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From left State Senator Brendan Crighton, State Rep. Peter Capano, Mayor Tom McGee, State Rep. Lori Ehrlich and State Rep. Dan Cahill have endorsed U.S. Sen. Ed Markey in his re-election bid in 2020 at the Unity Breakfast that was held on Oct. 27. See more photos on Page 11.

Lynn delegation endorses Markey

Special to the Journal

The Lynn delegation, made up of Mayor Tom McGee, State Senator Brendan Crighton, State Rep. Dan Cahill, State Rep. Peter Capano, and State Rep. Lori Ehrlich, endorsed U.S. Sen. Ed Markey in his bid for re-election.

“Ed Markey works hard for the people of Lynn,” said McGee, Crighton, Cahill, Capano, and Ehrlich, in a joint statement. “From his work on the Senate Transportation Committee to his work to increase jobs, fight the opiate crisis, and protect our environment, Lynn has a champion in U.S. Sen. Markey. We are proud to offer our enthusiastic support, and endorsement.”

“I am so proud to have earned the endorsements of my friends and partners in the Lynn del-

egation,” said Markey. “I am committed to making the ferry to Boston year-round, extending the Blue Line to Lynn, connecting downtown Boston with downtown Lynn and all of the economic opportunities available here. With the Lynn delegation, we will make sure we can make this city the best place to live, work, play, raise families, and retire. I am very grateful to have the support of these extraordinary public servants.”

Sen. Markey has served in the United States Senate for the last six years and is widely regarded as the leading member of Congress on environmental issues. He has also led legislation in addressing the opioid epidemic, internet privacy concerns and the humanitarian crisis occurring at the southern border.

Contested races highlight local election on Tuesday

By Journal Staff

City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe said all systems are in place for the Nov. 5 city election that has races for councillor-at-large, ward councillor, and school committee.

Rowe expects a substantially larger turnout than the 6 percent who voted in the preliminary election in September.

Rowe and her staff have placed voting signs across the city, publicized the election on social media, utilized local media, and conducted voter registrations at

the five high schools in Lynn.

“We have exciting races and an outstanding slate of candidates,” said Rowe, adding that polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday.

In the councillor-at-large race, seven candidates are seeking four seats. The incumbents seeking re-election are Buzzy Barton, Brian Field, Brian LaPierre, and Hong Net. The other candidates are Joel Hyppolite, Lennin Ernesto Pena, and Jose M. Encarnacion.

Among the seven ward races, Ward 2 Councillor Rick Starbard

is the only incumbent who is running opposed.

The contested ward races are: Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Lozzi versus William O’Shea III; Ward 3 Councillor Darren Cyr versus George Meimeteas; Ward 4 Councillor Richard Colucci versus Natasha Megie-Madrey; Ward 5 Councillor Dianna Chakoutis versus Marven Rhode Hyppolite; Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan Sr. versus Cinda Thi Danh, and Ward 7 Councillor Jay Walsh versus Alexis Reynoso.

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Uniform pilot yields lack of interest

By Kate Anslinger

A uniform pilot that was set in motion during the 2017-2018 school year, has come to a close due to lack of interest. The pilot was launched at Callahan and Aborn Elementary Schools in the fall of 2017, to gauge the interest from both students and parents. Consisting of a uniform t-shirt, the pilot was initially met with some energy and enthusiasm, that later expired at both schools.

School Superintendent Tutwiler met with both school principals and confirmed that there was a lack of interest in the school communities. There was also not enough requested orders of shirts and other uniform items to meet the minimum requirement to place an order last year as well as this fall. It was determined that there were a few factors leading to the waning interest, including the lack of flexibility in ordering options, as there were only certain points in the year when students could opt to order additional shirts. The fact that wearing the uniform T-shirts is an option made it less of a priority for families, and legally, uniforms cannot be mandated, as there is

always an opt-out preference.

“At this point, I’d recommend ending the pilot, although it has ended on its own,” said Tutwiler. “Personally I do not have a problem with uniforms in schools

if it’s that school community’s wish. If we do rethink this and pursue it in the future, I’d advise

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GIRLS SCOUTS IN PUMPKIN DASH



Members of the Lynn Girl Scout Troop 61863 were dressed for the occasion last Saturday morning on Revere Beach. They were heading on their way to the water station they were volunteering to man during the 5K race. Thanks to many volunteers the annual one mile fun run for kids and the 5K walk/run for adults was a success and everyone had a great time.



