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Campus Family & Friends – Emily McDermott, Sue and Mike Reddy, Brian Truax, Matthew Campus, Sean, Lindsay, and James Lundy, and Kelly Ryan with Mayor Jared Nicholson.

# L/CPL Bradley J. Campus remembered

A very large crowd came to L/CPL Bradley J. Campus memorial dedication at Clark Street playground on a warm bright day. It was a poignant moment and became a celebratory event honoring Lynn's hero. Sgt. Major Ken Oswald opened the ceremony with a statement of what happened in the early morning hours of October 23, 1983.

Stg. Maj. Oswald described that early hour in 1983 as he said, 'The First Battalion Eighth Marines Second Marine Division set up local headquarters inside Beirut International Airport. A yellow Mercedes Benz truck headed toward the headquarters crashing into the lobby igniting



**Retired MA State Trooper and** US Marine, The Singing Trooper, Daniel Clark who sang the National Anthem at the Dedication.

a catastrophic explosion killing 241 American servicemen. Nine Massachusetts Marines were killed including Lynn's L/CPL Bradley J. Campus."

Stg. Maj. Oswald continued, "We are gathered here today at this monument dedication to honor the memory of this Marine on the 40th Anniversary of that terrible day for the nation, the Marine Corp, the City of Lynn, the Campus family, and friends of L/CPL Bradley Campus,"

Honoring Bradley's memory, The Reverend-Deacon Wiliam Jackson said, "May this memorial remind us of our freedom. It

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# Lynn voters head to the polls Tuesday for municipal election

By Cary Shuman

Lynn voters will select their councilors-at-large, ward councilors, and school committee members in the municipal election set for Tuesday, Nov. 7.

City Clerk and Chief of Elections Janet Rowe said that polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at eight polling locations throughout the city.

There are approximately 60,000 registered voters in the city, and Rowe is predicting a turnout of approximately 20 percent (12,000 voters).

"We've sent out 1,555 voteby-mail ballots, which is not as high as it has been in other elections," said Rowe. "Those ballots have to be returned by 8 p.m. on Tuesday.'

Eight candidates are running for one of the four councilor-at-large seats. Twelve candidates are seeking one of the six positions on the School Commit-

There are three contested races for the open seats in the ward races, meaning that three new

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# **Looking Slick**

City launches new and improved website

Special to the Journal

One of the items on Mayor Jared C. Nicholson's to-do list after taking over as mayor in 2022 was completely revamping the City's website. That can be crossed off the list.

As of Monday, those who navigate to www.lynnma.gov will find a completely overhauled site that is intended to improve accessibility to city resources. The new site makes it easier for residents to stay connected to initiatives, events, and City Hall departments.

There were several opportunities for the public to share their vision for the new website, including a community-wide sur-



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# EDITORIAL

# **GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY**

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We've always found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections. Local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than what happens in Washington. Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, etc., etc., etc.

Local governments are holding elections across the state this Tuesday, November 7. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and goals for ourselves and our families.

# **HOUSE DEMOCRATS: TOTAL FAILURES**

It is clear that the decision by the Democrats in the House of Representatives to allow a small band of narcissistic and anarchistic Republicans, led by the odious Matt Gaetz of Florida, to throw the Congress (as well as the country and the world) into chaos when they sided with Gaetz's small band of fellow GOP anarchists to remove former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has completely backfired.

It is axiomatic in politics that you always should have a plan (with a desired end result) before embarking on a course of action. But with the unanimous election last week by the Republicans of little-known Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson to the speakership after three weeks of dysfunction, it is obvious that House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and his team had no plan or strategy of any kind.

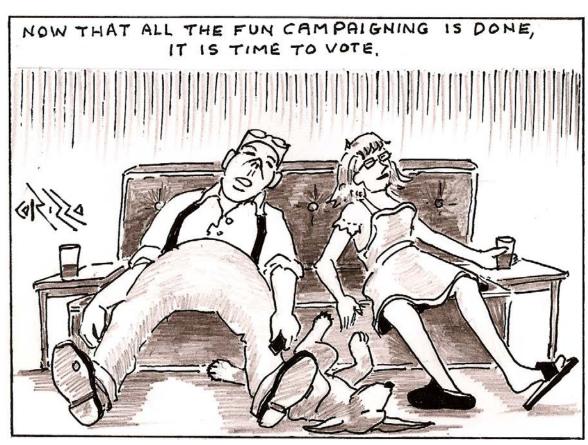
Sure, they were able to gloat for a few weeks while the Republicans stumbled and fumbled, but in the final analysis, the Democrats ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes: The Republicans now are completely united and Congress has a Speaker (a position that is second in line to become president) who is so far right-wing, that he is somewhere out in the proverbial left field on just about every issue imaginable. In addition, Johnson was a staunch supporter of Donald Trump's efforts to undermine the election and has gone on record as opposing further military aid to Ukraine.

Sometimes -- SOMETIMES — politicians have to put the good of the country above their party's perceived short-term political gain. Yes, Kevin McCarthy was a sniveling snake, but he did do the right thing in June to craft a compromise with Joe Biden to raise the debt ceiling and then again in September to pass a short term budget deal that averted a government shutdown.

Democrats complained that McCarthy could not be trusted and that he's a liar (all of which is true) — but really? All politicians are lessthan-truthful to some extent, from Joe Biden on down — do they think the people don't know that?

In short, the Democrats "strategy" of just standing by and allowing McCarthy to fall has turned out to be a total disaster, with the immediate beneficiaries of their inaction and their miscalculations being Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

The Democrats forgot a cardinal rule of politics: The enemy of my enemy is my friend, as well as a cardinal rule of life: The devil you know is better than the devil you don't.



Vote Tuesday, Nov. 7

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councilors will be joining the City Council in January. In Ward 1, the candidates are Jeff Newhall and Dr. Peter Meaney; in Ward 2, the candidates are Elizabeth Figueroa and Obed A. Matul; and in Ward 4, the candidates are Donna Coppola and Natasha S. Megie-Maddrey.

Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug, Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chakoutis, Ward 6 Councilor Fred Hogan, and Ward 7 Councilor John Jay Walsh Jr. are unopposed.

Following is the list of candidates for the municipal election on Tuesday, Nov. 7:

#### COUNCILOR AT LARGE

Donald J. Castle Jose M. Encarnacion Richard L. Felton Brian M. Field Rogelio "Roger" Garcia Brian P. LaPierre Nicole D. McClain Hong L. Net

#### WARD 1

Peter Meaney Jeff Newhall

## WARD 2

Elizabeth Figueroa Obed A. Matul

#### Ward 3

Coco Alinsug

#### WARD 4

Donna M. Coppola Natasha S. Megie-Maddrey

#### Ward 5

Dianna Chakoutis

#### WARD 6

Fred W. Hogan

#### WARD 7

John Jaw Walsh, Jr.

#### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

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# NSCC offering electric vehicle charging

If you are searching for places to charge your electric vehicles you can now add both the Danvers and Lynn campuses of North Shore Community College to your list. The college, with help from grant funding, installed electric vehicle charging stations to help promote environmental sustainability.

This project was funded by grants awarded by the MA Department of Environmental Protection's Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (EVIP) and National Grid. NSCC is also contributing its own funds to fill in the gaps.

"This is work the college has been interested in and exploring for some time," said Dr. William Heineman, NSCC President. "It is part of our strategic plan to be a good environmental citizen and we know the demand for EV charging stations is expected to rise exponentially over the next 10-20 years now that the average cost of an electric vehicle is comparable to a regular gas-powered vehicle.'

At the Lynn campus, charging capacity for up to four cars will be located across from the modular building in the Washington Street parking lot near the main entrance. In Danvers, the same four-car capacity will be installed in Lot Four in front of the Health Professions and Student Services Building. The college is charging 26 cents per kilowatt hour, its cost. Users will need to have the Charge Point App on their phone to use which is connected to a personal credit card.

The college is pleased to offer these resources to not only its students, staff and faculty but also to the public during the college's operating hours. There will be a fee for the electricity, and a maximum charging timeline of 4 hours per station.

By implementing the charging stations the college is also following Executive Order 594 which is applicable to all Massachusetts executive branch agencies and public institutions of higher



The EV charging stations at the North Shore Community College Danvers campus. EV charging stations are also available at the L

education, and aims to reduce emissions and environmental impact of state government operations. It sets a statewide goal of achieving net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.

# United Way unveils major shift in giving strategy as local non-profits awarded \$56M in new grant funding

Special to the Journal

United Way of Massachusetts Bay President and Chief Executive Officer Bob Giannino today unveiled a list of 124 organizations that will partner with United Way in a first-of-its kind effort to eradicate the conditions that lead to poverty and economic injustice. As part of the partnership, each of the organizations will receive grant awards totaling more than \$56M (\$8M annually) through 2030.

"This new way forward is a recognition that philanthropic efforts must evolve in order to meet the pressing issues of our region," said Giannino. "We have spent the past two years developing a community impact strategy that doesn't just address symptoms of poverty but can eliminate it in the communities that need it the most. Through this multi-million-dollar grant initiative, we believe that together with our partners, we will move toward a future where every individual in our region, across race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, will be empowered to meet their financial goals and achieve financial wellbeing."

Eleven organizations in Lynn will be recipients of grant money; they are as follows:

- Building Audacity
- Camp Fire North Shore, Inc. • Essex County Community
- Organization
- Girls Incorporated of Lynn
- Gregg Neighborhood House

Association, Inc.

- LEO INC
- Love Your Magic, Inc.
- Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND)
- New American Association of Massachusetts, Inc.
  - Raw Art Works
  - The Haven Project, Inc.

As part of its reimagined community impact strategy, United Way is investing in partners and solutions that are working to create positive, population-level change in communities across its footprint. To measure its progress, United Way will track measures such as increasing satisfaction in financial well-being among people living in local communities, increasing the percentage of households with at least \$2,000 in emergency savings, decreasing the percentage of households that spend greater than 50% of their income on housing, decreasing the percentage of people ages 16-24 who are not enrolled in school or employed, and narrowing the wealth gap.

For the first time in its history, United Way of Massachusetts Bay's Request for Partnership application was open to any nonprofit eligible 501c3 in the region and was translated into seven languages to increase accessibility. Through this open application process, the United Way of Massachusetts Bay received a total of 382 applications and of those 220 moved onto community re-

view. Ultimately, 124 recipients were selected to receive funding for direct services or advancing policy activities. Of the new partners, 35% are led by a Black or Latino/a leader, an increase from the United Way's past portfolio of 24%.

Additionally, United Way is partnering with nonprofits that involve community members in decision-making and ensure community perspectives and experiences are integrated into program design and implementation.

"The selection of our grant recipients this year represents our evolution from providing support in exchange for programmatic outcomes to providing support in exchange for a shared commitment to advancing economic justice through systems change," said Karley Ausiello United Way of Massachusetts Bay Chief of Community Impact. "This is a significant milestone for our new way forward."

United Way selected community partners across 12 priority communities - Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Malden, Quincy, Revere, Salem, and Taunton. Together, these communities are home to two-thirds of the individuals who live below the poverty threshold in United Way's geographic footprint. Grant recipients will provide direct services and advocate for

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vey and focus groups. The vast majority of residents agreed the website needed to be upgraded and emphasized that easier navigation should be a priority.

"The new website is a major upgrade that presents information in a cleaner, clearer form,' Nicholson said. "Most important, we want people to feel that City Hall and city government are easily accessible when they have a question or concern."

The City worked with software system provider Intrado to upgrade both the City's website and the Lynn Public Schools website. The point person for the project was Valerie Vong, Communications & Strategic Initiatives Manager for the mayor's office. Before the City's new site was launched, every department received training in posting and editing on the site, and the information from the old site was migrated. After a few test runs and making final edits, the new website launched on October 20.

# Roger Garcia A Breath of Fresh Air

I want to express my support for Roger (Rogelio) Garcia for Councilor at Large in the City of Lynn in the strongest of terms.

Roger is the owner of April's on Buffum Street and I have been a regular customer of his for many years. In that time, I have seen a man whose energy is always focused on family; a man who deeply cares about his customers and his employees; a man who sees the need to help whenever and wherever he can. Roger is a breath of fresh air!

As a parent, homeowner and businessman, Roger understands the issues facing the City of Lynn. He knows that deep down, the leaders of our great city need to be focused on making our neighborhoods safer. Safety affects everyone whether you're a resident, taxpayer, voter, customer or employee. Roger has shown his willingness to get involved in the conversations about stopping violence and his advocacy for additional funding for School Resource Officers and expanded police presence in the downtown.

During Roger's campaign he has continually expressed his desire to give back to the city that has helped him to be successful in raising a family and running a business. Let's take Roger up on his offer. Please join me in casting one of your four votes for Roger (Rogelio) Garcia, Councilor at Large, on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023.

**Paul Crowley** 

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# Pickleball tournament ushers in new era for the sport in Lynn

By Cary Shuman

Lynn is fast becoming the hub of pickleball on the North Shore. With Mayor Jared Nichol-

son and city officials cutting the ribbon to open the four new courts Wednesday at Clark Street Playground, scores of pickleball players (also known as picklers) from Lynn and other communities have been enjoying the fast-growing sport.

