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A Fall Classic

Russ Meade remembers the legacy of Rosemary and William "Sonnyman" Hill

By Cary Shuman

The Hill family has produced some of the greatest athletes the City of Lynn has ever known. Kenny Hill pitched in the Major Leagues. Tony Hill was an All-New England selection in football and baseball at URI where he is an inductee in the Hall of Fame.

And the tradition of this amazing sports family continues. Kenny Hill Jr. was the starting quarterback at Texas A&M and is now an assistant coach at TCU. His brother, Marcus Hill, plays base-

ball at Eastern Kentucky University. Jeff Hill Jr., son of former star athlete and IAABO basketball referee Jeff Hill, is one of Lynn's best multi-sport high school performers.

Mrs. Rosemary Hill was the matriarch of the great West Lynn-based Hill family. Mrs. Hill died on August 27 at the age of 81. She was married to legendary Lynn Little League leader and coach, William "Sonnyman" Hill. When Mr. Hill passed in 1990 at the

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From left, Bob Keaney, Kenny Hill, Frank Colella, and Russ Meade, pictured at Walter Flynn Field, home of the West Lynn American Little League.

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William Mosakowski, chair of the Board of Trustees, cuts the ribbon marking the opening of the new STEM Building on the campus of St. Mary's High School. From left, are Ed Calnan, Director of Campus Operations and Athletic Director Jeffrey Newhall, Patrick Delulis, Trustee Jim Moore, Trustee James Lyle, the Rev. Brian Lynn, Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee, Board Vice Chair Dr. Elizabeth Molloy Twomey, Board Chair William Mosakowski, Thomas Carroll, Head of School Dr. John Dolan, Vivian Iannotti, Trustee Paul Price, Associate Head of School David Angeramo, and Director of External Affairs Jamie Gigliotti.

St. Mary's High School opens new STEM building

By Stacy Director

The long-awaited opening of the STEM building at St. Mary's High School has arrived. Students started classes this week in the spacious facility.

Associate Head of School, David Angeramo, couldn't be happier with the results. "This is not only a key moment in the school's history, but it will prepare our current students to see what life is like on a college campus," said Angeramo. "It is a statement of St. Mary's that as enrollment increases there is an addition to not only the inside, but the outside as well. The campus, both inside and out, will build community."

For the past year, students needed to go outside in order to enter the cafeteria and gym, but no more.

Each floor is seamlessly connected to the existing building on each floor with the Dining Commons on the first floor. The new classrooms and labs, with state-of-the-art equipment, along with new tables and chairs, are located on the second and third floors.

"We are able to structure our curriculum to meet the needs of our students," explained Science and Engineering Department Head Diane Haas, "and we are blessed to move into the new STEM building which will allow us to provide project based learning." She is very excited that St.

Mary's students will have chemistry labs, the latest technology and hydroponics for current and future students.

The lobby has various sitting areas for students to congregate, quieter areas for studying, and areas to charge their iPads. The new Guidance Suite is an open area for students to research colleges with a space for college representatives to talk to seniors. The Admissions area is a welcoming area for prospective students.

St. Mary's students love the new building. "It reminded me of the time I dropped my cousin off at college; the classes look just like they did," remarked

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EDITORIAL

VOTING HAS BEGUN!

Thanks to the early voting laws, every registered voter in Massachusetts has the opportunity to cast their ballot for the upcoming Presidential election in the two weeks prior to Election Day itself, Tuesday, November 3.

Although the exact locations and times for early voting will vary in each municipality, the bottom line is that every city and town across the state will offer early voting through Friday, October 30, including this upcoming weekend.

Every voter should check their local clerk's web site for the locations and voting hours because they will vary in each city and town. However, every city and town will offer multiple opportunities to vote in person through October 30 without the hassles of long lines, bad weather, or inconvenient times, which are especially important considerations for all of us amidst the pandemic.

We would note that even if you requested and received a ballot in the mail, you still can vote early in-person if you feel uncomfortable about dropping your ballot in a mailbox.

In short: There is no excuse for failing to vote -- so do it!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 24

With all of the excitement (for lack of a better word) being generated by the upcoming election, a record turnout of voters is being predicted both in Massachusetts and across the country.

Americans are voting early and in huge numbers that far exceed any previous election.

However, you can't participate in the fun if you aren't registered to vote.

The good news is that there still is time to do so and the deadline to register is this coming Friday, October 24.

So if you are not registered to vote, or unsure if you are, check with your local clerk's office. Don't be left out of what is the most consequential election of our lifetimes that will have ramifications for all of us for years to come.



GUEST OP-ED

Halloween is coming and Americans are scared

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Halloween is typically a relaxed day for America's kids to fill their coffers with candy. Children and adults often don their favorite wacky attire for a day of comic relief.

America needs a day of some kind of relief and maybe Halloween will provide some insanity or terror relief. Because nothing about Halloween is as scary as what America and the world has been experiencing.

We have buried over 220,000 Americans from Covid-19. Over eight million have been sick. Nursing homes and Intensive Care Units have become horror wards. The projections for more sickness and death scare most Americans. We are afraid to go to church, out to eat, and to the grocery store. The airplane, hotel and restaurant industries are in peril as many have already closed or are on the verge of closing. Over 12 Million Americans are now unemployed and many in financial devastation because of Covid-19.

Congress continues to haggle over what and how much the government can further indebted

our nation to keep us afloat for the present. With an approximate 28 trillion-dollar deficit and growing when will America file for bankruptcy? What will it take to keep Social Security and Medicare going? More taxes for a broader range of Americans and increased payroll taxes are on the near horizon, most Americans fear. It's more than a little scary.

