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JERRY'S BALLBUSTER'S REUNION



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With Mayor Tony Marino, throwing out the first ball, in 1974, this roster of the Wyoma Square - Golden Circle's Jerry Ballbusters was born. And what a run! A grand slam!!

Lynn Parks and Rec's Women's Leagues took on a life recruiting dozens of teams to develop

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Top, a look at the 1974 Jerry Ballbusters team. Above, last weeks attendees included Peggy Kelly, Penny (powerhouse) Pension, Helen (GOAT) Pace, Sis Sansone, Claire Avadanian, Barbara Cameron, Debbie Collamore, Patty Raimo, in spirit, Mary Robillard, The Shanahans, Diane Thompson, and Karen Fenton.

Voters go to the polls

Staff Report

Lynn residents will go to the polls on Nov. 2 to cast their ballots in the city election for the mayor, city council, and school committee positions.

City Council President Darren Cyr and School Committee member Jared Nicholson have been campaigning hard for sev-

eral months for the position of mayor, which will be decided in Tuesday's election. Mayor Thomas McGee had announced in March that he would not be seeking re-election.

Seven candidates are seeking election to four councillor-at-large positions. The incumbents seeking re-election are Buzzy Barton, Brian LaPierre,

Brian Field, and Hong Net. The other candidates are Jose M. Encarnacion, Marven Rhode Hypolite, and Nicole McClain.

There are three contested ward races in the election. Ward 2 Councillor Richard B. Starbard is running against candidate Elizabeth Figueroa. Ward 4 Council-

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Lynn Woods protected forever

Special To The Journal

A momentous vote occurred at Tuesday's City Council Meeting when the City Council, on behalf of the City and the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission, voted to petition the Legislature to authorize the City to grant a Conservation Restriction to protect Lynn's most treasured natural resource, Lynn Woods.

The grant to the state Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and the Essex County Greenbelt Association is intended to protect and preserve the City's reservoirs, watershed, and the hundreds of acres of Lynn Woods for conservation and recreation purposes.

City agencies and officials have worked for over twenty years with state officials, conservation groups, neighboring towns, and many others to achieve a lasting legacy, the protection of Lynn Woods, its open space and trails, and surrounding properties that contribute to the

City water supply.

Speaking in support of the protection of Lynn's natural resources, City Council President Darren Cyr said, "I am proud and pleased that my Council colleagues are the ones who not only recognized the need to preserve and protect Lynn Woods, but acted to do it now. We received the input of the Friends of Lynn Woods, Gannon Golf Course, the Special Needs Camp, the Park Ranger, and importantly the Lynn Water and Sewer Commission.

The real vote here is one of thanks to all who persevered, working so long, to finally achieve the result desired by the community."

Once Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee signs the agreement and approval is obtained from the towns of Saugus and Lynnfield, the Secretary of Environmental Affairs will then proceed with the final formal steps to complete the conservation protection.



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EDITORIAL

REMEMBERING THE PERFECT STORM

It was 30 years ago this week when the Perfect Storm struck the East Coast of the United States, bringing powerful winds and gargantuan waves that pummeled the Massachusetts coastline on Wednesday, October 30, and continued into the next day.

Although the storm eventually affected the entire East Coast from Canada to Florida, the most-costly damage occurred in Massachusetts, with more than 100 homes destroyed, especially along the South Shore in Marshfield.

The damage would have been much greater, given the 30-foot waves that ravaged the coastline, but the storm struck during a neap tide, the time of the month when the high tides are at their lowest.

If it had occurred during one of those King Tides -- we can only imagine the devastation.

The storm originally was called the No-Name Storm or the Halloween Storm, but eventually became known as the Perfect Storm, after the book by journalist Sebastian Junger and subsequent movie (starring George Clooney) that chronicled the fate of the crew of the Gloucester fishing vessel, Andrea Gale, which sunk amidst the storm and its 100-foot waves.

Junger got that name from a Boston meteorologist, who told Junger that the storm was formed from the convergence of the remnants of Hurricane Grace and two other weather systems, which then combined into one powerful storm -- the Perfect Storm -- a few hundred miles out to sea and then made a beeline westward for a direct hit on Massachusetts.

According to the meteorologist, the unlikely convergence of a hurricane and two other weather systems is a once-in-a-hundred year event.

For those of us who recall seeing the waves crashing over the seawalls in Revere and Winthrop from our tall office buildings in downtown Boston, and then getting a first-hand look at the damage the next day, the Perfect Storm is one we'll remember for the rest of our lives, just as we'll never forget the Blizzard of '78 and the previous generation never forgot the Hurricane of 1938.

In view of all of the destruction wrought by weather events in other parts of the world in the past 15 years, we should consider ourselves lucky that we have not had to face similar natural catastrophes.

On the other hand, realizing that it's been 30 years since our last truly Big One, the odds are that we are overdue for another natural disaster -- "Time and tide wait for no man," wrote the poet -- and with the added impact of climate change, whatever fate awaits us, we fear it will be a bad outcome.

ENJOY A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Yes, we all want to party and enjoy this Halloween season as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic, especially after Halloween essentially was cancelled last year.

But we urge all of our readers not to overdo it and to enjoy the holiday responsibly with their friends and loved ones.

Excessive drinking never makes sense and there never is a good excuse for it.

So let's dress up in our Squid Games costumes -- but remember that the winner of the game had to keep his head (literally and figuratively) to survive.

He never would have made it if he had been under the influence.



GUEST OP-ED

Who Will Pay for the \$2 Trillion Infrastructure Project

Dr. Glenn Mollette

If you are making less than \$40,000 a year then you probably don't care that single people making over \$523,601 pay 37% of their income in federal taxes. Married people filing jointly making over \$628,301 also pay 37%. These people make it and can afford to pay it we often say. What affects someone else doesn't bother us that much when it comes to income and taxes.