In fact, Lynn hosted the first Pickleball Club tournament Oct. 22, and somewhat remarkably close to 50 players came to the Clark Street Playground on an

autumnal Sunday morning to compete in the well-organized event.

"It was a beautiful day and a very successful event, and I appreciate everyone's contribution, whether it was participating in the tournament or making a donation to the raffle," said Associate Commissioner of DPW/ Parks Lisa Nerich, adding that the building of the courts was funded through a Lynn Community Development grant.

Sarah Caliento, a former Lynn elementary school teacher and the city's pickleball ambassador, attended the ribbon-cutting cere-



Lynn Special Needs staff members Angeliz Justiniano (left) and Almani Gerardo assisted as volunteers at the Pickleball Club Tournament.

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As a member of the city council of the city of Lynn, I promise to dedicate my best

efforts across the board, but in three areas in particular that I understand are vital: 1) Affordable housing - making sure we can all have safe, clean, secure places to live and that we will not be forced out of our city by the rising cost of housing.

2) Bottom-up economic growth - fighting for more sustainable, good-paying, dignified jobs that are accessible to our diverse communities and supporting our existing small businesses that make our city special.

3) Community-driven public safety: Making sure that our neighborhoods are safe. Give me the chance to be your voice on the city council and we will make this happen together!





Lynn Pickleball Ambassador Sarah Caliento, Kayla Walleston, Pickleball tournament participants Kristen Hackney, Mary Kelley, and Diane Jordan, and Associate DPW Commissioner Lisa Nerich.

mony. Caliento was an organizer of the inaugural Pickleball Club tournament.

"The sport is catching on quickly in Lynn," said Calien-to, who gives pickleball lessons through the Lynn Parks Department. "We had been hoping for new courts for a while, and they were able to get new courts put in there. When the weather is nice, we have 30-35 people playing pickleball there daily.'

Interestingly, Caliento grew up on a dairy farm in Dalton (Mass.), which is home to former Major League Baseball pitcher Jeff Reardon and former Red Sox general manager Dan Duquette.

'I played softball for 50 years in the Lynn Park League," related Caliento, who is a graduate of Lesley University. "I played volleyball for the same number of years at the old Lynn YMCA when it was on Market Street. And I also played in a women's basketball league."

And now she is promoting and advancing pickleball - which is part tennis, badminton, and table tennis – in the city as its official ambassador.

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Pictured at the Lynn Pickleball Club Tournament are LSNC Program Supervisor Kayla Walleston, Lynn Pickleball Club Tournament announcer Dave Riddle, Lynn Pickleball Ambassador Sarah Caliento, and Associate DPW Commissioner Lisa Nerich.



Displaying a Pickleball Club tournament jersey are Vlad Nimkar, Sha-

ron Cameron, and Sarah Caliento.

## **OBED MATUL HOLDS CAMPAIGN RALLY**

Experience to lead is Ward 2 candidate Obed Matul. A successful Lynn businessman of Full Color who recently with his wife celebrated their tenth year anniversary in business serving the Greater Lynn community. Obed is a devoted family man, graduated from Lynn English, and Emmanuel College earning a Business Management Degree is 2010.

Throughout the years in business as Obed said, "I have met many of you and I want to thank everyone for your support; I have done a lot of work for schools, different businesses, and many non-profits. All of that work has gotten me prepared to lead, to work for the community, and to

be committed. I have invested in Lynn; and I am ready to be your Ward 2 Councilor."

Obed Matul as a Councilor will work to improve Public Works and Safety, School Safety, Traffic Congestion and Speeding issues. He will also work with Emergency Response Services, Better Recycling and Composting initiatives along with Veteran Services, School Funding, and to stop Illegal Dumping.

As Ward 2 Councilor, Obed will work with neighborhoods, produce a newsletter, and conduct monthly meetings. Obed will be responsive and accessible to Ward 2 constituents. Vote for Obed Matul on November 7.



Outgoing Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard endorses Obed Matul for Ward 2 Councilor.



Obed Matul Family – Mili, Luz, Maribel, Ward 2 Candidate Obed Matul, Angela Ramirez, and Arysbeth Matul.



Ward 2 Neighbors with Obed Matul for Councilor.



Lynn School Committee members for Obed Matul – Eric Dugan, Lorraine Gately, and Lenny Pena.



Candidates with Obed Matul for Ward 2: Ward 2 Rick Starbard, School Committee, Lorraine Gately and Eric Dugan, Ward 4 Candidate Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Obed Matul, Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Candidates for School Committee Stacey Bryant-Brown, Walqluira Leguisamon, and Sandra Lopez, School Committee Lenny Pena, and Ward 6 Fred Hogan.



Lynn High School Track Coaches - Tristan Smith and John Hogan support Obed Matul for Ward 2 Councilor.



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is because of the devoted service from our brother Bradley and his fellow Marines. From this day forward in loving memory of Bradley and his memorial, we are blessed by our loving God so we can be Americans. God bless you all."

"Today we are called to remember Bradley for the sacrifice he made, for his country, and the people of Beirut," stated niece Lindsay Lundy. She continued to say, "For the man he was and the man that he was supposed to be, his loss left a hole in the hearts of friends and family. It is our responsibility and our duty to never forget and to ensure his legacy and sacrifice is remembered in honor of generations to come."

This memorial dedication could not have been accomplished without thanking the following – Chairman Charles Griffin, Sgt. Major Ken Oswald, Lynn-Swampscott Veteran Services Michael Sweeney, Mayor Jared Nicholson, USMC Veteran

Guest Speaker Steve Godfrey, Associate DPW Commissioner Liss Nerich and DPW staff, David Solimine, Dan Gates of Obtek Services, Bill Dandreo of Dandero Brothers Construction, Amore Electrical, Pallindo Construction, EZ Landscaping, Hirsch Landscaping, Dandreo Landscaping, Woodlawn Memorial, Lynn ISD, Lynn Veterans Council, Lynn Fire, Lynn English ROTC, Lynn Police, State Police and State Police Helicopter Fly-Over unit.

Other participants in attendance included Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug and his Precinct Captains, and Clark Street neighborhood residents, City Councilors, State Reps Peter Capano and Dan Cahill, State Trooper vocalists Dan Clark and Capt. Katy Downey and remarks from Darnell Bradley and Brian Hurley.

A L/CPL Bradley J. Campus scholarship will be established within the Lynn Public Schools.



US Marine Veterans at and L/CPL Bradley J. Campus Memorial Dedication – Sgt. Major Ken Oswald, Donald Fahey, Joseph Cole, Peter Tuttle, Raymond Whitcomb, and Daniel Concessi.



Dedication Committee – Lynn Director of Veterans Services Mike Sweeney, Guest Speaker/ USMC Veteran Steve Godfrey, Sgt. Major Ken Oswald, David Solimine, Lindsay Lundy(Niece), Matthew J. Campus (Nephew), and US Marine Veteran and Chairman Charles Griffin.



