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LYNN IN THE SNOW



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Goldfish Pond looks like a winter wonderland after a near record snowstorm that hit Lynn, leaving an average of two feet of snow. Weather forecasters predicted this storm would be very fast and harsh, making hazardous conditions for driving and snow removal. Hurricane winds swept through Lynn pounding the sea walls on Lynn Shore Drive as well as leaving residents with plenty of shoveling. The hard-working Lynn residents managed to survive this historic storm as it was the fourth biggest storm to roar through Lynn in years. See Pages 6 and 7 for more snow photos.

Lynn Babe Ruth aids young players in the Dominican Republic

By Cary Shuman

When Leon Elwell noticed many Greater Lynn Babe Ruth jerseys inside the organization's storage shed last summer, he reached out to GLBR President Jeff Earp and the board of directors for guidance on what to do with the old jerseys.

After discussing it with the board, Elwell contacted David Stepen of Swampscott, a former Swampscott High baseball team of Leon's son, Zack Elwell.

"I had become aware of David's efforts in collecting clothing and donating it to the Dominican Republic," said Elwell. "We met at Breed Field and with the okay of the board of directors, I gave him all the Lynn Babe Ruth jerseys."

Stepen returned to the United States two weeks ago and relayed to Elwell the extreme gratitude expressed by the Dominican players and their families.

"David told me the Dominican kids were overjoyed," said

Elwell. "They made great use of the jerseys. Everyone here feels great about it. We're so happy that the kids are enjoying the jerseys and participating in baseball, which is so popular in the Dominican Republic."

Elwell has been a board member and coach in Lynn Babe Ruth for a decade, enjoying tremendous success as a Lynn All-Stars' coach.

"I've truly enjoyed my years in Lynn Babe Ruth," said Elwell, who is in his 29th year as a Lynn firefighter. "This effort [with the Dominican Republic] was a great collaboration between Da-

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Power Play

Lottery sales soared in Lynn in 2021

By Cary Shuman

Barry Calvani doesn't have to look at the final figures to know that the Massachusetts State Lottery was a smashing success in Lynn in 2021.

Calvani, owner of Cal's News, a Lottery agent since 1972, saw first-hand a steady influx of Lottery customers and an increase in Lottery sales at the popular family-operated store where Calvani's grandfather first started selling newspapers in 1937.

"My lottery numbers were certainly up," said Calvani.

Data provided by the Mass. State Lottery Commission shows that Lynn had \$111.5 million in Lottery sales in 2021, an 11.4 increase from the previous year.

Calvani attributed the increase in sales to several factors after talking with customers.

"I just think a lot of people had a little more disposable income because they weren't dining out with the frequency that they used to," said Calvani. "And they were looking for ways to pass the long

days during COVID."

Calvani said the large jackpots in Powerball and Mega Millions also generated extra ticket sales. "Having those huge, hundreds-of-millions-of-dollars-jackpots and having that extra drawing day (Monday, in addition to Wednesday and Saturday) in Powerball definitely gives you a shot in the arm for business," said Calvani.

Mass Cash, a daily game with a potential jackpot of \$100,000, also remains very popular among Lottery players.

"Mass Cash is solid, the best game the Lottery has ever had," said Calvani. "It's your best shot at winning \$100,000."

Calvani said some of the newer and seasonal Instant Tickets have also proven to be favorites among Lottery players. "The \$10 Holiday Cash Blowout was very popular," said Calvani. "When the Lottery has those games where the maximum prize is

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Barry Calvani, owner of Cal's News, displays some of the popular \$30 Instant Tickets that are sold at his store.

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EDITORIAL

TEACHER SHORTAGE WAS INEVITABLE

An article in the Wall St. Journal this week highlighted yet another area of a labor shortage in the country that has been fueled by the COVID-19 pandemic:

“Burned out teachers are leaving the classroom for jobs in the private sector, where talent-hungry companies are hiring them—and often boosting their pay—to work in sales, software, healthcare, and training, among other fields. The rate of people quitting jobs in education rose more than in any other industry in 2021, according to federal data. Many of those are teachers exhausted from toggling between online and classroom teaching, shifting Covid-19 protocols and dealing with challenging students, parents, and administrators. According to LinkedIn, the share of teachers on the site who left for a new career increased by 62% last year.”

