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COURTESY PHOTO

Scholarship recipients from Lynn High School pictured with their scholarship awards.

LHAND awards 27 scholarships to LHS students

Special to the Journal

Recently, the Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND) awarded nearly \$30,000 to 27 Lynn high school seniors at its annual scholarship dinner. The evening was coordinated by Kiara Palomares, Cathy Rowe, and Jason Newhall. In attendance were Mayor Nicholson, along with City

Councilors, Rick Starbard, Coco Alinsug, Brian Field, and State Representative Dan Cahill. All of which are strong supporters of the LHAND Scholarship Fund.

"Scholarships like these play a significant part in our students' higher education journey and we're grateful for the opportunity to support them as they pursue their studies and their goals," said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson.

"We send the recipients our best and want them to know that the entirety of Lynn supports them, especially the team at LHAND".

Aside from its role of providing affordable and quality housing, LHAND also believes in helping city youth invest in higher education. Over the years, the staff at the Lynn Housing

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Lynn Public Schools committed to expanding school programs

Special to the Journal

The COVID-19 pandemic may be in the rear-view mirror for a majority of people, but the fallout is still very much being felt in schools, forcing administrators to be both proactive and

innovative in addressing it.

In Lynn Public Schools, there has been a concerted effort throughout this school year to increase student engagement, with a specific goal of mitigating a post-pandemic increase in student conflict.

The reasons were fairly clear to teachers and administrators, with the loss of socialization and learning that took place during the lockdown at the top of the list. Even with this school year being the second since the return

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Agganis All-Star Week kicks off June 25

Agganis All-Star Week starts Sunday, June 25 with the Opening Ceremony and four of the nine All-Star Games that will take place over the course of four days.

The Opening Ceremony, which will be held at 9 a.m. at Manning Field in Lynn, will include the presentation of 2023 Agganis Foundation Scholarships, five major awards, and the introduction of this year's Agganis All-Stars in the following sports: girls and boys lacrosse, softball, baseball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys soccer and football.

The lacrosse doubleheader will be held June 25 at Manning

Field at 11 a.m. (girls) and 1 p.m., with softball and baseball played at the adjacent Fraser Field that day at noon and 2 p.m.

Action continues Monday, June 26 with the girls and boys basketball doubleheader at Lynn Classical High School at 5:30 and 7 p.m. The boys and girls soccer games will be June 27 at Manning Field at 5:30 (boys) and 7 p.m.

The 61st Agganis All-Star Football Game will close the week on Wednesday, June 28 at Manning Field at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the Agganis All-Star Games are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens

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AMERICAN FLAG BURNING CEREMONY



PAT GECOYA PHOTO

Lynn Scout Troop 34 of St. Mary's of the Sacred Heart – Jacobi James, Lucas Salazar, Edwin Tejada, Eagle Scout Master Richard Bucko, Iana-cio Macias, and Maria Celeste Macias. See more photos on Page 5.

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Authority & Neighborhood Development have built a solid working relationship with the guidance counselors across all the Lynn high schools. Thanks to the efforts of the guidance counselors, LHAND has been able to help many Lynn students.

Scholarship funds are generously donated by individuals, families, businesses, and non-profits to help local students pursue higher education. One of LHAND's most generous sponsors, Jimmy Connor of McGrath Construction, invests in the LHAND Scholarship Fund year after year. The LHAND Scholarship wouldn't be as successful as it is if it weren't for its sponsors.

"This is an important cause for us at LHAND" said Chare Gaeta "We understand the challenge that the climbing cost of education poses to our city youth. For this reason, LHAND tries it's best to support a number of young adults with scholarships

every year."

This year's application pool brought about several impressive applicants. After meticulously reviewing all the applications, LHAND's Scholarship Committee narrowed it down to 27 Lynn students. This years' scholarship recipients will be attending schools such as: Dartmouth College, Bridgewater State University, Columbia University, Salem State University, Bunker Hill Community College, Northshore Community College, along with several other colleges and universities.

We can't wait to see what these kids achieve as young professionals. We hope to see them back in a couple of years giving back to the community. The Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development is excited for another chance to raise money for next year's graduates at their Annual Golf Tournament fundraising event this September.



Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson with scholarship recipients.



From left, Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, Mayor Jared Nicholson, LHAND Executive Director Charles Gaeta, Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, and Councilor-at-Large Brian Field.

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and are available at agganisfoundation.com. Tickets will also be sold at the gate.

The Agganis All-Star Games are played in memory of legendary Lynn athlete Harry Agganis, an All-American quarterback at Lynn Classical and Boston University. He was expected to be the first-round draft pick of the Cleveland Browns, but he opted for a professional baseball career and was the starting first baseman

for the Boston Red Sox when he died of a pulmonary embolism in 1955 at the age of 26.

The Agganis Foundation was formed shortly thereafter with a mission of awarding college scholarships in Agganis' name. Since 1955, the Foundation has awarded more than \$2.4 million in scholarships to 1,051 student-athletes. The Agganis All-Star Games serve as a fundraiser for the scholarship program.

Nonprofit Senior Housing provider takes control of former Marshall Middle School site

Special to the Journal

2Life Communities, the organization selected by the City to redevelop the former Thurgood Marshall Middle School property, will sign a Land Development Agreement (LDA) that transfers the responsibility for the property from the City to 2Life.

Under the LDA, which is expected to be signed this month, 2Life will install fencing, gates, and cameras at the Porter Street site and maintain the property while it obtains financing for the project.

