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Cuffe McGinn Funeral Home General Manager Eric Daniels joins Lynn Police Department officers for a photo at the special celebration in their honor.



The Cuffe McGinn Funeral Home staff, who planned the special celebration of Lynn's first responders, pictured front row, from left, are Nancy Daurora, Deanna O'Donnell, Dan Bergendahl, and Linda Shirley; back row, from left, are Cristina Daniels, Funeral Home General Manager Eric Daniels, John Downie, John Kobuszewski, Niki Knihnicky, Monica LaVita, and Bobby D'Agostino.

## Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home shows its appreciation to Lynn's first responders

By Cary Shuman

Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home in Lynn hosted a special celebration to recognize Lynn's first responders for their outstanding work in the community.

Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home General Manager and Funeral

Director Eric Daniels said this year's event was called, "Last Responders Celebrating First Responders."

Daniels and his staff welcomed a large contingent of officers from the Lynn Police Officers and firefighters from the Lynn Fire Department to the

cookout that was held on the funeral home's property on Maple Street.

"This year we also invited the Department of Public Works because we appreciate all the people in the city who do all the

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## Meaney, Newhall advance in tight Ward 1 election

By Cary Shuman

Candidates Dr. Peter Meaney and Jeff Newhall took the top two spots in the Ward 1 council-or preliminary election Tuesday, setting up an exciting contest in the general election on Nov. 7 for the seat on the Lynn City Council.

Meaney topped the field of six candidates with 480 votes. Newhall was second with 476 votes. Paul G. Gouthro was third with 443 votes, followed by former School Committeeman Michael A. Satterwhite (412), Todd Alan Bacon (213), and Jennifer Long (21).

A dentist with offices in Lynn, Meaney, 38, was making his first run for public office. "I really just want to thank everybody for coming out and everyone who voted for me and supported me," said Meaney. "It was a team effort. You could not have done it yourself. I also want to acknowledge my opponents. Each candidate worked hard and ultimately some didn't get the results they wanted, but now it's down to two, and we're looking forward



Ward 1 candidate Jeff Newhall and his wife, Christine Newhall, are pictured at the post-election gathering at Rolly's Tavern in Wyoma Square.

to good things in Ward 1."

Newhall, 46, is the athletic director and girls basketball head coach at St. Mary's High School where he has built the state's most successful girls basketball program. He is a former member of the Lynn School Committee.

"The goal heading into this election eight weeks ago against

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Candidate for Ward 1 city councilor Dr. Peter Meaney (center) and supporters are pictured on Election Day Tuesday.



Lynn Fire Department Youth Cadets Graduation – (Students) Valery Mauricio, Carlos Gonzalez Lois, Andi Barrios, Jeffrey Esquite Tema, Chris Rodriguez, Hurley Thelisma, Kevin Smart, Ronald Manana, Joshua Crasco, Peter Lopez, Zachary Heaphy, and Brian Guevara; (Back) Lynn Fire Department Cadet Instructors – Capt. Ryan Brown, FF Kyle Emmonds, Lt. Brett Johnson, FF Patrick Carritte, Lt. Jovan Ector, and Dist. Chief Rob McIntosh.

## LYNN FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION AND CADET GRADUATION

Lynn Fire Department promoted Kevin Curry to Lieutenant. He has a dedicated background serving the residents of Lynn in a leadership role. Fire Chief Dan Sullivan said, “Kevin has proven himself in

a Lieutenant position for the past few months. He is trustworthy, a great decision maker, and has a strong commitment to Lynn.”

Shortly afterwards at the Centerboard Event facility, twelve Fire

Cadets graduated from the Youth Academy learning about different areas of fire prevention and emergency training. Lynn Fire personnel assisted students in the various roles of a Firefighter.



Firefighter Promotion – Public Safety Councilors At-Large Brian Field, VP & Ward 5 Dianna Chakoutis, Mayor Jared Nicholson, Lt. Kevin Curry, Chief Daniel Sullivan, and Deputy Chief Michael McBride.

## ‘The Full Monty’ takes the stage at North Shore Music Theatre

Move over Chippendales! Bill Hanney’s award-winning North Shore Music Theatre is ready to go ‘The Full Monty.’ The Broadway hit musical will take the stage from Tuesday, September 26 thru Sunday, October 8, 2023.

“The Full Monty is a show I have wanted to get on our stage for many years, and it felt like the perfect fit for the 2023 season,” said owner and producer Bill Hanney. “I fell in love with the original movie in 1997 and the stage musical was able to capture all of the comedy and heart of the movie and make it even better with an incredible book and score. We have assembled a fantastic cast and creative team led by the show’s director and choreographer, Gerry McIntyre. Though people initially think about the final moments of the show, there is a lot of human struggle, self-discovery, and personal triumph that leads up to it. This musical will make audiences laugh, cry, do a little soul-searching, and tug on their heartstrings.”

Inspired by the hit 1997 film, The Full Monty follows six down-on-their luck, unemployed Buffalo steelworkers who are desperately seeking a paycheck to support their families - until they hatch a bold plan to start their own all-male strip show to make some quick cash. As they conquer their fears, self-consciousness and prejudices, the lovable misfits come to discover that they’re stronger as a group, and the friendship they find in each other gives them the courage to “let it go.” This heartwarming musical comedy is written by Tony Award-winner Terrence McNally and is filled with infectious rock music from Tony Award-winner David Yazbek. The show not only features some of Broadway’s most hilarious and relatable characters, it has the most highly anticipated closing number of any musical ever!

The Full Monty will star Jared Zirilli (Jerry Lukowski), James Fairchild (Dave Bukatinsky), Brendan Jacob Smith (Malcolm MacGregor), Christopher deProphetis (Ethan Girard), Tim Connell (Harold Nichols), and Bernard Dotson (Noah “Horse” T. Simmons). The show will also feature Sara Andreas (Pam Lu-

kowski), Sara Gettelfinger (Vicki Nichols), Emily Koch (Georgie Bukatinsky), and a Boston area favorite, Kathy St. George (Jeanette Burmeister). The role of Nathan Lukowski will be shared by Quinn Murphy and Patrick Naughton.