It was inevitable that COVID-19 would impact the field of education.

Public school teachers have long been the most-underpaid and under-appreciated groups of workers in our country.

The pay for teachers has been substandard for decades in the U.S. compared to many other countries, but the teaching profession always has attracted those who truly have a love for teaching and who have been willing to work for less pay in return for what had been a rewarding career path.

But it has been only fairly recently that teachers have become a favorite foil for the usual suspects (i.e., Republican politicians) in our overheated political environment in which teachers are deemed the enemy and not worthy of respect.

Now, thanks to COVID-19, teachers have been pushed over the edge and are leaving the profession in droves for greener pastures where their skills, abilities, and work ethic actually are appreciated.

The Wall St. Journal article goes on to say:

“The exodus is worsening a nationwide teacher shortage and proving a boon to hiring managers in industries such as IT services and consulting, hospitals, and software development. Teachers’ ability to absorb and transmit information quickly, manage stress, and multitask are high-demand skills, recruiters and careers coaches say. Classroom instructors are landing sales roles and jobs as instructional coaches, software engineers, and behavioral health technicians, according to LinkedIn.”

The Biblical admonition, “As ye sow, so shall ye reap,” finally has caught up with us -- and teachers today now are able to take advantage of another, more-modern aphorism: “Take this job and shove it.”

PRES. BIDEN’S SUPREME COURT PICK

There has been criticism from the usual suspects regarding President Joe Biden’s declared intention to choose a Black woman for the U.S. Supreme Court seat to fill that of Justice Stephen Breyer, who announced his imminent retirement last week.

We’d like to make two comments:

First, there are thousands of lawyers, of all races, ethnicities, and genders, who are qualified to be a Supreme Court judge. Statements such as those by U.S. Senator Roger Wicker of Mississippi that the selection of a Black woman constitutes “affirmative racial discrimination” are both absurd and offensive.

Second, we firmly believe that every institution in our democracy should reflect the diverse make-up of our country. It is axiomatic that the only way that the three branches of our government can be truly representative of our citizenry is to be composed of those who bring the unique life experience of every American to that institution.

We applaud Joe Biden’s commitment to broaden the breadth of our nation’s highest court by appointing a Black woman for the first time in the court’s history.

We look forward to the perspective that she will bring to the highest court in the land in this, the third decade of the 21st century, bringing us another step closer to fulfilling the promise of the words written in the Declaration of Independence 246 years ago.

GUEST OP-ED

America’s crumbling bridges, can we save ourselves?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Forbes Avenue bridge over Fern Hollow Creek in Pittsburgh’s Frick Park collapsed last Friday morning, January 28th with several vehicles, including a Port Authority bus, on the span at the time. The bridge that collapsed is known as the Fern Hollow Bridge, used by an estimated 14,500 vehicles daily. (From Pittsburgh Action 4)

Ten people were injured. No one was killed when the bridge buckled at 6:39 a.m., officials said, though four people were hospitalized with injuries that were not life-threatening. President Biden who was ironically visiting the area warned that the country might not be so lucky next time. “We don’t need headlines saying that someone was killed when the next bridge collapses,” Biden said. (Washington Post)

“The most recent report using 2021 data showed more than 43,500 of the country’s roughly 615,000 bridges were rated poor. That number is about 4,000 less than those reported to be in poor condition nationally in 2017.” (WHYY Public Broadcasting)

In the last fifty years America has seen horrific bridge collapses.

The Hyatt Regency Walkway, Kansas City, Missouri, 114 deaths, July 17, 1981.

Big Bayou Canot, Outside Mobile, Alabama, 47 deaths, September 22, 1993.

