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## The race to the corner office begins

### CYR OPENS MAYORAL CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS ON ANDREW STREET



Lynn City Council President, Darren Cyr, candidate for Mayor, announced the location and opening of his campaign headquarters at 38 Andrew Street in the heart of Downtown Lynn in its emerging, revitalized Central Business District.

“My decision to place my first campaign office downtown recognizes the exciting changes that have occurred in my time in office and what exciting possibilities remain throughout the City. When I look at the core of our city, it is not the high-rise apartments that I see, but rather the diverse and vibrant people, businesses, restaurants and artwork. Lynners now enjoy a wide choice of food delights and flourishing local businesses right next to more established businesses like, Zimman’s Fabric, Eastern Bank, Brother’s Deli, Community Credit Union and others. Downtown Lynn has become a destination once again.”

The Cyr campaign office is conveniently located across from the City’s Andrew Street Parking Lot, adjacent to the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and

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### SATTERWHITE OPENS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS ON LYNNFIELD STREET



Michael Satterwhite.

Lynn School Committee member Michael Satterwhite, candidate for mayor, will celebrate the opening of his new campaign headquarters at an in-person and virtual event Monday at 6 p.m.

Satterwhite has chosen Hayward’s, the former landmark Lynnfield Street restaurant, as the site for his campaign offices.

“The sign went up last week – I had Full Color (a Lynn graphic design company) do it,” said Satterwhite. “I think we have a great location on Route 129. I’ve had people coming into the headquarters. A lot of people are curious as to see what it looks like inside. I’ve been able to

host some nomination-signature events there which have been great.”

Satterwhite said the Hayward family, who lives next door to the restaurant, has been very accommodating. “The moment they heard that I was running for office,

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### NICHOLSON FOR MAYOR CAMPAIGN HIRES JEAN MICHAEL FANA AS ORGANIZING DIRECTOR



Jean Michael Fana.

The Nicholson for Mayor of Lynn Campaign is excited to announce its first campaign hire -- Jean Michael Fana will serve as Organizing Director.

Jean recently returned to Lynn after serving as an Army JAG Corps Paralegal. He served as a Trial Defense Paralegal at Camp Humphreys, South Korea and later was assigned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In Kansas, he met his wife Annalise, who together celebrate their first anniversary this August.

Jean was Honorably Discharged at the rank of Sergeant.

Jean graduated from Lynn Classical High School and was born to Miguel and Yovanny Fana, long-time Lynn residents. Yovanny was a Social Worker for Union Hospital, known for working on the truck that used to provide mobile health services to Lynn. Miguel was also a U.S. Army Soldier, now a retired veteran.

“Lynn gave me so many opportunities, so I’m excit-

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## McDonald’s owner Lindsay Wallin responds to the needs of her employees, community

By Cary Shuman

You can be sure that Lindsay Wallin, owner-operator of the

McDonald’s restaurant on Boston Street, will be considered for the prestigious Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce Busi-

nessperson of the Year Award.

When the pandemic hit last year, Wallin knew she wanted to do something to support her crew, and her community, through the challenging times. From allowing team members to bring food home to their families after a shift to paying an extra dollar an hour, Lindsay did what she could to alleviate the building stress of the coronavirus situation.

In her community, despite closed in-restaurant dining areas, Lindsay sought new ways to bring the McDonald’s magic back to children and families in her community. On Halloween, she organized drive-thru trick or treating events at her restaurants to provide a safe but exciting event for the local children.

“Since I became an operator, opening my first store with

a newborn on my arm, I’ve thought about my business from a mother’s perspective,” she says. “Along the way, I’m always looking to find ways McDonald’s could support parents and children in our communities – and I couldn’t be more grateful to have the support from my

crew behind me.”

Wallin, who resides in Lynnfield with her two children, officially became the owner of the McDonald’s on Boston Street in early 2020. In the past years, she had been operating the Lynn

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Lindsay Wallin, the owner and operator of the McDonald’s on Boston Street, is pictured outside the popular restaurant.

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# EDITORIAL

## AT LAST, SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Spring officially may have arrived on March 21, but the past month has been anything but spring-like.

For those of us who live along the Massachusetts coastline, this is nothing new of course. The prevailing, on-shore sea breezes at this time of year transport air from the ocean that still is in the low 40s. So on days when the temperature may be in the 60s in central Mass., we're at least 10 degrees cooler, with a wind-chill factor that makes it feel 10 degrees cooler than that.

In other words, the 60s elsewhere feel like the 40s for us.

But this week finally brought a measure of spring, not only because of the warmth, but because of the daffodils, forsythia, and flowering trees that signal the end of winter and the promise of nicer days ahead.

With the coronavirus pandemic hopefully coming to an end, the arrival of spring is coming none too soon.

## MASS SHOOTINGS ARE OUR NEW EPIDEMIC

Mass shootings with high-powered weapons are nothing new in America. The recent tragedies in Atlanta and Indianapolis are just two more of a long string of the slaughter of innocent Americans who simply were going about their everyday lives at work, in school, or at a shopping mall.

But as horrific as these well-publicized incidents have been, they are just the proverbial tip of the iceberg when it comes to mass shootings all across the country, which have been occurring at ever-increasing rates.

In the past 30 days since the Atlanta massacre, there have been 45 mass shootings -- defined as incidents where four or more people have been shot -- across the U.S.

The vast majority of these shootings never make it into the national headlines to the extent of the Atlanta and Indianapolis incidents, but they are real. For example, on April 8 in Bryan, Texas, a gunman (who apparently was a disgruntled former employee) shot six persons at a cabinet-making company. One was killed and five were wounded, four critically.