The Reverend-Deacon William Jackson gave the Invocation and blessed the monument assisted with David Solimine.



Memorial Wreath placed at the monument – Chairman and US Marine Veteran Charles Griffin, Matthew J. Campus (Nephew), Lindsay Lundy (Niece), and Guest Speaker US Marine Veteran Steve Godfrey.



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# November service changes will allow crews to continue improvement work across MBTA system

MBTA officials announced service changes in November on the Red, Orange, and Haverhill lines. The MBTA will continue working to improve service reliability across the system. Additional service changes may take place in November and will be announced when details are finalized.

#### On the Red Line:

· Accessible shuttle bus ser-

vice will replace Red Line trains between Alewife and Kendall/ MIT Stations during the weekend of November 4-5. This service change allows crews to perform rail welding and track work in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

• Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Red Line trains between JFK/UMass and Park Street Stations beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through

Thursday on November 14-16 as well as during the weekend of November 18-19. This service change allows crews to perform track work between Broadway and South Station in order to alleviate speed restrictions.

#### On the Orange Line:

• Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and Wellington Stations from the

start of service until approximately 2 PM on Sunday, November 5. This service change is taking place to accommodate an emergency response learning exercise taking place near Malden Center. The exercise is an opportunity for public safety officials to exercise emergency response plans, policies, and procedures.

• Accessible shuttle bus service will replace Orange Line trains between Oak Grove and

North Station beginning at approximately 8:45 PM through the end of service Tuesday through Friday on November 7- 10 as well as during the weekend of November 11-12. This service change allows MBTA crews to perform critical work at the Oak Grove crossover track area as well as in and around the tracks at Sullivan Square and Community College Stations.

# USPS, Inspection Service continue nationwide effort to crack down on postal crimes

Special to the Journal

The U.S Postal Service (USPS) and U.S. Postal Inspection Service (Inspection Service)provided an update on their Project Safe Delivery campaign to crack down on postal crimes, including attacks against postal employees. Announced in May 2023, Project Safe Delivery is a USPS initiative to combat the recent rise in threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail theft incidents by protecting Postal employees and the security of the nation's mail and packages. Multiple departments within USPS, including the Inspection Service, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Office of the Chief Retail and Delivery Officer are working together to support the ongoing campaign. To help strengthen this effort, the Inspection Service has also significantly increased monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of a perpetrator of postal crimes.

"As our nation continues to address a sustained crime wave, our targeted focus to crack down on postal crime is progressing," said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. "The safety of our letter carriers — and all postal employees — is our top priority. We will continue to work steadfastly with our law enforcement partners to increase the safety of our employees and

protect the sanctity of the nation's mail."

"We have effectively focused our efforts with USPS on hardening both physical and digital targets to combat threats to postal employees and secure the mail. We continue to turn up the pressure and put potential perpetrators on notice; If you attack Postal employees, steal the mail, or commit other postal crimes, Postal Inspectors will bring you to justice," said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale. "We ask that the public assist us with our mission. Our rewards for information have increased substantially, highlighting the importance of the safety and security of our employees and the mail. If you see something, say something, and help us bring to justice those that cause harm to postal employees, steal mail, or commit other postal crimes."

#### Project Safe Delivery Progress To Date

Since the launch of Project Safe Delivery in May 2023, the Postal Service and Inspection Service have taken the following actions to address postal crime nationwide:

• Law Enforcement Surges Completed In Chicago, San Francisco, Ohio; More than 600 Individuals Arrested for Postal Crimes. Postal inspectors completed a series of targeted law

enforcement surges in Chicago, San Francisco, and cities across Ohio, major metropolitan regions facing significant threats from organized postal crime. Each operation used wide-ranging law enforcement partnerships including with the Department of Justice, Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, other federal agencies, and local law enforcement. Postal Inspectors conducted more than 700 investigative actions, including the execution of arrests and other court authorized law enforcement activities and more than 375 prevention activities, including presentations to postal employees on employee safety and mail theft prevention.

Since May, the Inspection Service has made 109 arrests for robberies and more than 530 arrests for mail theft. The Inspection Service will continue to collaborate with local, state, and federal law enforcement and conduct targeted surge operations focusing on those high postal crime areas.

• 10,000 High-Security Blue Collection Boxes Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is installing high-security blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. Since May, over 10,000 high-security blue boxes have been deployed in high-security risk areas.

The Postal Service will con-

tinue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes and anticipates installing several thousand more boxes in the near future. In specific locations where a blue box is a repeated crime target and/or mail density is very low, collection boxes may have to be removed entirely when access is not meaningfully diminished due to nearby access points.

· Ongoing Replacement of Antiquated Arrow Locks with 49,000 Electronic Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Arrow Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service has replaced more than 6,500 antiquated arrow locks with electronic locks in select cities. In coming months, the Postal Service plans to deploy an additional 42,500 electronic locks nationwide. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service

are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.

• 99.3% Reduction In Fraudulent Change of Address Submissions After Implementation of Electronic- and In-Person Authentication Procedures. The Postal Service processed more than 29 million change of address (COA) transactions in Fiscal Year 2023. Across the globe identity theft is on the rise driven by a financial motive. The Postal Service is not the intended target however implicated due to the fraudster intercepting financially oriented mail such as credit cards or checks. To combat the rise in fraudulent submissions, the Postal Service has strengthened authentication processes for all methods of COA submissions, electronic and hardcopy submitted in person or through the mail stream

Since expanding enhanced in-person change of address protocols and implementing additional identity verification services for online change of addresses, fraudulent submissions have decreased by more than 99.3% compared to the same pe-

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policy change in these four avenues to prosperity:

Economic Inclusion and Wealth Building: Advance financial well-being and inclusion by providing access to services, resources, and tools that help individuals increase income, build credit and savings, and reduce debt

Early Education and Out-of-

School Time (EEOST): Provide affordable, high-quality early education and Out-of-School Time programs that allow caregivers to work and learn and provide children and youth opportunities to learn, thrive, and explore their interests.

Education and Career Pathways for Youth and Young Adults: Engage youth and young

adults ages 16-24, who are disconnected from school and work, in education and career pathways.

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## LYNN RECOGNIZES ITALIAN AMERICANS AND RAISES THE ITALIAN FLAG

Lynn raises the Italian Flag outside of City Hall. A delightful fall afternoon made this ceremony a wonderful time. Chairperson Atty. Rick Vitale opened the program as he introduced the Roma Band to play the Inno Nazionale Italiano and the American Anthems. According to Rick Vitale as he said, "We appreciate what this Roma Band does for the Italian culture in the North End of Boston and throughout Massachusetts. This is a special honor to have this band in Lynn."