Let's say you are making \$35,000 this year but next year you have an opportunity to make \$45,000. Suddenly your federal tax rate increases from 12% to 22%. This is a big jump. You have the opportunity to make more but more of what you make goes to taxes. You start calculating the hours and time worked versus how much more you have to pay in taxes and you start wondering if it's worth what it will take to earn the extra income. If a great job comes your way to earn \$209,426 then you start calculating maybe it would be better to figure out how to make \$208,000 and stay in the 32% tax bracket. Most likely if you are making \$209,426 dollars a year you are probably working very hard for it and turning over \$70,000 plus

a year to the government doesn't feel very good.

Our government is hungry for money. The \$2 trillion infrastructure project that is on the table will mean our government will desperately need lots more mon-

ey for many years to come. Our grandchildren will be saddled with this debt for most of their lives.

We need infrastructure up-

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New Cove 164 Condominiums are transforming the neighborhood

Special to the Lynn Journal

The new Cove 164 Condominiums recently welcomed new owners of a first-class residential complex which has completely transformed a long-neglected neighborhood on Blossom Street in the Brickyard District. Construction will soon commence on a “sister” residential condominium next door at the long-vacant North Shore News building which will revitalize an area within walking distance to Lynn’s vibrant downtown and emerging waterfront.

The development consists of 72 luxury 1 & 2-bedroom units featuring in-unit laundry, a common courtyard with a barbeque area facing the ocean, and deeded parking in a secure ground level garage. The City of Lynn will generate more than \$350,000 in annual real estate revenue as a result of these market rate units.

Lynn City Council President Darren Cyr and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan were instrumental in attracting and promoting

this development which offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean and is a short walk to the Lynn Ferry Terminal. Cyr stated, “McGrath Development has a long history of building quality projects, and Cove 164 is no exception. The former McLaughlin Transmission shop had been closed for many years, and this project serves as a connector between the Central Business District and the Waterfront.”

“New development upon vacant and underused property is Lynn’s greatest resource as we continue through the 21st century, added Cyr.

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Pictured on the site of the beautiful new Cove 164 Condominiums on Blossom Street are, from left, Kevin McGrath, Pat McGrath, City Council President Darren Cyr, Paul Cirignano, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, and Eric McGrath.



The new COVE 164 Condominiums located on Blossom Street.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHN FORD RETIRES

After twenty years of dedicated service to the children of Lynn, School Committee member John Ford decided to retire. He was very involved in many Lynn programs for the youth, especially "Stop the Violence in Lynn". John looked at every aspect before making a final decision. He based his decision on his personal research and with other information. All his decisions were to improve the Lynn Public Schools and to benefit the children. State Senator Brendan Crighton and State Represent-

tative Peter Capano presented State Citations to John for his service to the community.

John decided to retire after twenty years on the committee when he noticed his ID badge was fading as he said, "I looked at my badge and never obtain a new one. It has been with me for 20 years. Noticing the how it faded, I began to realize it must be time for me to retire." John will be missed for his outstanding service to Lynn and to the school system. Congratulations on a job well done!



Lynn School Committee and State Officials – Jared Nicholson, Donna Coppola, Mayor Thomas McGee, State Senator Brendan Crighton, Honoree John Ford, State Rep. Peter Capano, Superintendent of School Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, Michael Satterwhite, Lorraine Gately, and Brian Castellanos.

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lor Richard C. Colucci is running against candidate Natasha S. Me-gie-Maddrey. In Ward 3, candidates Coco Alinsug and George Meimeteas are running for the seat currently held by mayoral candidate Darren Cyr.

Ward 1 Councillor Wayne Lozzi, Ward 5 Councillor Diana Chakoutis, Ward 6 Councillor Fred Hogan, and Ward 7 Councillor John Jay Walsh Jr. are running opposed.

Nine candidates are running for the six elected positions to the Lynn School Committee. The

incumbents seeking re-election are Brian K. Castellanos, Donna Coppola, and Lorraine Gately. The other candidates are Tiffany Jean Magnolia, Eric C. Dugan, Posan Ung, Daniel M. Richard, Sandra M. Lopez, and Lennin Lenny Pena.

The newly elected mayor will also serve on the School Committee that takes office in January.

City Clerk and Election Chief Janet Rowe said that the polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.



John Ford with his family at his retirement announcement.

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dates. Roads, bridges, new water lines, better energy sources, internet and more. The project will create a lot of jobs. However, don't be fooled into thinking someone else will pay for the project. We hear reports that the debt will be passed onto America's 600 billionaires. Do you really think Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg are going to pay for this \$2 trillion-dollar infrastructure deal?

America's billionaires should pay their fair share like all Americans but a nation that penalizes prosperity is unfair. I don't feel sorry for billionaires but a billionaire shouldn't have to pay 40% of his/her earnings to the

government. Also, America's billionaires have the resources to move to another country if they choose to. Their tax rate should be fair but we shouldn't run them out of the country.

If your income grows from \$30,000 a year to \$60,000, that is no reason for you to be penalized by your country. Congress needs to push for a flat tax and tax everyone including billionaires. A tax rate of 12% to 15% on all individuals and corporations would encourage people to make more and America would have more money to cover our infrastructure costs. Plus, more manufacturing would come back to America. Instead, our nation discourages prosperity by penal-

izing those who make more.

Every American will pay for the infrastructure project. We will be paying for a long time. Every American's tax burden will increase. Don't let Washington fool you into thinking somebody else will pay for this project. It's going to be all of us and for a very long time.

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

STEM opportunities in the Commonwealth are greater than ever

STEM-heavy industries are leading Massachusetts' recent economic growth according to a study released by Commonwealth Corporation in partnership with the Executive Office of Education (EOE), and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD) for the fourth annual Massachusetts STEM Week 2021. STEM Week takes place from October 18 – 22 and is organized by EOE and the STEM Advisory Council in partnership with the state's nine Regional STEM Networks. It is a statewide effort to boost the interest, awareness, and ability for all learners to envision themselves in STEM education and employment opportunities.