We could go on and on, but the bottom line is that America is the only place in the world where mass shootings are a daily part of life. And the reason is very simple: America is the only country where there are more guns than people and a large percentage of those weapons are high-capacity, semi-automatic firearms.

Ardent supporters of gun ownership make the time-worn argument that if there are restrictions on gun ownership, then only criminals will have guns.

But the reality is that the perpetrators of mass shooting incidents are not criminals -- they're typically the guy next door who has some sort of mental health or anger issue, but who has been able to buy a high-capacity weapon on a whim and go on a shooting rampage a short time later.

The shooter in Atlanta, for example, had purchased his gun just a day before he went on his murderous spree.

Other nations -- principally narco-terrorist states such as Mexico and Honduras -- may have higher homicide rates, but mass shootings by, and of, ordinary civilians are a uniquely American phenomenon.

Countries with broad gun-ownership, such as Australia and New Zealand, have instituted common-sense laws that have eliminated mass-shootings. Australia did so after a school massacre in 1996 -- and there have been no similar incidents since then.

What will it take for America to reach the tipping point that will persuade Congress to implement common-sense gun legislation?

We're obviously not there yet. Our guess is it will occur only when Americans will be fearful of gathering such that it will affect travel and business. After all, who wants to travel to a state where people are allowed to openly carry high-capacity weaponry?

But in the meantime, America tragically will remain among the most randomly-violent places on the planet.

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ed about the vision of a prosperous and fair city that Jared talks about," said Jean Michael. "As an Army Sergeant, we trained professionally as leaders. I know Jared Nicholson is the leader

Lynn needs to recover fully from the pandemic in a way that's fair for all of us."

"We are so thrilled to have Jean join the team," said Jared. "We are building a strong grass-

roots campaign and the leadership experience that Jean developed in the Army combined with his passion to serve the City he loves is going to take us to the next level."

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Hall, which Cyr has long supported.

A formal opening is anticipated at the end of this month following a build-out to accommodate Darren's friends, supporters and campaign staff. Cyr stated all are welcome to stop in at his Headquarters to show support or to learn more about his candidacy. Cyr expressed excitement

and gratitude on how his Mayoral Campaign has been initially received by the Lynn community. "I am thrilled and appreciative of the support of my candidacy among the City's elected officials as well as Lynners from all different ages, races and ethnicities. As a campaign team, we look forward to thoughtful discourse regarding the future

of Lynn. I truly believe that my work, life and political experiences as well as my intimate knowledge of all facets of City Government provide me with a unique ability to lead this great City forward and I am eager to prove myself to my fellow Lynners during the course of the next seven months and beyond."

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they wanted to sign my papers. They've been great."

Satterwhite said the bar area (the Dock 125 Restaurant succeeded Hayward's at the site) is intact. "I still have the wooden bar set up, so I look like a bartender while my campaign volunteers are sitting on the stools

and chatting up with me. It's been fun."

An attorney-at-law who has served on the Lynn School Committee for four years, Satterwhite has secured more than 600 nomination signatures which exceeds the number (500) a candidate needs to be certified for the may-

oral election. He and his volunteers are continuing to collect signatures.

Monday's "Michael Satterwhite For Mayor" event will have a limited number of guests (due to COVID-19 protocols) and will also be broadcast virtually.

## Free COVID-19 testing at 800-810 Lynnway

Residents can receive a free COVID-19 test at the building located at 800-810 Lynnway, the former home of Building 19 and the flea market.

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# Lynn English grad Danny Cooksey will coach Revere's semi-pro football team

By Cary Shuman

The Greater Boston Stallions will make their East Coast Football League (ECFL) debut semi-professional football debut this summer and a Lynn English High School graduate will be the head coach.

Danny Cooksey, 36, who grew up in Chelsea before his family moved to Lynn, is the new head coach of the Stallions who will be playing their homes at Harry DellaRusso Stadium in Revere.

Cooksey graduated in 2003 from Lynn English where he played four years of football as a running back and linebacker in then Coach Gary Molea's program.

"Those were great days," said Cooksey. "I learned a lot of football from Coach Molea. My sophomore year we went 8-2. Brent Tarasuik was our quarterback. Unfortunately, I never beat Classical in the Thanksgiving game."

Cooksey played semi-professional football himself for the North Shore Generals (Lynn) from 2007 to 2014 and later served as linebacker coach and defensive coordinator the Generals for five seasons. The Generals play in the New England Football League (NEFL) while the Stallions are first-year members of the East Coast Football League.

"I'm excited to be the first head coach of the Stallions organization," said Cooksey. "It's a new journey for everyone. We'll have about 60 players on our team."

Cooksey said he has players on the roster representing several area communities. He couldn't be happier with the team's decision to locate its operations in the city of Revere.

"When the option to get this stadium jumped up, I was all over it - I wanted to be in Revere," said Cooksey. "I just hope everyone in Revere comes out to our games and enjoys the experience. It's going to be fun and a great family environment."

Stallions team owner Anthony Collins said he's very happy to have an experienced coach like

Cooksey at the helm of his first-year team.

"Coach Cooksey has played semi-pro football and coached semi-pro football and those experiences made him an outstanding candidate for our head coaching position," said Collins. "We're very excited to have him on board as our head coach."

Cooksey will have former Ohio All-State quarterback Aron "Skooby" Cobbs running the Stallions' offense. Cobbs, 33, was a highly recruited prospect while leading his high school team to two Ohio state titles. Among the many Division 1 schools recruiting Cobbs was The Ohio State University Buckeyes' football program.