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He continued to express, "Today, we are going to recognize some terrific Italian American citizens of Lynn with our Italian American Heritage traditions. Often said of the Italian lifestyle, it is made up of values, celebrations of all aspects of life, times with friends, food, and family." Rick quoted Sir Elton John as Elton said, "I love the Italian way of life. I love the food; I love the people; and I love the attitude of Italians."

Italian Americans recognized as each received City and State Citations. They were - outgoing Ward 4 Councilor Richard Colucci, former Lynn Councilor and State Representative Vincent Lozzi, Sr, former Lynn School Elementary Lunch Aid for over 20 years Cesarina Procopio, Locale businessman Gerry Raffaele, Seamstress businesswoman Rita Raffaele, Active member in the Lynn Lodge of Sons and Daughters from Italy Emma Sacco, Lynn Attorney Sam Vitale, Eric Zaccagnini of Eric Z Disposal, and Posthumous remembrance of Nick Meninno as a Lynn Contractor and Charitable Contributions.

This was an enjoyable day for many friends and families who came to celebrate Italian Heritage month and to take part with the raising of the Italian flag. Also in



Friends and Families at the Italian Flag raising ceremony at Lynn City Hall.



Raising the Italian Flag – Emma Sacco, Gloria Santangelo, Vincent Lozzi Sr., and Mayor Jared Nicholson.



State Rep. Donald Wong, Chairperson Atty. Rick Vitale, Honoree Vincent Lozzi Sr., Rocco Capano, and State Rep. Peter Capano.

recognition was the support from Mayor Nicholson's office, Lynn City Councilors, State Representatives, the Italian American Citizen Club of Lynn, and Santa Famiglia Lodge at Holy Family Church.



Family of Nick Mennino – Fred and Gloria Santangelo, Cheryl Mennino, Debby Regan, Diane Edgett, and David Solimine.



Friends and Families at the Italian Flag raising ceremony at Lynn City Hal.

## LENNY PENA HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR CHILDREN

"Oh, What a night!" One can say while attending the Lenny Pena Halloween Party for children. This was the third Annual children's costume party held at Trios in Lynn.

Host, Lenny Pena, was thankful to the sponsors for making this event enjoyable for the children and parents. He continued to say, "I am currently on the School Committee. I have a passion to give back to the community. My priorities are safety, education, and helping parents. I have a voice and we all deserve to have a voice together at the table. Please vote for me on November 7 for Lynn School Committee."

The Halloween Party sponsors were Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Schools Candidate Stacey Brown-Bryant, At-Large Candidate Don Castle, Ward 4 Candidate Donna Coppola, Schools Eric Dugan, Ward 2 Candidate Elizabeth Figueroa, Schools Lorraine Gately, Ward 6 Fred Hogan, Ward 4 Candidate Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Schools Tiffany Magnolia, Ward 1 Candidate Pete Meaney, At-Large Hong Net, Ward 1 Candidate Jeff Newhall, and Schools Candidate Sean Reid.



Children having lots of fun at the Halloween Party.



Ward 4 Candidate Natasha Megie-Maddrey with her niece,



Lenny Pena with his family for Lynn School Committee – Lenny and



Guest of Honor Star Wars X-wing Pilot Petey with parents, Lisa and Pete Orrall at Lenny Pena Halloween Party.



Lenny Pena surrounded by Halloween Children.



Lynn candidates for Lenny Pena -Coco Alinsug, Tiffany Magnolia, Brian LaPierre, Natasha Megie-Maddrey, Eric Dugan, Lenny Pena, Donna Coppola, Lorraine Gately, Dr. Peter Meaney, Hong Net, Stacey Brown-Bryant, Don Castle, and Roger Garcia.



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## LYNN CLASSICAL HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTION CEREMONY

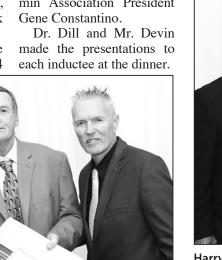
The Lynn Classical High School Athletic and Alumni Achievement Induction Ceremony Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held Sept. 22 at the Nahant Country Club.

The individual inductees were: George Agganis, Class of 1959, Hannah Byrne, Class of 2011, Rick Comfort, Class of 1967, Magnolia Contreras, Class of 1986, Harry Coppola, Class of 1963, Louis Eaton III, Class of 1996, Takeya Faison, Class of 2004, Kenneth Green Jr., Class of 1996, Brian Mahoney, Class of 1968, John Meklis, Class of 1990, Attorney John C. Mihos, Class of 1964, Mark O'Toole, Class of 1978, Christine Kostan Newhall, Class of 1998, and Mark Tarmey, Class of 1997.

Also inducted were the Lynn Class 1993 and 1994 Division 3 state championship basketball teams consisting of the following players: Simon Fiahlo, Calvin Johnson, Marcos Echevarria, Nicio Echevarria, Louis Eaton, Eric Lane, Steve Powell, Steve Fotopoulos, Julio Sanchez, Chuck Coukos, Joe Barteaux, Greg Wigfall, Matt Laurino, Jason Harris, Rich Ramsay, James Taggert, Jeff Waldron, Idris Forde, and Keith Ridley.

Tom Grassa was the head coach.

The Selection Committee members are Classical Principal Amy Dunn, Athletic Director William Devin, Hall of Fame Chairman Dr. Dan Dill, and LCHS Alumin Association President Gene Constantino.



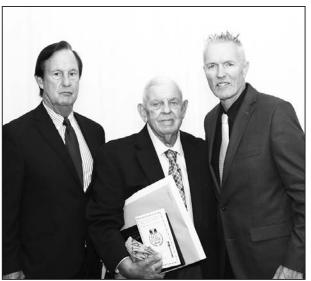
Brian Mahoney, Class of 1968



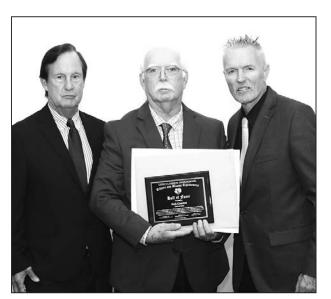
Kenneth Green Jr., Class of 1996



Christopher Agganis accepts his father, George Agganis, Class of 1959, Hall of Fame plaque.



Harry Coppola, Class of 1963



Rick Comfort, Class of 1967



John Meklis



Magnolia Contreras, Class of 1986



Hannah Byrne, Class of 2011

# News Brief

ditional barrels and, as part of that program, is again seeking vibrant and fun artwork submissions from Lynn students and residents.

The City is seeking 11 submissions for display on barrels being placed in both City lots and

parks. Additionally, the contest is being opened up to residents of all ages. Those interested in submitting artwork are encouraged to visit lynnma.gov.

