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## LYNN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GRAND OPENING



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The Lynn Boys and Girls Club of Lynn updated their facility with modern technology and new areas for the children to play and to learn. Executive Director Brian Theirrien has the honor of cutting the ribbon. See Pages 6 and 7 for story and more photos.

## Keolis Commuter Services donates facemasks to Lynn

Special To the Journal

Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis), the MBTA's operating partner for Commuter Rail, announced today a donation of 30,000 facemasks to the cities of Lynn, Chelsea, Everett, Framingham, Lawrence, and Revere, all severely impacted by COVID-19 and listed as "red" in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's community-level reporting map. Each city received 5,000 pieces of this critical personal protective equipment.

Masks in many of these high-risk communities will be distributed directly to residents with the assistance of the Common-

wealth's COVID-19 Enforcement and Intervention Team (CEIT). CEIT members act as multi-lingual field team who work directly with residents and local officials to help stop the spread of the virus.

Keolis donated 10,000 facemasks to the City of Lynn. Mayor Thomas McGee expressed his gratitude to Keolis officials.

"I would like to thank Keolis for their generous donation of 5,000 masks to the residents of Lynn," said Mayor McGee. "It is important that everyone continue to wear masks to prevent

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Pictured outside Lynn City Hall are (from left) Mayor Thomas McGee, Keolis Director of Customer Service Linda Dillon, Lynn Fire and Rescue Captain Richard Downey, Lynn Public Health Director Michelle Desmarais, and State Sen. Brendan Crighton.

## ALL ABOARD

### January says Navigators will return for 2021 season

By Cary Shuman

Derek January, owner and general manager of the North Shore Navigators, said the Lynn-based franchise in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) will return for the 2021 season.

January said it was challenging season for the Navigators organization as it dealt with the state's strict COVID-19 guidelines that prohibited spectators from attending the home games at Fraser Field.

"It was a tough season from an ownership standpoint where we had a lot of very good players but no one got to see them play for the Navs, unless they watched our games online," said Janu-



ary, estimating that an average of more than 400 fans per game watched the games online.

January and his staff put together one of the most exciting teams in the franchise's history. With the Cape Cod Baseball League canceling its season, several college players opted to

play in the FCBL. For example, Boston College's Sal Frelick of Lexington, a likely 2021 Major League draft pick, had an outstanding season for the Navigators batting .398 in the leadoff position.

Navigators fans no doubt would have enjoyed watching Marblehead's Beau Dana, a 6-foot-2-inch righthander from Dickinson College who reportedly hit 97 miles per hour on the radar gun this season. Former St. Mary's High School baseball star Ryan Turenne, who plays Division 1 college baseball at Maine, would likely have been a crowd

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# EDITORIAL

## APOCALYPSE -- NOW

The photos of the wildfires in our western states that have incinerated entire communities and that have turned daytime skies to night by their heavy smoke have illustrated the dramatic effects of climate change upon the daily lives of millions of Americans.

Record heat has accelerated the effects of dry conditions, leading to the record-setting wildfires out west.

Yes, climate change undeniably is happening here and around the globe.

Last January, it was the bushfires in Australia that similarly wrought havoc and destruction in that part of the world.

An article in the New York Times on Monday began this way, "The effects of global warming in the Arctic are so severe that the region is shifting to a different climate, one characterized less by ice and snow and more by open water and rain, scientists said Monday."

More ominously, that same article discussed the perils of climate change facing the world from another source, the melting of the Antarctic glaciers at the bottom of the world.

"Another study released Monday suggested that two Antarctic glaciers that have long been of concern to scientists over their potential to contribute to sea level rise may be in worse shape than previously thought."

From east to west and north to south, climate change is posing an existential threat to life as we know it.

There is still time for us to reverse, or at least halt, the impending doom that awaits us if we take immediate action to limit greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere.

But we need to act soon, because it will not be too long before it will be too late.

## DONALD TRUMP IS NO WINSTON CHURCHILL

Rage, the new book by veteran journalist Bob Woodward about the presidency of Donald Trump, has revealed unequivocally that Trump deliberately has downplayed the lethality of the Covid-19 pandemic from the very beginning of the virus's detection in the United States.

Whether one wants to characterize Trump's mendacity as outright lying for political purposes, or merely as a benevolent effort by Trump to prevent social chaos, the bottom line is the same: Trump has not been straight with the American people.

But even if one accepts Trump's explanation for his deceit, the book makes clear that Trump treated the American people with disdain, as if we were children who needed to be shielded from the truth.

"I don't want to jump up and down and start screaming, 'Death! Death!' because that's not what it's about," Trump said at a press conference last week, when asked about his months and months of deceptions.

A few days later, at a campaign rally in Michigan, Trump asserted that his handling of the pandemic has been similar to how Winston Churchill addressed the people of England during the height of the Nazi bombing in WWII.

"As the British government advised the British people in the face of World War II, keep calm and carry on. That's what I did," said Trump, who then invoked the comparison of himself directly to Churchill.

Trump, by his own admission, reads nothing, so it is not surprising that Trump has no knowledge of what Churchill said and did during the epic Battle of Britain, when England's survival was at stake.

For if Trump knew even the slightest bit about Churchill's tenure as Prime Minister, he would have known that from the outset, Churchill never sugarcoated the reality of the threat that was facing every British citizen.

In his very first speech, three days after he had become Great Britain's leader, Churchill laid out clearly and explicitly the difficult task that lay ahead:

"I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat," said Churchill. "We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering."

The test of a true leader is to recognize the reality of a situation and face it head-on, not merely to play the role of a cheerleader.

As things stand now under Trump's presidency, American deaths from the pandemic now stand at just about 200,000, with another 200,000 Americans expected to die by the end of this year.

It is clear that Donald Trump is no Winston Churchill. He's merely Donald Trump.



