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Jared Nicholson elected mayor of Lynn

By Cary Shuman

Jared Nicholson came to Lynn in 2014 after graduating from Harvard Law School and prior to that, Princeton University, with highest honors. He founded a legal aid practice in Lynn that provided free legal advice to low-income entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Seven years later, Nicholson has been elected the new mayor of Lynn, having earned an impressive victory in the city election Tuesday.

Nicholson, 35, received 7,962 votes to defeat Darren Cyr, a long-time Ward 3 city councillor



Jared Nicholson with his wife, Katherine Rushfirth.

and current president of the City Council, who received 4,532 votes.

Nicholson will be inaugurated as mayor of Lynn in January, succeeding Mayor Thomas McGee, who decided not to see re-election to a second term.

Nicholson celebrated his victory with his supporters at Trio's Restaurant on Market Street.

"It feels amazing to be elected mayor," said Nicholson. "We had a great time [at Trio's], and it was such a great opportunity to thank our supporters and to celebrate a really exciting result."

Nicholson, who is in his third term on the Lynn School Committee, launched his campaign for mayor in March. He finished first in the Sept. 14 preliminary

election, with Cyr taking second place. School Committee member Michael Satterwhite finished third in the election.

"When I found out Tom wasn't running, I felt like it was the right moment for me to step up," said Nicholson.

Nicholson assembled a large team of Lynn residents for his mayoral campaign. "We put together a broad coalition and, in the end, there were hundreds of volunteers," said Nicholson. "As a team overall, in the campaign we knocked on close to 20,000 doors. I personally knocked on almost 6,000 doors.

"The response was so posi-

tive," he added. "I was always grateful for that opportunity to have that really brief window into folks' lives and what they care about and their vision for the future."

Nicholson participated in numerous debates and forums with Cyr during the campaign.

"I have a lot of respect for Councillor Cyr and his team, and appreciate his contributions to the city," said Nicholson.

Nicholson said he has begun the transition process to form his mayoral administration. As mayor, Nicholson will also serve as chair of the Lynn School Committee.

North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns live

After a twenty-month pandemic-induced hiatus, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra returns to the stage and opens its 73rd season Sunday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School when Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts a program that features Beethoven's heralded Symphony No. 5.

"Little did we know, when we played our last concert on March 1, 2020, that we would be unable to play live music together for almost two years," said Lehmann, who has led the NSPO since 1998. Lehmann chose the Beethoven 5th Symphony and Sergie Prokofiev's "Firebird" Orchestral Suite to symbolize the return

to live performance.

"These works exemplify rebirth, regeneration, and the celebration of all that we have missed," said Lehmann. "The Firebird paints colorful musical imagery of the mythical Firebird rising from the ashes to vanquish the forces of evil. Meanwhile, Beethoven's 5th might be the world's most recognized piece of classical music. From its famous opening, the Beethoven 5th is a triumphal celebration of light, optimism, and joy."

The concert will open with Eduard Lalo's Prelude to the ballet "Namouna" in tribute to longtime NSPO violinist Marcia Jones, who died earlier this year.

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The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra resumes live concert performance on Sunday, November 14 with a 3 p.m. concert at Swampscott High School.



State Senator Brendan Crighton, Mayor-Elect Jared Nicholson, and Lynn Mayor Thomas McGee.



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EDITORIAL

IF TAIWAN IS ATTACKED, SHOULD WE DEFEND IT?

We are living in unprecedented times -- from the COVID-19 pandemic, to the supply chain issues that are affecting all aspects of our economy, to the dire consequences of climate change, to the messy pullout in Afghanistan, to the spike in energy prices, to the craziness that has engulfed our politics.

It seems that we are living in a period of crisis-after-crisis-after-crisis.

But there is another potential source of disruption looming on the horizon that will dwarf all others: The spectre of a Chinese invasion of Taiwan.

So the question is this: If the Chinese decide to invade Taiwan -- as they clearly are preparing to do -- what should be our response?

We have a few thoughts:

1) The possibility of a military move by the Chinese against Taiwan has been a foreign policy issue for more than 60 years. Nixon and Kennedy debated the appropriate U.S. response should the Chinese invade Quemoy and Matsu, two small islands that belong to Taiwan, but that are within a very short distance (just a few miles) from the Chinese mainland. Kennedy made it very clear that the two islands were indefensible and not worth risking a large-scale war. Quemoy, Matsu, and Taiwan have fallen off our national radar, so to speak, since then, but they are back in the spotlight thanks to the recent Chinese provocations.