"We are thrilled with the success of this program and the fact

that our students get to participate is a bonus," Mayor Nicholson said. "They are learning at an early age the importance of a greener and cleaner city."

greener and cleaner city."

Last spring, the artwork of 21 students were selected for displayed on the Bigbelly bar-

rels located at parks throughout the City. Each student was recognized by Mayor Jared C. Nicholson and the City Council for their artistic talent and their contributions to the City's efforts to become a cleaner and greener community.

# LYNN LOOKING CLEANER AND CLEANER

With the success of the Bigbelly trash barrels that have been placed in parks throughout Lynn, the City is planning to install ad-

## LYNN CLASSICAL HALL OF FAME 2023 INDUCTION CEREMONY



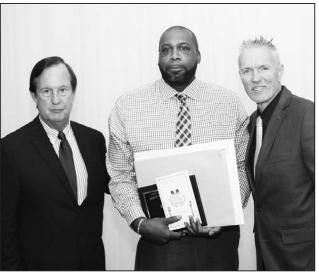
Takeya Faison, Class of 2004



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Mark O'Toole, Class of 1978



Charles Mihos and Christina Mihos-Granese accept their father, Atty. John Mihos, Class of 1964, Hall of Fame plaque.

# United Lynn Pride, Through a Rainbow Lens, a reflection on Lynn's LGBTQ+ history

Special to the Journal

United Lynn Pride is proud to announce it has received a \$20,000 grant from the Expand Mass Stories Initiative from Mass Humanities, with funding made possible by the Barr Foundation, for its project Through A Rainbow Lens, A Reflection on Lynn's LGBTQ+ History. Alongside United Lynn Pride, Mass Humanities announced grants to 42 cultural non-profits for projects that include exhibits, documentary films, oral histories, and public events. Totaling \$751,424, the grants will help reimagine the story of Massachusetts.

Through a Rainbow Lens is a project being facilitated by United Lynn Pride in collaboration with Professor Andrew Darien, PhD. of Salem State University's History Department, the Lynn Historical Society/Lynn Museum, & The History Project based out of Boston,MA.

The project, currently in its early stages, is researching the City of Lynn's LGBTQ+ history through the collection of memorabilia, photographs, oral histories, and other items from longtime LGBTQ+ residents of Lynn and individuals who had significant impact on Lynn's LGBTQ+ culture. As the project continues, United Lynn Pride will showcase the work on its website and plans to host a series of community forums about the project in 2024. Once the project is completed, United Lynn Pride is planning to have the results of the projects preserved for future generations.

Through a Rainbow Lens will

benefit the LGBTQ+ community of Lynn, and the Lynn community overall by

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highlighting the undermentioned stories that contribute to Lynn's history overall and its reputation as a diverse city thriving with culture.

Through a Rainbow Lens is a great step forward in part of United Lynn Pride's overall mission of uniting and empowering the LGBTQ+ community through the use of education.

United Lynn Pride's Executive Director, Cristian Recinos states "I think this grant is a great opportunity for United Lynn Pride in advancing its mission of supporting the LGBTQ+ community in Lynn by sharing this history. We're hoping to collect stories from longlived members of the community, people with diverse backgrounds that reflect the community of Lynn, folks who feel that they have interesting and important experiences that

relate to the project that they'd

like to share.

Project Director Jim Moser says "We want to give young people a window on our history and to preserve our history for future generations. For many years Lynn's six LGBTQ+ bars provided a safe place where people around the North Shore could be themselves and be part of a community and that story needs to be told."

If you're interested in this project and would like to contribute via an interview, sharing photos, documents, other items, or if you would like more information, please visit our website or send us an email using the information below.

https://www.unitedlynnpride.com/through-a-rainbow-lens ThroughARainbowLens@unit-edlynnpride.com.

### LYNN CLASSICAL GIRLS SOCCER SENIOR NIGHT

Al Terminiello Photos

The Lynn Classical Girls Varsity Soccer team recognized the dedication of their seniors during senior night ceremonies held at their final home game at Manning Field.



Head Coach Jessica Gamble with the Lynn Classical Lady Rams Varsity Soccer Team.



Senior Captain Rachel Dana with her parents, Derek and Christen, sisters Delaney and Maddie.



Senior Diane Lopez with her parents, Reyna and Michell and sister Chaly.



Senior Sienna McLean with her parents, Erin and Anthony.



Senior Karla Perez with Head Coach Jessica Gamble and



Senior Lauren Wilson with her parents, Karla and Gary and brother Tyler.



# Natasha Megie-Maddrey



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#### LYNN STUDENTS AWARDED HARVARD BOOK CLUB PRIZE







On Wednesday, October 4, three Lynn Public Schools students were awarded the Harvard Book Prize at the Harvard Club of Boston during a morning ceremony. The recipients were Skylar Beauchamp and Javier Patricio Santo from Lynn English and Andy Ly from Lynn Classical. Accompanying the students were Lynn English guidance counselors Kevin Benecke and Matthew Wilkins and Lynn Classical guidance counselor Shanna Duprey. The President of the Harvard Club of Boston, Marcus O.P. DeFlorimonte, emceed the ceremony and presented the students with the book prizes.

# EBNHC President and CEO named to Modern Healthcare's Top Diversity Leaders List

Special to the Independent

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center is proud to announce that President and CEO, Greg Wilmot, was recognized by Modern Healthcare as one of 2023's Top Diversity Leaders.

"I am deeply honored to be recognized by Modern Health-care and want to thank my dedicated colleagues who work tirelessly to make EBNHC a leading provider of community health-care," said Wilmot. "At the heart of our mission is the belief that every person deserves access to high-quality healthcare. This recognition demonstrates the importance of diversity and representation in our journey towards better health for all, and the belief that we are only able to unlock the

full potential of our communities and organizations by embracing and celebrating our unique strengths and differences. In doing so, EBNHC is a stronger employer, health care provider, and community partner, better able to help our patients live healthier and happier lives."

The Top Diversity Leaders in Healthcare recognition program takes great pride in honoring the top diverse healthcare executives and organizations influencing the policy and care delivery models across the country. In doing so, they are also highlighting the continued need to nurture diversity in their organizations.

"Modern Healthcare's 2023 Top Diversity Leaders and organizations exemplify a commitment to meaningful diversity, equity, and inclusion," said Modern



EBNHC President and CEO Greg Wilmot.

Healthcare president Dan Peres.

"They have exceeded industry standards and continue to devote necessary resources to providing internal opportunities while advancing community health equity, setting a great example for others."

As President and CEO, Wilmot leads the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, with 71% of patients identifying as Hispanic, the majority of whom are immigrants with low income, language and cultural barriers to overcome. As CEO, Wilmot has expanded EBNHC's diverse workforce, with more than 45% of staff identifying as Latino/a/x. Greg has also increased diverse talent at the organization's highest levels – people of color now represent 40% of the health center's leadership team.