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## GUEST OP-ED

### Turn the page

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Fall season officially begins September 22 this year. For every season there is a change. Most of us like the seasons especially if we can have four of them.

I like the fall as the weather seems more stable in our part of the country. For our neighbors in California they are desperate for anything that will bring rain and an end to the devastating fires. This has been a cruel, harsh time that we pray passes by and ends very quickly for California.

On the east and gulf coast there is always another looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential of more to come.

Every season brings the possibilities of pleasant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

Our lives are like seasons - change comes. If we are fortunate, aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are like an interesting book. Your life is probably very inter-

esting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writing a new page. You can't finish the book if you stay on the

same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it's tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to be with us then we must turn the page.

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# Bill Terlecky selected to FCBL's first Hall of Fame class

The legendary Bill Terlecky, who served as the general manager of the North Shore Navigators from 2012-19, will be inducted into the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) Hall of Fame next month.

Terlecky was the lead force behind the revitalization of baseball in the City of Lynn over eight seasons with the Navs. His tenure on the North Shore began when Pat Salvi purchased the team in 2012 and lasted until last August when he announced his retirement just months before losing a courageous battle with cancer.

"Bill entrenched himself into

the community from the day he joined the Navigators," said Derek January, who has followed Salvi as the team's owner and Terlecky as GM. "Most people assumed that he was from the area because he was so well known and cared about the community as much as he did. Bill loved the Navs and the North Shore. He built a great brand and was instrumental in the league being so successful from the first day he was here."

The Youngstown, Ohio, native's 41-year career in the game of baseball began with the Triple-A Rochester Red Wings in

1978 and took him to many locations including Williamsport and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Old Orchard Beach, Maine, and Madison, Wis. But the North Shore truly became his home.

Terlecky led the Navs to two Futures League Organization of the Year honors in 2015 and 2018 while fan attendance increased with each season during his tenure. While guiding North Shore to sustained success, he served as a trusted friend and mentor to many members of his own staff and colleagues throughout the Futures League.

Terlecky quickly became a

pillar in Lynn and the surrounding community, serving on the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and attending many little league parades and other events. He earned Bridgewell's Employment Supports Program Champion Award in 2018 for his work supporting individuals with disabilities in the community.

The Hall of Fame's inaugural class includes Terlecky and 12 other individuals who have, in a variety of ways, contributed to the league's creation and continued success over its first 10 years of existence in New England. Commissioner Joe Paolucci made

Monday's announcement.

Terlecky and the rest of the class will be honored during a dinner and ceremony following the first-ever FCBL Golf Tournament on Friday, October 9 at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, Mass. Click here for further event details and registration information.

The Navigators recently completed their 13th summer of collegiate baseball and ninth in the Futures League. Throughout the offseason, stay up to date on the latest Navs news by visiting [nnavs.com](http://nnavs.com) and following the team on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Masks/ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the spread of COVID-19. This donation will continue to allow the City to share masks with our residents to keep themselves and their neighbors safe."

"The City of Chelsea is grateful for Keolis's continued support of its residents through this donation of another 5,000 masks. Face-coverings are one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of COVID-19. I look forward to distributing these masks as part of our ongoing efforts to stop the spread of coronavirus," said Chelsea City Manager Tom Ambrosino.

"The generous donation of these 5,000 masks from Keolis will allow the City to provide extra masks to our most vulnerable population, our senior citizens. The pandemic is far from over and adding these masks to our current supply will help us allow our resources to be spread further. I'm grateful to Keolis for their unsolicited donation in a time of need," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria.

Keolis, an international public transport and mobility operator with operations in 16 countries and its North American headquarters in Boston, secured a

strong inventory of facemasks for its employees by utilizing its global supply chain network. Keolis previously donated to 30,000 facemasks to the cities of Boston, Brockton, Lawrence, Lynn and Chelsea. Since June, Keolis has donated 60,000 pieces of personal protective equipment to area communities.

"The City of Framingham greatly appreciates the Keolis Commuter Services' face-covering donation," said Framingham Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer. "Right now, we need everyone's help to curb the spread of COVID-19. Through Keolis' generosity, Framingham will be able to ensure that even more people have access to face coverings, which can ultimately protect their loved ones."

"Once again, the City of Lawrence and its residents are thankful for the donation of 5,000 facemasks. It is truly because of partners like Keolis Boston that we are able to deliver the level service we are currently providing to our community," said Lawrence Health and Human Service Director Martha Velez.

"Massachusetts has benefited from strong leadership during the

COVID-19 emergency and has a promising plan to help these communities continue to slow the spread of the virus," said David Scorey, CEO of Keolis Commuter Services. "Today, we're doubling down on our commitment to communities served by Commuter Rail and donating another 30,000 facemasks to help residents."

Keolis Commuter Services (KCS) has operated and maintained the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's commuter rail system since July 1, 2014. The fifth largest commuter rail operation in North America, the system carries approximately 127,000 daily passengers throughout the greater Boston area and services 141 stations over 394 miles. KCS is a subsidiary of Keolis North America (KNA), both headquartered in Boston, and employs approximately 2,400 people throughout the region. KCS and KNA are part of Keolis Group, an innovative global leader in transit services with more than a century of passenger transportation experience and operations in 16 countries.

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A good friend is selling his lovely home. I can see that's it a tough time emotionally as he has invested so many years into where he lives. He and his wife are moving into a smaller condominium. He loves his beautiful yard but he knows it's time to turn the page as their age and health have changed.

The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not finish reading the

book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put off what we dread and it doesn't make it better.

Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don't get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run

your race. Finish your course. Turn the page.

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



Bill Terlecky.