On top of Covid-19, job loss, business failures and increasing poverty Americans are masked fatigued. Children are tired of being home from school. Adults miss the camaraderie and social dynamics of their workmates. Working at home first felt good and welcomed but has become old for many Americans. The thought of this going on for another six months or even a year or longer is more than scary - it's terrifying.

On top of all this we have a major election in front of us. Americans are terrified about the election. We are frightened about who will be elected. Trump being reelected terrifies millions while millions are terrified Joe Biden will be elected. We are horrified of what may come as the result of this election and what either

of the candidates may bring to America the next four years.

We are further scared by each other. The hostility of Americans toward people with different views is out of hand. Hurting people, cursing people, destroying property are not hallmark qualities of a civilized society. We have sadly stopped being civil in America. Rude and crude are no longer shy in this nation. Pushing, shoving and outright fighting with people is becoming too normal. This is not what the average American wants and is disdained by most of us. Let's face it, people who act this way scare most Americans.

It's Halloween time in America and there is plenty of fright to go around. The best treat we can give our country is treating each other the way we would like to be treated.

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age of 52, his friends and associates decided to name an award in his honor, the “Sonnyman Hill Sportsmanship Award” which was presented annually to a graduating player in the city who demonstrated character, leadership, and sportsmanship qualities and performed community service. The “Sonnyman” became the most prestigious award of all and a banquet was held each year where the nominees and their families were invited and the winner was announced.

Russ Meade, a 1968 graduate of St. Mary’s High School, goes back to the late 1960s with the Hill family when he served as a Little League coach with Mr. Hill. It is one of the longest remaining connections to the beginnings of the Hill family’s dominance on the Lynn sports scene. Like noted broadcaster John Hoffman, Meade has an encyclopedic knowledge of the Hill family’s contribution to the Lynn sports scene.

Russ Meade, a former sportswriter for the Lynn Sunday Post, talked about his many years of friendship with William and Rosemary Hill and their years of involvement in Lynn sports.

Coaching in West Lynn National and American

Russ Meade coached with manager Bob Howard in the former West Lynn National Little League in the late 1960s.

“We had the Little League draft and Bob selected Willie Hill, the oldest of the Hill sons,” recalled Meade. “Bob knew how talented Willie was and selected him as a 9-year-old, so Willie could play four years in the Major League Division.”

Bob Howard asked Bill “Sonnyman” Hill – who never missed one of his son Willie’s games – to join the coaching staff. Two years later, they drafted Roosevelt Hill and then Bobby Hill. The Hill baseball dynasty had begun.

“Tony was eight years old and his father, Sonnyman, would bring him to our Major League practices and Tony could hit 12-year-old

pitching when he was eight years old.”

Some observers say that Willie and Tony were the best all-around athletes in the family though the other brothers were certainly in that elite athlete category as well.

“The Hill family then moved to King’s Lynne, so technically they were in West Lynn American territory,” recalled Meade. “Sonnyman and Rosemary decided to enroll their sons in West Lynn American League because Walter Flynn Field was closer to their residence. Mr. Hill got involved as a coach of the White Sox team with Walter Marshall in West Lynn American Little League. So Tony Hill, Kenny Hill, and Jeff Hill all played the majority of their careers in West Lynn American.”

Frank Colella, who had grown up with Sonnyman Hill in Lynn, became the manager of the WLA White Sox. “Sonnyman didn’t want to be the manager. He just wanted to be the coach,” recalled Meade, who was also on the coaching staff. “Sonnyman was a wonderful coach, always encouraging his players and teaching them how to improve their skills.”

Rosemary Hill, who worked at General Electric for 35 years before her retirement, was a spectator at every game, inspiring her sons and all the players on the team, according to Meade.

Founding the Sonnyman Hill Sportsmanship Award

When Mr. Hill passed away in 1990 two days before Father’s Day, Meade and others including Bob Keaney, and Frank Colella thought, “Wouldn’t it nice if we could do something in Sonnyman’s memory?”

The decision was made to start the Sonnyman Hill Sportsmanship Award for Little League Baseball in the city.

“Frank called Rosemary Hill to see if she was on board with the idea of naming an award in memory of her husband,” recalled Meade. “Rosemary was very supportive and generous. Frank called her ‘Romy,’ which was the short ver-

the room was huge. The building feels like education is going to have an upgrade for more activities and new things to learn.”

“What I’m excited about is the lounging area. It is great just to chill and read a book, or maybe when you’re having a bad day you can talk to someone and relax a little there. I think the new building is a great addition to the



Rosemary Hill and her children are pictured at the 2012 “Sonnyman Hill Sportsmanship Award” banquet at the Lynn Housing Authority Hall.

sion of Rosemary. Sonnyman and Bill were just wonderful, helpful parents, who rooted for everyone on both teams.”

Former District 16 Administrator Alice O’Neil was also a big supporter of the Sonnyman Hill Sportsmanship Award. The late Mrs. O’Neil loved the idea of a banquet in honor of the nominee from the different Little Leagues in the city. The awards banquet came to be held annually at the Lynn Housing Authority Hall. The Hill family would be in attendance at the banquet. Frank McElligott and Joe Gill eventually became chairpersons of the award selection committee.

Rosemary and Sonnyman Hill’s positive impact

Rosemary and Sonnyman Hill will forever be remembered for the positive impact they had on so many lives in the city.

Russ Meade remembers one particular story of sportsmanship and grace that you just don’t see in today’s highly competitive sports scene.

“The Hill sons were really good talents and most of them were pitchers,” said Meade. “If a kid hit a home run against one of his sons, Sonnyman Hill would tell

his son to meet the home run hitter rounding third base and shake his hand because he believed that player deserved credit.