"Studying STEM creates endless opportunities, and we hope more students can see themselves in STEM," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, Co-Chair of the STEM Advisory Council. "STEM jobs and industries are vital to the Massachusetts economy, so we want to inspire young learners to get involved, be inspired, and picture themselves in a STEM career."

Massachusetts' economy grew at an annual rate of 6.9%, according to Growth Domestic Product data released by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis covering fourth quarter 2020 through first quarter 2021 (October 2020 – March 2021).

This growth was led by the professional, scientific, and services industry, which has the highest concentration of STEM jobs across all industries. Looking forward, the demand for STEM jobs is increasing and expected to account for 40% of the increase in total employment in Massachusetts through 2028.

"To meet the needs of job growth projections in STEM, the Baker-Polito Administration is committed to upskilling workers for long-lasting careers in technology, manufacturing, health care, and biotech," said Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Rosalin Acosta. "One proven pathway is Apprenticeships, and we are expanding this program to include more training opportunities for software developers, cybersecurity analysts, and IT business analysts."

One in five workers in Massachusetts work in the STEM field. Though often associated with science and technology, STEM jobs encompass a broad range of industry sectors. For example, one in five manufacturing jobs in Massachusetts is a STEM job; one in seven management jobs is STEM; and one out of every seven post-secondary teaching jobs is a STEM job.

"Our Administration, through the leadership of Lt. Governor Polito and the STEM Advisory

Council, has worked hard for the past several years to help Massachusetts students gain experience in STEM fields," said Education Secretary James Peyser. "We have expanded career and college pathways for young people to pursue industry-recognized credentials, and we deepened partnerships with employers and higher education institutions to offer more work-based learning experiences in STEM fields."

While STEM occupations are found in almost every industry in Massachusetts, racial minority representation in STEM continues to be low. Data from 2020 estimates that 27% of STEM workers are non-white, compared to the 2018 report of 24%. Black/African Americans make up 5% of the Massachusetts STEM workforce, most concentrated in healthcare. Hispanic/Latinx workers compose 6% of the STEM workforce. Asians

are at 15% working in STEM. Though STEM jobs appear evenly distributed among men and women, women tend to work in lower-paying STEM industries. Excluding healthcare, women hold 29% of STEM occupations.

"At CommCorp, we are working to create a pipeline," said Christine Abrams, President & CEO of Commonwealth Corporation. "For example, YouthWorks, in its recent grant cycle, supported youth placements in STEM jobs across information technology, healthcare, manufacturing, science, and engineering. This type of connection with employers is crucial as it can provide students with work-based learning opportunities as well as show them that they have many options for the future."

The healthcare sector holds the greatest number of STEM jobs at 212,340, while the professional, scientific, and techni-

cal services sector has the highest concentration of STEM jobs at 43%. Massachusetts continues to be among the states with the highest demand for STEM occupations, adjusted for population, across the U.S.

"The findings in this report reinforce the importance of our efforts to continue raising awareness of key career paths among STEM fields, which are playing a leading role in the Commonwealth's economic recovery," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "By focusing on the pipeline to develop talent, we can ensure STEM industries can continue to leverage a strong workforce in Massachusetts to strengthen their position in our economy and also expand STEM career opportunities to even more communities that traditionally have been underrepresented."

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and grow, year after year. This entrance into the Lynn's Adult Softball Association multiplied by hundreds and the program continued for almost 50 years.

Jerry's 74 roster, included Patty Shellgren, Patty Raimo, Peggy Kelly, Mayor Marino, Cheryl Miller, Claire Avadonian, Disne Thompson, Janet Modugno, Helen (GOAT) Pace, Karen Richards, Terry Kelly, Sis Sansone, Barbara Cameron, and Judy Johnson.

Year after year, teams grew, powerhouse players were recruited by other teams, many players moved up and some may have moved down, but a special bond was created for the originals that has never been forgotten. For almost 50 years, while some friendships may have faded away, moved away and life got in the way, the connection never left.

Last Friday night, an assembly of former BB players reunited. Still strong in spirit, to remi-

nise and talk about the good old days, on and off the field. The summer leagues, men's and women's games and post game fun, was our Golden "social circle" while we were all growing up as 20 year olds. The camaraderie and friendships can never be forgotten. The play-offs, championships, and trophy's drove our energy levels all summer and carried through every season. There were many nailbiters, tiebreakers, tears and hip hip hoorays. We had so many great sponsors, dedicated coaches, managers (Steve) loyal fans, (filling manning Bowl) and lots of supporters and are so very grateful for it all.

While this was Reunion 1, Reunion 2 is already being planned out, encouraging the numerous men's and women's softball leagues to join with us as we plan a citywide event, recognizing school sports and athletics.

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Halloween checklist should include candy, costume, designated driver

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is urging everyone to make a plan for a designated driver before Halloween weekend begins. MADD is concerned anytime a holiday falls on a weekend when the risk of drunk driving deaths and injuries is high.

"If you plan to consume alcohol or any other drugs, the safest choice you can make is to decide who your non-drinking, unimpaired driver will be at the same time you're planning for your costume or party," said MADD New England Region Executive Director, Bob Garguilo. "The key is to plan your ride before there is even an opportunity to find yourself in a dangerous situation, putting your life and the lives of others at risk."

Drunk driving is the leading cause of death and injuries on our nation's roads, killing more than 10,000 people every year and injuring 300,000 more. Drivers are increasingly testing positive for other impairing substances and multiple substances. According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018 the presence of marijuana nearly doubled in drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for marijuana. Of fatally injured drivers who were tested for the presence of drugs in 2018, 46% tested positive.

It is a crime to drive under the influence of alcohol and other drugs – legal and illegal – in every state, and drunk or drug-impaired driving poses a threat to the driver, passengers and everyone else on the road. Marijuana,

for example, has been shown to slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. Combining marijuana with alcohol is even more dangerous.

