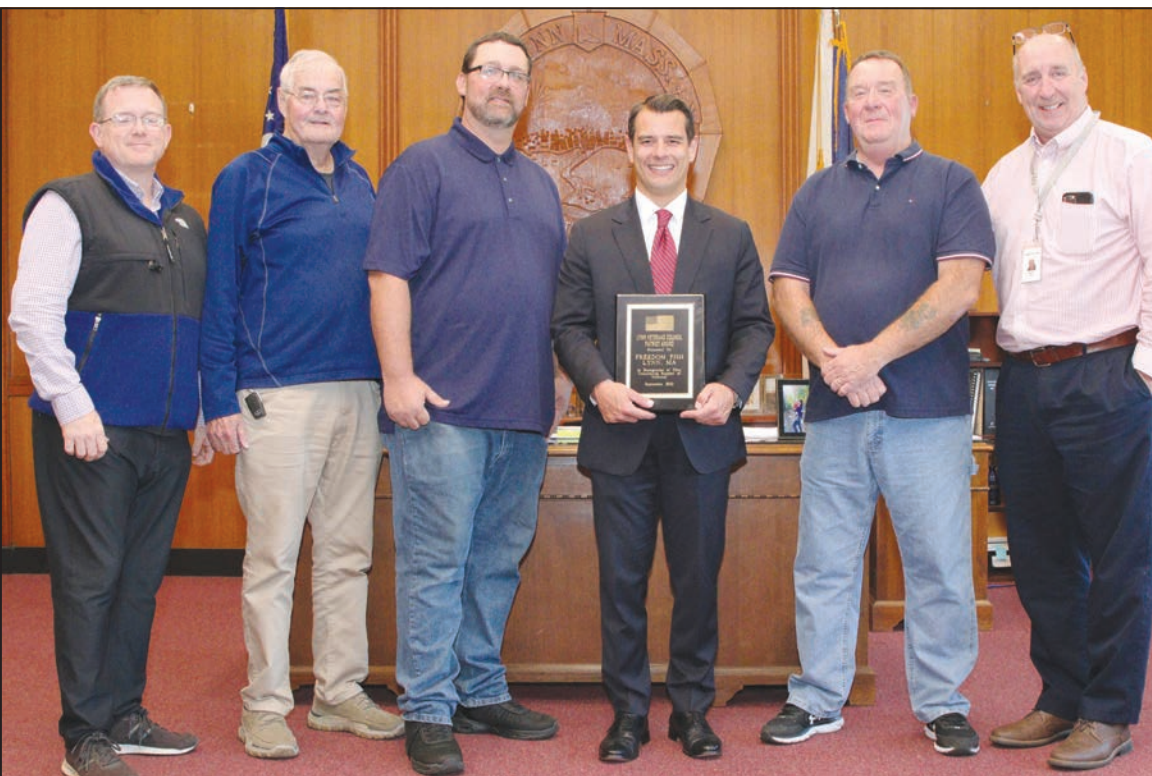


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## LYNN VETERANS COUNCIL PRESENTS PATRIOT AWARD



Lynn Veterans Council President, Charles Dineen, presented the first annual Patriot Award to Mayor Jared Nicholson and EDIC Executive Director James Cowdell on Sept. 28. During this past summer, the Freedom Fish Lynn boat trip for Veterans was organized through the efforts of the City of Lynn. Director Veteran Services in Lynn, Michael Sweeney said, "This award went to Freedom Fish Lynn for their efforts of hosting a wonderful event for veterans." Members of the Veteran Council, an organization for all Veterans in Lynn, met with Mayor Nicholson to discuss issues affecting Lynn veterans. The Veteran Council is an umbrella organization that represents veteran's organizations in the city. Shown above, Lynn Director of Veteran Services Michael Sweeney (Army), Veteran Council Roger Co-meau (Army), Veteran Council President Charles Dineen (Army), Mayor Jared Nicholson, Veteran Council Vice-President Wayne Johnson (Army), and EDIC Executive Director James Cowdell

## A HUMANITARIAN EFFORT

### Jordan Avery, Stacia Frederick assist Salvation Army in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona

By Cary Shuman

Jordan Avery and Stacia Frederick of the Salvation Army Lynn Corps are being commended for their humanitarian efforts in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona which has had a devastating impact on the island and its residents.