“That’s what you do – you be a good sport about it,” Meade recalled Sonnyman Hill saying to his sons. “Sonnyman instilled that sportsmanship in his children and I commend that gesture [congratulating a home run hitter] as being the right thing to do, thought not everyone agrees.”

As stated in a beautifully written tribute in an obituary that appeared in the Daily Item, “Rosemary Hill’s life was a living example of dedication and she

will be greatly missed by all.”

Rosemary and William “Sonnyman” Hill did so much for Lynn, helping to make it a better community for all. Their children, Linda, Eula, Willie, Tony, Ken, Roosevelt, Robert, and Jeffrey – and Brian McCormack, can be rightfully proud of what these two beloved community leaders contributed to this city.

The Hill family’s 15 grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren can also take pride in their accomplishments and contributions, especially their lasting impact on Little League Baseball and sports in the city.

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Javihan Martinez, a seventh grader.

Maximus Kalis observed that, “When I entered the new building everything felt new and is a fresh new place for learning. It was exciting to enter the building with more education available to students. The lobby that I walked into felt futuristic. When I walked into my science class

school, “ added David Perez, a seventh grader.

Angeramo also noted the installation of the Mosakowski Gardens on the school campus. “When the Gardens are completed in the spring, they will be an outdoor campus of sacred green space where students can gather to study, pray and socialize together,” he said.

NSCC receives \$40K for dual-enrollment opportunities

North Shore Community College (NSCC) has been awarded a \$40,000 grant to support students in the Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) program from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

The CDEP provides students with a head start and exposure to college course-taking, creating opportunities that include earning both high school and college credit

for a single course, potentially reducing the time and money needed to earn a college degree. The ultimate goal of CDEP is to increase the population of high school graduates who are college ready.

NSCC has partnered with North Shore area school districts including Danvers, Essex North Shore Agricultural, Lynn Public Schools, Revere Public Schools, Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational

High School, Peabody Veterans Memorial High School, Salem Academy Charter School and Salem High School in providing meaningful and challenging academic experiences to students who otherwise might not have access to an early college experience.

"This funding will provide students from our high school partners the opportunity to take one of five courses offered remotely

during the spring semester: First Year Experience, Speech, Intro to Statistics, Composition 1 or Intro to Psychology," said Susan Curry, Director of Early College Partnerships.

In announcing the award, Governor Charlie Baker noted, "I want to thank you for your commitment to increasing college participation through dual enrollment activities, particularly for low-income,

underrepresented, and first-generation college students. Through this funding and your continued support, we hope to expand access to great educational opportunities for every student in the Commonwealth."

For more information on NSCC's Dual Enrollment Partnership program, contact Susan Curry at scurry@northshore.edu

STEM Week begins as hands-on projects align classroom to real world

Massachusetts kicks off the official start of STEM Week today, and Mass STEM Hub has already engaged more than 300 educators from over 200 schools to support hands-on, applied learning activities for K-12 students. Through three exciting project-based challenges, students at every grade level can ask questions and get real-world feedback from leading industry experts at partner organizations Partners In Health, Dell Technologies, New England Aquarium, IBM, and Bionic Project, Inc.

In total, more than 200 professionals across 61 Massachusetts businesses and organizations have signed up to serve as volunteer

project judges.

"We worked with leaders from some of the top companies to create a meaningful, engaging applied learning experience," said Joanna Jacobson, President of the One8 Foundation, which houses Mass STEM Hub. "K-12 students are presented with timely, real-world problems, and have the opportunity to collaborate with and learn from industry experts as they develop creative solutions."

Over the past month, teachers who participated in Mass STEM Hub trainings - representing an estimated 35,000 students - have begun integrating the STEM Week Challenge into their virtual and in-person classrooms. Chal-

lenges are aligned to what students are learning in each grade and anchored in problems that are relevant to their communities, including the COVID-19 pandemic. Different prompts at each grade level were developed in collaboration with industry partners, as well as curriculum partners Innovative Learning Partners, PBLWorks, Project Lead The Way, and ST Math.

With the challenge underway, students and educators can log in to the "Ask-An-Expert Forum" - a secure website to ask questions of professionals and get advice on their work in progress. This real-time feedback loop helps to deepen learning and empower

students to apply their knowledge and skills in a relevant, meaningful way. For example, one high school student from Nipmuc Regional High School in Upton inquired on the Forum about data encryption for their app design. Several industry experts replied with first-hand experience, helpful articles, and additional questions to consider.

Students in Grades 9-12 are developing apps to help slow the spread of COVID-19 after learning from experts at Partners In Health, a leader in COVID-19 contact tracing.

Students also learned from experts from IBM iX, the business design arm of IBM Services, how to apply design thinking to their app designs. Winners of the challenge will also have the opportunity to work with IBM iX designers to further their app development.

"We're thrilled that these amazing students are designing for communities in Massachusetts," says Dr. Emily Wroe, Director of Implementation and Design for the Massachusetts contact tracing program at Partners In Health. "Partners In Health has been working in social justice and global health for three decades, and we've seen over and over again that the best solutions to any problems are always deeply rooted in the community, and are truly human-centered."

"As an industry design thinking partner for the STEM Week Challenge, we are proud to play a part in helping young people build empathy with users, reflect on the insights they uncover, flex their creativity and solve problems collaboratively and iteratively - the core tenets of design thinking," said Gorham Palmer, IBM Distinguished Designer. "These are skills that will help them think bigger, serving them well not only in school today but also the opportunities ahead of them."

At the middle school level, students are using the engineering design process to develop an adaptive device for individuals

with paralysis. Experts from Dell Technologies and the Bionic Project, Inc. are supporting this challenge. Winners will be awarded the chance to attend a showcase to present their ideas and discuss design with Dell Technologies executives.

