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Shown clockwise from top left: At 19 Elliot Street Marc Goldring shows his fine art photography. Elliot School wood turning instructor Ken Lindgren with some of his work. Jewelry by Anastasia Rasulova which is appropriate work from Eight Acorns Studio. See more photos on Pages 17-20.

Public Service Comm. recommends license for on-site beer brewing room; expresses reservations about change to 39 bus

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Public Service Committee of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting last Tuesday, October 4, via Zoom.

Michael Reiskind chaired the meeting that was attended by fellow committee members, as well as residents of the community, via Zoom.

The committee initially heard a licensing request from Liz Nicol, the proprietor of Drawdown Brewing Co. LLC d/b/a Drawdown Brewing Co., who is

seeking a Farmer's Series Pouring Permit (a special type of license designed for craft breweries that make their beer on site and that partner with local farms to take their spent grain as feed for farm animals) for her establishment at 3204 Washington St. Drawdown will have a capacity of 90 patrons, plus an outdoor seasonal patio for 23 patrons, as well as an entertainment license for three TVs.

Nicol said the TVs will not be on constantly, but primarily will be used for European soccer events that are televised. Nicol said her establishment

will be a neighborhood craft beer and tap room that will make all of its beer on site. She noted that her business harkens to a previous era when the JP-West Roxbury area once had 23 breweries before Prohibition.

Nicol said she has 11 years of brewing experience and that her business will occupy the entire retail space at the corner of Washington St. and Montebello Rd., consisting of about 2500 sq. ft. Wine and hard liquor will not be served and there will be 8-12

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MBTA officials update JPNC regarding Arborway Garage

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 27.

On hand for the meeting were chairman Will Cohen and members Dave Baron, Renee Stacy Walsh, Paige Sparks, Michael Reiskind, Peg Preble, Trevor Wissink-Adams, Bernard Doherty, Gert Thorn, Sarah Freeman, Nicholas Chaves, Omer Hecht, Kevin Raines, Micah Sacks, and Daniel Perez.

The council met for an hour with two MBTA officials, Director of Bus Modernization Scott Ham-

wey and Manager of Bus Modernization, Alexandra Markiewicz, regarding the long-delayed Arborway Yard replacement project. The MBTA is seeking to demolish the present yard and construct a new facility that eventually will hold 200, fully-electrified buses by 2040. It will sit on a footprint of about eight acres.

Markiewicz said that the project has not been put out to bid and noted that bids received for other MBTA projects have been put out to be rebid because the initial bids exceeded the budgeted costs.

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JP CELEBRATES PARKFEST



The Jamaica Pond Boathouse offered complimentary rentals of kayaks and rowboats to help celebrate Jamaica Pond's place in the Emerald Necklace. See more photos on Pages 12 and 13.

JPA considers zoning requests

BY ADAM SWIFT

At its most recent meeting on Oct. 3, the Jamaica Pond Association voted not to oppose two zoning variance requests that were presented, one on Zamora Court, and a second on Myrtle

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JPA considera solicitudes de zonificación

BY ADAM SWIFT

En su reunión del 3 de octubre, la Asociación de Jamaica Pond (JPA) votó para no oponerse a dos solicitudes de variación de

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Zonificación

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zonificación que se presentaron, una en Zamora Court, y otra en Myrtle Street.

La propuesta en 7 Zamora Court busca convertir el espacio del ático en el tercer piso en espacio habitable útil, elevando la segunda de las dos unidades de la casa hasta 4 dormitorios y dos baños de tres dormitorios y un baño.

Un vecino planteó objeciones de que las nuevas buhardillas propuestas para ambos lados crearían más sombras en su propiedad y estaban demasiado cerca de su propiedad.

Sin embargo, otros residentes de Zamora Court sí se pronunciaron a favor del proyecto presen-

tado por el propietario Gerald Autler.

Autler dijo que tiene una familia en crecimiento y trabaja desde casa varios días a la semana, y que preferiría ampliar su hogar actual y quedarse en el vecindario de Jamaica Pond. También señaló que su madre vive en el primer piso.

En 22 Myrtle Ave., el propietario propuso conectar dos pequeñas buhardillas para reparar una escalera peligrosa que conduce al último piso. La JPA votó para no oponerse a la solicitud, pero solicitó una revisión del diseño para asegurarse de que se abordaran algunas inquietudes planteadas por un vecino.

En otros asuntos, la JPA escuchó una actualización de seguridad pública del oficial de policía Carlos Martínez.

Durante el mes de septiembre, Martínez dijo que hubo seis robos de bicicletas en Jamaica Plain, y señaló que muchas de las bicicletas no estaban cerrados.

“Algunas de las bicicletas costaban \$300 y otras valían hasta \$1,000”, dijo Martínez. “En los meses anteriores, teníamos uno que costaba casi \$9,000, así que aseguren sus bicicletas.”

Durante el mes, Martínez dijo que hubo cinco robos resi-

denciales en Jamaica Plain, uno en el área de South Huntington Avenue y los otros más cerca de Egleston Square.

“Tuvimos un disparo (en Columbus Avenue)”, dijo Martínez. “Pudieron localizar a un sospechoso. Ocurrió a las 3:30 de la mañana y el sospechoso fue capturado en el área de Roxbury”.

Martínez también señaló que si bien no se reportaron robos de convertidores catalíticos en Jamaica Plain durante el último mes, los robos continúan siendo una preocupación en toda la ciudad.

“Parecen una bufanda, pero tienen mucho más valor que incluso las joyas”, dijo Martínez.

También se expresaron preocupaciones sobre la cantidad de motocicletas ilegales en el área. Martínez dijo que puede ser difícil detener las motos ilegales, porque es política del departamento no poner en peligro a los residentes persiguiendo las motocicletas por toda la ciudad.

“Es un fastidio, y logramos sacar algunos aquí y allá si están en una gasolinera o si están estacionados en la acera”, dijo. “Estamos haciendo todo lo posible para conseguirlos, pero llega al punto en que hay tantos y no queremos poner en peligro al público”.

Zoning

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Street.

The proposal at 7 Zamora Court seeks to convert attic space on the third floor into usable living space, bringing the second of the two units of the home up to 4 bedrooms and two bathrooms from three bedrooms and one bathroom.

One neighbor at 11 Zamora Court did raise objections that the new shed dormers proposed for either side of the 7 Zamora Court home would create increased shadows on her property and were too close to her property.

However, a number of other Zamora Court residents did speak in favor of the project presented by homeowner Gerald Autler.

Autler said he has a growing family and works from home several days a week, and that he would prefer to add on to his existing home and stay in the Jamaica Pond neighborhood. He also noted that his mother lives on the first floor of the two-family home.

At 22 Myrtle Ave., the homeowner proposed connecting two small shed dormers to provide interior space to fix a dangerous staircase that leads up to two bedrooms on the top floor. The JPA voted not to oppose the request for variances before the zoning board, but did request a design review to make sure some concerns raised by a neighbor about the dormer design were addressed.

In other business, the JPA heard a public safety update from police officer Carlos Martínez.

Through the month of Sep-

tember, Martínez said there were six bicycle thefts in Jamaica Plain, noting that many of the bicycles were not locked up.

“Some of the bikes were inexpensive as \$300 and some were worth up to \$1,000,” said Martínez. “In months prior, we had one that was almost \$9,000, so secure your bicycles. It’s nice that you have this trust in the neighborhood, but these people are always around.”

During the month, Martínez said there were five residential burglaries in Jamaica Plain, with one in the South Huntington Avenue area and the others closer to Egleston Square.

“We had one shots fired (on Columbus Avenue),” said Martínez. “They were able to track down a suspect. It happened at 3:30 in the morning, and the suspect was caught in the Roxbury area.”

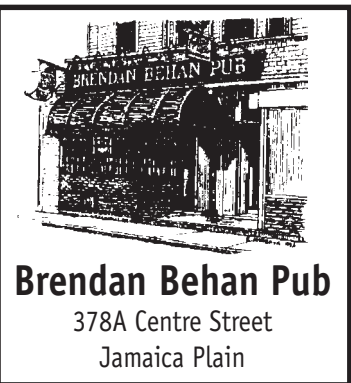
Martínez also noted that while there were no catalytic converter thefts reported in Jamaica Plain over the past month, the thefts continue to be a concern throughout the city.

“They look like a muffler, but it has a lot more value to it than even jewelry,” said Martínez.

Concerns were also raised about the number of illegal motorcycles in the area.

Martínez said it can be difficult to apprehend the illegal bikes, because it is department policy to not endanger residents by chasing the motorcycles throughout the city.

“It is a nuisance, and we manage to get some here and there if they are at a gas station or if they are parked on the sidewalk,” he said. “We are doing our darndest to get them, but it gets to the point where there are just so many of them and we don’t want to endanger the public.”



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SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE
BY STAN HURWITZ

With a mix of glitz and glory, the 200th celebration marking The English High School of Boston's 200th anniversary wowed the 300-plus alumni and supporters attending the Gala at the Marriott Boston Copley Place Hotel on October 1.

In attendance was New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft who reminisced about how EHS helped to shape his father's work ethic, acclimation to America, and love of learning. Harry Kraft graduated in 1927. He received the Alumni's inaugural Legends & Legacies Award.

Legendary World War II Tuskegee Airman Enoch 'Woody' Woodhouse II (age 95, Class of '44) was honored with a Life-

time Service Alumni Award. Gov. Charlie Baker recently promoted him to Brigadier General.

In her guest video address, First Lady Dr. Jill Biden brought greetings, referring to her own lifelong devotion to education, emphasizing the importance of public education, commending EHS as the pioneering first public high school in America and its unbroken history of educating immigrants and their offspring.

EHS 2022 alum and co-emcee Blanca Ramirez told the audience, "When I miss the place that gave me hope, determination and the opportunity to breathe again, I will visit our home; English High School."