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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HELP MY BROTHERS TABLE

A monthly commitment by the Knights of Columbus helps feed the homeless at My Brothers Table. Each month volunteer Knights serve meals at the facility. However, the Coronavirus pandemic has limited volunteering

Grand Knight Matt Harrington along with PGK Brian Magrane organized a crew of Knights who come each month to the council to prepare food bags to be distributed at My Brothers Table. As GK Harrington said, "The volunteers assemble bag lunches which include snacks, a drink, and two sandwiches. We assemble the bags one night and the next day the bags are distributed at My Brothers Table".

This is a community outreach charitable program by the Knights of Columbus.. The Knights of Columbus continues their good works through dedicated efforts to those in need.



Brian Kirby stacks sandwiches to be bagged.



PGK Robert Maclsaac assembles bags for distribution



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Deacon William Jackson of Holy Family and St. Pius parishes organized food bags.



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Pastor Robert Poitras of St. Pius and Holy Family Churches gives a helping hand.



Grand Knight Matt Harrington distributes crackers and juice



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Preparing sandwiches – Nancy Surmares, DD & PGK Fausto Cabrera , Recorder John Sumares, and Robert Hartshorn

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NSCC NEWS & NOTES

**NSCC offering noncredit ESL courses**

North Shore Community College (NSCC) is offering non-credit ESL courses beginning the week of September 14th. and running through Dec. 19th. Day, night, and some weekend classes are available. All classes are instructor-led remote and cost \$229. Seats are available in all classes. Call 978-236-1200 for more information.

Eligible businesses may apply for MA Workforce Training Fund General Program Grant funding and waive the dollar-for-dollar match for ESL training for their employees. Contact Helene VanDernoot at hvandern@northshore.edu or Elaine Champagne at echampag@northshore.edu for additional information.

**NSCC workshop on Preparing for New Work Policies After the Pandemic**

Do you have a plan on how to prepare your workplace and train your employees on safe practices upon returning to work after the pandemic?

North Shore Community College's Corporate Training Solutions will host Preparing for New Work Policies after the Pandemic, a live remote workshop that will be held virtually, via Zoom, on Wednesday, September 23, 8-10 a.m. Cost is \$49 per workshop.

The workshop will include

a discussion on how to assess business operations, bring employees back to work, and ensure a safe workplace. Even if these steps are further in the future for some employers than others, the time to begin thinking about these issues is now, because with these next steps comes a whole new set of labor and employment challenges.

Participants will learn:

Guidelines for ensuring a safe workplace

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Worker's comp regarding remote work and Covid-19 in the workplace

How to deal with employee anxiety on returning to work

How to respect employees who are in a high-risk category

We will all leave with guidelines and compassionate communication tips for employees

Our featured speaker is Deirdre Higgins, who brings over 20 years of experience as a Human Resources executive, with expertise including recruiting, training, performance management, career development, diversity program development, employee relations, benefits, compensation, payroll, safety, leadership development and compliance issues. Deirdre has a BA in Education from Wheelock College and a MBA from Cambridge College.

Register by September 18 by calling 978-236-1200 or email: professional@northshore.edu.

**YMCA of Metro North launches new diversity and inclusion initiative**

In advance of its annual Welcoming Week celebration, the YMCA of Metro North made a commitment to intensify its efforts to build a diverse pipeline of young leaders in the association. Eight young staff members were tapped for its newly announced Diversity, Inclusion, and Global Engagement (DIG) Team. The DIG Team will focus on increasing diversity in leadership positions, recruiting and retention of diverse staff, culturally competent member and staff engagement, and effective collaboration techniques with organizations serving vulnerable populations.

"Diversity and inclusion work is tremendously important to us here at the YMCA of Metro North and to all YMCAs around the nation," said Andrea Pirela, Aquatics Director at the Torigian YMCA. "The only way to come together as a community and as a team is to continue to have tough conversations about social injustices. Creating a safe space for all to be welcome is an essential key to success, and keeping in mind always that actions speak louder

than words."

The DIG Team will launch its first initiative during the YMCA's annual Welcoming Week events to celebrate the diversity of our communities by making the YMCA a place that welcomes everyone, including immigrants, refugees, and other people who often excluded from access to community-based spaces and resources. Welcoming Week is celebrating by thousands of YMCA branches across the country.

"Growing up in Lynn, I see people from all ethnicities and walks of life every day," said CJ Jeanmary, Youth Sports Director at the Lynn YMCA. "The Y has always informally provided safe spaces for all, formalizing this group is saying we will intentionally support our communities as we all navigate through these challenging times. Meeting the needs of our communities is Y work, and this group has the potential to provide opportunities to all in a place that is home to so many."

Welcoming Week activities will take place September 12-20

across the YMCA of Metro North branches in Lynn, Melrose, Saugus, and Peabody. Activities will include spaces for people to share their backgrounds and lived experiences, a flag celebration with a variety of nationalities, sharing recipes across people with different ethnicities, and more. The DIG Team will continue its work throughout the year to provide more opportunities to celebrate diversity and inclusion and set diversity and leadership goals for the association to track its progress and report to the public on its efforts.

"Tensions are on the rise in so many regions and we need to be more accountable to our community for creating spaces where people feel a sense of inclusion, belonging, and safety," said Paul Mantell, Vice President of Human Resources. "Racial violence and anti-immigrant sentiments are raging across the country and the Y must continue to be a force that brings people from all races, backgrounds, and life circumstances together for the better."

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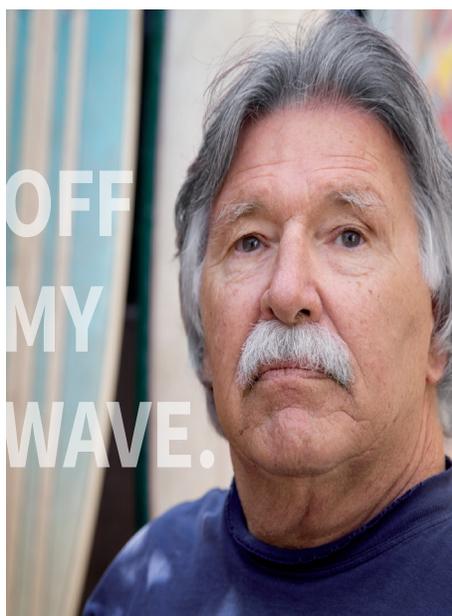
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Together We Are Stronger.