"We're asking young people to consider accessibility challenges - to consider a different perspective - and then develop a human-centered, responsive solution that could make a real difference in another person's life," said Will Borden, Director of Bionic Project, Inc. "There are so many fulfilling opportunities worth exploring in the STEM fields, and we hope this experience will unlock those rewarding possibilities for students."

With support from the New England Aquarium, students in Grades K-5 are designing and developing games that teach math concepts while having fun. Winners will be invited to share their designs with the New England Aquarium community.

"Students decide early on whether or not math and science is 'for them,' but through fun and rigorous experiences like the STEM Week Challenge, kids are learning and practicing the same skills our team uses every day," said Vikki N. Spruill, President and CEO of the New England Aquarium. "Through applied learning, we can keep students engaged and equip them with the tools they need to be the future stewards of our oceans and environment, and future leaders in STEM."

Students will continue to exchange ideas and questions with industry partners until they submit their projects by Oct. 23. All students who submit projects will receive tailored feedback from industry professionals, helping to realize the connection between classroom projects and real-world applications of their designs. Winners of the STEM Week Challenge will be announced in November at a live virtual event.

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LYNN FIRE TRAINING DRILL

The utilization of the former Union Hospital provides an emergency training area for first responders. Before any demolition of the facility Law Enforcement Agencies and the Lynn Fire Department will train using various drill techniques. There are many different floor levels, halls, and rooms to explore, to learn, and to conduct a training emergency situation. The Solimine Charitable Corp offered the facility as a valuable resource for this purpose before any new construction will begin.

Deputy Chief Timothy Collier explains the importance of these training programs for firefighters, "Training is critically important. Being at this facility gives us a sampling that we see out in the city. This gives us an opportunity to work on some of the things we do on a regular bases. The Lynn Fire is always working to improve."

The Lynn Fire Department is on a twenty-four seven schedule to protect the city with a company of 180 dedicated firefighters; they take care of medical emer-



Fayette Station Engine 5 Lynn Fire Rescue firefighters in front of a new 2020 fire apparatus.

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A firefighter skillfully climbs a ladder – Kevin Curry, Joshua Echevarria, and Robert Lehman.

ST. MARY'S OF LYNN GIRLS SOCCER SCORES 2-0 VICTORY OVER MALDEN CATHOLIC

The Varsity Girls Soccer team of St. Mary's of Lynn played Malden Catholic on Donovan Field at Brother Gilbert Stadium in Malden last Friday afternoon. Despite the rainy weather the girls turned out to play. The first half ending without a score, even though both teams had ample chances. Early in the second half, the Spartans of St. Mary's took a 2-0 lead, and that ended being the final score of the game.



Riley Maguire making a corner kick.



Senior goalie Eliza Brown was outstanding in the nets for the Spartans.



Susannah Cornell (17) gets a high-five for her score making it 2-0 Spartans.



Bre Moloney (18) scored the first goal for the Spartans to take a 1-0 lead.



Head Coach Jim Foley gave a great halftime pep talk; shortly after the start of the second half the Spartans scored two unanswered goals, and took the lead 2-0.



Brooke Maloney (3) at midfield.

ST. MARY'S OF LYNN GIRLS SOCCER 2-0 OVER MALDEN CATHOLIC



Senior Julia Nickolau sets up a play for the Spartans.



Senior Maria Pereira makes a play for the ball.



Midfielder Saribelle Diaz with an inside kick.



Isabelle Skabeikis fights for the ball along the sidelines.

Commuter Rail schedule changes take effect Nov. 2

The MBTA is reminding customers of upcoming schedule changes coming to the Commuter Rail network this fall effective Monday, Nov. 2. These updates are being made in response to changing ridership patterns on the Commuter Rail as a result of the pandemic. Upcoming Commuter Rail schedules are available at mbta.com.

The goal of these schedule changes is to accommodate traditional ridership while also adapting service where commutes have changed (to accommodate new staggered work start times, for example) and where the Commuter Rail may become a new option for some customers. These schedules aim to level out service consistently over the course of the day and eliminate gaps in mid-day service, providing more options to riders that promote social distancing.

More Information on Fall Changes Effective Nov. 2:

- Full schedules effective Nov. 2 are available at mbta.com. Train counts will increase on weekdays from 505 in fall 2019 to 544 in fall 2020, utilizing the same number of train sets and crews as October 2019. Thirty-two of the thirty-nine new trains (82 percent) will serve either Fairmount, Brockton, or Lynn:

Lynn service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every thirty minutes (fall 2019 service ranged thirty to ninety minutes).

Commuter Rail Fare Pilot Updates:

- The Lynn Zone 1A pilot remains in effect through Dec. 31. This pilot provides additional travel options for North Shore customers, eases crowding on nearby bus routes, and allows the MBTA to collect ridership data related to the effects of temporary fare changes on relieving crowding.

- The Five-Day Flex Pass pilot will be extended to Dec. 31. The Five-Day Flex Pass on mTicket is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a 30-day period.

- The Youth Pass is currently valid on all Commuter Rail Zones with this pilot extended to Dec. 31. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50 percent reduced one-way fares or \$30 monthly LinkPasses and was previously only available on bus and subway.

CAMP FIRE NORTH SHORE MEET WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS

The local Delegation of elected state officials along with Congressman Seth Moulton spent an afternoon learning how important the Camp Fire North Shore program is for families and their children, especially during this Covid-19 period.

Congressman Moulton was very concerned about limited revenue the program is receiving during this challenging time. Executive Director Laurie Hamill explained, "Running this program is costly. The lack of funds makes it so difficult for parents when working at home and educating their children. Additional funds would be beneficial; it would help more families to send their children to camp".