2) Although the Chinese government never has been a model of Western-style democracy, there always have been competing factions within the Communist Party. However, to whatever extent the Chinese Communist Party exhibited democratic tendencies within its own ranks, they are a thing of the past thanks to President Xi Jinping, who essentially has established himself as a dictator for life.

From abolishing term limits for his office, to destroying democracy in Hong Kong, to placing a million Uighurs into detention camps, to building up the Chinese military, Xi has abandoned the former model of a China that adhered to some semblance of international norms. The China of today is not the China of even 10 years ago.

3) The recent obsession with Taiwan by Xi is one of those issues that lacks rationality to non-Chinese. Although Taiwan poses no threat to China, there is no room for compromise on Taiwan in Xi's world-view. But that is what makes it such a potential tinderbox for world peace.

4) Some suggest that a Chinese invasion and takeover of Taiwan would be a prelude to further Chinese military domination in Asia, including So. Korea and Japan. But that's a version of the Domino Theory that got us into the war in Vietnam. We didn't understand that the Vietnamese War was merely a civil war. It was our misguided intervention that destabilized the surrounding region, just as we did 40 years later in the Mideast with our invasion of Iraq. Similarly, an American capitulation on Taiwan hardly would be a modern-day equivalent of a Neville Chamberlain-style appeasement that would be a prelude to Chinese domination of the Pacific.

5) Do we have a national interest in defending Taiwan? The only plausible reason in this regard is that the Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. is the largest supplier of computer chips in the world. We all know about the chip shortage. But while a Chinese invasion of Taiwan might make the chip shortage worse in the short term, is TSMC really worth fighting for?

6) On that note, we should keep in mind that an all-out shooting war with the Chinese would result in thousands of U.S. casualties and the sinking of just about every ship we have in the Pacific fleet.

7) Finally, why should the Taiwanese expect us to defend them when they themselves have shown little or no interest in their national defense? As a recent news article made clear, the Taiwanese are a far cry from the Israelis, for whom national defense is an imperative that is taken seriously by every Israeli citizen.

In our view, when you add it all up, Taiwan is not worth shedding one drop of American blood. We shouldn't let our emotions get in the way of reality. Whatever treaty the U.S. has with Taiwan was conceived in a different world.

But this is 2021, and the present generations should not be bound by something that they have had no part in.

GUEST OP-ED

We need to invest in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

America needs attention to our infrastructure. It's pathetic that our Congress and President are having so much trouble putting something together they can agree on. We managed to spend the equivalent of a trillion dollars in today's currency on the Vietnam war. What did we get for a trillion dollars? Over fifty-eight thousand dead American soldiers. Plus, over 1,500 missing in action and thousands of wounded. Many who have never recovered.

We lost 4,497 American soldiers in Iraq. We spent two trillion dollars in Iraq. We had over 32,000 other casualties. What does America have to show for the war in Iraq?

We spent 20 years in Afghanistan. Over 2,400 American soldiers were killed and over 20,000 were wounded. We spent at least 2.3 trillion dollars. What does America have to show for our war in that country? (United States Military casualties of war, Wikipedia.org)

Did these wars make us safer? Did they make our country greater and stronger? Is America better and freer because of these wars? America suffered great loss from these wars. Thousands of American families are still grieving.

The stimulus proposal, approximately \$1.75 trillion is about investing in America. We are long overdue for a major investment in America. We don't all agree on the infrastructure bill's spending list. However, can't these "great" politicians come up with an "essential" needs list that is starkly visible to any naked eye?"

Maybe we could get busy in our nation and stay out of other countries' business for a while. Maybe we could take a break from fighting among ourselves. A working nation will be a much happier nation. We hear all this bull talk about we'll never get out of debt from this infrastructure bill and we won't. However, we've spent too much time trying to solve the world's issues while ignoring our own problems. We need to work on our homeland. The roof is leaking, the walls are crumbling, the electrical work

needs to be repaired. The water we are drinking is dirty. The driveway is crumbling and potholes abound. The plant down in town relocated and the local coal mine closed. Things are tough.

