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MAYOR DEMARIA HOSTS SENIOR SUMMER BARBECUE



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Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett hosted over 275 attendees at the Connolly Center for the annual Senior Summer Barbecue. This year's theme was "Patriotic Americana," and attendees were encouraged to wear red, white and blue clothing at the event. The room was also decorated in patriotic colors and stars and stripes to fit the theme. See Page 5 for more photos.

Right, Council on Aging Director Dale Palma, with his niece, Liliana (Statue of Liberty) and nephew, Daniel (Benjamin Franklin).

Below, City employees grilled and served up plenty of delicious barbecue food.



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CARY SHUMAN PHOTO

Destination Everett

DeMaria sees amendment as opening blighted area for 21st Century uses

By Cary Shuman

It was Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria who offered a vision for the construction of the five-star Encore Boston Harbor Hotel and Casino in the city.

The mayor's vision – what back then seemed like an impossibility – became a reality when Encore opened its doors on June 23, 2019.

In addition to totally transforming that unattractive brown field area into a property that is now breathtakingly grand and spectacular, DeMaria dramatically altered the city's financial picture in a very positive way. Everett is receiving a \$26 million payment from Encore this year as part of its annual hosting agreement.

Now the city's chief executive is focusing his efforts on developing the waterfront property across the street from Encore.

The story about the incredible possibilities for that site began to emerge when State Rep. Dan Ryan offered an amendment that would allow for "the development of

a sports, recreation, and events center" at the 173 Alford St. location. Ryan's colleagues in the Mass. House of Representatives approved the legislation.

The story then exploded on the front page of Saturday's Boston Globe, stating the passage of the legislation "could clear the way for Robert Kraft to build a long-sought soccer stadium."

In addition to being the owner of the six-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, Kraft is the owner of the New England Revolution soccer team that plays in Major League Soccer (MLS). There have been frequent published reports that the Kraft family would consider building a soccer-specific stadium in the Greater Boston area, with Wonderland Park in Revere, Suffolk Downs in East Boston, and Assembly Row in Somerville all being mentioned as potential homes for the Revolution. In fact, Revolution Drive in Somerville's Assembly Row is reportedly

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On the right Path

Job-seekers looking to jumpstart their careers invited to union building trades information session at Suffolk Downs

Special to the Independent

Area residents interested in learning about life-changing career opportunities in the union building trades are encouraged to attend a free union job information session being held Tuesday, July 26, at Suffolk Downs.

The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, John Moriarty and Associates, the HYM Investment Group and the City of Revere will host their first construction industry-focused job information session to recruit and train the next generation of building trades workers. The event is free to all job-seekers and attendees will learn about the thousands of lucrative new construction jobs coming to the area throughout the 15 to 20 year build out of

the Suffolk Downs. No prior construction experience is required to attend.

"The redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will employ thousands in the building trades with fair wages and the benefits they need to support their families," said Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo. "I am proud that Revere is party to the largest Project Labor Agreement in state history, and look forward to working to promote union membership in our neighborhoods."

"Suffolk Downs will only be successful if the people who build, live and work at Suffolk Downs and in the surrounding community are successful. We are thrilled that the redevelopment of Suffolk Downs will provide real

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CLF looking at filing lawsuit over pollution in rivers

Special to the Independent

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) have notified the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of their intent to sue to protect three Boston-area rivers from polluted runoff. The Charles, Mystic, and Neponset Rivers are

all harmed by stormwater runoff from industrial and commercial properties, and the EPA has ignored calls from the two groups to regulate this pollution.

"Every time it rains, a toxic stew is running into three of the area's most iconic rivers," said Caitlin Peale Sloan, Vice President of CLF Massachusetts. "We've repeatedly

asked the EPA to clean up this pollution, but our pleas have fallen on deaf ears. It's time for the agency to hold these large properties accountable for the constant damage they're doing to our cherished rivers."

Stormwater runoff from commercial and industrial properties with lots of paved surfaces, like big

box stores, strip malls, private universities, and major apartment complexes, is not currently regulated by EPA. However, these properties contribute a disproportionate amount of polluted runoff to nearby rivers. EPA must act to formally bring these types of polluters into a regula-

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More than one million visitors expected for Sand Sculpting Festival in Revere this weekend

By Cary Shuman

More than one million people are expected to attend the International Sand Sculpting Festival this weekend (July 22-24) at Revere Beach.

Adrienne Sacco-Maguire, vice president of the Revere Beach Partnership (RBC) that hosts the event, said that 15 individual sculptors from across the globe will be competing for \$15,000 in total prize money. The theme of the event is "Wonders of the World."

The builders of the top five sand sculptures, as

evaluated by a panel of judges, will receive cash prizes. Awards are also presented in the Sculptor's Choice and People's Choice categories.

Beginning Friday at 10 a.m., Revere Beach will rekindle memories of yesteryear with games, food trucks, and musical performances along the boulevard.

"There will be live entertainment all three days from the main stage located in the middle of the festival," said Sacco-Maguire. "We will have a fireworks show Saturday at 9 p.m. at



The sand has arrived for the big event.

Revere Beach."

Because of COVID-19, last year's festival was considered "more of an exhibi-

tion than a competition," noted Sacco-Maguire, who

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McGonagle, House pass \$4.2 billion economic development bill

Rep. Joe McGonagle, along with his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, passed an economic development bill, which utilizes American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) surplus funds, and bonds to make significant investments across several vital sectors of the economy, and to give back to low and middle-income residents in Massachusetts by providing one-time rebates and significant tax relief beginning in 2023. Funded at \$4.2 billion, the legislation addresses disparities exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic through one-time investments in health and human services, the environment and climate mitigation, economic development, housing, and food insecurity. The bill includes \$600,000 for the design and construction of a new park in Everett Square to improve pedestrian access and safety and create opportunities for outdoor dining, farmers markets and other activities.

“While we can’t fix inflation overnight, this bill takes great steps towards addressing the effects we are feeling in the Commonwealth,” said McGonagle. “In addition, it makes great investments in critical areas such as healthcare, the environment and housing, which are all things relevant to us here in Everett right now. We were also able to secure money to put towards renovating Everett Square and making it a more functional space for our community. I’m grateful to my colleagues for their hard work on this bill, especially Speaker Mariano, Chair Michlewitz and Chair Parisella. As our legislative session inches towards a close, I am confident that the



Rep. Joe McGonagle.

