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Friday, November 8, 2024

# Sean Reid elected state representative for West Lynn, Nahant district

By Cary Shuman

Sean Reid spent much of Election Day greeting residents as they arrived to cast their votes at the Breed Middle School polling place.

Reid was running opposed in the general election, after winning the Democratic Primary for the Eleventh District state representative seat in an exciting race against Councilor-at-Large Hong Net.

Lynn residents showed their strong support at the polls, casting 9,265 votes for the 29-year-old Reid, who is a member of the Lynn School Committee. In Nahant, Reid received a healthy total

of 1,661 votes.

"We were very excited about the turnout and seeing so many people going in to vote from all parts of the community," said Reid.

A contingent of current state representatives arrived in the

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#### SERVING ALL VETERANS WITH DIGNITY AND HONOR



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Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home in Lynn recently cared for a World War II veteran with no living family members. The staff at Cuffe-McGinn bought the veteran a suit and arranged his burial with military honors at Bourne National Cemetery on Cape Cod. Eric Daniels, General Manager, and Deanna O'Donnell, Funeral Director at Cuffe McGinn worked together to ensure a proper and distinguished burial with his deserved military honors. As the only "family" present for his graveside service, Mr. Daniels accepted the flag on behalf of the veteran's family and the Cuffe-McGinn Funeral home donated his flag to the national cemetery. It now flies on the Avenue of Honors at Bourne National Cemetery. Daniels said that Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home is committed to serving all veterans with dignity and honor, and as a former Army paratrooper himself, and member of the Lynn Veteran's Council, he knows the sacrifice that all veterans make to keep America free and safe and will always ensure any veteran in his care will receive a dignified and honorable service regardless of life circumstances.

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Sean Reid is pictured with his wife, Kelsey Reid, shown holding their baby son, Jack Reid, on Election Day in Lynn.

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# EDITORIAL

#### **GIVE THANKS** TO OUR VETERANS

This Monday, November 11, we will celebrate the 106th observance of Veterans Day in the United States, a day of solemnity and reverence to honor those who have served in our nation's military.

Veteran's Day initially was known as Armistice Day when it was enacted in 1919 to commemorate the first anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.

World War I was marked by trench warfare in which neither the German-allied nations (Germany, Austria-Hungary, and the Ottoman Empire) nor the alliance among England, France, Russia, and the United States, accomplished anything. Historians to this day cannot even pinpoint a rational reason for why the war began.

The trench lines did not meaningfully shift for the entire four-year period of the war. In the meantime, the European continent was ravaged, with 10 million soldiers and another 10 million civilians losing

More significantly, the "war to end all wars" only set the stage for an even bloodier world-wide conflagration 20 years later with WWII. Indeed, the roots of today's conflict in the Middle East can be traced to the shift in control of that part of the world after WWI from the Ottoman Empire (Turkey) to England, which eventually led to the so-called British Mandate for Palestine after the end of WWII.

In the aftermath of the Korean War in 1954, Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day to include the veterans of all of our wars.

There are many ways that each of us can honor our veterans, including attending parades and ceremonies in our communities, visiting veterans memorials and cemeteries, volunteering with veterans organizations, donating to veterans causes, flying the U.S. flag, thanking a veteran for their service, or simply taking a moment to reflect on the great sacrifice made by so many who have put their lives on the line to ensure that all of us can enjoy the freedoms that we hold as Americans today.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of millions of our fellow Americans.

#### IS DROUGHT OUR NEXT **CLIMATE CRISIS?**

To paraphrase Bob Dylan, we don't need a weatherman to tell us that our parched lawns and gardens are an indication that there has been a lack of rain in the past month.

But even we were surprised to learn that almost the entire country is experiencing some degree of drought conditions, making this the most widespread state of drought in U.S. history.