The cast of 25 is completed by Christian Bradford, Kyle Braun (Police Sergeant), Nicholas Carroll (Reg Wiloughby), Rachel Gubow (Susan Hershey, Molly MacGregor), Arnold Harper II (Minister), Alyssa Ishihara, Sara Elizabeth King, Dean Marino (Tony Giordano), Namisa Owethu Mdlalose (Joanie Lish), Merrill Peiffer (Estelle Genovesell), Jordan Vasquez (Buddy “Keno” Walsh), Luke Weber, and Aidan Ziegler-Hansen (Teddy Slaughter).

The Full Monty will be directed and choreographed by Broadway veteran Gerry McIntyre. The creative team will also include Milton Grandner (Music Direction), Kyle Dixon (Scenic Design), Travis McHale (Lighting Design), Alex Berg (Sound Design), Kelly Baker (Costume Coordinator), Rachel Padula-Shufelt (Wig and Hair Design), Stephen MacDonald (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager), and Robert L. Rucinski (Assistant Music Director/ Rehearsal Pianist).

The Full Monty is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer / Casting Director).

Tickets for The Full Monty are priced starting from \$68 - \$93. Performances are September 26 - October 8, 2023, Tue - Thurs at 7:30 pm, Fri & Sat at 8 pm, matinees Wed, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Kids 4 - 18 save 50% at all performances. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available. For tickets and information call (978) 232-7200, visit [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org), or visit the box office in person at 54 Dunham Rd., Beverly, MA.

North Shore Music Theatre will continue the 2023 musical season Elvis: A Musical Revolution (October 31 - November 12) and end with the annual production of A Christmas Carol once again starring David Coffee (December 7 - 23).

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work that keeps Lynn safe and beautiful,” said Daniels, who is a 1980 graduate of Peabody High School.

A former police officer himself in Melbourne, Florida, Daniels has a first-hand perspective on the tremendous sacrifices that police officers and firefighters make every day and why many consider first responders as true local heroes in the community.

“I was a police officer for a couple of years, so I know how tough it is, I know what their sacrifice is, and I know what they go through,” said Daniels.

Daniels credited his staff for helping to make the arrangements for the cookout.

“They did all the set-up in

the pouring rain,” said Daniels. “My wife (Cristina Daniels) put together the decorations. A lot of love and care was put into this celebration.”

Cuffe McGinn last held the celebration of first responders in 2019 as the COVID pandemic forced the cancellation of the event the last three years.

“We wanted to start it back up because we don’t want to forget the good men and women that do all of this for our city,” said Daniels. “The celebration was popular then and it’s popular now. We just appreciate everything that our first responders do. We look forward to doing this every year to celebrate them.”



Eric Daniels (left) and John Kobuszewski (right) of Cuffe McGinn Funeral Home welcome Lynn Fire Chief Daniel Sullivan to the celebration that was held in recognition of Lynn’s first responders.

**STUDENT-ATHLETE MARNELLE GARRAUD RECOGNIZED**



City Citations for Student-Athlete Marnelle Garraud with family members attending - Philip, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, Marnelle, Marine (mother), Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Marc.

Lynn City Council and Mayor Jared Nicholson recognized an outstanding Student-Athlete from the City of Lynn. Mayor Nicholson said, “Second to none Lynn has produced many scholar-athletes over the years. Marnelle Garraud was an incredible Basketball player that began in elementary, St. Mary’s high school, and into college.”

Marnelle was a four year var-

sity player at Boston College. She was an Atlantic Coast Conference defensive player for four consecutive seasons. Marnelle had two hundred career steals and was eighth all-time in assists. As an honor roll student, she was the recipient of an ACC post graduate scholarship at Vanderbilt University earning an advanced Degree in Marketing. She continued her Basketball career

playing professionally in Spain for Bembibre woman’s team for a season.

Councilor-at-Large Brian Field along with Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan presented a Council Citation as Brian said, “The City of Lynn with great pleasure presents a Council Citation to one of Lynn’s greatest Student-Athletes of this generation.”

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a very strong and talented field was to come in the top two and advance to the general election,” said Newhall. “Now that we have done that, our team is ready for the next two months of work.”

**Megie-Maddrey, Coppola advance in Ward 4**

Natasha Megie-Maddrey and Donna M. Coppola will face off in November for the Ward 4 seat on the Lynn City Council after finishing 1-2 in Tuesday’s preliminary election.

Maggie-Maddrey finished first with 253 votes. Coppola, a longtime member of the Lynn School Committee, was second with 189 votes. Chris Gomez was third with 84 votes.

**Low turnout in Tuesday’s election**

City Clerk Janet Rowe reported a turnout of just under 8 percent for the preliminary election with 4,687 of Lynn’s 59,388 eligible voters casting ballots.

**Lynn Preliminary Election Results:**

- COUNCILOR-AT-LARGE**  
 Brian M. Field 2,029  
 Hong L. Net 2,022  
 Brian P. LaPierre 1,955  
 Donald J. Castle 1,799  
 Nicole D. McLain 1,494  
 Jose M. Encarnacion 899  
 Roger Rogelio Garcia 891  
 Richard L. Felton 455

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

- Lorraine Gately 2,034  
 Sean Reid, 1,990  
 Andrea L. Satterwhite 1,789  
 Brian K. Castellanos 1,594  
 Lenny Pena 1,591  
 Eric C. Dugan 1,348  
 Tiffany Jean Magnolia 954  
 Sandra M. Lopez 911  
 Judith Wilson 817  
 Daniel M. Richard 804  
 Stacy Bryant-Brown 768  
 Welquiria Leguisamon 531

**WARD 1 COUNCILOR**

- Dr. Peter Meaney 480  
 Jeff Newhall 476  
 Paul G. Gouthro 443  
 Michael A. Satterwhite 412  
 Todd Alan Bacon 231  
 Jennifer M. Long 21

**WARD 2 COUNCILOR**

- Obed A. Matul 413  
 Elizabeth Figueroa 219

**WARD 3 COUNCILOR**

- Coco Alinsug 353

**WARD 4 COUNCILOR**

- Natasha S. Meggie-Maddrey 253  
 Donna M. Coppola 189  
 Chris Gomez 84

**WARD 5 COUNCILOR**

- Dianna Chakoutis 213

**WARD 6 COUNCILOR**

- Fred W. Hogan 195

**WARD 7 COUNCILOR**

- John Jay Walsh Jr. 314

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient’s own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth’s experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra’s story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don’t give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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# EDITORIAL

## GUNS ARE NOW THE LEADING KILLER OF AMERICA'S CHILDREN

It used to be that accidents, primarily car accidents, were the leading cause of death of America's children between the ages of 1 and 18.