According to City Planner Aaron Clausen, 2Life's bid was selected in February from four responses to an RFP issued by the City last August. The City will receive \$1.71 million for the property, which housed Thurgood Marshall Middle School (and the former Eastern Junior High) until the new building opened on Brookline Street in 2015.

The City has tried to sell the site since 2018 but prior attempts were not successful.

"The previous approach was to try to sell the property as soon as possible," Clausen said. "Because we want to create afford-

able housing, and knowing the financing takes time, signing this land development agreement makes sense."

While the City will still own the property, 2Life will be responsible for maintenance and security. Because the financing will involve obtaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits and other state and federal funds, likely over a two-year cycle, the land sale may not take place until 2025, making it a priority for the City to relinquish maintenance responsibilities.

"We are pleased to be taking this important step in the redevelopment of the Marshall site," said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson. "It has been a long process, but the end result will yield urgently

needed housing for seniors in the City."

2Life plans to create 114 affordable rental apartments for seniors age of 62 and over on Porter Street, including 28 for households earning no more than 30 percent of area median income (AMI), 74 for households up to 50 percent of AMI and 10 for those up 60 percent of AMI. Two apartments will be set aside for on-site resident managers to provide 24-hour emergency support. The cost of the project is estimated at \$67 million, with nearly \$30 million coming from federal and state tax credit equity.

"The Marshall School project is a great example of how the

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LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

RUSSELL OF LYNN GRADUATES FROM LASELL UNIVERSITY

Kelly Russell of Lynn graduated Summa Cum Laude from Lasell University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication (Creative Advertising).

Graduates were recognized at the University's 169th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 13.

In addition to awarding more than 325 bachelor's and 200 master's degrees, the University awarded three honorary doctorates to Andrew DeFranza, executive director of Harborlight Homes; Marvin Gilmore, a 99-year-old civil rights activist and entrepreneur; and retiring President Michael B. Alexander.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The following students have been named to the Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester at the University of New England:

Christian Alquinta
Kaleb Burns
Cormac Collins
Anna Flaherty

Amy Hatfield
Jayden Thornton
Kati Whitcomb
Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.3 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

The University of New England is Maine's largest private university, with two beautiful coastal campuses in Maine, a one-of-a-kind study-abroad campus in Tangier, Morocco, and an array of flexible online offerings. In an uncommonly welcoming and supportive community, we offer hands-on learning, empowering students to make a positive impact in a world full of challenges. We are the state's top provider of health professionals and home to Maine's only medical and dental colleges, a variety of other interprofessionally aligned health care programs, and nationally recognized degree paths in the marine sciences, the natural and social sciences, business, the humanities, and the arts.

BOSTON COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES 240 GRADUATES

On Saturday, May 20, more

than 2,000 members of the Boston College High School community gathered at McCoy Field to celebrate and honor the accomplishments of the 240 young men of the Class of 2023.

"As the Class of 2023 embarks on the next chapter of their lives, they have undoubtedly left a lasting impression here at BC High," said Grace Cotter Regan, President of Boston College High School. "They handled each new challenge with poise and maturity, emerging as courageous young men whose kindness, integrity, and service to others will fuel them through college and beyond. I am thrilled to welcome them into our alumni network and watch their relationships with our school and each other continue."

The commencement ceremonies featured a keynote address from Rev. Mario Powell, SJ, president of Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, a faith-based middle school serving low-income families of diverse races, ethnicities, and faiths in New York City. Rev. Powell urged the graduates to think about their identities and how to use their Jesuit education for the good of society.

Rev. Powell reminded the

Class of 2023 that their success at BC High will be measured by how the lives of those who did not attend the school are richer and fuller because of their formative experiences. He challenged the graduates: "Go out into the world and give what you have learned in the classroom, on the court, on the field, in the chapel – go give that away to a world that so desperately needs you to. Your BC High education has allowed you to meet this moment – it has enabled you to give something to others."

In a culmination of dedication in the classroom, athletics, and extracurricular activities, members of BC High's Class of 2023 have been accepted to more than 250 colleges and universities around the country and world. Of those seeking higher education, 25 percent will continue their education at Jesuit colleges and universities. In addition, four students received full tuition scholarships and eight others will attend Ivy League institutions. Two students will be proudly entering a military academy, one to the United States Military Academy (West Point) and another to the United States Naval Academy (Annapolis).

"Throughout their time at BC High, this class has served as role models for our community," said Adam Lewis, Principal of Boston College High School. "They eagerly accepted leadership positions in our newly created House System, forging deeper connections with their faith, teachers, and peers. As they leave our school with much more than a degree, they are equipped with all the tools for success."

Building on several years of remarkable growth and rapid expansions in innovation, BC High is eager to welcome the Class of 2027 to Morrissey Boulevard in the fall.

In the fall, BC High will begin its second year of the House System, which provides holistic care that meets academic, social, and emotional needs of all students. Designed to build a community within a community and rooted in the Jesuit value *cura personalis* (care of the whole person), the system gives students a tangible sense of belonging, connection, and opportunity to explore the relationship between wellbeing and learning growth.

Local graduate included Alpha Barry.

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to in-person learning, the residual effects were still being felt, prompting the district to act.

"It's been a challenging year on the social-emotional side, especially at the middle-school level," said interim superintendent Debra Ruggiero. "We wanted to provide opportunities for students to stay engaged."

