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Celina Chea (UMass Amherst) and Joseph Severe (Salem State University) with Principal Amy Dunn and VP Chris Warren. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

Primary Election poses challenges for City Clerk

By Cary Shuman

City Clerk Janet Rowe is facing the unprecedented challenge of preparing for and holding an election in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic. The State Primary Election is Tuesday, Sept. 1, with the U.S. Senate Democratic Primary matching incumbent U.S. Sen. Edward J. Markey against Congressman Joe Kennedy III in a race that is generating significant

interest and will likely draw a larger than expected turnout at the polls.

Rowe is assembling a team of 165 Election Day workers to be stationed at the 10 polling locations encompassing 28 city precincts.

"Our polling locations are pretty big so we'll be able to social distance and make sure ev-

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North Shore Navigators hope to start baseball season on July 1

By Cary Shuman

The mood is optimistic at North Shore Navigators' offices at Lynn's Fraser Field on Western Avenue where team President and General Manager Derek January expects the 2020 Futures Collegiate Baseball League season to get underway soon.

"We are anxiously awaiting final approval to start the season on July 1," said January. "We hope to have an announcement

accompanied with a schedule on Friday. We have worked hard along with the City of Lynn to institute a COVID-19 readiness plan and have the city's approval to play games assuming Phase 3 kicks in as expected on June 29."

January is very excited about the Navigators' outstanding level of talent. "Our team is loaded with talent up and down the roster," he said. "We think the

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The North Shore Juneteenth Association in Lynn (NSJA) will hold virtual celebration

By John Lynds

Juneteenth has received a lot more attention in the national press recently after President Donald Trump originally planned a campaign rally in Tulsa on June 19.

The Juneteenth holiday commemorates the ending of slavery in the U. S. Celebrating the holiday on June 19 gives the community a chance to learn about the positive contributions African Americans have made to society.

For the North Shore Juneteenth Association in Lynn (NSJA), who is planning a virtual celebration of the holiday on June 19 at 4 p.m., the additional press given to the annual holiday is outstanding.

"I think it is awesome," said NSJA Founder and President Nicole McClain. "The extra attention the holiday is now getting,

we hope, results in making Juneteenth a national holiday."

As for this year's celebration amid racial unrest in the U.S. in the wake of George Floyd's murder at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, McClain said Juneteenth carries the same amount of importance as it has historically.

"African Americans have been going through a lot of oppression and racism throughout our time in America," said McClain. "The importance of this year's celebration is on par with all the years this holiday was celebrated by the community in the past."

McClain said NSJA's annual Juneteenth Family Fun Day will be held virtually this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are collaborating with West Medford Community Center, West Medford Public Television and Lynn Community Tele-

vision to bring the celebration online," said McClain. "There will be pre-recorded music, spoken word, guest speakers, dance and song."

The free event, said McClain, is partially funded by Lynn Cultural Council and Mass Cultural Council.

"We also have open registration for our annual Black Excellence 5K that will be done virtually as well," said McClain. "This event helps us raise money for programs so we are calling for community organizations and individuals to register for the 5k to show solidarity with black issues and the need for awareness of the positive contributions Black Americans have made and continue to make in this country."

You can register for the Black Excellence 5K at www.northshoretimingonline.com/reglive2017.aspx?eventyear_id=1660.

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EDITORIAL

A TREMENDOUS COURT DECISION

The decision this past Monday by the U.S. Supreme Court extending the rights of gay and transgender workers under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bars employment discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, and sex, is a wonderful affirmation of the shift in this country from one of outright homophobia just a generation ago to the acceptance by a large majority of Americans of persons regardless of their sexual preferences or gender identity.

This newspaper for more than 25 years has supported the efforts of the LGBTQ community to secure all of the rights that are enjoyed by every American and to be free from discrimination of all kinds.

We applauded the Goodridge decision in 2003 by our Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court that held that the Commonwealth must legally recognize same-sex marriage, something we had advocated for almost a decade previously.

In 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court in the Obergefell case affirmed same-sex marriage as a Constitutional right, thus making it applicable to all 50 states.

This week's decision by our country's highest court now extends Title VII protections for gay and transgender persons to all 50 states. Previously, about half of the states still allowed a person to be fired by their employer solely on the basis of their sexual status.

There still is more to be done in terms of bringing full legal and social equality for our LGBTQ fellow citizens, but Monday's 6-3 decision, which included two of the conservative justices, Roberts and Gorsuch, unquestionably represents a huge step forward for gay and transgender Americans.

AND NOW, STINGING JELLYFISH....

The ocean temperature barely has reached 60 degrees in Boston Harbor and vicinity, but the warnings on our beaches have confirmed what the beachcombers among us have known for a week or so -- the dreaded jellyfish have arrived.

According to the experts, these are the lion's mane jellyfish, whose flowing tentacles (hence their name), when they are fully-grown, can extend as long as 90 feet. (Reportedly, the largest recorded specimen ever measured occurred in 1865 off the coast of Massachusetts and had a bell with a diameter of seven feet and tentacles of about 120 feet.

They principally are found in the extreme northern oceans, but they come to our latitudes at this time of year, though fortunately not many are of the full-size stature that they attain in colder waters.

The jellyfish have been seen from Nahant to Hull in recent days. Although most are not fully-grown at this stage of their lives, they nonetheless have the ability to deliver quite a sting to anyone who comes into contact with them.

So swimmers beware. The ocean may provide a respite from the coronavirus, but the jellyfish will be waiting.



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erybody is safe," said Rowe.

Rowe has a regular team that generally works at the polls for all elections. But some long-time

senior poll workers ("They've doing it for years and they're so good at it," said Rowe) have indicated that they may not be

returning to their positions for the Primary Election. "Maybe by September, things will take a turn and they will work the polls, but right now a lot of them are afraid and are bunkered down and they don't want to come out and I don't blame them," said Rowe.

Rowe said she may be seeking new workers and students to assist at the polls.

"If I hire new people, they will have to be trained," said Rowe. "And we'll have to figure out a way to hold training sessions that are safe."

The elections chief said she is pushing hard for residents to consider voting in the Primary by absentee ballot.

The Markey-Kennedy election is a political barnburner. Markey has served in the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate since first being elected to Congress in 1976. Kennedy, grandson of former U.S. Attorney General and U.S. Senator Robert Kennedy and great-nephew of former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was first elected to Congress in 2013.

"The State Primary is not typically a huge turnout, usually between 15-20 percent, "But where that (Markey-Kennedy) is such a hotly contested race, it absolutely might bring out more people."

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City of Lynn COVID-19 Update

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of active, confirmed positive COVID-19 cases is 1,041 with 2 new cases today. 2,442 Lynn residents have recovered and 95 have died. The total number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Lynn since March 21, 2020, including those who have died and recovered, is 3,578. Please visit the new City of Lynn COVID-19 Data Dashboard which is updated daily.