But last year for the first time, guns were the #1 cause of death of American children. A total of 3597 children died from guns (including suicides), representing 19% of all deaths in that age group, with accidents coming in at 18%. (Cancer is third at 8% and drug overdoses are fourth at 7%.)

To put that number in perspective, 2603 people perished in the attack on the World Trade Center on 9/11 -- which means that guns now kill far more American children, each and every year, than were killed by the terrorists on that terrible day.

In addition, another 15,000 children annually are wounded by gunfire, often leaving them with lifelong, debilitating physical injuries as well as psychological trauma.

The 2022 figures represent a dramatic increase of 50% since 2019 and a doubling since 2013. The child firearm mortality rate in 2013 was 1.8 deaths per 100,000, but now is close to 4.0 deaths per 100,000.

The United States has by far the highest rate of children who die from firearms among wealthy nations -- and it's not even close. Deaths by firearms do not rank in the top four for causes of death for children, let alone the number one cause, anywhere else in the developed world.

Moreover, there is no place in America that is safe for our children from gun violence. Even the states with the most gun safety laws, which have lower rates of child firearm deaths than states with few gun safety laws, have rates much higher than what other countries similar to ours experience.

Given that guns and mass shootings continue to proliferate throughout our country -- and Republicans at all levels of government refuse to enact even common-sense gun safety measures -- the number of deaths by firearms for our nation's children only will continue to rise.

## SPORTS BETTING ON PHONES: 21ST CENTURY HIGH TECH CRACK

A general rule of thumb is that when a slew of celebrity pitchmen start endorsing anything that has to do with money, it's a good bet (no pun intended in the context of this editorial) that the public is being conned.

We saw that with the recent cryptocurrency promotions by famous people such as Matt Damon, Tom Brady, and Giselle Bundschen, who now are being sued by those who lost large sums when the cryptocurrency exchange FTX collapsed. (Brady himself reportedly lost \$30 million.)

We are seeing the same dynamic with the new sports betting apps, with stars from Hollywood and the sports world telling us how much "fun" we can have by placing a bet.

However, these sports betting apps are not your grandparents' bookies -- they are far worse. Not only can someone place a bet anywhere and at any time with a few taps on their phone, but they also can bet in real time on just about everything in a particular game with options to bet in-game on every quarter, player, and event.

These gambling companies are publicly-traded corporations and often are partnered with professional sports, thereby making sports betting "acceptable."

However, there are more than six million Americans with sports-gambling addiction problems, and that number only will climb given the spread of sports gaming on cell phones. The individual stories of those who have lost thousands of dollars over their phones on sports gambling are growing exponentially day-by-day -- and the only ones getting rich are the shareholders of these companies and the billionaires who own professional sports teams.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Barker, Buffett, Richardson and extraordinary lives

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Jimmy Buffett, Bob Barker and Bill Richardson all died recently. They all had one thing in common. They lived extraordinary lives.

Buffett had become a billionaire. He had amassed his fortune by capitalizing on his song, "Margaritaville." His hotels, restaurants, resorts and even retirement communities were hugely successful. In his later years, he continued to build new hotels and resorts that were beautiful and hugely successful.

Sadly, Buffett passed from Merkel cell skin cancer. He had been receiving treatment for over four years at was still doing concerts even as late as early July in Rhode Island. There was nothing stopping Buffett, except the skin cancer that took his life even when he had so much he still wanted to do. Yet, few people will ever live the life of Jimmy Buffett

Bill Richardson had spent his last few years helping people internationally. He was very successful in politics serving as a U.S. Congressman, Governor of New Mexico and as an Ambassador to the United Nations. He may best be remembered for his

diplomatic work in negotiating the releases of journalist Danny Fenster from a Myanmar prison in 2021 and most recently Britney Griner from a Russian prison, among others. Richardson lived an amazing life.

Bob Barker gets the longevity prize. It's hard to top 99, unless you make it to 100. Barker lived a full life of entertaining us on television. For fifty years he came into our homes as the host and producer of The Price is Right and earlier as the host of Truth of Consequences. Many of

us show him in the hit comedy Happy Gilmore. Many Americans felt like Barker was a member of their families since he was in their homes via television for so many years.

Barker, Buffett, and Richardson were all bigger than life personalities who lived extraordinary lives filled with success and prosperity.

Keep in mind the measure of our lives is not meant to be measured beside the lives of national

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# LYNN PRIMARY DAY VOTING SHOWED INTEREST

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Candidates were out at polling stations greeting voters, holding signs, and asking for a vote. Three Lynn Wards with multiple candidates have worked hard campaigning since last spring. Each Ward Councilor of 1, 2 and 4 decided not to seek reelection. This has encouraged interested citizens to run for office and help the City of Lynn toward a better future.

Ward 1 has six active candi-

dates vying for one of the two spots on the ballot. Ward 2 with two new candidates will be on the final ballot while Ward 3 with three candidates pursuing one of two ballot positions. Councilor-at-Large has eight candidates eyeing one of the four spots in the final election while the School Committee with twelve candidates seeking one of the six seats available on the committee.

Let's not forget our incum-

bent Ward Councilors of Wards 3, 5, 6, and 7. Credit needs to be given to these four unchallenged Councilors, but most important, they worked diligently throughout their term. We need to acknowledge the Incumbent Councilors-at-Large and School Committee members running for reelection who also worked extremely hard each day for the citizens and children of Lynn.