"I love playing football," said Cobbs, who is 6-foot, 1-inch, and 220 pounds. "I was very happy when the team owner (Anthony Collins) and general manager (Brad Yancey) asked me to come over and play for the Stallions. They're building something new here and I wanted to be a part of it."

Cobbs, who should be a crowd favorite with his dynamic passing skills, said the Stallions have assembled a very talented roster.

"It looks very promising," said Cobbs. "We have a lot of new guys mixed in with some veteran guys, a great coaching staff and I think we're going to do really well this year."

Cobbs came away from very impressed by the facilities at Della Russo Stadium.

"This is my first time being here and the stadium is gorgeous," said Cobbs after the team's opening night of practice. "I can't wait to fill the stands and get the community out behind us. It's going to be really nice."

The Stallions will play their first home game in Revere on Saturday, June 26 at noon.

Tickets will be \$10 per person and free for children 12-and-under.

### Meet the Stallions team owner

Anthony Collins is the owner of the Greater Boston Stallions. Collins played football at Hyde Park High School and later played and coached at the

semi-professional football level. This is his first year of team ownership.

Collins said that General Manager Brad Yancey suggested Revere as a potential home field for the Stallions.

"We were going to stay in Boston, but we decided to branch out and bring semi-professional football to Revere," said Collins.

The Stallions will wear very stylish uniforms that are already the talk of the league. One of their choices is the alternate uniform of the Boise State University Broncos. Collins is a big fan of the Boise State team.

"We're excited and ready to go," said Collins, adding that the team will have a concession stand (if COVID-19 protocols allow) and a merchandise stand at home games.



The Stallions "Big Three", GM Brad Yancey, Owner Anthony Collins and Head Coach, Dan Cooksey.

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# Saugus native Nick Raccuia starts brownie company for ketogenic lifestyles

By Cary Shuman

Saugus native Nick Raccuia is on a mission to develop high quality and great tasting snacks for Ketogenic and low-carb diets. And he is well on his way to reaching that goal, having found-

ed KetoBrownie, a Boston-based nutrition company. A former certified public accountant who grew up in Saugus, Raccuia came up with the idea to introduce Ketobrownies as a new dessert treat in 2016 after doing extensive research on the bene-

fits of ketogenic diets. Raccuia, 30, is a 2008 graduate of Pope John XXIII High School in Everett. He attended Suffolk University and received a graduate degree in Accounting. He became a CPA and worked at a large public accounting firm and later at Fidelity.

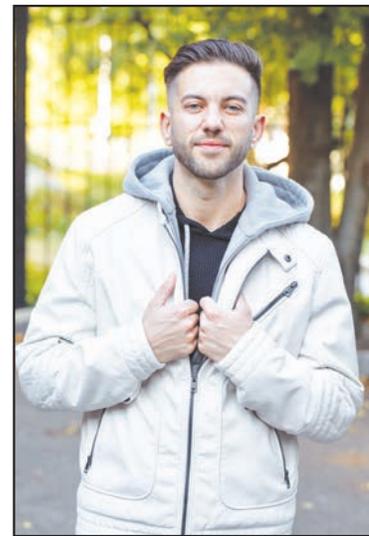
“Then I quit accounting after four and a half years and started a brownie business – so it was quite a change,” said Raccuia. He started making recipes inside his Orient Heights apartment in December, 2016. He put his first food product live on his KetoBrownie website six months later.

“I’ve just kept at it the last four years and now we’ve reached \$1.5 million in online sales,” said Raccuia proudly. “I got investors six months ago so they infused a lot more capital into the business and hopefully I’ll be scaling it up pretty heavily over the next few years.” Raccuia company now produces multiple products. The most popular product is the keto-bar which comes in three flavors, chocolate almond, cookie dough, and peanut butter chocolate chip. Customers are also trending toward the company’s brownie mixes.

Raccuia has set out to build upon the company’s success and he is constantly looking to improve the recipes. “Since our launch of the original product, we’ve done four major reformulations and iterations,” said Raccuia.

KetoBrownie now has more than 20,000 customers. Raccuia said the ketogenic diet gained wider exposure when NBA superstar LeBron James began talking about its effectiveness as a weight-loss measure in his diet. “I’ll have to send LeBron a KetoBrownie T-shirt,” he said.

Raccuia, who works out regularly at a Sal Bartolo’s boxing gym in Winthrop, continues to be his company’s best promoter as a physically fit young man who says he feels great.