Beginning on Wednesday, June 17th, Lynn City Hall will offer Outdoor Services on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Johnson Street entrance of City Hall. Residents will be able to pay their Real Estate, Excise and Personal Property Tax bills as well as the Solid Waste Fee with the Collector's office. Residents will also be able to submit applications for licenses and Birth /Marriage certificates with the City Clerk's office. Checks or money orders are the preferred methods of payment. Cash payments will be accepted only if the exact amount is provided. Face coverings are required in order to receive service.

Lynn City Hall is scheduled to fully re-open to the public on Tuesday, July 7th, provided that the Commonwealth has successfully entered Phase Three of the Reopening Massachusetts plan.

If you are not able to make city related payments online or through Outdoor Express Services, residents may mail them or drop them off in the blue City Hall lock box at the Johnson Street entrance of City Hall. Both the lock box and U.S. postal mail will be checked regularly

throughout the week by the appropriate department. Please do not deposit cash in the lock box. Residents are encouraged to conduct any City Hall business via phone, email or at www.lynnma.gov. If you do need to conduct business with City Hall, please call 781-598-4000 during City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:00PM and Fridays 8:30AM-12:30PM.

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website (www.lynnma.gov), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at www.smart911.com).

Actualización de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn del 16 de junio de 2020.

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Lynn ha confirmado que a partir de hoy, el número de casos activos, confirmados positivos de COVID-19 es 1,041 con 2 casos nuevos hoy. 2,442 residentes de Lynn se han recuperado y 95 se han muerto. El número total de casos positivos confirmados de COVID-19 en Lynn desde el 21 de marzo de 2020, incluyendo los que murieron y se recuperaron, es 3,578. Por favor, visite el nuevo registro de data de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn que se actualiza diariamente.

Empezando el miércoles, 17 de junio, el Lynn City Hall ofrecerá servicios al aire libre, los miércoles y viernes de las 9AM-12PM en la entrada de Johnson Street de Lynn City Hall. Los residentes pueden pagar sus facturas de impuestos sobre bienes inmuebles, impuestos sobre ventas, y impuestos a las propiedades personales, así como la tarifa de

residuos sólidos. Los residentes también podrán enviar las solicitudes de licencias, certificados de nacimiento / matrimonio con la oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad. El método preferido de pago son los cheques o giro postal. Solo se aceptará dinero en efectivo si se proporciona la cantidad exacta. Se deben usar cubiertas faciales al recibir servicio.

Está previsto que Lynn City Hall volverá a abrir por completo al público el martes 7 de julio, tanto que la Commonwealth haya ingresado con éxito a la Fase Tres del plan de Reapertura de Massachusetts.

Si no puede hacer pagos relacionados con la ciudad en línea o a través de los Servicios Express al aire libre, los residentes pueden enviarlos por correo o dejarlos en el buzón azul del City Hall en la entrada de Johnson Street. Tanto la caja de seguridad como el correo postal de los EE. UU. serán revisados regularmente durante la semana por el departamento correspondiente. No deposite efectivo en la caja de seguridad. Se alienta a los residentes a realizar cualquier negocio en el Lynn City Hall por teléfono, correo electrónico o en www.lynnma.gov. Si necesita hacer negocios con el City Hall, llame al 781-598-4000 durante el horario: de lunes a jueves de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. y los viernes de 8:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.

Continuaremos brindando actualizaciones periódicas sobre COVID-19 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad (www.lynnma.gov), las redes sociales y el sistema de notificación de emergencia Smart 911 (regístrese en www.smart911.com).

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fans will really enjoy the talent and brand of baseball we'll play. We're excited to get going."

The Navigators will have one of college baseball's most exciting players in Boston College outfielder Sal Frelick of Lexington, who is being projected as Major League Draft selection in 2021. Two of Frelick's BC teammates, catcher Peter Burns and infielder Cody Morissette. Burns will share the catching with Dylan January of Swampcott and Franklin Pierce University.

Another Swampcott product on the Navs' roster is Gavin Sullivan, a left-handed pitcher from Stetson University. Gavin is the son of former Winthrop High three-sport great Chucky Sullivan, who led the Vikings to a Super Bowl title and a state baseball title. Interestingly, Chucky went

on to excel in his third sport, ice hockey, at Boston University. Gavin's mother is Pamela Hubley Sullivan, a standout guard for Winthrop High's 1983 Eastern Mass. championship girls basketball team (There was no state championship game played in that season).

In addition to Derek January serving as president and GM, some of the other members of the front office team include Executive Vice President Jeff January, Managing Partner Don January, Director of Sales Chris Holey, and Director of Media Relations Joshua Cummins.

The Navigators' field manager is Bob Macaluso, who will be assisted by coach Dan Hirsch and pitching coach PJ Browne.

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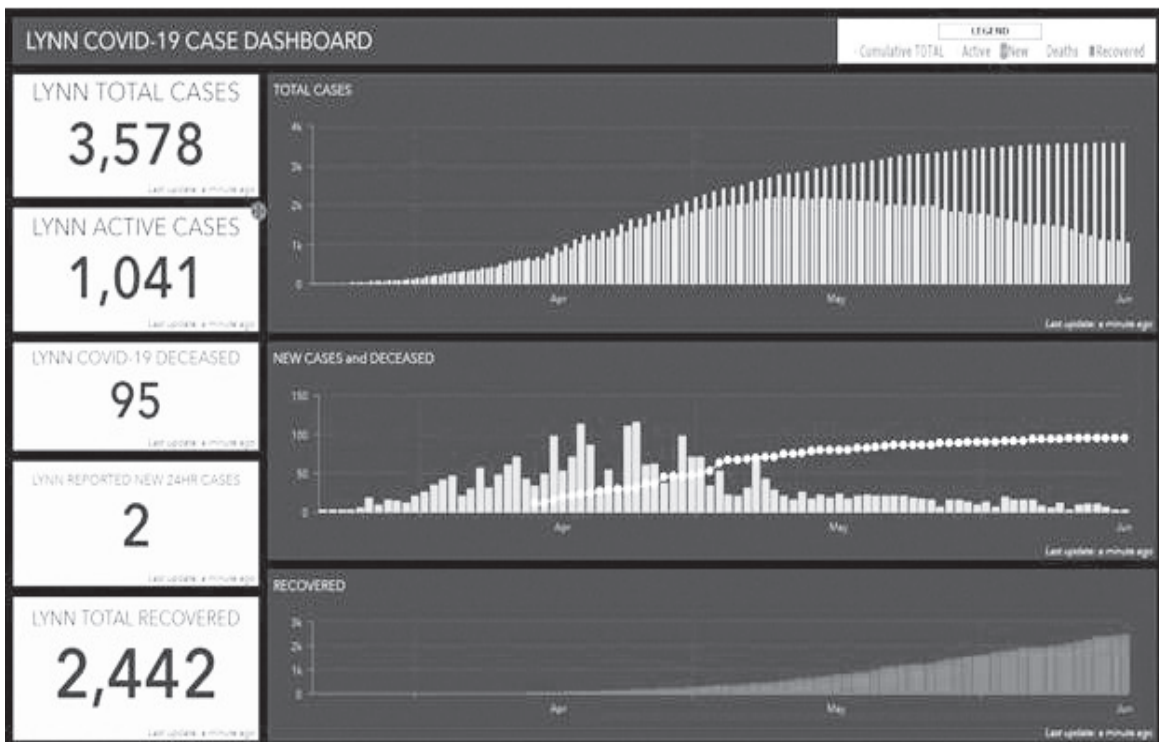
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Mayor Thomas M. McGee updates timeline for City Hall reopening