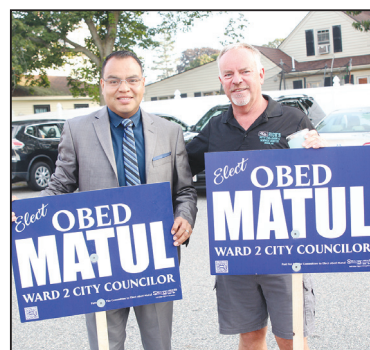
Ward 3 Candidate Chris Gomez gives a thumb up.



Shawn with Walquiria Leguisamon for School Committee.



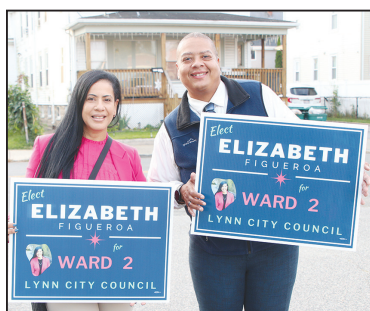
Elect Candidate Natasha Megie-Maddrey for Ward 4.



Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard supports Obed Matul for Ward 2.



Thank you from Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug with Jill Oliver and Lisa Prak.



Ward 2 Candidate Elizabeth Figueroa with campaign supporter Eliud Alcada.



Rosimara Sneed of North Shore Labor Council supports Donna Coppola for Ward 3.



Councilor-at-Large Candidate Don Castle out early at St. Pius.



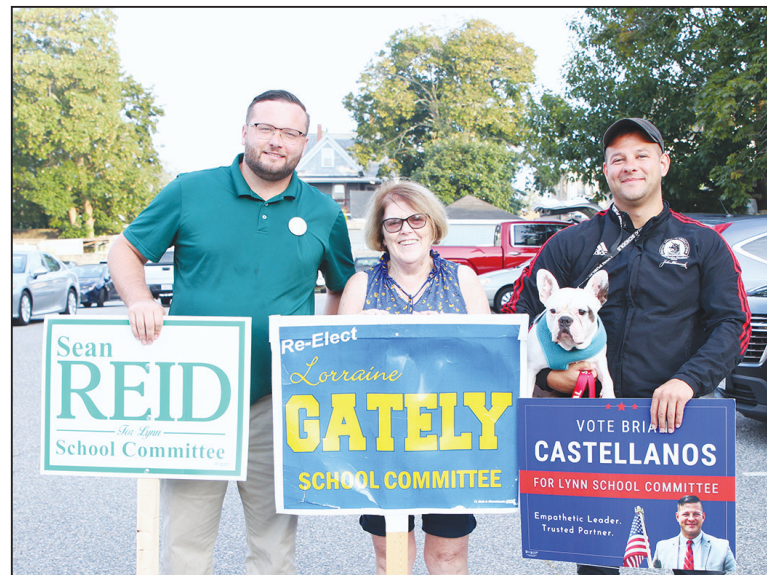
Candidate Michael Satterwhite for Ward 1, Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, and Frank with Dr. Peter Meaney for Ward 1.



Councilor-at-Large Candidate Roger Garcia holding his sign.



Calvin Anderson holds a sign for Ward 1 Candidate Paul Gouthro.



School Committee Candidates - Sean Reid, Lorraine Gately and Brian Castellanos with Charlie.



Todd Bacon, Jeff Newhall, and Lenny Pena with other campaigners at Sisson School.

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or global personalities or anyone else. The fulfillment and success of your life may be in taking care of an aged parent, a troubled or disabled child, or seeing your spouse or life partner through life's difficult stages. Or, the great success of your life may be remembered in your kindness to your neighbors and to others you meet along the way. Quite possibly, life's most extraordinary people may not be fully recognized until we are beyond this life.

The best we can do is the best we can do. We should trust God and live our lives in as meaningful a way as possible.

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

# SEVENTH ANNUAL LYNN SHORE WRESTLING SHOWDOWN

PAT GECOYA PHOTOS

The Seventh Annual Lynn Shore Wrestling Showdown was held on Lynn/Nahant Beach next to Ward Bathhouse. A perfect weather day was the place to watch some outstanding free-style Roman wrestling on sand.

Wrestling is a very fluid sport. Each match is timed for three minutes; a wrestler must obtain three points to win the match. Points are accumulated if a wrestler moves beyond or is pushed outside the ring. If a knee, elbow, shoulder or head touches the sand, points are scored.

This tournament is more about fun according to Tournament Director Mayor Jared Nicholson, who wrestled in college, as he said, "This is an opportunity to showcase what we have in Lynn and to promote the sport of wrestling. It is a great team sport with a lot of camaraderie. After each match is over, wrestlers shake hands. This is what this sport is all about."

A big thank you to Friends of Lynn/Nahant Beach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and Beat the Streets New England for supporting this program each year.



Red Roots Wrestling Club with Coach Wayne Moda and Jake Ferri ready for Lynn Shore Showdown.



125 Pound Division - Traditional handshake by Kevin and Moses as Official Dante Shepherd begins the match.



Wrestling Parents Luke and Casey Waldman of Lynn Waldman Plumbing & Heating with son, Jeff, who will participate.



Referee Nathan Giusti declared Tara Mooney won her match over Jacqueline Grayson.

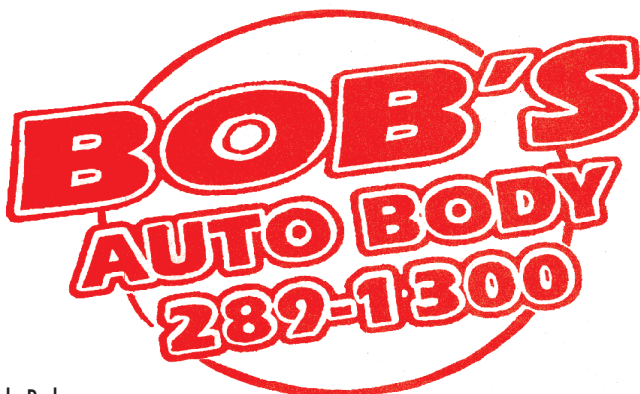


Elijah Asberry defeat Joseph Cramer by a score of 3-2.