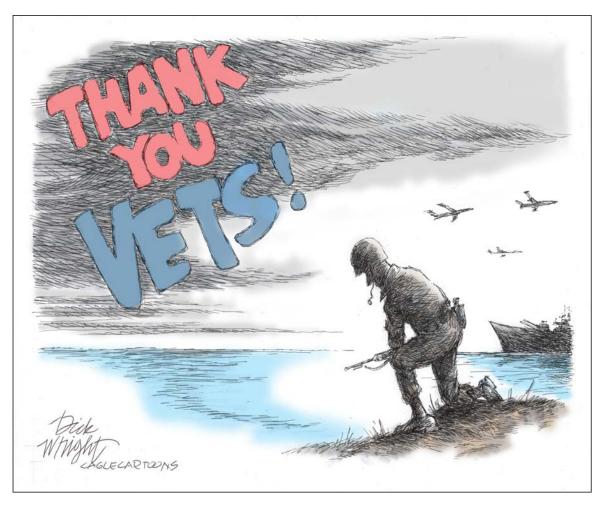
In New York City, which had its driest October since record-keeping began in 1869, officials are telling residents "to conserve every drop of water possible."

Climate change, which has been bringing record-high temperatures across the country every month this year -- especially this past summer -- is seen as a key driver of drought conditions.

High temperatures dry out both the atmosphere and the ground, which not only results in less rainfall, but also creates ideal conditions for wildfires, which have been sparking all across Massachusetts in the past few weeks. According to state officials, there are about 15 wildfires in a typical October, but this year there were more than 200 (which brought us that acrid smell of smoke that enveloped our area earlier this week until the direction of the wind changed).

As with everything weather and climate-related these days, our wonderful fall weather has been yet another example of good news/

Unfortunately, given that the world's efforts to reduce carbon emissions are failing badly, the bad news of the future promises to become even worse.



#### Lynn voters favored Harris in U.S. Presidential Election

Staff Report

Lynn voters favored Vice President Kamala Harris in the 2024 U.S. Presidential Election held Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Harris, the Democratic Party nominee, and her running mate for Vice President, Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, received 18,370 votes in Lynn.

Former President Donald J. Trump, the Republican Party nominee, and his running mate for Vice President, Sen. J.D. Vance, received 11,613 votes in

Trump was elected President, winning the national election by a sizable margin. Trump will be inaugurated as the 47th President of the United States Monday, Jan 20, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

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#### LYNN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONORS VIN LOZZI AS 'ITALIAN-AMERICAN OF THE YEAR'

Vincent Lozzi Jr. was honored as the Italian-American of the Year at the Lynn Knights of Columbus Italian Night celebration Oct. 26 at the K of C function hall.

Grand Knight Michael Scarlata welcomed members and guests to the event.

A highly respected Lynn businessman who retired in 2022 after 52 years of outstanding leadership and exceptional customer service, Vincent Lozzi Jr. has been a member of the Knights

of Columbus since 1977. He is a former Deputy Grand Knight and the current Chancellor, along with being a dedicated volunteer for Knights' events.

"He [Lozzi] has donated his time and expense to help beautify the upper hall not once but twice," credited Scarlata.

Scarlata added that Mr. Lozzi and his wife, Phyllis, have been married for more than 50 years. They have four children, Brian, Vincent III, Anthony, and Melinda.

The crowd gave Vincent Lozzi Jr. a standing ovation, with Lozzi congenially acknowledging the warm ovation.

DJ Al LaBella provided the musical entertainment, beginning the celebration with the group singing, "That's Amore."

The Italian Night festivities were dedicated in memory of beloved long-time Knights of Columbus officer and member Salvatore Tavernese, who passed away in June.



Past Grand Knight Charlie Rowe and his wife, Lynn City Clerk Janet Rowe.



DJ Alan LaBella greets Past Italian American of the Year Award recipient David Solimine Sr. at the Italian Night celebration.



Vincent Lozzi Jr. and his brother, former Ward 1 City Councillor Wayne Lozzi.



Grand Knight Michael Scarlata (right) presents the Italian-American of the Year Award to Vincent Lozzi Jr. at the event Oct. 26 at the Lynn Knights of Columbus.



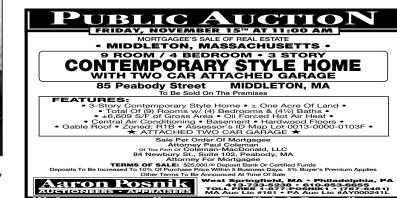
Vinny Lozzi, pictured with his proud father, Vincent Lozzi Sr., and other members of his family including Mike Lozzi, Tony Lozzi, Nick Lozzi, Danny Lozzi, Brian Lozzi, Valerie Lozzi, and Wayne Lozzi.