Mayor Thomas M. McGee disclosed further details regarding the phased reopening of Lynn City Hall today. As of Monday, June 8th, employees from Lynn City Hall, the Department of Public Works, the Lynn Public Library, and civilian employees of the Lynn Police and Fire departments began returning to on-site work with 50% of the employees working in city buildings and the other 50% working remotely, in light of the Commonwealth's guidelines for building capacity.

City Hall is scheduled to fully re-open to the public on Tuesday, July 7th, provided that the Commonwealth has successfully entered phase three of the Reopening Massachusetts plan.

"As we continue the phased re-opening of City Hall, it is im-

portant that we keep the safety of both our employees and our residents in mind, taking necessary precautionary measures to mitigate any additional surge of COVID-19." said Mayor Thomas M. McGee. "We want to make sure we continue to provide access to essential services during these unprecedented times and starting this week Outdoor Services will be offered twice a week until we fully reopen City Hall."

Beginning on Wednesday, June 17th, Lynn City Hall will offer Outdoor Services on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Johnson Street entrance of City Hall. Residents will be able to pay their Real Estate, Excise and Personal Property Tax bills as well as the Solid Waste Fee with the Collector's

office.

Residents can also schedule appointments for licenses and birth/marriage certificates, notary public services, and dropping off election papers with the City Clerk's office. To make your appointment for outdoor service from the Clerk's Office, please call (781) 586-6726 or e-mail jrowe@lynnma.gov. These outdoor appointments will be scheduled on Wednesdays and Fridays between 9AM-12PM through July 1st.

Checks or money orders are the preferred methods of payment. Cash payments will be accepted only if the exact amount is provided.

Residents are encouraged to conduct any City Hall business via phone, email or at www.lynnma.gov.

If you do need to conduct business with City Hall, please call 781-598-4000 during City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:00PM and Fridays 8:30AM-12:30PM.

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We encourage all residents to visit the City of Lynn Health Department "Coronavirus Resources" page at www.lynnma.gov/coronavirus which in-

cludes information and links on COVID-19 from the CDC, and to sign up for the Smart 911 updates at smart911.com/. Please follow www.lynnma.gov for more updates.

"Thanks to our efforts as a community, we have made great strides in mitigating COVID-19 through social distancing and staying at home in the critical early months. We need to continue to follow the recommendations provided by the CDC by social distancing, wearing face covering and the use of proper hygiene. Because of your patience, understanding, and cooperation, as we advance with the state's reopening plan while keeping public health and wellness at the forefront. Thank you," McGee said.

Galleries at LynnArts announces two new window shows

GALA (Galleries at LynnArts) has installed two window shows that can be viewed from the sidewalk at 25 Exchange St, Lynn, MA 01901.

"Facts of Life" is an installation by Stefanie Timmermann. The middle window is filled with flowers and plants. "For me, photographing flowers is often an invitation to delve into abstraction, curves and lines. It's very meditative, and I can get absorbed into photographing a small plant for an hour or more. Photography in general kept me sane and functioning in the first several weeks of COVID-19 related lockdown, because it is an escape into a world I have some control over. I leave the fear be-

hind when I put a camera in front of my eye. I have searched out flowers much more than usual, because they are uncomplicated and freely give their beauty and serenity."

The left window is "Signage & Symbols". Timmermann states "I do think we will get back to normal at some point. Maybe it will take a vaccine, maybe some precautions will remain. But the new normal we are living right now should be remembered when we can return to freedoms that we took for granted before. So in a way, these photos are documentary in nature. Maybe one day I'll show them to kids during storytelling hour in the library: look, this is what life was

like during the pandemic..."

The final window explores the isolation and upheaval. "The pandemic has not only led to a lot of isolation, it has also led to a deepening of the disparities between poor and rich, people of color and white ones. We live in a time of immense social and political upheaval. I wanted to document this, too, and I had the chance to photograph both an alt-right demonstration (demanding to re-open the economy), and a rally for Black Lives Matter in my hometown of Swampscott. Unlike a news reporter, though, I can take sides openly, and my heart will always be with peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters and everyone fighting for equal-

ity, inclusion and social justice."

The Main Gallery windows will focus on an ever changing show called "Say It/Hear It" where artists have created scrolls that will hang on a rotating basis. 2020 has offered many challenges to us as individuals and as artists. GALA wants artists to show their art and how they are processing their feelings. They give a visual voice to what they, their family, our nation, and our planet is feeling. The first works hanging in the windows are cyanotypes by Sally Jacobson. Cyanotypes are an alternative photographic process most people would understand as blueprints. It is a cameraless process that allows the artist a lot of leeway for

experimentation without much equipment. Sally uses cyanotype to document what she calls "the delicate and the fierce". Jacobson's work is her testament to the strength and fragility of the world. As new scrolls come in they will be hung in the windows and previous ones will recede behind them or be moved to the gallery walls in anticipation of re-opening.

Anyone interested in getting involved as a sponsor, artist, member of the press, or volunteer should contact galleriesatlynnarts@gmail.com

For more information and submissions, please visit www.galleriesatlynnarts.org

Gov. Baker announces pop-up testing sites for participants of large gatherings

The state announced on Monday the availability of pop-up COVID-19 testing sites throughout the Commonwealth for individuals who have recently participated in large gatherings.

These free testing sites will be available at over 50 sites throughout the Commonwealth on Wednesday, June 17th and Thursday, June 18th. The Administration is urging anyone who has attended a large gathering in the past two weeks to get tested for COVID-19 at one of these sites. Test results will be provided to each participant confidentially, and participants are encouraged to share these results with their doctors.

A full list of all testing sites is available at [tested.](http://www.mass.gov/get-</p>
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Social distancing, wearing face coverings, the frequent use of disinfectant and handwashing have been important to the Commonwealth's efforts to decrease the number and rate of newly confirmed positive cases. COVID-19 can spread easily and quickly in large groups of people who are in close contact. Some people do not have symptoms but may have the virus and could spread the virus to others, including family members.