Oscar Ali and Dante Shepard show Beat the Street Wrestling shirts.

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# GOLDFISH POND CULTURAL ART FESTIVAL

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Sandy's Rock'n It Hand Painted Rocks and Shells – Bruce and Sandy Currier, Kathy Powers, and Christine Neenan.



Serving Free Ice Cream was Sheriff Keven Coppinger, At-Large Brian Field, Schools Tiffany Magnolia, Sandy Corneau, Ward 6 Fred Hogan to Rhonda Hamlin, Michelle LaMacchia, Tristan, Aiden, Olivia and Tony.



Goldfish Ponds Committee VP Tony DeMarco and Jill Oliver greet Mayor Jared Nicholson, Police Chief Chris Reddy, and Kayak & Sail Lynn Frank Grealish.



Studio Lynn Arts, Nicole Werth, showcased her Designs of Paintings and Local Images.

The second annual August Cultural Art Festival is sponsored by Goldfish Pond Association. The entire Goldfish Pond area was humming with excitement to support Lynn Arts and local vendors. Visitors had the opportunity to review beautiful displays as well as to purchase charming skilled works crafted by merchants.

According to Goldfish Pond Past President Paul Coombs as he said, "Our members wanted something during August since the weather is mild. Jacqueline Fitzhugh organized this Art festival last year. It did so well we decided to continue. This year we doubled our vendors and attendees. This coincided with other city events. Paul continues to say, "Next month on September 9th will be our 43rd Annual Flea Market; it is a fundraiser for the Association to maintain Lafayette Park. Both of these events are fun times for everyone attending and for our Goldfish Pond neighbors. This is a tradition to bring people together."



Bent Water Brewing of Lynn with Ryan Johnston and April Feeny.



Lynn Michelle King of Lost Art Crochet showed Paulina Olaes and Chloe Cable specialized Crochet pieces.



Lynn Cinthia Paulino of Beach Road showed her Divine Fiber Craft from her studio.



Lynn DEWA Arts Table Marariga Raka-Goncalves showed Art display to Nicole Hildreth and Yanira Modenaar.

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# Lynn man pleads guilty to wire fraud and aggravated identity theft

A Lynn man pleaded guilty to submitting false federal loan applications and using a stolen identity to rent an apartment, for which he made no rent payments.

Steeve Jean, 36, pleaded guilty to wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and unauthorized use of a Social Security number. U.S. District Court Judge Denise J. Casper scheduled sentencing

for Nov. 29, 2023. Jean was arrested and charged in April 2023.

From September 2021 through June 2022, Jean rented an apartment in Lynn under an assumed name. Jean paid no rent for the apartment and left when the apartment complex began steps to evict him. In April 2021, Jean submitted two fraudulent federal Paycheck Protection Program loan applications claiming busi-

ness losses for a business that did not exist. Jean was serving a state prison sentence during the period he claimed to be running a business.

The charge of wire fraud provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of aggravated identity theft provides for a mandatory sentence of two

years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of unauthorized use of a Social Security number provides for a sentence of up to five years in prison, three of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based upon the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and statutes which govern the

determination of a sentence in a criminal case.

Acting United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy and Jodi Cohen, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division made the announcement today. Assistant U.S. Attorney Benjamin A. Tolko of the Criminal Division is prosecuting the case.

# NatGrid submits plans for modernization of its energy distribution system in State

National Grid submitted its Electric Sector Modernization Plan (ESMP), the Future Grid Plan, to the Grid Modernization Advisory Council (GMAC) outlining the critical investments needed in the local electric distribution system over the next five years and beyond to meet the Commonwealth's nation-leading climate change, clean energy, and equity goals as established in the 2050 Clean Energy and Climate Plan (CECP). As part of National Grid's commitment to delivering a fair, affordable, and clean energy future for all its customers, the Plan outlines a comprehensive and flexible path designed to expand and upgrade the current electric distribution grid, ensure reliability, enable increased electrification, and empower smart customer choices and the transition away from a fossil-based economy.

"We are at an inflection point in the Commonwealth's energy future. We must continue to invest to achieve our shared goal of accelerating the adoption of climate and clean energy solutions by all customers and communities across Massachusetts. Today we've submitted a plan

that strives to do just that," said Steve Woerner, President, National Grid, New England. "With electric peak demand expected to double over the next 25 years, driven by substantial growth in the use of electric heating and transportation, now is the time to build a future grid that is smarter, stronger and cleaner. We must harness our state's innovative and collaborative spirit to achieve an energy future that works for all."

## A Focus on Key Smarter, Stronger, Cleaner Energy Goals

The company's Future Grid Plan details the broad areas of investment and the key role they will play in building a smarter, stronger, and cleaner energy future that:

- Empowers customers to make smart, clean energy choices that work for them;
- Creates a ready, reliable and more resilient grid capable of withstanding more extreme weather and evolving threats;
- Leverages innovation, drives efficiency, and supports greater system flexibility; and
- Enables a more just and equitable energy future that bene-

fits all.

The Future Grid Plan is innovative, customer-centric, and equity-focused to help ensure that customers and communities across our diverse service area can participate in and benefit from the clean and electrified energy future, while maintaining high quality service and high reliability.

## Future Grid Plan: Three Key Areas of Investment

Over the next five years, the company proposes to invest approximately \$2 billion in three key areas to build a clean energy future and meet the Commonwealth's electric-based approach to achieving net zero emissions, which is estimated to double current peak levels of energy demand:

- Network Infrastructure, such as new and upgraded power lines, transformers, and substations to make them stronger, more resilient, and ready to connect more clean and distributed energy and accommodate substantial growth in electric demand.
- Technology and Platforms, such as new planning tools, systems, and processes to drive smarter decision-making. This includes installing state-of-the-art data and monitoring systems to provide greater visibility into how the grid and interconnected devices are operating to ensure system safety and stability, upgrading IT systems and communications networks to support two-way information flows and control, and providing greater system flexibility, security, and more timely information to customers.
- Customer Programs, such as new offerings and pilots to help customers reduce their carbon footprint, adopt cleaner energy solutions and drive smart energy use, better manage costs, and build community resilience and agency.