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# LYNN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GRAND OPENING

The Lynn Boys and Girls Club of Lynn transformed into an updated facility with modern technology and new areas for the children to play and to learn. It took a few years of hard work through fundraising and receiving donations to make the transition from old to new. The Grand Opening saw local and state officials along with contractors, the architectural firm, donors, and Board members touring the facility.

Board President Joseph Scianatico was so elated seeing this dream become a reality as he said, "Today is going to be a great day. It took two plus years of complete focus to create a new and beautiful place for the children of Lynn. This morning of the Grand Opening unveiled the new renovated phase one project of the building. I can't thank my fellow Board members enough for their dedicated support, the club staff, our donors, the City of Lynn, and our Executive Director Brian Theirrien".

The future looks bright for the Boys and Girls Club as Brian Theirrien would say without hesitation, "Let's just go for it and see what happens". Congratulations to everyone involved making this dream come true for the children of Lynn!



The 2020-2021 Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors –(Seated): Ray Bastarache, Nick Minnino, Brendan Ward, Katie Green, Patrick Delulis, Shanel Anderson, Steven Archer, Jessica Pratt, & President Joseph Scianatico; (Back): Kevin Mello, Andrew Pitzen, Wendy Silva, Richard Nihan, Stephen Hersch, and Executive Director Brian Theirrien.



Executive Administrator Yadiris Gonzalez shows Taso Nikolakopoulos of John's Roast Beef and Ward 2 Counselor Rick Stardard of Rick's Auto Body.



Attending Gran Opening – Ive Gonzalez and Board member Wendy Silva of Eastern Bank, Tour Guide Catherine Stinson, LPS Deputy Superintendent Kimberll Powers, and Board Member Richard Nihan.



Board Members –Nick Minnino of Mennino Construction, Richard Wood of Wood Insurance, former LPS Deputy Superintendent Raymond Bastarache.



A Grand Opening Tour with State Representative Donald Wong and State Senator Brendan Crighton from Board President Joseph Scianatico of Salem Five and Executive Director Brian Theirrien.

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### LYNN BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB GRAND OPENING



Boys & Girl Club Board member, Al DiVirgilio, with his daughter, Abbigale



Tour Guides, Richie Warren, Jr. and Carlos Perez bring Board Member, Patric Delulis of Delulis Brothers Construction, and GLCC Director Colin Codner to see the new updates



Lynn EDIC Project Manager Mary Jane Smalley, EDIC Director James Coddell and Mayor Thomas McGee tour the facilities



Lazy Dog owner, Tom Dill, with Flagship Travel President, Joel Abarmson.

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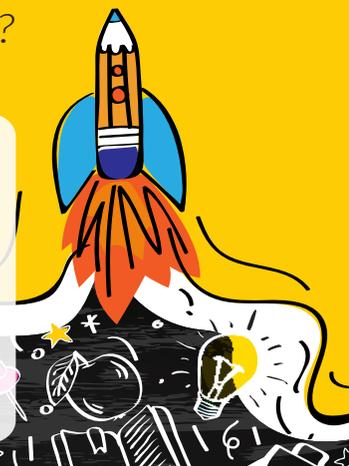
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### BUILDING MOMENTUM ON SECOND STREET

CHELSEA - The gas station on Second Street in Chelsea Square is now slated for development as the long-time owner looks to retire and has an option to sell the property to Broadway Capital, which has proposed to develop the property into a new residential building.

Reggie's Service at 31 Second St. is now being slated for 24 units of housing, with 20 percent of it being affordable units. The project was presented by Broadway Capital's Mike Vienneau on Tuesday at the Planning Board and is making its way through the review process.

It will include 36 parking spots, all underground, he said.

Vienneau said they are very open to making the units condos for sale, rather than rental apartments. Right now, they are just finishing up the former nursing home at 932 Broadway, and if sales go as well as they hope there, then Vienneau said they would use the same formula on Second Street – if approved.

“The nursing home is kind of our test site for homeownership here and if it works – which we believe it will, we’ll plug in the same formula for Second Street,” said Vienneau.

The project will move to the Zoning Board in the coming weeks for additional reviews and potential approvals.

### LUXURY HOUSING ON BROADWAY

CHELSEA - The fortress of a building that was once a nursing home at 932 Broadway seemed like an insurmountable task to transform into luxury housing earlier this year when Broadway Capital started construction on the project.

Yet, a transformation is exactly what has happened at the home through the COVID-19 pandemic and now a very unique home ownership opportunity is about ready to be delivered to the market in November.

“We’re at about 80 percent construction completion,” said Mike Vienneau of Broadway Capital. “The goal is to finish things up in the next few months and have it ready for occupancy by November...One thing we really focused on is the owner-occupancy and the affordability. Ownership is a huge thing the City wanted. Because Chelsea has such a high percent of

rental properties, they’re looking for more owner-occupancy projects.”

That is exactly what will be delivered, with 33 condos for sale, and six of them affordable to 80 percent AMI (two of them two-bedrooms and four one-bedrooms).

Listing agents Jeff Bowen and Robert Ricardo of RealWay said the for sale units offer a great opportunity to live and work in Chelsea – with prices starting in the mid-\$300,000 range and going up. The property also includes an 1,800 sq. ft. roof deck with wood flooring, a dog run, Italian cabinets, in-unit washer/dryer and a Bosch appliance package. There will be management on site too, and Broadway Capital and RealWay intend to open offices in the retail portion of the project on the ground floor.

There are also 33 parking spots and one spot deeded to each owner.