A Student Engagement Task Force was formed, comprised of representatives of the school department, City Hall and Lynn Police and facilitated by Interim Deputy Superintendent Molly Cohen. Stakeholders convened to discuss possible reasons for the uptick in student conflict and possible steps that could be taken to mitigate that increase. Mayor Jared Nicholson and Police Chief Christopher Reddy were included in the discussion, with the task force meeting monthly.

Providing students opportunity beyond the school day is a time-tested manner in which to further engage them. With that in mind, Lynn Public Schools applied for and received a grant from the Play Ball Foundation, which invests in schools in high-need communities to provide

equitable access to team sports, which empower middle school youth. Health and physical education teacher Colleen Peterson led the efforts to obtain the grant.

LPS was allotted \$25,000 this year, \$50,000 next year and \$75,000 in year three of the grant. With the funding received this year, the middle schools were able to offer a new soccer program, with 135 students participating. This program is in addition to the traditional middle-school teams which compete vs. other schools.

"This is geared to kids who may not have made the school team and didn't have the opportunity to play an organized sport," Ruggiero said. "There are about 1,300 students at each of the middle schools and only about 20-25 make a team, so that leaves a lot of kids without that opportunity. This was our chance to get more kids involved and to create team-building and leadership skills."

The plan is to add a second sport next year and a third the following year as the funding increases.

The collaboration with Play

Ball is the latest example of the schools trying to expand after-school programming as part of the overall effort to enhance social-emotional learning. Programs already in place include the Breed All-Stars, funded by the Essex County District Attorney's office and geared to helping at-risk students develop leadership skills and avoid self-destructive behaviors, and Project YES, an after-school and summer program at Marshall Middle School designed to help students develop the skills needed to become strong leaders in the school and community.

"When the school day ends, parents are working and there is a gap," Ruggiero said. "We want to keep kids at school engaged in fun, safe activities."

As Lynn schools put an emphasis on social emotional learning at the middle school level, there is a template to try to replicate. Anthony Seaforth has been working with high school student-athletes since 2016, conducting after-school study halls that encompass academics, behavior, discipline and mentorship.

Twice-weekly, 75-minute sessions are held at English and Classical throughout the school year. Seaforth monitors students' academic progress and lets them know if they need to see a teacher for extra help.

"I serve as a liaison for the coaches, teachers and parents," said Seaforth, a standout student-athlete at Classical (Class of 2001) who went on the play football at Bentley University. "I track them throughout the academic year and try to resolve issues that arise."

The goal, Seaforth said, is to "build structure for student-athletes, and to help them be better students and maintain their eligibility."

Approximately 225 students have participated in the program this year. In addition to academics, Seaforth has added a mental-health component, bringing in therapists and counselors to address topics including anxiety and depression, while relating it to sports.

"Social emotional learning can happen in every aspect of life," Seaforth said. "You may have take steps to calm down if

you're at the free throw line and the game's on the line, and if you're angry in school you may need to take a step back from the situation."

With the success the Seaforth Movement has had at the high school level, it seemed logical to ask him to bring it to the middle schools, so he ran a pilot program with the Breed Middle School boys basketball team this year. Not surprisingly, the results were very positive, with the players' grades and behavior improving.

"We have seen the impact of Anthony's program and we want to do what we can to provide opportunities to more students, especially in the middle schools," Nicholson said. "We are pleased to be working in that direction."

The goal, Ruggiero said, would be to make the program available to all students, not just athletes, an idea Seaforth endorses.

"I think this program is tailor-made for middle school," he said. "The kids are more receptive and you can get parents' buy-in because they want this type of after-school programming."

EDITORIAL

YES, WE'RE IN HOT WATER

It's a cliché that modern man is out-of-touch with the natural world (what's left of it). Whereas our long-ago ancestors had a deep sense of the change of seasons, migrations of animals, and so forth, we know nothing. Compared to their innate knowledge of the natural world, we are illiterates.

People the world over have been captivated by the recent news story about the survival of the four, Indigenous, young children in the Amazon rainforest for 40 days after their small plane crashed (and all the adults died). Their tale of survival prompted this comment by an expert: "Westerners would have been long dead," and no one disputed it.

However, there is one thing that we ourselves have noted this spring, namely, that the ocean temperature along our coast is much warmer than it typically is at this time of year.

We have belonged to a local ocean-rowing club for a few years. We launch our boats (which accommodate a crew of four with a coxswain) by lifting them off a trailer and walking them into the water.

Our season starts in early May and our ankles and feet usually become numb within minutes of stepping into the water during the first few weeks before Memorial Day.

But this season, we noticed something different, something amiss: There was no numbness in our feet. Sure, the water was cold, but not numbingly so. In fact, the water felt pleasant, especially after a long row.

Similarly, swimming in our wetsuit (in preparation for a local triathlon in late June which we have been doing for 16 years) typically is a chilly experience at this time of year, but it has not been so this spring.

A recent report from the government agency NOAA revealed that ocean water temperatures world-wide are the warmest that EVER have been recorded. In addition, the first 10 days of June were the hottest-ever recorded on the planet for that 10-day time period (although we would never know it here!).

So for those of us who venture into the ocean in May and June, the good news is that the water has been far more pleasant than usual.

But the bad news is that our planet, both on land and sea, is warming faster and faster -- and we fear the implications for our environment will only be more and more furious.

We can't escape feeling that we're like the proverbial frog in the soon-to-be boiling pot of water. But unlike the frog, which does have the ability to jump out, we have nowhere to go.

NO END IN SIGHT FOR HOUSING CRISIS

Everyone on all sides of the political and economic spectrums are in agreement that (1) inflation is too high and (2) there is a shortage of housing in this country.