"By developing and submit-

ting this Future Grid Plan as our Electric Sector Modernization Plan, National Grid is taking a critical step towards meeting the energy and climate challenges of today and the future," said Nicola Medalova, National Grid New England's Chief Operating Officer. "The Future Grid plan begins to define the scope and scale of what we collectively must do over the coming years and decades to combat climate change and enable a more electrified future, and the policy and regulatory changes needed to make it happen. This is a holistic plan that identifies the system investments and changes needed in the local electric distribution grid, its operations, and how it must perform to benefit all. Most importantly, it offers an opportunity to engage broadly, stimulate ideas, and gain input to ensure this proposal is supportive of and responsive to the needs and expectations of all our customers and communities."

The proposed investments in the Future Grid Plan support the goals set forth in the Commonwealth's CECP of expanding energy efficiency and demand response, advancing the smart electrification of heating and transportation, and accelerating the connection of solar, storage and other clean energy technologies to the local energy grid. The proposed Future Grid Plan builds upon investments that are already underway and approved by the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) in previous proceedings that have put us on a pathway to reducing emissions and increasing electrification.

## Ensuring All Customers Are Heard, Engaged, and Benefit

The proposed investments in the Future Grid Plan align with feedback from customers and communities the company has received to date as part of an extensive engagement process in advance of this submission. The

scope of this public engagement included outreach to our National Grid Customer Council, comprised of both residential and commercial customers, as well as public officials, local businesses, clean energy groups, nonprofits and community groups and organizations representing Environmental Justice Communities (EJCs).

The investments proposed in this Future Grid Plan are currently projected to have an average annual bill impact of approximately 2% over the first investment period and result in benefits to customers and communities across Massachusetts, including:

- Generating incremental economic activity of \$1.4 billion and 11,000 full- and part-time jobs by 2030.
- Enabling an additional 4 gigawatts of capacity by 2035, enough to support an additional 1.1 million electric vehicles, 750,000 electric heat pumps.
- Upgrading hundreds of feeders to enable the connection of more clean, distributed energy resources.
- Improving local air quality as more cars, buses and trucks are electrified.

National Grid has also proposed a new Equity and Environmental Justice Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Framework and, together with the state's other electric distribution companies (EDCs), a joint Community Engagement Stakeholder Advisory Council to empower communications and give more agency to communities to address historic inequities. The company has also proposed enhancing its existing Workforce Development Program to train the next generation of electric line worker from the diverse communities we serve and expanding partnerships to ensure we are reaching all members of our communities to educate and engage them in opportunities that will come from the clean energy transition.

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## CITY PAWS

## Dog Walking Etiquette

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

September is the month when we meet many new dogs on our walks. Some of these dogs and their people will be familiar with city life and the particular behaviors required of canines and their guardians in crowded urban areas. Others must learn the etiquette, dangers, and joys of walking a dog in their new neighborhood.

The Whole Dog Journal recently published an article by John Strassburger on dog-walking etiquette. Strassburger highlighted a few tips for responsible dog walks. The key ones were “Pay Attention to Your Dog,” “Don’t Text and Walk,” “On Leash,” and “Carry Poop Bags.” We agree with all of those.

**Walks Are Dog Time**

The next time you walk around your area, pay attention to people with dogs. How many of them are tuned into their dog, engaged with and interacting with their companion, and how many are multitasking? It’s so sad to see a dog looking up at the person by their side, time after time, only to have the person they adore ignore them.

Yes, there are times when we all have to take a call or reply to

a text. We suggest you stop walking when this happens, ask your dog to sit by your side, put one foot on the leash to hold the pup in place, and keep the distraction as short as possible. If you can find a place to sit on a bench while you’re distracted, that’s even better.

If this sounds overly restrictive, think about how you would react if you saw the professional you paid to walk your dog on the phone the whole time they were doing their job. You are a dog walker when you hold the leash and should try to perform to the same standard you expect of others.

**Obey the Laws**

Massachusetts law requires all dogs over six months of age to be licensed in their local city or town. You’ll need proof of rabies vaccination to obtain a license. In addition to assisting in reconnecting a lost dog with their family, an accurate count lets the municipality know just how many residents need recreation and other services for their dogs.

Dogs may not be off-leash in Massachusetts unless in a legal off-leash recreation area. Cities and towns may have different requirements for the length of leashes, how many dogs you can own or walk, and specific



If you have to take a call or reply to a text during a dog walk, pause and have your dog sit by your side or share a bench with the pup while you’re distracted.

requirements of animal keepers. For example, in Boston, your leash must be ten feet or less in length. This ordinance effectively makes most extendable leashes illegal in addition to being dangerous to you, your dog, and everyone around you.

**Pickup After Your Dog**

You’re required to pick up dog waste and dispose of it properly. It’s so easy to carry a roll of pick-

up bags. Yet, we often find people who only had one bag, and the dog went twice. We’re happy to give them a bag from our stash when we notice their dilemma or they ask.

Extra bags are a great way to deal with scofflaws who don’t pick up. We routinely pick up stray waste. We also offer a bag to someone who begins to walk away without picking up. We get

their attention with the words, “Excuse me, you dropped something!” This phrase always causes the lawbreaker to snap around to discover what they dropped. We hand them a bag and go on our way.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

## Public Health officials announce season’s first EEE positive mosquito samples

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus has been detected in mosquitoes in Massachusetts for the first time this year. The presence of EEE was confirmed today by the Massachusetts State Public Health Laboratory in mosquito samples collected on August 30 in Douglas and Southbridge in Worcester County. No human or animal cases of EEE have been detected so far this year.

The finding increases the risk level of EEE to moderate in the communities of Douglas, Dudley, Southbridge, Sturbridge, Uxbridge, and Webster in Worcester County.