Silver Bridge. Between Point Pleasant, West Virginia and Galipolis, Ohio, 46 deaths, December 15, 1961.

Cypress Street Viaduct, Oakland California, 42 deaths, October 17, 1989.

Sunshine Skyway Bridge, St. Petersburg, Florida 35 deaths, May 9, 1980.

I-40 Bridge, Webster Falls, Oklahoma, 14 deaths, May 26, 2002.

Cline Ave, East Chicago Indiana, 14 deaths, April 15, 1982.

I-35 West Bridge, Minneapolis, MN, 13 deaths, August 1, 2007.

Schoharie Creek Bridge, Fort Hunter, New York, 10 deaths, 1987.

Sydney Lanier Bridge, Brunswick, Georgia, 10 deaths, November 7, 1972. (CNN.Com)

The cost of repairing 45,000 structurally deficient bridges, which are on average 68 years old, is \$41.8 billion, using data from the US Department of Transportation. 36% of all bridges need replacing, while 22% need structural work, 19% need rehabilitation work, 18% need widening or rehabilitation and 5% need deck work. (Global Construction Review)

As we consider rebuilding our bridges and other infrastructure, we have to face our current \$29 trillion gross federal debt. This is held by the public as well as by federal trust funds and other government accounts. We are our own biggest creditor with Japan being second and China third. \$29 trillion is greater than the size of the economies of China, Japan, Germany, United Kingdom and India combined. This amounts to \$87,000 per person in our country.

Researchers at Brown Uni-

versity estimate that the U.S. has spent \$5.8 trillion on the war in Afghanistan and other conflicts stemming from the September 11, 2001 attacks. That includes direct and indirect spending on everything from military equipment to homeland security to death gratuities for the families or slain American service members.” (Watson.Brown.Edu.)

Will Russia’s military maneuver on the Ukraine border cost America? Whenever there is a problem in the world we go regardless of the cost. The problem is we don’t have any money, our bridges and other infrastructure are crumbling. We are in debt and dependent on Taiwan and China to even completely build an automobile. We have become a poor nation because of our indebtedness and dependence on foreign countries. A friend of mine received his Covid-19 test in the mail last week and even it was made in China.

If we don’t rebuild our infrastructure, including regaining energy and technology independence, and manage our debt, we won’t be able to help ourselves.

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\$500, it just seems like the tickets are stuffed with \$50, \$100, and \$500 winners. People like those a lot.”

State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg, Lottery Executive Director Michael Sweeney, and the entire Lottery team drew praise from Calvani. Many in the industry consider the Mass Lottery the nation’s most successful lottery.

“The Mass Lottery does a great job with promotions, marketing, and it’s such a professionally run operation,” said Calvani. “My courier is great. He visits the store often and brings me promotional materials and supplies. He really keeps me up-to-date with the goings-on of the Lottery.”

Statewide during the 2021 fiscal year, the Lottery produced \$1.112 billion in net profit for the Commonwealth. Lottery revenues came in at a record high of

\$5.829 billion, the seventh consecutive year that revenues have eclipsed the \$5 billion mark.

“With record-setting figures across the board, Lottery players, our retail partners, and the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts are all winners,” said Sweeney.

Calvani is anticipating an even better year for the Lottery in Lynn in 2022. Last year, seven different Lottery players won \$1 million prizes at local stores.

He thanked his own staff for its assistance to customers and congenial interactions with Lottery players.

“I’ve been very blessed that everyone here has remained pretty healthy, and my guys have stood shoulder-to-shoulder through all of this stuff. I’m very, very blessed in that regard,” said Calvani.



Store owner Barry Calvani is pictured outside Cal's News Store on Central Avenue.

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PELLETIER NAMED TO FALL 2021 DEAN'S LIST AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

Emma Pelletier of Lynn excelled during the Fall 2021 semester, achieving a GPA of at least 3.5 to earn a spot on the Dean's List.

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Dean's List Honors are awarded to students who have earned six or more semester hours of academic credit with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.30 or higher.