Avery and Frederick traveled to Puerto Rico to assist the Salvation Army in food preparation and food distribution efforts that began soon after the Category 4 hurricane hit on Sept. 18.

Avery is well-known in Lynn for his work in the community. He is a certified emergency medical responder.

In Puerto Rico, Avery has been assisting in different aspects of the Salvation Army's response. "I'm helping out and doing whatever is needed," said Avery. "Yesterday, I was on the road driving two-and-a-half hours to the other side of the island to deliver food, work in the kitchen, and do some clean-up. The need is great, and the people are very appreciative of us being here and helping them."

Frederick is in her first year in the Salvation Army Lynn Corps. "I joined to hopefully help other people in any way that I could," said Frederick during a telephone interview. "Our effort is going well. A lot of our work has been cooking meals and preparing meals for people that don't have any electrical power in their homes."

Frederick said she was familiar with the Salvation Army's noble efforts. "I had met with their emergency/disaster services, but I didn't realize the extent of the help that they provide to people in the community after fires and other emergencies," said Frederick, who has been donating clothes to the organization for several years. "The Salvation Army does great work. I love working with the other volunteers and meeting people from different states."

#### 'Our Dedicated Volunteers'

Heather McFarlane, director of communications for the Salvation Army Massachusetts

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## Crighton announces \$400,000 grant for Barry Park playground equipment

Staff Report

State Sen. Brendan Crighton is proud to announce alongside the Lynn legislative delegation that the City of Lynn has been awarded \$400,000 for Barry Park playground equipment through the State's Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program. This upgraded playground equipment will be the final phase of a three-part plan to improve Barry Park. The first phase was installing a splash pad that opened over the

summer and the second phase is replacing concrete bleachers with new aluminum bleachers and improved landscaping.



Shown is Barry Park, which will be receiving new and updated playground equipment thanks to a grant from the State.

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# EDITORIAL

## TAKE A FOREST BATH

When we saw a headline about a “forest bath” in an on-line publication the other day, we initially took its meaning literally.

But the article was not about physically bathing in the woods. Rather, it pointed out that there have been some studies which have suggested that spending time in heavily-treed areas can decrease blood pressure and stress and boost overall mood, particularly if there is a stream or lake nearby. Exercising in the woods also has similar unique benefits (which made us recall some of our cross-country runs.)

The article further noted that the sounds and smells of the forest, as well as the chemicals released by trees, can have a calming effect. (Though we assume this does not include the growling of a bear...)

After we read the article, we realized that a “forest bath” simply is a new-agey term for taking a hike in the woods.

Here in New England, the change to the fall season provides us with the ultimate opportunity to take a nice hike. Summer’s humidity is gone and the cool, crisp air is perfect for taking a long walk amidst the splendor of the foliage season.

Although our most-memorable hikes have been in the mountains of northern New England, we don’t have to travel that far to enjoy a forest bath. The nearby Blue Hills, Arnold Arboretum, state parks, and parks under the auspices of the Trustees of Reservations provide many nearby opportunities to enjoy the solitude of nature with our friends and family members.

So whether you call it a hike -- or a forest bath -- we encourage all of our readers to get outside in the coming weeks.

## SUNDAYS AREN'T FUN ANYMORE

Some years back, amid the Patriots’ long string of success, we wrote that New England fans should enjoy the ride, because it inevitably would come to an end.

We’ve been Pats’ fans since the 1960s, so unlike younger fans, we’ve known many more years of failure than success, which gave us a much-greater appreciation for the Pats’ amazing and unprecedented run of Super Bowl appearances and league titles from 2001-2019.

Societies have worshiped their athletic heroes dating back to the ancient Greeks. In the modern age, sports have served as a form of entertainment that uniquely brings people together, where we can forget ours and the world’s problems, even if it’s for just a few hours each week. In addition, success on the athletic field (or track or arena) is the ultimate meritocracy -- unlike just about every other aspect of our society -- which is why cheaters in sports are so reviled.