House is prepared tackle our highest priorities.”

“As Massachusetts residents continue to face severe inflation and economic uncertainty, I’m proud of the action taken by the House today that will provide low and middle-class taxpayers with much needed financial relief,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “Included in this legislation are several significant tax relief proposals, over \$2.5 billion worth of one-time industry targeted investments, economic relief rebates for qualifying taxpayers, and a newly established source of revenue to fund the state’s early education and care system. These are vital forms of real, tangible economic relief. I want to thank Chairs Michlewitz, Cusack, Parisella, Gregoire, and Hunt, as well as all my colleagues in the House, for the hard work required to put this ever-important economic development package together.”

“I’d like to thank Speaker Mariano, Chairman Michlewitz, and my colleagues in the House for all their hard work in passing this session’s \$4.2 billion economic development bill. This legislation will ensure Massachusetts continues its strong economic growth and puts us in solid footing to rebound from the pandemic,” said Representative Jerry Parisella (D-Beverly), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Economic Development & Emerging Technologies. “Some highlights include providing a boost to our local theaters, giving our academic institutions the ability to lead the nation in fields like artificial intelligence, advanced manufacturing, cyber security and robotics; and also provide funding to create thousands of units of housing throughout the Commonwealth.”

Taxpayer Energy & Economic Relief Fund

Following \$500 million worth of premium pay bonuses for low-income workers that were issued in March and June of 2022 under the Legislature’s Essential Employee Premium Pay Program, the economic development bill passed today by the House includes one-time rebates of \$250 for a taxpayer who files an individual return, and \$500 for married taxpayers who file joint returns that will be issued before September 30, 2022. These rebates are expected to be issued to about two million Massachusetts residents who reported earning between \$38,000 and \$100,000 for individual filers, and between \$38,000 and \$150,000 for joint filers in 2021. The one-time rebates will not be subject to state’s personal income tax.

Permanent tax changes

The bill passed today makes significant changes to the Massachusetts tax code to provide structural relief to millions of residents across all income levels. These include:

- Increasing the Child and Dependent Care Credit from \$180 per child to \$310 per child, as well as eliminating the current cap of \$360 for two or more children. This is expected

- to impact over 700,000 families.
- Increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) from 30 percent to 40 percent of the federal credit. This is expected to impact about 396,000 taxpayers with incomes under \$57,000.
- Increasing the Senior Circuit Breaker Tax Credit from \$750 to \$1,755. Currently, the Department of Revenue caps this credit at \$1,170 due to cost-of-living adjustments over the \$750 set in statute. Increasing it to \$1,755 in statute is expected to impact over 100,000 taxpayers who own or rent residential property in Massachusetts as their principal residence.
- Increasing the rental deduction cap from \$3,000 to \$4,000. This is expected to impact about 881,000 taxpayers.
- Increasing the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$2 million and eliminating the “cliff” effect which would tax just the value of the estate that exceeds \$2 million, not the entire estate. This is expected to impact about 2,500 taxpayers.

Online Lottery

In an effort to raise revenue for early education and care, Representatives adopted an amendment that would allow the Massachusetts Lottery to sell some of its products online. The new revenue collected from online sales will go to prizes for winners, for the administration and operations of the lottery, and to fund an Early Education and Care Fund. Revenue for the new Early Education and Care Fund would be used to provide long-term stability and develop a sustainable system for high-quality and affordable care for families. This will include significant funding for sub-

sidy reimbursement rates, workforce compensation rate increases, and support for state-wide early education and care initiatives, among others. The amendment requires the Massachusetts Lottery to use age verification measures to ensure that any users are over the age of 18.

“House leadership’s efforts to create a new sustainable funding source for Early Education through a new online state lottery revenue is not surprising, but rather is indicative of the House’s continued long-term leadership and commitment to the early education field and the children & families we serve,” said William J. Eddy, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of Early Education & Care.

One-time targeted investments

Highlights include:

- Health and Human Services
 - \$350 million for financially strained hospitals
 - \$165 million for nursing facilities workforce needs
 - \$100 million for supplemental rates for human services providers
 - \$80 million for community health centers
 - \$30 million to support Rest Homes across the Commonwealth
 - \$25 million to address food insecurity across the Commonwealth
 - \$15 million for grants to reproductive rights providers for security, workforce, and educational needs
 - \$15 million for grants to non-profits and community-based organizations to address gun violence and gun violence related trauma
- Environment**
 - \$175 million for state parks and recreational facilities upgrades, with \$25

million for communities of color

- \$125 million for environmental justice communities
- \$100 million for marine port development
- \$100 million for the Clean Water Trust Fund
- Economic Development**
 - \$300 million for the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
 - \$125 million for small businesses, with \$75 million for minority-owned businesses
 - \$50 million for broadband investments in underserved communities
 - \$75 million in grants to hotels across the Commonwealth who saw financial losses during the pandemic
- Housing**
 - \$100 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund
 - \$75 million for minority-owned housing development
- Bonding**

The House bill also includes \$1.26 billion in bond allocations to greater support the economic growth and stability of the Commonwealth. Highlights include:

- \$400 million for the MassWorks Infrastructure Competitive grant program to support municipalities and other public entities support and accelerate housing production
- \$200 million for the Technology Matching Grants program that supports various organizations to help compete for federal innovation grants
- \$95 million for ADA compliance projects
- \$73 million for the Housing Stabilization and Investment fund

The bill passed the House of Representatives 154-0 and now goes to the Senate for their consideration.

Two statewide candidates are certified to receive public campaign funds

Two candidates for statewide office have qualified for matching public funds for their primary election campaigns.

Democrats Tami Gouveia for lieutenant governor and Quentin Palfrey for attorney general submitted the necessary qualifying contributions and were certified by the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to receive funding in the following amounts:

Tami Gouveia: \$143,994

Quentin Palfrey: \$165,412

Under the public fi-

nancing law, M.G.L. Chapter 55C, a statewide candidate who is opposed, has agreed to observe a statutory spending limit and submits the minimum amount of qualifying contributions is eligible to receive public matching funds. Gouveia and Palfrey may submit additional contributions to receive matching funds for the primary.