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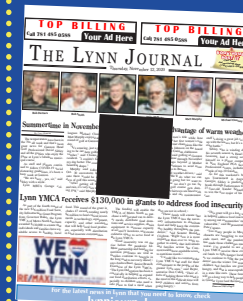
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LADY BULLDOGS DEFEAT THE GOLDEN TORNADOES OF MALDEN HIGH AT HOME 44-33

The Lady Bulldogs of Lynn English High School hosted the Golden Tornadoes of Malden in a GBL match-up. From the tip-off, the Bulldogs had control of the game and never let up. Controlling the offensive and defensive boards, exceptional team play were the keys to their victory.



Alisha Jean drives for two Bulldog points.



Captain Rosie Cheang had an outstanding game for her team, calling plays from the guard position.



Ararat Gebreyesus had several scores from the outside to aid in the Lady Bulldog victory on Malden on Thursday evening.



Captain Makenzie Acevedo shows exceptional ball control under a close defense.



Junior Maddy Laurino shows he jumping abilities at the tip-off.



Lynn English Lady Bulldog Head Coach Travonne Berry-Rogers talks things over with the team between periods.

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CITY OF LYNN SCENES AFTER THE SNOW STORM



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Enormous snowbank inside Lynn Marketplace parking lot.



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Large snow mound near a driveway entrance.



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Layers of snow pushed against Monte's Restaurant windows.



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Boston Street Shopping Market snowbank perimeter surrounds parking area.



Emergency space saver guards a parking space on Autumn Street.

CITY OF LYNN SCENES AFTER THE SNOW STORM



A snow scene in a Lynn Yard.



A scene outside of St. Mary's High School following the storm.



A snowbank is moved to make parking available at Solimine Funeral Home.



A Lynn tennis court is buried in snow.



Lynn Classical High School parking lot.

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HONORING THE WEST LYNN RAMS CHEERLEADERS



City Councilors honor the West Lynn Pee-Wee National Champions and Coaches - Arielle Brisbon, Amy Croce, Ayarra Brown, and Cassandra Jackson

The City of Lynn honored the West Lynn Rams Cheerleaders. Two cheering teams, Varsity and Pee-Wee, received City Citations from Mayor Jared Nicholson. Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug presented City Council Citations to each team.

congratulations to the team for winning the championship and making the City of Lynn proud for their achievement.

The West Lynn Rams Junior Pee-Wee team won the National Championship in competitions held in Florida. This was an achievement for the Junior team as they became the number one team in the United States. Mayor Nicholson expressed his

West Lynn Pop Warner President Amy Robinson was so elated as she said, "This is a first for us to win the 2021 National Championship. All these young girls worked so hard. They became very skillful learning each routine. Most important, they listened and learned. These young ladies will move up to the varsity level where they will continue to compete in future competitions."



Mayor Jared Nicholson with the Pee-Wee Cheering National Championship Team with their Mayoral Citations



Lynn City Councilors – Hong Net, Brian LaPierre, Rick Starbar, Jay Walsh, Buzzy Barton, Coco Alinsug, Fred Hogan, Dianna Chatkoutis, and Brian Field - presented Council Citations to the West Lynn Pop Warner Varsity Team.



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Fifteen mayors and city managers from across Massachusetts announced their support for The Work and Family Mobility Act in a letter submitted to the Joint Committee on Transportation.

The bill, currently awaiting a report from the Committee, would allow immigrants without status to qualify for a Massachusetts Standard Driver's License, as long as there is valid proof of identity, date of birth, and Massachusetts residency.

The Act was reported favorably from the Committee on Transportation in 2020 and was poised for passage last session when the COVID-19 pandemic hit. Reintroduced this session, the bill has now earned more than 100 co-sponsors in the House and Senate, and the Driving Families Forward Coalition supporting the bill has grown to include more than 270 endorsing organizations, including community, health, faith, labor, business, and law enforcement leaders.