The Camp Fire Administration follows the state guidelines which make staffing critical, especially when interacting with groups of children. Having three locations makes it quite difficult

to shift staff members around because of limitation. Before the pandemic occurred the day and after school program served over 225 children.

The most important aspects of Camp Fire North Shore are educating the children while maintaining a safe and healthy environment.



Congressman Seth Moulton discusses the importance of supporting the Camp Fire North Shore program as Executive Director Laurie Hamill listens.



Group Leader Ashley Melanson instructs Remote School Learning lessons to students.



Senator Brendan Crighton listens to the children of what they are discussing with him.



Local Delegation with Congressman Seth Moulton – Program Director Tim Short, State Rep. Daniel Cahill, Matt Mogavero aide to Senator Lovely, Congressman Seth Moulton, Executive Director Laurie Hamill, State Rep Paul Tucker, State Rep Peter Capano, and State Senator Brendan Crighton.



The Local Delegation speaks to the children – Senator Brendan Crighton, State Representatives Paul Tucker, Peter Capano, and Daniel Cahill.



Children thank the local Delegation for their support.



Camp Fire Administrators - Program Director Tim Short, Program Coordinator Kalen O'Hare, and Executive Director Laurie Hamill.

Baker celebrates annual STEM Week with virtual kickoff

Gov. Charlie Baker, STEM Advisory Council Co-Chair Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, MIT President L. Rafael Reif, educators, business leaders and state officials kicked off the Third Annual Massachusetts STEM Week. This week, throughout the Commonwealth, academic and employer partners will be engaging in virtual events, design challenges, speaker panels, lessons, and activities in an effort to encourage more young people to explore science, technology, engineering and math coursework and careers, and to “See Themselves in STEM.”

During a virtual kick-off event hosted by Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the Massachusetts Science and Engineering Fair, Gov. Baker signed a proclamation declaring Oct. 19-23 Massachusetts STEM Week. This year, the STEM Advisory Council has partnered with the Massachusetts Mentoring Partnership to highlight the importance of mentoring, supporting, and identifying with underrepresented youth, particularly girls

and students of color, in STEM fields and careers.

Since taking office in 2015, strengthening STEM education in schools across the Commonwealth and deepening the STEM workforce pipeline has been a priority of the Baker-Polito Administration, and it remains committed to expanding opportunities and resources in and out of the classroom. Schools across the Commonwealth have strengthened career coaching and planning, and state education officials are working to help school districts develop and expand programs that give students rigorous college-level courses in STEM subjects through early college and career pathway programs.

“Our administration is committed to providing students in every corner of the Commonwealth with every tool, resource and opportunity necessary for them to excel in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields of studies and careers,” said Gov. Baker. “I am proud to join Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council

to kick off the third Massachusetts statewide STEM Week, and we are grateful to our partners in education and the workplace for their continued collaboration and support on behalf of our students.”

This year, the STEM Advisory Council coordinated with seven organizations across the state to offer options for STEM-focused Design Challenges. Each challenge includes professional development for teachers prior to STEM Week, and STEM-focused activities, curriculum, and engaging challenges during STEM Week that can be accessed virtually, in-person, or through a hybrid model. Design Challenge partners include: Kids In Tech, Museum of Science, Gale Force Education, FitMoney, MIND Research Institute and STMath, WPI STEM Education Center, the Wade Institute for Science Education, the Lloyd Center for the Environment and the National Marine Life Center.

“Since the Baker-Polito Administration launched STEM Week two years ago, learners

of all ages, in every region of the Commonwealth, have participated in engaging, inclusive, and fun learning experiences to spark a passion in STEM education,” said Secretary of Education James Peyser. “Despite the challenges this year brings, the STEM Council, educators, and employers across the state are committed to sustaining this momentum and look forward to engaging all learners during STEM Week and beyond.”

“At MIT, we are energized by scientific discovery, passionate about seeking solutions to the hardest problems, and dedicated to making STEM education accessible to learners of all backgrounds,” said MIT President L. Rafael Reif. “It is especially important that young people—tomorrow’s leaders—understand the new technologies that will shape our future. MIT is proud to host the kickoff of the third annual, and first virtual, Massachusetts STEM Week. We are grateful to Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory Council for their lead-

ership in making STEM education and employment top priorities for the Commonwealth.”

“Getting kids hooked on science is all about creating fun, hands-on experiences where they can explore these topics in the real world alongside scientists and mentors,” said Jeffrey Leiden, M.D., Ph.D., Executive Chairman of Vertex. “Those experiences might look different during a pandemic, but as leaders and educators, we have an opportunity to innovate in how we deliver them to students. At Vertex, we created an all-virtual summer internship experience for our Boston Public School partners, and we’ll continue to work with the community to ensure students—particularly women and those who are underrepresented in STEM—have the opportunities they need to succeed.”

To find out more about STEM Week events, visit the Mass STEM Week website at <https://www.massstemweek.org/>.

LEHS’s John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients announced

Lynn English High School is proud to announce that 122 students in the Class of 2021 received the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship provides a tuition waiver for eight semesters of undergraduate education at a Massachusetts state college or university. Massachusetts public high school students are eligible for the scholarship when they score at the Advanced performance level on one of the three high school state assessment tests in ELA, Mathematics, or STE (Biology, Chemistry, Introductory Physics, or Technology/Engineering); and score at the Proficient level or higher on the remaining two high school state assessment tests; and have combined scores from the three tests that place them in the top 25 percent of students in the graduating class in their district. Principal Tessie Mower congratulates these students and the teachers who helped them achieve this success!

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

JENNINGS JOINS STAFF AT CPS

CHELSEA - Chelsea Public Schools (CPS) is proud to welcome Dr. Aaron T. Jennings, a talented leader to CPS, as the first ever Officer of Equity, Diversity and Excellence.