Other EHS alumni luminaries in attendance included former Mass. Attorney General Francis Bellotti, retired Judge

Thomas Connors, former MBTA General Manager Bob Prince, and retired Brigadier General Joseph Carter, and the Stewart Family.

In addition to marking EHS's 200th the Gala launched the school's \$3 million fundraising campaign designed to raise money for Student Scholarships, the Alumni & Friends Tutoring Center, the Arts & Music Program, and Career Pathways.

Many students were on hand either as part of the program or as greeters. Co-emcee Blanca Ramirez (Class of '22), a native of Guatemala soon to attend BU with a full scholarship, and Thomas Thermidor, (Class of '21), now at Babson College, both of whom received college scholarships. In her address, trial attorney Migdalia Nalls, Esq., (Class of '97) thanked EHS supporters in her 'Investing in the Dream' speech. Current students kicked off the festivities with a dramatic drum line while others served as ushers who gave 'Proud to Be 200' hats to all who donated during the event. Donations made during the event are being doubled (up to \$50,000) thanks to a major supporter.

Gala sponsors included The Kraft Group; Herb Chambers; Stanhope Garage - Simon Gottlieb; Eastern Bank; The Boston Foundation; Ernie Boch, Jr.; J. P. Morgan Chase; and the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau; John Adams; The New Commonwealth Fund; The Shah Foundation; Arbella Insurance Foundation; Boston Latin School Association.

English High boasts a 'Who's Who' roster of illustrious alumni including actor Leonard Nimoy, (Class of '48), former MBTA General Manager Robert Prince ('67), U.S. Marine Corps Commandant General Paul X. Kelley ('46), singer Jordan Knight/New Kids on the Block ('88)), auto magnate Herb Chambers ('59), and many more.

For information about EHS, visit <https://englishhighalumni.org/> or contact Mike Thomas, President/CEO, 781-956-4774/mthomas@englishhighalumni.org. To donate to the EHSA campaign, go to [https://english-](https://english-highalumni.org/)

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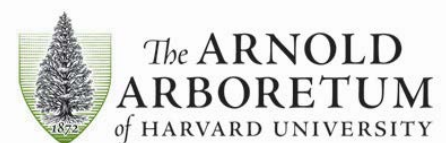
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Shown left to right, Event Co-emcee Blanca Ramirez, EHS '22; EHS Alumni President, CEO Michael Thomas, EHS '67; Robert Kraft, event sponsor and son of Harry, EHS '27; Greg Hayes, EHS Board Chair, '67; and co-emcee Thomas Thermidor, EHS '21



Francis Bellotti (left), '42 greets 'Woody' Woodhouse, '44).

Arborway

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She said that the T has received \$116 million in federal funds to purchase electrified buses.

Markiewicz said that despite the increase in the number of buses to be garaged at the new facility, the neighborhood should not see an increase in traffic.

She also noted that the new facility will be constructed with the priorities of resiliency and environmentally-friendly features relating to heating, lighting, etc.

Construction will not start until 2024 with a completion date of 2027. In response to concerns from council members about the T's commitment to constructing the new facility in a timely manner given the 20-plus years of delays for the project, Markiewicz pointed out that the legislature has mandated that the T's buses be zero-emission by 2029, thus necessitating the completion of the garage by that time.

Members of the council raised many questions, but principally emphasized the need for ongoing community input.

"Community process definite-

ly is needed. This (the current meeting schedule) does not allow enough back and forth," said member Michael Reiskind.

Member Gert Thorn reiterated Reiskind's point.

"We're not looking to have a presentation made to us every five months," said Thorn. "We want to be part of the process. That is mandated. You should really follow that. Please, we beg you. We do not want to be in an adversarial position. But the only way that we will be working together is if we are truly working together. We expect that of you. I just encourage you all to do it, because otherwise, this is not going to work."

Speaking later in the meeting, Thorn added, "Community involvement can be the best thing that happens to any project. It's what makes a project good. When everybody negotiates and compromises, that's what makes a project a success."

"We are happy to come out more than every five months, however much is desirable by your group," said Markiewicz.

Omer Hecht said he is hopeful that the project does indeed move forward and "not take another two decades."

Markiewicz said the T feels the urgency as well. In addition to the state-mandate for emissions-free

buses by 2029, the project will improve conditions for the T's workers, which also is a priority.

Bernard Doherty said it is important to know the "nitty-gritty of the project" and that "we receive an explanation of all of the construction work that is being done."

"We have to represent the best interests of the people of the community and must insist that we have input into it," said Doherty. "We need to understand what we are being asked to absorb as a community."

Micah Sacks followed up on the community aspect of the project and suggested that the community advisory board that was established to deal with the Shattuck Hospital project might serve as a model for how the JPNC might deal with the garage project going forward.

Regarding Markiewicz's statement earlier in the meeting that the revised plans for the garage have eliminated underground parking in favor of parking on the roof for T employees, Sacks suggested that the community weigh the negative of the visibility of cars on the roof vs. the added time and noise for the project if the T were to construct an underground garage.

A local resident in attendance suggested that the MBTA is in direct violation of the original mem-

orandum of understanding (MOU) from 1999 which stated that the city, the MBTA, and the JPNC are equal partners in the project. He said that the MOU is a legal document that is still binding and that requires that the T take into account community input.

Another resident from the Stony Brook neighborhood expressed concerns about the increase in traffic and its effects on the JP community, which he said already bears the brunt of many other facilities for the city.

After the meeting with the MBTA, the members discussed other items on the agenda.

The members first took note of a court hearing the following day in the case filed against the Boston Police by the family of Justin Root, a resident of JP in his youth who remained well-known in the community for most of his adult life.

Root was 41 -- and not armed -- when he was shot and killed by six Boston police officers in 2020 in a hail of daylight gunfire that left 26 bullets in his already-wounded body. His family is suing the Boston P.D. in federal court.

The council then heard reports from its various working committees.

Paige Sparks presented an update of the Outreach Committee's ongoing activities. However, the item that drew controversy among the members was the committee's recommendation for a change to the council's by-laws that essentially would establish term limits of four years for members of the council's various committees.

Thorn took sharp disagreement with the proposal, noting that the JPNC currently has difficulty recruiting residents to become members of its committees, a problem that would be exacerbated by the imposition of term limits.

Sarah Freeman also noted that some committees, such as the Parks Committee, presently do not have enough members and imposing term limits would only make the problem worse. She suggested that each committee should be examined and term limits apply only to committees that are at capacity or oversubscribed.

"I admire your goals, but I feel this is a bit heavy-handed," Freeman said.

David Baron, the chair of the Zoning Committee, concurred, pointing out that there already is a lot of turnover on committees and that term limits could have a serious impact on the ability of some committees to

conduct their business. He also said that there is value to having long-serving members remain on committees.

Further discussion and a vote by the full council on the term-limit proposal was put off until its October meeting.

Freeman, on behalf of the Parks Committee, made note of the neighborhood cleanups that have taken place recently.

Dave Barron, chair of the Zoning Committee, told the council of his committee's recent activity, particularly focusing on a proposal for a doggie daycare business at 561-569 Centre St., the former site of an old and long-vacant automobile shop.

However, two members of the council said that the applicant apparently withdrew its proposal before the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

In other matters, Baron said that the Zoning Committee recommended approval of three applications for variances, as follows: An in-law apartment at 55 Boylston St.; a gut renovation at 48 Waterman Rd., with an expansion from a 1.5 to a 2.5-story structure; and for a curb cut to allow for off-street parking at 183 Chestnut St.

However, the committee voted against a proposal for the construction of a three-family home at 10 Glenside Ave. The developer owns 8 and 10 Glenside Ave. and previously renovated 8 Glenside Ave. However, the new application for 10 Glenside was opposed by neighborhood residents, who took issue with the overall size of the project -- it suffers from many dimensional restraints for the size of the lot -- and the manner in which the on-site parking was configured.

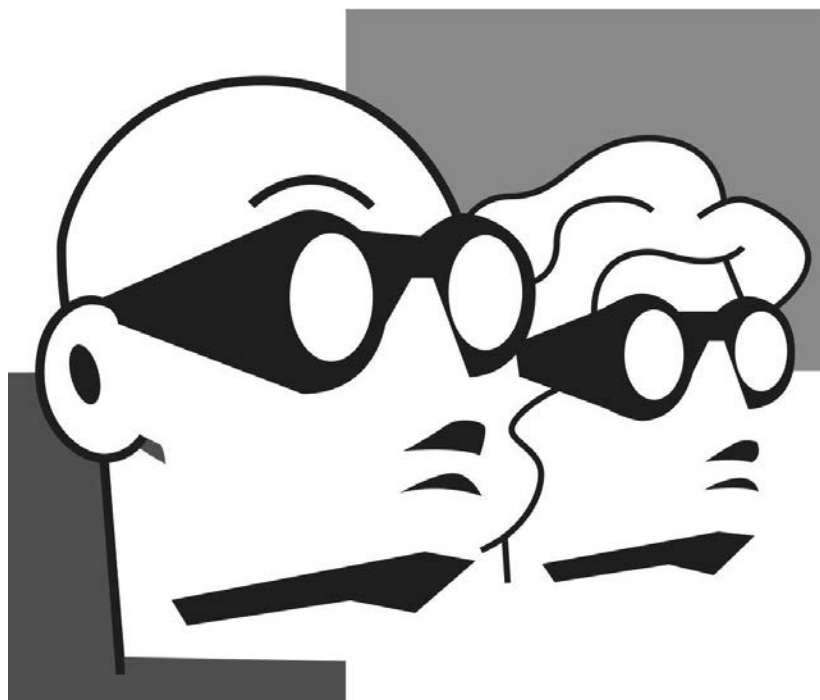
However, council member Omer Hecht suggested that the Zoning Committee's recommendation against the 10 Glenside Ave. project was inconsistent with its approval of 48 Waterman Rd.