The Administration has worked with partners across the Commonwealth to provide these sites including Baystate Health, Berkshire Medical Center, Beth Israel Lahey Health, Brockton Community Health Center,

Brookside Community Health Center, Cambridge Health Alliance, Community Health Connections, CVS, Fairview Hospital, Lawrence General Hospital, Lynn Community Health Center, Massachusetts General Hospital Chelsea, Outer Cape Health Services, Manet Community Health Center, and UMass Medical Center.

To date, Massachusetts has tested more than 700,000 people for COVID-19. On average, 10,000 individuals are tested each day, comprising 4.4% of the state's population each month. The state currently has capacity at 45 labs to perform up to 30,000 COVID-19 tests per day, and its nursing home testing strategies have been replicated

by states across the country.

The Administration continues to prioritize expanding access to testing, with a key focus of that strategy being ensuring access to testing in skilled nursing facilities, rest homes, and assisted living residences and other 24/7 staffed congregate care settings. On May 30, 2020, the Administration filed its required federal plan to expand COVID-19 testing under the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020. Massachusetts has received \$374 million in federal funding from the Act.

This funding will help the Commonwealth implement a comprehensive testing strategy that includes:

Increasing lab testing capacity to 45,000 by the end of July;

Goal of reducing and maintaining a positive test rate to less than 5 percent;

Ensuring on-demand access to testing for all symptomatic individuals and their close contacts;

Increasing access to testing for vulnerable and high-risk populations;

Building a testing infrastructure to support a potential second surge;

Modernizing public technology infrastructure to provide real-time data on cases and testing; and

Operating a best-in-class contact tracing program.

State environmental officials announce student and school recipients of 'Green Team' awards

State environmental officials recognized students from 44 schools including St. Mary's of Lynn for outstanding environmental actions as members of the "Green Team," a statewide environmental education program sponsored by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

"The Baker-Polito Administration congratulates all the Green Team teachers and students, who showed outstanding leadership and initiative during the past school year to raise environmental awareness in their schools, homes and communities," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides. "When schools closed in

March, these students continued to work on environmental activities at home, including recycling, composting, gardening, and creating outreach materials to share with their classmates, setting a tremendous example for both their peers and the entire Commonwealth."

Students of any age can participate in the Green Team program, an initiative composed of students that share the goals of reducing pollution and protecting the environment. More than 111,000 students in 391 classes at 341 schools joined the Green Team this school year, a record level of participation for the program.

Students took part in a range of activities, including expanding school recycling programs, collecting textiles for donation

and recycling, starting a compost pile using organic waste from the school cafeteria and using the compost it generates to nourish a garden to grow vegetables, making their school driveways "Idle-Free Zones," increasing energy efficiency in their schools and communities, and reducing their carbon footprint at school and at home.

These activities incorporated classroom disciplines from the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), reading, writing, art, and other non-classroom, inter-related projects.

"Each year, Green Team students take the concept of environmental stewardship right into their own schools and communities with practical approaches to energy conservation,

recycling, composting and pollution prevention projects," said MassDEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg. "Participants in the Green Teams each year put into practice ideas that create a positive impact on our environment, and take steps to expand recycling and energy efficiency efforts."

Participating teachers received a Green Team Kit containing classroom posters, lesson plans, recycling tips and access to a library of other resources. In addition, 33 schools received recycling equipment from the Green Team to initiate or expand school recycling programs. Eighteen schools received signs reading "Idle-Free Zone" from the Green Team that serve as a visual reminder to drivers to turn off their engines while waiting in

the schoolyard.

Participating classes entered in a drawing for prizes, and 44 classes received prizes for their efforts. Thirteen schools won grand prizes for schoolwide participation, and will receive remote interactive performances by environmental "edu-tainer" Jack Golden, or gift cards to local garden centers for trees and gardening supplies to further "green" their schools. The other 31 classes will be invited to participate in the remote environmental shows.

To learn more or to participate in the 2020-2021 school year, the 19th year for the Green Team, teachers may sign up online here.

The following are Green Team prize winner from Lynn was Stacy Director who teaches grades 6-12 at St. Mary's. Stacy was awarded Garden Supplies.

New five-day flex pass pilot for Commuter Rail begins July 1

The MBTA today announced a new customer-driven Commuter Rail fare product pilot to begin July 1: the Five-day Flex Pass on mTicket, a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a thirty-day period. With the understanding that travel patterns are changing and many employers are exploring new ways of working like staggered schedules and telework policies, this new fare product aims to serve Commuter Rail riders whose commutes may change as they return to using the system during the Commonwealth's reopening phases. This product also comes as part of the MBTA's Fare Transformation program, which aims to make paying for transit easier and more convenient.

"We understand our Commuter Rail riders need another fare option as travel patterns adjust and many previous daily commuters see their post-pandemic work schedules changing," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "Using mTicket, Commuter Rail customers can purchase a Flex Pass and use their five one-day passes any day within a thirty-day period, giving riders the flexibility to travel when they need to, using an option that's cheaper than the traditional roundtrip ticket."

The Five-day Flex Pass Pilot will take place beginning July 1 through September 30 and is available within the mTicket app only. Once activated within mTicket, the Flex Pass provides five one-day passes that can be used at any time in a thirty-day

period. Available for all zones and interzones, the price of a Five-day Flex Pass is a 10% discount when compared to five round-trip tickets.

Youth Pass Improvements:

As part of this pilot, beginning July 1, Youth Pass holders can now purchase half-price fares for all Commuter Rail zones at ticket windows, onboard, and via the mTicket app, which was not previously available to Youth Pass holders. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50% reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses and was previously only available on bus and subway. Other recent Youth Pass updates include approval this past May by the Fiscal and Management Control Board of allowing Youth Pass holders to purchase half-price Zone 1A Commuter Rail tickets. This half-price Zone 1A Youth Pass ticket is available through the use of Fairmount Line validators, at ticket windows, and

onboard trains beginning upon the commencement of the Fairmount Line Weekday Service Pilot on Monday, June 22.

Additional Commuter Rail Fare Improvements:

The MBTA also announced a one-time extension of its Commuter Rail ticket expiration policy. Understanding that many Commuter Rail customers were unable to use their tickets and passes due to the recent stay-at-home orders during the pandemic, beginning June 22, Commuter Rail customers may use expired paper tickets that were valid on March 10, 2020, onboard for the next ninety days. For expired mTickets, customers do not need to take any action – the MBTA will automatically push new mTickets to customers' apps on June 22 for use over the next ninety days. If customers do not use these tickets before they expire, the MBTA will push re-expired tickets at the end of the state of emergency. Customers also should note that the MBTA is unable to re-issue tickets earlier than June 22.

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CLASSICAL REMEMBERS 2020 GRADS



The Lynn Classical spirit has not faded during the pandemic. Cheers, smiles, and congratulations were extended to each student as they received a yearbook, cap and gown, and a personal poster.