Mayors and Managers from Amherst, Arlington, Boston, Brockton, Brookline, Cambridge (Mayor and City Manag-

er), Chelsea, Malden, Medford, Newton, Randolph, Revere, Salem and Swampscott joined together in support of the bill. In the letter officials noted that the proposal would greatly improve road safety and increase the ease with which law enforcement officers conduct their regular duties.

"[T]his bill would provide broad benefits to our municipalities. Our streets will be safer for everyone when all drivers have passed road tests, and vehicles are registered and insured," the letter reads, in part. "Indeed, many of our policy chiefs support the bill as a public safety tool and agree that it will enable law enforcement to better identify individuals at traffic stops or scenes of an accident"

"All Boston and Massachusetts adults deserve access to driver's licenses regardless of immigration status. I support the Family Mobility Act because it will make all of us safer," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.

"The Work and Family Mobility Act is a commonsense measure that will improve the safety of our streets and strengthen the

ability of Massachusetts families and workers to access essential services, health care, education, and places of work," said Mayor Kim Driscoll of Salem. "Massachusetts cities and towns have consistently stepped forward to help all of our residents, and now we're calling on the legislature to do the same. This measure is endorsed by both law enforcement leaders and advocates for our immigrant neighbors. Let's make sure our Commonwealth is a place that works for and welcomes everyone by adopting this important legislation."

"Providing access to driver's licenses to immigrants makes all of our communities safer and more equitable," said Newton Mayor Ruthanne Fuller.

"Swampscott is one of the most densely settled communities in the Commonwealth. As we look to the future, it's clear we need a focus on pedestrian safety and complete streets to help balance the needs of all modes of transportation," said Sean Fitzgerald, Swampscott Town Administrator.

"Welcoming new residents,

regardless of where they come from or the circumstances of their arrival, is important to the long-term economic and social well-being of Greater Boston and the entire Commonwealth," said Lizzi Weyant, Deputy Executive Director of Public Affairs and Advocacy at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in Boston, which led the creation of the municipal

sign-on letter sent to the transportation committee.

"The Legislature has a real opportunity to meaningfully address some of the structural barriers facing our undocumented residents," said Weyant. "This legislation gives us an opportunity to start to change the way that we treat and include vital members of our communities."

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Community Development Youth Activities FY22 Allocation of Funds Meeting
Lynn Community Development, in conjunction with the Community Development Citizens Advisory Board, will entertain proposals for Youth Activities for FY'22. The Allocation of Funds Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 in Room 302 of Lynn City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Parking is available in the Lynn City Hall visitor parking lot as well as on-street. Lynn City Hall is handicapped accessible and any individual needing a special accommodation for their handicapped condition must contact Community Development at (781) 581-6763. Solicitations will be

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New smoke alarm PSAs geared toward older adults

Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey announced a new public service announcement campaign that encourages smoke alarm awareness among older adults, who are at greater risk of dying in a fire. The PSAs are available for distribution through the Department of Fire Services.

The "Dear Grandma / Querida Abuela" campaign started this month on television and radio stations in the Boston, Worcester, and Springfield media markets. Recorded in both English and Spanish, it features a granddaughter writing a letter to her grandmother about all the things she looks forward to doing together, interspersed with messages about the importance of having working smoke alarms

and replacing alarms after 10 years.

"In Massachusetts and nationwide, people over 65 have a disproportionately high risk of dying in a fire," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "Everyone should have working smoke alarms in their homes, but we developed this PSA to reach older adults in particular because of the higher statistical risk they face. Installing smoke alarms on every floor of the home, checking them regularly, and replacing them after 10 years can dramatically reduce that risk."

Nationwide, about 60% of fatal fires occur in homes without working smoke alarms. And in Massachusetts, people 65 and older comprise about 17% of the population but about 50% of last


year's fatal fire victims.

"Working smoke alarms are often the first line of defense against injury and tragedy in a fire," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "We invite our partners in the fire service, family members, caregivers, and social service providers to share these PSAs and emphasize the importance of working smoke alarms, especially among seniors."