Bowen said it is a milestone development as well, because it is the first significant ownership building put on the market since Mill Creek in 2004.

Ricardo, who has lived in Chelsea all his life after immigrating from Colombia as a child, said he is really excited to bring premiere ownership opportunities to Chelsea – whether it’s existing residents wanting to move into a new building or people coming into the city looking for a diverse community away from Boston or Cambridge.

“I’m excited to be part of this and to really boost the opportunities in Chelsea,” said Ricardo. “Overall, I think the City of Chelsea is on a path to recovery and moving forward in the right direction without losing that urban blue-collar feel...When I was a kid I used to go up on the roof and see how close we were to Boston. I always wondered why more people didn’t come to Chelsea. Now, I’m part of seeing Chelsea become what I thought it could always become...Chelsea is becoming the go-to place. It has its challenges – like any city – but it can surpass them.”

Bowen added that the home-ownership rate in Chelsea is at 17 percent, which is the 5th lowest in the nation behind Newark, NJ. He said that’s why this project is so important.

“We’re trying to bring affordable home-ownership to the City of Chelsea so we can increase tax revenues and have Chelsea provide better schools and infrastructure and change the percep-

tion Chelsea is a pass-through community,” he said.

### MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

EAST BOSTON - A developer filed a Letter of Intent with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) to create a 190-unit, mixed use development on Bennington Street near Wood Island MBTA station.

According to the letter filed with the BPDA the developer, named only as Redgate, is looking to transform a 50,000 square foot lot at 355 Bennington St. into a six-story building containing approximately 190 multifamily dwelling units, ground floor retail, accessory parking, and amenities and services for building residents.

The site, that currently houses a single-story commercial business and paved lot, is bounded by Bremen Street, Bennington Street, the Martin A. Coughlin Bypass Road, and Excel Academy Charter School.

Redgate plans to demolish the existing building and construct the new six-story building.

“We anticipate submitting a Project Notification Form within the next 30 days, and we look forward to working with your staff, elected officials, community members, and the Impact Advisory Group that will review the Project,” wrote Redgate’s attorney, Matthew Kiefer.

The project has already received some backlash from community members.

Longtime activists like Mary Berninger pointed out that when Massport built the passive park on Neptune Road just across the street from the proposed Bennington St. project, they told the community that benches and other amenities could not be included due to the park’s location under Runway 15/32’s flight path.

“Six stories directly near the approach to a runway?,” said Berninger. “The community couldn’t even get permission for a couple of benches at the Neptune Road Buffer Park because ‘points of public assembly’ are forbidden in that area.”

Also, the Boston Zoning Board of Appeals recently rejected a similar large-scale project on Bremen Street just down the street from Redgate’s proposal.

Citing a lack of greenspace coupled with the size and scope of the project, the ZBA unanimously rejected the proposed

### MEET THE MARINERS, LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS



The Mariners proudly display their Winthrop Little League championship trophies for the 2020 season. Front row, from left, are Michael Barron, Tony Bordonaro, mascot Nicky DiPrisco, Antonio Sullivan, and Noah Survilas. Middle row, from left, are Danny Connolly, Ricky Mackenzie, Louk Belghiti, Carmen DiPrisco, Stephen Barron, and Dax Sabin. Back row, from left, are coaches Dan Connolly, Victor DiPrisco, Jack Joyce and Greg Sullivan. Missing from photo: players Joe Dalton and Francesca Indrisano and coaches Jessica Sabin and Steve Indrisano.

project at 282-302 Bremen St. that would have brought 145 additional units to Eastie.

### EAST BOSTON'S MOTHERS OUT FRONT RECEIVES CITY GRANT

EAST BOSTON - The East Boston chapter of the national Mothers Out Front movement received a Love Your Block mini-grant from the City of Boston. The grant provides funding for neighborhoods throughout Boston to organize clean-ups and beautification projects.

Mothers Out Front, a movement that encourages mothers across the nation to fight for meaningful environmental mitigation to ensure a liveable climate for children, will use the funds to build a community living wall for its residents.

According to Mothers Out Front’s (MOF) Sonja Tengblad the community living wall will help educate the residents about the need for good air quality as the current air quality is poor due to the proximity of Logan Airport.

Tengblad said the community living wall is Inspired by London’s carbon sequestering moss walls.

“Mothers Out Front East Boston designed a community art build to both empower and educate East Boston about air pollution,” said Tengblad. “Designed

by MOF member Danielle Marie Emond, this Green Living Wall will spell the word “Aire” (air) using peat moss cups adhered to a chain link fence. It will be in Spanish not only to represent the neighborhood, but to illustrate how unfairly burdened people of color are by air pollution, and will include multilingual signage educating passersby about our air quality.”

Eastie artist Sury Chavez will design a sidewalk art project alongside the wall, giving families and community members more opportunities to participate. MOF volunteers will then host school groups and other visitors over a three-week period once it is up, facilitating discussions about air pollution, health, and climate change.”

Tengblad said a special unveiling is planned for Mother’s Day weekend 2021.

With Eastie being an Environmental Justice Community, Tengblad said MOF’s Clean Air Force group has repeatedly pointed out the health inequities in the community.

“African-American children have the highest prevalence of asthma and 68 percent of Latinos live in areas that do not meet federal air quality standards compared to 58 percent of whites,” she said. “More than 1.81 million Latinos nationwide live within one half mile of existing oil and

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gas facilities and African-Americans are 75 percent more likely than others to live near facilities that produce hazardous waste. Latinos on average breathe in 63 percent more of the pollution than they make. For African-Americans the figure is 56 percent. Non-Latino whites on average are exposed to 17 percent less air pollution than they make according to recent studies released this year.”

Mayor Martin Walsh said these grants go a long way to help bring residents and communities together to beautify even more of our neighborhoods and call attention to environmental issues in Boston.

“Through the Love Your Block program, we are encouraging residents of Boston to show their love for their neighborhoods, one block at a time,” he said.

