

THE LYNN JOURNAL

Thursday, January 2, 2020



200 GIFT FOOD BOXES TO THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



Above, Board of Directors and Friends – (Kneeling): Brian Theirrien and Scott Brogan; (Standing): Wendy Silva, Nick Meninno, Andrew Pitzen, Sen. Brendan Crighton, State Rep. Peter Capano, Tom Demakes, Sarah Bates, Tim Demakes, Katie Green, Steve Hirsch, Rich Withaw, Ray Bastarache, Kevin Mello, Brendan Ward, Board President Joe Scianatico. Right, the Kids Club with RE/MAX 360 Agent Al DiVirgilio, Child Core Director Jodi Saladino, and Assistant Director Miss Zee. See Page 3 for more photos.



New town officers to be sworn in

By Kate Anslinger

The Inauguration of the City Council and School Committee members will take place on January 6, 2020, at 7 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium.

Judge Garrett J. McManus will be administering the Oath of Office to the members of the Lynn City Council and Lynn School Committee, members listed below:

Lynn City Council

- Darren P. Cyr, President, Ward 3 Councillor
- Gordon “Buzzy” Barton, Vice-President
- Dianna M. Chakoutis, Ward 5 Councillor
- Richard C. Colucci, Ward 4 Councillor

- Brian M. Field, At-Large Councillor
- Frederick W. Hogan, Ward 6 Councillor
- Brian P. LaPierre, At-Large Councillor
- Wayne A. Lozzi, Ward 1 Councillor
- Hong L. Net, At-Large Councillor
- Richard B. Starbard, Ward 2 Councillor
- John M. Walsh, Jr., Ward 7 Councillor

Lynn School Committee

- Brian K. Castellanos
- Donna M. Coppola
- John E. Ford, Jr.
- Lorraine M. Gately
- Jared C. Nicholson
- Michael A. Satterwhite

Following the Oaths of Office, Mayor Thomas McGee will share some remarks and there will be a reception in room 402.

Lynn Senior Center holiday party filled to capacity

Special to the Journal

Holiday cheer was in abundance at the Lynn Senior Center on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, as the annual holiday party was sold out with 130 people in attendance. “This event is always filled to capacity,” said Joan Noble, Chair of the nonprofit Friends of the Lynn Council on Aging, which sponsors the annual event. “It’s our way of bringing people together during the holiday season and raising important funds for the Senior Center.” Tickets were sold for \$5 per

person. A number of raffles, including items beautifully crafted by the Friends group, were held. A roasted chicken dinner was served, and live music was provided by the “Memory Laners.”

“People really enjoy this special event,” said Interim Senior Center Director Sandra Suarez of Greater Lynn Senior Services (GLSS). “Many GLSS staff were on hand to help serve food and socialize with guests.”

The Lynn Senior Center is located at 8 Silsbee Street and is

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Condos planned for former repair shop

By Thomas Grillo

Nine months after Mayor Thomas M. McGee and the City Council clashed over the future of a former repair shop, the developer is now planning 100 condos on the site off the Lynnway. Patrick J. McGrath told The Journal he plans to replace the Lynnway Truck Center on Blossom Street with a five-story, condominium complex.

“There’s a tremendous need for housing in Lynn and these units will make more available,” he said.

Originally, McGrath proposed to replace the 11,700-square-foot truck stop with a \$20 million storage facility. But the plan was rejected last spring by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The controversial 4-1 vote to kill it came despite the City Council’s unanimous support for the 100,000-square-foot storage warehouse. Councillors said the six-story building would generate as much as \$800,000 in annual property taxes, about \$771,000

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EDITORIAL

A NEW YEAR, A NEW DECADE

The arrival of a new year -- especially when it is the start of a new decade -- marks a time of reflection for all of us.

We pause to think back to the decade that has come and gone, and wonder too, what our lives will be like 10 years from now.

Each of us ponders the questions, "Where have I been? And where am I going?"

The latter asks us to foresee the future, which by definition is an impossible task. Though we may make our best guess to predict what may lie ahead -- and to plan accordingly -- none of us has a crystal ball. The vicissitudes of life more often than not throw us curve balls that lay waste to even the best-laid of our plans for the year -- let alone the decade -- to come.

However, coming up with an answer to the former question can be equally difficult. It requires both introspection and understanding, two qualities that are in short supply in our hurried lives. We barely have enough time to do all the things we need to do every day, let alone to try to figure out how we got to where we are, wherever it is we may be.