"I am excited to have Dr. Aaron Jennings join our team. Dr. Jennings is passionate about equity in excellence and has a proven track record of working with and lifting up youth of color. Our goal with this new position is to deepen the work of equity and excellence in all our schools," said Supt. Almi Abeyta.

Dr. Jennings will be charged with ensuring that equity goals are incorporated throughout CPS operations and providing strategic and policy direction on equity issues.

"I am blessed to become a member of Chelsea's community," he said. "Being a part of a city where its institutions, leadership, and residents are committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging seems only possible through dreaming. I look forward to learning from the community and leading with the community - so together, we can further make Chelsea a Beloved Community in our region."

This position will report directly to Supt. Abeyta and is a Cabinet position. Chelsea Public Schools prioritizes an inclusive working environment and values the diverse backgrounds and characteristics of all people. As such, a goal of CPS is to diversify District staff - a diverse staff will better reflect the District's diverse student population.

Jennings is described as an equity warrior and agent of change, who is committed to working at the nexus of education, community, and government. He has orchestrated beneficial cross-sector resources and partnerships for children and families through collaborative action, capacity building, and system-level change. After obtaining his Master of Social Work from the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis, Dr. Jennings worked at DC Public Schools as a child and parent advocate for families from Ward 8, his home ward. After an impactful tenure, he returned to the Brown School as the founding Manager of the Urban Education Initiatives. In St. Louis, Dr. Jennings led efforts to change the narrative and scale of impact for social work professionals engaged in urban education at the micro, mezzo, and macro-levels throughout the region. After many

years of demonstrated impact, he returned to academia to pursue his Doctor of Education Leadership at the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE).

At HGSE, Dr. Jennings enjoyed diverse learning and leading experiences. He advised and planned diversity, inclusion, and belonging programs with Harvard College and the Graduate School of Education administration and staff. During his ten-month doctoral residency, he was the Health and Human Services Doctoral Fellow at the City of Somerville Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Jennings also served as the Gordon M. Ambach Fellow for the Children's Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Internationally, Dr. Jennings has traveled to Israel, India, and the Greater Antilles to study educational systems and to examine how social inequities influence education policies and impacts the lives of marginalized students. Dr. Jennings co-developed a work plan and provided best practice recommendations to support English Language Learners following new federal immigration policy changes for Eagle County Schools in Colorado. At the completion of his doctoral degree, he worked as a Vice President of Education and Impact for an Ed-Tech startup that concentrated on ending chronic absenteeism and improving national attendance within the K-12 sector. Recently, Dr. Jennings co-led equity and anti-racist professional development for Grossmont Adult Education educators and staff.

As a proud graduate of the University of Virginia, Dr. Jennings studied religion and government, creating an unofficial social justice focus that provided him a foundation for his mission in life - Connect, Serve, and Lead.

LOOKING AT THE CITY THROUGH A LENS

CHELSEA - Chelsea photographer Darlene DeVita had long been working on the People of Chelsea project - a photo and text project that tells the story of regular people in Chelsea - before COVID-19 forever changed the city.

However, as that change was going on, she continued the project and came away with an amazing, if not historic, look at the city and its people in one of the most trying times in its long history.

She is showing the fruits of her work this week in a banner project at the library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

"The pandemic definitely

turned it into something quite different - the People of Chelsea Pandemic Edition," she said.

DeVita said she had been working on her latest installment on the series, which was funded by the Cultural Council in January. Once the pandemic hit, everything was in question. However after a few "camera walks" she began to find that life and people in Chelsea were now even more interesting.

"Early on, I took a walk around Chelsea with my camera," she said. "I came to one corner and saw a mural that said, 'Then and Now!' I stopped and realized a month ago we were in the 'Then' and we were at that moment in a very new 'Now.' I realized this is an important time and I really decided to just get out there. I still think about that a lot - the new now."

That new now has found itself in the form of a number of different photographs with back stories in English and Spanish. Those stories have been transformed into banners that adorn the fence along the Library, and in the City Hall Gallery.

DeVita said she continued shooting people in the pandemic until the end of March, when things just got too dangerous with COVID-19 at its surge. It was then that her project took another turn, that being to the food pantries and the Chelsea Collaborative.

That led to an even deeper dive into the people and the community - and what individuals were going through. DeVita met volunteers helping to distribute food, and she met and profiled Chelsea people who were in line to get food.

"I was comfortable with the photography, but getting the stories and text was new to me," she said. "When I was there, I would ask people were comfortable telling me their stories. They were. I also found it was important and people wanted and needed to tell their stories. It's important. The people in lines were there because they didn't have their jobs anymore. They weren't homeless people. They were trying to survive."

Nathalie Pardo, who curates the City Hall Gallery, said the show was an inspiration, and one they are using to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month - as it tells the true stories of people in Chelsea.

"It's worth noting that there is translation (into Spanish) of all the text and goes a long way in having an inclusive gallery at City Hall," she said. "We usually do an Hispanic Heritage Month

show, but this year it was nearly impossible to connect with artists. Chelsea inherently is an Hispanic community and by translating the text and putting in all these stories, it really is a story of that."

The show will be up through November, and DeVita said she wants to continue on with the project.

"I really want to continue on, especially with the banners," she said. "For the people of Chelsea, there so much to be done and so many stories. I want to go back to the early days and focus on what makes Chelsea, Chelsea."

CITY RELEASES OFFICIAL ARTIST RENDERINGS OF NEW SENIOR CENTER DESIGN

EAST BOSTON - The City of Boston released a set of artist renderings for the first time depicting what East Boston's first ever Senior Center will look like once construction is completed.