The house needs a lot of repair but it's hard to repair a house and buy expensive groceries on the meager wages that are available to most Americans. Families can't live on \$15 an hour, or go to the doctor. Over forty million Americans still live in poverty. Millions more live right above the poverty line and struggle. "According to Pew Research, a household with an income between two-thirds of and double the median household income is considered middle class. The national median income in 2021 is \$79,900, which would mean an individual would fall squarely in the middle class with an income between \$53,266 and \$159,800." (Motley Fool Service, fool.com) Is this you? The average household income for 2021 has been \$79,900 according to huduser.gov.

A financially strapped American living in an aging house that is desperate for repairs is symbolic of much of America. Yes, we have seen a stock market boom. Americans selling houses are doing well financially. Yes, a lot of people in America are in the medium income level which is not bad.

However, too many Americans are still financially insecure. They don't make enough money. They can't afford adequate housing. They still put off going to the doctor because of costs. They aren't saving any money. More senior Americans are working than ever before because they can no longer live on their meager pensions and Social Security is being eaten away by rapid inflation.

We need an investment at home, our home, America. Congress, please make a reasonable list. Our needs are so visible. We need clean water, Internet, available affordable healthcare including prescriptions, affordable clean energy, chips for our cars and phones, roads and bridges and real paying jobs for Americans who are willing to work. Why is this so hard?

In comparison to over 5 trillion dollars and thousands of American lives spent around this world, spending a few dollars at home should be a cakewalk for this Congress and President.

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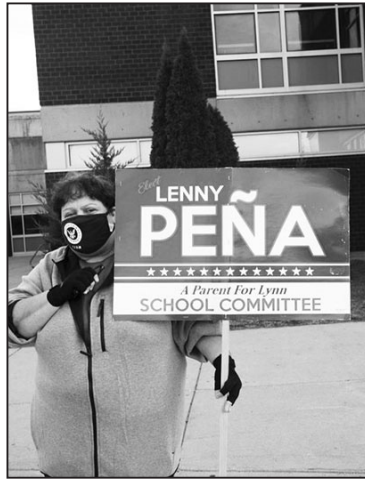
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ELECTION DAY IN LYNN



Jamie Floyd, Ward 3 candidate George Meimeteas and Bob DeMore out early at Marshall School polling location.



Supporter for Lenny Peña.



Ward 2 Candidate Rick Starbard with supporters and other candidate volunteers at the Maple Street polling location.



Ward 3 candidate Coco Alinsug with his volunteers.



Ray Grenier for Brian Field.



Jared Nicholson and volunteers at Shoemaker School polling station.



Volunteer Eddy Garcia for Jose Encarnacion.



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Fire officials remind public to change their clocks, check their alarms

Staff Report

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 7, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms when you change your clocks.

Text Description automatically generated with medium confidence "Working smoke and CO alarms are key to surviving a fire or carbon monoxide leak," said State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey. "As we 'fall back' this weekend, remember to check your alarms when you change your clocks. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms or replace the entire device if it's more than 10 years old."

Fire Marshal Ostroskey also highlighted the importance of CO alarms as we head into the colder months.

"Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States," he said. "The primary sources of carbon monoxide in the home are furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances. We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide, so it's important to have working CO alarms to alert you to this invisible killer."

Replace Aging Smoke Alarms

"Smoke alarms are like any other household appliances: they don't last forever," said Chief Michael Winn, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Alarm manufacturing dates are printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms usually need to be replaced after

10 years, and carbon monoxide alarms after five to seven years. If the date on your alarm is more than 10 years ago, or if there's no date at all, it's time to replace it."

Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

The State Fire Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have 10-year, sealed, non-replaceable, non-rechargeable batteries and a hush feature.

"We see too many disabled smoke alarms at fire scenes where people really needed them to work," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Fire officials hope that if smoke alarms are easier to maintain, like those with long-life batteries, people will keep them in use rather than disabling them or forgetting to change out the batteries."

Modern Fires Burn Faster

"Changes in construction and manufacturing make today's residential fires burn faster," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "In the average house fire, there are only one to three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm sounds. Working smoke alarms give you precious time to use your home escape plan before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

Chief Winn said, "No one expects to be a victim of a fire, but the best way to survive one is to have working smoke alarms. Take a few minutes to protect those you love by changing the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend. And if you have parents, grandparents, or older neighbors who might need a hand, volunteer to check their alarms and change their batteries, too."