Baron replied that there were significant differences between the two projects.

The full council then voted to accept the zoning committee's three "yes" recommendations and its "no" recommendation for 10 Glenside Ave. The local council does not have the final word on zoning applications, but serves only in an advisory capacity to the City of Boston's Zoning Board of Appeals, which can accept or reject the local council's recommendations.

The council then adjourned until its October meeting.

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JP Kids
Special Section

Ellis Early Learning celebrates first anniversary in JP

STORY & PHOTOS BY MARIANNE SALZA

Ellis Early Learning celebrated its first anniversary of providing a nurturing early education environment for children in its newly-expanded Jamaica Plain location at 555 Amory Street in September. Based in the South End, Ellis is an inclusive, diverse

organization with a multitude of languages spoken and religions practiced. Ellis provides individualized care for each child and their families.

“We strive to be an environment where everyone feels welcome and comfortable. Our model can only thrive in neighborhoods that have a broad spectrum of incomes and identities,”

said Chief Executive Officer Lauren Cook. “We knew JP would be a neighborhood that would embrace what we have to offer. It is a progressive community committed to social justice and educational and racial equity. That’s what Ellis stands for.”

The Jamaica Plain center offers more infant and toddler classrooms than preschool because data revealed that there was a particular need for those facilities in the area. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children,



Friends of the Maple Universal Classroom in the play yard.

Ellis provides structured classrooms with stations dedicated to certain tiers of learning, such as literacy, art, science, and dramatic play.

“Everything in early education is about social/emotional development,” explained Cook, who is a Jamaica Plain resident and mother of two. “They learn to identify their emotions, communicate, and share.”

The Jamaica Plain facility serves 58 children, ages four weeks to five years, in six classrooms that are named after trees.

A therapy room provides a space for de-escalation, early intervention, and learning social skills in small groups.

“It’s important in Boston to have a space for kids to release and develop their gross motor skills at all times of the year,” noted Cook about the indoor motor room, where little ones can jump off of padded walls. “This is also where the music class can happen when the weather gets bad.”

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Ellis Early Learning Director Yaskara Cruz, and CEO Lauren Cook.

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Delmace Mayo wins first-place in Hartford Half Marathon

STORY BY MARIANNE SALZA

Sixteen-year-old, Delmace Mayo, of Jamaica Plain, won first place for the second year in a row during the 13.1-mile 2022 Eversource Hartford Half Marathon Wheelchair race on October 8. The multi-sport athlete was one of 12 selected by the Hartford Half Marathon Foundation to represent the 2022 Inspiration Team. Delmace also promotes Connecticut's Hospital for Special Care, one of the official charities of the Eversource Hartford Marathon.

"It was fun. I kept a good pace," said Delmace. "I had the biker EMTs following me, making sure nothing went wrong."

Delmace traveled through historic neighborhoods and Elizabeth Park before returning to downtown Hartford. He crossed the finish line at one hour, five minutes, and 35 seconds under the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch in Bushnell Park, where his family, track coach, and teammates cheered for him.

"Both of Delmace's grandparents have passed away, but it's nice to include them. They never got to see him race," mentioned Cathy Mayo, Delmace's mother, who grew up in Connecticut, and prefers parking outside of her late father's office building when attending a race.

The determined Delmace believes his resilience "comes naturally."

Born in the Haitian capital of Port-au Prince, Delmace suffered from a spinal injury at birth that left him paralyzed from the waist down. He was sent to an orphanage for disabled children before his first birthday. After an earthquake destroyed the orphanage, Delmace was adopted by a Massachusetts family, and moved to the United States at the age of 3.

Delmace and his family returned to Haiti during many summers for three-week-long vacations. Named after one of the major roadways in the capital, Delmace refers to it as his street.

"He does not take no for an answer," Cathy asserted. "When he was at the orphanage, where he originally lived, he was one of the smallest kids there. He had to fight for everything. He

learned to not let people push him around from a young age. When people would tell him, 'You can't do that because you're in a wheelchair,' he'd say, 'Watch me.'"

Delmace began playing baseball and soccer at age 4; and by 6-years-old, he started partici-

pating in sled hockey, and other competitive sports, like wheelchair basketball, and track.

"He used to crawl on the floor with shoes on his hands because he couldn't use his feet," Cathy recalled.

Delmace is now a sophomore

at Boston Green Academy, and member of the Brighton High School spring and winter track teams. The athlete competes in the local and national level in motocross, basketball, rock climbing, and sled hockey.

"When I was younger, people would treat me differently because I was in a wheelchair. I'd tell them that I was the same; just a little different," remembered Delmace. "I showed them I can do anything they can do. If I do it differently; it's a new way of doing something."

Delmace does laps around Jamaica Pond to prepare for road races; but when he is not training, Delmace enjoys playing video games, watching movies, and talking to friends on his phone. He is excited to be participat-



Delmace Mayo wearing his first place medal for the 2022 Eversource Hartford Half Marathon.

ing in the Boston Athletic Association Half Marathon, at the Franklin Park Zoo on November 13.



Delmace Mayo, a 16-year-old, multi-sport athlete from Jamaica Plain.

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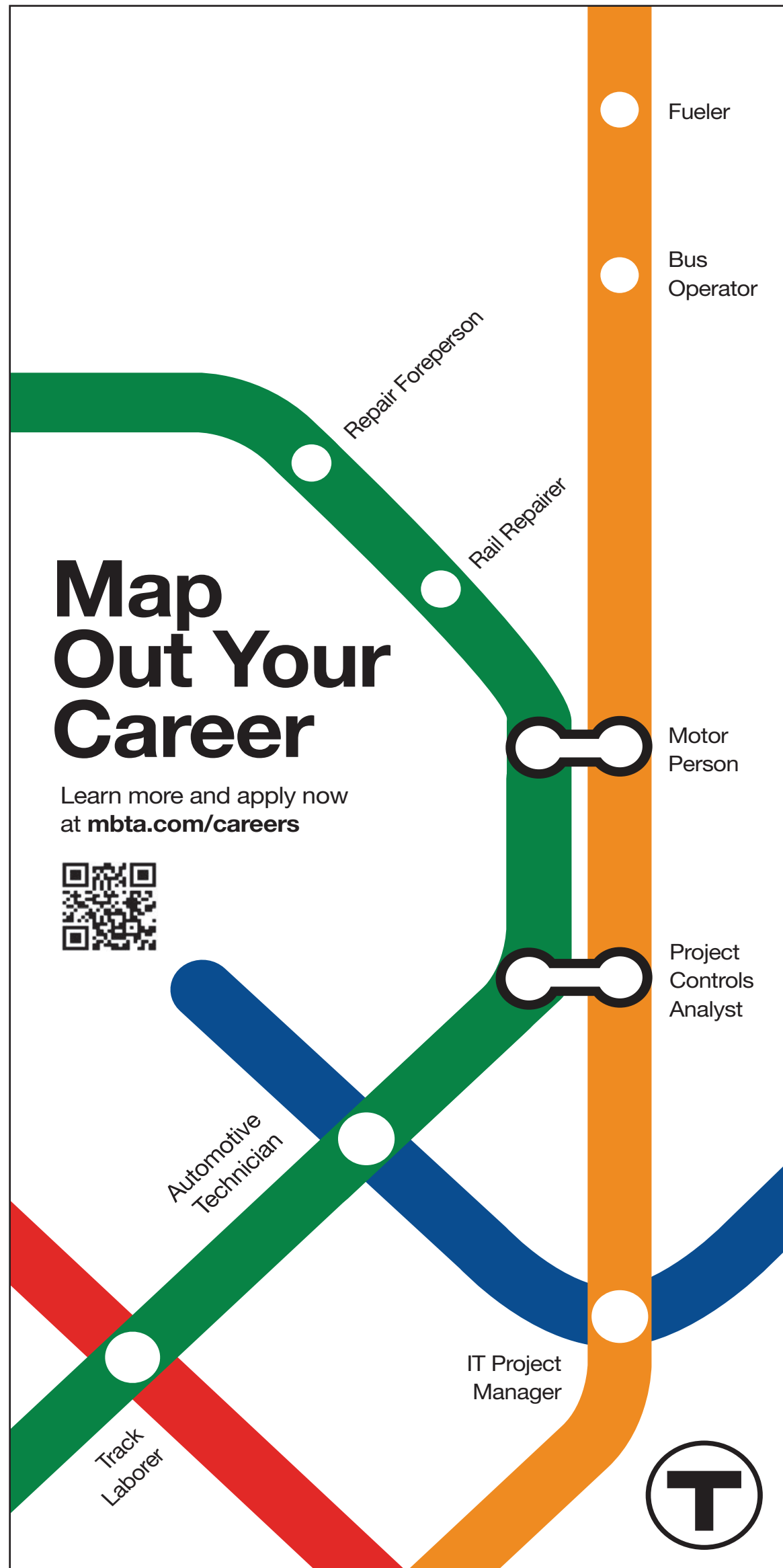


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Toddlers at play in the Oak Classroom.

Ellis

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Ellis is equipped with a kitchen, and partners with the Pine Street Inn to provide daily breakfast, lunch, and snacks. There is also a laundry room to wash bibs and clothes when little accidents occur.

The non-profit organization is concerned with all aspects of family life and even provides a nook for parents to attend virtual meetings or nurse infants. There is an on-staff social worker and family navigator to help families in need of supplies and food.

“What sets the Ellis apart in the early childhood sector is a unique operating model,” explained Cook. “We’re economically integrated. Two-thirds of our families face financial hardship, and they receive subsidies to afford childcare. Research shows that children from lower income households who attend high-quality, integrated, early education programs, like the Ellis, tend to have higher achievement gains.”