Legendary Lynn Classical swimming coach Denise Silva joined guests at the Cuffe-McGinn table. From left, are Cristina Daniels, Janis Taylor, Denise Silva, Doreen Duffy, John Kobuszewski, Jinny Spanos, and Eric Daniels.



Guest of honor Vincent Lozzi Jr., pictured with his wife, Phyllis, daughter, Melinda, and granddaughter, Harmony, at the Knights of Columbus Italian Night celebration.



### With autumn in the air, State Fire Marshal offers home heating reminder

With crisp autumn temperatures settling in across Massachusetts, State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is reminding residents that home heating equipment is the leading source of carbon monoxide and the second-leading cause of residential fires.

"Having your heating system serviced each year will help reduce the risk of a fire or carbon monoxide incident that puts you and your loved ones in danger," State Fire Marshal Davine said. "It will also save you money by helping you heat your home more efficiently."

Massachusetts fire departments reported nearly 6,000 fires related to home heating equipment in the past five years. These fires claimed eight lives, caused 139 injuries to residents and fire-fighters, and contributed to more than \$42 million in property losses. Fires that began with solid fuel heating equipment such as fireplaces, wood stoves, and their chimneys represent about half the total, while gas, oil, and electric appliances made up the other half.

Carbon monoxide is a hazard all year long, but especially in

the winter as heating equipment returns to regular use. Firefighters encountered carbon monoxide hazards at more than 24,000 calls over the past five years, most of which took place in the colder months.

State Fire Marshal Davine offered these tips to protect yourself and your loved ones:

#### Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms

Every household should have working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms installed on every level of the home. Test them every month to be sure they're working properly and replace alkaline batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. Smoke alarms should be replaced after 10 years and CO

alarms should be replaced after 5, 7, or 10 years depending on the make and model.

#### Fireplaces, Wood Stoves, and Pellet Stoves

Solid fuel heating appliances such as fireplaces and wood stoves have accounted for a rising share of home heating fires in recent years. Most chimney fires occur because of a build-up of creosote, a tarry byproduct of burning wood: using only dry, seasoned wood and having your chimney and flue professionally inspected and cleaned each year can reduce this risk. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away on all sides, and use a fireplace screen or keep the wood stove door closed to prevent sparks and embers from escaping. When the fire is out, shovel ashes into a metal bucket with a lid and place it outside on the ground away from the building – not in the trash.

#### Natural Gas and Oil Heat

If you have a furnace, water heater, or oil burner with a pilot light, keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around it, clear of anything that could catch fire. Don't store gasoline, painting supplies, or other flammable solvents in the home: their vapors can be ignited by a pilot light. These heating systems should also be checked and serviced annually by a licensed professional. If you smell gas, don't use any electrical switches or devices: get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1 right away.

#### **Space Heaters**

Keep space heaters at least three feet from curtains, bedding, and anything else that can burn. Plug them directly into a wall socket, not an extension cord or a power strip, and always turn the heater off when you leave the room or go to sleep. When purchasing a space heater, select one that's been tested and labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Newer space heaters should have an automatic shutoff switch that turns the device off if it tips over. Never use portable propane or kerosene heaters indoors - the fire and CO hazards are simply too high.

#### **Heating Assistance**

Residents struggling to pay for heating bills or maintenance may be eligible for assistance through the Massachusetts home energy assistance program (LIHEAP). No matter what type of heating equipment you use, LIHEAP may be able to help you pay your winter heating bills or maintain your heating system so it runs more safely and efficiently. All Massachusetts residents are encouraged to explore eligibility for this free program and apply for assistance.

#### More Home Heating Safety Tips

The Department of Fire Services offers a wealth of home heating safety information, including the "Keep Warm, Keep Safe" tool kit for local fire departments, caregivers, and service providers, at www.mass.gov/keepwarmkeepsafe.