However, solving both of those problems seems to have become a classic Catch-22 scenario: Higher interest rates may tame inflation by lessening the demand for some goods (such as automobiles) and services, but it also serves to put a lid on new home construction.

But with fewer homes on the market (both new and existing) at a time of ever-increasing demand for homes (because of the coming of age of millennials), the prices for new homes and rents are continuing to increase even in the face of higher interest rates. In other words, by continuing to reduce the supply of new housing by means of higher interest rates, policy makers are ensuring that prices will remain high.

It is estimated that with new home construction at its lowest level in 20 years (despite a larger population), the U.S. has failed to meet the demand for housing of all types, both single family homes and rentals, by more than two million units for each of the past few years, thus creating the housing crisis we have today.

But with interest rates now at their highest levels in 20 years, new home construction will continue to fall far short of demand for the foreseeable future. Higher interest rates also have the ripple effect of keeping Baby Boomers and Gen Xers in their current homes (where they have low interest rates), which decreases the number of homes on the market for younger home-buyers.

In other words, our housing crisis is the result of what physicists refer to as a positive feedback loop. And just as in climate science, where feedback loops are creating dire consequences for the future of the planet, so too, the housing crisis only promises to worsen with no end in sight.

GUEST OP-ED

Climate change affects everyone through water — even in Massachusetts

By: Julia Blatt, Executive Director,
Massachusetts Rivers Alliance

When we think of climate change, the first images that come to mind are of hot temperatures, melting ice caps, and greenhouse gases clogging the atmosphere. A recent report by the United Nations, however, warns that most people will actually experience the impacts of climate change through their interactions with water.

The U.N. found: "The science is clear: the global climate change crisis is increasing variability in the water cycle, thus reducing the predictability of water availability and demand, affecting water quality, exacerbating water scarcity, and threatening sustainable development worldwide." That's certainly true in Massachusetts. It's not simply a matter of whether we can ski during the winter or go kayaking in the summer.

Drought in Massachusetts has become more frequent and more severe due to climate change. Scientists at the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration predict that droughts in our state will become worse. The 2016 drought had severe impacts: six public water suppliers petitioned the Mass-DEP for water emergency declarations, the Quabbin Reservoir decreased by over 20%, and groundwater that supplies many towns' drinking water declined.

The state's economy is adversely affected. This winter highlighted the loss of snow cover for winter

recreation facilities in the state. Additionally, in 2016 it is estimated that cranberry growers lost about one-third of their harvest due to the drought. Our aquatics industries also suffer, as rising water temperatures can lower oxygen levels and alter freshwater and marine ecosystems. Key ocean fisheries, such as cod and lobster south of Cape Code, are expected to decline. The EPA warns that climate change may also pose challenges for the state's agriculture. Some farms may be harmed if more hot days and drought reduce crop yield, or if more flooding and wetter springs delay planting dates.

Less water available for agriculture affects the rest of us as well. According to the state Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Massachusetts farmers are irrigating crops more due to decreased precipitation, higher temperatures, and lower soil moisture. This need for more water not only increases consumer costs at local stores — it costs farm-

ers more to run pumps and sprinklers, and further depletes groundwater used for our water supplies.

Most people think of California and the arid West when picturing wildfires. In Massachusetts, however, fires are becoming more widespread and severe. During the 2022 drought, for example, approximately 905 wildfires were reported through August, according to the state's Department of Fire Services, burning an estimated 1,485 acres. The month of August saw 137 wildfires across the state, a nearly six-fold increase over the prior year. The resulting destruction of vegetation and tree cover exacerbates soil erosion and reduces groundwater recharge, increasing water scarcity and food insecurity.

The impact of climate change on the state's rivers is dramatic. In the summer of 2022, many rivers, including parts of the Blackstone in Central Massachusetts and the Ips-

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AMERICAN FLAG BURNING CEREMONY

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS

Capt. William G. Shoemaker Post 345 conducted the second annual burning of unserviceable American Flags. Since 1937 the disposal of worn or tattered flags has been a tradition through the American Legion. It is customary to show respect and tribute during this serious and noble occasion that was held at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Through dedicated research Adjutant/Service Officer Jack Marino learned of the internment process which occurred at Alabama American Legion Post 90 placing retired flag remains in a final resting place. Post 345 became the second American Legion to perform this internment ceremony in the nation.

This is an honorable way to retire American Flags to ashes to earth. Jack Marino initiated this ceremony with his Shoemaker

Post members along with David Solimine producing this program. Veterans, friends, and local officials attended this respectful ceremony. Lynn English JR ROTC Cadets and Scout Troop

34 helped with the proper disposal of each retired American flag with dignity. After the completed burning, the flag remaining ashes were placed into an urn vault for burial at the Veterans lot.



Attending American Flag Burning Ceremony – Donald Castle and Sean Reid with US Navy retired Capt. Steve Castinetti.



All participants said the Pledge of Allegiance and sang America The Beautiful.



JR-ROTC Rachel Villanueva honorably retired American flag.



Lynn English JR-ROTC Cadets – Ian Delarosa, Franchezca Carela, Ghafour Diallo, Maria Valera, Bezajia Forchap, Maria Rogeume, Keylin Garcia, Yasalis Amparo, Peter Akande, James Mulloy, Tasawwar Rayan, Eduardo Rodas, Tanvir Haque, Adam ElQuanon, Rachel Villanueva, Kyle Furlong, Alexa Sanchez, and Amaly Fresco.