"Early estimates for 2020 and 2021 are showing an increase in deaths and injuries caused by impaired driving and other dangerous driving behaviors like speeding and not using seatbelts. All of these tragedies are 100% preventable. We are asking everyone to do their part," Otte said.

Tips for a safe Halloween:

- Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking, unimpaired driver, use rideshare or public transportation.

- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure your passengers

are wearing theirs.

- Never get into a car with an impaired driver or put yourself in a situation where you don't feel safe.

- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement immediately.

- If you witness someone who is about to drive impaired, attempt to stop them but be as a non-confrontational as possible. Enlist the help of others, if possible. Call law enforcement if attempts to stop them from driving fail.

About Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit

working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD has helped to save more than 400,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology. MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.

Baker signs student nutrition act ensuring more students access to free meals at school

Governor Charlie Baker, Lt. Governor Karyn Polito and Secretary of Education James Peyser joined lawmakers to participate in a ceremonial bill signing for An Act Promoting Student Nutrition (H 3999) which increases students' access to free school meals and prohibits schools from using any punitive measures against students with meal debt. The legislation requires any school or district to implement universal free breakfast and lunch for all students if a majority of its the students meet low-income criteria.

"This legislation is another way we can ensure all children in the Commonwealth have access to healthy meals when they are in school," said Governor Charlie Baker. "We are thankful to our partners in the Legislature for their leadership on this important issue so that no child goes hungry and can focus on their learning and education."

"This bill will end the undue burden on students whose families have school meal debt by preventing children from being involved," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "No child should

be involved in debt collection or made to feel uncomfortable when they go to eat lunch at school."

"As a state, we simply cannot accept hungry students as part of our reality. Students who don't get enough to eat every single day face very real disadvantages as compared to their peers," said Senate President Karen Spilka. "This legislation ensures that students across the Commonwealth have equitable access to nutrition to ensure that they start every day ready to learn. I'd like to thank Senate Majority Leader

Cindy Creem for her leadership on this bill, and to the Legislature and Governor Baker for acknowledging that supporting our students through accessible meals, rather than shaming families for their inability to pay, is the best path towards success for all of our students."

"Addressing food insecurity, especially among our state's most vulnerable students so they are able to learn and succeed in school, is a top priority for the Massachusetts House of Representatives," said Speaker of the House Ronald J. Mariano. "I would like to thank Chair Alice Peisch and Representative Andy Vargas for their leadership and hard work in extending access to meals and working to end hunger in our schools."

"School meals are critical to students' health and well-being," said Secretary of Education James Peyser. "This new law will expand access to free school meals to ensure thousands of additional students have access to healthy meals every day so they can learn and grow to their full potential."

The legislation also requires school districts that participate in the national school lunch program to take steps to maximize federal revenue resources and savings for families and directs the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to assist districts in improving direct certification for its students. It also allows school districts to certify children for free or reduced-priced meals for up to four consecutive school years.

In addition, school districts will be required to determine whether a student with unpaid meal debt is eligible for free or reduced-priced meals within 30 days of notification of the debt. During that 30-day window students can still access meals until it is determined whether the family is eligible for free or reduced meals. School employees are now prohibited in any way from publicly identifying a student with meal debt; denying a student a meal; disposing of a student's meal; or serving a student an alternative meal because of debt.

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ROTARY CLUB HELPS MY BROTHERS TABLE



The Lynn Rotary Club made 100 lunch bags for My Brothers Table. "Since March 2020 the club has made over 5,000 sandwich bags for the food pantry" said President William Reilly. Photo shows various Rotarians packing lunch bags before a monthly meeting.

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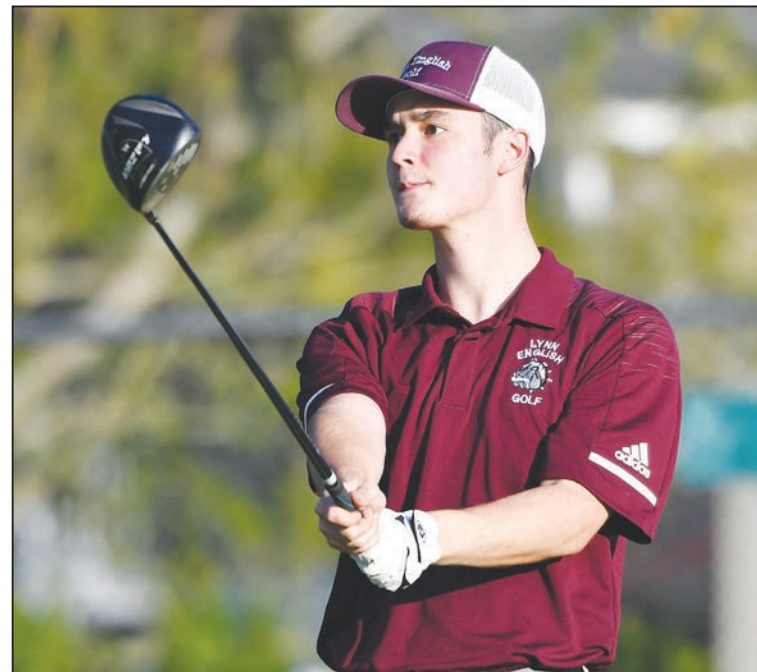
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LYNN ENGLISH GOLF TEAM PARTICIPATES IN THREE-WAY MATCH

The combined Revere-Malden golf team played a three-way match with Lynn English and Somerville on Tuesday, October 12 at Kelly Greens in Nahant.