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RECEPTION FOR WARD 1 COUNCILOR WAYNE LOZZI

Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi works to keep the City of Lynn solvent. He has had the privilege to serve Ward 1 for 16 years with dedication and with sound responsibilities; he seeks another term in office.



Ready for October 31st - (Front): Brian Lozzi, Emily Porter, and Laura Lozzi; (Back): April Lozzi, Diana Townsend, Victoria Sicard, and Phyllis Lozzi.



Friends of Wayne Lozzi Table - Haley Green, Christine Green Mary Morley, Nancy Lozzi, and Lauri Lozzi; (Back) Phyllis Lozzi, Bob and Lija Marvitchuck, and Daniel Lozzi.



Supporting Wayne - Sunny Santry and Florence Peterson.



Attending Wayne Lozzi's Reception - School Committee Brian Castellanos, Former DPW Commissioner Manny Alcantara, and Candidate Lennin Pena.



City Officials with Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi - (Seated: Dianna Chatkoutis, Donna Coppola, Michael Satterwhite, and Hong Net; (Back) Rick Starbard, Mayor Tom McGee, Brian Field, Jay Walsh, Brian Castellanos, and Brian LaPierre.

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CAMPAIGN RECEPTION FOR DONNA COPPOLA



Donna Coppola seeks another term for Lynn School Committee. She works tirelessly for the children of Lynn each day. Donna has a lot of experience and looks forward working on the committee. Consider one of your votes for Donna Coppola for School Committee on Tuesday of November 5. Pictured, local officials with Donna Coppola – Mayor Thomas McGee, Brian Castellanos, Jay Walsh, Brian Field, Dianna Chatkoutis, State Senator Brendon Crighton, Donna Coppola, Fred Hogan, John Ford, Michael Satterwhite, Hong Net, Wayne Lozzi, and Rick Starbard.

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In the school committee race, eight candidates are seeking six seats. The incumbents seeking re-election are Michael Satterwhite, John Ford Jr., Donna Cop-

pola, Lorraine Gately, Brian Castellanos, and Jared Nicholson. The other candidates are Tiffany Jean Magnolia and Sandra Lopez.

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to gauge interest and commitment beforehand.”

Tutwiler shared that the broad survey that was sent out to Calahan Elementary School, only captured half of the families of the 430 students, and not all who responded were in favor. When reviewing the data to see if any notable changes took place with those who opted for the uniforms, there was no difference in attendance and while there was a slight difference in discipline, it did not reflect a trend. The principals also reported that the cost of the uniform shirts did not seem to be an issue with parents, as there was no feedback alluding to this.

“I want to thank the principals who implemented the pilot, the

PTO members, and parents who were a huge help running surveys and getting the pilot off the ground,” said School Committee Member, Jared Nicholson. “When we have a district of this size, it gives us a great opportunity to try new ideas and do a pilot like this. When you do a pilot, you are testing to see if something works or doesn’t work, and that is data and feedback that we have now. When I started working on this it was driven by parent interest and if the interest is no longer there, there goes the program. The other things are all things we can address and are fixable, but if we don’t have the original parent interest, I can’t imagine it would be successful.”

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EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE TUESDAY

This Tuesday, November 5, is election day in cities and some towns across the state for local offices, including mayoral and council contests.

Not too long ago, local elections in Massachusetts routinely drew voter turnouts of 80-90 percent, almost equivalent to, if not exceeding, presidential elections. However, in recent decades, voter turnout typically has been no more than 30 percent for municipal elections.

We find it ironic that local elections attract the attention of only a fraction of the voters who turn out for the state and national elections. Local government, and those whom we elect to serve in those posts, have much more of an impact on our daily lives than do our state and federal governments.

Local government is in charge of our public safety departments, our schools, our trash collection, the condition of our streets, and almost everything else in between.

The quality of life in our hometown communities affects our families and ourselves -- and our property values -- far more directly than what transpires at the state and national levels.

So we urge all of our readers to get out and vote on Tuesday. The aphorism about the weather -- that we all complain about it, but can't do anything about it -- does not apply to our local government.

We do indeed have the ability to affect what happens at our local government level -- but only if we take the time to vote.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN... TELL YOUR FOLKS TO VOTE

GUEST OP-ED

An Olympian's guide to the boardroom

By Michael G. Wilson

I've hit rock bottom more times than I can count.