Committee and Guest Speakers at Ceremony – Lynn Fire Chief Dan Sullivan, Capt. Wm. Shoemaker Post 345 Commander Jack Marino, Veteran Emcee David Solimine, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, At-Large Brian Field, and Joel Solimine.



Veterans at the American Flag Retirement Ceremony- Peter Meaney, Wayne Compton, Bob O'Toole, Joe Dion, Jason Thompson, Leo Jacobs, Bob Nadeau, Guest Speaker Fire Chief Dan Sullivan, Capt. Steve Castinetti, Donna Wittenmore-Farris, Arthur Dulong III, Jack Marino, Charles Griffin, Ken Van Horn, John Macaуда, Paul Gouthro, Sgt. Major Ken Oswald, and Roger Comeau.

ELIZABETH FIGUEROA KICKOFF CAMPAIGN FOR WARD 2

Community Activist and business owner, Elizabeth Figueroa, is focused on strengthening and unifying Ward 2. She announced her candidacy for City Council with a large group of supporters at Uncommon Feast on Western Avenue.

Pasto Giselle Bido introduced Elizabeth for Ward 2 Councilor as she said, "This announcement focuses on our community and its needs." She continued to say, "We understand there is a lot to be done; it is wonderful to see a group of people come along and support someone like Elizabeth Figueroa who is willing to go the extra mile and willing to advocate for our community."

Campaign Manager Genesis Guerrero said, "Elizabeth is connected to her community; she will work with everyone because she has a desire and passion to help all constituents."

Ward 2 candidate Elizabeth Figueroa is concerned with today's society for affordable and secure housing. "Everyone deserves a roof over their head without being concerned with rent issues. Hous-

ing is a right not a privilege to call home," as Elizabeth stated.

Another issue of concern is the mental health crisis and substance disorder in society. "This crisis cannot be ignored any longer," said Elizabeth. She will advocate

for a mental health comprehensive plan that will include affordable care.

Other concerns involve quality education, which is a child's foundation for the future; she will work with the School Committee, teach-

ers, and parents. Regarding the city budget, she wants the budget to be transparent and accessible to all citizens to know where the tax dollars are going.

As a candidate and homeowner Elizabeth believes that having

community input will bring about positive change. She then said, "Together we can ensure affordable housing for all, address mental health issues, and having the city budget reflect our priorities."

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS



Elizabeth meets Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, At-Large Nicole McClain, and Community Activist Marven Hyppolite.



Eliud Alcalá, Groe Rivera, Anataia Reynoso, and Ana Idalgo.



Schools Sean Reid, Darrell Murkison, Suenith LeBrun-Garcia, Roger Garcia, and Atty. James Carrigan.



Candidates for Schools Angelia Satterwhite and At-Large Jose Encarnacion greet Elizabeth Figueroa for Ward 2.



Pastor Giselle Bido of First Spanish Free Methodist Church supports Elizabeth Figueroa for Ward 2 Councilor.



With Elizabeth for Ward 2 – Former School Committee Maria Carrasco, Schools Lenny Pena, and Campaign Manager Genesis Guerrero.



Lynn Candidates attend Figueroa Campaign Event: At-Large Hong Net, Ward 4 Donna Coppola, Schools Eric Dugan & Brian Castellanos, Ward 2 Candidate Elizabeth Figueroa, At-Large Roger Garcia, Ward 4 Natasha Megie-Maddrey, At-Large Brian Field, and Ward 1 Michael Satterwhite.



ELIZABETH FIGUEROA

LYNN WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL

WARD 3 COUNCILOR COCO ALINSUG RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN KICKOFF

Jubilant supporters applauded and cheered during the evening at Coco Alinsug's Ward 3 re-election kickoff campaign. Precinct Captain Bonnie Carr reviewed Coco's many accomplishments during his first term in office as she stated, "Coco is a highly engaged Councilor. Ward 3 residents are very fortunate to have him. This evening I want to share Coco's accomplishment that made our ward a better place to live."

Bonnie explained to all in attendance Coco's effort and hard work as a Councilor. She began by saying, "He secured improvement grants for Goldfish Pond and Kiley Park, oversaw road pavements, installed street guardrails, and lamp post updates. He kept his constituents informed and involved with an on-line newsletter, conducted monthly meetings, created multiple task forces, appointed precinct captains, and created a youth internship program."

As Ward Councilor, Coco never missed a Council meeting. He was thoroughly involved in city events, attended 42 Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, and organized neighborhood events such as the Easter Egg Hunt that children enjoyed. He supported local businesses to apply for grants, partake in various board meetings and city projects; he was recently appointed to the Lynn Visionary steering committee.

Coco is an outgoing and active Ward Councilor. He listens, learns, and respects different

opinions. Coco works to resolve issues. His main objective is to bring Ward 3 upward to be a

better place as well as the City of Lynn. His kickoff re-election campaign was a tribute to him

with so many people attending and thanking him for his caring attitude as Ward 3 Councilor.



Team Coco Re-election Committee – Sue Walker, Sandy Anshewitz, John Hogan, Lisa Prak, Coco Alinsug, Bonnie Carr, and Cleo Herefora.



Appearing at Coco's Kickoff Campaign: Essex DA Paul Tucker, Lynn At-Large Hong Net, State Rep Jenny Armini, Governor's Council Eileen Duff, Coco Alinsug, and State Rep Donald Wong.



Goldfish Pond Association members support Coco Alinsug – Jill Oliver, Jackie Berman, Tony DeMarco, Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, and Sunil Gulad.