Life does not take a time-out. The years -- and decades -- will continue to march on. While we, individually and collectively, may have some control over our future, all of us inexorably will be swept along by the currents of time and fortune that will bring us to a destination that none of us can foresee.

In the spirit of a new year -- and a new decade -- we offer our readers the enduring words of the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson:

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

HAVE A HAPPY -- AND SAFE -- NEW YEAR

Celebrating the New Year requires all of us to make sure not only that we ourselves do so safely, but also that we are vigilant regarding the safety of others.

Although most of us these days take precautions to ensure that we do not operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol (or anything else) on New Year's Eve -- whether by means of having a designated driver, or using Uber, or staying overnight in a hotel -- there still are too many among us who will get behind the wheel of a car after having had too much to drink.

The most important thing we can do at an individual level is to prevent our friends and loved ones from becoming another tragic story in the morning news by taking their keys or offering them a ride home if they appear incapable of driving soberly and safely.

New Year's Eve can be a time of joy -- it is up to all of us to make sure it does not turn into a tragedy.

We wish all of our readers a happy, healthy -- and safe -- New Year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR ~ 2020

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open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4 p.m. A hot lunch is served each day for a small donation from 11 a.m. - noon. To see more photos of the holiday party, visit www.facebook.com/lynnseniorcenter.

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Top photo, Lorraine Terrio, Anna Green, Ruth Devine, and Mary Davis. Above, guests dance to live music provided by the "Memory Laners."

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OLD NEIGHBORHOOD FOODS REMEMBER THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB IN LYNN

Tom and Tim Demakes of Old Neighborhood Foods in Lynn donated 200 gift food boxes to the Boys & Girls Club. Executive Director Brian Theirren along with his Board of Directors distributed the food packages to the children's parents; they were so grateful receiving this gift, especially during the holiday season. This was a tremendous charitable gesture by the Demakes family remembering others in need.



Mayor Thomas McGee assisted in the food package distribution with Executive Director Brian Theirren to the children.



Victoria Herrera and Liandro Dotel received a gift food package from Tim and Tom Demakes of Old Neighborhood Foods.

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more than what the city gets today. Councilors said as the market changes, the warehouse could be replaced with a better commercial use.

But in contrast to the council's enthusiastic support, the mayor pleaded with the ZBA to deny the variance. He argued such a use so close to the Lynnway fails to meet the city's vision for a vibrant waterfront with a mix of stores, apartments, office space, and a hotel.

State Rep. Peter Capano (D-Lynn) said housing is preferred over a repair shop or a storage warehouse.

"I think the best use for that site is housing," he said. "We're in the midst of a housing crisis and every unit we add is a benefit for the city."

The Blossom Street project is McGrath's most recent housing initiative. Last month, he sold the last of his two dozen condominiums on Western Avenue. The one- and two-bedroom units closed at between \$225,000 to \$334,400, according to the MLS Property Information Network.

The four-story building features an elevator, off-street parking, and units with an open, contemporary layout.

McGrath said he was not surprised by the brisk sales.

"That's why we built them," he said. "There are not many

condos for sale in Lynn. There's a need."

At press time, MLS listed just 24 condos for sale in the city from a 560-square-foot unit near the beach on Newhall Street for \$154,900 to \$499,900 for a two-bedroom unit in the over-55 development at Nells Pond Village on Peach Tree Lane.

In addition, the City Council recently approved McGrath's request to increase the size of his \$35 million condominium project at the former Porthole Restaurant.

Under a revised plan, McGrath is planning to replace the landmark restaurant with Harbor 98, an eight-story waterfront condominium development with 74 luxury units.

McGrath said the one- and two-bedroom condos will be priced from \$500,000 to nearly \$2 million. Construction is expected to be completed in 2021.

He is also on track to replace his Lynnway Mart Indoor Mall & Flea Market with 550 apartments. Also on the back burner is his plan to replace the Lynnway Mart Indoor Mall & Flea Market with a mix of apartments and commercial space. He has proposed four, seven-story apartment buildings on the waterfront parcel with 550 studio, and one- and two-bedroom units.

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GET THE WORD OUT — LYNN IS ALL IN

CITY REMINDS RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. CENSUS



Secretary of State Officials on hand to discuss the importance of the 2020 Census – William Palmer, Uri Molina, and John Ball.

“Get the Word Out” was the message from officials conducting the 2020 Census in Lynn. A preliminary meeting was held in the City Council Chambers organized by City Clerk Janet Rowe and her staff. 100 people attended to learn the importance of having an accurate count for the Census. Federal funds will be distributed within the state.