The Patriots’ success became part of the local culture, with fans -- and even non-fans -- partaking of game-day parties and tailgating that helped us endure the long fall and winter seasons. Studies have shown that sharing the experience of a successful sports team with friends brings noticeable psychological benefits that last for a couple of days -- and New England fans had almost 20 years of joy.

But New England no longer is the center of the pro football universe. We’re now the ones on the outside looking in, as was the case for so many others for two decades. When the hometown newspaper writes that your 1-3 team can take comfort in the positives after another loss -- well, you know that it’s going to be a long season.

We were listening to the 1960s station on our Sirius XM radio in our car the other day when we heard one of our favorite tunes, Sundays Will Never be the Same by Spanky and the Gang. The lyrics are about a lost love and how their Sundays together were special, but they seem appropriate for New England Patriots fans these days:

Now I wake up Sunday morning  
 Sunday’s just another day  
 Sunny afternoons that made me feel so warm inside  
 Have turned as cold and gray as ashes  
 As I feel the embers die  
 Sunday will never be the same

## GUEST OP-ED

### The consequences of sea level rise are ominous for Boston

By John Vitagliano

Hurricane’s Ida’s devastating impacts on Florida’s seacoast communities provide a stark warning to Boston which is similarly vulnerable to the combined impacts of storm surges and sea level rise which is universally predicted as inevitable.

Sea level rise is due largely from accelerated melting of the Greenland and Antarctic glaciers and ice sheets from global warming, and to a lesser but significant degree from ocean waters’ expanding volumes due to warming temperatures.

The consequences of sea level rise are ominous for Boston. Currently accepted scientific data indicate that by the year 2050 New England coastal communities will experience an average sea level rise of three to six feet. This would be a catastrophe for East Boston, a peninsula bordered by Boston Harbor and the Chelsea Creek, with a possible flooded area of over 300 acres. Charlestown, the North End and Seaport District would also be severely impacted as would Winthrop and

Chelsea. Logan Airport, due to its massive filling of once-open Boston Harbor, has removed 2,000 acres of inner harbor that once served as a buffer between tidal surges and East Boston and Winthrop.

There is a brilliant proposal that would protect all of Boston Harbor, its adjoining communities, the seaport facilities and Logan Airport. A brilliant city planner, Antonio DiMambro, has proposed an award-winning project, praised by noted oceanographer John Englander, that would not only protect the entire harbor and it’s neighborhoods from sea level rise but also protect its maritime dependent economic base. Mr. DiMambro has described his brainchild as “Boston’s Safety Belt”, a series of connected barriers linking Deer Island, Long Island, and Squantum into a bulwark across the harbor, with 15 foot gates that would rotate closed to protect the harbor and city from storm surges. The outer harbor would effectively become an encircled pond, shielding Boston and its harbor from storm surges and sea

level rise. Winthrop’s inner harbor from Point Shirley to Court Road would also be protected, as well as the Bayswater Street neighborhood of East Boston.

Such an undertaking would not be inexpensive in the short term but would be critical in the long term as protection for the incalculably valuable seaport assets and irreplaceable neighborhoods of Boston. I believe that Massport, created by the legislature in 1956 to be the steward and protector of Boston Harbor assets, including Logan Airport which would be severely impacted by sea level rise to the point of closure, must play a vital role in the underwriting of an effective sea level rise protective system. In 2012 Boston narrowly escaped the massive destruction from Superstorm Sandy, endured by New Jersey and New York, by six hours because the storm struck at low tide instead of high tide. The safety of East Boston, all Boston neighborhoods, and Winthrop as well as the security of the region’s air transporta-

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# Hurricane Relief CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Division and public information officer for the Salvation Army's Puerto Rico Response, recognized the dedication of Avery, Frederick, and the other volunteers.



Jordan Avery packs boxes of food into a van as part of his volunteer work with the Salvation Army's emergency disaster services team in Puerto Rico in response to Hurricane Fiona.