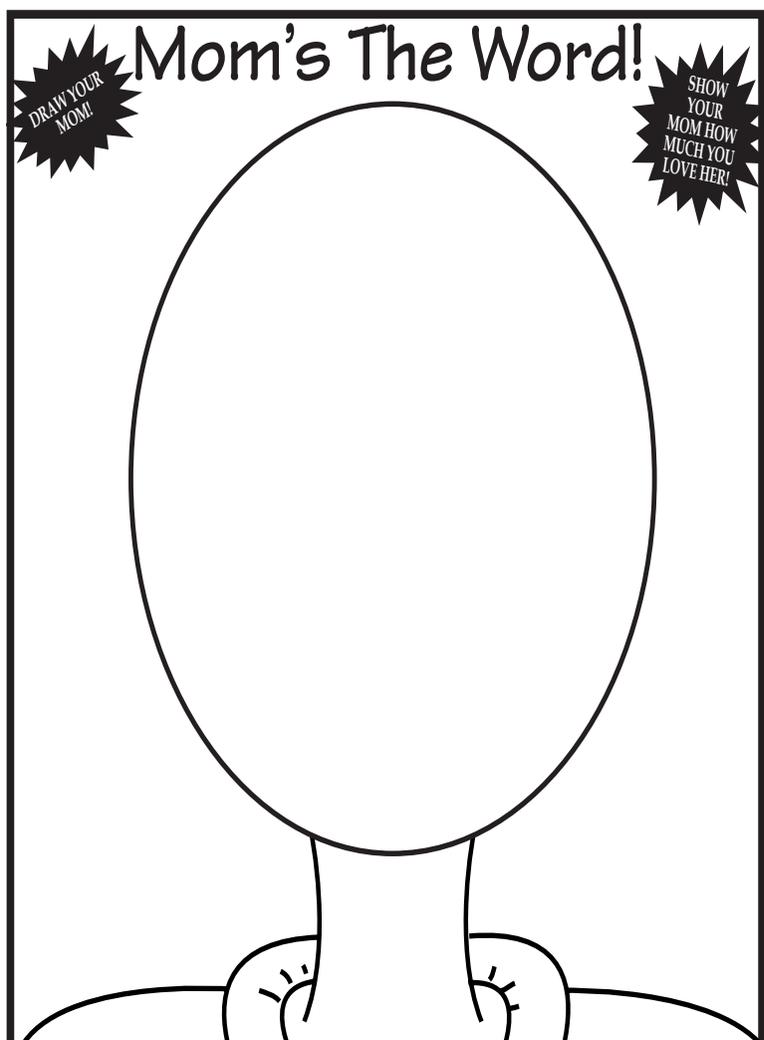
East Boston resident Nick Raccuia, owner of KetoBrownie, a nutrition company, is pictured above.

“I’ve never felt better than doing keto,” said Raccuia. “Mentally, I have a lot more energy. I don’t feel sluggish. When I ate a lot of carbs, I felt sluggish, run-down, and tired. I often say it’s a lot like buying premium gas for your car – you’re just putting the highest possible fuel into your body. The main thing my customers tell me is that they generally feel really good.”

Customers can purchase KetoBrownie products on the company website ([ketobrownie.com](http://ketobrownie.com)) and on Amazon.com.



Pictured above is the company logo for KetoBrownie, which is owned by East Boston resident Nick Raccuia.



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Raccuia became a customer himself and found his brownies to not only be a delicious treat, but an effective supplement to his ketogenic diet.

He dropped 30 pounds from his 5-foot-9-inch frame and now weighs 155 pounds. He also immediately noticed improvements in his mental clarity, an increase in energy levels, and a positive impact in his overall mood.

**KetoBrownie is building a loyal customer base**

Using social media such as Instagram to build an advertising platform, Raccuia’s new company generated \$2,000 in sales in the first month.

“I’ve just kept at it the last four

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restaurant which was previously owned by her father, Bob King.

“I’ve been running the restaurant for awhile, so I was already familiar with the restaurant and with the people, so it was not a super-tough transition, but the pandemic made it tricky, for sure,” said Wallin.

A graduate of Winchester High School and renowned Babson College, a school known for its superb business curriculum, Wallin also owns eight other McDonald’s restaurants on the North Shore, including the two on Route 1 (North and South) in Saugus.

McDonald’s on Boston Street stayed open throughout the pandemic.

“We closed the restaurant for dine-in and takeout at first, but kept the drive-thru operating the whole time,” recalled Wallin. “We also had delivery, which is actually a very big part of our business in Lynn.”

Recognizing the stresses caused by the pandemic to her employees and customers, Wal-

lin felt one of the most helpful things she could do was to allow her employees to take home a meal for their families at the end of their shift.

“It was just one less thing for people to worry about, with grocery shopping and the availability of food and all that at the beginning of the pandemic – it seemed like something that we could very easily do to help them out,” said Wallin.

A mother of two children (ages 10 and 12), Wallin said her experience as a parent “helped me a lot to recognize what parents need and how we can better serve our employees and our customers. As a parent, I was able to see a lot of things that were helpful to them. While it was a challenge, it really helped me a lot in recognizing that.”

Wallin has been a generous contributor to the Lynn schools. Fundraising nights, in which a portion of sales go to the school, have been very successful.

“We’ve done a lot of what we call ‘Teachers Nights’ with the

Lynn Woods and the Harrington Schools – basically we give 20 percent of sales back to the schools,” said Wallin. “Of all my nine stores, the Lynn fundraisers are always the most successful. And we love to give back. Anytime anyone asks us to do anything, we always say, ‘Why not?’ – that’s kind of our go-to response. We look forward to doing more with Lynn as schools start to reopen.”

Business has been very good at her McDonald’s in Lynn, which should only increase as crowds (hopefully) return for sporting events at nearby Manning Field and Fraser Field.

“Lynn is my highest-volume store, it has the most potential and I do look forward to growing it even more,” said Wallin.

And the city of Lynn is fortunate to have its midst, Lindsay Wallin - a philanthropic businesswoman and an authentic role model for aspiring female business owners everywhere.



Pictured front row, Roy Costa, DGK John Minor, Rolly Hayes, and Tony Costa. Back row, Ralph Simard, FDD/PGK Donald Collins, PGK Larry Donahue, DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera, and PGK Frank Harrington.

### NEW MEMBERS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Three candidates joined the Lynn Knights of Columbus. They were Roy and Tony Costa and Rolly Hayes. Deputy Grand Knight John Minor congratulated those becoming members. He

said, "This is a terrific organization; we do a lot of charitable work and have social functions. You will enjoy the friendships." Degree Team included DD/PGK Fausto Cabrera, FDD/PGK Don-

ald Collins, PGK Larry Donahue, PGK Frank Harrington, and Ralph Simard.

Valladolid Council is a beautiful facility and it offers many other programs for the membership.