The profiles of all the winners are featured in the October 16, 2023 print issue of Modern Healthcare and on their website.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC) is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 100,000 patients and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Health Center Quality Leader.

EBNHC is dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services, including primary care, 24/7 emergency care, behavioral health care, specialty care, and various other health and wellness programs, to all who live and work in our service area. For more information, please visit www.ebnhc.org

# Massachusetts Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program's Winter heating season to begins

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is pleased to announce the start of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP) 2023-2024 winter heating season. LIHEAP is a free, statewide service funded by the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that helps

eligible households stay warm during the winter months by paying a portion of winter heating bills.

Applications for home energy assistance are currently being accepted online at toapply.org/massliheap, and income-eligible households may receive financial help to offset heating bills from November 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

Both homeowners and rent-

ers can apply online or through local administering agencies for LIHEAP assistance. Households must meet specific eligibility requirements to qualify for aid, which will be paid directly to their heating vendor.

Eligibility is based on several factors, including household size and combined gross annual income of residents 18 and older. Qualifying households – including those with the cost of heat included in the rent

- can receive assistance for all sources of heat, including oil, electricity, natural gas, propane, kerosene, wood and coal.

"The Massachusetts home energy assistance program is free, because no resident should have to worry about heating their home during the wintertime," said Ed Augustus Jr., Secretary of Housing and Livable Communities. "High fuel costs can have a devastating effect on household budgets and can even endanger

Massachusetts' most vulnerable residents. We encourage anyone who needs heating assistance to explore their eligibility by applying online or visiting the nearest administering agency. And to please share the information with loved ones or neighbors who could benefit from this free resource."

For more info, or to find your local LIHEAP agency, visit www.toapply.org/MassLIHEAP.

# National Grid, Boston Children's Museum launch partnership to bring STEAM to afterschool programs across Massachusetts

Lynn selected to pilot new program

Special to the Journal

In celebration of Massachusetts STEM week, National Grid is pleased to announce a new three-year community partnership with Boston Children's Museum to create a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM) program for afterschool educators, focused on communities that have been historically underrepresented in the STEM field.

Boston Chil-Leveraging

dren's Museum's significant STEAM education expertise and a \$500,000 financial commitment from National Grid, the program will bring together afterschool program educators each year to receive professional development opportunities, a stipend, and museum-led assistance creating hands-on STEAM learning opportunities for the children they serve. The collaboration will begin in early 2024 with a pilot program in the City of Lynn and will expand to additional gateway cities, creating a statewide impact over the next three years.

"We are honored to be selected

as the city to pilot this program," said Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson. "We are excited for our students to be taking part in these amazing learning opportunities that will help propel them forward and inspire them to become life-long learners. Thank you to National Grid and Boston Children's Museum for their continued support of our community."

Since 2006, National Grid has played an integral role in furthering the Museum's STEAM efforts. This new community-based partnership reinforces and extends the informal learning that takes place in the Museum's exhibits and expands the capacity for adults to support STEAM learning among the children. This partnership focuses even greater attention on both Boston Children's Museum's and National Grid's efforts to promote STEAM learning and inspire kids and their families to develop skills that last a lifetime.

"Science, technology, engineering, and math are at the core of what we do every day at National Grid. As we work to combat the climate crisis and advance the clean energy ecosystem in Massachusetts, a STEAM education is critical to developing innovative and creative leaders of tomorrow," said Melissa Lavinfor National Grid New England. "We are committed to ensuring communities throughout the Commonwealth have access to these learning opportunities, and we are excited to see these programs come to life."

"Boston Children's Museum invites children and families to engage in STEAM challenges, use tools, and develop skills every day. These STEAM activities provide opportunities for handson, open-ended explorations that ignite imaginations," said Carole Charnow, President & CEO of Boston Children's Museum. "To build on this work, the Museum is grateful for funding from National Grid that allows us to foster deeper connections with parents, guardians, neighborhoods, and communities."

National Grid (NYSE: NGG) is an electricity, natural gas, and clean energy delivery company serving more than 20 million people through our networks in New York and Massachusetts. National Grid is focused on building a smarter, stronger,

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# SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Lynn Journal encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements. news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to

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Boston Children's Museum

engages children and families in joyful discovery experiences that instill an appreciation of our world, develop foundational skills, and spark a lifelong love of learning. More information about Boston Children's Museum can be found at www.Boston-ChildrensMuseum.org Become a fan of the Museum on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

#### **Hours and Admission**

The Museum is open Wednesday-Sunday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Advance tickets/reservations are highly recommended, especially during weekends, holidays, and school vacation weeks. Adults, \$22, children (1-15) and senior citizens, \$22; children under 12 months and Museum members are always free.

# **LEGAL NOTICES**

low-income youth in a

## **LEGAL NOTICE**

Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals This is to give notice that City of Lynn has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management and Wetlands Protection. The activity is funded under the federal Community Project Fund Grant, Grant # B-23-CP-MA-0666. The proposed project(s) is located at 57 Munroe Street in Lynn, Essex County, Massachusetts. The project entails renovation of the 3rd and 4th floors of a historical building, occupying a foot-print of approximately 0.2 acres at 57 Munroe Street

in downtown Lynn, into 24

studio apartments to serve

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as supportive housing for low-income young adults. The floodplain occupying a portion of the project parcel currently serves no beneficial purpose as it is occupied by the existing building. Approximately 0.1 acres of the project falls within the 100-year floodplain, and the existing project building occupies almost all of the property parcel except for a thin strip on the northeast side of the building that is occupied by a paved driveway.

The City of Lynn has considered the following alternatives and mitiaation measures to be taken to minimize adverse impacts and to restore and preserve natural and beneficial values: The project is being undertaken at the proposed location because it is a beneficial renovation of an existing historical building that is an integral part of Lynn's historical downtown urban area. The renovation will provide housing to

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supportive environment that particularly benefits this population due to its presence in an urban core that provides a walkable living environment with an adjacent mass transit stop (MBTA commuter rail). The alternative action is no renovation, which would eliminate the beneficial reuse of this existing building in an ideal location for the future residents. Since the floodplain occupies a portion of the developed footprint of the building, mitigation measures to limit impact on future tenants will include placing all mechanical systems out of the basement and on upper floors or roof above the floodplain's base flood elevation. Since this project includes renovation of an existing building, compli-

The City of Lynn has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain

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and has determined that it has no practicable alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Order 11988, are available for public inspection, review and copying upon request at the times and location delineated in the last paragraph of this notice for receipt of comments

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important public educational tool. The dissemination of information and request for public comment about wetlands can facilitate and enhance Federal efforts to reduce the risks and impacts associated with

the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the Federal government determines it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk. Written comments must

be received by the City of Lynn at the following address on or before November 11, 2023: Lynn Housing Authority & Neighborhood Development (LHAND), 10 Church Street, Lynn, MA 01902 and 781-581-8623, Attention: Jeff Weeden, Manager of Planning & Development. A full description of the project may also be reviewed from 8:00am 4:00pm Monday-Thursday and 8:00am-12:30pm Friday at the LHAND main office, address is same as above, www.lhand. org. Comments may also be submitted via email at jweeden@lhand.org.