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Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Office of Public School Monitoring (PSM) will conduct an Integrated Monitoring Review of KIPP Academy Boston Charter School and KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School during the week of November 18, 2024. Each school district, charter school, vocational school, and virtual school undergoes an Integrated Monitoring Review every three years. The areas addressed during an Integrated Monitoring Review are organized into two groups, known as Group A Universal Standards and Group B Universal Standards.

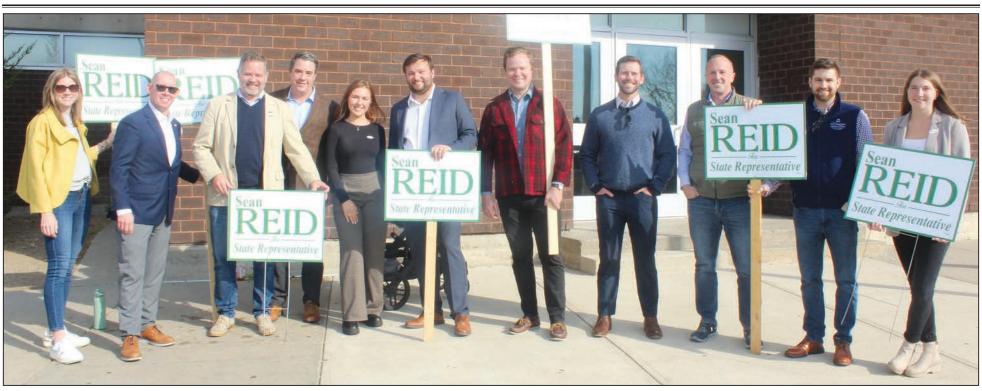
KIPP Academy Boston Charter School and KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School will be undergoing a Group B monitoring review that addresses special education teacher and related service personnel licensure and professional development; parent, student, and community engagement, including compliance with Child Find requirements; facilities and classroom observations; implementation and oversight of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs); time and learning, and equal access.

The process includes interviews with district staff and administrators, a review of student records, policies and procedures, and school building visits. The process may also include parent/caregiver, student and teacher focus group meetings to gather additional information. Interpretation will be provided, if needed.

KIPP Academy Boston Charter School and KIPP Academy Lynn Charter School will host an orientation about the review process in collaboration with the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The Department will also send a parent survey, in multiple languages and formats, as needed, to parents /guardians of special education students to gather key information on the special education processes and procedures.

Parents/guardians and other stakeholders may call Moses Nduati, Monitoring Review Chairperson, at (781) 338-3707 to request a telephone interview. If anyone requires an accommodation, such as translation, to participate in an interview, the Department will make the necessary arrangements.

Within approximately 60 business days after the onsite visit, the review chairperson will provide the (district or charter school) with a report that includes information on further actions that may be required. The public can access the report at https://www.doe.mass.edu/psm/tfm/default.html.



Sean Reid was joined by state representatives at the Breed Middle School polling place Tuesday. From left, are Rep. Kate Lipper-Garabedian, Rep. Rich Haggerty, Rep. Mike Day, Rep. Dan Ryan, campaign manager Anna-Marie Alukonis, Sean Reid, Patrick Pendergast, Ryan McGeown-Conroe, Brian Domoretsky, Brian O'Connor, and Talia Quinn.

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morning to join Reid outside the polling place and offer him early congratulatory wishes. Reid is well known on Beacon Hill, having served as legislative director for Sen. Brendan Crighton for the past three years.

Anna-Marie Alukonis, Reid's campaign manager, was also present at the polls. The architect of Reid's outstanding, high-energy campaign, Alukonis will be joining Reid as his legislative coordinator on Beacon Hill.

Reid's wife, Kelsey Reid, and their new baby, Jack Reid, also made an appearance at the polls.

Gov. Maura Healey, Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll, and Speaker of the House Ron Mariano were among the state leaders congratulating Reid on his election.

A graduate of prestigious Am-

herst College, Reid has met with Mayor Jared Nicholson, Lynn city councillors, and his colleagues on the School Committee as he continues his preparations for his service in the House of Representatives.