Construction on the future senior center began over the summer at the former Bremen Street branch of the Boston Public Library across from Orient Heights MBTA station.

Throughout August and September, interior demolition took place, and construction started. Construction work on the senior center will include accessibility upgrades, new HVAC systems, new elevator, window replacements, landscaping, new utilities, new bathrooms, new kitchen, sprinkler system and roof replacement.

The renderings released by the city for the first time show the all glass, 850 square foot addition that will house the senior center's main entrance, lobby, elevator and stairwell. The renderings also show the outdoor terrace that is part of the design.

"I'm proud to see construction is underway on the new senior center in Orient Heights, East Boston," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "In Boston, we are dedicated to making investments that directly benefit in our communities, and this senior center will be vital to increasing services for our older Bostonians."

For decades East Boston's senior citizens and senior groups like the Golden Age Club have been clamoring for their own space in the community. Currently, Eastie seniors share space at other non-profits for senior programs, social hours, parties and other events. A dedicated senior center would allow seniors to ac-

complish these things within the confines of their own permanent location.

Investments from Massport, through a mitigation struck with the Logan Impact Advisory Committee (LIAG), will help support the programming and operational needs of the newly renovated center once construction is complete.

"We are proud to join with Mayor Walsh to support this great project for the East Boston community," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "Massport strives to be a good neighbor to our surrounding communities. Over the years, with the help of East Boston residents and elected officials, we have fulfilled many community commitments in East Boston. Our support of this new Senior Center is a great example of these collaborative efforts."

The City's current budget for the design and construction is \$5.43 million and the estimated completion date is fall 2021.

"I think this senior center is a wonderful opportunity for our community, and I thank Mayor Walsh and Massport for making it possible," said Fran Carbone, who has been advocating for a senior center for the past five years. "Seniors look forward to having some substance every week. It's going to empower us to have somewhere to go everyday and enjoy. Participating in the community process is a wonderful opportunity for us to put our happy wishes into the building. It feels like a dream--it's finally coming to fruition. We have a lot of plans, and we are ready."

LAST PHASE OF PROJETS UNDERWAY

EAST BOSTON - Four years after kicking off the three-phase redevelopment of the Orient Heights Public Housing development Trinity Financial began construction on Phase III of the project in January.

Like Phase I and Phase II, Phase III will tear down the old post World War II-era brick housing on Vallar Road and portions of Faywood Avenue and be replaced with 81 units of new public housing.

During a public ZOOM meeting updating residents on the progress of the project, Eva Erlich the vice president of development for Trinity Financial and Boston Housing Authority's Joe Bamberg said an additional 42 units would be modernized as part of Phase III.

Phase III will also include the

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construction of a centrally located park for residents, the demolition of the existing community center and the expansion of open space.

Erlich said the entire process to replace the aging public housing development has been moving along rather swiftly considering the need to cobble together funding from a variety of different sources.

During the meeting, Erlich reported that the \$51.6 million Phase II portion of the project wrapped up over the summer on Vallar Road where crews demolished 87 old units in four buildings and constructed 88 replacement state-funded public housing units in two townhouse buildings and one mid rise building. Phase II also included improvements to the existing infrastructure and open spaces. Phase II leveraged \$10 million in proceeds from the sale of the Winthrop Square Garage, as well as \$1.83 million in Inclusionary Development Policy Funds, secured from the Davis Companies' 99 Sumner Street development in East Boston.

Phase III is part of the larger effort to transform the 331-unit of BHA owned public housing development that was originally built in 1951. Trinity completed Phase I of the project in 2018 where 90 units of public housing were replaced with 120 units of public housing both in townhouse and apartment-style buildings.

In January 2015, the BHA selected the development team of Trinity Financial and East Boston

Community Development Corp. to work with BHA and Department of Housing and Community Development (DCHD) and finalize a redevelopment strategy for the site. This development team secured financing to implement the redevelopment, and will own and manage the buildings post-redevelopment.

There were some concerns expressed at community meetings and on social media regarding the project. Some suggested the project had undergone drastic changes to the original design, and will soon run out of money.

In response to some of the disinformation circulating around the neighborhood, Erlich said while some minor tweaks were made to the project they were done in response to residents' concerns at previous meetings.

Trinity eliminated the 42 units of non-public market rate housing that was part of the original plan, but this was done after concerns were raised about increasing density after the planned second road connecting Vallar Road and Waldemar Avenue were dropped.

When the project started the cost of connecting Vallar Road with Waldemar Avenue below justified intersecting the two streets. With an original price tag of \$3 million the cost soared to nearly \$10 million after the road was studied and the soil tested. After meeting with engineers and looking at the cost so the road can meet city standards it became very expensive to make that connection from street to street.

The community expressed concern that replacing 331 units of public housing and then adding an additional 42 units of market rate housing could lead to congestion without the two roads connecting. So in response to these concerns Trinity decided to focus on replacing the 331 units

over the same land area and eliminate the market rate component.

Erlich said these changes allowed Trinity to add more housing units on Waldemar during Phase I, as well as, freeing up some space as part of Phase II to add new open space for the community as well as refurbishing

the basketball courts and community room.

Erlich pointed out that the brand new park planned for where Vallar Road meets Faywood Avenue, that is part of Phase III, as an example of increasing the project's open space by cutting the 42 additional units.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - HIGHWAY DIVISION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

Project File No. 602077

A Virtual Design Public Hearing will be published on the MassDOT website below to present the design for the proposed Lynnfield Street Roadway Improvement project in Lynn, MA.