The city’s Director of Office of Public Service Kaira Fox added, “Our City is going through a trying time and I am happy that programs like Love Your Block exist to bring residents not only hope but a physical change that positively impacts their surroundings. Beautification is healing to these communities and our 2020-2021 winners will create bright spots for their residents amid the adverse effects of COVID-19.”

**ZONING BOARD REMOVAL WAS NOT POLITICAL**

EVERETT - While some are saying the removal of long-time Zoning Board member Mike Dantone is political retribution, Mayor Carlo DeMaria this week said that couldn’t be further from the truth and is actually a move over several years to diversify Boards in the City.

Last week, Dantone confirmed that he had been removed from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) after 15 years of service. A letter from the mayor dated Aug. 27 indicated his last day of service was to be Aug. 31.

Dantone said he goes to nearly every meeting, makes site visits, and has had to be involved in legal issues related to the Board a number of times over the years. He said he takes the job very seriously, but did not know why specifically he was removed.

Mayor DeMaria told the Independent any talk of political retribution is totally false.

“There was no politics in it at all,” he said. “I’ve been asking board members the last two years to step off if they’ve been on a

Board for too long...I could care less who held a sign for Mike. Antonio Amaya is on a Board and he held a sign for Mike and I didn’t rescind him. People are welcome to vote for whomever they want and hold signs if they want.”

He said the effort is all about diversifying the Boards to reflect the current population and make sure no one is serving too long and making decisions inconsistent with the times.

“Everyone else has been ok with it,” he said. “I do not want someone on a Board for 20 years. We had Joe DeSisto on the ZBA far too long and he ran it like it was his...We really need to increase the diversity on that Board. I don’t want people on that Board who have friendships with developers.”

He said the ZBA has recently elected a new chair in Mary Gerace, and he said he will have her run the ZBA for a few years and then ask her to step off the Board and onto another Board if she wishes.

“That’s all I’m doing here,” he said.

To that end, he said he has nominated Le Cao to replace Dantone as part of his initiative to increase diversity and nominate Everett residents that haven’t ever served on a Board. He said he put out the request for applications and was impressed with Cao in the interview.

“I thought he was very interesting and had some good ideas about how developers can contribute, like adding to a public Wi-Fi network,” said the mayor.

**MACIR DONATED MASKS TO SCHOOLS**

REVERE - When the COVID-19 Pandemic hit Revere, MACIR (Moroccan American Connections in Revere) switched gears from an organization that helps integrate the growing Moroccan American population in the city of Revere to becoming one of the leading producers of masks and face coverings to help people stay safe during the pandemic.

After producing over 20,000 masks for the City of Revere and its employees MACIR recently dropped off another 12,000 to Revere Public Schools.

“When the pandemic started we were looking into ways to help the community,” said MACIR director Rachid Moukhabir. “One of our board members, Blanca Bedoya, is a local tailor and fashion designer and we re-

ally liked the design of the masks she was producing and thought we could use her talents to help the community.”

Using \$1,500 from its fund Moukhabir said MACIR purchased a couple of sewing machines and fabric and MACIR quickly produced 2,000 masks in a week.

“Then we began recruiting people to help us make masks and soon we were up to 20,000 masks for the city and 12,000 masks for Revere Public Schools,” said Moukhabir.

The group was able to expand through crowdfunding and grants from several organizations.

“I really appreciate the other groups that are helping us like the Revere Emergency Response Team, Revere Works and some collaboration with Revere Cares,” said Moukhabir. “We started serving the Moroccan community here but we are very happy to see our organization

grow and serve the community at-large during this crisis”

Moukhabir said each mask costs nearly \$2 to make so the production and donation of masks to Revere Public schools wouldn’t have been possible without financial help from groups like the Boston Foundation, Revere Raise Up and Revere residents that donated time and money to the cause.

“We are very happy and it has been a wonderful journey,” said Moukhabir. “It is our way to give back to a community that has embraced our organization.

Moukhabir the production of masks has stopped but MACIR has started another project for Revere Public Schools.

“The new project is part of our IT program,” he explained. “Once our IT students graduate they will begin refurbishing computers and Chromebooks that we will donate to Revere Public Schools.”

Revere Public School Superintendent Dr. Dianne Kelly thanked MACIR for their support once again.

“Rachid Moukhabir and his team are great partners to the School Department,” she said.

MACIR was established in 2016 to help integrate the growing Moroccan American population in the city of Revere, MA, estimated to be at least 10 percent of the Revere’s population. MACIR runs youth activities that focus on culture and Arabic language learning in addition to the yearly street festival to promote diversity and inclusion in the city of Revere and beyond. The group also organizes youth special programs such as the Youth City Council to civically engage immigrants’ kids at a younger age. MACIR has been organizing a yearly soccer tournament to raise a \$1000 scholarship for Revere High School called the Bob Haas-MACIR scholarship.

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## OBITUARIES

### Leona Fields

Of Woburn, formerly of Lynn

Leona M. "Lee" (Mondon) Fields of Woburn, died peacefully on Sept. 10.

She was the beloved wife of over 46 years to the late John W. R. Fields, Sr., Late Patrolman, Woburn Police Dept., until his passing in 2001.

Born and raised in Lynn, Leona was a daughter of the late Thomas and Ethel (Bowser) Mondon. She was a graduate of Lynn English High School.

For many years, Lee worked for the Choate Hospital. She later worked for Aberjona Nursing home in the pay roll office, until her retirement.

Lee enjoyed spending time with her family, and in younger years, going camping and enjoying the outdoors together. She was also an avid Red Sox and Patriots Fan who enjoyed finishing 1000-piece puzzles. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.