Home Fire Sprinklers

Home fire sprinklers can provide residents additional time to escape and contain or even extinguish a fire, but working smoke alarms are still needed to alert people to danger.

Senior SAFE

Nearly 40% of last year's fire deaths involved adults over the age of 65. More than 200 fire departments across Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit www.mass.gov/dfs or contact your local fire department.

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"Marcia was a passionate and dedicated member of the NSPO for more than 50 years, a charismatic and dear person greatly missed by her NSPO family. 'Namouna' was one of her favorite works."

Tickets will be available at the door for \$30, \$25 for Seniors and students, and children 12 and under are admitted free. Advance purchase is available through the Orchestra's website www.nspo.org.

In compliance with local regulations and the practice of similarly-situated organizations, the NSPO requires all patrons

attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

Lehmann and his musicians are excited about their return. "The pandemic has had a catastrophic effect on the performing arts, which depend on in-person collaboration and interaction to do what we do. We can't wait to be together as an Orchestra and play our music once again," he said.



Music Director Robert Lehmann will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in its first live performance in 20 months as the Orchestra begins its 73rd season on Sunday, November 14, 3:00 p.m. at Swampscott High School.

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LYNN CLASSICAL IN FOOTBALL ACTION AGAINST REVERE

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Lynn Classical battled Revere Friday night at Manning field. Revere came out on top with a 21-6 win.



SLOWING HIM DOWN: Lynn Classical's Nick Costa (26) and Yoel Sosa (50) team up to drag down Revere runner Mark Marchese.



GOT THE JERSEY: Lynn Classical's Matt Carrillo (25) is not letting go of the jersey of Revere's Wilmer Mejia Rodriguez (7)



CAUSE TO CELEBRATE: Mama-dou Bah (87) and Brian Vaughan celebrate Vaughan's 10-yard touchdown run that cut Revere's lead to 14-6 just before halftime. The Rams couldn't muster much more offense as they fell, 21-6, to Revere Friday night at Manning Field.



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Lynn Classical quarterback Brian Vaughan looks for a path as he is surrounded by teammate Angel Concepcion (73) and Revere defenders Max Doucette (55) and Dom Boudreau (21).



WRAPPED UP: Lynn Classical's Victor Robels takes down Revere running back Mark Marchese.



STOP HERE: Lynn Classical defensive back Brian Vaughan (2) takes down Revere's Augusto Goncalves.



STRONG COTTON: Lynn Classical running back Matt Carrillo has a step on the defense but a Revere defender has a handful of Carrillo's t-shirt that won't tear away.

LYNN CLASSICAL SUPER 70S CLASS REUNION

The Lynn Classical High School Class of 1971 held its 50th Reunion and invited members of the Classes of 1970 and 1972 to attend the celebration. The guests enjoyed a buffet dinner, desserts, and musical entertainment at the reunion that was held Oct. 16 in the function room at Gannon Golf Course.



Members of the Lynn Classical High School Class of 1971 are pictured at the reunion celebration at Gannon Golf Course.



Jim Magner, Class of 1971, and his wife, Kathy Magner, Class of 1977. The Magner family is known for its athletic excellence at Lynn Classical.

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LYNN CLASSICAL SUPER 70S CLASS REUNION



From left, Lynn Classical graduates, Bob Drobineck, Tom Bishop, Ken Remson, Tim Horgan, Dr. Dan Dill, and Jim Magner.



Classmates, from left, Noreen O'Shea, Paula Belliveau, Andrea Alyson, Martha Smith Taylor, Kenny Remson, Bonnie Kane Blydell, and Steve Kassiotis.



Seated are Patty Hale, Rita Langlais, and Patty Wall. Standing are Kathy Pujo and Lorraine Gately of Lynn English Class of 1972, and Kathy Bisson.



LCHS Class of 1971 graduates, seated are Shirley Canning Chrisos, Denise Comeau Carney, and Irene Richard. Standing are Jean Schmeltz Hogan and Brenda Carson.



Seated, are Paula Belliveau, Preston E. Thompson, Catherine Tranfaglia, Simone Lessard, and Robin Rowe. Standing are Noreen O'Shea, Pat Cahill, Denise Croce Mailloux, Cheryl Baronian, Roberta Wright, and Carol McGowan.