The State Election Campaign Fund contained \$1,002,490 as of June 30, according to the state Comptroller’s Office. That amount was split in half – \$501,245 is available for

the Sept. 6 primary election and the same amount for the November 8 general election. The law calls for candidates for governor to be funded first, with any remaining funds to be distributed to candidates for the other five statewide offices who are eligible to receive public financing. Because no gubernatorial candidates were certified to receive funding, funds were made available to Gouveia and Palfrey.

In order to be certified as eligible to receive public funds, a participating candidate must submit a minimum amount of qual-

ifying contributions from individuals (only the first \$250 of an individual’s contribution is considered as a qualifying contribution). The minimum amount for lieutenant governor is \$15,000, and the threshold for attorney general is \$37,500.

After the primary, all remaining candidates who have not agreed to limit spending and who are opposed in the general election by candidates who have agreed to limit spending will have to declare their self-imposed limit by September 9 for the final general election

campaign (September 7 through November 8). Unenrolled candidates must file statements by August 30 declaring whether they will participate in the public financing program.

Public financing for campaigns has been in place for every statewide election since 1978. The sole source of funding for public financing in Massachusetts is the State Election Campaign Fund, which allows taxpayers to direct \$1 from their tax liability on their annual income tax returns to the fund.

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As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.
But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.
Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.

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REVERE BEACH SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL IS THIS WEEKEND

One of the premier events (if not THE premier event) of the summer season in the Metropolitan Boston area will take place this coming weekend with the 18th annual Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival from July 22-24.

The theme for this year’s festival is “Wonders of the World” and will feature an event centerpiece depicting the world’s most famous landmarks.

As always, the festival will be highlighted by a competition among 15 master sand sculptors from across the country and the world -- this year’s competitors will come from as far away as Poland, Belgium, the Netherlands, Japan, and Hawaii -- who will vie for the 2022 title and prizes. There are awards both from a panel of judges and the peoples’ choice, who will choose from a dazzling display of artistic creations that truly will amaze and transcend what one might think of as being possible with sand and water.

All three days will feature live musical entertainment, food trucks, specialty food vendors (as well as Revere’s Beach’s own iconic establishments!), exhibitors, and amusement rides that will provide fun for the entire family starting at 10:00 a.m. each day.

A spectacular fireworks display will be the climactic event of Saturday evening’s festivities at 9:00 p.m.

It is estimated that with the good weather that is being predicted for the weekend (as we are writing this, sunny and hot is the forecast for all three days), up to one million visitors will journey to Revere Beach to partake of this truly unique event.

Needless to say, the best means for getting to the festival will be via the MBTA. The Blue Line will bring festival-goers to the Revere Beach and Wonderland stops, which are just a short walk (literally a few minutes) to the sands of Revere Beach itself. In addition, free parking and shuttle service to the T will be available at Suffolk Downs.

As always, the Sand Sculpting Festival, which is spearheaded by the Revere Beach Partnership in cooperation with the City of Revere and the DCR, is free-of-charge.

We urge all of our readers to make the trek to Revere Beach, our nation’s first public beach, this weekend with their friends and family to partake in the fun of this unique event that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

THERE IS NO GOOD NEWS

Anxiety is the word that describes the world today, and for plenty of good reasons.

The COVID-19 virus is shape-shifting like some alien creature in a horror movie that refuses to die -- a real-life Stranger Things.

Your opinions, please

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Independent Forum

GUEST OP-ED

Brittney Griner – Let’s all stay out of Russia

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Brittney Griner is an American basketball star on trial in a courtroom outside of Moscow. She is a prisoner of Russia and is facing a possible prison sentence on drug charges. Griner recently pled guilty after Russian authorities accused her of having a vape cartridge with hashish oil in her luggage at an airport near Moscow on February 17, 2022. The guilty plea could potentially accelerate her case’s conclusion, clearing a path for either a deal with the United States to free her or, perhaps, a request for clemency. The harshest outcome could be a 10-year sentence in a Russian penal colony despite the contention by Griner’s lawyers that she packed the smoking cartridges by mistake. Brittney Griner is an American professional basketball player for the Phoenix Mercury of

By Marianne Dalton, RN

Today, we are going to talk about ticks: where they breed, what can be done to reduce the risk of harboring ticks on your property, tick-borne illnesses, personal protection for you and your pets against ticks, and how to properly remove a tick.

Ticks are tiny pests that live in dark, thick vegetation, wooded areas, or places where the grass is not mowed. They latch onto people, pets and even clothing, and often evade detection due to their minuscule size.

To maximize a tick-unfriendly environment in your backyard, the following are suggested:

- Keep your lawn mowed, with no more than 2 inches of growth.
- Don’t place playsets/picnic tables closer than 3 feet from wooded areas. Create a 3-foot buffer zone between picnic table and play areas, consisting of gravel, mulch, and wood chips.
- Keep leaves raked and do regular weeding around trees and shrubs.
- Trim plants, shrubs, and bushes to allow more sunlight into the depths of the plant. Ticks don’t like dry, sunny areas.
- Make your yard tick-host hostile: ensure that mice and rodents do not have woodpiles or stone walls where they can set up housekeeping. Ticks love to attach to rodents.
- Move any bird feeders or bird baths as far from the house as possible. Birds are lovely to look at, but immature ticks hitch rides on them. Use binoculars to watch the birds from afar.

For more information, follow the links below:

(<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/tick-management-around-the-home>)

(https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html)

the Women’s National Basketball Association, WNBA. She played College basketball for the Baylor Lady Bears in Waco Texas. She is the only NCAA basketball player to both score 2,000 points and block 500 shots. In 2012, the three-time All American was named the AP Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four.

In 2009, Griner was named the nation’s No. 1 high school women’s basketball player by Rivals.com. In 2013, Griner signed an endorsement deal with Nike. She is 6 ft 9 inches tall and wears a men’s U.S. size 17 shoe.

Griner was on the United States women’s Olympic team in 2016, and led them to victory at the Rio Olympics. In 2020, Griner protested the Star-Spangled Banner and stated she wouldn’t be on the court while the national anthem was played during

game openers. In 2021, Griner was named to the United States women’s national team for the 2020 Olympics where she won her second gold medal. (Wikipedia)

Griner is one of 11 women to receive an Olympic gold medal, an NCAA championship, a FIBA World Cup gold medal and a WNBA championship.