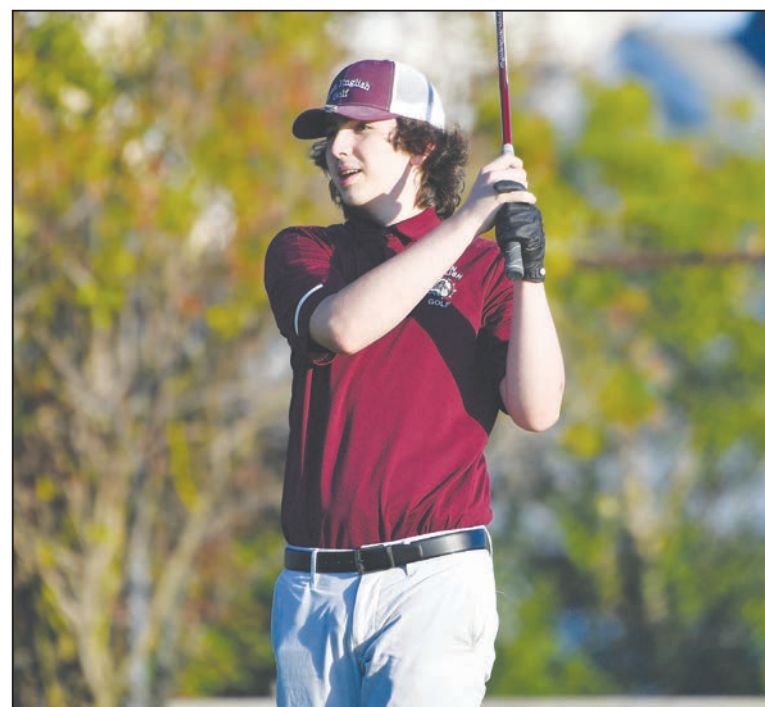
Alexander MacMillan lines up a putt with coach Brett Modea looking on in the background.



Billy Deveaux watches his tee shot on the sixth hole.



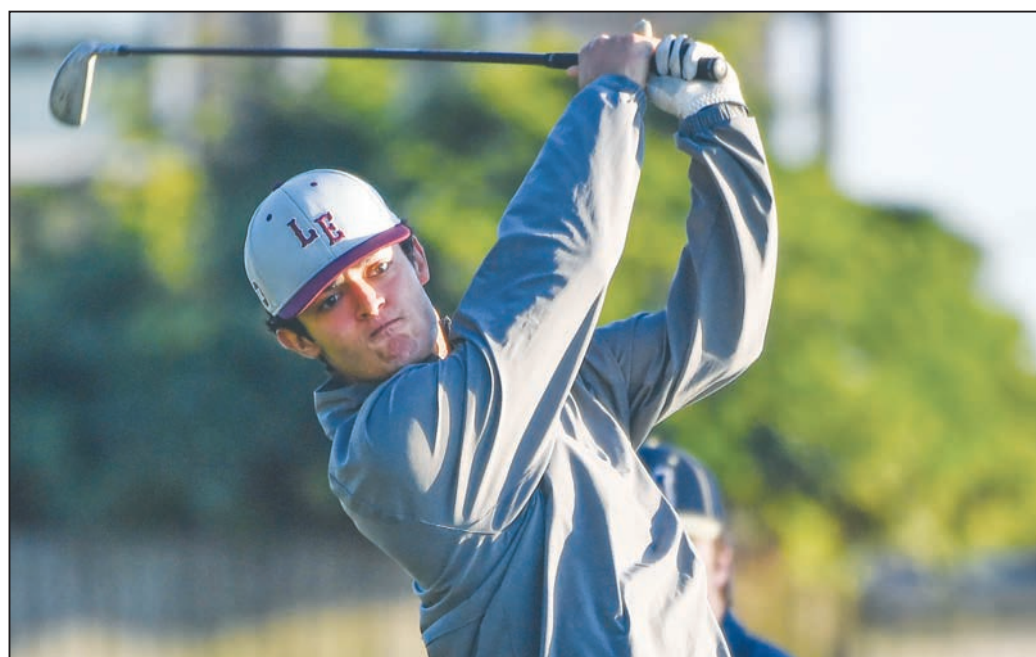
Tim Donahue tees off.



Justin Barrows watches his fairway shot.



John Crawley hits from the rough.



Diggy Rodriguez hits his drive on the ninth hole.



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Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce and the North Shore Latino Business Association each conducted separate ribbon cutting ceremonies.



State Senator Brendan Crighton and Mayor Thomas McGee presents State and City Citations to Michael and Adele Nijka with Peter Ejiofor. The North Shore Latino Business Association President Frances Martinez had a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Global Kitchen and Banquet opening.



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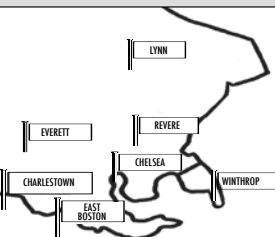
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Congratulations to the Honorees – Patrick and Thomas McGrath, Erin Muschette, Dr. Patrick Tutwilder, and Farquaha & Black Insurance Agency.



Lynn Boys & Girls Club Executive Director Brian Theirrien and Board of Director President Joe Scianatico.



Colin Newhall won the first auction bid and proudly displays his Boston Celtic picture with his dad, Ryan Newhall of Newhall Real Estate.



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Erin Muschette - 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee - with Atty. Brendan Ward, Sharel Anderson, and Jermaine Wiggins former NE Patriot.



Boys & Girls Club Years of Service Award recipients to Jodi Furlong and Yadiris Gonzalez.



2021 Hall of Fame Inductees – Emcee State Rep. Daniel Cahill and former Super Bowl Champion Jermaine Wiggins with Honorees McGrath Brothers - Thomas and Kevin.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

TEACHERS STAGE A 'WALK-IN'

CHELSEA - Chelsea teachers staged a "walk-in" on Monday as part of their efforts to demand what they consider to be a fair contract.

Teachers, staff, educators, and community leaders rallied outside the district schools last week before walking into the buildings together.

The most recent contract between the district and Chelsea Teachers Union Local #1340 expired at the end of the last school year. According to Kathryn Anderson, president of the union, the teachers' top negotiation priorities include making pay competitive with nearby districts, paying paraprofessionals for translation services, reducing class sizes, and providing prep periods for all members, including weekly preps for paraprofessionals.