“After the EEE outbreak cycle that occurred in 2019 and 2020, there was no EEE activity in Massachusetts in 2021 or 2022,” said Public Health Commissioner Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD. “This is a late season emergence for EEE which should keep the risk level from rising too much

or too quickly. However, some risk from mosquito-borne disease will continue until the first hard frost and people should take steps to prevent mosquito bites.”

EEE is a rare but serious and potentially fatal disease that can affect people of all ages. EEE is generally spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. There were 12 human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2019 with six deaths and five human cases with one death in 2020. There were no human cases of EEE in Massachusetts in 2021 or 2022.

“Transmission of EEE to a person late in the season can happen,” said Dr. Catherine M. Brown, State Epidemiologist. “Mosquitoes will be more active during warm and humid weather as we are forecast to have this weekend. I encourage everyone to use mosquito repellent when they are outdoors enjoying the last unofficial weekend of summer; you can also use clothing to cover exposed skin and if you

notice that you are getting bitten, you should consider moving indoors.”

**Avoid Mosquito Bites**

- Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with an EPA-registered ingredient (DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin (KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-Menthane-3,8-diol (PMD)] or IR3535) according to the instructions on the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30 percent or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

- Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning in areas of high risk.

- Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wearing long-

sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors will help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

**Mosquito-Proof Your Home**

- Drain Standing Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty unused flowerpots and wading pools and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

- Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all windows and doors.

**Protect Your Animals**

- Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs provide excellent mosquito breeding habitats and should be flushed out at least once a week during the sum-

mer months to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse owners should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and EEE. If an animal is suspected of having WNV or EEE, owners are required to report to the Department of Agricultural Resources, Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795, and to the Department of Public Health by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at Mosquito-borne Diseases | Mass.gov, which is updated daily, or by calling the DPH Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

## LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

### LYNN RESIDENT NAMED TO CLARK UNIVERSITY'S SPRING DEAN'S LIST

Eve J. Deleon, of Lynn, was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Spring 2023 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower our students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

### CURRY COLLEGE SPRING 2023 DEAN'S LIST

Curry College congratulates roughly 900 students who were named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Local students include:

- Noelle Cote of Lynn
- Christina Eddows of Lynn
- Maria Orfanos of Lynn
- Marcus Tucker of Lynn

Curry College, founded in Boston in 1879, is a private, co-educational, liberal arts-based institution located on 131 acres

in Milton, Massachusetts. The College extends its educational programs to a continuing education branch campus in Plymouth. The College offers 25 undergraduate majors in specialized and liberal arts programs, as well as graduate degrees in accounting, business, education, criminal justice, and nursing to a combined enrollment of nearly 2,050 students. The student body consists of 1,830 traditional students and nearly 220 continuing education and graduate students. The College offers a wide array of co-curricular activities ranging from 16 NCAA Division III athletic teams to an outstanding theatre and visual arts program.

### LOCAL STUDENTS ENROLL AT THE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

The College of the Holy Cross is proud to announce the members of the Class of 2027. Hailing from 38 states and territories, and 12 different countries, more than 15 percent of Holy Cross' Class of 2027 are first-generation college students. These newly minted Crusaders have distinguished themselves through community service, leadership roles, and diverse participation in areas like the arts, music and athletics.

The following local students enrolled in Holy Cross' Class of 2027:

- Daniela Alecio of Lynn
- Shantal Williams of Lynn
- Aura Polanco Concepcion of Lynn
- Pablo Granados of Lynn
- Jael Cruz of Lynn

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation's leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,100 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life.

### LOCAL STUDENTS AT LEHIGH

Lehigh University is thrilled to officially welcome the Class of 2027. The incoming class represents an accomplished, diverse group of students who represent 49 U.S. states and territories and 51 countries. Congratulations on your enrollment at Lehigh - we are proud to call you one of our own!

Layarith Gonzales-Flores of Lynn

Layibel Gonzales-Flores of Lynn

For more than 150 years, Lehigh University (lehigh.edu) has combined outstanding academic and learning opportunities with leadership in fostering innovative research. The institution is among the nation's most selective, highly ranked private research universities. Lehigh's five colleges - College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, and the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science - provide opportunities

to 7,000+ students to discover and grow in an academically rigorous environment along with a supportive, engaged campus community.

### LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO SIMMONS UNIVERSITY DEAN'S LIST

The following local students were named to the 2023 spring semester dean's list at Simmons University in Boston.

- \* Jaelyn Angelo, Lynn
- \* Carla Bamaca, Lynn
- \* Eimy Carela, Lynn
- \* Jessica Krische, Lynn
- \* Nuvia Merida, Lynn
- \* Amani Semper, Lynn
- \* Kiersten Stewart, Lynn

To qualify for dean's list status, undergraduate students must obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher, based on 12 or more credit hours of work in classes using the letter grade system.

Located in the heart of Boston, Simmons is a respected private university offering more than 50 majors and programs for undergraduate women and graduate programs open to all on campus, in blended formats, or entirely online in nursing and health sciences, liberal arts, business, communications, social work, public health, and library and information science. Founded in 1899, Simmons has established a model of higher education that other colleges and universities are only recently beginning to adapt: the combination of education for leadership in high-demand professional fields with the intellectual foundation of the liberal arts. The result is a Simmons graduate prepared not only to work, but to lead in professional, civic, and personal life - a vision of empowerment that Simmons calls preparation for life's work. Follow Simmons on Twitter at @SimmonsUniv, and on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/school/simmons-university/>.

### MARRONI OF LYNN ENROLLS AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

Lynn resident, Mia Marroni, has enrolled at James Madison University for the fall 2023 semester. Marroni has selected Biology - BS as a major.

Founded in 1908, James Madison University is a public university located in Virginia's

Shenandoah Valley. JMU is one of the nation's leading lights in higher education, where students enjoy engaging relationships with world-class faculty who drive education innovation and support advanced research. With state-of-the-art amenities and facilities, students have access to NCAA Division 1 athletics. JMU also has the highest post-graduation job levels of all Virginia colleges.