Attending Coco's Re-election Kickoff: Schools Brian Castellanos, Re-election Committee Sunil Gulad, Ward 2 Rick Starbard, Schools Lenny Pena, Schools Dan Richard, and Master ICee Victoriano.



Candidates for Office: School Committee – Walquiria Leguisamon, Judith Wilson, Stacy Bryant-Brown, Ward 4 Donna Coppola, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Ward 2 Obed Matul, and Ward 1 Paul Guthro.



Friends and Candidates with Coco Alinsug for Ward 3.

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Museum wins national contest, hosts Independence Day Block Party celebrating military community

Special to the Journal

The USS Constitution Museum invites the public to celebrate Independence Day and the Military community with a free, family-friendly event. The "Huzzah! Salute to Service Block Party" will be held at Charlestown Navy Yard on July 4, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Boston's Independence Day celebrations are distinguished by USS Constitution's historic underway cruise in Boston Harbor. This year, the Museum adds an exciting new way for people to actively participate in honoring

the military community that has afforded Americans the freedoms we celebrate on this day.

The free activities and entertainment will kick off at 11:00 am, including a Constitution-themed minigolf course, yard games, the sounds of Boston Music Award-winning Erin Harpe Country Blues Duo, and hands-on activities hosted by Military Service branches. Independence Day cake will be served, as well as an array of food trucks and other refreshments in the Navy Yard.

The event is made possible by the Bob Woodruff Foundation,

who named the Museum as a winner of their Got Your 6 Event Contest in March 2023. The Contest is an initiative of the Bob Woodruff Foundation's Got Your 6 Network, which is named for a World War I expression meaning "I've got your back." With partners in every US state and territory, the Network responds to the needs of our military and veteran community on a local level.

Earlier, before the Block Party begins, the public is invited to participate in a service project from 9:30-11:00 am creating 500 care packages for vulnerable Veterans at the New England Center



KATY ROGERS PHOTOGRAPHY, COURTESY OF USS CONSTITUTION MUSEUM.

USS Constitution Commander BJ Farrell (center), Executive Officers, and members of 1812 Marines watch her putt at the USS Constitution Museum's "Putt through History" minigolf course in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

and Home for Veterans, Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, and Bedford Veterans Quarters of Caritas Communities. Registration is requested by visiting the Museum event website. Throughout the event, visitors are also invited to leave encouraging messages to Navy Recruits at Boot Camp. This letter-writing initiative will live on as a permanent part of the Museum's newest exhibit, "Honor, Courage, and Commitment," spotlighting the United States Navy sailor's experience today, from enlistment to deployment.

A lounge for Service Members, Veterans, and their families, will be available in the Museum throughout the day where the Museum will provide refreshments, a special gift, and a video game deployment with Frost Call, a Boston-based Veteran organization that specializes in connecting veterans through gaming.

The event is designed to bring communities together to celebrate Military service and Independence Day in the heart of the Charlestown Navy Yard, where maritime history, naval heritage, and the American experience come to life. USS Constitution Museum President Anne Grimes Rand adds, "We are grateful to the Bob Woodruff Foundation for the opportunity to host this event. Every day we see the ded-

ication of USS Constitution's crew as we work alongside them. This celebration shines a light on their work and the impact of all Service Members and their families, who stand watch to protect us all."

To enhance the celebration, the Museum is launching dynamic digital content, including a free event guide, in the Bloomberg Connects app, available for download from Google Play or the App Store. The Museum's guide provides a range of features including video, audio, and text; expert commentary; and way-finding maps as another way for the public to expand their experience, learn more about USS Constitution's story, and gain a slice of the museum experience, with translations in multiple languages. The app platform is part of Bloomberg Philanthropies' longstanding commitment to supporting digital innovation in the arts, making it easy to access and engage with arts and culture from mobile devices when visiting in person or anytime from anywhere.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration is required for the Block Party. We request advance registration for the morning care package service project. Further information is available on the Museum's website.

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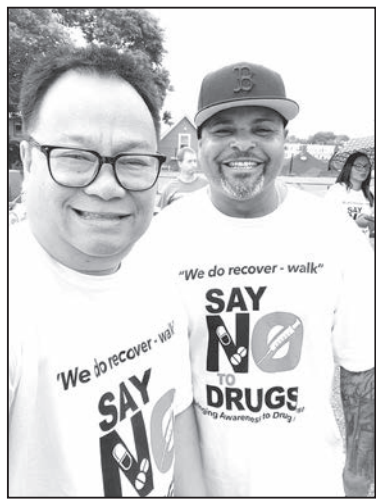


SAY NO TO DRUGS RECOVERY WALK

An amazing turnout of supporters participated in the Second Annual "We Do Recover Walk". Founder Lenny Pena was overwhelmed with the number of people who walked to the YMCA; he was deeply appreciative for the event sponsorships. Lenny said, "Our mission is to bring resources together for the community on prevention and awareness for people who deal with substance abuse and Mental Health issues."

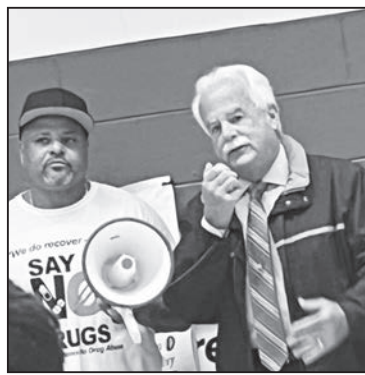
Lynn Pastor Eduardo Caceras of the Church of God of Prophecy walked with participants and said, "Today, I am with people who work to help others not to fall into drug addiction. It is important to send this message to everyone to avoid suffering under these conditions."