The PSAs are available for download at the Department of Fire Services web page and can be linked or shared from the DFS YouTube channel. They complement the DFS Senior SAFE program, which provides grant funding for local fire departments to provide fire and life safety education for older adults.

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vid, the Lynn Babe Ruth board of directors, and the Dominican youth baseball leagues.”

Greater Lynn Babe Ruth, under the superb leadership of Jeff Earp, has begun preparations for

the 2022 season that will begin in the spring. There is much excitement about the All-Star teams that many expect to be contenders for a berths in the Babe Ruth World Series.



David Stepen (left) is pictured with youth baseball players in the Dominican Republic who hold Marlins jerseys that were donated by the Greater Lynn Babe Ruth organization.



David Stepen is pictured with players and coaches in the Dominican Republic after distributing jerseys that had been donated by the Greater Lynn Babe Ruth organization.

MBTA plan reallocates \$500 million to support critical capital investments

The Audit and Finance Subcommittee of the MBTA Board supported reallocating up to \$500 million in operating funds to support critical and timely capital investments, allowing the MBTA to accelerate key capital projects in safety, advance key employee recruitment and retention initiatives, advance key investments in bus, and more. This one-time reallocation plan was presented to the full Board at today's meeting. This funding is unrelated to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds.

“Last fiscal year, we spent a record \$1.9 billion in capital investments and addressed some of the state of good repair backlog. But we still have important investments to make,” said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak.

“This \$500-million one-time transfer of funds will allow us to expedite crucial safety investments like the Green Line Train Protection Project, to continue supporting our workforce with pandemic pay for front-line employees, to further major investments that upgrade and modernize our bus system, and more.”

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the MBTA received nearly \$2 billion in one-time Federal relief funds, which allowed the MBTA to maintain service levels and balance its operating budget despite significant reductions in fare revenues. Federal relief funds continue to be applied to eligible operating expenses, freeing up other revenues on a one-time basis.

With the support of the Board,

the MBTA plans to reallocate up to \$500 million in operating funds to support critical one-time capital investments while still ensuring a balanced budget through FY23:

- Safety Investments: \$67 million will go toward accelerating key capital investments in safety, including \$45 million in the Green Line Train Protection Project and accelerating the project's schedule by a year to be completed next year instead of 2024; providing additional funds to support increased inspections at MBTA stations and facilities; and providing funds to address identified safety and non-code compliant concerns at the Lynn Parking Garage.

- Workforce Investments: \$20 million will go toward advancing key employee recruitment and retention initiatives, including supporting employee-focused initiatives like pandemic pay for front-line employees and the expansion of the human resources staffing program as well as establishing an employee recruitment and retention program with opportunities to extend hiring

bonuses and referral bonuses for key positions at the MBTA.

- Bus Investments: \$109 million will go toward advancing key investments in bus, including funding for the Arborway Bus Facility (design), the Blue Hill Avenue Transit Priority Corridor, and the North Cambridge Bus Facility as well as additional funds needed to support the Quincy Bus Maintenance Facility and the procurement of 60 New Flyer buses as part of the New Flyer Bus Overhaul Project.

- Shovel-ready Investments: \$70 million will go toward advancing key shovel-ready and shovel-worthy projects, including advancing the Newton Commuter Rail Station project to 100% design, expanding the Codman Yard Expansion and Improvements project to include building and power infrastructure improvements, and programing funds for potential near-term real estate opportunities and advance infrastructure planning for future electrification of the Commuter Rail network.

- Additional Federal Formula Funding Preparation: \$145 mil-

lion will go toward preparing for additional Federal formula funding. Funds identified provide the 20% match needed to program anticipated new Federal formula funds as identified in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). New funds, including matching funds, will be programmed through the FY23-27 Capital Investment Plan development process.

- Preserving the Existing Capital Program: \$89 million will go toward preserving the existing capital program, including additional funds needed to support the Franklin Double Track and Signal and ATC Implementation projects, replenishing the surplus/contingency fund to support any future COVID related (materials and labor) cost increases, and advancing the full scope of the Tower 1 Interlocking Early Action project.