"The Salvation Army is responding to meet the immediate needs of survivors and first responders after Hurricane Fiona ravaged Puerto Rico," said MacFarlane. "Our dedicated volunteers were deployed to assist the team in Puerto Rico for two weeks as feeding needs have increased and we are providing other needs - ranging from hygiene and clean-up kit distribution, emotional and spiritual care, and other resources. The Salvation Army is still serving survivors and first responders. To date, we have served more than 20,000 individuals across the island. We'll be here as long as it takes to help with the long-term recovery. Sometimes the recovery on the inside can be harder than the recovery on the outside."



Stacia Frederick, of the Salvation Army Lynn Corps, prepares sandwiches as part of the Salvation Army's emergency response in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Fiona.

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tion and maritime infrastructure should not be dependent on a chance tidal occurrence.

A moveable sea barrier system for Boston Harbor would not be precedent setting. Not surprisingly the Dutch have been leading the way in creating and operating real world moveable sea barrier systems. For example, one which has been operating successfully is the Maeslantkering Barrier on the Nieuwe Waterweg, protecting the major cities of Rotterdam and Antwerp from the ravages of storm surge and sea level rise.

Boston is not the only American coastal city facing the inevitability and consequences of sea level rise. Just recently New

York and New Jersey have begun reviewing, on the tenth anniversary of Hurricane Sandy's destruction, a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to protect their communities from sea level rise and storm surge devastation by constructing a huge gate system consisting of 12 movable sea barriers across New York Harbor. Estimated cost of the New York sea barrier proposal is \$52 Billion. While the Boston Harbor proposal would not approach that level

*John Vitagliano is a Former Massport Board Member and a Former Boston Transportation Commissioner.*

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# Boston area organizers gather for Shared Gifting Circle

By Shane Rogers

It was a warm and sunny day at the end of June on the Boston waterfront. As the morning breeze blew in from the harbor, community organizers from around the Greater Boston area were descending downtown to meet in person for the first time. The Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston Cohort, a cohort organized by the Grassroots Fund with support from the Barr Foundation, had met virtually a few times before, all in preparation for the shared gifting circle that was about to take place.

“Being in this vibe just gives me inspiration, not only for what I want to do in our own organization, but for what I want to do personally as a professional,” says Chai Hossaini of Revere Youth in Action, a group based in the Shirley Ave. neighborhood of Revere that’s dedicated to protecting and promoting the educational, cultural, and socio-political rights of Revere youth.

The Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston Cohort is made up of 12 members from seven groups around Greater Boston. The groups were selected after an extensive community research process, including interviews and referrals from partners and folks living in the community, to identify groups and organizers working on the ground in their communities and at the intersection of Environmental Justice. The dozen organizers identified were then asked to join the Grassroots Fund and Barr Foundation in a new venture where they were to be tasked with working together to collec-

tively decide how to distribute \$180,000 in funding amongst themselves and the work they hoped to accomplish over the next year, no strings attached. All the groups were also guaranteed up to \$5,000 in grants for their time.

“The Barr Foundation climate program has a commitment to building a diverse and inclusive climate movement and in particular, we want to be supporting organizations that are working with communities that are most impacted by the climate crisis such as working class communities, immigrant communities, Afro descendant communities,” says Kalila Barnett, Climate Resilience Program Officer of the Barr Foundation. “We also know that it’s important to reduce the barriers that small grassroots organizations have around getting access to funding that they need.”

For many of the organizers this was the first time meeting each other in person, although the handful of virtual meetings before gave them some comfort and familiarity. As they settled in for the day after an all-too-brief hour of mingling, laughs, and “oh you know so-and-so!” the mood turned to the reason for their gathering. All seven groups had prepared a presentation about their community work along with a monetary ask to fund it. Not surprisingly, the hopes and dreams outlined were not only inspiring, but also familiar as the organizers saw more concretely the connections between the work they all hoped to accomplish in their own communities.

“Being here feels really powerful and there’s that warm fuzzy feeling because you’re here with



The organizers taking part in the Grassroots Fund Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston cohort.

people who are doing the same work as you in different communities, you’re here with people who understand you,” says Kathy Henriquez of Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE), an organization that develops abundant leaders who support social transformation and shifting political power. “Structurally we’re used to having to always ask and over explain ourselves to try to make sure that our voices are being heard and when we’re in a group with people who understand and are doing the same thing, that barrier is down and you feel like you can be yourself and just say what you want to say, what you have to say, without having to like over explain.”