She was the devoted mother of Patrolman Steven S. Fields, Winchester P.D. and his wife, Kelly of Woburn and the late John W.R. Fields, Jr. of Florida; grandmother of Gianna Fields,



John W.R. Fields III and the late Brooke Fields, and great-grandmother of Marcus Fields.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Leona's Funeral Mass on Wednesday, September 16 at 10 a.m., in St. Charles Church, 280 Main Street, Woburn. Interment will follow in Woodbrook Cemetery, Woburn. Relatives and friends are invited to briefly pay their respects on Tuesday, September 15th from 4-7 p.m. at the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn.

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## After 28 years, as determined as ever to bring Susan Taraskiewicz's killer or killers to justice

Twenty-eight years ago this week, the body of Susan Taraskiewicz was found in the trunk of her car, which had been left outside an auto repair shop on Route 1A in Revere.

So much time has passed since then.

But the determination of the Massachusetts State Police and Revere Police to bring Susan's killer or killers to justice is as fierce today as it ever was. Detectives have not retreated one inch, and never will, from their desire to close this case and find justice for Susan and her family.

Susan's body was found early on Sept. 14, 1992, a little more than a day after she left her job as a ramp crew chief at Logan Airport to pick up sandwiches for her co-workers. She never returned to her Logan shift or her home in Saugus.

After her murder, Susan's employer, Northwest Airlines, of-



Susan Taraskiewicz.

fered a \$250,000 reward for information leading to an arrest. In 2008, Northwest was absorbed into Delta Airlines in a merger. Delta has informed Susan's family that it stands by that reward

offer. The money remains available to anyone who provides information that allows us to bring justice to Susan and her family.

Investigators certain there are people who have this information. Whatever reasons you have had not to come forward thus far do not matter anymore. Time passes, people and motivations change. Things that didn't seem important suddenly do, and vice versa. Fears and worries shrink away, and pale in comparison to the realization of what is right and just. It is long past time for anyone who can help this family, to bring some peace, and to do right by Susan, to step up and do just that.

The Massachusetts State Police urge anyone with information about Susan's murder to call the State Police Detective Unit for Suffolk County at (617) 727-8817.

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favorite.

But there were no ticket sales at all at the Navigators' box office.

"We had to refund all of our ticket sales," said January. "It hurt a lot financially. The Navs averaged close to 1,000 fans per game in 2019. This was never about the money when our family purchased the team, but we wanted to make sure that we didn't lose money and we lost a lot of money this year."

Other supplementary sources of revenue, such as food concessions and souvenir sales, also never materialized due to the lack of spectators at games. Chomps, the Navigators' popular mascot, was also a no-show

for games due to the COVID-19 restrictions. There were no mascots this season at all FCBL venues.

The Navigators were set to unveil their new navy blue and burnt orange uniforms this season to fans across the FCBL. January said a limited number of fans were allowed to attend games in Nashua, N.H. (Silver Knights) and New Britain, Conn. (Bees).

"We're putting together our online souvenir store so people will be able to purchase Navs' gear and stuff in the next couple of weeks with our new logo and new colors," said January. "The feedback was great for our new look. Everybody loves it."

January said the organization had formulated a comprehensive plan in the spring "to make sure the city and fans knew what to expect at the ballpark" in the COVID-19 environment. "We just never got a chance to put our plan into place," said January.

Jack Wallace, a Navigators' pitcher from Winthrop and Franklin Pierce University, said he was grateful to the January family for giving him an opportunity to play a highly competitive brand of baseball this summer.

"It was an honor to play for the Navigators this season," said Wallace. "We had a great group of players and it was a first-class organization. I just wish the fans could have come out and enjoyed our games."

A former Swampscott Little League legend who played on back-to-back Massachusetts state champion 12-year-old teams and helped Frank DeFelic's Swampscott High teams advance to three consecutive North sectional finals, Derek January pledged that the Navs will definitely return to Fraser Field in 2021.

"We started planning for next year back in July," said January. "We look forward to seeing our loyal fans enjoying baseball in Lynn next summer."



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# Salem State University announces fall election programming

The Center for Civic Engagement and the Frederick E. Berry Institute of Politics and Civic Engagement at Salem State University have announced a roster of discussions to be held as part of the university's annual "Your Voice, Your Vote" election programming. In its 5th year, 2020 marks the first time these events will be held virtually. Events are open to the public and media. For Zoom links, email CCE@salem-state.edu.

"Our campus is working to ensure that all students who are eligible to vote will make their voices heard in November by exercising this right," said Salem State University President John Keenan. "Our Center for Civic engagement has done a phenomenal job of navigating the challenges to voting brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, as we are determined not to let this pandemic suppress our nationally ranked student voter participation rate."

"We want to give our students the tools to be as informed as possible before they cast their ballots," said Cynthia Lynch, executive director of the Center for Civic Engagement. "These discussions are designed with our students in mind, and we are hopeful that holding them online will allow more members of the general public to benefit from hearing these talks."

In addition to the below programming, the Center for Civic Engagement is holding both in-person and virtual voter drives that are non-partisan and cover how to vote in person, by mail or by drop box. They will also use Salem State's student success app to connect with students about voting.

Salem State has shown a student voting rate well above the national average, earning the university a gold seal from the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge. President Keenan has also joined more than 600 college presidents and chancellors in committing to ensuring all eligible students are able to register to vote and cast informed ballots in the 2020 general election and beyond, through the ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge.

Earlier this year, the university received national Carnegie Classification for community engagement, having demonstrated that community and civic engagement are embedded throughout the institution's work.

Your Voice, Your Vote 2020 Events

Conquering Crisis: Defending and Expanding Voting Rights Amid COVID-19

September 17 (Constitution Day) | 12:15-1:30 pm

Featuring Cheryl Clyburn Crawford, Executive Director, MassVOTE and First Vice Presi-

dent, NAACP-Boston Branch.