"I think the Chelsea community stands with us and recognizes how important the demands are for getting students the services they deserve," said Anderson.

She said the support and participation from teachers across the district was high for the walk-in, and helped to show that there was unity among teachers beyond the leadership of the union.

Anderson said she believes one of the biggest issues on the school side is that there is a mindset locked into constant budget cuts over the years, and that some might not fully believe that Chelsea is going to see a major bump in Student Opportunity Act (SOA) money in the coming years. The SOA money coming into Chelsea is estimated to double from \$70 million to \$140 million over the next six years, and after the six-year phase, the increase from the state will become permanent.

Low pay, teacher retention, and high class sizes are all issues that are intertwined and could be solved through the smart use of the SOA money, Anderson said.

"There's a huge difference between class sizes of 32 kids and 24 or 20 kids," said Anderson.

She also noted that the teacher retention rates are lower than in surrounding communities, and that the pay for Chelsea teachers plays a big part in that.

"If you are looking a mile away, and they are making 16 percent more, it can be hard to convince people to stay," Anderson said.

The next negotiation sessions between the schools and the

union are scheduled for Nov. 8 and 15. Anderson said there has been movement on some issues, but that there are still issues where the two sides are far apart.

"Negotiations between Chelsea Public Schools and the Chelsea Teachers Union are ongoing," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta. "I can assure you that we are working in good faith to reach an agreement. I fully expect that we will reach an agreement that is fair and equitable both for staff and for the community."

School Committee member Marisol Santiago said that all the teachers, paraprofessionals, and all the members of the school district are valuable stakeholders in the process, and that it is important to have a good negotiation process to make sure both sides have their needs met.

"We all have to keep in mind the various stakeholders and plan for the future," she said. "It's critical to do that respectfully, because everyone wants the best for the community."

Santiago said she did see positives from the teacher walk-in held at the schools on Monday.

"I'm glad to see that great organizing is happening that is building out a stronger community that benefits us all," she said.

NEW ART EXHIBIT INSTALLED

EAST BOSTON - A new art exhibit that is a collaboration between Boston Harbor Now and conservation photographer Lauren Owens Lambert has been installed at LoPresti Park in East Boston and Langone Park in the North End.

"On the Edge: Boston's Working Waterfront" uses Lambert's photos to showcase the range of jobs linked to the Boston waterfront and the value they bring to the city and the region.

The new art installation features a photo by Lambert of two Piers Park Sailing Center staff and students practicing righting a capsized boat at the sailing center.

While traditional maritime jobs persist, the changing waterfront—cleaned over the past four decades, lined with significant new construction, and preparing for the impacts of climate change—offers employment to many.

Through a set of working portraits by Lambert the installation represents, on a human scale, the



Chelsea goalkeeper Arquimides Felix Barrero held off the strong Revere attack until he was injured forced to leave the game.

ON HIS GAME

economic impact and interconnection of Boston Harbor.

Like the Piers Park Sailing Center picture Lamberts other portraits illustrate a cross-section of the city's workforce and highlight the diversity of humans and roles that help the region benefit from a healthy and connected harbor.

Lambert commented that the harbor is a vital economic engine that powers the City and the many lives and livelihoods that depend on it.

Piers Park Sailing Center Executive Director Alex DeFronzo said his team is really excited for the public art installation because it showcases the historic maritime work that continues today in Eastie.

Lambert is a photographer and video journalist based in the Boston area whose work has a creative focus in documenting the human aspect of climate change, ocean health, natural resource management, conservation, and our relationship with the natural world during the age of the Anthropocene.

Her work has been published with Agence France-Presse, Audubon Magazine, BioGraphic Magazine, and The Boston Globe. She is an International League of Conservation Photographer and has presented work at the United Nations on the importance of visual storytelling with ocean science and data communication.

OFFICIALS TAKE STEPS TO STOP STUDENTS' FIGHTING

EVERETT - "We are making headway, but there is still a way to go," Superintendent of Schools Priya Tahiliani told School Committee members regarding the measures that school officials are taking to stem the recent increase in incidents of fighting at Everett High School.

Tahiliani, speaking at a meeting of the School Committee, even went so far to say that school officials could be looking at prosecuting those students responsible for filming and then posting the fights on social me-

dia platforms.

Tahiliani, who temporarily has moved her office to the high school to have a more hands-on approach to the problem, outlined some of the measures being taken by school officials, including having a full-time staff to record a students' attendance during the entire day; having students review the student handbook; filling vacant positions; and stressing the responsibility of students who record and then post videos on social media.

The committee backed the superintendent's actions, acknowledging that there is a problem at the high school. However, the members agreed that once the misinformation that is circulating on social media is corrected, parents will feel much better about the situation.

"As a parent with a daughter in the Everett Public Schools, I understand the concerns fellow parents have about recent incidents at the high school," said Mayor DeMaria. "It's important

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for families to know that these issues are being taken seriously by the School Department and the School Resource Officers assigned by the Everett Police Department to the high school. Progress has already been made on a series of measures and more work is underway to prevent further incidents," the Mayor continued. "The School Department has committed to sharing information with parents about the efforts underway to keep our students safe and help address parents' concerns. I look forward to working with the Superintendent and my colleagues on the School Committee to find additional ways to support the social and emotional learning needs of all our students to help them transition back into the classroom environment and the impacts they have felt from the pandemic."

Ward 5 member Marcony Almedida Barros told his colleagues that he was at Everett High for more than three hours and saw no major problems at the school. He also mentioned how he communicated with parents in Portuguese, and once the truth about the situation came out, how relieved the parents felt. "There are rumors that the place is falling apart," Barros said, adding, "We need to communicate with parents that there are fights, but we are taking action."

Ward 1 School Committee member Allen Panarese echoed Barros's sentiments.

"Five percent of the students' actions are negative and are overshadowing the 95% of the good accomplishments of the students," Panarese said.