The Lynn Classical Reunion Super 70s Committee, consisting of graduates of the Class of 1971, seated are Deb Ronan, Karen Dulong, and Linda Frid. Standing, are Bob Drobineck, Dr. Dan Dill, Patty Gray, and Tom Bishop.

NAHANT POLICE AND FIRE HOSTED BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Charity begins at home. The Nahant Police and Fire Department jointly decided to have a charitable event to fight Breast Cancer. Bragging rights are on

the line who will win the "Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game." A warm sunny day hovered over the lowlands field as both teams played hard to win as the

Hoses defeated the Guns. This was not about the score but having community support to raise funds for a worthy cause. The main objective was to bring an

awareness about this disease.

"Breast Cancer has touched so many people close to us, in our community, and our families" said Jodi Furlong. She continued,

"This is an important event to raise funds and brings the town together. We want to show support for the ones who are facing this illness."



Nahant Police Department Players: (F): Amanda Morash, Gino Spelta, Joe Maldonis, Chief Tim Furlong, Lt. Steve Shultz, and Robert Crowe; (B): Carl Maccario, Nick Campobasso, Jason Hoffman, Tim Cassidy, Matt Morneau, Marc Holey, and JR Plourde.




Nahant Fire Department Players: Steve Scaglione, Doug Cronin, Matt Canty, and Frank Pappalardo; (B): David Doyle, Bill Hussey, Keith Olbash, Dennis Ball, Nick Papagelis, and Former Fire Chief Dean Palombo.



Ladies Volunteers for Charity: Jodi Furlong, Elizabeth Pappalardo, Tess Gorman, Amy Morneau, and Mariena Hire.



Nahant's supporting fans for Charity.



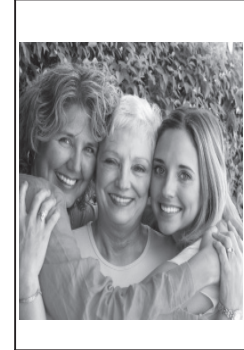
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LTU RETIRED MEMBERS' LUNCHEON

The Lynn Teachers Union (LTU) held a fall luncheon for the retired membership at the Knights of Columbus. Over 60 members attended reminiscing about the days they taught in the Lynn Public Schools. LTU President Sheila O'Neil was very happy for the turnout for this luncheon. The next event for the retirees and current Lynn teachers will be a Holiday seasonal party scheduled in December.



Mary Latour, Pat Campbell, Doris Syrakos, Anne Walczik, and Francisca Reyes.



Retired Principal Bob Thomson and Jack Gaudet with Lynn Jet Hockey Coach Joe Gunning, Kathie Moulison, and Jim Cole.



Gale Thomas, Cathi Deveney, and Marsha Robinson.



Carolyn Lavonante, Maria Pavlis, Kay Brown, Ann Carter, Alfreda Nishan, and Carol Carr.



Celeste Flamer-Jaynes, Jane Fraher, Elizabeth Price, and Charlotte Brown-Breckenridge.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

POLIO.

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



Irene Frangos Falite, Victoria Wilder, Linda Kwiatek, Kim Staples, Pat Torto, Phyllis O'Brien, and Scott Staples.

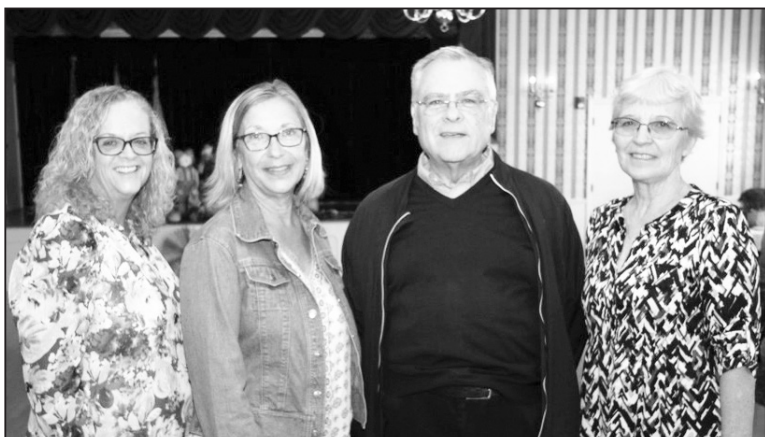
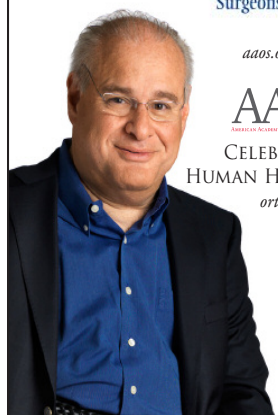


