and the Hilton Boston Logan Airport team for their contributions to the event.

Community members can continue to amplify the breakfast's impact by making a donation to support the East Boston YMCA's programs and financial assistance at anytime at the Y.



Joey Gaeta, Executive Director of the East Boston YMCA



Rep. Adrian Madaro



Mayor Michelle Wu



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata



The many guests are pictured at the East Boston YMCA Breakfast at the Hilton Boston Logan Airport Hotel.





East Boston YMCA youth program participants (photo left and above) get set to take the stage at the breakfast.

CAPACITY CROWD ATTENDS REP. ADRIAN MADARO RE-ELECTION CELEBRATION

A capacity crowd of supporters and friends joined Rep. Adrian Madaro at his Re-Election Celebration Oct. 21 at the Hilton Garden Inn.

In their remarks, Mayor Michelle Wu and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll praised Madaro for his outstanding work in the House of Representatives and excellent representation of the Eastie neighborhood on Beacon Hill.

"I wanted to be here to support someone who is such an important partner for the city and the state," said Wu, who also lauded the longtime advocacy for East Boston by Adrian's mother, Debra Cave, whose service inspired her son to get involved in public service.

Attorney-at-law Ariel Glantz Madaro introduced her husband, Rep. Madaro, for his remarks.

"There is only one version of this person, and I think this whole community is lucky to get to share that person," said Ariel. "When it comes down to it, those of us in the community, what affects us most, is having someone you know is reliable, someone that will show up, someone who will be there for whatever issue, and that's Adrian. He's that way for his community, he's that way for his family. I feel extremely blessed to have Adrian as my partner. We're really lucky to have Adrian as our state representative."

Rep. Madaro expressed his gratitude to the overflow crowd in attendance.

"Thank you to all of you for being here," said Madaro. "It means the world to me. Some of you have been with me since 2015. All of you are part of what allows me to do the job I love doing, which is being your state representative. The partnership I have with this community is something that I absolutely cherish."

Madaro also thanked his family for their support and understanding of the commitment it takes to be a state representative.

"I love this job because my family allows me to be the state representative that I want to be," said Madaro.

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata and her son, Joaquin, being greeted by former Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and North Suffolk Community Services Recovery Coach Derek Burns.



State Rep. Adrian Madaro, pictured with his parents, Debra Cave and Jacopo Madaro.



Rep. Adrian Madaro is pictured with Gina Guange of the Hilton Garden Inn, and Pat Capogreco.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu.