Ellis has been serving children in Boston since 1885, and partners with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). A quarter of students have open cases with the DCF and are in state custody, or live with foster or adopted families.

According to Cook, research shows that children who attend racially diverse schools like the Ellis develop empathy and are less prejudice.

“The philosophy and principle goal Ellis has is to support families. It’s not only childcare

services,” emphasized Director Yaskara Cruz, a bilingual, Guatemalan immigrant. “It’s concerned about any need families have – housing and jobs. We are there for them. It creates a positive impact in Jamaica Plain.”

Cruz has three years of experience working in early childcare education. The mother and grandmother is excited to be celebrating her first year as a member of the Ellis team.

“This organization cares for us. We aren’t only employees – we are family,” Cruz declared. “We have connections with all of the administration. They have interest in our lives and care about the needs of our families.”

A teacher respite and resource room grants staff a quiet place to plan curriculum, unwind, and eat lunch. Ellis also offers teachers and their families support, such as monthly professional development courses.

“It’s a meaningful, rewarding career, but our teachers work incredibly hard; and unfortunately, due to systemic problems, they don’t earn what they should,” Cook admitted. “It’s a reflection of there literally not being enough money with such tight margins. It’s really important for us to have a nice space for them.”

Cook believes that it is vital for neighborhoods to close the access gap in childcare.

“The reason why there is not more childcare is it costs too much to provide it. Parents cannot afford to pay more,” Cook stated. “The government needs to invest in early childcare education so our teachers can make livable wages. Only then will we be able to attract and retain enough talent to survive.”

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Obituary

Jay Scott Henderson

The Boston music community has lost one of its greatest musicians

Jay Scott Henderson succumbed to his illness on Sunday, September 4 at Seasons Accent-care Hospice in Milton, MA. Jay was the founding member and lead guitarist of the legendary Jamaica Plain based blues rock band "Red House."

Jay Scott Henderson was born on April 22, 1957 in Trenton, New Jersey. Moving to Boston in the early 1960's with his mother, Mildred and his brother, the late Ronnie Lee Scott, Jay, like his brother, would develop a passion for music through his mother, a sensational pianist herself. The two brothers were soon on their own musical path. Their musicianship would have been enough to satisfy many people but it was the type of people that Jay and his brother were that set them apart from others.

Jay had a spirit, a kindness and loving way about him that made him a magnet to people just to talk to with or without music being the subject.

Those of us who knew Jay all agreed on one thing: even if Jay was not a musician, he would still have been one of the best people we ever knew just because he was just Jay. When you were with Jay, you had the feeling that you were with the only person in the world he was paying attention to. And he had a smile that could brighten the harshest of days.

One of the most unique features about Jay Scott Henderson was the same unique feature about music in general. If music is the universal language, Jay was one of the greatest and best ambassadors. In Jay's eyes, it didn't matter who you were, it



just mattered that you were who you were.

Starting in the mid-1980's, Red House performances were blistering with original material and dazzling covers. They honed their skills as a live band right at the legendary Green Street Station in Jamaica Plain.

Jay leaves behind friends and family who will cherish him forever.

All are invited to celebrate the life, love and music of Jay Scott Henderson on November 12 from 5 to 11 p.m. at Spontaneous Celebration, 45 Danforth Street, Jamaica Plain. The evening will be a memorial service and concert for our beloved Jay Scott Henderson. Refreshments will be served but please feel free to bring a dish as well. This free event will allow all to celebrate the everlasting impression that Jay Scott Henderson has left on all of our lives.

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Whittier Street Health Center launches Day Engagement Center

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Whittier Street Health Center, a community health center with a mission to serve as a center of excellence that provides high quality and accessible health care and social services that achieve health equity, social justice, and the economic well-being of a diverse patient population, has launched a Day Engagement Center in partnership with the office of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Health Commission to provide health care, social services, and support to unhoused and vulnerable residents of Boston.

The Day Engagement Center is located at 1290 Tremont Street, in Roxbury. The new daytime center is partial funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), the Boston Public Health Commission and through generous donors.

"We're thrilled to be partnering with the City of Boston and the Boston Public Health Commission on this important initiative to improve the well-being of the unsheltered throughout Boston neighborhoods," said Frederica M. Williams, president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center. "This effort aligns directly with our mission, and this unique partnership between our community-based organization, governmental agencies, and private donors has the potential to address the disparities and inequities among our most vulnerable populations."

"I'm optimistic to see the outcomes of these collaborations, and I am also proud to be part

of these efforts to improve and enhance the lives of vulnerable populations in our communities," added Diana Sencion, Day Engagement Center manager.

The Day Engagement Center, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., offers harm reduction services, medical care, substance abuse services, mental health services, nutrition counseling, health and social support groups, and wellness activities for the homeless and other underserved populations. In addition, clients will have access to clothing, food, beverages, case management and linkage to social services.

Whittier Street Health Center is an independently licensed community health care center with a mission of providing high quality, reliable and accessible primary healthcare for diverse populations while promoting wellness and eliminating health and social disparities. A champion of equitable access to high quality, patient-focused care, social justice and economic equity, Whittier Street Health Center is accredited by The Joint Commission (TJC), certified by the

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Patient-Centered Medical Home, and recognized by the NCQA for its Behavioral Health Integration. Through its locations in Roxbury and North Dorchester, and its Mobile Health Van program, Whittier Street Health Center serves more than 30,000 patients and 20,000 community outreach visits annually; its ethnically and racially diverse patient base is primarily made up of individuals from Roxbury, Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, the South End and greater Boston. Approximately 28% of Whittier's patients are uninsured. Whittier Street Health Center provides a comprehensive array of 40 healthcare programs and services designed to meet the primary health care, behavioral health, and social needs of the community. For more information, please visit www.wshc.org as well as Facebook (www.facebook.com/WhittierStreetHealthCenter), Twitter (@Whittier_Boston), or LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/whittier-street-health-center>), or call 617-989-3221.

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FIRST CHURCH CELEBRATING 250 ANNIVERSARY

First Church Unitarian Universalist at 6 Eliot Street in Jamaica Plain is celebrating its 250th anniversary as a church, and the start of its \$1 million capital campaign, The Roof Over

Our Heads: Preserving First Church for Our Community, to replace its roof and repay the loan for the recent repairs of its clock tower. First Church is not only a spiritual home for its congregation: it is a vibrant community center hosting numerous JP groups and organizations such as

KidsArts after school program, Nehar Shalom, a Jewish congregation, and many other civic, dance, and performance groups. As a key element of the Monument Square Historic District and on the National Registry of Historic Places, First Church needs to adhere to specific his-

torical renovation standards in its repairs. So far First Church has received grants for this work from the MA Historical Commission and the Henderson Foundation.

Please join us at our campaign kick-off and 250th anniversary celebration on Sunday,

November 13, 12-1:30 pm, in the church hall. City Councilor Kendra Lara will be the special guest. To RSVP, please write to capitalcampaign@firstchurchjp.org. For more information about the campaign and how to contribute to it, go to firstchurchjp.org/2022-capital-campaign.

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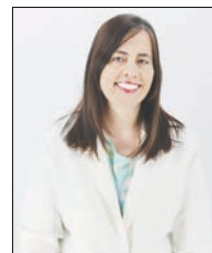
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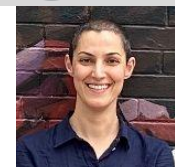
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JAMAICA PLAIN CELEBRATES PARKFEST

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The Emerald Necklace is a series of public parks that run throughout the city designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy, an organization that maintains, restores, and protects these parks, held its first annual ParkFest: a

celebration of these historic and vital green spaces with activities and performances held throughout the park system.

At Jamaica Pond, there was a communal mural, drag queen story telling, complimentary boat usage, and more activities that was free to all.



Erin Pizzonia and Gennagii Ushyvets approve of each others' work on the mural.

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ParkFest at Jamaica Pond was organized by (shown above) James Decker, Dulce Gomez, Just JP, Lia Kahan, Naomi Pajarillo, Jack O'Grady, and Karin Weaver. Shown to the right, Drag Queen Just JP (right) did some storybook book reading at Jamaica Pond with some help from Dulce Gomez.



Lia Kahan (right) takes part in storybook reading to Lily Moore.



Lily Moore grabs a paintbrush and puts her artistic abilities to the communal mural of Jamaica Pond.

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by Sarah Carroll



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Jonah, Zoia, Tom Rust partake in a family bike ride around Jamaica Pond.



Ethan Dybing and Stephanie Gaston sit a spell with their corgi Chloe.



Manager of Jamaica Pond Boathouse Max Godbey with Director of the Boston Parks And Recreation Mayor's Mural Crew Director Heidi Schork, who designed the communal mural.



Visiting from Connecticut, Team Mason, who has partnered before with Boston Marathon legends Team Mason, were happy to come upon the celebration of the Emerald Necklace. Here Mason Joyce (center) with his sister Kelsey and father James remind all of us of the power of perseverance and teamwork.



Visitors to Jamaica Pond enjoy its serenity as Olmstead intended.



Visiting from Ukraine, Gennagii Ushyvets participates in painting color into the mural with JP residents Erin Pizzonia and Rose Keating.

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Wu announces 2022-2023 Spark Boston Council members

STAFF REPORT

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the newly-selected 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council. The diverse, 40-member group will spend the next 12 months working to connect young adults to leaders in City government, City services, and one another. The SPARK Boston Council will advise Mayor Wu on City policies and programs affecting 20- to 35-year-olds.

"The future of Boston depends

on having a well-informed and connected community of leaders in every generation," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year's SPARK Boston Council spans many cultures, languages, and corners of our city—all united by a passion for civic engagement. I look forward to collaborating with the new members as we work to make Boston a city for everyone."