In February 2022, Griner was detained by Russian Customs after cartridges containing hashish was found in her luggage. She had been entering Russia to play with the Russia Premier League during the WNBA offseason. Her trial began on July 1, and she pled guilty to the charges.

Paul Whelan is another American citizen currently held as a prisoner in Russia. On June 15, 2020 he received a 16-year prison sentence with the possibility of time in a labor camp. He is described as

a corporate security director.

There is conversation that a prisoner swap could be a possibility for freeing Griner and Whelan. Most Americans are not excited about releasing a dangerous criminal. However, we are prayerful that something will be worked out for Griner and Whelan’s release.

I would hope all Americans might consider staying out of Russia. The prospects of any financial reward or seeing new geography are not worth the consequences.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week In over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

GUEST OP-ED

Tick Talk

ticks/avoid/in_the_yard.html).

I won’t attempt an exhaustive list of all the tick-borne illnesses. However, the black-legged (deer) tick carries Lyme disease. All the tick-borne illnesses have common symptoms: fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches. Since all those symptoms can be linked to any number of ailments, it is best to see your healthcare provider. He or she can evaluate if the symptoms are tick related.

(<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/diseases-spread-by-ticks>).

How should one prepare to go outside during tick season? It’s not welcome news to hear “wear long sleeves and long pants” during summer weather. However, there are precautions (and compromises) one can make when venturing forth into the great outdoors:

- Wear light-colored clothing, on which ticks are more visible.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and pants, with white socks pulled up over the pants bottoms (bad for fashionistas, good for tick avoidance).
- Treat clothing with the chemical permethrin (EPA approved for tick repellent, on clothing only).
- For any repellent, always read product labels before applying, to ensure proper use and effectiveness.

When returning from your outside excursion, check your body for ticks. Check children and pets as well. Ticks gravitate to areas of the body that are warm and dark, such as in or around hair, belly buttons, ears, underarms, groins, waists, etc. Talk to your vet about tick prevention products for your pet.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/index.html>).

If you follow all the

above instructions, and you find a tick with its jaws attached to your flesh anyway, don’t panic. There are a few things to remember when removing a tick.

Don’t coat it with petroleum jelly or touch a recently blown-out match head to its body. Ticks have delicate nervous systems, and when stressed by suffocation from Vaseline or barbecue by match-head, the critters react by regurgitating their saliva into your bloodstream. This is in effect the tick vaccinating you with any number of tick-borne diseases. This is to be avoided.

The correct way to remove a tick, from either yourself, a child, or your

pet:

- Get clean tweezers.
- Grab hold of the tick as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull straight up, slowly, and steadily. Twisting will behead the tick with his jaws still under your skin.
- After removal, wash the area with alcohol, iodine or soap and water. (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/personal-protection-against-ticks>).

You are now equipped with all you need to know for a safe, tick-free rest of the summer!

Don’t forget the sunblock!

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MAYOR CARLO DEMARIA'S ANNUAL SENIOR CENTER BARBECUE LUNCHEON

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the Council on Aging hosted the Mayor's Senior Center Barbecue Luncheon July 15 at the Edward G. Connolly Center.

More than 300 guests attended the event, enjoying delicious, barbecued hot dogs and cheeseburgers, potato salad, cole slaw, soft drinks, and desserts.

Council on Aging Director Dale Palma and a

team of volunteers helped prepare and serve the lunches at the festive occasion.

The BackTrack Band entertained the large gathering by performing songs from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. The band was fantastic and interacted well with the appreciative audience.

A great time was had by all in attendance.

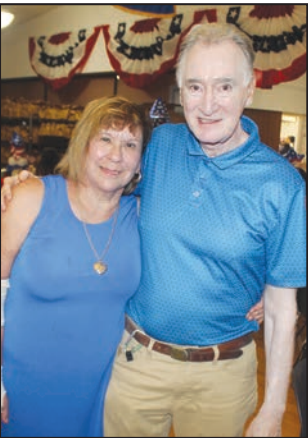
CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Celebrity tribute artists appearing at the luncheon, Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Betsy Ross, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Lucille Ball, and Michael Jackson.



Jay Rosenzweig and Becky Swope.



Janet Marchillo and Richie Carbone.



Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi greets Rachel Fauche at Mayor Carlo DeMaria's Annual Senior Center Barbecue Luncheon.



The BackTrack Band delighted the large crowd with popular songs from the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s.



Harriette Tammaro, Lillian Gorham, Elvie Wright, and Giovanna Micheli.



Seated are Sandra Schiappa and Linda Dall. Standing are Mary Corcoran and Janet Deines.



Seated are John O'Brien, Murray Novak, and Dotty Novak. Standing are Marlene Tyler, Council on Aging Director Dale Palma, and Claire O'Brien.



Pam Brousseau, Maria Perna, and Dottie Kushmerek.



Seated are Betty DeSimone, Pat Stevenson, and Joe Costa. Standing are Rachel Glass, Judith King, Mary Venditti, and Arthur Venditti.



Council on Aging Director Dale Palma and the volunteers who helped make the luncheon a tremendous success.



Seated are Louise McKinnon and Justine Brogan. Standing are Linda Callahan, Tracy Callahan, Kathy Donovan, Ward 6 Councilor Al Lattanzi, and Clairellyn Nee.



Seated is Doris Kaufman. Standing are Wanda Antonucci, Dorothy Kaltore, Anna Shiner, Theresa O'Neill, Carol Bellinska, and Sandy Andon.

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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS SECOND CONCERT IN THE PARK OF THE SUMMER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett hosted the second Concert in the Park of the summer at Wehner Park featuring live music from the Good to Go band.

This concert is the second in the series that will continue throughout the months of July and August. The summer concert series seeks to bring friends, family and neighbors together to enjoy live

music and have a fun time together as a community.

Everett's own Vinnie Calderone is the drummer for the Good to Go band so it was extra special to have him perform for residents. The audience, made up of families and people of all ages, was moving to the energizing sounds of Good to Go. They played many different rock songs that got the crowd moving.

There were also snacks and drinks handed out to everyone who attended the event. It was truly a fun time for all.

Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett would like

to thank everyone who attended the second Concert in the Park and the Good to Go band for providing an excellent performance.