"My son feels safe at Everett High," at-large committeewoman Samantha Lambert told her colleagues.

Tahiliani added that the Everett High staff are working with the Everett Police School Resource Officers to address the issue.

Kimberly Auger of the Everett Teachers' Association (ETA) issued a statement on the matter.

"The ETA membership wants nothing more than to reconnect with and support our students. We welcome and encourage more visits and discussions between teachers and administrators. We know our members already show up every day for our students' social, academic, and emotional growth. We are all willing to examine and improve our practice within our classrooms and our schools. The

staff at each school, nearly all of whom we represent – teachers, administrative assistants, para-professionals, vice-principals, coordinators, directors, department heads – stand ready to continue to help the Superintendent and the building principals create a productive environment for the students and staff at Everett Public Schools."

During the public comment period, Ben Murray, an Everett teacher, urged all parties, "...not to fingerpoint, but to work on the common goal to educate children."

Tahiliani added, "We are striving to have one good day after another."

COVID-19 testing

Tahiliani noted that 20 COVID-19 cases were confirmed in the schools for the period of October 1-14. The school population still falls short of the state-mandated 80% threshold of fully-vaccinated students that would permit the schools to have the state's mandatory mask-wearing order rescinded.

Tahiliani also told members that between Cataldo Ambulance and Cambridge Health, the schools have been able to increase the number of students taking part in the test-and-stay program, whereby students with symptoms are tested, and if found negative for COVID-19, they can stay in school.

PLASTIC BAG BANNING ORDINANCE PASSES TWO YEAR MARK

REVERE - Ward 1 Councillor Joanne McKenna calls the ordinance banning single-use plastic bags in Revere "one of my biggest and proudest accomplishments as a councillor."

The City Council passed the ordinance co-sponsored by McKenna and Councillor-at-Large Jessica Giannino in April, 2019.

"It's been two-and-a-half years," said McKenna proudly. "When we first started, there were 80 cities and towns on board, and now there are 140 on board banning single-use plastic bags."

McKenna said she and Giannino worked on the ordinance for 18 months before putting it before the Council. "Councillors [Patrick] Keefe and [Steven] Morabito also jumped on board with it," recalled McKenna.

McKenna said the ordinance has made "a world of difference" in the city's environment.

"You don't see plastic bags in the trees anymore – you don't see them along the roadways," noted McKenna. "Revere Beach is cleaner. And we did it because Revere is a coastal community and has the first public beach."

The diligent councillor known for her consistent, hard-working approach on issues large and small, said it was difficult in the beginning for seniors to join the effort, "because they thought that they would have to pay for bags and some of the paper bags are cheap and fall apart."

"But looking at the big picture, it's really made a difference; the city is so much cleaner without the plastic bags all over the sidewalks and the streets," said McKenna.

Councillors McKenna and Giannino (who is also a state representative and will be leaving the City Council in January after not seeking re-election) are now targeting another concern in terms of a safer environment for all Revere residents.

"Our next venture is going to be Styrofoam, but I really don't know when that's going to come to fruition because she (Giannino) is leaving the Council soon," said McKenna. "I think it's going to be one of our last proposals together – to ban Styrofoam in the city."

Councillor Giannino was instrumental in the passage of the plastic bag ordinance.

Councillor-at-Large Joanne McKenna said that Councillor-at-Large and now-State Rep. Jessica Giannino was on board from the outset as a co-sponsor of the ordinance banning plastic bags in the city.

Giannino said a healthy and safe environment has always been a mutual concern among the two community leaders who served as president and vice president of the City Council during their tenures in office.

"Councillor McKenna and I share many things in common, but the environment is one of the most important," said Giannino. "Together, we worked on this ordinance over several months. We knew that it would be a challenge for the city at the time, but it was a move in the right direction for the bigger picture. It was great to have the support of councillors Patrick Keefe and Steve Morabito. After careful research, Councillor McKenna and I produced an ordinance that would help the coastal community of Revere be a better place. Almost immediately, we saw a reduc-

tion in litter of bags in the street, fences, storm drains and trees among other places. Although it was a learning curve, people are now used to bringing their own reusable bags, a much better choice for both the consumer and the environment. Aside from the immediate reduction in litter, the bag has long term impacts including reducing the deadly burden of plastic bags on marine animals (such as whales and sea turtles) and more importantly reducing the toxic fumes released by waste incinerators when plastic is burned. This is so important because the oldest incinerator in the country and only unlined ash land fill is in our backyard."

MILLER FIELD TRACK AND FIELD HOUSE DEDICATED

WINTHROP - Richard Fucillo had the ideal introduction for "my big brother, Coach Tony Fucillo, the richest man in town," at the dedication ceremony of Tony Fucillo Field House at Miller Field.

Richard, who was an assistant coach on his brother's staff during a golden era of Winthrop High football, borrowed one of the most memorable lines in the classic Christmas Movie, "It's A Wonderful Life," to describe Tony Fucillo, Winthrop High's Hall of Fame football coach.

"I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a few people who are watching from their front row seats up in heaven, my mom and dad, Anthony and Annette Fucillo, my aunts and uncles, Eugene and Helen Eruzione, Jerry and Anne Jaworski, as well as my cousin, Nettie Eruzione Mailhot, who was a longtime cheerleading coach here and secretary at the high school," said Richard.

"Tonight, we honor Winthrop's best, Winthrop's very best, our very own Coach Tony Fucillo," continued Richard.

Richard spoke of his brother's superlative three-sport athletic career that earned Tony the coveted Irving P. Alexander, Thomas Keating, and Bentley Swift Memorial Trophies.

Tony Fucillo played three sports at Worcester Academy and received a full scholarship to Xavier University of Ohio.

"In 1972, he came home and started his teaching and coaching career in Winthrop," said Richard.