As the day-long meeting began to come to a close, the organizers finished up their presentations and began a conversation about final decisions regarding funding. While expressing discomfort at times, as most of the organizers had not been part of a situation where they were given the freedom to make funding

decisions, the discussion encompassed many of the difficult intricacies and nuances that are tied up with funding, ultimately leading to a final decision all organizers felt comfortable with.

“The conversation is really about the equitableness in the work that we do and not just having funding to spread around,” contributed Jamal Gooding of People Affecting Community Change (PACC), a provider of tangible resources, to assist the socially disadvantaged in reconnecting with their communities by providing hands-on outreach, empowerment and volunteer opportunities, during that final conversation.

Since the in-person meeting, the Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston Cohort has continued to meet monthly, virtually to keep in touch, share updates, and coordinate work that aligns among their groups. As this was the first year of the shared gifting circle, the organizers also helped to evaluate the success and challenges of the cohort in order to adapt next year’s

strategy to continue to meet the needs of the community.

“We are so inspired by the work taking place in Boston among these community organizers and are pleased that this model was able to lower barriers for them to access funding for their important community work,” says Sarah Huang, co-director of the Grassroots Fund. “As we continue with this process, we are in a constant state of learning and evaluating to improve and grow how funders are able to meet the needs of the grassroots wherever they are.”

The organizations participating in the Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston Cohort are:

- Dorchester Not 4 Sale
- Neighbors United for a Better East Boston (NUBE)
- Brockton Interfaith Community
- Revere Youth in Action
- Lynn United for Change
- People Affecting Community Change (PACC)
- New England United 4 Justice (NEU4J)



Dina Imul and Celly De La Cruz of Lynn United for Change and members of the Grassroots Fund Community-Led Climate Resilience in Boston cohort.

## Lynn man arraigned in South Boston court

Felix Palmer, 36, of Lynn was arraigned in South Boston BMC Monday on rape, indecent assault and battery and assault and battery charges, stemming from a September 23 attack at D and West 3rd streets in South Boston. Judge John Garland ordered

Palmer held pending a dangerousness hearing scheduled for October 6. Assistant District Attorney James Duffy said that at about 5:30 a.m. on Sept. 23, Palmer allegedly attacked a female victim walking along D Street. Palmer told the victim

to “run,” and to “repent” before punching her in the head and sexually assaulting her. Palmer was identified through a description provided by the victim and surveillance footage from area cameras. He was arrested on Friday, September 30.



# NSCC Foundation awards \$343,000 in scholarships

Special to the Journal

The North Shore Community College (NSCC) Foundation has awarded \$343,000 in scholarships to 300 NSCC students for the 2022 – 2023 academic year. This represents the highest amount ever awarded by the Foundation in a single year.

At a ceremony held on the college's Danvers campus, Foundation Vice President John Fouhy said, "We are here today because we believe in the power of higher education and the promise of each and every scholarship awardee. The Directors of the NSCC Foundation are honored to steward the generous gifts our donors make to support our students and we are committed to maximizing the impact of their generosity with initiatives that empower students to succeed in the classroom and throughout their lives."

The Foundation's mission is to secure resources to improve, promote and maintain access to high-quality education as it believes higher education is a catalyst and an agent of change for individuals, families, and communities. The Foundation began 37 years ago when just two \$300 scholarships were awarded.

Since that first year, more than five million dollars in scholarships have been awarded, and the Foundation has expanded its philanthropic impact to include student support programs like Here to Help, campus expansions and renovations, technology upgrades, academic program support, and more.

NSCC President William Heineman noted, "When I think about the accomplishments of our scholarship awardees, and trust me, there are many, I am tremendously impressed and inspired. They are achieving in the classroom and beyond with their grades, their leadership, and their successful advancement toward achieving their academic goals. They all share the belief that higher education is the turning point for their future and what will launch them to new heights and change their lives forever."

Scholarship recipient Joelle Carey, liberal arts transfer program, Class of 2023, shared, "College means the world to me, and it feels so amazing to earn a scholarship. I'm a first-generation, independent college student working full-time to pay for college. In high school, I didn't think I would go to college. NSCC was a leap of faith. Now, I can't imagine not being in college or not learning all the time. NSCC really saved my life."