## There are multiple ways you can get your COVID-19 vaccine in Lynn

Schedule an Individual Appointment: Visit <https://www.lchcnet.org/covid-19-vaccine-scheduling> to schedule an appointment at the Lynn Tech Vaccination Site. All Individuals Age 16+ are now eligible as of Monday, April 19th. The Pfizer vaccine is authorized for people age 16+ and the Moderna vaccine is authorized for people age 18+.

Mobile Vaccination Operation: The City of Lynn Department of Public Health, Lynn Community Health Center, and Mass General Brigham are pleased to announce a joint, mobile COVID-19 vaccination operation. Eligible community partners for mobile vaccination clinics include Lynn businesses, community organizations, or places of worship. Registration for a mobile clinic is available through the link below, and once it is submitted, staff from Lynn Community Health Center or the Lynn Department of Public Health will contact applicants as soon as possible to schedule, based on staff and vaccine supply availability. <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id>.

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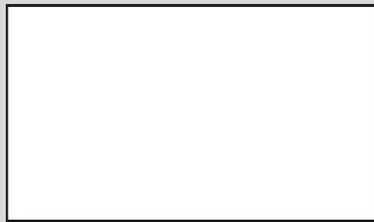
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# RALLY FOR DIVERSITY AT LYNN COMMONS

A chilly temperature breezed among 200 supporters attending the Rally for Diversity at Lynn Commons. Many held signs against hatred. This was a rallying cry to bring awareness and to correct this issue sweeping across America according to organizer Anthony Coleman

Solidarity Organizer and Ward 3 candidate Coco Alinsug noted how important this rally is to the Asian community. An Asian-Pilipino native, he explained, "To see how this community has many walks of life, and to see many different cultures are coming together to support the Asian-American community is a heartfelt experience; I am so proud of this city."

Councilor-at-Large Hong Net said, "This is a wonderful event seeing our city coming together to stop the hatred that is occurring in society. People came here

to understand what diversity is all about. It is important to send a message to other communities how Lynn is working together with all the citizens."

Attending the Solidarity rally was US Congressman Seth Moulton who stated how incredibly important it is now to have this rally as he continued to say, "There has been an escalation of violence against the Asian com-

munity. As we all know in Lynn these are great Americans and they are proud to be here. They are a vibrant part of the community; now is the time to show-up and support them."



Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre with Lynn Mayoral candidate Jared Nicholson stand for solidarity.



Asian-Americans proudly showing the American flag - Sarim Son and Long Phang.



Supporting the rally - Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, School Committee Lorraine Gately, State Rep. Daniel Cahill, and Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis.



Lily Li-Nagy, age 6, recited a poem - "Shape of Love with Peace and Unity" next to her mother, Helen Li as Neil Whittredge holds a microphone.



Lynn Officials stand together: Joselyne Reynoso, School Committee Brian Castellanos with Charlie, Lynn Mayoral candidates Darren Cyr and Michael Sattlewhite, School Committee candidate Lenny Pena, Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis, Senator Brendan Crighton, School Committee Lorraine Gately, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



Attending the Solidarity Rally: Mayor Thomas McGee, US Congressman Seth Moulton, and State Senator Brendan Crighton.



Rally for Solidarity Committee: Gail Sullivan, Ward 3 candidate Coco Alinsug, Anthony and Leticia Coleman, John Hogan, Ellen Simpson, Ivey Hanson, Neil Whittridge, Barbara Okeny, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan

### RALLY FOR DIVERSITY AT LYNN COMMONS



Supporting Diversity: Kristen Gandek, John Hogan with Solidarity Speaker Julie Chan.



Stop the Hate: Mary Sweeney, Ellen Simpson, Kayla Kane, Kim Yen, Erichson Seang and Ejoy Katagiri.



Supporting Asian-American Diversity: Mayor Thomas McGee, Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, Ward 3 candidate Coco Alinsug, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.



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President Frances Martinez noted the importance of having a new business in Lynn as she stated, "This was an achievement for these owners to open, especially during the pandemic. It is significant to support small businesses. This is a great location and the owners did a marvelous job to open."

Mayor Thomas McGee along with State Senator Brendan Crighton and State Rep Peter Capano presented formal Citations; each official expressed their congratulations, best wishes, and success for developing another business in the City of Lynn.

Market Co-owner Elaine Da Silva was happy as she said, "We appreciate everyone who came to this opening. We had so much support from Frances Martinez, Sergio Food Service, and Lynn City Hall. Many amazing people helped us. I am so thankful and ready to serve the community."

North Shore Latino Business



Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Boutique Da Carne: Estelle Revelotis, Salem Five Joseph Scianatico, Mayor Thomas McGee, State Rep. Peter Capano, State Senator Brendan Crighton, Jared Nicholson and Michael Sattlewhite with Weslei De Almedia, Joyse Santos, Melquisedeque Vital, Elaine DaSilva, Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez, and Food Service Consultant Sergio Espinoza.



Boutique Da Carne Meat Market staff – Elaine Da Silva, Melquisedeque Vital, Joyse Santos, and Weslei De Almedia.



City and State Citations for Grand Opening: - Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee, Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez, Estelle Revelotis, Josyse Santos, Paul LaBrie, Weslie De Almedia, Melquisedeque Vital and Elaine DaSilva.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### MOLEA INDUCTED INTO SIGMA TAU DELTA

Assumption's Department of English announced that Meagan Molea, of Lynn, has become a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the International Honor Society for those who study English.