Residents are encouraged to please join us

for our last two concerts scheduled on Thursday, July 21 for Marcus Santos and Grooversity; and Thursday, August 4 for Smokin' Joe and the Henchmen. All concerts

begin at 6pm and will be held at Wehner Park. A reminder that parking is available at Pope John High School.



Getting some snacks before the music began is Everett's own, Marlene Westerman.



Lead singer Dee Dee Smith gave a terrific performance.



The band leader and Everett resident, Vinny Calderone.



Janet Dienes and Sandy Schiappa love the music by the Good to Go Band.



Snack anyone? Chris Roberts had plenty, courtesy of Mayor Carlo DeMaria



Private seating for David Valeri, Rose Holt and Cathy Calderone.



A great summer evening and a concert, Mary Oliviri and Rick Judd enjoying all of it.



Ted and Pauline Dorgan having a great evening together.



Bill Penny, Bob Bailot, Robert Myers, Louise Ford and Jackie Marletta enjoying the great event sponsored by Mayor Carlo DeMaria, the 2022 Summer Concert Series.



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Everett Co-Ed Softball League begins 2022 Season at Glendale Park

By Cary Shuman

The Everett Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball League, consisting of close to 80 players, has begun its fourth season at Glendale Park.

Six teams will be playing a 15-game regular season schedule, followed by the playoffs. Games are played Sunday and Tuesday nights.

Peter Sikora and Paul Leone have been the co-directors of the league since its inception in 2019.

“The season is off to a great start,” said Sikora. “We’ll play our regular season through August and begin our playoffs in September.”

The “team to beat” in the league is Toro Construction, which is led by player-owner and second baseman Rob Toro and player-manager Peter Sikora. Toro (formerly the Village Bar and Grill) has won three consecutive championships.

Sikora was a three-sport (basketball, football, and baseball) athlete at Pope John XXIII High

School. He began playing baseball in the Everett Little League and continued in the Everett Babe Ruth League.

Toro outfielder Matt Ells led Malden Catholic to a Division 1 state championship in 2003 and later played at Northeastern, where he is assistant athletic director.

The O’Donnell twins, Megan and Melissa who were multi-sport standouts at Everett High and later excelled at Regis College, are also back in the fold for Toro. The sisters are potent hitters and excellent fielders.

A new addition to the Toro roster is Pamela Spuehler, a three-time All-American field hockey player at BU and currently an assistant coach of the Northeastern University field hockey team.

Sean Doyle and Sean Salvi are also expected to be major contributors in Toro’s quest for a fourth league championship.

Sikora said new players are welcomed to contact him about participating in the league.



The Everett Co-Ed Softball League's defending champion, Toro Construction (formerly Village Bar and Grill), from left, Pam Spuehler, Megan O'Donnell, JT Morello, player-owner Rob Toro, Matt Ells, Sean Salvi, Melissa O'Donnell, Billy Lynch, player-manager Peter Sikora, Mark Finch, and Sean Doyle.



Former Malden Catholic baseball star Matt Ells, who helped lead the Lancers to a state championship, is off to a torrid start for the Toro Construction team.



The Tailgators are pictured before taking the field for Sunday's game against the defending champion Toro Construction team.



Everett's well-known and athletically gifted O'Donnell Identical Twins, Megan O'Donnell and Melissa O'Donnell.



Everett Co-Ed Softball League Directors Peter Sikora and Paul Leone, pictured before Sunday's game at Glendale Park.

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MGC releases June 2022 Gross Gaming Revenue

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission reported that the month of June 2022 at Plainridge Park Casino (PPC), MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor generated approximately \$93 million in Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR).

PPC, a category 2 slots facility, is taxed on 49% of GGR. Of that total taxed amount, 82% is paid to Local Aid and 18% is allotted to the Race Horse Development Fund. MGM Springfield and Encore Boston Harbor, category 1 resort-casinos, are taxed on 25% of GGR; those monies are allocated to several specific state funds as determined by the gaming statute.

To date, the Commonwealth has collected approximately \$1.127 billion in total taxes and assessments from PPC, MGM and Encore since the respective openings of each gaming facility.

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REVENUE REPORT

JUNE 2022	GROSS GAMING REVENUE		TAXES
MGM SPRINGFIELD SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	<div><div></div><div></div></div> TABLE	\$4,209,619.31	\$5,286,501.88
	<div><div></div><div></div></div> SLOTS	\$16,936,388.21	
	TOTAL	\$21,146,007.52	
ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR SUBJECT TO 25% TAXES	<div><div></div><div></div></div> TABLE	\$28,589,032.87	\$15,014,328.90
	<div><div></div><div></div></div> SLOTS	\$31,468,282.71	
	TOTAL	\$60,057,315.58	
PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO SUBJECT TO 49% TAXES	<div><div></div><div></div></div> SLOTS	\$11,967,439.63	\$5,864,045.42
	TOTAL	\$11,967,439.63	
TOTAL TAXES		\$26,164,876.20	

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CITY OF EVERETT HOSTS ITS FIRST MOVIE NIGHT OF THE SUMMER

Mayor Carlo DeMaria and the City of Everett hosted the first Summer Movie Night of the season at Everett Stadium featuring the film Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.



Parents and kids were having a good time while watching Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.



City Councilor Stephanie Smith and family enjoying the film.



Free popcorn was handed out to everyone who attended.



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ett residents and families together to enjoy a film suitable for all ages as a community.

The first Summer Movie Night kicked off with the film Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse. This animated film was released in 2018 and follows the adventure of Miles Morales as he discovers there are many spider-like super-heroes across different dimensions.

Many families, kids and young and older adults brought their own blankets and lawn chairs to sit on the hill at Everett Stadium to watch the movie on the big screen. It was a beautiful cool summer night that was perfect for watching a film outdoors.

Free popcorn and drinks

were handed out at Mayor DeMaria's tent by his Summer Youth Program members for everyone to enjoy a snack and refreshment to go along with the movie.

Mayor DeMaria and the City of Everett would like to thank everyone who attended the first Summer Movie Night.

Everyone is invited to for other upcoming movie



City Council President John Hanlon along with Mayor DeMaria's Summer Youth Program members.



Mayor DeMaria's Summer Youth Program members helped by handing out popcorn and drinks to attendees.



It was a beautiful night to watch a film outdoors under the stars.