These federal funds will support many programs. An estimated \$2,400.00 can be lost from each person not being counted in a community. \$675 million will be allocated for the next ten years in Massachusetts. It will be important for state and municipalities to receive their fair share. Other implications can occur on state and congressional district lines. A district shift can change a political election, if counts are inaccurate.

State and local officials are asking for the school system, civic organizations, city workers, and residents to begin planning an active campaign to inform the city population of the importance to have an accurate count for the 2020 Census. Training programs will be available for office and in-field positions. Call 1-855-JOB-2020 to join the Census Team or check with the City Election Office.

The Census Day is April 1, 2020 - a three-month period of time to coordinate the program. This will be the first U.S. census with internet technology access. The City of Lynn is all in. Be counted so the city can receive its fair share of funds.



Concerned City Advocates – Maria Carrasco and Wendy Joseph.



Dulce Gonzalez from Sen. Crighton’s office, Joseph Gill from Rep. Daniel Cahill’s office, Neesah Suarez from the staff of Congressman Seth Moulton, and Tina Ascolillo from State Rep. Lori Ehrich’s office.



City Clerk and Election Officer Janet Rowe with her staff, Karen Richard and Sarah Bullock organized this forum for the 2020 Census.

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City Hall Staffer Terri Young, Former Lynn Councilor-at-Large Debbie Smith-Walsh, Lynn Census Chairperson Janet Rowe, State Representative Peter Capano who was a guest speaker at the forum.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARADE

35TH ANNUAL EVENT PROVIDES FUN FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES

A splendid cheerful evening was enjoyed by Lynn residents watching the Christmas Eve Parade move throughout the city streets. Santa and Mrs. Claus played by Scott Surret and Michelle Robbins sent joy to all.

This was the 35th Christmas Eve Parade organized by the late Richard Viger who said, "Our mission is to bring cheer and happiness to the people of the city".

This is a wonderful way for everyone to get together throughout the city according to longtime supporter Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh. As he continued to say, "This is a great way to get around the city and see people we have not seen in a long time. The parade volunteers are looking forward to bring cheerfulness to everyone".

This has become a great tradition and great to see how the city gives outstanding support for this event. The parade is a great time for the residents to get out and see their neighbors and talk with each other. This has become a community event enjoyed by all.



Santa Claus (Scott Surette) and Mrs. Claus (Michelle Robbins) wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.



The Groc Christmas Musical - DJ Ian Grocki, Carly Powers, Cody Morani, and Robert Clark.



Rowan shows his gift from Mrs. Claus with grandmother, Sarah Sharpe, and mother, Becky Sharpe.



McKensie Brunet with Frosty the Snow Man.



The Great Badger Mobile: Samantha Badger-Rogers with Audrey, Dennis, Scarlett, and Alexis Badger.



Let the Parade Begin - Tyler Maynard, Scott Brown, Sonny Maynard, James Blinky, Darrin Robbins, Doug Robbins, Dougie Robbins, Ward 7 Councilor Jay Walsh, Jordan Avery, and Mike Wesley.



The Jingle Cruise with Chuck E. Cheese (Jon Hubbard), Helen Henny (Jenn Waitt), and Jasper T. Jowls (Mike Clohesy).

CITYWIDE HOLIDAY PARADE

SANTA CLAUS HEADLINES AN ALL-STAR LINE UP



There were lots of holiday decorated floats to enjoy.

Christmas Eve, Santa and many happy holiday-helpers crossed the City of Lynn shortly after 5 p.m. This annual trip across Lynn is a big event for all. Trucks, boats, 4 wheelers, motorcycles and anything with wheels or that can be towed was decorated for the holiday event.

The Lynn Police Department kept everyone safe and the traffic under control, while the Lynn Fire Department was keeping the man of the hour, Santa, moving along, waving and greeting all the kids of all ages along the route.

The weather cooperated and brought out a huge crowd for the event, and those in the parade kept the kids busily hunting about for candy they were throwing out to the crowd.



Ashley and Kyle Hignett, Jennifer Cotto, and Jodi and Matt Avila waiting on Boston Street for Santa and his friends to arrive last Christmas Eve.



The Grinch showed up to enjoy the night.



A snow princess passed out candy along the route.



Music and dancing floats led the way.



Santa and Mrs. Claus waved to the people along the parade route.



Just a warm up for the real Santa following behind.

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The Tully family, Jenny, Chris, Rose, Brianna, Justin, Isabella and Hannah with Kristin O'Brien waiting for the Santa parade.