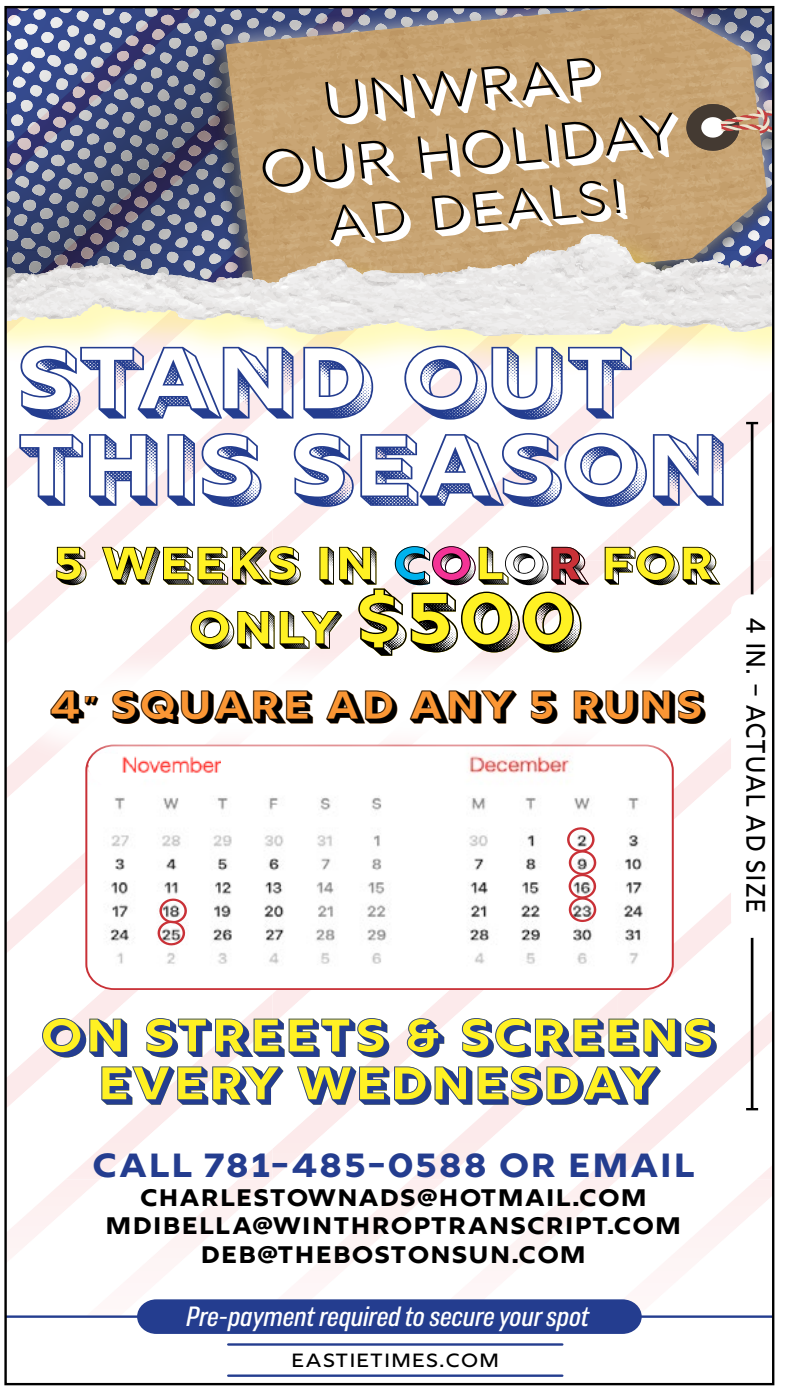
Rep. Adrian Madaro, pictured with NeighborHealth Vice President Ernani J. DeAraujo (left) and President and CEO James A. Hazard (right).



Carrie Brangiforte, East Boston High School Headmaster Philip Brangiforte, Rep. Adrian Madaro, Salem Supt. of Schools Dr. Tommy Welch, and Karla Welch. Madaro has been a champion for public school education in Massachusetts.



Rep. Adrian Madaro and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll.



EAST BOSTON LITTLE LEAGUE HOLDS AWARDS BANQUET

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

East Boston Little League celebrated a successful 2026 season at an awards banquet Oct 21 at Beachmont VFW in Revere.

President Nick Free welcomed the large gathering of players, coaches, parents, and league officials to the event.

The league has been enjoying a major resurgence under the leadership of Free and other dedicated board members and volunteers.

Free lauded officers Brian Lynch and Bill Rinaldi, and snack shack supervisor Alexis Cervasio for their great work during the season.

Awards were presented to players in all divisions while the Major League Yankees were recognized for their championship season, completing a three-peat.

Receiving a special ovation from the audience was Coach Johnny Forbes, a longtime and legendary leader in the East Boson sports community.

The many guests enjoyed a buffet dinner followed by cake for dessert.

Michael Gaeta did an outstanding job as the DJ for the event.



One of East Boston's greatest all-time athletes, Krysten Hunt Buccella (right), pictured with her husband, Giovanni Buccella, and their sons, Luca Buccella and Lorenzo Buccella, at the 2026 East Boston Little League awards banquet.



East Boston Little League Double-A Minors Division players are pictured with Coaches Bill Rinaldi, Matt Kantrowitz, Brian Lynch, Vicky Lynch, Andrew Rinaldi, and Alex Sola.



Leading the culinary operations at the buffet station are, from left, Katie Rinaldi, Vicky Lynch, Jess Curtis, Kate Rinaldi, Jackie Rinaldi, and Tiffany Free.



The Farm League players with President Nick Free and Coaches Brian Lynch, Joe Bittner, Bill Rinaldi, and Vicky Lynch.