Many families brought their own blankets and chairs to sit on the hill at Everett Stadium to watch Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse.



CITY OF EVERETT

Mayor DeMaria

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

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Friday, July 15



Friday, July 22



Friday, August 12



Friday, August 19



Will be held @ Everett Stadium, Cabot St., Everett, MA 02149

Gates open @ 7:30pm and movie will start around 8:30pm

Please bring your own blankets or lawn chairs

Popcorn and drinks will be provided

García receives endorsement from MWPC PAC

Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus Political Action Committee (MWPC PAC) has announced their endorsement of Chelsea City Councilor Judith García in the race for the 11th Suffolk district’s state representative seat.

MWPC PAC is dedicated to increasing the amount of women in office. Women are drastically underrepresented at the state level in Massachusetts. Just 12 out of 40 state senators and 38 out of 160 state representatives are women, meaning that women account for 25 percent of the state legislature despite making up more than half of the population. Massachusetts currently ranks 24 out of 50 for the percentage of women in the state legislature.

Garcia was the first woman and the first Latina to be elected to the Chelsea City Council in 2015, to which she has been re-elected four times. During her tenure on the city council, she has prioritized issues that disproportionately impact women and girls, such as providing rental assistance and mortgage relief, cracking down on wage theft, assisting female business owners, and

educating Chelsea Public Schools students about public service careers. García also sits on the board of Chelsea’s HarborCOV domestic abuse shelter.

“It is an incredible honor to stand shoulder to shoulder with my sisters in service as I receive MWPC PAC’s endorsement,” García said of the endorsement. “Their mission and work is awe-inspiring, and I look forward to collaborating with them in the future.” News of this endorsement comes after García received the endorsement of Chelsea City Councilor Tanai-

ri García; Chelsea School Committee Chair Kelly García; and Chelsea School Committee Members Ysenia Alfaro, Claryangeliz Covas, and Kati Cabral; received official support from SEIU Local 888, and took Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s Pressley Policy Pledge.

García is the only woman running for state representative in 11th Suffolk. She faces two opponents in the Democratic Primary, which will be on September 6, 2022.

Learn more at electjudithgarcia.com.

MBTA issues update on safety work progress

The MBTA reported on its progress to address ongoing safety concerns raised during a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Safety Management Inspection (SMI) last month. Over the last several weeks, the MBTA has implemented safety plans to address track conditions and maintenance, updated safety trainings and directives, and has addressed staffing shortages.

“Following the FTA’s initial safety review, the MBTA was asked to implement changes to the system to improve the way it is run and operated,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. “I am pleased that the MBTA has completed many of those updates and continues to make progress on many more. These recommendations will make the T safer and more reliable for both our riders and our employees. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to work closely with these safety experts to improve the MBTA system.”

The MBTA has met all the FTA’s deadlines and requirements to date in response to the four special directives issued and continues to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAPs) to address them. As part of these CAPs, the MBTA has

taken the following actions to date:

- Issued a new series of safety directives, trainings, and polices for operators regarding train movements in the MBTA’s yard facilities and car houses.
- Ensured all active rail transit employees are certified (completed in June). The MBTA is developing an improved internal tracking system and policies for ensuring recertifications are up to date.
- Prioritized track projects that address track conditions in need of most repair and that currently have substantial speed restrictions. This work is being coordinated with current construction activities already underway and service diversions already scheduled to take place to improve rider experience. For example, on Sunday, July 10, the MBTA’s Track Department installed approximately 500’ of rail on the southbound tracks between Back Bay and Massachusetts Avenue stations. This rail is a specific kind of rail that is used in sharper curves. This track replacement work allowed the T to lift a speed restriction that was approximately 1500’ long from 10 mph to 25 mph, speeding up trips by about one minute. When all

track work is completed in this area, the speed will be able to be increased to 40 mph.

- Updating procedures for accessing track areas to safely increase the time crews have to perform work on the tracks during the overnight hours when subway service does not operate in order to make the Orange line, Blue line, Green line, and Red line safer.
- Launched an aggressive hiring campaign to attract qualified candidates as drivers, dispatchers, and inspectors to improve safety and rider experiences, and updated work rules to allow for more manageable shifts and necessary rest time. Newly hired dispatchers will soon begin a rigorous 10-week training program prior to being assigned to the Operations Control Center (OCC) in the coming months. The T has rehired three former dispatchers (who are currently supervisory employees) to temporarily work in the OCC.

The MBTA also has several ongoing initiatives underway as part of these CAPs, including:

- Exploring ways to accelerate the maintenance of its existing rail construction equipment.
- Developing a PPE com-

pliance checking program.

- Increasing staffing at rail yards.
- Developing a pilot program for Blue Flag procedures on rapid transit. A codified standard in railroad operations, Blue Flag procedures are clearly distinguishable blue flags/lights by day and blue lights by night that indicate workers are on, under, or between rolling cars or equipment. The purpose of the Blue Flag procedure is to protect workers from the movement of rolling equipment.

The four special directives received by the MBTA involve delayed critical maintenance, train movement operating procedures, staffing within the OCC, and the employee safety recertification process. The CAP to address delayed critical maintenance is due to the FTA on July 15. The CAP to address train movement operating procedures was submitted on time to the FTA on June 30. The CAP to address staffing issues within the Operations Control Center was submitted on time to the FTA on July 5. The CAP regarding employee safety recertifications is due to the FTA on July 20.

CHA named to Newsweek’s list of Best Maternity Hospitals

Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA), a community health system serving Cambridge, Somerville, and Boston’s metro-north communities, has been included on Newsweek’s list of Best Maternity Hospitals 2022. This prestigious award is presented by Newsweek and Statista Inc., the world-leading statistics portal and industry ranking provider. This honor reflects CHA’s extensive efforts to reduce pregnancy risk, including adoption of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model and low Cesarean section rates.

Newsweek and Statista developed a complex methodology to ensure the quality and validity of the ranking. Three data sources were used for the evaluation:

- Nationwide online survey: hospital managers and healthcare professionals with knowledge about maternity processes e.g. Midwives, neonatal and OB/GYNs were asked to recommend leading maternity hospitals in the US
- Medical KPIs on hospitals with a focus on indicators relevant to maternity care
- Results from patient surveys

To reduce pregnancy risks, Cambridge Health Alliance adopted key el-

ements of the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative model, which is proven to reduce death during or after childbirth. “It’s more than bringing departments together – it’s about having a toolkit in place that we practice regularly,” explained Kathleen Harney, MD, CHA’s chief of OB/GYN. “We now identify patients at higher risk before there’s a problem, allowing us to be better prepared to respond quickly. Our OB/GYN team worked very hard to put this system in place and we’re saving women’s lives.”