It was a great night to decorate the 4-wheeler.



Lots of people remembering their loved ones during the Santa Parade.



The parade was filled with lots of great holiday music of all kinds.



Remembering Sue Pelusi.



Paul, Vanessa and Baby George Orfanos with Albie and Deb Lacey and Hannah and Isabella Tully.



No intro needed here as Santa came into view.



Everyone was in the holiday spirit.

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EASTERN BANK COMMUNITY ADVOCACY AWARD

LICARDIE OF FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES IS HONORED

Eastern Bank honored Executive Director of Family & Children's Services to Maroli Licardie with the 2019 Community Advocacy Award. Family & Children's Services is an organization assisting parents with family support along with youth development. The services provide educational and health skills, financial assistance, and cultural support.

President and CEO of Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation Nancy Huntington-Stager said, "We celebrate people who bring the community together and work to improve it for people who need it. This is really important. A lot of people work so hard all the time. The people who advocate love this type of work; they are good at this work; and they realize a strong need for this type of work".

As Nancy continued to say, "At Eastern Bank

we like to lift these people up. We want to point out someone who advocates and does tremendous high impact work. We have several Community Advocacy Awards each year. Today, we recognize Maroli Licardie of Family & Children's Services. This organization has been around since 1885 and has expanded into other surrounding communities. They do great works helping children to develop, improve parenthood, and strengthening the family unit. This is wonderful work that needs to be acknowledged and needs to be celebrated".

Eastern Bank is committed to this program; many people perform this type of work. Eastern Bank wants to give some level of recognition to people who advocate each day trying to help someone else. This work is making a positive impact on the community.



Eastern Bank Trustee James Rudolph with Honoree Maroli Licardie, and President and CEO Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation Nancy Huntington-Stager.



Executive Director of Girls Inc. Deb Ansourlian and Past Eastern Bank Community Advocacy Award Honoree with Lena Crowley of Girls, Inc.



State Rep. Daniel Cahill presented a State House Citation to Maroli Licardie while Nancy Stager presented the 2019 Community Advocacy Award.



Family & Children Services Staff – Board Member Esther Summersett, Executive Director Maroli Licardie, Yuliana Astarga-Licardie, and Ive Gonzalez - VP Learning and Development Eastern Bank and Board of Directors.



VP of Eastern Bank John Doherty, Lynn YMCA Director Andrea Baez, GLCC Colin Codner, and Boys & Girls Club of Lynn Executive Director Brian Theirrien.



Maroli Licardie and Nancy Huntington-Stager congratulates Lynn Tech and Skills USA student Niko Vega and Parenting Program Angela Aguilar who gave remarks on Family & Children Services.



Mary Sarris of North Shore Workforce Board & Past Eastern Bank Community Advocacy Award Honoree with Jeanette McGinn of Newhall Fields Community Farms, and Executive Director of the Lynn Museum Doneca Thurston.



Nancy Huntington-Stager presents the 2019 Community Advocacy Award to Executive Director of Family & Children Services in Lynn to Maroli Licardie.



Eastern Bank Honorary Trustee David Solimine Sr, Eastern Bank Corporator Magnolia Contreras, David Solimine Jr, and CEO of Eastern Bank Robert Rivers.

HAIR REMOVAL EQUALS FUNDRAISING

LPD NO SHAVE NOVEMBER BENEFIT

Lynn Police Department Officers sporting beards were shaved at the No Shave November campaign fundraiser held at Rolly's Tavern. Cops for Kids with Cancer established in 2002 is a charitable organization sponsored by the Massachusetts Police Departments. Its mission is to raise funds to assist families of children afflicted with cancer.

Thomas Newhall of Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home said, "This evening we are honoring the Lynn Police Officers who put themselves on the line every day for the safety and care of the city. We are also celebrating the wonderful things the police are doing for Cop for Kids with Cancer".

As Tom Newhall continued, "Tonight, we have School Resource Officer Manny Torres at Marshall Middle School who will be shaved by Honoree Jennifer Perez, a student at Marshall. This benefit will assist the Perez family who are going through some difficult

times. This is a great honor for us at Cuffe-McGinn to participate with this program and to support the Lynn Police Department who are giving back to the community".

As LPD Lt. Glenn Dunnigan who will have his beard trimmed said, "This is a great program for our department. We are in competition with other police agencies throughout Massachusetts to raise the most funds. Seeing the attendance at this event, we are hoping to capture top prize. We have retired Boston police personnel, other police departments within the Commonwealth, and local officials supporting this benefit for us. This is what Lynn is all about".