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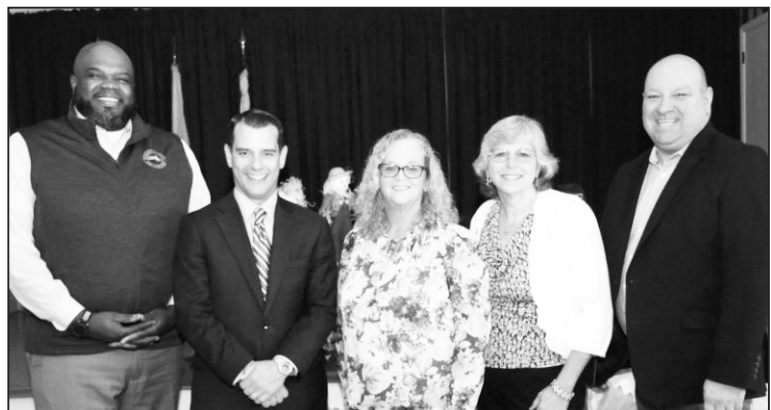


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LTU President Sheila O'Neil, Marie Cawlina-Kasle, John Laubner, and Ellen Patterson.



LPS Superintendent Patrick Tutwiler, School Committee Member Jared Nicholson, Sheila O'Neil, AFL-CIO MA President Beth Kontos, and Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

COYOTES ON RISE IN PRATIVILLE

CHELSEA - As a densely populated urban area, it might not seem like Chelsea would have much of a problem with rampant wildlife within the city limits.

But like many other urban areas in the state, the number of coyote sightings and complaints in Chelsea have been on the upswing.

Recently, Ward 1 City Councillor Todd Taylor requested that City Manager Thomas Ambrosino look at ways the coyote control problem can be addressed in Chelsea at both the local and state level.

"As of late, I have had several calls regarding coyotes in Prativille, and residents have been texting me pictures of coyotes out during the day," said Taylor. "This is not just at night, this is coyotes wandering around people's lawns. One of my friends who lives up on Kimball sent me a picture; he's got two small kids and would hate to have them totter out and meet a hungry coyote."

Taylor said he's not sure exactly what can be done about the situation, but added he would like the City Manager to investigate it. He said he would like to see not just what can be done to remove coyotes, but steps that can be taken to mitigate the problem.

"I know one of the neighbors said they put down mothballs and said they saw less of the coyotes after that," said Taylor.

He asked if there were any instructions that can be given to residents to help them deal with the issue.

Taylor said he has also heard of people feeding the coyotes and asked if there were laws against people feeding them.

"All of this needs to be addressed in some kind of public manner, either in a meeting or putting up some material on the city's social media and having the animal control officer engage with the community," said Taylor.

Following Taylor's inquiry, the city did post tips for dealing with coyotes on its website.

Some of the tips include not feeding or trying to pet coyotes, securing garbage, keeping bird feeder areas clean, closing off crawl spaces, cutting back brushy areas, and protecting livestock and produce.

In addition, it states that coyotes can be threatened by bright lights, loud noises, and water from hoses.

Anyone experiencing problems with coyotes can also contact the state wildlife department at mass.gov/Masswildlife.

NEW PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE

EVERETT - Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria joined Gov. Charlie Baker and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone at a press conference to announce construction plans for a new pedestrian footbridge that will connect the Assembly Square MBTA Station with the Encore Boston Harbor casino and resort property.

Mother Nature delivered a beautiful October day for the event that was held with the spectacular, \$3 billion Encore Resort glistening in the sunshine behind the speakers at the press conference.

Gov. Baker said the footbridge project "has always fallen in the category of, yes, we should really find a way to make this happen."

"The hard part has just been figuring out to how to put the pieces together to get it done," continued Baker. "The Gaming Commission recently awarded a \$650,000 grant to finish the final design work on this, and at that point in time, we as an administration basically said, okay, final design is paid for, we're going to fund this project and make it happen."