The faculty wanted to do something for the 2020 class so they would not be forgotten. VP Chris Warren said, "The staff turnout was terrific. They wanted to give the 2020 seniors a wonderful send-off. The teachers felt some form of recognition was necessary for these graduates who work very hard during their four years at the home of the Rams. It was decided to turn a bad situation into a better situation".

Congratulations to the Lynn Classical High School Class of 2020!



Lynn Classical Seniors drive-up to receive a yearbook, cap and gown, and personal poster.

Proud parents, Robert and Sheri Rao, with son, Luke (Salem State University) who captained the Hockey and Golf teams.



Lynn Classical Guidance Counselors, Jessica Toomey, Chris Hayward, and Alyssa Smiley, congratulate Sara Pacheco (Boston's Year Up!) and Tony Palavra (Wagner College).



English teacher Barbara Williams shows her Ram 2020 Pull Over.



LCHS 2020 Proud Teachers – Jen Mack, Samira Ghili, Sherry McNulty, Karen Picone, Colleen Peterson, Estelle Dill, and Christine Lander.



VP Chris Warren and Principal Amy Dunn congratulate Orobosa Igbinovia who will attend UMass Lowell.



English and Theater teacher Mark Ailshie hands the LCHS yearbook to Timothy Phrasayavong who will attend Boston's "Year Up!"



Vice-Principals, Anastasia Mower and Dennis Thompson, congratulate Julissa Paz who will attend Regis College

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

KING ARTHUR'S SITE RAZED

CHELSEA - When some long-time businesses or buildings get torn down, it comes with some nostalgia or longing – such as with the Chelsea Clock building or the Soldiers' Home water tower.

There was no such sentiment for the demolition of King Arthur's Lounge, which finally came down late last week on Beacham Street – taken down by owner Greg Antonelli to make way for a new marijuana business.

Antonelli purchases the building a few years back and evicted the men who were planning to revive the strip club. After holding on to it for awhile, he pivoted and made a deal with Greenstar Herbals, a recreational marijuana dispensary.

Antonelli has permitted the project fully, and is the developer of the sleek new building. Greenstar will be the operator of the business, with Tom Morey as the president of that company.

It is being viewed in most every circle as a very positive end to a past most in Chelsea did not want to be associated with, including the shady strip club, many criminal assaults and even a murder.

City Manager Tom Ambrosino said it's a positive step.

"I think it is a step in the right direction for the City," he said. "The plan for that site is a good one and we look forward to it."

The development at King Arthur's comes at the same time that the City begins to go out to bid for its \$12.5 million project to create a new roadway, pedestrian paths and bicycle tracks. That is primarily a safety precaution because it hasn't been very safe to walk or bike on Beacham Street – and it is the only way for bicyclists to get into Boston from Chelsea, Eastie or Revere. That project goes out to bid this summer, and could start in the early fall.

Ambrosino said he doesn't expect the uses there to change, but new development and infrastructure could improve the looks of the district.

"It's still going to be a food distribution area," he said. "That an important aspect of the City, state and regional economy. There are a lot of good paying jobs there. We don't want to transform it into anything different. Hopefully, this will all result in improved aesthetics."

MARCH FOR BLACK LIVES MATTER HELD

CHELSEA - The turnout was enormous, far exceeding the numbers that main organizers Kyle Umemba and Jayde Umemba had expected. The speeches were extraordinary, delivered with high energy and intense emotion.

More than 800 residents attended the Black Lives Matter Protest last week at Chelsea City Hall. There was a peaceful march on Broadway followed by a speaking program outside City Hall.

Long-time city official Leo Robinson felt the rally met its mission of bringing unity and awareness to the issue of racism and the national events of the past two weeks. Several participants wore attire and carried signs honoring the memory of George Floyd, who was killed by police in Minneapolis on May 25.

"I thought it was great for the City of Chelsea that so many people came out," said Robinson. "I was very impressed by the speakers and their message. I also want to say the Chelsea Police did an excellent job."

Joan Cromwell, president of the Chelsea Black Community, was the master of ceremonies. As it turned out, it was her son, Kyle Umemba, who delivered one of the most dynamic and inspiring speeches of the day.

"Amen, that's my son," said Joan Cromwell following Kyle's message of hope.

Jayde Umemba, District Attorney Rachael Rollins (who was introduced by Leo Robinson), Councillor-at-Large Damal Vidot, and City Manager Thomas Ambrosino also delivered inspiring messages, all eliciting cheers of approval from the crowd.

Kyle Umemba spoke last and his remarks stood as tall as the 6-foot-3-inch graduate of two elite institutions of learning, Buckingham Browne and Nichols prep school and George Washington University, himself. He works in finance for Pricewaterhouse Coopers.

Kyle began his speech by thanking the Chelsea Interfaith Alliance, Chelsea Collaborative, City Manager Thomas Ambrosino, the Chelsea Police and Fire Departments, Rep. Dan Ryan, and the city councilors.

"Look around, it's peaceful, it's beautiful, we respect this community and we love each other," said Kyle, drawing applause from the assemblage. "This is a great event. We've all

come together for different walks of life."

Kyle related how he was told by his parents, Kenneth Umemba and Joan Cromwell, "to speak properly, look in to people's eyes, be respectful, and treat people with a level of respect and a sense of self no matter who you are, no matter where you come from."

He recounted an incident that he experienced with law enforcement officers when he was driving home for work attired in a business suit and his vehicle ran out of gas.

As the interaction with the officers on the scene developed, Kyle recalled thinking, "Whatever's going to be is going to be. What I mean by that is, whatever it is going to be is going to be – whether I'm here or not, it is going to be and I had no control over my life and that is what it means for a Black life to matter."

Kyle, who with Cesar Castro directs Let it Fly, the area's most well-attended summer basketball tournament, concluded, saying, "I want to thank you all for coming out here today. I appreciate you. I love you. We hope to turn this momentum into actionable steps and really implement some change in this community. Across this state, across the country – they are protesting peacefully, respectfully. We are here. We did it. We're lovely. The police force can tell we're good."

Jayde Umemba, a 24-year-old graduate of Boston University, said public speaking wasn't her forte, but those who attended the rally would dispute that notion.

"There's a conversation that needs to be heard," said. "Thank you all or coming here today and standing in solidarity with us. We heard about George Floyd's murderers, Ahmaud Arbery's murderers, they've all been taken into custody, but that's not enough. We want more. Too many times have we been here. Too many times have we gotten the charge, but no conviction. Too many times have we had to lock things up and let things go, lock up our anger and pain and sadness and disappointment after they refuse to lock up a racist murderer. Too many times we're no longer locking those feelings up because we want more, we need more, we deserve more and we should have had more.

"So now you're going to hear it until we get it – you're going to feel it until we get it," said Jayde. "We want charges. We want convictions. We want to stop being

murdered, disrespected, racially profiled."

Joan Cromwell introduced Damal Vidot as "an influential member of our community."