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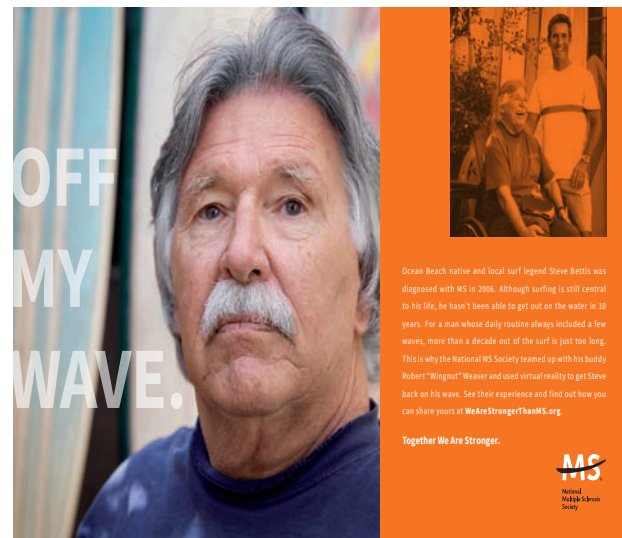
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Stock your soup pantry

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Crisper Drawer Items

Over the past couple of years, we've added a few new soup favorites to our crisper drawer. Fresh fennel bulbs and leeks wait alongside celery and carrots. There's usually some cabbage or greens ready to add bulk and fiber to soupy meals.

While the soup simmers, you may add bunches of parsley, cilantro, dill, mint, or whatever your favorite soups need for depth of flavor. Then sprinkle more of the same herbs for a bright finish when served.

Roots and Bulbs

Onions, shallots, garlic, potatoes, and sweet potatoes all have separate cool, dry, airy, lightly-covered containers on our pantry shelves. Don't store your onions and potatoes together. The ethylene gas produced and emitted by onions can cause potatoes to ripen, sprout, and rot faster.

Add Fiber for Filling Soups

Rice, noodles, pasta, dumplings, beans, and legumes all add heft and nutrition to your soup. We always cook and store our

rice, noodles, and pasta separately and add it to the soup as we serve it. That way, the grains don't soak up all the broth and become stodgy.

Pre-Made and Ready-to-Go

Here again, you have the option of buying some commercially-prepared versions of these additions. We use frozen pre-cooked rice and beans in cans, pouches, and boxes. If chopping and dicing are not your thing, look for prepared containers of pre-cut mirepoix (celery, carrots, and onions) and other peeled and chopped vegetables in the produce department.

We can grab a bag of frozen peas or corn from our freezer to add to soups when those vegetables are not in season. We also have ginger and tablespoon-size dollops of pesto and tomato paste in a freezer container marked "flavors."

Other Soup Tips

Penny has been replacing starches (like potatoes) with rutabagas in some soups and stews because these members of the turnip family freeze and thaw



Our homemade chicken stock stars in bowls where the broth takes the lead, like in this chicken noodle soup which we made, very quickly, from leftovers.

better when she makes big batches.

If a soup is too thin, you can thicken it by mashing some of its vegetables or blending part of the soup and adding it back to the pot. An immersion blender is perfect for this task. Add water or stock if it's too thick, and give it a few minutes of slow simmer to blend.

For variety, set up a soup ex-

change with another cook. We did this and swapped quarts of flavorful soups with good friends. We are also looking forward to having a soup party as our first roof deck gathering this spring.

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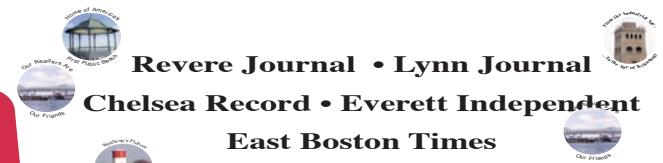
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