The 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council members live in neighborhoods throughout Bos-

ton and come from a wide variety of cultural and professional backgrounds. One fifth of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far away as Syria, Venezuela, and Jamaica. The new members come from a wide range of work industries, including public service, higher education, and scientific research. Sixteen members are multilingual.

"This is a pivotal moment for SPARK Boston, as Boston's first millennial Mayor appoints her

first council," said SPARK Boston Director Audrey Seraphin. "I am delighted to work with these bright young minds to bring Boston's largest age group together again, both virtually and in-person, after a difficult two and half years for our community."

For the first time, new SPARK Council members will be supported by eight returning SPARK captains, who will provide mentorship and organizational assistance critical to the program's continued growth and success.

"I am excited to enter this next year on SPARK as one of the new captains," said returning council member Dianna Bronchuk of Roslindale. "I've learned about and engaged with so many new opportunities in Boston through SPARK, and I am looking forward to bringing those to the new council members in this role."

"It's such an honor to contin-

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beers on tap at all times. Although food will not be prepared on the premises, patrons will be offered pre-packaged snacks and will be encouraged to order take-out to support local restaurants.

The business initially will be open on Friday-Sunday afternoons through the evenings until 11 p.m., with an expectation of adding some weekdays as the business grows. She also noted that she might open as early as 10 a.m. or sooner if there are weekend sporting events, such as soccer matches.

Committee member Paige Sparks asked whether the rest rooms will be gender neutral, whether menus will be in Spanish, and about handicapped accessibility, to which Nicol answered affirmatively for all three.

Robin Marie Chun asked about the smell of the brewing process and its odors, as they might affect the residents in the upper floors of the building, to which Nicol responded that there will be carbon filters with a venting system through the roof. She also said that the spent grain, which can become musty, will be removed right away.

In response to a question from Dottie Farrell about similar businesses in the area, Nicol said she aims to be viewed as an LGBTQ brewery, as opposed to other nearby establishments that "appeal to straight white men."

A resident of Montebello Rd. asked whether there will be a baby-changing station in the restrooms. Nicol said there will be.

Another resident who lives

right around the corner said he was excited for the business to open and suggested that hard seltzer and wine eventually be offered. However, Nicol said that a wine license is totally different and she likely will not go in that direction.

A resident from Cornwall St., who said he does not drink and is "not super-thrilled" about an establishment that serves alcohol, nonetheless said he is happy to see another local business open up in that space.

A resident asked about deliveries. Nicol said she expects one delivery per week of malt during regular business hours that will not impact the busy rush hour periods. She also said there will be pick-ups of the leftover mash immediately.

He also asked about diversity in the hiring of staff and Nicol replied that she would be looking to hire directly from the neighborhood at first.

"I'm trying to be neighborhood-focused," said Nicol.

Denise Delgado from Eggleston Sq. Main St. told the committee that her group is excited to see the space activated after being vacant for three years and particularly as a place to watch soccer and hang out. It also fills a niche for gluten-free beer options.

"We're happy to see this business coming into the neighborhood," she said.

Another resident said he supports it because, "it will bring some more life to Washington St." He also suggested that trash pick-up be made during the day, as opposed to the early-morning hours.

Another resident said, "This sounds like a great project," and asked whether there is a plan to

make sure that patrons "do not drink and drive," to which Nicol responded that all of the staff will be TIPS-certified to identify when to cut people off.

Nicol told the committee that she will not have any on-site parking and that her establishment will encourage the use of multi-modal forms of transportation, such as bicycles and the local bus route.

Another resident said she is pleased to see a business take over the space, particularly one that "will be supportive for minorities to feel welcome, and a woman-owned business."

She also asked about whether there are plans to host wedding or other events, but Nicol said she is not planning to do so.

There was no opposition to the licensing request.

The committee voted unanimously to recommend the application for approval to the full JPNC, which in turn will make a non-binding, yes-or-no recommendation to the city's Licensing Commission.

The committee then took up the issue of the proposal by the MBTA to change its bus routes throughout its service area, including three in Jamaica Plain.

Franklin Salimbene from the Arborway Committee for Public Transit made a presentation to the committee. He said three main routes that traverse through JP, the 38, 41, and 39, will be affected by what the MBTA is calling its Better Bus Program.

He said the T is planning to combine the 38 and 41 routes, essentially by having the 38 make a left at Center St., instead of making a right onto Center St. to Forest Hills, as it presently does.

"This new route makes some sense, because it eliminates

some redundancy," said Salimbene, although he said the T has not provided information about what's known as headways (the time in-between buses) or whether it will offer service on Sundays.

The proposed change to the 39 bus is not as straightforward, however.

"The change in route of the 39 has raised a lot of concern in the neighborhood," said Salimbene. The 39 route currently starts at Forest Hills, proceeds through JP Center, and then makes a right onto Huntington Ave., heading toward Brigham Circle, and eventually traveling to Porter Sq. in Cambridge.

However, the proposed new route would have the bus take a left to go down Francis St. to get to Brookline Ave. Then, it will take a right to go down the center of the Longwood Medical area to the Landmark Center, then take a left to run along Park Drive to the B.U. Bridge, where it will cross into Cambridge, from where it will run down to Central Sq. and then go out Prospect St., bringing it up to Union Sq. in Somerville, and then to its final destination in Porter Sq.

"That route on one level provides some crosstown service," said Salimbene, "but the problem is that it's a circuitous route, which makes it exposed to traffic, and therefore it likely will not meet its planned 15-minute interval of service."

Traffic signal priority and a dedicated bus lane could alleviate this concern, but the T has not spoken on this issue, said Salimbene, noting that the new route will be a so-called priority route for the T.

He also informed the committee that the City of Boston has asked the T to reconsider the change to the 39 altogether be-

cause of opposition by users. The route formerly carried 19,000 daily riders in the 1990s, but the number dropped to 14,000 by 2005 and has fallen even further to 11,000 currently.

Reiskind said that most people in the JP community are not aware of the proposal, even though the T's public comment period has ended. He also noted that the T's overall plan has a five-year implementation period.

Doherty took issue with the lack of notice to the residents by the T. "We end up on the losing side of things," he said. "We are not being respected as its consumers."

Sparks concurred, saying, "The MBTA's transparency is not great and its outreach is lacking."

However, the basic problem, noted Reiskind, is one of trade-offs: The new route will be better for those going to Cambridge-Somerville, but not so great for those going to Downtown, Back Bay, and Northeastern, who now will have to make a transfer from the 39 to get to those destinations.

Sandra Storey asked about the impact for Boston Latin students and whether the special buses for those students will be continued.

Sarah Freeman suggested that the current 39 route be retained in addition to the new proposed 39 route. She also asked about the waiting conditions, which can be difficult in winter, for those who will have to transfer to another route under the new plan.

The meeting concluded with Reiskind suggesting that the T hold a community meeting to discuss the change to the 39, a suggestion that was met with approval by his fellow committee members.

BPHC provides residents update on city's COVID-19 trends

The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) provided the following updates on the latest COVID-19 trends for the City of Boston as of October 6, 2022:

- The concentration of virus in local wastewater has increased by 3.1% over the past seven days, and by 99.9% over the past 14 days (data as of October 3).
- There are now 874 RNA copies of COVID-19 per mL in the wastewater.
- New COVID-19 cases in Boston have decreased by 0.5% over the past seven days and increased by 1.1% over the past 14 days (Data as of October 3).
- These data do not include at-home testing results.
- Boston hospitals had 170 new COVID-19 related hospital admissions this week (data as of October 6).
- This rate was stable over the past 7 days increasing by 0.3%, but represents a 13.7% increase over the past 14 days.
- Suffolk county remains at medium community risk for

transmission, according to the CDC.

“The elevated concentration of COVID-19 in our wastewater is very concerning,” said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. “Combined with flu season, increases in COVID-19 related hospitalizations will cause major strain on Boston’s health care system. It’s important we get ahead of this by getting boosted, obtaining a flu shot, wearing masks indoors, testing for COVID, and isolating if positive to help reduce transmission.”

BPHC alerted residents about the elevated levels on September 30 and encouraged proper COVID-19 safety measures. BPHC continues to closely monitor all metrics and is working with Boston’s hospitals and provider networks to ensure they are prepared for such a scenario. Improving uptake of the new bivalent COVID-19 boosters, which provide the broadest protection

and immunity against the original COVID-19 strain and the omicron variant, is critical to this goal. BPHC reminds residents that staying up to date on vaccinations by getting boosted is the most effective way to reduce the risk of severe infection that can result in hospitalization.

As part of its prevention efforts, BPHC administered 783 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine during a free vaccination clinic at White Stadium in Franklin Park this past Saturday. These large-scale vaccination clinics have proved highly successful at increasing vaccine uptake and equity. A total of 1,450 COVID-19 vaccine and booster doses were administered during the events on September 17 and October 1. Of those doses, 42%, or 609 doses, were administered to children and teens under the age of 18. BPHC will continue to provide residents with opportunities to get vaccinated against COVID-19 by bringing care directly to their communities.

Based on the latest data,

BPHC recommends the following strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

- Test for COVID-19 before and after attending large gatherings, especially if you know you will be around high-risk individuals, such as seniors, those who are immunocompromised, and those who are unvaccinated.
- Wear masks indoors, especially in crowded indoor settings like public transportation.
- Stay home and isolate if you are sick or test positive for COVID-19. If you test positive, be sure to contact a health care provider about oral antivirals or monoclonal antibody therapy.
 - o The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is offering free telehealth services for Paxlovid, an oral antiviral that has been proven to reduce the risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19 significantly. For more information, visit their website.
- Stay up to date on your COVID-19 vaccinations to reduce your risk of severe illness.

o COVID-19 vaccines are now recommended for everyone ages 6-months and up.