Guest speakers included Mayor Jared Nicholson, Essex County DA Paul Tucker, Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger,



Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug walked with School Committee member Lenny Pena - Founder of Lynn Against Drugs.

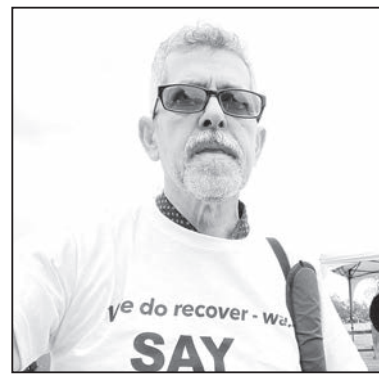
er, and Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy. Community resources were available along with information for Power of Recovery and Chelsea's House of Sober Living.



Essex County Sheriff Kevin Coppinger explained recovery work in his Administration on treatment programs.



Essex County District Attorney Paul Tucker addressed supporters about the problems with Drug Abuse.



Lynn Pastor Eduardo Caceres of Church of God Of Prophecy walks against Drug Abuse.



Honoree Speakers included Mayor Jared Nicholson, Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, Essex DA Paul Tucker, and Juliana Cedano with Lenny Pena.



Say No to Drugs Walkers begin to leave High Rock Reservation for Lynn YMCA.



Event supporters for Lynn Recovery Walk.

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City can utilize public land for the public benefit," said Clausen, "and the City's approach to selling the former school is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in the Housing Lynn plan."

Clausen said that 2Life was selected for several reasons, including: proposing the largest number of housing units at no more than 50 percent of AMI, demonstrating the capacity to carry out a project of this scope, and proposing a feasible financing strategy.

Founded in 1965, Brighton-based 2Life has more than 2,000 apartments occupied, under construction or planned at

six campuses in Massachusetts, including 150 at Solimine House at the site of the former Union Hospital on Lynnfield Street. 2Life offers both income-based and market-rate housing units, with a focus on affordable housing for seniors.

"I am excited that this is moving forward now because I have been getting a lot of questions from the residents about this," said Ward 3 City Councilor Coco Alinsug. "I am also looking forward to bringing the representatives of 2Life and our city planners for a neighborhood meeting so residents could hear from them directly and get to ask questions."

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wich on the North Shore, were transformed from flowing water into disconnected puddles, unfit places for fish or turtles to live and virtually impossible for canoes and kayaks to navigate. Streams flowing into the Charles and Neponset rivers were the driest on record, and other rivers dried up entirely.

The Massachusetts Rivers Alliance, comprised of 87

groups across the state protecting our rivers and streams, joins the United Nations in warning that "the global climate change crisis is inextricably linked to water." We in Massachusetts are also now experiencing this crisis, and this week the state's environmental secretary announced that parts of the state are now officially in drought. "Business as usual" is no longer

an option and, whether at the local, state, national, or international level, water management must be scrutinized through a climate lens.

Julia Blatt is Executive Director of the Massachusetts Rivers Alliance. The Alliance is a statewide nonprofit organization with 87 member groups and over 1,000 individual supporting members.

LYNN ENGLISH CLASS 1973 HOLDS 50TH REUNION

Photos by Patrick Gecoya

The Lynn English High School Class

of 1973 held a 50th Reunion at Gannon Golf Course. Eight-five classmates and friends attended this celebration. Commit-

tee member Kenneth Weeks said, "This was an outstanding turnout of classmates. Everyone really reminisced and enjoyed

themselves throughout the evening."



LEHS Class Reunion Committee – (Seated): Joan Grazewski, and Kathy Porter; (Back): Patti Wall, Kenneth Weeks, Kathy Barnes, and Jody Scioletti.



Lynn English High School Class of 1973 50th reunion celebration.

OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS TAKE TO THE BOSTON HARBOR FOR FIFTH ANNUAL BOSTON FROGMAN SWIM TO SUPPORT NAVY SEAL FOUNDATION

The fifth annual Boston Frogman Swim fundraiser took place in Boston Harbor and raised over \$215,000 for the Navy SEAL Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides support for active, reserve, and veteran SEALs, SWCCs, support personnel, and their families.

The 5K swim, which left from the Piers Park Sailing Center in East Boston, featured nearly 100 swimmers. The group was comprised of former SEALs, special operations veterans, military family members, and supporters, including Gold Star family members of current Navy SEALs. The

swimmers were joined by more than 60 kayakers. 100-year-old Navy Veteran and Boston native Frank Bellotti, who also served

as the Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts from 1963 to 1965, was in attendance for this year's swim.



Swimmers preparing for the start of the 5K course in Boston Harbor as part of the annual Boston Frogman Swim to benefit the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Boston Frogman Swim participants lining up for start of swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation..

PHOTOS COURTESY PATRICK QUINN-PAQUET



Boston Police Department Gaelic Column Pipes & Drums performing during the opening ceremony of the 5th Annual Boston Frogman Swim benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.



Boston Frogman Swim keynote speaker and Gold Star mother, Nancy Marston (left), alongside Gold Star mother Dotti Nickerson (right), addressing guests at the event benefiting the Navy SEAL Foundation.