As a gymnast, I overcame injuries that would have ended many other athletes' careers -- only to watch my Olympic dreams slip out of reach. As a businessman, I built a successful start-up -- and then lost it all.

The main thing I've learned? Setbacks can be productive if you're willing to learn from them. Today, as I lead a successful company, I constantly inform my decision-making with the lessons I learned as an athlete and entrepreneur.

First, never give up.

When I was 12, I trained under gymnastics coach Ralph Reeves, the toughest coach I ever had. I would spend hours perfecting my craft -- getting up on the pommel horse as I tried not to look down at my cracked and bloodied hands. Upon finishing each routine, Coach Reeves would utter one word: "Again."

As the Junior Olympic Games approached, it looked like my hard work was about to pay off. Then, I blew out my knee and tore my ACL, MCL, and meniscus while training. Refusing to let my injury determine my fate,

I went on to win my first national championship.

I eventually graduated from the University of Oklahoma as a five-time All-American and NCAA champion with a spot on the Olympic roster. But due to President Jimmy Carter's boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics, I never got a chance to participate.

I was devastated, but I picked myself up -- again -- and transitioned to the business world. More setbacks awaited.

Second? Forgive others.

In the mid-1980s, I started my first company. But before I knew it, the relationship I had with my business partner soured and I found myself broke, divorced, and living in a tiny apartment on a loan from my ex-father-in-law.

That episode would have been enough for a logical person to never open another business.

Call me illogical. After this incident, I went on to build and sell multiple successful companies. I say this not to brag, but merely to prove my bona fides to other entrepreneurs who are just starting out and facing their own challenges.

It's crucial to forgive your colleagues, your subordinates, even yourself. I didn't dwell on losing my Olympic dreams; I moved

on to compete as a businessman. And I didn't vow revenge on my ex-partner, I forgave him.

Finally, trust but verify.

As an athlete, I had to trust and listen to my body, my doctors, my coaches and trainers to overcome my injuries. After my experiences, I've learned to pay very close attention to what people are saying -- and more importantly, what they aren't saying -- in the boardroom. Reading body language and getting to know people before you do business with them is just as important as studying their qualifications on paper.

Today, as I lead a business, I spend countless hours strategizing for and planning out my board meetings. Sometimes my preparation lasts three times as long as the actual meeting. But as I learned throughout my athletic experience, preparation is the best way to ensure success.

If you're an entrepreneur, you will eventually experience a business setback. It's inevitable. But the next time you do -- pause, make a game plan, and think to yourself, "again."

Michael Wilson is the CEO of Healthcare Highways. This piece originally ran on Innovation-Map.com.

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JEFF ALLISON SPEAKS AT LYNN ENGLISH

Experiencing the highs and lows of life, former Mayor League Baseball player, Jeff Allison gave an inspirational talk about drug abuse at Lynn English High School last week. Former Peabody All-Star Baseball player became the Number 1 draft pick by the Florida Marlins and 16th overall in 2003. However, his life was about to change from the good and soon to the bad.

During his high school years he was introduced to marijuana and later graduated into the hardcore drugs. A very talented athlete could not shake the curse that brought him deep down toward homelessness. It took time for him to realize he had a drug addiction before recovery.

Former LEHS Baseball player and Hall of Fame member, Ed Turmenne explains, "The purpose of having Jeff Allison as a guest speaker at the school is to inform young people how dangerous drugs can be; how it all starts; and how it affect their lives for a lifetime. This can happen to anyone. Jeff Allison was a student, outstanding athlete, drafted by the major baseball league team, received a big bo-

nus, but drugs took control of his life, which was a tragedy. Now he is back on track and sharing this information".

Jeff Allison was introduced to a gateway drug, marijuana, in high school. This led him into other drug levels that derailed his Major League career and a part of his life.

As Jeff said, "When I attended high school I hardly listened to anyone. I went through a lot in life changes. I wished that I had someone who spoke about this issue and maybe things could have been different for me. I really don't know. I was headstrong. Receiving bonus money when I signed a baseball contract produced a lifestyle change of me. People knew I had money and they were my friends, but not really. They sold me what I desired without considering my personal consequences".