"We are pleased to welcome Meagan as a new member of Assumption's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta," said Becky DiBia-sio, Ph.D. Associate Professor of English and one of the hon-or society's advisors. "Sigma Tau Delta-which aims to foster all aspects of the English disci-pline, including language, lit-erature, and writing-recognizes the accomplishments of those students, including Meagan, who have contributed to these areas and exhibit 'high standards of academic excellence' as well as

'exemplary character and good fellowship.' The English Depart-ment is proud to acknowledge the hard work of these students and congratulate them on this special achievement."

To qualify as a member of Sigma Tau Delta, students must earn a minimum of a 3.4 grade point average in the major and a 3.0 grade point average over-all. Candidates must also have completed at least three semes-ters of college course work and have completed a minimum of two college courses in English language or literature beyond the traditional first-year English re-quirements.

For more information on As-sumption, visit [www.assump-tion.edu/english](http://www.assump-tion.edu/english).

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## New AARP analysis shows Massachusetts COVID cases and deaths declining in nursing homes

The latest release of AARP's Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard shows that both cases and deaths in nursing homes declined in the four weeks ending March 21. Although these rates are im-proving, chronic problems in nursing homes—revealed during the COVID-19 pandemic—con-tinue. In Massachusetts, during the four weeks ending March 21, 2021, .49 percent of nursing homes reported a shortage of nurses or aides, down from 2.4 percent from the previous report-ing period.

Deaths of nursing home res-idents in Massachusetts have significantly decreased from the previous period, dropping from a rate of .79 to .10 per 100 res-idents. New infections among residents and staff also declined to less than half of previous lev-els. Resident cases fell from 2.4 to .34 per 100 residents, and new staff cases declined from 2.4 to .49 per 100 residents.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought to light the chron-ic, ongoing problems that have plagued the nursing home indus-try for decades, including staffing shortages, poor infection control, transparency, and accountability, said Mike Festa, AARP Massa-chusetts State Director. "Follow-

ing the COVID-related deaths of more than 9,000 nursing home residents and staff in Massachu-setts, now is the time to eradicate these failings that jeopardize the health and safety of nursing home residents."

AARP continues to urge elect-ed officials to act immediately, focusing this year on:

- \* Enacting or making perman-ent the components of AARP's five-point plan

- \* Prioritizing regular and ongoing testing and adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for residents and staff—as well as inspectors and any visi-tors.

- \* Improving transparency fo-cused on daily, public reporting of cases and deaths in facilities; communication with families about discharges and transfers; and accountability for state and federal funding that goes to fa-cilities.

- \* Ensuring access to in-person visitation following federal and state guidelines for safety, and require continued access to vir-tual visitation for all residents.

- \* Ensuring quality care for residents through adequate staffing, oversight, and access to in-person formal advocates, called long-term care Ombuds-men.

- \* Rejecting immunity for long-term care facilities related to COVID-19.

- \* Establishing minimum nurs-ing staffing standards

- \* Ensuring progress is made so that in-person visitation can safely occur and facilitating vir-tual visitation

- \* Creating a pathway for sin-gle occupancy rooms in nursing homes

The AARP Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard analyzes federally reported data in four-week periods going back to June 1, 2020. Using this data, the AARP Public Policy Institute, in collaboration with the Scripps Gerontology Center at Miami University in Ohio, created the dashboard to provide snapshots of the virus' infiltration into nurs-ing homes and impact on nursing home residents and staff, to iden-tify specific areas of concern at the national and state levels in a timely manner.

The complete Nursing Home COVID-19 Dashboard is avail-able at [www.aarp.org/nursing-homedashboard](http://www.aarp.org/nursing-homedashboard). For more in-formation on how COVID is impacting nursing homes and AARP's advocacy on this issue, visit [www.aarp.org/nursing-homes](http://www.aarp.org/nursing-homes).

## TSA seeks input on mobile driver's licenses

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Strate-gy, Policy, and Plans and Trans-portation Security Administra-tion (TSA) published a request for information in the Federal Register seeking information about security standards and technologies concerning mo-bile driver's licenses. Responses to the request for information will support future DHS/TSA rulemaking to update the REAL ID Act implementing regulation to accommodate mobile driver's licenses.

Mobile driver's licenses are digital representations of phys-ical driver's licenses, and are typically accessed via an app installed on a smartphone. Con-ceptually, mobile driver's li-censes are similar to digital rep-resentations of physical credit cards that are accessed via apps installed on smartphones. DHS and TSA are interested in mobile driver's licenses because, com-pared to physical driver's licens-es, mobile driver's licenses could provide greater security to TSA and all federal agencies verifying an individual's identity, stronger privacy protections to individu-als, and health and safety benefits to all users by enabling touchless identity verification.

"The TSA workforce com-prises teams of security-focused innovators who look for oppor-tunities to improve security and

the traveler experience across the nation's transportation network," said Darby LaJoye, Senior Offi-cial Performing the Duties of the TSA Administrator. "The mobile driver's license is one emerging technology example, and TSA is interested in exploring its incor-poration into our identity verifi-cation processes."

The Request for Information, solicits comments and input re-garding technical approaches, applicable industry standards and best practices to ensure that mobile driver's licenses can be issued and authenticated with features that ensure security, privacy and identity fraud detec-tion. Comments may be submit-ted until June 18, 2021.

The REAL ID Act applies to mobile and digital driver's li-censes and identification cards. To enable federal agency accep-tance of mobile driver's licenses for "official purposes," which the REAL ID Act defines as in-cluding access to federal facil-ities, nuclear power plants, and boarding federally regulated commercial aircraft, the REAL ID Act implementing regulation requires an update to accommo-date mobile driver's licenses. This request for information will inform potential updates to the regulation.

For more information on REAL ID, please visit [TSA.gov](http://TSA.gov).