And what a wonderful career it was. A popular physical education teacher at the school who

brought out the best in his students, Tony Fucillo continued the tradition of championship-caliber football after succeeding his mentor, Bob DeFelice, as the leader of the Vikings. And one can only imagine how many more Super Bowls in which Winthrop would have competed, had the current playoff format been in existence in the Fucillo years.

Known for his intense pre-game preparations ("Every game was a bowl game to him" said Richard), Tony Fucillo prepared and delivered a beautiful speech.

He began by noting the presence of "my rock, Frank [Fabiano]," who approached the podium for a warm embrace from his friend and mentor.

Fucillo thanked "all the people out here tonight that have supported this dedication."

"I am so humbled by this tonight," said the coach, his voice breaking for the magnitude of the moment. "This is an incredible honor to be recognized by your hometown. I don't think believe there is anything bigger, and I am so proud to be a Winthrop Viking. And I do want to say that although my name gets to be on this building, I want you all to know that every nail, every brick, every board, and especially effort to build this has your name on it.

"I can only accept this honor and recognize and thank all the people who have made this possible: the great community of Winthrop, all the teachers and administrators that I had the pleasure to work with, the amazing students that I have taught, the incredible and dedicated coaches that I had the pleasure to work with, who made this all possible, my talented and supportive cheerleaders – I certainly want to a shout-out to former Speaker of the House Bob DeLeo for all his help and all his support for the Viking football program – and to my great mentors, Coach Bob DeFelice for 15 years, I want to tell you how it meant so much, I love you, Coach, and to athletic director James Evans, who believed in me. And most importantly my players. I coached you hard and I hope that I have respected and love you like my own children. Although you are grown men, you will always be my boys."

Fucillo paid a special tribute to his immediate family including his wife, Carolyn Fucillo, his sons, Anthony and James, and his sister, Jennie, and his extended family.



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A personal thank you to the community from Manny Lopes

Special to the Journal

Manny Lopes, who has in many ways become the face of East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), will officially leave the Health Center Friday to become Executive Vice President of Blue Cross Blue Shield Massachusetts.

Lopes took over the helm as CEO of EBNHC after his mentor Jack Cradock retired in 2012. Lopes has served as CEO of the Health Center since then and as its president since 2015.

Lopes has also served as Director of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Board as well as Chair of the Blue Cross Foundation. In 2018, Lopes was appointed as the Chair of Boston's Board of Health.

Lopes grew up in East Boston and now lives in Topsfield with his wife and children.

After nearly three decades at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, I have made the difficult decision to embark on the next chapter in my professional life. On November 1st, I will join Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts as Executive Vice President of Public Markets and Government Relations, continuing my fight for equitable access to health care for our community as well as all Massachusetts residents.

While my new role means saying farewell to the health center, my ties to the community are unbreakable. Eastie born and raised, this region is part of who I am. I'm deeply grateful to the many community members who

have supported me during my leadership of the health center: residents, patients, EBNHC's Board of Directors, staff, friends, and family. I thank every member of our vibrant community for making these years so full of meaning, purpose, and growth. I can't imagine having travelled a different path. It has been an honor.

Over the last nine years as President & CEO, I've stood on the shoulders of giants like EBNHC former leaders, Jim Taylor and Jack Cradock, who, with the Board of Directors and our staff, built the health center from the ground up - turning a small community clinic into a recognizable force in local healthcare.

Looking back, I feel blessed to have inherited a strong and successful organization. The health center already had 40 years of innovation and impact under its belt when I became CEO in 2012. Thanks to Jack, Jim, and the Board of Directors, EBNHC was one of the first organizations to bring the PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) model to Massachusetts; in 1997, the health center was an early adopter of a little known electronic tool for managing patient care - Epic - which has now become the gold standard for electronic medical records nationwide; and EBNHC leveraged experience piloting new programs to found CATCH (Children's Access to Coordinated Health Care) for children with multiple disabilities and Project Shine for patients living with HIV.



Manny Lopes (center) is surrounded by EBNHC staff wishing him well on the next chapter of his career.

This is only a short preview of EBNHC's long and illustrious history in the community - a legacy that was turned over to me, just a kid from East Boston, nearly a decade ago.

Now, as the organization enters into another time of transition, I'd like to take the opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished together as a health center and as a community over the last ten years. The positive impact is astounding.

We have expanded services to reach more than 120,000 patients across the Commonwealth's most vulnerable communities - solidifying access to equitable and inclusive care and consistently exceeding industry benchmarks in key areas of patient satisfaction.

Our Neighborhood PACE program has grown to over 700 members - more than doubling in size since 2012 - and now boasts patient satisfaction rates of 95%, ensuring that more of our older adults can age in place, in the community, all while receiving superior care.

We have made it our mission to hire from the community and build an engaged workforce, winning 7 Boston Globe Top Place to Work awards in the last 8 years.

We have cut the ribbon on two new, state-of-the-art buildings while creating partnerships in our communities to ensure we can meet people where they are.

We are co-founders of the Commonwealth's largest Medicaid Accountable Care Organization, Community Care Cooperative, and established Advocates for Community Health, a new national advocacy organization for innovative health centers focused on equity and impact.

We fought back against COVID-19 - together distributing key information, supporting residents in need, and providing critical services to help stop the spread. To date, EBNHC has processed more than 160,000 COVID-19 tests and administered over 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine - with East Boston, Chelsea, and Revere boasting the highest rates of Lat-

inx vaccination in the Commonwealth.

Perhaps most importantly, we never shut our doors, offering care 24/7/365, even at the height of the initial COVID-19 surge.

Above all else, we've approached each day with compassion, respect, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring that all are welcome at the health center and in the communities we serve.

Directly or indirectly, many in our neighborhoods have contributed to these successes. I thank you for your many years of support and partnership. My promise to you is that this work is not done. I will continue to advocate for our community and the health center remains strong and steadfast in its mission. You are in good hands.

I'm fiercely proud of what we have accomplished together and look forward to watching the next decade of progress from just across the harbor.

Thank you for everything, and be well.

Manny Lopes