- o Booster doses are available for everyone ages 5 and older.
 - o Second boosters are recommended for individuals ages 50 and older, as well as those who are 12 or older and moderately to severely immunocompromised.
 - Gather outside and choose outdoor activities as often as possible.
 - o Open windows and doors to ensure good indoor ventilation.
- Vaccine and booster trends:
- 78.7% of Boston residents are now fully vaccinated.
 - 47.0% of Boston children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated.
 - 12.3% of Boston children ages 6-months to 4-years old are fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are free and widely available throughout Boston. For more information, or to find a vaccination clinic in your community, please visit boston.gov/COVID19-vaccine.

Spark Boston

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ue working to better our City, especially now as a captain,” said Anthony Nguyen, a lifelong resident of Dorchester. “I’m excited to help lead the new council to reach our potential as a talented, diverse family dedicated to civic engagement.”

SPARK Boston, housed in the Mayor’s Community Engagement Cabinet, is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The Council meets monthly with City Hall leaders and creates free programming for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City’s on-going initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston’s many neighborhoods.

Over 34 percent of Boston residents are between the ages of 20 and 34 according to the Boston Planning & Development Agen-

cy’s Boston at a Glance 2022.

“I’m honored and excited to be a part of SPARK council, where I feel that our voices and lived experiences will make a difference in what public services and policies are prioritized by the city,” said new council member Ki-Wan Sim from East Boston.

“I’m so grateful to be offered the opportunity to serve on the 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council,” said Kennedy Avery, new member from Beacon Hill. “Enthusiastic and innovative young people have long been committed to improving the City, and I can’t wait to work with my peers to connect the innovation and energy of young people in the City to the levers of power within City Hall.”

This year, the SPARK Boston program received 110 applications for the 2022-2023 Council, showing continued robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for the 2021-2022 SPARK Boston Council included the creation of the Allston-Brighton Renters’ Garden Contest, the on-going Pint with a Planner series, the Haitian Migrant Household Goods Drive with



Members poised to inspire civic leadership among Boston’s young adults

IFSI, the 2021 Living & Learning Debt Survey, Rat City Arts Fest, and countless voter registration pop-ups and neighborhood social events.

The 2022-2023 Council includes:

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33. Nohely Vargas, Roxbury
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38. Ihsan Kaadan, West End
39. Zachary Kinnaird, West End
40. Eduardo Sanchez, West Roxbury.

Wu shares next steps for a more connected Boston

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mayor Michelle Wu shared the results of a comprehensive digital equity assessment which will inform the development of a plan to build a more connected Boston, expand digital services, and ensure all residents thrive with improved access to digital technologies. This digital equity plan will drive Boston's work to connect every family to digital services and opportunity.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 32,000 Boston households did not have broadband access. The pandemic reinforced the importance of high speed internet, necessary for conferencing systems and other bandwidth intensive services (currently measured on a federal level as 25 megabits for download and 3 megabits for upload). This digital divide reinforces inequalities across Boston as access to broadband is critical for residents to study or work remotely, access telehealth and government services, and stay

connected with their communities.

"Digital access to education, opportunity, healthcare, and government services enable our communities to thrive," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We must work to improve our understanding of the gaps that some of our neighbors experience, and bridge those gaps."

"Having access to the internet and the knowledge of how to use digital resources are crucial for our residents, immigrant neighbors, Boston Housing Authority residents, and communities of color to engage in everyday life, and it is important that we ensure internet access and digital equity for everyone," said City Council President Ed Flynn. "I want to thank Mayor Wu and her Administration for their work in advancing digital equity. I'm committed to working with everyone on bridging the Digital Divide."

"I'm proud that the Boston City Council proactively funded this study and also recently

dedicated \$2 million in American Rescue Plan funds to programs to improve digital equity across all our communities," said Councilor Kenzie Bok, chair of the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology. "Access to the internet is not an optional amenity that should be rationed by ability to pay: it is an essential utility for work, school, and civic participation for every Bostonian."

The digital equity assessment, Analysis of Broadband Availability, Digital Equity Programs, and Fiber Build Costs, prepared for the City by CTC Technology and Energy (CTC) identified that in the past decade Boston residents have gained increased access to different internet service providers. This increase in options has led to higher quality and lower costs given the same level of connectivity. The assessment also notes that affordability, quality of service, skills and attitudes continue to present gaps for some communities, especially households that already require housing support or face other barriers. This assessment has informed the City's current initiatives in the short term and will guide the City's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT) next steps to improve data around existing digital gaps and needs. An executive summary of the report is available here.

Based on the findings of the assessment, the City will create a digital equity plan to identify digital needs and opportunities of Boston's communities, as well as grow existing programs and evaluate their impact Citywide. The plan will provide a crucial framework to remove barriers around digital access and help give all Boston residents the opportunity to thrive. The City will engage residents, service providers, and other key partners to develop the plan, which will guide the City's digital equity work across departments and be shared with the state as it develops its digital equity plan.

"At the beginning of the pandemic about 32,000 households did not have broadband access. Today 30,000 households in Boston have been enrolled in new federal broadband benefits available through the Affordable Connectivity Program," said Chief

Information Officer Santiago Garces. "Since May of this year our team has worked to enroll almost 10,000 households through close partnership with service providers and community organizations. We have more work ahead, especially as we work to make digital access more resilient to changing circumstances as we saw during the pandemic."

The City intends to select a

Access to the internet is not an optional amenity that should be rationed by ability to pay: it is an essential utility for work, school, and civic participation for every Bostonian.

—Kenzie Bok

partner to develop a digital equity survey that will be used as a key mechanism moving forward to more consistently engage Boston residents around their digital access. The survey aims to identify areas of need in specific communities and serve as a foundation for the City to work collaboratively to address gaps with those groups. The survey will be designed and delivered throughout the next year.

The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) is focused on engaging residents around access to digital tools and connectivity, expanding existing programming, and launching new initiatives to boldly address digital gaps.

In February, Mayor Wu and Senator Ed Markey announced an investment of over \$12 million to bring digital equity and inclusion to nearly 23,000 Boston public housing residents, library users, and school-age families through the Long Term Lending program. The program bridges the digital divide by providing free access to 6,200 Chromebook laptops and 3,000 Wi-Fi routers, supported through funding from the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund. The Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, and over 20 community partners have distributed over

7,000 of these devices to Boston residents. BPL patrons can request a Chromebook at www.bpl.org/long-term-lending/.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a federal program providing \$14.2 billion to expand broadband affordability. ACP provides eligible households with a subsidy for broadband service (\$30/month) and up to \$100 in a one-time discount for a digital device. The program was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA) in 2021, with the strong support of Senator Markey. Over 30,000 Boston households have signed up for broadband service and devices through ACP, including 10,000 that have been enrolled since May 2022 through close partnership with service providers and community organizations.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has cast a spotlight on inequities, and particularly on the digital divide that's impacting our young learners. The Emergency Connectivity Fund delivered a long-overdue investment for Boston families and their students so that all of the Commonwealth's kids have the opportunity to learn online and offline," said Senator Ed Markey. "Across the country, millions of broadband connections have been made to students who once lacked access to a reliable internet connection at home. As this funding begins to run dry, we must fight to preserve these hard-earned gains by finding a permanent solution to the Homework Gap and keeping Boston's students and their educators connected."

Additionally, DoIT and CTC will launch two broadband speed tests. The free Speed Survey will gauge the upload and download speeds of Boston households. This survey is available on the City website here. The long-term Speed Test will continuously sample every neighborhood's speed using a device that will be plugged into the routers of volunteer residents. Over the next several months, CTC will partner with the City and volunteers to monitor and collect data on the quality of broadband in every neighborhood and report those findings publicly. These tests will inform the City's advocacy for consistent and reliable broadband quality and availability.

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JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STUDIOS



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At 63 Green Street Saskia Lucas shows passerby Jess Gard and Wiz some of her work from the doorway of her shared studio space. Photos continued on next page.

JP Open Studios was back, turning the neighborhood into a community art show on Sept. 24 and 25. Participants toured the streets and found artist studios to visit and view their work, communicate with the artists, gain a better understanding of the work, and support the many creative personalities that JP holds.



Shown right, Ted Cormier-Leger with his watercolor work has been showing at JP Open Studios for over 20 years. He found that it was nice to be back doing it again after the hiatus due to the Covid Pandemic.



Brendan Killian with his piece Half Day, just in time for Thanksgiving.

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Bronwyn Grover and Ciara Burke with work they bought by artist Connie Barbour showing at the MigrantWinds Studio table.



At 81 Green Street, the work of diorama artist Tanya Saar was on display.



Halie Olson and Lee Tarlin with their friend Winston looking over Pop Zoo's contemporary pet portraits by Syd Hardin.



Pop Zoo artist Syd Hardin with a portrait she made of her dog Pasa.



Shown to the left, Anastasia Rasulova showing work from her Eight Acorns Studio

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Thank You for a Wonderful 29th JP Open Studios!

An enormous and heartfelt Thank You for your support of the JP Arts Council and JP Open Studios that took place this weekend. This exciting neighborhood-wide cultural event could not have happened without you!

Jamaica Plain was alive with creative energy. The broad spectrum of arts that we were able to bring to our neighborhood covered nearly every artistic medium: painting, printmaking, drawing, photography, fiber arts, ceramics, mixed media, jewelry, sculpture, glass, woodworking, furniture-making, assemblage and more.

To all who volunteered their time and energy, sponsored the event, hosted artists, opened their studio, porch or yard, created art to share, and came to enjoy and celebrate the arts in Jamaica Plain, we are grateful.

Whether you were among the 100+ businesses and individuals who contributed financially or with in-kind support or you volunteered your time in any number of ways, your generosity made the 2022 Open Studios a suc-

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JAMAICA PLAIN OPEN STUDIOS



Ariel Kessler with her sculptures and collages.