"Anna-Maria and I are ready to go," said Reid. "We're already getting started on the work, but we're excited to officially start the work in January."

Reid will be succeeding Rep. Peter Capano as state representative in the Eleventh Essex District

Lynn's statewide delegation of State Sen. Brendan Crighton, and Reps. Dan Cahill, Donald Wong, and Jennifer Armini were re-elected in unopposed fashion Tuesday.



Sean Reid is pictured with campaign supporter Louise Dominique (left) and campaign manager Anna-Marie Alukonis at the Breed Middle School polling place on Election Day 2024. Reid was elected state representative Tuesday.

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#### MICHAEL SCARLATA INSTALLED AS GRAND KNIGHT OF LYNN KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight of the Lynn Knights of Columbus during an impressive ceremony at the organization;s headquarters on Lynnfield Street.

Scarlata has been a member of the Knights since 1985 and is the current financial secretary. He is the son of the late Charles"Bibby" Scarlata, an honorary life member, and the late Priscilla Scarlata. Scarlata, 59, is a graduate of Peabody High School and Bentley University. He works in finance for Bright Horizons.

In his acceptance speech, Scarlata thanked District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Bill Travascio and District Deputy Don Collins for performing the installation of officers ceremony.

"I truly appreciate all your

hard work and efforts in putting this all together," said Scarlata. "I want to thank all my officers for volunteering their time during this fraternal year. The success of any organization always depends on volunteerism and commitment for the greater good. I am truly blessed to be a part of an organization like the Lynn Knights of Columbus that understands that charity, unity, and fraternity defines the work that we do every single day."

Concluding his remarks, Scarlata offered throughtfully, "My dad, who I think about daily, was an honorary life member at Valladoli Council No. 70. I am sure he is looking down from heaven at all of us gleaning with tremendous pride."



District Deputy and Past Grand Knight Bill Travascio congratulates Grand Knight Michael Scarlata at the installation of officers ceremony.



Longtime Knights of Columbus member and prominent philanthropist David Solimine Sr. congratulates Grand Knight Michael Scarlata following his installation as the leader of the esteemed Lynn Knights of Columbus organization.

The newly installed officers of the Lynn Knights of Columbus. Front row, from left, are Trustee Charlie Rowe, Warden Paul Gouthro, Chaplain, the Rev. Brian Flynn, Grand Knight Michael Scarlata, Advocate Andrew Young, District Deputy Donald Collins, and District Deputy and PGK Bill Travascio. Back row, from left, are Chancellor Vincent Lozzi Jr., Recorder John Sumares, Treasurer Michael Phelps, Member Mario Travascio, Trustee John Miner, Insurance Agent Mark Suomala, and Member Fausto Cabrera.

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# Lynn residents Rossi, Rodriguez launch event-planning group; their inaugural fashion show a huge success

By Cary Shuman

Jillian Rodriguez, a graduate of KIPP Academy and Eleny Rossi, a graduate of Pope John XXIII High School, made an auspicious debut as event planners, packing the Lynn Museum for a showcase of fashion, music, dancing, and poetry.

The two Lynn residents co-founded Regal Collaborations in July, and the "Fashion Showcase" event Saturday night was their first effort.

"We've known each other for about ten years," said Rossi. "We met when we were students at UMass/Amherst. We had gone to a high-energy fashion show in Lawrence last year, and we thought, how great would it be to have an event like this in Lynn where we could showcase different forms of creativity and talent and bring the Lynn community together."

The atmosphere inside the venue was electric and co-hosts Bright Osajie and Angelica Castillo opened the program.

With the assistance of Regal Collaborations' Fashion Showcase model coordinator Adesuwa Usuanlele, the two leaders of Regal Collaborations invited several models to walk the runaway in fashions, ranging from streetwear to luxury, and featuring eight different designers. One of the models for Daumos was Everett native and popular food show host Victoria Fabbo.

#### Business owners as well

Rossi, 29, who holds a degree from UMass Amherst in Hospitality and Tourism Management, is also the owner of El's Flour Garden, which bakes cakes and other goods for birthdays and special occasions through the region.

Rodriguez, 27, who holds a degree from UMass Amherst in Public Health, recently left the field of higher education "to shift and focus on my creative avenue right now."