Blue Line free fares part of Sumner mitigation efforts

By Adam Swift

The Blue Line will be free for all commuters this summer as part of efforts to mitigate the additional traffic expected with the closure of the Sumner Tunnel for repairs in July and August.

The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project will offer a variety of mitigation options for individuals coming from all travel points, including free trips on the MBTA Blue Line for the duration of the tunnel's closure; free and reduced cost water ferry options; reduced Commuter Rail fares for riders; reduced parking costs at MBTA and Commuter Rail parking lots and garages; discounted tolls for residents; and additional options for travelers to and from Logan Airport, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT).

In addition to providing the East Boston Ferry as a free trans-

it option, the MBTA has added a new ferry service between Lynn and Central Wharf in Boston to provide an additional transit option during the Sumner Tunnel closure.

In a meeting with the Revere City Council on Monday night, MassDOT officials also noted that there will be reduced rates for the Winthrop Ferry for the duration of the full closure, which is scheduled for July 5 through August 31.

"I am thrilled to see free fares along the Blue Line during the full closure of Sumner Tunnel this summer," said state Senator Lydia Edwards. "Thank you to all who made this crucial service available during such an important time, including Governor Maura Healey, Massachusetts Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, my colleagues at the State House, the MBTA, and MassDOT. Along with reduced

fares for ferry services throughout Winthrop, East Boston, and North Boston, and an extra ferry stop at Logan Airport, this mitigation strategy will help countless commuters in my district get to where they need to go."

These are preliminary measures and MassDOT and the MBTA will continue to consider additional mitigation options as well as new and innovative approaches to modes of transportation, according to MassDOT officials. Revere officials have pushed to have the state temporarily halt the dedicated MBTA bus lane on the Tobin Bridge this summer, but there has been no final decision made on that potential measure.

"We know the closure of the Sumner Tunnel will be a daily impact to those living, working, and traveling in this region," said Transportation Secretary

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MALDEN CATHOLIC CELEBRATES 88TH COMMENCEMENT

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, Malden Catholic celebrated the 88th Commencement ceremony with 156 graduates from the Boys and Girls Divisions. The Class of 2023 commencement was held in the Doherty Gymnasium with more than 800 family members, faculty and staff in attendance.

The ceremony started with an invocation by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P. Smith '95, P'24, '26 and was followed with the MC Boys Division's Valedictory Address by Aiden Balandan '23 of Tewksbury. Balandan's address commented on how MC helped students shape and carve out their own individual answer to the age-old question - who do you want to be? He encouraged fellow students to push forward, make mistakes and accomplish momentous achievements while holding on to the memories, values and the character imbued in all Malden Catholic Lancers.

The presentation of candidates by Malden Catholic Principal Jeffrey P. Smith '95, P'24, '26, Boys Division Leader Robert J. Bucchino '71, P'10, Girls Division Leader Jeanne Lynch-Galvin P'16 and Dean of Students

Gary M. Moela was followed by the conferral of diplomas by MC President John K. Thornburg. Nicole Uribe Lopez '23 of Saugus then delivered the MC Girls Division's Valedictory Address where she encouraged fellow graduates to stay true to themselves, just as they were taught at MC. She reminded others to follow their passion, strive for greatness and "go after what scares you" with a lightness of being because things will fall into place over time.

Malden Catholic 2023 graduates will attend some of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities including Harvard, Cornell University, Duke University, Tufts University, Notre Dame College, Northeastern University, Boston College, College of the Holy Cross, Bates College, Brandeis University, Johns Hopkins University and Fordham University, just to list a few.

Since 1932, Malden Catholic High School has shaped emerging leaders in our community, claiming a Nobel Laureate, a Senator, two ambassadors and countless community and business heads among its alumni.



Malden Catholic celebrates its 88th Commencement ceremony with 156 graduates.

Annually, graduates attend some of the nation's most renowned universities including Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, University of Chicago, Georgetown, Cornell, Brown, Tufts, Carnegie Mellon, Duke, Notre Dame, Northeastern, Boston College and College of the Holy Cross. Foundational to student success is Malden Catholic's codivisional model which offers the best of both worlds, single-gender

academics during the day and integrated social and extracurricular opportunities after school. Malden Catholic is known in the community for its rigorous academics, SFX Scholars Program and award-winning STEM program. Malden Catholic curricula is designed to improve individual growth mindset, leadership principles and success outcomes along with integrating the Xavian values of trust, humility,

compassion, simplicity and zeal. <https://www.maldencatholic.org>

The following Lynn student are among those who graduated: Bernardo Sanchez, Brianeliz Gomez, Diego Ventura, Katie Erazo, Kimberly Nguyen, Mikaela Surette, Ryan Sweeney, Rylan Scaglione

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and CEO Gina Fiandaca. "The Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project is a crucial investment in transportation infrastructure in the Commonwealth, and we are working hard to provide as many mitigation measures as possible to those impacted. I want to thank our partners for their efforts in creating mitigation options while this work is ongoing, and our residents and travelers for their willingness to explore alternative travel options over the next two months."

Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver said that since launching the Sumner Tunnel Restoration Project last year, the highway department has been

working closely with its partners to identify any and all mitigation measures it can put in place.

"I'm pleased that together with MassDOT, the MBTA is able to offer free Blue Line service to those impacted by the Sumner Tunnel closure this summer," said MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng. "The MBTA has been working hard to reduce travel times on the Blue Line in anticipation of this project. We have the capacity needed on the Blue Line to serve our existing and new customers on this line, and I encourage those who can to take advantage of this free service in July and August."

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