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2020

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Lynnfield Street Improvement project. All views and comments submitted in response to the hearing will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

PROPOSAL: The proposed project consists of roadway and safety improvements along Lynnfield Street between Colonial Avenue and Cowdrey Avenue. The project includes the reconstruction of roadway pavement, new concrete sidewalks with granite curbing, new wheelchair ramps and drainage improvements. A new flashing beacon will be installed at Great Woods Road, and new pavement markings and signage will be provided throughout the project limits. Bicycle accommodations will be provided by exclusive bike lanes.

A secure right-of-way is necessary for this project. Acquisitions in fee and permanent or temporary easements may be required. The City of Lynn is responsible for acquiring all needed rights in private or public lands. MassDOT's policy concerning land acquisitions will be presented in the hearing.

Written statements and other exhibits regarding the proposed undertaking are to be submitted to Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention: Project Management, Project File No. 602077. Mailed statements and exhibits intended for inclusion in the public hearing transcript must be postmarked no later than ten (10) business days after the hearing is posted to the MassDOT website listed below. Project inquiries may be emailed to dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us. This hearing is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g. interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices and alternate material formats), as available.

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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 377 with 25 new cases today. 4,836 Lynn residents have recovered and 122 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 5,335. Please visit the City of Lynn COVID-19 Data Dashboard which is updated daily.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MA-DPH) is conducting a survey to hear from communities so that it can better help people through the COVID-19 crisis. By taking the survey, you can help find new solutions to community problems, and give MA-DPH the information they need to take action and support the communities that need it most. Anyone who is 14 years old or older can participate in the survey here: www.mass.gov/COVIDsurvey until October 30th.

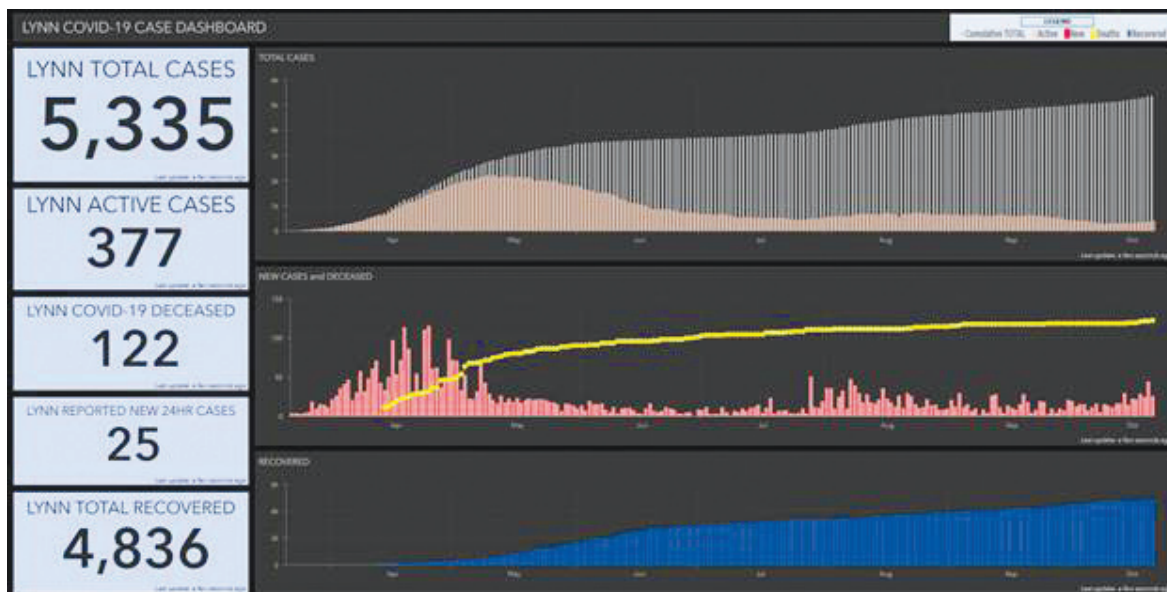
Stop the Spread Initiative Testing have been extended until December 31st

Please visit http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2 for more information on how you can get a free COVID-19 test in the City of Lynn until December 31st.

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 21 de octubre 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 377 con 25 casos nuevos hoy. 4,836 residentes de Lynn se han recuperado y 122 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 5,335. Por favor, visite el nuevo registro de data de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn que se actualiza diariamente.

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Massachusetts (MA-DPH) está llevando a cabo una encuesta para escuchar a las comunidades y así poder ayudar mejor a las personas durante la crisis de COVID-19. Al realizar la encuesta, puede ayudar a en-

contrar nuevas soluciones a los problemas de la comunidad y brindar a MA-DPH la información que necesitan para actuar y apoyar a las comunidades que más lo necesitan. Cualquier persona mayor de 14 años participar en la encuesta aquí: www.mass.gov/COVIDsurvey hasta el 30 de octubre.

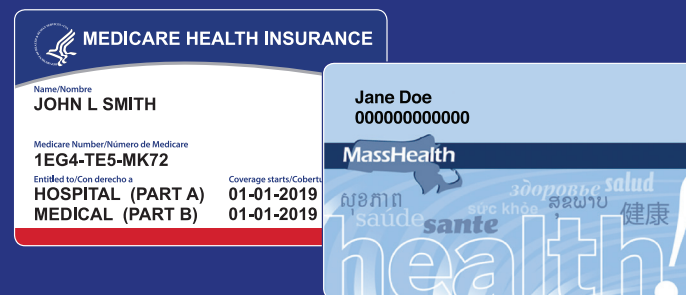
Las pruebas de la iniciativa de Stop the Spread se han extendido hasta el 31 de diciembre

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[ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2](http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2) para obtener más información sobre cómo puede obtener una prueba de COVID-19 gratuita en la ciudad de Lynn hasta el 31 de diciembre.

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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