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The 2026 Major Division champions, the Yankees, pictured with Coaches Johnny Forbes, Anthony Forbes, Josh Tritto, and Brian Lynch, after receiving their medals for their title-winning season.



Pictured at the East Boston Little League awards banquet are Christina Gibson (left) and her sons, Eric Gibson and Anthony Gibson; along with Lisa Capogreco (right) and her son, Christian Cappuccio.



East Boston Little League Triple-A Minors Division players are pictured with Coaches Gael Chan, Matt Kantrowitz, Dominic Desiata, Mike Melkonian, David Aiken, and Lance Rodriguez.

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With these and associated risks in mind, NFPA encourages the public to take simple precautions that can help ensure a fire-safe holiday for people of all ages.

"From decorating with jack-o-lanterns to costume parties and trick-or-treating, Halloween includes a host of celebrations and activities that introduce the risk of fire," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "Fortunately, the vast majority of these risks can be prevented with a little added awareness and caution."

NFPA offers these tips and guidelines for a fire-safe Halloween:

• Decorations: Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters. Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes.

• Candles: Only use battery-operated candles or glow sticks in jack-o-lanterns. If you choose to use real candles, be sure to place them well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways, and yards.

• Costumes: When choosing a costume, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so they can see clearly.

• Flashlights: Give children flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.

• Smoke Alarms: Make sure all smoke alarms in the home are working.

Visit the Halloween safety page for more resources. Download the free NFPA Halloween Fire Safety Bundle featuring Sparky the Fire Dog® for frightfully fun activities for kids and families. For this release and other announcements about NFPA initiatives, research, and resources, please visit the NFPA Press Room.

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Celebrate the holidays on Boston's historic Freedom Trail

As the Freedom Trail celebrates 75 years, the Freedom Trail Foundation invites revelers of all ages to experience this year's Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites and centuries of history, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to enjoy the holiday season. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered Fridays and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. from November 20 through December 26 (excluding Christmas Day, Friday, December 25).

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Visitor Information Center on Boston Common, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail and the history of 19th-century holiday traditions. Following the Stroll, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including Old South Meeting House, Old State House, Paul Revere House, and Old North Church's Heritage and Gift Shops (valid with any Historic Holiday Stroll receipt from November through December).

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children for public tours may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center or on-line at TheFreedomTrail.org. Strolls may also be scheduled as private group tours pending availability. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Official Freedom Trail Tours® throughout November and December and during the winter months. All Freedom Trail Foundation tour offerings are available as private family or group tours by reservation. For more information, please visit TheFreedomTrail.org and to schedule group tours, please call 617-357-8300 press "0."

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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Public Announcement: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) At-Risk Afterschool & Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
Public Announcement of Invitation For Bid
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Potential bidders should email questions to Gabrielle Witham at gwitham@bgcb.org by 11/27/26.
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All bids must be submitted no later than 4:30pm on 12/11/26.
All bids are subject to review by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Office for Food and Nutrition Programs, 135 Santilli Highway, Everett, MA 02149.
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JODI FESTA CELEBRATES HER 54TH BIRTHDAY AT KOWLOON



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Well-known East Bostonian Jodi Festa celebrated her 54th birthday on Sunday with family and friends at a party at Kowloon. Pictured, front row, from left, are Jimmy Nolan, Jodi Festa, Brooklyn Festa, and Karen Nolan. Back row, from left, are Camila, John Festa, Jacqulyn Festa, and Nick Festa.

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Tuesday, November 3, Wednesday, November 4, or Thursday 5. The center is located at 282 Meridian St, Boston, MA. Photos can also be kept in storage for the next year's ofrenda.

Event organizers are also looking for volunteers to help set-up and break-down the ofrenda, and for people to participate in a Catrina costume contest and festival parade on November 1. With questions regarding pick up, drop off, storage, or to volunteer in any aspect of the weekend-long festivities, please contact the center at (617) 308-2314.

To ensure public safety and enjoyment during the weekend's festivities, Winnisimmet Street, from Park Street to Broadway, will be closed on Friday, October 30, and Sunday, Nov. 1.