Rodriguez has started her own crochet line for apparel and handbags called Let's Be Knotty.

At UMass, the two women were involved in the Latinos Unidos group. "That's what really sparked my interest in event planning since we did a lot of events at college," related Rossi.

Rossi said she is "very excited" about the response to her first event-planning venture.

"It was very heartwarming to see the community come out and fill the seats," said Rossi. "We had to take out more chairs than we anticipated, so that was a pleasant experience."

"Our emphasis is to bring communities together," said Rodriguez. "Our whole mission is yes, we want to plan fun events, but we want to showcase local businesses, local talent, local artists and bring people together."

Rossi said she and Rodriguez are planning their next event. "We're think of doing paint nights, open microphone nights, and other fun events," said Rossi.

Rossi played four years of varsity volleyball at Pope John XXIII High School, where she was an outstanding student. Reflecting on her high school career, our Rossi offered, "I loved Pope John. It was a tight-knit community where everyone knew each other. There were people from difference cities, and it was nice to be there and just learn from each other."

Rodriguez attended North



Pope John XXIII High School and UMass Amherst graduate Eleny Rossi (right) and her friend, KIPP Academy and UMass graduate Jilliana Rodriguez (left), co-founders of Regal Collaborations, are pictured at the Fashion Showcase they coordinated Saturday night at the Lynn Museum, drawing a large crowd to the venue for their inaugural event.

Shore Christian School before enrolling at KIPP Academy in ninth grade.

"I really loved how close the community was at KIPP," said Rodriguez. "I feel their emphasis on being able to network and make connections and the professional development that they instilled in me at an early age really helped me to develop relationships with the community now. My positive experience at KIPP set the foundation for graduating college, having a good career, and now starting Regal Collaborations with Eleny. All those skills that I learned at KIPP have definitely helped in my life's goals."



Everett native and model Victoria Fabbo walks the runway at the Regal Collaborations Fashion Showcase Saturday night at the Lynn Museum.





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Maria and Luisa Boverini are joined by Councillors Coco Alinsug, Natasha Magie-Maddrey, School Committee member Sean Reid, former Mayor Tom Magee, former State Representative Steve Walsh, DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo, David Solimini Sr., Christine Newhall, Mayor Jarod Nicholson, Jeff Newhall, Senator Brendan Crighton, and Representative Dan Cahill and friends.

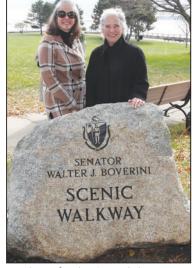
#### REMEMBERING LYNN SENATOR WALTER J. BOVERINI IN LYNN'S SCENIC WALKWAY

Last week the latest addition to the City of Lynn's Scenic Walkway in the Red Rock Park area was unveiled. It is a monument in memory of a true leader for the citizens of Lynn, Senator Walter J. Boverini. Senator Boverini was instrumental in the developing of the popular and beautiful scenic walkway along Lynn's coastline and acquiring the Red Rock Park area.

Senator Boverini was remembered by state and local elected officials, as well as family and friends. Senator Boverini's reputation for striving for the very

best for the citizens of Lynn was recognized by the newer elected officials, and who like Boverini want to do the best for the City of Lynn.

Walter J. Boverini served our nation with honor and bravery during WWII in the US Army Air Corps, flying 35 missions. Senator Boverini also was an educator and coach at Lynn English High School for 18 years and will be remembered for his unending love and dedication for the City of Lynn, his beloved family and our nation.



Maria and Luisa Boverini at Red Rock Park last week at the dedication of the new memorial along the Scenic Walkway to their father, US Army Veteran, Senator Walter J. Boverini.



Senator Brendan Crighton places flowers in front of the new memorial to Senator Walter J. Boverini.



Lifelong friend of the late Senator Boverini, Michael Leonard (left) is shown with Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson.



DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo reinforced the DCR's commitment to keeping Red Rock Park and the walkway dedicated to Senator Boverini as beautiful as always.



Luisa Boverini one of two daughters of the senator, spoke to the crowd of family, friends and colleagues at the dedication of the new memorial in memory of her father Senator Walter J. Boverini.