Drug addiction is a serious illness. Everyone needs to hear how one becomes an addict and learn from Jeff's story. In reality Jeff never had someone or a friend who told him not to use drugs. It is important to reach out to someone facing this problem.



Guest Speaker Jeff Allison meets VP Gary Molea, Lynn English Hall of Famer Ed Turmenne and Principal Thomas Strangie.



Lynn English AD and Former St. Leo College Baseball player with MBL player Jeff Allison.



Lynn English students with Jeff Allison.



Meeting Jeff Allison – Ward 2 Counselor Rick Starbard, Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre, and Guidance Counselor Matt Wilkins.



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CAMPAIGN RECEPTION FOR WARD 3 COUNCILOR DARREN CYR

Ward 3 Councilor and President of the Lynn City Council Darren Cyr held a time last Thursday at Old Tyme Italian Cuisine Restaurant on Boston Street.

Cyr stated to the crowd, "My goal is to continue the stabilization of the city's financial status. I can see the city is going in the right direction, since the Council and the Mayor balanced the budget for this fiscal year."

As Councilor Cyr continues, "We need to look at the aging school buildings. It is important to have community input. My other concern is to increase the police and fire personnel. Having Councilors work together to provide funds for Public Safety is one of my top priorities. Making the City of Lynn a future gateway hub will need a transportation system to serve the citizens."



City Officials with Councilor Darren Cyr – Richard Wood , Hong Net, Fred Hogan, Brian Field, Lorraine Gately, Buzzy Barton, Dianna Chakoutis, Donna Coppola, Richard Colucci, and Mayor Thomas McGee.



Ward 3 Residents – Stephanie MacIsaac and Paul Minsky with Darren Cyr.



Former Lynn Councilor-at-Large and Re MAX Agent Al DiVirgilio with Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr.

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Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr greets Ward 3 Residents Michael and Anne Pasquale.



Friends of Darren Cyr – Jim O'Donnell, Bill Trahant, James Cowdell, Lou Markakis, Andy Bucklin, and Ward 3 Councilor Rick Colucci.



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Coming together for Darren Cyr – Councilor-at-Large Buzzy Barton, Former Ward 2 Councilor Bill Trahant, School Committee Lorraine Gately, and Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi.



The Lynn Meadowlarks - Walter Proodian, Don Smith, and Councilor-at-Large Buzzy Barton greet Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr.



Ashley Keighley, Anthony Marino, and RaeAnna Hughes.



Swampscott High School Baseball Coach Joe Caponigro with Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr.



Calvin Anderson with Ward 3 Councilor Darren Cyr.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CHARLESTOWN MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING FENTANYL

CHELSEA - A Charlestown man was sentenced Oct. 17 at federal court in Boston for distributing fentanyl out of a Chelsea apartment.

Cruz Villar, 32, was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Indira Talwani to three years in prison and five years of supervised release. In June 2019, Villar pleaded guilty to one count of distribution and possession with intent to distribute fentanyl and one count of possession with intent to distribute 40 grams or more of fentanyl.

On June 22, 2018, Villar was observed by law enforcement in a hand-to-hand sale of fentanyl to a customer in a parking lot in Dorchester. After the sale, agents recovered approximately 11 grams of fentanyl from the customer and approximately \$1,446 in cash from Villar. A subsequent search of an apartment in Chelsea that Villar had been renting—but in which he had not been residing—resulted in the recovery of approximately 87.4 additional grams of fentanyl, along with components of a drug press, a digital scale, two blenders, bottles of a cutting agent, and packaging materials, including plastic wrap and plastic baggies. In addition, Villar made regular trips from the Chelsea apartment to an address in Mashpee in a manner consistent with the distribution of narcotics.

United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling and Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Field Office, made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian A. Pérez-Daple of Lelling's Criminal Division prosecuted the case.

OFFICIALS SEEKING TO INCREASE LIQUOR LICENSES

CHELSEA - City officials are looking to increase the number of liquor licenses in Chelsea.

The City Council sent to subcommittee a draft of a home rule petition to the state legislature that would allow the city to issue 10 new liquor licenses. It is expected the Council will take further action on the issue in the coming month.

The city is currently at its limit

for all-alcohol licenses, which is based on a community's population.

"Because several Councilors have expressed to me concern about this problem, and because it does constrain our ability to attract additional hotels and restaurants to the City, it may be time to restart discussions on a Home Rule Petition for additional licenses," said City Manager Thomas Ambrosino.