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# NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

## COUNCIL LOOKS AT EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS

CHelsea - Council President Roy Avellaneda proposed that the City look at a list of vacant parcels and investigate the ability of taking those properties in order to build more affordable home-ownership opportunities.

Last week, Avellaneda said he knows the Council and the City have done as much as they can, but he feels like they should take the next step in looking at Eminent Domain takings.

“I think we’ve done everything possibly allowed to the City Council,” he said. “I would argue that we can never do enough and one way is we could do like the City did years ago and use Eminent Domain and friendly takings. They did that with One North and Chelsea Clock to

create economic development. Maybe we should look at other parts of the City...I don’t want to sit here and be reactionary to what’s going on with private development and don’t want my advocacy to be limited to testifying before the Zoning Board and then letting the market do what it does.”

The idea of Eminent Domain takings is controversial, but it was one used often when Chelsea was climbing out of receivership and beginning to develop thousands of new units in the Everett Avenue area of the city. Now Avellaneda said perhaps bringing that back in the neighborhoods and focusing on vacant lots could be a spark for affordable home ownership opportunities. He said it may or may not be possible, but he would certainly like to investigate the possibility.

That is especially true now

due to the program initiated with the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whereby that City Board is looking to build affordable housing on City-owned properties.

“I don’t take the thought of Eminent Domain takings lightly, but maybe it takes bold, drastic action such as this to create opportunities for our residents,” she said.

Earlier in the meeting, resident and AHTF member Norieliz DeJesus said she supported the idea, and thought it could be a way for her to become a homeowner. While she said her landlord has been wonderful throughout her life in Chelsea, she also would like the stability of being able to own a home in Chelsea – something that is now out of reach for her in the current market.

“I feel like one day as I continue to grow my family, that maybe I won’t be able to stay in Chelsea,” she said. “As we start to see open parcels and properties, those could be opportunities and we should be thinking of our existing Chelsea families as the first to get them. They will have great pride in Chelsea. They won’t be absentee landlords. Let’s keep this pipeline going.”

### •OUTSIDE WAIVERS

Councillor Leo Robinson introduced a piece Monday night to look at the numbers of City employees now requesting waivers to move out of the City, yet still keep their City jobs. Several such waivers have come up over the last few years, with many people selling in the hot real estate market and moving elsewhere.

“We seem to be cultivating a workforce that is moving out of the City and we have a number of residents looking for employment,” he said. “A lot of people say it’s upward mobility and I’m not against that. But I would also like to see that upward mobility offered to more Chelsea residents. These City jobs and DPW jobs are jobs people got because they lived in Chelsea. I think we need to have a conversation about alternatives to all these waivers.”

Councillor Enio Lopez said he agreed with looking more into the matter.

“A while ago there was a person who moved to New Hampshire,” he said. “I think we have people in Chelsea looking for jobs. Giving these waivers to people moving away from the City, I’m against that. There are a lot of people that live in Chelsea that want to work.”

## •FIREWORKS CONFERENCE

City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that the Council quickly move to schedule a Conference Committee to discuss the proposed new fireworks fines and regulations he put forth more than a month ago. Last year, fireworks rocked the City and angered many residents as they went off all night long – a problem that affected many of the urban areas in Greater Boston.

Councillor Enio Lopez said he wanted to get the Conference scheduled soon as the fireworks season usually begins in late May.

“Last year it was crazy,” he said. “If people have the money to buy these fireworks, they can pay a fine. It was a disgrace last year.”

### •CHELSEA EATS

The City Council voted 8-0 to approve another grant of \$500,000 from the Shah Family Foundation to fund the Chelsea Eats Debit Card. The program began last year and was aided by many who felt it was a pilot for a Universal Basic Income. So it is, much of the program has been funded by private donations, and this was the latest organization.

## BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM ON HOLD

CHelsea - The Council voted decidedly against a nearly \$300,000 expenditure that would have funded an extensive Beautification Program concentrated in the downtown areas, noting that there were more critical needs for the money at this time.

The Council voted 2-7 in the defeat, which had been championed for some time by Councillor Naomi Zabot.

“This is something I’m very, very passionate about,” said Zabot. “In terms of the pandemic and the financial situation we’re in, we are getting federal funding to fill in those gaps. According to our City Manager we are in a good place financially and the addition of even one more job in the community is helpful to the community...This money would go back to the community and we’re cleaning up the streets which has become increasingly harder for the DPW to clean up. It’s increasingly hard to keep streets clean and some neighborhoods are spotless and other neighborhoods are full of litter.”

Those voting for the plan were Zabot and Yamir Rodriguez. Those voting against were Council President Roy Avellaneda and

Councillors Giovanni Recupero, Melinda Vega Maldonado, Leo Robinson, Todd Taylor, Enio Lopez and Calvin Brown. Absent from the vote were Councillors Damali Vidot and Judith Garcia.

The plan, which has been discussed through the winter in long meetings and discussion about the priorities of the City right now. The plan would include one supervisor and 25 workers for 19 hours per week. Those workers would come at a cost of \$255,850 in salaries, and \$37,000 for materials. The total cost of the program was \$292,850, which City Manager Tom Ambrosino had requested from the Council Monday night from the Streets and Sidewalks accounts.

Most of the Council members did come down against the measure, not necessarily because they disagreed with Beautification efforts, but because they felt that the City wasn’t at a point where they could spend money on that when people still needed food.

“It’s just not the right time,” said Brown. “I can’t vote for it...I think we’re opening up a bad can of worms now.”

Avellaneda said he respects the idea, and had championed such measures in the past – including the MadVac effort in the early 2000s. However, he said there are just other priorities now and he wonders why Roca isn’t doing a better job with the money the City pays them to keep the streets clean.