Topics on the Campaign Trail: Public Health and Health Disparities

October 1 | 12:15-1:30 pm

Featuring Lara Cartwright-Smith, George Washington University and Sara Moore, Professor, Sociology, Salem State

Ranked Choice Voting: Impacts for Democracy and Representation

October 6 | 11 am-12 pm

Featuring Cynthia Terrell,

Founder and Executive Director of RepresentWomen and Co-Founder of Fair Vote.

An Insider's View of Congress: COVID-19 and the Future of Social Security, Medicare and Unemployment Compensation

October 8 | 12:15-1:30 pm

Featuring Michael Evans, SSU Alum and Chief Counsel of US Senate Finance Committee

Discerning Fact from Fiction

October 21 | 10:45 am-12:15 pm

Featuring Professor Kristin Pangallo, Chemistry and Physics and Professor Cindy Vincent, Media and Communication

Myths and Realities: Vote by Mail and Voter Interference

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Featuring Federal Election Commissioner, Ellen Weintraub

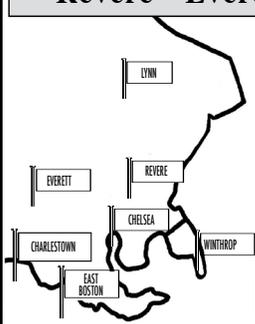
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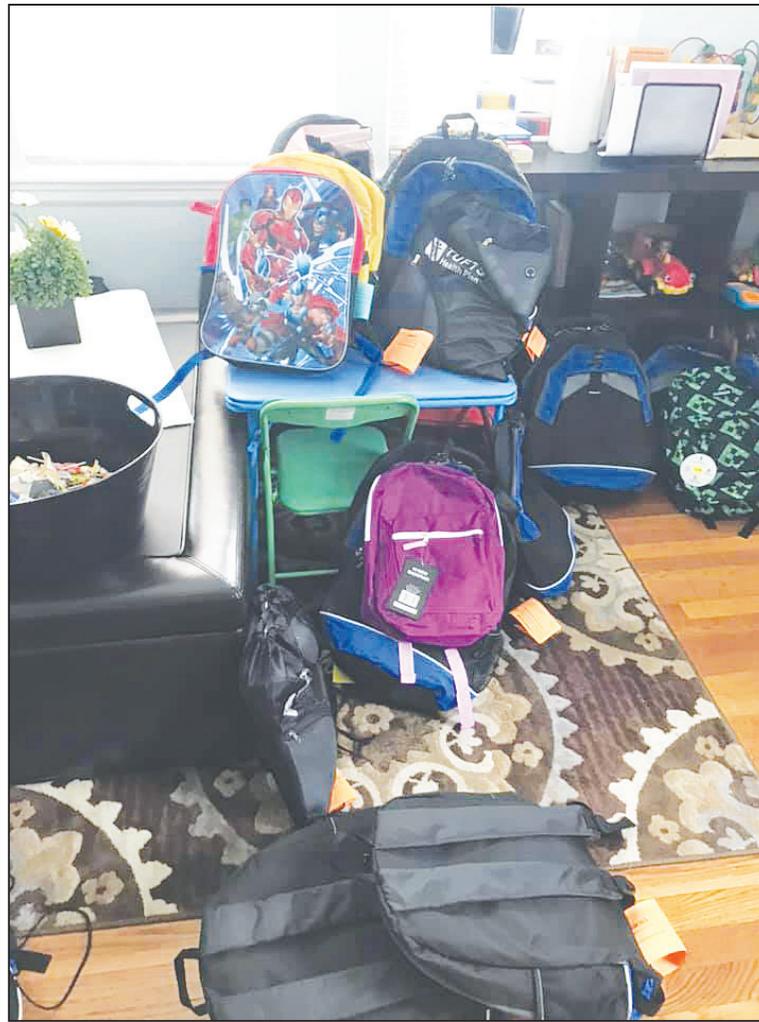
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# LYNN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER HOLDS ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT



On Thursday Sept. 10, the Lynn Family Resource Center (FRC) held their annual back to school event. They handed out backpacks and school supplies for free to almost 300 kids from the community. The Lynn Family Forward Resource Center is a single-point walk-in service that provides families with access to resources within the community and referrals.

## Fraud Alert: Scammers claiming to be with Department of Justice preying on elderly

Staff Report

The Department of Justice has received reports that individuals claiming to represent the Department of Justice are calling members of the public as part of an impostor scam. The Department strongly encourages the public to remain vigilant and not to provide personal information during these calls, which appear to target the elderly.

Reports to the National Elder Fraud Hotline indicate these scammers falsely represent themselves as Department of Justice investigators or employees and attempt to obtain personal information from the call recipient, or they leave a voicemail with a return phone number. The return phone number directs users to a recorded

menu that matches the recorded menu for the Department's main phone number. Eventually, the user reaches an "operator" who steers the user to someone claiming to be an investigator. That "investigator" then attempts to gain the user's personal information.

"Especially with so much of the elderly population isolated at home by COVID, phone scams are an intrusive, calculated effort to target the vulnerable," said United States Attorney Andrew E. Lelling. "This scam is especially obnoxious because the perpetrators pose as employees of the Justice Department, and so manipulate the public's trust in the Department. Anyone who receives a potentially fraudulent call as part of this scam should report it immediately. My office would be happy to investigate and prosecute those involved."

Those who receive these calls are encouraged not to provide personal information and to report these scams to the FTC via their website at <https://www.ftc.gov/slideshow-items/report-scam> or by calling 877-FTC-HELP (877-382-4357). Fraud can also be reported to the FBI for law enforcement action at <https://www.justice.gov/criminal-fraud/report-fraud>.

The National Elder Fraud Hotline is a resource created by OVC for people to report fraud against anyone age 60 or older. Reporting certain financial losses due to fraud as soon as possible, and within the first two-three days, can increase the likelihood of recovering losses. The hotline is open seven days a week. For more information about the hotline, please visit <https://stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov/>.

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