The Council considered a similar petition in 2014, but decided against its adoption and submission to the state legislature at the time, Ambrosino said.

The home-rule petition drafted by the City Manager is based on the 2014 draft, and does place some limitations on the liquor licenses.

"This proposal, as drafted, would allow for an additional 10 licenses to the city, limited to hotels, restaurants, and large function halls," said Ambrosino.

In addition, the new licenses would be Chelsea licenses only and would not be transferable by the licensee. If the licensee sold or closed its business, the license would revert immediately to the city.

Ambrosino suggested that representatives from the city's business community be invited to the council's subcommittee meeting on the issue to discuss its pros and cons.

•In other business Monday night, the Council unanimously approved a request by Ambrosino to develop a municipal electric aggregation plan and take actions necessary to prepare the plan for submission to the state's Public Utilities Department.

Municipal electric aggregation is a way for a city or town served by investor-owned utilities (in Chelsea's case, Eversource) to use bulk purchasing power to negotiate electric supply on behalf of their residents and small businesses currently on basic service.

Typically in Massachusetts, residents and businesses receive their utility's basic service supply by default, according to a pamphlet prepared by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC).

With the Council's approval, the City will now hire an energy broker to assist the city in designing an aggregation plan. Once the draft plan is completed, it will be submitted to the state if approved by the City Council.

If that plan is then approved by the state, the City would then

solicit bids for a municipal electric supplier.

"Once a new electric supplier is selected and contract executed, the City will notify all members of the community who are basic service customers of Eversource that their electric supply will be switched," stated Ambrosino in a letter to the council.

Customers in the city will have the opportunity to opt out at the beginning of the process, or at any time after that without penalty, the City Manager added.

DeMARIA UPDATES COUNCIL ON POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF POPE JOHN BUILDING

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria appeared before Council Oct. 15 to provide an update on the sale of the Pope John XXIII High School site, which he hopes to purchase and convert into affordable housing for seniors and veterans.

That plan was first reported in the Independent earlier this month.

"A lot of our seniors have a difficult time paying rents in the city," said the Mayor. "People are struggling. The government needs to step in and help."

Based on an initial appraisal, the 2.5-acre property at 888 Broadway was valued at \$12 million. The old school building would likely be razed to accommodate a new three-story construction containing 300 to 400 housing units.

The property would give preference to Everett residents, with up to 70 percent of its units rented out to people who have lived in the city for at least two years according to the U.S. Census. This is a preset percentage imposed by the state.

In addition to residential units, the Mayor said that the acreage could also include ground-level retail, outdoor dining and public open spaces.

"I'm looking to do something appealing to complement the park across the street," he said.

The Zoning Board would also require that there be sufficient parking spaces available for guests and visiting nurses. The idea of a shuttle service for the development was also raised.

The Mayor said that he wanted Council's support before entering into price negotiations for the property. He is planning to use

state rather than federal funds, and suggested possibly using the income from Encore to finance the purchase.

"We could use that money to reduce taxes for residents for one year," he said, "or we can give a lifetime of benefits to seniors through purchasing this property."

Councilors expressed strong support of the Mayor's vision, with Councilor Michael McLaughlin calling it one of the "best ideas" he's heard in a long time, and Council President Anthony DiPierro saying, "it's about time the City steps in and does something of this magnitude."

"This is a good idea for the community," said Councilor Wayne Matewsky. "There isn't a week that goes by that a senior citizen doesn't call me asking for affordable housing."

"I like the idea," echoed Councilor Peter Napolitano. "[This is] one of the chief complaints of our residents. We don't want to push long-term residents out, people who've built this community."

"I've been fighting for this for a long time," said Councilwoman Rosa DiFlorio. "I'm in favor of this 100 percent."

The councilwoman also urged establishing an equitable way of deciding who gets to inhabit the new construction under the 70 percent local preference.

"I have a lot of friends who moved out of the city because they couldn't afford the rent. They want to come back," she said. "If they were here for twenty years and they were forced out, I would hope we would [give them priority]."

Councilor Fred Capone also raised the issue of prior contamination of the land and urged the City to fully assess the history of the parcel.

"We want to know what we're getting into before we get too far into it," he said.

The Mayor's office is currently in conversations with the Archdiocese, which owns the school site and which will be maintaining it through the winter months. They will carry out more detailed appraisals and abatement tests in the coming weeks.