Newsweek and Statista invited more than 10,000 medical professionals to

participate in the survey. Only 350 winners were recognized on the Best Maternity Hospitals 2022 list, which can currently be viewed on Newsweek’s website.

Sand Castle / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

leads the 11-member RBP with president, Kristen Karshis. FMP Productions has been the manager of the highly acclaimed event – also widely known as the “Sandcastle Festival” - for 15 of the 18 years the event has been held.

“We’re excited to get back to our pre-pandemic event and have things back to normal on the beach,” said Sacco-Maguire.

Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo, State Rep. Jeff Turco, and State Rep. Jessica Giannino said they will be attending the annual event with their respective families and friends. The three officials are excited about the annual event that brings international tourists and visitors to the boulevard

located in front of the nation’s first public beach.

“We are so excited to welcome everyone to Revere Beach for the 18th Annual International Sand Sculpting Festival,” said Mayor Brian Arrigo. “As the first public beach in America, Revere Beach has always been a destination spot for visitors. We’re thrilled to see that this year’s festival will have all the festivities as in previous years - with live entertainment, fireworks, and access to enjoy food from local businesses. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

Said Turco, “This is a great opportunity to showcase Revere Beach, the city of Revere, and all of the

changes that have occurred from the economic development that’s happened in the city, but also to showcase America’s first public beach and how 126 years later, it remains a treasure for the city and its residents.”

A lifelong Revere resident, Giannino said, “I am so excited for the City of Revere’s Sandcastle Festival. This festival is an opportunity for the city to showcase all that we have to offer to the rest of the Commonwealth while getting to enjoy our beautiful public beach. It is a wonderful event filled with great food, amazing talent from around the world and something for everyone to enjoy.”

OBITUARIES

Joan Pizzano Mangani

May 26, 1941 – April 22, 2022



Joan Pizzano Mangani passed away on Friday, April 22 in Orlando, FL with her daughter by her side and her son’s voice comforting her. She was the brightest of lights - beautiful, loving, creative, free-spirited, intelligent and wise with a compassionate heart and love of life.

Born in Everett, Joan was the daughter of Katherine J. Forrestall and Leo A. Pizzano, Sr. She graduated from Cheverus High School in Malden and continued her education at the Whidden Memorial Hospital in Everett to become a certified Registered Nurse.

An adventurous spirit, Joan travelled across the country and throughout Europe in her early twenties. She then married and lived in Italy for five years, working as a civilian nurse at the U.S. Army Hospital in Leghorn (Livorno). She had two children before divorcing and returning to the U.S., where she worked as an emergency room nurse at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

In her thirties, Joan moved her young family to Thomaston, ME to further her education at the University of Southern Maine in Portland, graduating as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She was employed at Penobscot Bay Medical Center in Rockport, ME where she later became the Director of the Emergency Department and Outpatient Services and acting Director of Nursing.

After her kids were grown, Joan moved to Orlando, FL in 1988, leaving behind a long career in medicine to become a real estate agent and licensed broker. She would eventually move to Washington, DC, where she and her son worked together in real estate for nearly eight years before ultimately returning to Orlando. She enjoyed tending to her beautiful garden and spending time with family

and friends.

An artist at heart, Joan was a gifted sculptor and painter who also wrote beautiful poetry. She loved to read and embraced her passion for art, philosophy, science and the study of the cosmos.

Joan left an indelible mark on those who spent time with her, touching many people in a profound and positive way. She will be deeply missed.

Predeceased by her parents and brother, PFC James R. Pizzano, who died in Vietnam in 1968, Joan is survived by her daughter, Katia Mangani of Winter Park, FL; her son, James Mangani of Washington DC; her brother, Leo A. Pizzano, Jr. and his wife, Shirley of Everett; her sister, Kathryn Hall and her husband, Stephen of Georgetown, MA; her niece, Leann Rozza and her husband, Sabatino and their children, Isabella and Aria of Peabody; her niece, Kristen Glionna and her husband, Christopher and their children, Evangeline and Nathaniel of Medford and many cherished relatives and friends.

A graveside funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27 at Holy Cross Cemetery, 175 Broadway, Malden, MA 02148. All are invited. Memories and condolences can be shared online at cafassofuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor may be made to the Sjogren’s Foundation at sjgrens.org, Shriners Hospitals for Children at loveshriners.org, or the Vietnam Veterans of America at vva.org.


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POT SHOP APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

CHELSEA - The proponent for a retail marijuana establishment on Broadway withdrew his application for the project at last week's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in the face of uncertainty about the condition of the property at 307 Broadway and the property owner's record with the city.

Vladimir Samuel, the director of Concrete Garden, Inc., asked the ZBA for an extension of the public hearing to get a handle on the myriad of violations at 307 Broadway in an attempt to address them.

Last month, the Planning Board voted not to recommend approval for the special permit for Concrete Garden, citing the long list of violations and pending legal action the city has against the owner of the property, Peach Enterprises, Inc.

At Tuesday's ZBA meeting, city officials voiced many of the same concerns they raised at the earlier Planning Board meeting on the application, stating they had no issue with Samuel's proposal, but did have issues with Peach Enterprises.

"This city has no objections substantively to a marijuana retail facility on Broadway," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino. "The city has adopted this and we encourage this type of development, we think it is good for business and we think it is good for the downtown. We are opposed to anything happening at this specific location because this owner has repeatedly refused to comply with the city's request to remedy outstanding code violations."

Ambrosino said there have been long standing zoning, building code, and electrical code violations at the address that have never been remedied.

"I don't think any city board should be accommodating this owner by granting continuances," he said. "I say again to this applicant, find another lo-

cation and I urge the board to deny this request."

ZBA Chair Janice Tarkata noted that the only benefit in granting the extension could be that the applicant would fix issues that the owner has ignored in an effort to get his business up and running.