Baker's comment noting his strong commitment to the project drew hearty applause from the audience.

"We can't wait to put the shovels in the ground and get this bridge built," concluded Baker.

Secretary of Environmental Affairs Kathleen Theoharides said the new footbridge "will be an important new asset to thousands of people and will connect the cities of Everett and Somerville and open up new access for residents and visitors to restaurants, businesses, and services, and transportation options."

Theoharides also thanked Mayors DeMaria and Curtatone for their leadership in the project.

Secretary of Transportation also praised the two mayors for "their leadership at the municipal level to encourage and lead and guide us", noting that "it takes a partnership to build, these great things."

DRC Commissioner Jim Montgomery, who served as the leader of the speaking program, introduced Mayor DeMaria, "a lifelong resident of Everett who signed the historic, host-community agreement between Everett

and Wynn Development to bring the resort-casino to the banks of the Mystic River."

DeMaria personally thanked Gov. Baker at the outset of his speech, stating, "We really appreciate you being here and doing this for the residents of Everett. I'm totally overwhelmed to be here and to finally get some access to a 'T' station that we so rightfully deserve."

DeMaria told the gathering that he was pleased to be at Encore "for a monumental announcement about a project that will positively impact the entire metro Boston area."

"Most importantly, to me, we will be getting an amazing opportunity for my hometown of Everett," said DeMaria, who thanked several officials for their support of the project.

DeMaria specifically noted the cooperation and support from Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, "for your unwavering commitment to viable transit, which is remarkable. This bridge will be so beneficial to so many people across Massachusetts. It is an undeniable symbol of the commitment you both have to build a better future for Everett."

DeMaria also noted the presence of "my colleague and friend, Mayor Joe Curtatone," at the press conference.

"Thank you for your continued support and coordination in advancing the bridge as well as the Assembly Row Headhouse Expansion Project," said DeMaria. "You have been remarkable neighbors and partners throughout this project."

Curtatone praised DeMaria in his remarks. "It's great to be here with all of you, and it's testimony to anything great we do as a society is a product of many hands," said Curtatone. "It's advocacy, it's activism, it's investment. It's policy leaders, it's people giving a damn about where they live and the future of their city. I hope you get that sincere passion and flavor from the mayor of Everett, because I admire him greatly."

COVID RATE DECREASES IN EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - East Boston's weekly COVID positive test rate decreased once again last week following a nearly 7 percent decrease two weeks ago according to the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

Last week, 1,541 Eastie residents were tested for the virus

last week and 2.4 percent were positive--this was a 17 percent decrease from the 2.9 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on October 18.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,877 residents were tested and 2.3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 11.5 percent decrease from the 2.6 percent reported by the BPHC on October 18.

Thirty-seven additional residents contracted the virus between October 18 and October 25 and there are now 8,492 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 0.73 percent since October 18 and went from 82,255 cases to 82,855 confirmed cases in a week. There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,447.

LOOKING AT NEW DPW BUILDING

REVERE - The Revere City Council reviewed the city's plans for the construction of a new 37,500 square-foot public works building on the current Revere DPW site at 321A Charger St.

During a public hearing on the matter Monday night, Simon Tempest, project manager for the DPW Yard, and David Kelley, of Meridian Associates, Beverly, made a presentation about the new project.

"We are here to propose to demolish the existing DPW building and propose a larger, more modern, more functional building for use of the DPW," said Kelley.

He said the larger building will allow more room for the storage of equipment and to keep the site cleaner. There will be new pavement on the site.

"The new building will allow for better office space, training rooms, and other rooms to maintain the equipment and meet DPW needs," added Kelly. "There will be 51 parking spaces that will be available to the public. There will two security gates on either side, so the public cannot access around the building. But they will still be able to park,

go in, pay water bills, do whatever they need to do."

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino recalled that he worked as at the Revere DPW, "as a teenager over ten years ago, and the DPW facility that's there's now needed to be rebuilt back then so God only knows how bad it's gotten over ten years."

Serino asked whether there would be an area at the new facility where mechanics could fix DPW equipment. "We have included repair bays in the new facility," Tempest said.

Councillor-at-Large George Rotondo, who has a great sense for getting to the heart of the matter and what his constituents want to know, asked, "When will the first shovel go into the ground? More importantly, what will be the estimated total cost, and will this facility to be technologically upgraded?"