The Mayor said he hopes to move forward "at a rapid pace" and to put out an RFP within six months, with a preference for developers who have experience building affordable housing for the elderly. Tony Sousa, the director of Planning and Devel-

opment, said construction could begin as early as next year.

SUPERINTENDENT INTERVIEWS GOING ON

EVERETT - Search Committee members said they are in the midst of private interviews with 10 candidates for the job of superintendent of schools in a process that will bring on a new school leader for the first time in more than 30 years.

Some 15 members have devoted hours and hours of work to the process, said School Committee Chair Tom Abruzzese this week. He said he is impressed with the quality of the candidates – who cannot yet be named publicly – and the work of the Search Committee.

"We're more than positive (about the candidates)," said Abruzzese. "I thought and hoped it would be a great group of candidates from the beginning. As we've gone on, the candidates are even better than I had hoped they would be...I'm also extremely impressed with how serious everyone on the Search Committee has taken this. All 15 members have been committed, and the numbers of hours we put into the process before the interviews was tremendous. Now, with the interviews, you're talking about 15 members interviewing 10 people for two hours each. The commitment to the process has been fantastic."

School Committeeman Frank Parker, who is also on the Search Committee, said the interviews have been going well, and he expected to have the final recommendations to the full School Committee by the end of October – perhaps.

The Search Committee is made up of School Committee members, community leaders, Police Chief Steve Mazzie and school employees/teachers – among others.

Abruzzese said the process right now is on time, and they are whittling down the larger pool to around three or four. Those will be the finalists, and they will be made public to the School Committee. That will be followed by public interviews of each of the candidates.

"We're still interviewing the 10 finalists and when we have interviewed everybody, the plan is to move it down to three or four – maybe five," said Abruzzese.

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zzese. “We’re hoping for three or four. The Search Committee will file a report with the entire School Committee. We believe that report will be presented at the meeting on Nov. 4, or perhaps the next meeting after that.”

He said they would notify any finalists before they are made public, and a finalist could turn down the offer. Once the list is cemented with confirmed finalists, it will be made public.

“So far everything is going well,” he said. “We’re on the timeline and it’s going to be wrapping up soon.”

WALSH MAKES SURPRISE VISIT TO OHNC

EAST BOSTON - With five controversial development projects on last week’s Orient Heights Neighborhood Council (OHNC) meeting and the community ready for a fight, Mayor Martin Walsh’s surprise visit to the group couldn’t have been more poorly timed.

However, Walsh jumped feet-first into the fire prior to the presentations by developers and took the brunt of the community’s frustrations regarding Eastie’s development boom.

“Our neighborhood is under assault by developers,” said OHNC member Joseph Arangio. “The developers come here on a regular basis, buy a piece of land with a one-family house in a one-family zone and propose three, four, five, six, seven units. They are voted done and then they go to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and they are approved. We are becoming a community of transient residents that come here for two or three years and move on. This area used to be a family community and now it’s a community with no roots. We are trying to preserve our history and we are getting no help. We are asking you to look at what is going on, look at the ZBA and support the people who have been here for years and years.”

Walsh said numerous factors have led to the housing and economic boom in Eastie and Boston as a whole.

“The population of Boston is 700,000 and we have grown by 50,000 in the last year,” said Walsh. “The last time the population was this high was in the 1950s. We have also added 120,000 new jobs in the city. When I became Mayor in 2014 a

lot of people in East Boston welcomed development and wanted new development because nothing was happening here. When the waterfront took off here developers started to look at the neighborhood like they did with South Boston, the Seaport, Charlestown and Dorchester where I lived years ago.”

To begin addressing the community’s concerns over development, Walsh said in the past year the city has done two things.

First the city placed an IPOD or Interim Planning Overlay District in the neighborhood. The IPOD ensures all projects, both those that need variances and those that are so-called as of right, have to go through the community process and ZBA.

Second, Walsh and the Bos-

ton Planning and Development Agency launched PLAN: East Boston to begin developing a master plan for zoning in the neighborhood. This would update the last zoning master plan that was completed two decades ago.

“With the IPOD in place there are no more “as of right” projects and the PLAN: East Boston initiative is your plan and what you want to see your neighborhood like 10, 15, 20 years down the road.”

The Mayor also responded to Arangio’s assertion that everything is rubber stamped by the ZBA despite lack of community support.