The Lynn Police Department appreciated the tremendous amount of support in this charitable cause. It had awarded two grants of \$5,000 - William Castillo on November 18 and to Jennifer Perez. Amazing job by LPD! Thank you.



Retired LPD Kenny and Claire Avery support their son, Rob Avery, soon to be shaved.



No Shave November Officer Manny Torres receives a shave from Honoree Jennifer Perez while Kim Patrizzi of Kim's Barber Shop in Lynn and Violet Torres watch.



Supporting No Shave November benefit - Lynn Firefighter Randy Sansone, Lorraine Varjabedian with her daughter, Diane Hogan, and Bob Hogan.



Board of Directors Cops for Kids - Treasurer Ed McNelley, Vice-President Paul Ivens, and Director Mike Weir with LPD Manny Torres, LPD Lt. Glenn Dunnigan, and Mayor Thomas McGee.



Ready to be shaved - Funeral Director Thomas Newhall of Cuffe-McGinn, Steve Emery, Manny Torres with his daughter, Violet, Rob Avery, and Mike Kenny.



LPD ready to assist - Tam Dinh, Ken Runyan, Mike Chalmers, and Cara Crowley.

FAMILY FORWARD RESOURCE CENTER



Arbella Insurance and DiVirgilio Insurance awarded Centerboard's Family Forward Resource Center a \$1,500 grant as part of the Let's Drive Out Hunger program on Tuesday. Pictured (from left), Matt DiVirgilio and Brian Thomas of DiVirgilio Insurance; Jennifer Dowd, assistant director of youth services at Centerboard; Mark DeJoie, Centerboard CEO; and Rebecca Laaser, program manager for Centerboard's Family Forward Resource Center.

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Katzounos inducted into Sigma Theta Tau

Lynn resident, Adelina Mary Katzounos, is among select students from Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., who has been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing.

In a ceremony this fall, Sigma Theta Tau inducted Katzounos among 30 students for the 2019-2020 academic year. Katzounos is expected to graduate in May 2020 from Saint Anselm College with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

To be considered for induction into Sigma Theta Tau, students must have completed at least half of the nursing curriculum in baccalaureate programs at accredited institutions of higher education, rank in the upper 35 percent of their graduating class, and have a minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

In 1922 six nurses founded Sigma Theta Tau International

(STTI), the Honor Society of Nursing, at the Indiana University Training School for Nurses, now home of the Indiana University School of Nursing. The society's name derives from the Greek words for love, courage, and honor. Currently, STTI has more than 135,000 active members who live in more than 90 countries.

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BROTHERS DELI CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVEAWAY COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT MAKES FIRST-EVER EVENT A BIG SUCCESS

Brothers Deli does it all helping Lynn residents. The first annual Christmas Gift Giveaway was the idea of 9-year-old Samarah Wilkie, daughter of Starann Butler who works at the restaurant. This idea was presented to George Markos and he immediately agreed to have this charitable event for children.

Starann's daughter, Samarah, did not want any gifts; instead she wanted to give back to the community. Starann Butler began this local toy drive for Lynn children. As she said, "My daughter wanted to begin this program and to continue it yearly. This is something we decided to do together. Many people wanted to volunteer, especially Matt Muolo, Lynn Tech graduate, to be Santa Claus. All this planning is working out beyond my expectations."

Donated gifts came from Local 201, General Electric, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, and customers from Lynn City Hall and the Court House who frequently dine at the restaurant. The response was amazing according to Starann. It showed how people are willing to help others during the Christmas season.



Christmas Giveaway Volunteers – Vanessa Loearn, Song Phoerung, and Malika Pam with the Children helpers.



The Hernandez Family – Jesus, Alejandro, Hillary, Elizabeth, Luesa, and Kehalani.



A family portrait of the Pena Family moments before meeting Santa Claus.



Christmas Gift Giveaway Committee - Kayleigh Valente, Jessica Robertson, Chairperson Starann Butler, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Brother's Deli owner George Markos, Gracie Smith, and George Markos II.



A Family Team for Christmas – Julie LaLiberty (Mom) with granddaughter, Samarah Wilkie, and daughter and Mother, Starann Butler.



Santa Claus with his assistants – Samarah and Jessica with Macio receiving a present.



Santa and Alexander Ardruskiewicz-Brown.



Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan watches as his daughter, IABBO Board 130 Lashaunda Hogan, receive her gift from Santa Claus.