"She walks the walk, she talks the talk, in solidarity and truth and she's real, 24/7," said Cromwell.

"No justice, no peace," Vidot said in unison with her constituents. "We're a community and a world in mourning right now. The murder of George Floyd was a complete disregard for Black life, in the middle of the street in broad daylight."

Vidot said she was "inspired by the unity throughout the world to adjust these unjust systems. I'm also inspired because of the young people that are leading these efforts, like Kyle and Jayde, and saying 'no more' to systemic injustice and allowing older people like me to follow their lead and honoring my voice."

Vidot said the death of George Floyd "sparked something in all of us."

"We are at a pivotal point, my friends, to be having tough conversations about reimagining what serving and protecting looks like," said Vidot, who related some of her experiences with police brutality. "It's up to us to foster a world where the knee is off our neck."

"I just wanted to come and support you in this really powerful showing," said DA Rollins. "I can hear the anger and the hurt in your voices but this is how protests happen. I'm proud to see that people are compliant and I'm really proud to see members of law enforcement here in a helpful way."

City Manager Thomas Ambrosino said, "I watched with horror those events in Minnesota. As a human, it just appalled me that that can still take place in this country that I love. But the fact that kind of brutality can still exist – it's just horrific in my mind. But as a city official who has spent 30-plus years of my life in local government trying just to help people, and to feel that I'm part of a system that still has that kind of pervasive racism in it, that can allow such a thing to happen – it leads me to recognize that I still have so much more work to do as a local official.

"I don't have the answers and I don't know exactly what's the next step to take, but I'm going to tell you I'm here to listen and try my best to understand to take the right steps forward," said Am-

broso. "We can come together to find solutions in a way that is tolerant, that is civil, and that is peaceful, but most important is hopeful for the future."

The Chelsea Police had a large contingent on hand and Joan Cromwell gave "a shoutout to Chelsea PD Chief Brian Kyes – who worked with us. We were in grade school together so he's one of us, for real."

The Rev. Dr. Sandra Whitley closed the program with a prayer of hope and an expression of gratitude for the Chelsea Black Community and "the leadership that we have in this community."

DEMARIA, POLICE LOOK AT POLICIES

EVERETT - As traditional policing strategies and policies have come under the microscope in the wake of several black people around the country being killed by police in the last few months, Everett officials last week took time to understand policing policies in Everett and how they need to change.

From the top down, it was clear this week that the status quo isn't acceptable.

Mayor Carlo DeMaria released a statement last weekend saying that the response to events locally and nationally when it comes to policing and systemic racism has to be with action – not words.

"The senseless killing of George Floyd is a result of a failure in policy and oversight by a system that needs review and reform," he said. "Inherent racism against persons of color resulting in violence and death are unacceptable. We reject and condemn police brutality and racism in the strongest terms. This is a time to act. How we act will be a reflection on the lessons we choose to see, what we choose to listen to, and how we can better understand the issues we face."

He said the City will change the way it polices the community – noting that the way things have been done in the Police Department for so long do not work now. In addition to that, he will also begin looking at City reforms in government as well.

"Instead of words, we will act with investigation and change," he said. "Policies created years ago are not effective today. I am in the process of putting together an independent committee to review governmental and police

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policy that needs updating. All policies will be looked at, and changes how complaints are investigated, and training will be strongly considered.”

At a recent City Council meeting, Councilor Gerly Adrien had two pieces on the calendar asking for Chief Steve Mazzie and the Police Union President – who was elected to the position late last fall – to talk about various policies in the Department. Among the things she has asked for are: Use of Force Policy, Use of Force Complaint Policy, Everyday Use of Force Investigation Policy and the policy that is followed when an individual is injured during an encounter with the Everett Police. She also asked for the two police leaders to present on police training, including time spent, topics and testing assessments.

“I think we need to as a City Council to understand what’s going on in our Police force to make sure we’re not making or approving policies that hurt our residents,” she said. “Over the last five weeks I have received complaints that are racial and about how the Everett Police have treated four residents and one non-resident. I don’t know our policies and can’t defend them when that happens.”

Many of the things that are being reviewed nationwide right now along these same measures are use of force, how many officers live in the community where they work, what the racial make-up of the police force is, banning choke holds, a public officer misconduct database, and the demilitarization of the police.

Councilor Peter Napolitano said he agreed that the local police having so much military surplus equipment isn’t appropriate.

“I agree that the militarization of the police departments with heavy equipment from the military doesn’t need to be on our streets,” he said. “We definitely need to make sure all our residents white, black, brown or yellow shouldn’t be living in fear of police. It needs to be reported and we need to address it. We need to have substantial change.”

The matters passed unanimously, 10-0, and they two police leaders will be invited to a future meeting to present.

Mayor DeMaria said community policing has been a priority in Everett, but he said it’s time to update how that is achieved.

“Everett has always been a strong community, where com-

munity policing is a priority,” he said. “However, updated policies must be considered so our community can move forward together. The City of Everett being a safe place for ALL is a priority, and will continue to ensure that any and all disparate treatment is acted upon swiftly, equitably, and with a keen eye towards true impartiality for the purpose of achieving real justice.”

DRIVE-IN GRADUATION EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

EVERETT - Graduation commencements are by nature special, but over time they tend to run together and don’t stick out for being unique from year to year.

That will never be said of the 2020 Everett High School Commencement – the drive-in graduation that exceeded everyone’s expectations and truly brought the schools and community together in a way that is often only seen on the football field.

“It’s a spectacle and it’s spectacular,” said Supt. Priya Tahiliani – who was busy all day walking the Lower Broadway parking lots set up for the commencement.

It was her first Everett commencement to boot.

“I didn’t know if it would come together,” she said. “There were so many obstacles. Many of the businesses that were vendors weren’t even open. They stepped it up and delivered the things like balloons so quickly. This has come together wonderfully.”

Graduation had been a focal point since the schools closed suddenly on March 12, not to re-open the rest of the year. That was a decision that Tahiliani and Mayor Carlo DeMaria made in concert, with Tahiliani leaning heavily on the mayor as she had only been on the job nine days. When it became evident graduation wasn’t going to happen in person at the Stadium as it normally does, both began working together to bring the community together for a celebration few will forget.

“Everett High School class of 2020 will be remembered by their resiliency and ability to overcome a global pandemic,” said the mayor. “The drive through ceremony was outside the box but nevertheless meaningful and historic for our City. Thank you to all of the students, faculty, school administrators,

and volunteers for making such an unprecedented time so successful.”

The drive-thru graduation idea wasn’t initially embraced, as it didn’t sound all that enticing on its face. However, the Schools worked to be innovative, local businesses were more than generous and the Health Department monitored things for safety.

“What’s most exciting is to see the smiles on kids’ faces,” said Tahiliani. “Having drive-thru graduation sounded so disappointing. We had a vision how it would work. I’m glad we made the vision come to life.”