However, Walsh explained that several factors go into the ZBA’s decision and developers

must work with the community to find a balance.

“People say we approve everything, but we don’t unless a developer goes to the community and work with the neighborhood, the elected officials and abutters to make sure a project is a good project,” said Walsh. “Just because five proposals are being proposed tonight doesn’t mean five proposals are being developed.”

With that said the Mayor added the community rarely sees the process through all its stages and a large percentage of projects get shelved when developers, lacking community and political support, pull their projects from the ZBA.

“Look I’ve heard the neighborhood loud and clear and we

are looking at ways to promote more ‘smart’ development in the neighborhood,” said Walsh.

However, Walsh said the city has to strike a balance between the hot demand to live in Boston and the needs of the city’s neighborhoods like Eastie.

Walsh explained that a few years back, the lack of housing drove rents to all-time highs across the city forcing lifelong residents to move because they couldn’t afford to live here anymore.

By building more housing units the city was able to stabilize the rental market for a bit due to supply and demand. As more housing units became available rents trended down because the

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supply of apartments started to outweigh the demand. However, rents began skyrocketing again about three years ago as more and more people began to look to live in the city as job opportunities increased.

“We are dealing with an economy where people want to live in the City of Boston,” said Walsh. “So if we don’t do anything and build more housing the people that live here now and lived here for their entire lives are going to be pushed out of Boston. In the zoning master plan through PLAN: East Boston we are trying to figure out where density makes sense, where transit-orientated projects make sense and where neighborhoods made up of one and two family homes need to be preserved.”

COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE DISTRIBUTION

WINTHROP - The Town Council voted unanimously to approve the disbursement of \$500,000 from the town treasury to the Winthrop Foundation, which will now be able to move forward in its grant distribution process.

The funds are a part of a \$2.5 million appropriation (\$500,000 per year for five year) from Massport and will be distributed to local organization and Winthrop residents who will be required to submit grant applications to the Foundation and then be approved by a majority or two-thirds of the Foundation’s seven members.

“We have started the process,” said Foundation Chair Russell Sanford, who was present at Tuesday’s special meeting of the Council. “We have hired an accountant, we’re hiring an administrator, and we’re going to launch a website.”

Sanford said groups and residents will be eligible for “major” and “minor” grants in several monetary denominations. Some of the grant categories to be considered are historical, educational, drama, and athletics.

The grants will no doubt be difference makers for local groups. A Winthrop sports team needing new uniforms or equipment, a drama club needing funding for expenses to travel to a competition, or the Council on Aging looking to defray expenses for a trip for seniors – those are just a few of the examples cited by Sanford.

“I’m pleased that the Council has approved this key step in the

process and we can move forward in our role,” said Sanford. “It allows us as trustees to be able to disburse the money sooner than later.”

Sanford expects that local groups and residents will be able to begin submitting applications for grants by the end of the year.

“We have a great group of trustees, all well-known, credible, ethical people,” said Sanford.

Joining Sanford on the Foundation’s board of trustees are Police Chief Terence Delehanthy, secretary Vincent Crossman, treasurer Jeffrey Turco, Brian Leslie, School Committee member Gus Martucci and Vasili Malios.

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT WILL ADD FOUR FIREFIGHTERS

REVERE - Mayor Brian M. Arrigo announced last week that the City has been awarded funding for four new firefighters through a \$681,503 SAFER Grant by the U.S. Department Homeland Security. It is the third consecutive year that the City has earned a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grant. The four new firefighters who will join the active fire department ranks early spring next year.

“This is not only welcome news, it is an important component of our overall plan for public safety,” said Mayor Brian M. Arrigo. “This has been a priority in our municipal budget every year. In the past four years we have added 12 new firefighters to the force. We’ve gone from 98 firefighters to 110 firefighters, and as this number increases, we decrease the number of days that fire apparatus is out of service due to staffing issues.”

Mayor Arrigo and Fire Chief Chris Bright noted that “brown out” days, so-called, are approaching a minimum. “It has been our goal,” said Mayor Arrigo, “that manpower shortages will no longer be a reason for apparatus to be out of service.”

Chief Bright commented that ‘brown-outs’ related to training or maintenance are much more manageable. “Manpower is the key, and our increased manpower makes us a stronger fire department in every respect.”