# Over \$4.5 million in Complete Streets Funding Program awards announced

Special to the Journal

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is awarding over \$4.5 million to 11 communities as part of the Fiscal Year 2025 Round 1 of grants for the Complete Streets Funding Program.

These grant awards will be used by recipient municipalities to fund local multimodal infrastructure projects that improve travel for pedestrians, public transit users, bicyclists and people using other forms of transportation.

A Complete Street enables safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation. Administered by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), the Complete Streets Funding Program aims to teach communities about Complete Streets and encourage the integration of Complete Streets into regular local planning practices. Of the 11 projects selected, 8 will benefit Environmental Justice communities.

"We are excited to announce over \$4.5 million for 11 cities and towns as part of the first round of funding of the Fiscal Year 2025 Complete Streets Funding Program," said Transportation Secretary and CEO Monica Tibbits-Nutt. "These grant awards will assist municipalities with the implementation of Complete Streets projects, which will greatly improve safety, connectivity, and access for all roadway users. We look forward to working together with local leaders as they begin planning and implementing their projects."

"Our Complete Streets program has been a valuable funding source for our cities and towns, with hundreds of projects receiving grants in the past eight years," said Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "We're ready to support our municipal partners as they make these key improvements to roadway safety and multimodal access."

The MassDOT Complete Streets Funding Program was launched in 2016 and provides technical assistance and construction funding to eligible municipalities to plan and implement Complete Streets. Prior to this round, the Complete Streets Funding Program has awarded 278 construction project grants across the Commonwealth, totaling over \$100 million.

This round of funding provides funding to the following communities:

- Concord received \$500,000 to widen and pave an existing stone dust sidewalk on Magnolia Street, the construction of a new sidewalk on Walden Street to Brister's Hill Road and construct a pedestrian/bike path from Walden Street to the Alcott Elementary School. The project will also include ADA compliant ramps, crosswalks, and signage.
- Everett received \$500,000 to reconstruct a 12-foot-wide sidewalk on the western and eastern sides of Broadway between Maple Avenue and Timothy Avenue. The project will also include ADA-compliant curb ramps and high-visibility crosswalks. In addition, the project will reconstruct a new bus stop at the Lexington Street intersection and include new five-foot-wide bike lanes on both sides of Broadway, the installation of a bus-only lane, and new bike racks.
- Medfield received \$500,000 for the construction of new fivefoot-wide sidewalks on Dale Street, Adams Street, and Winter Street. The project will also include new pedestrian ramps, detectable warning panels, crosswalks, and new signage to help improve pedestrian accessibility, mobility, and safety.
- Melrose received \$450,803 for the construction of new fivefoot-wide asphalt sidewalks on one side of Swains Pond Avenue from the intersection with Penney/Dexter Road to the intersection with Beech Street. The project includes ADA curb ramps, crosswalks, narrowed travel lanes, new trees, and will close a current sidewalk gap.
- Newton received \$500,000 for the construction of a 6.5wide asphalt sidewalk on the northern side of Nahanton Street from Wells Avenue to Dedham Street. This project will help increase access to the Wells Avenue complex. The project also includes ADA-compliant pedestrian curb ramps, high-visibility crosswalks, audible pedestrian signals, and pedestrian push but-
- North Attleborough received \$500,000 for the construction of new five-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of Landry Avenue between the J.W. Martin Elementary School and Route 152. The project includes new narrowed road lanes to allow bicycle safety, ADA-compliant curb ramps, tactile warning panels, a high-visibility crosswalk, and Rapid Rectangular Flashing Bea-
- Oxford received \$60,225 to connect two sidewalks on Mon-

- ument Drive and Charlton Street Union Avenue/South Boulevard with a new five-foot-wide sidewalk on Monument Street from Corbin Road to Charlton Street. This project will improve the safety of pedestrians in this cor-
- Rockland received \$500,000 for the construction of new five-foot-wide sidewalks on the northern side of North Avenue from Union Street to the town limit. The project includes ADA-compliant curb ramps, detectable warning panels, signage, narrowed road lanes, crosswalk improvements, and the installation of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons.
- Wareham received \$500,000 for multiple projects. The grant will construct new ADA-compliant ramps and detectable warning panels at various locations on Main Street from Trinity Christian Church to Sandwich Road and on Onset Avenue from