Ayman Alabbasi, computer science transfer Class of 2023, said, "Although first generation, I always saw myself as someone who would go to college. After high school, I went to a four-year university but it wasn't the right fit. My goals coming to NSCC were to get good grades, make the Dean's List, and be the best I could be. I've already started my own web design company.

All my hard work was recognized with this scholarship. I hope I can do well and succeed and to someday be in the position to do the same thing for others."

Also featured at the Scholarship Ceremony was the presentation of the Traicoff Award which was created in 2019 in honor of NSCC President Emeritus George Traicoff, who founded the scholarship



Pictured, l-r, NSCC President William Heineman; The Derderian Family, 2022 Traicoff Award Honorees, Scott Derderian, Faith Derderian, April Derderian Fellows; 2022 scholarship recipients Joelle Carey, Ayman Alabbasi, and Josue Hernandez Escalon, and John Fouhy, NSCC Foundation VP.

program. This annual award recognizes the exemplary and inspirational commitment of donors to scholarships and the success of our students.

The 2022 Traicoff Award was presented to The Derderian Family for the Dean Lillian A. Derderian Scholarship. Dr. Derderian, a longtime Beverly Farms resident, founded NSCC's Guidance

Department and served as Dean of Students until her retirement in 1995.

In accepting the award for her family, daughter April Derderian Fellows noted, "Being part of NSCC meant everything to my mother so by virtue of that, it meant everything to us. Mom wanted the Dean Lillian A. Derderian Scholarship to be a life changer for its

recipients. She loved her students, especially the women. She wanted them to know they could do it, and I think she accomplished that. This scholarship is her legacy."

For more information on NSCC's Scholarship program or the NSCC Foundation contact Nicole Marcotte, Director of Development, at nmarcott@northshore.edu.



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# Roca receives \$2 million U.S. Justice Department award

Staff Report

Top U.S. Justice Department officials last week joined local partners and leaders at Roca Baltimore to announce significant new funding to expand the number of young men Roca serves in Baltimore, deepen Roca's non-fatal shooting victims in the city and potentially expand Roca's work to other parts of the region impacted by violence and trauma.

The \$2 million grant to Roca is part of a national violence intervention grant announcement

from the Department of Justice's Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative. The grants include a total of \$100 million in funding to organizations around the country, including two others in Baltimore.

Kurtis Palermo, Executive Vice President of Roca Maryland, spoke at the press briefing, thanking Baltimore and the region for welcoming the creation of Roca Baltimore four years ago and noting the announcement of funding for this expansion comes on the very day of Roca Baltimore's first "graduation" of its

first cohort of four-year participants.

"We know the level of trauma is great, and the level of violence in our community is often debilitating to even think about – but we are having an impact and we are committed to staying in the work here, expanding our efforts and never giving up on these young people," said Palermo. "Today's announcement and the progress made by these young people finishing their four years in our program is a shining example of that."

"There are no quick fixes but

we know that if we heal the trauma, we free the person and, in doing so, can help them change the trajectory of their lives," said Roca Founder & CEO Molly Baldwin. "We are grateful that the Justice Department, Attorney General Garland, and President Biden and his administration are validating the efficacy of our work and investing in powerful interventions here and all around the country."

With the federal grant, Roca hopes to expand the number of young men it works with intensively in Baltimore from 200

per year to 250 per year. It also hopes to expand the reach of its work to serve an estimated 60 to 80 young men per year who are driving violence in communities outside of Baltimore City.

"We draw no direct link between our work and a reduction in killings on the streets among the young people we serve, but the number of young people engaged by Roca Baltimore together with unprecedented coordination with Baltimore Police, Department of Juvenile Services and Parole & Probation is having an impact," said Baldwin.

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The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Speaks Walk will be held in person at Boston Common, bringing the community together to fuel the Autism Speaks mission and help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Whether you have autism, love someone who does, or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind community – you're invited!