Increasing the number of firefighters has been a process. The Mayor cited the process of recruiting candidates onto a reserve list, then enlisting them into the

fire academy for training. “These procedures take time, and our Human Resources department has worked cooperatively with Chief Bright to assure that we stay on track with our hiring objectives,” said Mayor Arrigo.

“It’s a process,” said Chief Bright. “There is a lag time in the hiring as we get candidates onto the reserve list, and then we need to get them into slots at the fire academy for training before they are ready for active fire duty.”


The Homeland Security SAFER Grant program was created to give fire departments support in meeting community needs.



“We are fortunate that our Congressional delegation, including Senators Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Katherine Clark, appreciate the financial burdens that modern-day public safety imposes on communities. Equipment is expensive, manpower is expensive, and communities strive to meet their needs. Federal assistance such as the SAFER Grant program is invaluable.”

Chief Bright praised his Administrative Assistant Paula Sarcia and Captain Mike Bowden for their diligence in preparing the grant application. “These applications are detailed and

comprehensive. Completing a successful application takes hours of tedious work, but the results are self-evident.”

As the City continues to grow, Mayor Arrigo has persisted in his call for public safety enhancements. “With increased staffing, and now the new Alden A. Mills Fire Station in the Point of Pines on the horizon, Revere will continue along a path of growth and commensurable public safety. We all benefit from the City’s growth, and increased public safety staffing and equipment are a direct result of our growth.”



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LYNN DEMOCRATIC UNITY BREAKFAST

Over 200 Democrats attended the annual Lynn Democratic Unity Breakfast on Oct. 27 at the Franco-American Legion Hall. The event theme was to go out and work for a candidate. It is time to come together to win back the White House and to work toward change for a better day. U.S. Sen. Ed Markey and U.S. Congressmen Joe Kennedy III and Seth Moulton attended the breakfast.

Mayor Thomas McGee was excited to see so many people attending this event. As Mayor McGee said, "I am proud to be a Democrat. I understand what it means to be a Democrat. We stand together at this breakfast recognizing how important it is to be part of something that transcends who we are and what we can be in this country. Democrats stand for something special. We are here to support Democratic candidates. But, in the end we need to make sure we come together and recognize that the race we are part of and the race we need to win is the final election ensuring Democrats are elected into office."



U.S. Congressman Joe Kennedy III meets members of the Latino community, from left, Yorany Fana, Yoleny Ynoa, Domingo Dominquez, Rose Mary Sargent, Agoztina Mato, Angela Perez, and Ana Perdomo.



Richard and Kathy Vitale with Governor's Council member Terrence Kennedy (center).



State Democratic Committee Member Julie Curtis with US Congressmen – Seth Moulton and Joe Kennedy III.



Mehreen Butt and Saritin Rizzuto with Governor's Council member Eileen Duff (center).



School Committee member Donna Coppola, Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis, Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh, and Councilor-at-Large Buzzy Barton.



Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi, School Committee members Michael Satterwhite, Lorraine Gately, and Jared Nicholson, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



Seated, Sharon Wheeler and John Walsh Sr.; (Back) Former Lynn Councilor Joe Scanlon, Ernie Smith, Lou Rodriguez, and former Lynn Councilor Debbie Smith-Walsh.

COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE BRIAN FIELD RE-ELECTION FUNDRAISER AT TONY'S PUB

Councillor-at-Large Brian Field hosted a campaign re-election fundraiser at Tony's Pub and Grill on Franklin Street. Several supporters and friends attended the reception.



Councillor-at-Large Brian Field, with his wife, Stefani, daughters, Emma (left) and Sydney (right) and son, Tyler.



Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Lozzi, State Sen. Brendan Crighton, Ward 5 Councillor Dianna Chakoutis, Councillor-at-Large Brian Field, and Mayor Thomas McGee.



Councillor-at-Large Brian Field, with his parents, Howard and Stella Field, at a campaign re-election reception at Tony's Pub.



Councillor-at-Large Buzzy Barton was on hand to support his colleague on the City Council, Brian Field, at the reception at Tony's Pub.



Tony Nicosia of Tony's Pub and Grill welcomes Councillor-at-Large Brian Field, Mayor Thomas McGee, Lynn Police Lt. Glenn Dunnigan, and Garry Dunnigan.



David Solimine Sr. and Mary Jane Solimine arrive at the campaign re-election reception for Councillor-at-Large Brian Field.



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