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Chief Boatswain's Mate Dennis Brown, from Lynn, directs Sailors on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76), during a replenishment-at-sea with Military Sealift Command dry cargo and ammunition ship, USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE 7), in the Philippine Sea, Oct. 23. Commander, Task Force (CTF) 73, in coordination with Military Sealift Command Far East (MSC FE), refuels and resupplies deployed naval forces, along with regional Allies and partners in the Indo-Pacific. Ronald Reagan, the flagship of Carrier Strike Group 5, provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the United States, and supports alliances, partnerships and collective maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region.

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# **Leaky Dogs**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Having had two dogs who lived to a ripe old age, dogs with urinary tract infections, and fostered dogs with house training issues, we've had experience with leaky dogs. Don't be dismayed if your canine pal begins to have signs of urinary incontinence.

#### Off to the Vet

Any sudden change in house training or signs of leaking urine are reasons for a visit to your veterinarian to find a cause. Washington State University's School of Veterinary Medicine notes that urinary incontinence is the involuntary passing of urine. This leak differs from diseases and infections that cause a pet to urinate frequently. However, these possible causes should be eliminated and treated before you consider a

#### **Causes of Incontinence**

The WSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital identifies many conditions that might cause in-continence in dogs. "... including abnormalities in parts of the brain and spinal cord that control bladder function, birth defects, and disease. As pets age, they may become incontinent because muscles that hold urine in the bladder weaken."

Your veterinarian may order tests to determine the cause of your dog's problem. They will most likely want a urine sample to look for bacteria. Blood tests can give them information on kidney function or disease. Ultrasound and X-ray views may be needed to examine the urinary tract. Once they narrow in on a cause, your veterinary team may suggest a medication or surgical procedure to correct the problem.

#### Living with a Leaky Dog

If your dog has a leaking condition that you will live with, there are many products to prevent damage to your home. For a mild leaker, washable, waterproof blankets or throws can cover your furniture and the space you share with your dog in your bed. We've relied on the Mambe brand of products for years and love them. They come in many sizes and colors.

You can use the small square, washable incontinence pads (made for people to put on the seat of chairs) when the dog is sitting on someone's lap or as a spot for the dog to sit when you visit someone's home, business, or in a car, bus or train.

As our Maggie Mae aged, she leaked quite a bit. We used diapers on her. It took a little while for her to adjust to them, but she soon did. When we took in a foster whom we named Cooper, he had a severe urinary tract infection and was not housetrained. We used bellybands with pads



There are many styles of diapers and belly bands for those who live with a leaky dog.

to keep him from damaging the house each time he raised his leg.

Diapers for dogs come in many styles and sizes. Some are washable and reusable with disposable liners. Others are entirely disposable. We kept trying different types until we found the ones that worked best.

A dermatologist discovered our Poppy's slow leak when looking for a cause of a skin infection. The medications we tried didn't work or had side effects. By logging the details of her leaks, we found that she

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leaked when she waited too long to urinate. Fortunately, she uses puppy pads inside. We continue to log her urinary details and set reminders to have her go on her pads more often.

Finally, contact with urine can cause problems for your dog's skin. If you use a diaper or bellyband, check and change the pad often and clean the skin with a mild soap or chlorhexidine wipe. Ask your vet to examine the dog's skin on every visit.

# Postal Crimes / CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

riod last year.

- 50% Reduction in Counterfeit Package Postage In Postal Network Due to Increased Controls and Enforcement. The Postal Service is committed to protecting the integrity and security of the mail system and ensuring that customers receive the service they pay for. Customers are urged to use only authorized and legitimate labels for their packages, and to report any suspicious or fraudulent labels to the USPS or the Inspection Service. Customers who use counterfeit or hijacked labels may face legal consequences and lose their mailing privileges.
- The USPS has developed a sophisticated system to identify, intercept and retain counterfeit or hijacked labels on packages, using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analysis. Since the start of the interception program, counterfeit package postage in the postal network has significantly reduced by more than 50%.

In May, analysis conducted by the Inspection Service led to the arrest of a Chinese-national in Los Angeles for running an alleged counterfeit postage scheme and shipping more than 9 million pieces of mail with \$60 million in counterfeit postage.

The Inspection Service continues to expand actions to crack down on fraudulent postage including:

• Interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed

- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration

#### **Increased Monetary Rewards**

The Inspection Service is authorized to issue monetary rewards for certain types of offenses against the United States Postal Service. The agency along with its partners has enacted regulatory changes to reflect increased monetary reward amounts for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. Relevant crimi-

- CONVICTION OF A PERPETRATOR OF MAIL CRIME\* (Effective August 21, 2023) Offenses Against USPS Employees/Contractors Murder or Manslaughter The unlawful killing of any officer, employee, or contractor of the Postal Service of a Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties Employee or Contractor Forcibly assaulting any officer or employee of the Postal Service while engaged \$150,000 Assault on Postal in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties. **Employees** 
  - Robbery or attempted robbery of any custodian of any mail, money, or other property of the United States under the control and jurisdiction of the Postal Robbery \$150,000 Offenses Involving Theft of Mail or USPS Property Breaking into, or attempting to break into, a Post Office, station, branch, a Burglary Of Post Office building used wholly or partly as a Post Office, or any building or area in a building where the business of the Postal Service is conducted, with intent to commit a larceny or other depredation therein. Theft or attempted theft of any mail, or the contents thereof, or the theft of money Theft Of Mail Or Postal \$100,000 or any other property of USPS under the custody and control of the Postal Service any custodian, postal vehicle, railroad depot, airport, or other transfer point, Post Office, or station, receptacle, or depository established, approved, or designated by the Postmaster General for the receipt of mail; possession of any item above which was stolen from Postal Service custody; or destroying, obstructing, or
    - use or sell any used, forged, or counterfeited postage stamp or other postage. \* Reflects select rewards. Read the full list of increased monetary rewards online at the USPS website.

nal behavior includes homicide, assault, mail fraud, mail theft, counterfeiting and forgery, and destroying, obstructing, or limit-

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In August, the Inspection Service increased monetary rewards for information that leads to the

arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime.

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