The Greater Boston Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9 at the following location:

Boston Common, 115 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116

There are many ways to participate nationwide. To find an event in your area that meets your needs, go to [autismspeaks.org/walk](https://autismspeaks.org/walk) to

learn more.

In the US, autism affects 1 in 44 children and 1 in 45 adults. Autism Speaks is dedicated to promoting solutions across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for people with autism and their families. Autism Speaks has aided more than 26 million people with free resources, services and support. The Walk raises vital funds that empower us to provide crucial resources, research, advocacy and support to meet urgent needs today and create a kinder, more inclusive world.

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# Lynn author, Migdalia Morales, publishes self-improvement novel

Special to the Journal

"Where Ever the World Takes You," a new book by Migdalia Morales of Lynn, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

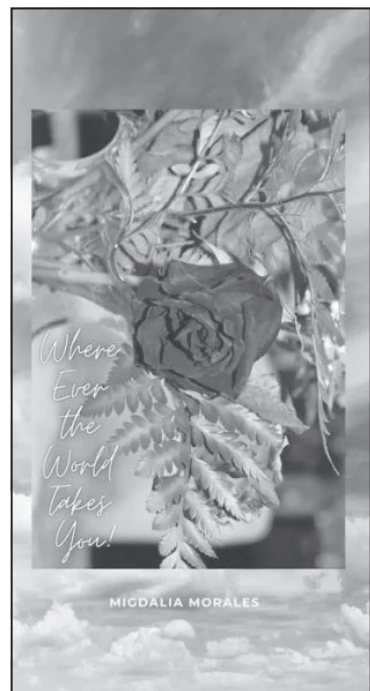
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Migdalia Morales' book can help you with dealing with the effects on daily life, struggles and losses, and staying strong. Her message is relevant to many, as we all deal with challenges and have struggled at some point in our lives. Many of us even still need the help to move forward or past it.

Migdalia Morales is a mother of three, and she works in the Special Education Department. She loves spending time with her kids and family. Her other interests include reading, writing, nature, and animals.

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# RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR FATHER GEORGE D. TSOUKALAS

Photos by Pat Gecoya

A wonderful celebration was bestowed upon Father George D. Tsoukalas as retiring Pastor of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Lynn. Father George as he is known embodies the Greek Orthodox faith the way he conducts his life, how he treats his parishioners, and his day-to-day love for the church.

Over 500 people came to show their respect for Fr. Tsoukalas inside the Community Center. This was a joyous occasion for what Fr. Tsoukalas accomplished in his 26 years of service as Pastor.

Thomas Demakes, expressed his deep gratitude about Fr. George, as he said, "Father George has been here for 26 years, and it has been the best 26 years in the parish's history. We made a tremendous amount of progress here with him as our Pastor." Tom continued to

say, "He was the spiritual leader and a leader in many other ways. The Council people and others worked very hard with Fr. George. As one looks around, one sees the beautiful, stained windows and archways that came from Fr. George's Orthodox beliefs. The parishioners owe Fr. George a great deal of gratitude for making this church what it is today."

The St. George Community extends their warmest regards to Father George Tsoukalas for his 26 years of spiritual guidance, leaving an everlasting impression of his leadership, initiating numerous programs, such as the Caring and Sharing program and the gorgeous visual art images he helped commission within the church.

Fr. George's daughter, Stephanie, summed it up by saying, "Our family wants to say thank you; our father is a person with perfect love and with passion."



St. George Master Chefs & Staff – George Kallivas, Louis Katsos, Panos Konclakes, Peter Katsos, George Markos, John Meklis, Michael Mosho, and Greg Torpin.



St. George Choir singing at the Celebration for Fr. Tsoukalas



Old Neighborhood CEO Thomas Demakes congratulates Fr. George Tsoukalas and his wife, Francine



St. George's Past Presidents – Emanuel Argiro and Master of Ceremonies John Meklis with Secretary of St. George Parish Council Evangelia Hatzis.



St. George's Youth Choir sings three songs for Fr. George.



Table Eleven attending Fr. George Tsoukalas Retirement – Larry Donovan, Councilor at Large Brian Field, David Solimine Sr, Harry Loomos, Joel Solimine, David Solimine Jr., Peter Loomos and Basil Manias



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