“The problem I have with this is I’m not satisfied,” he said. “We still have money going out to a company like Roca. I don’t feel confident that we’re spending on a business like this and Roca at the same time. I think we need to evaluate the totality of the program and maybe we need to look at the program with Roca if they’re not doing the job needed for our neighborhoods. If not, we should look at whether or not they should be and maybe we should do something else.”

He said he was also disappointed that the program would only hire four youths, and the rest would be adults. He said it might be better to farm such a program out to the temporary agencies in Chelsea for the adults, and have the City focus on a program for youth only.

The matter cannot be brought back to the Council for another three months under Council rules.

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**DiPIERRO NAMED PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE**

EVERETT - With Council President Wayne Matewsky still recovering from health challenges, the City Council took the cautionary step to vote Councilor Anthony DiPierro in as President Pro Tempore - with DiPierro getting eight votes from his colleagues to lead the body until Matewsky can return.

On Monday night, with Matewsky still in tough condition from a major heart attack he suffered while in Florida last month, Councilor DiPierro put a piece on the agenda calling for the election of a Pro Tempore.

Councilor Michael McLaughlin - noting he and DiPierro have had their differences - said he would nominate DiPierro to be the Pro Tempore.

"Unfortunately, due to Councilor Matewsky's condition, he is unable to do the job at this time," McLaughlin said. "We need to keep things going and have a President Pro Tempore that knows the ropes and has been the President before and can run a meeting. I leave my personal feelings aside and do place a nomination for Councilor DiPierro. I know he can do the job and I know Council President Matewsky would want him to."

DiPierro said he would only want to run a fair and efficient meeting. He said he would move the meetings to the School Committee meeting area immediately at the next meeting, to allow for the Chambers to be renovated and for the meetings to be supported better technically. He said he wanted to use the Committee structure extensively and that he would restore the meetings to Facebook Live as soon as possible.

Not everyone was for the move.

Councilor Fred Capone said he felt everyone was jumping the gun to elect a new leader when it wasn't totally certain the condition of Councilor Matewsky and his timeline for a potential return to office.

"I don't take any issue with Councilor DiPierro," he said. "I

think he was a good leader... but my concern was to be open and transparent. I haven't heard any others that were interested. I would have liked to lay this over to the next meeting for everyone to have time to think about it."

Councilor John Hanlon said he could understand the concerns about relatives serving in the two highest offices, but he also said he believes that the Council can be independent.

"The mayor doesn't rule the Council," he said. "Anthony DiPierro doesn't rule the Council. The Council rules the Council."

In the end, DiPierro got the vote of eight colleagues, and abstaining from the vote were Capone and Adrien.

DiPierro said he would serve only as long as Matewsky was unable to do so.

Matewsky said to return to Everett this week

By all accounts, things weren't looking great for Council President Wayne Matewsky last Friday following surgery in Florida. He had been in critical condition for days, and things weren't reversing fast.

However, over the weekend it was reported that he has taken a step in the right direction and is on the mend. He is supposedly going to be able to travel back to Everett from Florida this week.

Councilor Anthony DiPierro said Matewsky was doing better than expected and had improved significantly over last weekend. He was not expected to be able to return anytime soon, but now that has seemingly changed. Once back, it was expected he would have a long recovery and rehabilitation period in Boston. No one is sure when he'll return to the Council, but his health situation has certainly improved since last Friday.

**COVID NUMBERS REMAIN WITH LITTLE CHANGE**

EVERETT - The numbers of COVID-19 cases in Everett has levelled off per week at between 100 and 130 each week.

This week there were 119 new cases reported, which was

up slightly from 103 cases last week. Two weeks ago there were 122 cases, and that has pretty much been the trend for the last two months.

The most recent numbers are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 13 - 23
- Monday, April 12 - 7
- Sunday, April 11 - 19
- Saturday, April 10 - 14
- Friday, April 9 - 5
- Thursday, April 8 - 22
- Wednesday, April 7 - 23
- Tuesday, April 6 - 6

On Monday, Jan. 4, Everett moved its testing full-time indoors at the Samuel Gentile Recreation Center on Elm Street. Testing is done Monday to Thursday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., and then 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Friday and Saturdays, testing is done noon to 6 p.m. It was announced this week that the Rec Center test site will remain open until June 30.

Additionally, there is also a testing resource for Everett residents only via the Mass General COVID-19 testing van. The van is located every Thursday at the Norwood Street Parking Lot in Everett Square. The hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and proof of Everett residency is required. Updates on the van are posted on the Kraft Community Health website.

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optimism. Opening day was a very important moment for everyone according to Principal Maura Durgin-Scully. She continued to say, "Students and staff wanted to return after being home so long on the computers. At first remote learning was a new ex-

perience, but soon, it became old news. Our goal was to bring the students back into the classroom for social, emotional, and learning reasons. The staff and students wanted to be back. Parents became elated to learn school will be open."

Superintendent Dr. Tut-

wiler worked very hard to re-open schools. He visited Fecteau-Leary to welcome back

students. Having students return to school is a normal situation said Principal Durgin-Scully.



School Resource Officer Manny Gasca and Guidance Counselor Erica Campbell welcomes Yazmin back to school.



School Nurse Beth Murphy hands a Laptop case to Grade 9 student Gregory to begin the school day.



Superintendent Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, Ph. D. greets Corey, Roneisan, and Litz.



Assistant Principal Joseph Glowik and School Monitors, Lou Rollins and Nate Williams, welcome back Greg and David to school.



Faculty members of Fecteau-Leary Welcome Back Students.

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