"We don't have an objection to this petitioner, I'm not saying Mr. Peach has to make these repairs, but this gentleman might find that it is worth it for him and his business to make the repairs that Mr. Peach refuses to make," she said. "If that is the case, and I don't know if it is or isn't, but then you get the repairs you are looking for, because we know Mr. Peach isn't going to do it."

City Council President Roy Avelleneda voiced his vehement opposition to making any concessions at 307 Broadway.

"It rubs me the wrong way that we are rewarding bad behavior," he said. "If you act like a good, up-standing owner, then we can come and work with you."

Tarkata eventually raised the option that Samuel could withdraw his application without prejudice. With that option, she said Samuel can either look for a new location and come back to the ZBA, or, if the outstanding issues at 307 Broadway are taken care of, he could file a new application for his business at that address.

"You could potentially continue to work with Mr. Peach and come back later when the actual work is done with the same proposal," Tarkata said.

WU AND OTHER OFFICIALS TOUR ZUMIX

EAST BOSTON - Zumix hosted Mayor Michelle Wu and a group of local city and state officials for a tour of the neighborhood's popular music and performing arts nonprofit.

During the tour the group of dignitaries saw first hand how Zumix programs, and programs like it that immerse youth in

music and the arts, has a positive impact on their mental health and overall well being.

Wu has committed city resources to begin addressing youth mental health in the wake of the pandemic that saw many children isolated from many peers and social settings for nearly two years. Wu also created the Mayor's Office of Behavioral Health that is headed by Dr. Kevin Simon, who served as Assistant in Psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital and has extensive experience in dealing with pediatric and adolescent mental health.

"We are in a moment of tremendous stress coming out of the pandemic, coming from changes in our economy and struggles with our housing crisis, with transportation reliability," said Wu. "We see it concentrated among our young people as well. Mental health is an underlying epidemic of the COVID 19 pandemic and that's why in Boston, we are so lucky and fortunate to have brought on Dr. Kevin Simon. Dr. Simon's work focuses on the mental health of young people in particular, and we know that our young people have faced enormous disruptions in every aspect of their lives."

Wu said to address the deepening need for mental health support for youth here in Boston the city has already worked to place a social worker in every Boston Public Schools to increase the support services for social and emotional health directly through the school system.

"But we need to do a lot more in collaboration with the Boston Public Health Commission and local partners," said Wu. "There are incredible examples all across our city of work and services that's being built that directly support and strengthen the mental health of our young people. Organizations like Zumix recognize the arts as a powerful vehicle for self expression, community building and strengthening social and emotional well being. Music has been shown to decrease depression, to boost self esteem, and reduce the symptoms of PTSD in young people. We heard stories of the alums who have gone on to be superstars vocalists, or working in our state house in representing their communities, or having taken careers as arts expression therapists, or leading arts education efforts statewide. It changes lives when we truly

BLESSING OF THE FLEET



The Cottage Park Yacht Club (CPYC) celebrated its Blessing of the Fleet with a barbecue and boat parade on July 9. A moment of silence was held in honor of Past Commodore Mike Gahan, who began the maritime tradition at CPYC. Shown Cottage Park Yacht Club members praying for safety of boats and families this summer during the annual Blessing of the Fleet.

integrate mental health, community building, arts and culture and every other possible support that we can give to our young people."

Mayor Wu has prioritized efforts to improve equitable access to mental and behavioral health care by proposing several investments in this work in her FY23 budget. Dr. Simon will collaborate with community partners and City agencies and departments. He will drive the development of ambitious, innovative prevention and response models for mental health and substance use that promote whole wellness. These efforts will strive to address historical systemic racial inequities through a comprehensive and coordinated citywide response in Boston.

Dr. Simon added that it is particularly important for youth, as well as adults, to have safe spaces to come and be themselves and express themselves.

"I think one of the key things that can be missed is investment into spaces that are not necessarily "therapeutic" (settings) like a doctor's office," said Simon. "I think a place like Zumix allows families to feel comfortable knowing that they can go to work and their children are safe. We're going to try and think creatively with the City Council and state partners in reference to the opportunities that exist already like Zumix and how we can get more spaces like Zumix or expand Zumix so that way they can help serve more students or more youth. I think Zumix is a prime example of what exists and how we need to be doing more for youth. We need

to be doing more for our families so that we can have a decrease in the number of individuals experiencing anxiety or experiencing depression."

Rep. Adrian Madaro, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse thanked his colleagues in government, the city councilors, and Mayor Wu for having the foresight to create an Office of Behavioral Health for the city.

"This comes at a time when behavioral health issues, which were bad before the pandemic, have only worsened since the pandemic," said Madaro. "I think it's appropriate that we're here at a youth services organization in East Boston because one of the focal points of our Mental Health reform legislation was youth behavioral health and school based behavioral health. In addition to redoubling our efforts to uplift and support community based services we are also uplifting amazing youth programming like Zumix, which has for decades offered safe places for young people to come, make friends, be themselves, have positive adult role models, and of course, learn music. We all know that the arts can be unbelievably healing and incredibly therapeutic for one's mental health and one's overall health and well being. So this program really is a gem for our community because it really grounds young people here and allows them to have a positive outlet through the arts. That's certainly in line with what we're trying to do with the mental health reforms—focusing on new behavioral health, on school based health,

and of course on community based programs, like Zumix."

Zumix student Angelica Munoz said Zumix said when she came to Zumix as a young girl she was shy, had terrible stage fright but in a few short years she has become a positive, outgoing and confident teen.

"I feel like Zumix is just such an empowering organization that can change your life or someone else's life which is just something very inspirational," she said.

Zumix Co-Founder and Executive Director Madeleine Steczynski said she was very excited to see the intersection of so many people really trying to do what's right for the community on many levels and collaborating across various sectors. Steczynski said while Zumix is not a mental health organization—improving one's self, gaining skills and confidence, and becoming a holistic member of the Eastie community has always been embedded in the work Zumix does.

"It's so interesting that we didn't have to mention music and the arts, but it's embedded in everything that we do," she said. "We don't sit around talking about mental health on a regular basis. We do projects together, we do creative artistic things, we write songs, we perform together, we do videos together, we do radio together, we go out in the community and and you know, provide services for folks in the community. In doing that we learn about each other, we learn skills, we become assets to our neighbors, to our friends, and we become family."

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News and Notes

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