Cara Coleman with her bear illustrations.



Marc Cote with his printmaking work held by his assistants/muses/kids Grace, Caleb, and Stella, holding a portrait of her.



Inside JP Licks, patrons enjoy ice cream while being in the midst of an art show with pieces by artists Mary Russell, Andrea Tamkin, and Tamara Safford.



Lydia, Jodi, and Randall Maasare enjoying the art.



Lara Diaz showing off her "quiltplates"

Open Studios

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ing Greenough House and Jameson and Thompson Picture Framers for their kindness in accommodating artists at their locations and for their continued commitment to hosting artists. And thank you to the Eliot School, Stonybrook Fine Arts, The Footlight Club and several businesses

for providing private shared studio space.

Many thanks to each and every volunteer that it takes to make JPOS successful: our press intern, social media coordinator, sponsorship leader, website volunteers, those who distributed banners, yard signs, and maps, the information booth volunteers who assured the public got around and the clean-up crew!

And to the artists of JPOS,

thank you for allowing us to be part of a creative community of gifted, generous, and dedicated artists; thank you for feeding our souls, inspiring us, and compelling us to continue.

Please save the date for the 30th Jamaica Plain Open Studios, September 23 & 24, 2023!

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Friends Abra Ordorica, Abbie Wanamaker, and Rachel Hess picnic on the Universalst Church Green.



Sam, Clint, and Cohen Baclawski with Isabel Leveque and a yet to be named four-legged friend.



Dayra Jimon, Mishy Huang, Marieliza Manigate, Rose Gelin, Laila Hollins, and Giovanni Depina students of the Teen Bridge program at The Elliot School.



Laurie Berezin aka bereyllina and her work is the Secret Jewelry Garden promised in the backyard of 19 Elliot Street.



At The Footlight Club Theater, Cynthia of Hang 'em High shows off her jewelry, leatherwork, and wide range of art mediums.



Barney Levitt with his work on display at The Footlight Club.



Judy Kilgore with her fabric art.



Lisa Goren shows her watercolor work depicting the Arctic and Antarctic terrain at The Footlight Club.



At 81 Green Street Anastasia Saar greets visitors to the space she and her mother Tanya share at 81 Green Street.



On Hager Street painter Eric Rosenthal discusses his work with a prospective buyer.

Women construction workers make ‘herstory’ at first-ever Women Build Boston

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Women in the building trades came together for the first-ever Women Build Boston conference on Saturday, October 8, highlighting Boston’s leadership in making the construction industry more inclusive and diverse. The conference, dedicated to celebrating and uplifting women’s role in building trades unions, convened over 700 women across the trades. The event was attended by women of all skill levels who work in the building trades across New England, as well as allies.

“This is the labor movement at its best and what happens when a group of determined workers fights for their rights,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh. “[The women of Women Build Boston] have grown into a powerful force in this industry. You are united and ready to smash down the doors for the next generation of women. And I’m here to tell you—the Biden-Harris administration has your back because you’re leading the way.”

The conference, organized by the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, took place at Encore Boston Harbor — a landmark site for the advancement of women in the building trades. Under a project labor agreement, the greatest tool for promoting equity in the construction industry, nearly 500 tradeswomen were part of Encore’s construction crew, the largest number of women workers on any construction project in U.S. history.

“As the proud daughter of a union school nurse — a single



Attorney General Maura Healey.

mom who raised all five of us on her own — I am forever in awe of the strength and resilience of women in labor,” said Maura Healey, Attorney General of Massachusetts and the Democratic nominee for Governor of Massachusetts. “We’ve worked closely together to diversify the trades and bring more women into these high-paying, rewarding, and in-demand fields. As Governor, I want to build on this work to create and expand career paths for women in the trades and meet the urgent infrastructure needs of our state.”



US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh.

“Today, we came together to build up our labor movement,” said Jenaya Nelson, a 25-year member of Laborers Local 223. “What started as a small group of us has grown into a sisterhood of solidarity for thousands of Boston tradeswomen. It’s time to double down on our progress and bring thousands more women into our ranks.”

“Whenever I look at construction sites, I see women stepping up and paving the way for Boston’s future. I’m honored to be part of the surge in women’s participation and leadership in building trades unions,” said Renee Dozier, Business Agent of IBEW Local 103. “We’re creating not just a better Boston, but a better future for women workers.”

The day kicked off with a tribute to four Massachusetts women trailblazers in the building trades: Susan Eisenberg of IBEW Local 103, Deb Gilcoine of Painters and Allied Tradesmen



Darlene Lambos of the Greater Boston Labor Council.

District Council 35, Maura Russell of Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 12, and Gayann Wilkinson of Iron Workers Local 7. Attendees also participated in breakout

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US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh with crowd at the Women Build Boston Conference at Encore Boston Harbor

EDITORIAL

Voter registration deadline for the state election is October 29

We wish to remind all of our readers that the deadline for registering to vote for the upcoming state election is October 29.

Citizens of Massachusetts have three ways to register to vote: on-line, by mail, or in-person at your local city or town clerk's office.

To register in Massachusetts you must:

- be a citizen of the United States
- be a resident of Massachusetts
- be at least 16 years old (must be 18 years old to vote on Election Day)
- not currently be incarcerated for a felony conviction

The web site for the Secretary of State's office has the necessary forms and instructions for those wishing to register to vote on-line or by mail.

The upcoming election on November 8 has the potential for far-reaching consequences for our state.

Never before in our history have the Democrat and Republican candidates for two major offices, Governor and Secretary of State, presented such divergent choices for voters.

We urge all residents to register to vote for this important election.

The end of an era in Mass. politics is at hand

The decision by Gov. Charlie Baker not to seek re-election effectively has brought to an end an era in Massachusetts politics.

Although Massachusetts voters typically have split our legislature and governorship between Democrats and Republicans for much of the past 80 years -- with Democrats controlling the legislature and Republicans the governorship -- the basic differences between the two parties were fairly minimal.

Republican governors typically were seen as fiscally more conservative than their Democratic counterparts, but there was general agreement between them on social and other issues.

Most importantly, Republican governors and Democratic legislators were able to work together to achieve far-reaching goals.

For example, it was Republican Gov. John Volpe who fought for a sales tax in the early 1960s in order to support city and town governments that were unable to meet the huge increases in the costs of local education because of the influx of students during the Baby Boom era.

Gov. Volpe previously had served as the State Commissioner of Public Works and oversaw the expansion of the state highway system during the 1950s that allowed our state to expand beyond Greater Boston, most notably the Route 128 Belt that became known as America's technology highway in that era and that fueled Massachusetts' growth into the last half of the 20th century.

Forty years later, Republican Gov. Mitt Romney joined with the Democratic legislature to craft the Mass. health insurance law that became the model for Obamacare, making health insurance affordable for all residents.

In the 1990s, the weekly breakfast meetings between Republican Governors Bill Weld and Paul Cellucci with the Democratic leaders of the House and Senate were instrumental in creating an atmosphere of collegiality on Beacon Hill.

These Republican governors understood the essential role that government must play in order to move our society forward.

By no means did they agree on everything with their Democratic counterparts, but they were able to disagree without being disagreeable. Moreover, Democratic and Republican leaders shared a common vision for our state. We realize that everyone loves to complain and gripe about everything, but the bottom line is that Massachusetts ranks among the best in the nation in just about every meaningful category, from education to health care.

However, that era is over. Those who lead the Republican party today have views that are far beyond the mainstream of our state's residents, whether on social issues such as a woman's right to choose or political matters -- the GOP's candidates for Governor and Secretary of State openly have voiced their support for the idea that the outcome of the 2020 presidential election was not legitimate and are avid supporters of Donald Trump.

The virus that has infected the politics of the rest of the country has made its way here. It would be nice to think that this change in the political climate in Massachusetts is temporary. But unlike the COVID-19 pandemic, there is no vaccine on the horizon.

OP-ED

Rising prices – one thing you can do

By GLENN MOLLETTE

Reports are pointing to an 8.9% raise for Social Security recipients. While it won't feel like enough, it may buy you a sack of groceries or a tank of gasoline. This is a big maybe on the gasoline as California reports prices of over \$8 per gallon.

Some of our government leadership is crying because Saudi Arabia is cutting their oil production by 2 million barrels a day. This means less oil for everyone in the grand oil supply pool. I don't understand why anyone in our government would want to do business with the Saudis.

Buying oil from Saudi Arabia, Venezuela or any foreign entity is crazy. Why don't we use our own oil? I'm all for green energy but we aren't quite there yet. Make electric cars and drive them. Utilize solar energy and else anything that we can to help preserve this planet and its resources. Regardless, our country still needs oil. As long as we need oil, it would be wiser and much more cost effective to use our own oil. Put Americans back to work drilling our oil and selling it to foreign countries.

Our government has been draining our own oil reserve to try to keep the price of gasoline down. This doesn't seem to be working very well. Plus, it puts our country at risk. When China and Russia decide to attack us, we need to be able to put fuel in our jets and ships. That would not be a good time to have to go back to Saudi Arabia and beg for oil.

We should utilize a full arsenal of energy from electric cars and a

grid to supply the power. Utilize our oil, wind, natural gas and coal. Once our country can do everything without oil or coal, then we can move on from those resources. Being dependent on getting them from foreign nations doesn't make sense, especially when we have the resources.

A loaf of bread will eventually cost Americans their 8.9% Social Security increase. Ukraine has been one of the world's leading providers of wheat. Having Russia in control of Ukraine, a major source of the bread supply, along with their major supply of natural gas is bad news for the world.

The Crimea bridge that was recently bombed between Russia and Ukraine should have been bombed on day one by Ukrainians. Ukraine must do whatever it takes to thwart Russia's ongoing destruction of their country. The news has been filled with fear that Russia will go nuclear in their efforts.