### SNHU ANNOUNCES SUMMER 2023 PRESIDENT'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Summer 2023 President's List. The summer terms run from May to August.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Unique Campbell of Lynn
- Joe Clifton of Lynn
- Paul Bridges of Lynn
- Zarafshan Emedosi of Lynn
- Maricella Sandoval Cerros of Lynn
- Kirsy Vasquez of Lynn
- Gavriella Figueroa of Lynn
- Matthew Mehan of Lynn
- Alyssa Copithorne of Lynn
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- Bonnie Natola of Lynn
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Ryan Rotcavich of Lynn  
Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 90-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 170,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH. Recognized as one of the "Most Innovative" regional universities by U.S. News & World Report and one of the fastest-growing universities in the country, SNHU is committed to expanding access to high quality, affordable pathways that meet the needs of each learner. Learn more at [www.snhu.edu](http://www.snhu.edu).

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# Lynn residents to participate in Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk

Ten residents from Lynn will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 1.

Gina Nasco, Peter Imonti, Michelle Imonti, Melissa Bransfield, David Boudreau, Yuri García, Nicholas Imonti, Peter Imonti, Jennifer Powell, and Debra Boudreau, along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised

more than \$167 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 34-year history, raising a record-breaking more than \$8.8 million in 2022.

"Throughout the past 34 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. The 2023 Walk will be held during the Jimmy Fund's 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "This year also marks the 35th annual Jimmy Fund Walk. We are eager to get out on the course and see all our outstanding walkers and teams come together

to support this great cause."

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus), 10K walk (from Newton), Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley), and Marathon walk (from Hopkinton).

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 10 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration.

All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric. Due to construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Fenway neighborhood for 2023. Walkers should know that distances may be slightly shorter as we finish the walk in front of Fenway Park. The finish line will include a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportu-

nities. Participants can also join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Materials to support Virtual Walkers are available.

To register to walk or volunteer (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit [www.JimmyFundWalk.org](http://www.JimmyFundWalk.org) or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

## City to host two community events

Special to the Journal

Following the recent tragic violence that has impacted so many in the community, the City will be offering opportunities for residents to access community resources and supports as well as space to mourn, reflect, process, and discuss next steps.

There will be an open event on Friday, Sept. 15 from 5-7 p.m. at the Ingalls Elementary School cafeteria, 1 Collins Street Terrace, for community members

to learn about these supports as well as reflect and share their concerns.

There will be targeted outreach to the neighborhoods where the incidents occurred.

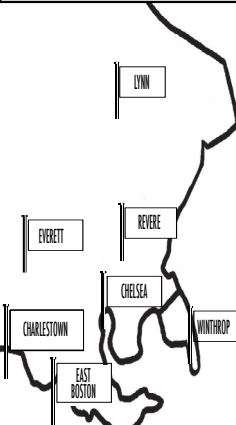
Organizations that provide relevant direct services that those neighbors could access are asked to bring multilingual flyers if possible. For those who are part of the efforts to prevent the pain that the families affected and our entire community experienced last weekend, please be prepared

to share how others can support and get involved.

The Lynnside Out festival will take place this Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Organizations that empower high-risk youth in the community or provide services for helping people cope with trauma that would like a table space can contact Jon at [Jon.Thibault@lynnma.gov](mailto:Jon.Thibault@lynnma.gov) or Valerie at [Valerie.Vong@lynnma.gov](mailto:Valerie.Vong@lynnma.gov), to coordinate or with questions about either event.

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# Summer Tunnel reopens to motorists

By Times Staff

The Summer Tunnel in East Boston reopened Friday, Sept. 1 after a two-month closure due to the beginning of the first phase of a \$160 million restoration and renovation project to the 89-year-old tunnel.

State Rep. Adrian Madaro and State Sen. Lydia Edwards joined Gov. Maura Healey, Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, and other state officials on a walking tour of the Summer Tunnel last Wednesday, Aug. 30.

Edwards, who represents the entire East Boston neighborhood in the Senate, commented, "We are halfway there. I am grateful we got through two months of closure with little injury. We have a lot to learn and certainly need to reassess our mitigation package for next year. Finally, I want to thank outgoing Secretary Gina Fiandaca and the whole

MassDOT team for their hard work."

State Rep. Adrian Madaro added, "The weekday openings of the Summer Tunnel will give residents much-needed relief from the lengthy commutes into the City. I'm grateful for the patience East Boston residents have displayed throughout the summer, and thankful for the hard work of MassDOT employees and the contractors who completed the necessary repairs over the last several months."

State Rep. Jessica Giannino said, "I want to thank MassDOT and each of the contractors involved in this project for all of their hard work on the Summer Tunnel renovations. Reopening the tunnel on time was critical as commuters get back from summer breaks.

"I also want to thank the efforts of Gov. Maura Healey and each of the surrounding commu-



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Gov. Maura Healey, Secretary of Transportation Gina Fiandaca, Undersecretary Monica Tibbits-Nutt, Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver, State Rep. Adrian Madaro and MBTA General Manager Philip Eng tour repairs to the Summer Tunnel on Aug. 30, ahead of its reopening last Friday, Sept. 1.

nities impacted by this closure for working collaboratively in order to minimize disruptions

to our commutes by increasing options for reliable public transportation during the shutdown. This project was a group effort, and I believe the process went as smoothly as it did because of this. I am very happy to know that commuters can return to their normal routes again, in the improved Summer Tunnel."

Acting Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe was pleased to see the Summer Tunnel reopen on sched-

ule.

"The tunnel's reopening is a great sigh of relief to the residents of Revere as we start to wrap up the summer," said Keefe. "I'm hopeful the learnings we all experienced by relying on public transit and expanded offerings will be sign on more permanent transportation investments that can benefit our community when it comes to our regional traffic mitigation measures."



**Jared Nicholson**  
Mayor of Lynn

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Following the recent tragic violence that has rocked our community, the Mayor's Office will host a community outreach event with opportunities for residents to connect with local organizations, community resources, and supports.

Community members will have an opportunity to learn about these supports and have the opportunity to share their concerns. This event will also be a space to mourn, reflect, process, and discuss next steps.



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