"We can't say exactly, but we're hoping to go out to bid at the end of year, December or January," replied Tempest. "For the cost estimate, we're working on that right now."

"Twenty million dollars or less?" asked Rotondo.

"More than \$20 million," said Tempest.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky said the new DPW building is long overdue, and he put in the first motion for a new building seven years ago.

"So, I feel proud that we've gotten to this point," said Novoselsky. "And I look forward to hearing more about it at the subcommittee meeting."

Councillor-at-Large Steven Morabito asked Tempest what the expected time frame for the project would be.

"We're allowing 18 months. We think it probably be done in 12, but with the supply chain issues, we want to give a comfortable window for the contractor to be able to complete it," said Tempest.

Morabito then asked, "Now if the economy sinks, if it's going to come to a stop, are we planning for that as well?"

"I think that's very difficult to predict, but I think if we sign a contract, the contractor is committed to complete the building for that price," said Tempest.

Council President Anthony Zambuto said residents have been looking forward to having a new DPW building for a long time, "so this is a step along the way, and we'll see you in zoning (subcommittee)."

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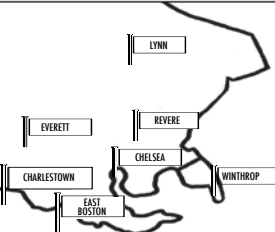
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TWO PANDEMIC BUSINESSES RECOGNIZED

Two local businesses stepped up during the pandemic by preparing food for volunteers and food distribution to Lynn residents. George Markos of Brother's Deli and Thae Demaidi of Alfredo's Italian Kitchen immediately rushed into action. "Three shifts of volunteers were working everyday at the Salvation Army facility and people

working throughout the city. Because of their efforts, these two businessmen prepared food for the volunteers during the entire period at every shift", stated Council President Darren Cyr. Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan said, "Thae Demaidi is always helping out. When tragedies occur in Ward 6 or anyplace in the city, he would call or text me if

I needed anything. Thae would deliver food to the firefighters, police, and families in need. He has constantly stepped up and we are honored to have Alfredo's Italian Kitchen in Lynn." The City of Lynn and the City Council recognized George Markos and Thae Demaidi for their care and commitment to the Lynn community.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ITALIAN MAN OF THE YEAR

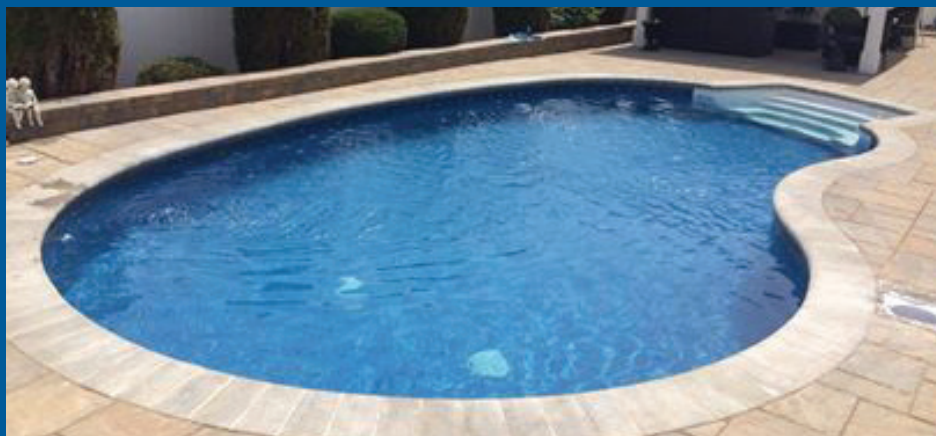
Knights of Columbus Grand Knight John Miner announced the 2021 Italian Man of the Year. Gerard Foster who has been a member for sixty-one years to the fraternal order was selected. He is a Past Grand Knight and 4th Degree member of the Father Druillette Assembly 390 in Lynn. Gerard is the son of Joseph and Carmela Palladino-Foster. His children, Joe and Donna, were present during the presentation of this proud moment for their father. Pictured are 2021 Italian Man of the Year Gerry Palladino Foster, GK John Miner, and PGK/Program Director Salvy Tavernese



Two Local Businessmen Recognized: Council President Darren Cyr, George Markos of Brother's Deli, Thae Demaidi of Alfredo's Italian Kitchen, and Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan.

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