When the nations start hurling nuclear bombs you won't need to worry about gas, groceries and cost of living adjustments because this planet can only take so much.

Keep in mind there is still something you can do to make a difference – vote. Clear your calendar for voting. If you don't vote then don't complain about our government, inflation, rising interest rates, gasoline prices and more. I know it doesn't feel like your one vote matters, but it truly counts. The only way you can bring about change is to clear your schedule, take the time, and vote.

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City Of Boston announces preparations ahead of the 2022 State Election

STAFF REPORT

The City of Boston's Election Department today announced its preparations ahead of the State Election taking place on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, including two weeks of early voting and ballot drop box locations.

The City previously announced the addition of 20 new voting precincts, following the Boston Election Precinct Adjustment Plan completed in October 2021, which aimed to increase voting accessibility by distributing voters equitably across precincts. The number of voting precincts has now increased from 255 to 275. As a result, the City of Boston is advising voters that they may experience a change in their precinct and polling location. Voters can find their polling location here.

The Elections Department has been conducting outreach to ensure that residents are aware of any change to their polling

location ahead of the election. Voters can also check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website to find their election day polling location.

In-Person Early Voting

Voters registered in Boston can vote during the early voting period starting Saturday, October 22 and lasting through Friday, November 4, 2022 at any of the early voting sites. Hours and locations for in-person early voting can be found here.

The Boston Red Sox have partnered with the City to make Fenway Park available as an early voting location on Saturday, October 28 and Sunday, October 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters may access the ballpark using the Gate A entrance located on Jersey Street. Voters will cast their ballots in the Third Base Concourse and will have an opportunity to view the field before exiting onto Lansdowne Street.

All early voting sites are

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

Accessible Voting

Massachusetts has implemented an Accessible Electronic Voting System. Boston voters may now request, receive, complete, and return their ballot electronically using a secure web portal. More information about voting for persons with disabilities is available here. Boston residents may also make requests through the Boston Election Department. The deadline to make a request is 5 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Vote By Mail

Applications for vote-by-mail ballots have been mailed out to every voter in Boston. To be eligible to vote by mail in the State Election, vote-by-mail applications must reach the Boston Election Department by Tuesday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m. Vote-by-mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail using the prepaid postcard, in person at the Boston Election Department (located at Boston City Hall, Room 241), or by emailing absenteevoter@boston.gov.

If a voter did not receive a vote-by-mail application or misplaced the application, they should apply directly on the Massachusetts online portal.

Voters should follow the instructions enclosed with their ballot package. Voters must sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Voters are able to drop their mail-in ballot at any of the 21 ballot drop boxes the Elections Department has placed around the City, including at both the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour vid-

eo surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours. To find a ballot drop box location, visit here. Voters can track their ballot through the state's website.

Voters may drop their ballots into a drop box until 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022. Ballots that are returned by U.S. mail and are postmarked by November 8, 2022 must be received by the Election Department by November 12.

Voting on Election Day

Polling locations for the State Election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by interpreters at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's interpreters phone bank. Those interested in volunteering can apply to be a poll worker here.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P1046EA Estate of: Robert Edward Lee Date of Death 10/31/2013

To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Patricia Knoll of Roslindale, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/09/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 28, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 10/14/22

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU22C0099CA In the matter of: Dolapo Olive Adegbile

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Dolapo Olive Adegbile of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Olive Inez Girimana IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/21/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of

JP this Court. Date: September 21, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/14/22 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING Docket No. SU22D1565DR Jose David Lopez vs. Erika D. Lopez

Upon motion of plaintiff(s) for an order directing the defendant(s), to appear, plead, or answer, in accordance with Mass.R. Civ.P./Mass.R.Dom.Rel.P. Rule 4, it appearing to the court that this is an action for Divorce 1B. Pursuant to Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411, an Automatic Restraining Order has been entered against the above named parties. Defendant cannot

be of und within the Commonwealth and his/her present whereabouts are unknown. Personal service on defendant is therefore not practicable, and defendant has not voluntarily appeared in this action. It is Ordered that defendant is directed to appear, plead, answer, or otherwise move with respect to the complaint herein on or before November 22, 2022. If you fail to do so this Court will proceed to a hearing and adjudication of this matter. Date: 9/27/22 Hon. Janine D. Rivers Justice of Probate and Family Court 10/14/22 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU22C0061CA In the matter of: Jamari King Spencer

A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Jamari King Spencer of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Jamari King Silva IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/27/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 26, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/14/22 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON

PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU22P2228EA Estate of: Bernadette Corey Date of Death: 06/29/2022 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Doreen Quintanilla of Stoughton, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Doreen Quintanilla of Stoughton, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/02/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and

objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 05, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/14/22 JP

OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME Docket No. SU22C0480CA In the matter of: Anne Xiaolong Devito A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Anne Xiaolong Devito of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their name to: Xiaolong Mao IMPORTANT NOTICE Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/03/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 05, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/14/22 JP

LEGAL NOTICE COMMONWEALTH

Drought conditions slowly beginning to ease up across Massachusetts

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

With several recent precipitation events in September that directly benefited Massachusetts' hydrological systems, Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Secretary Beth Card announced that drought conditions have improved in all regions of the state, and made the following drought declarations: the Western Region has been upgraded to Level 0-Normal Conditions; the Connecticut River Valley, Central Region, and Southeast Regions have been upgraded to Level 1-Mild Drought; and, the Northeast and Cape Cod Regions have been upgraded and will join the Islands Region as a Level 2-Significant Drought. As outlined in the Massachusetts Drought Management Plan, a Level 1-Mild Drought warrants detailed monitoring of drought conditions, close coordination among state and federal agencies, and technical outreach and assistance to the affected municipalities. Additionally, a Level 2-Significant Drought calls for the convening of an interagency mission group, which is already meeting, to more closely coordinate on drought assessments, impacts, and responses within state government.

"Even though recent rainfall over the past month has been extremely beneficial to the Commonwealth's water systems, it is important to remember that the majority of the state has had an insufficient amount of precipitation this year," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Beth Card. "State agencies will continue to closely monitor conditions, especially in locations that didn't receive as much rain, such as the coastal part of the Northeast, the elbow area on Cape Cod, and Islands Regions, and we ask that everyone continues practicing water conservation in an effort to further assist the rebounding of local water systems."

Today's declarations are the result of recommendations made by the state's Drought Management Task Force, which is composed of state and federal officials, and other entities. The taskforce will continue to meet until water levels return to normal in the affected regions. The task force noted that September rains have resulted in some recovery for both stream-

flow and groundwater; however, drought impacts continue to be seen, including some remaining dry streams and numerous slow-recharging or deeper wells across the state. Due to remaining low groundwater and less rain since the end of September and start of October, streamflow in some areas are beginning to decline again. Therefore, additional precipitation is needed to continue recovering from the drought and fully recharge the ecosystem. Additionally, coastal regions northeast of Boston, as well as the elbow of Cape Cod from Hyannis to Wellfleet are still exceptionally dry.

Below are recommendations for communities and individuals living and working within a Level 2 – Significant Drought region and a Level 1 – Mild Drought region, including those utilizing a private well. Residents and businesses are also asked to check with their local water system in case more stringent watering restrictions are in place.

For Regions in Level 2 – Significant Drought

- Residents and Businesses:
1. Minimize overall water use.
 2. Limit outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m.
 3. Follow local water use re-

strictions, if more stringent. Immediate Steps for Communities:

1. Adopt and implement the state's nonessential outdoor water use restrictions for drought; Level 2 restriction calls for limiting outdoor watering to hand-held hoses or watering cans, to be used only after 5 p.m. or before 9 a.m. If local restrictions are more stringent, continue to keep them in place during the course of the drought.
2. Limit or prohibit installation of new sod, seeding, and/or landscaping; watering during or within 48 hours after measurable rainfall; washing of hard surfaces (sidewalks, patios, driveways, siding); personal vehicle or boat washing; filling of swimming pools.
3. Establish water-use reduction targets for all water users and identify top water users and conduct targeted outreach to help curb their use.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

1. Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication.
2. Provide timely information to local residents and businesses.
3. Implement or establish drought surcharge or seasonal water rates.
4. Check emergency inter-con-

nections for water supply.

5. Develop or refine your local drought management plan using guidance outlined in the state Drought Management Plan.

For Region in Level 1 - Mild Drought

Residents and Businesses:

1. Toilets, faucets and showers are more than 60% of indoor use. Make sure yours are WaterSense efficient;
2. Limit outdoor watering to 1 day a week (only from 5:00PM – 9:00AM), or less frequently if required by your water supplier;
3. Switch to more drought-tolerant plants.

Short- and Medium-Term Steps for Communities:

1. Establish a year-round water conservation program that includes public education and communication;
2. Provide timely information to local residents and businesses;
3. Check emergency inter-connections for water supply;
4. Develop a local drought management plan.

Additionally, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) will continue to provide technical assistance to communities on managing systems, including assistance on use of emergency connections and water supplies.

"Drought conditions are improving in many areas of the Commonwealth, but the effort to conserve water remains as important today as it did earlier in the summer," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg "Please continue to follow the instructions of your local water supplier to help conserve this precious resource."

It is important to note that the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) water supply system is not experiencing drought conditions, as defined within its individual plan. Private wells, local streams, wetlands, vernal pools, and other water-dependent habitats located within MWRA-serviced areas are being impacted by drought conditions while water quality in ponds can deteriorate due to lowering of levels and stagnation.

The Drought Management Task Force will meet again on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 10:00AM. For further information on water conservation and what residents can do, please visit EEA's drought page and water conservation page. To get the most up-to-date information on the drought indices, go to the state's drought dashboard page. Additionally, the Commonwealth is surveying the public for any drought impacts that are currently being experienced. To participate, please visit the Massachusetts Water Impact Reporter webpage.