For Valedictorian Ahmed Al-ananzeh, he said on Saturday he was very impressed. Many seniors like himself were very down that they didn’t get to finish their senior year – didn’t get to attend several events like prom, science trips and now graduation. On top of that, heading off to Yale University in the fall is now in question, as many schools have considered being online for the fall semester.

On Saturday, though, he said graduation was a real pick-up.

“It’s been amazing today,” he said, celebrating with his family at the photo booth. “It’s beyond all expectations.”

The set-up was very unique from start to finish.

Setting up on the Lower Broadway parking lots across from Encore Boston Harbor, the casino had donated thousands of flowers and put together three stages to host graduates. Cars would pull into the lot under an arch of balloons, and three cars would pull up at a time to the various stages.

Principal Erick Naumann would call each student’s name, and they would advance to their appointed stage, cross to the center, get a photo taken, and then celebrate once back in the car with their family.

After that, there were booths set up where graduates would drive by and organizations like the Kiwanis, Rotary, Everett Teachers Association, Everett Bank, The City Council, School Committee, and Universal Screen Printing.

After that, the photo booth section was set up for families to exit their cars and take a family picture, which was delivered to them in 45 seconds or less. After that, the ceremony was over – taking about 30 to 40 minutes to pass through the whole thing.

OBITUARIES

Shane Joseph Sims

May 12, 1985 - May 28, 2020

Shane J. Sims, 35, of Lynn died unexpectedly in Illinois.

Born and raised in Lynn, the son of Gail (Beaton) (Sims) Saavedra and John Sims Sr., he was educated in Lynn and Tucson, AZ, attended Tuscon College, and had most recently been employed at Murray Hills Energy Services in Illinois, where he achieved number one in sales.

Shane was a kind, gentle person who loved life. He had a big personality and was always smiling. Everyone who knew Shane loved him and his family was very important to him. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his two sons, Andre and Jayden Sims, who were his pride and joy; his siblings, John Sims Jr., Gina Escalante and Angelina Amira, his brother-in-law, Jason Amira, and numerous nieces and nephews that he loved, as well as

many extended family members and close friends. He also leaves several half-siblings, Christophe Walsh, Suzanne Murray, Morgan and Ryan Murphy and James Kalloger. He was the grandson of Angelina (nee Sequeira) Sims and the late Frank Sims Sr., and the late Rose (nee Foglietta) Beaton and Neil Beaton.

Adhering to the current guidelines of the Commonwealth of MA, the CDC, the Archdiocese of Boston, and the wishes of the family, the services and burial on June 10 were private. A go-fund-me page was set up to assist the family in bringing Shane home from Illinois and to help defray the funeral expenses. The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude for all of the generous donations made by family and friends.

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Former North Shore Navigator Brian Van Belle signs with Red Sox

Though Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft lasted just five rounds in 2020, a former North Shore Navigator has officially realized his dream of advancing to the professional level by signing as an undrafted free agent.

University of Miami pitcher Brian Van Belle inked a deal with the Boston Red Sox on Monday, becoming the sixth North Shore player to be drafted by or sign with a MLB organization over the last two years. Van Belle, who pitched for the Navs in 2017, was chosen as a Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Second Team All-American and D1baseball.com's top senior pitcher following his shortened 2020 season with the Hurricanes.

Van Belle was one of the most dominant pitchers in the country this spring, posting a 2-0 record and the Atlantic Coast Confer-

ence's third-lowest ERA (0.68) in four starts. He struck out 38 batters, walked just four and held opponents to a .168 batting average over 26.1 innings of work.

The Pembroke Pines, Fla., native was the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's National Pitcher of the Month for February as he started a stretch of 26.1 consecutive innings before allowing his first earned run of the season. During a Feb. 28 win over Towson, Van Belle recorded a career-high 14 strikeouts.

Van Belle started three of the five games in which he appeared for the Navs in 2017, striking out 13 in 14.2 innings. He was attending Broward College at the time.

Boston is the 24th different organization to sign a former North Shore Navigator since the team's 2008 debut in the New England Collegiate Baseball

League. North Andover's Sebastian Keane was an 11th-round draft pick of the Sox just a year ago, but he opted to pitch for the Navs in 2019 and then begin his college career at Northeastern University.

Van Belle earned Collegiate Baseball All-America honors along with 2020 Navs infielder Cody Morissette, a rising Boston College junior who ranked second in the ACC with a .448 average this spring.

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their ninth in the Futures League, which will begin on a date to be determined this summer. Stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting nsnavs.com and following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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T's FMCB approves four-year extension of Commuter Rail contract with Keolis through June 2026

With the goal of incentivizing better service now and providing cost certainty in a challenging market among other objectives, today the MBTA's Fiscal and Management Control Board (FMCB) approved a four-year extension of the Commuter Rail Operating contract between the MBTA and Keolis Commuter Services, LLC, through June 30, 2026.

"Our main goals are to provide continuity and the best possible service for our Commuter Rail customers, as well as provide adequate time to plan for a future transformational procurement. With this extension in place, we look forward to continuing this partnership with Keolis," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "This extension includes a number of additional benefits for riders, including further incentives for on-time performance, measures to address fare evasion, and flexibility and cost certainty in a challenging market."

"We're pleased the MBTA recommended and the board voted to extend Keolis' contract for four years, exercising the full term of the contract options," said CEO and General Manager of Keolis Commuter Services David Scorey. "This extension

balances taxpayer and passenger needs as it keeps costs low while also enhancing the passenger experience, including a focus on providing more capacity, further increasing on-time performance and accelerating capital delivery. On behalf of our Keolis Boston team, we look forward to continuing our collaborative work with the MBTA and building upon the successful initiatives we've delivered together for the Commonwealth and our Commuter Rail passengers."

Keolis Commuter Services is the MBTA's contracted Commuter Rail operating partner with Keolis currently providing all mechanical, transportation, and engineering services. The eight-year contract that began July 1, 2014, and is set to expire June 30, 2022, included options for two two-year extensions through 2024 and 2026. The MBTA's contract with Keolis is performance-based with the contract including a fixed price for a certain level of service and penalties related to on-time performance and passenger comfort. In collaboration with the MBTA during the current contract period, Keolis has added 10,000 more trains per year compared to 2014, including new weekend train service, piloted routes, and

other services; deployed customer improvements that include technology that allows passengers to pay for tickets onboard with credit and debit cards; and reinforced safety management protocols that include an expanded and updated Safety Department.

This four-year extension now also includes a number of additional benefits that include:

- Incentives for improved Commuter Rail service immediately through performance payments for on-time performance, train crew staffing, and seating capacity, which are designed to achieve service outcomes and promote continuous improvement. These incentives related to performance are worth a potential total of \$5 million per year in fiscal years 2021-2026.
- Measures to address fare evasion/non-collection through the continuation of the Revenue Share Agreement for fiscal years 2023-2026, including the installation of automated fare gates that will significantly reduce ticketless travel. Train crew staffing incentives will also result in additional conductors onboard trains to check tickets.
- Investments in MBTA railroad infrastructure and assets, including incentives to accelerate

capital investments that include early phases of Rail Transformation.

- Increased fleet availability and reliability through improved management of Mechanical Parts in fiscal years 2022-2026;
- Flexibility and time to develop transformational successor contract, with the possibility of re-procurement as early as 2025;
- Cost certainty in a challenging market with the MBTA paying less than the current market price for this contract;
- Extending this contract also avoids a potentially disruptive transition that might come with a re-procurement and followed by an uncertain multi-year transition to a new operator.

The four-year extension of commuter rail operating agreement with Keolis has been approved for contract years 9 through 12 (FYs 2023-2026) with the MBTA given the ability to opt out after option year 3 (FY 2025). The agreement accounts for contractual cost growth with inflation rates reflecting current railroad industry relevant cost increases.

The projected net total new cost per contract year, which assumes a minimum of \$100 million in capital work per contract year or a minimum general

and administrative expense fee of \$6 million, is an estimated \$16,273,987 for CY7 / FY21; an estimated \$34,704,927 for CY8 / FY22; an estimated \$35,063,511 for CY9 / FY23; an estimated \$43,398,524 for CY10 / FY24; an estimated \$46,833,816 for CY11 / FY25; and an estimated \$48,144,883 for CY12 / FY26.

During this four-year extension, the MBTA will continue to plan for the future of the Commuter Rail with a new contract developed upon the completion of contract study and the development of additional contract objectives. The Rail Transformation capital plan will continue to be developed based on objectives for future Commuter Rail service with critical investments beginning to be made in infrastructure and rolling stock to better position the MBTA for a more competitive procurement. A new contract model will be identified based on information gained from the contract study, market sounding, and the commuter rail capital plan. Following the release of an RFI and a six-month public procurement, a new contract will be awarded by January 2026 that allows for at least six months of transition between contractors.

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans and advance program reopened to all eligible small businesses

To further meet the needs of U.S. small businesses and non-profits, the U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19 this week.

"The SBA is strongly committed to working around the clock, providing dedicated emergency assistance to the small businesses and non-profits that are facing economic disruption due to the COVID-19 impact. With the reopening of the EIDL assistance and EIDL Advance application portal to all new applicants, additional small businesses and non-profits will be able to receive these long-term, low interest loans and emergency grants – reducing the economic impacts for their businesses, employees and communities they support," said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. "Since EIDL assistance due to the pandemic first became available to small businesses located in every state and territory,

SBA has worked to provide the greatest amount of emergency economic relief possible. To meet the unprecedented need, the SBA has made numerous improvements to the application and loan closing process, including deploying new technology and automated tools."

SBA's EIDL program offers long-term, low interest assistance for a small business or non-profit. These loans can provide vital economic support to help alleviate temporary loss of revenue. EIDL assistance can be used to cover payroll and inventory, pay debt or fund other expenses. Additionally, the EIDL Advance will provide up to \$10,000 (\$1,000 per employee) of emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties, and these emergency grants do not have to be repaid.

SBA's COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance

•The SBA is offering low interest federal disaster loans for working capital to small busi-

nesses and non-profit organizations that are suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19 in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories.

•These loans may be used to pay debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can't be paid because of the disaster's impact, and that are not already covered by a Paycheck Protection Program loan. The interest rate is 3.75% for small businesses. The interest rate for non-profits is 2.75%.

•To keep payments affordable for small businesses, SBA offers loans with long repayment terms, up to a maximum of 30 years. Plus, the first payment is deferred for one year.

•In addition, small businesses and non-profits may request, as part of their loan application, an EIDL Advance of up to \$10,000. The EIDL Advance is designed to provide emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This advance will not have to be repaid, and small businesses may

receive an advance even if they are not approved for a loan.

•SBA's EIDL and EIDL Advance are just one piece of the expanded focus of the federal government's coordinated response.

•The SBA is also assisting small businesses and non-profits

with access to the federal forgivable loan program, the Paycheck Protection Program, which is currently accepting applications until June 30, 2020.

For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at SBA.gov/Disaster.



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Lynn K of C Blood Drive

With a critical shortage of blood donations due to the Coronavirus, the Knights of Columbus hosted a blood drive. FDD/PGK David Solimine Jr. coordinated this event with Grand Knight Robert MacIsaac to help the American Red Cross to sustain a blood supply during this public health crisis.

Team Leader Marcia Gonzalez was very appreciative for

the Knights of Columbus to offer their facility for this commitment. As Marcia said, "This blood drive is very important. Many of our drives have been cancelled because of this pandemic. Businesses and colleges are not open; we needed to reach out to organizations like the Knights of Columbus to open up their facilities, so we can run our blood drive. The outpouring

of the Lynn community has been wonderful and we certainly hope this will continue".

Grand Knight Robert MacIsaac is very proud of the Knights of Columbus stepping up for this enormous need. Future dates are planned to continue this program at Lynn Knights of Columbus. To learn more, go to redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.



American Red Cross Team Leader Marcia Gonzalez prepares GK Robert Maclsaac before donating.



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American Red Cross member, Tara Mays, checks Ray Grenier moments before completing his donation.



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PGK Frank Harrington receives a blood pressure check from Nurse Elaine Acevedo.

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Mayor Thomas M. McGee announces

Community Development

LYNN YOUTH SUMMER JOBS 2020

Summer Youth Workers

- Lynn Youth between the ages of 16-21
- Starting pay \$12.75 per hour
- Up to 20 hours per week
- Responsible & Hardworking
- Outdoor cleaning/maintenance work
- Up to 100 positions available

Summer Youth Supervisors

- Responsible for work crews of 7-8 youth workers
- Starting pay \$13.50 per hour
- Up to 25 hours per week
- Good leadership skills & experience with youth
- Up to 8 positions available
- Lynn residents must submit resumes

All jobs start July 15, 2020 & end August 26, 2020

- The majority of the work this year will be outdoor cleaning/maintenance work.
- Workers MUST maintain social distance (6 feet apart) and wear a mask at all times.
- Workers MUST take temperature before work each morning and confirm they are healthy.
- Maximum number of hours youth can work = 160 hours for the summer/26 hours per week @ 6 weeks
- All workers are required to have direct deposit for payroll. If you do not have a bank account, you will be required to open one to receive your payroll
- 20 youth will be hired for Project Based Learning - working remotely on Increasing Voter Registration (Review public voter data, learn about government, and help others understand and access the voter registration process)
- If you are 16 and 17 you will be required to obtain a Worker's Permit from a Lynn public high school.



Applications available at www.cityoflynnocd.net
Application & Resume Deadline: **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

Workshops available at:
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For further information, please contact Rich Avery at 781-586-6767
** All Positions are subject to Lottery. **



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