- to East Boulevard. The project includes modifying curbs and the addition of Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacons. The next project will create the "Walters Alley Pedestrian Zone" between Main Street and Merchant Way and finally, the grant will provide Speed Feedback signs at various locations.
- West Stockbridge received \$112,612 for pedestrian improvements at the Swamp Road/ Main Street intersection. The project includes the relocation of a crosswalk, the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, and improvement at the intersection for drivers by building permanent bollards to better direct turns. The project will also improve the walkability at the Depot Street Municipal Parking Lot by building a pedestrian zone and a new sidewalk segment while also relocating a crosswalk

- to better connect visitors parking in the lot to the town sidewalk.
- Wevmouth received \$444,685 for intersection improvements at Pleasant Street and Ralph Talbot Street. The project will first reduce the corner radius which will help halve the length of the current pedestrian crossing. Also, the project will construct seven-foot-wide sidewalks to better connect to the current sidewalk network and include curb extensions and new lighting.

Municipalities may apply for up to \$500,000 in construction project funding in one application. Examples of project elements that can be implemented through the program include sidewalks, multimodal paths, bicycle lanes, improved street lighting, and pedestrian signalization at crosswalks or intersec-

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# Hold the Mayo

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Mayonnaise is a food, like cilantro, anchovies, blue cheese, and liver, that some people avoid or outright hate. Those who have investigated mayo aversion have proposed estimates that this group comprises 20% to 25% of people. However, scientific research has yet to be conducted on that number.

Perhaps the "Hold the Mayo" movement protests the food industry's ubiquitous use of this condiment. It's slathered on sandwiches, drizzled on entrées, and mixed into salads. In some cases, it is not even mentioned on the menu. You have to ask, "Does this dish contain mayo." For most, it's an aversion; for some, it's an allergy.

#### **Our Experience**

For Penny, an emergency room visit for a severe reaction to eggnog resulted in a lifetime of avoiding mayonnaise and any other condiment or salad dressing with raw egg as their base.

"Hold the mayo" and allergy-related questions were part of our lives until a few years ago. She was tested for allergies at MGH, and the result was that she was no longer allergic.

Nonetheless, Penny decided that she had lived all these years without mayo and was much happier using the many substitutes she had discovered. They all provided more nutrition and were better for our health.

Pull up a nutrition chart for mayonnaise, and you'll find that one tablespoon contains 94 calories. The only four numbers listed for our daily % requirements are total fat 15%, saturated fat 8%, cholesterol 2%, and sodium 3%. The other 12 nutrition measurements are listed as 0%.



This beet, arugula, and goat cheese sandwich is perfect for a "Hold the Mayo" lunch.

#### Mayo Replacements

As our love for international cuisine grows, we find excellent leadership from chefs who use

their native condiments to add moisture and flavor to their dishes. Yotam Ottolenghi, the Israeli-British chef and restaurateur, has taught us to use hummus, tahini, and yogurt as spreads or drizzles for his recipes.

Jamie Oliver educates home cooks on how to prepare simple, nutritious, and inexpensive meals. He uses yogurt, sour cream, oil and vinegar, chili sauces, and prepared condiments like tapenade or mango chutney as flavor bombs to finish a dish.

We've been inspired by local restaurateurs like Michael Serpa and Marc Orfaly, who offer alternatives on and off the menu. At Marc's former restaurant, Pigalle, the special one night was lobster rolls. When Penny declined one because of mayo, she was offered the dish made with crème fraîche and chives. She still declares it the best lobster roll she's ever had. She also began using crème fraîche as a mayo substi-

Vinaigrettes (without eggs) are the dressing for our cole slaw, potato salad, and tuna salads. We make egg salad with yogurt or sour cream, and mashed avocado rounds out many sandwiches.

#### **Substitute Resources**

Our copy of "The Food Substitutions Bible" supplies a list of substitutes for any ingredient including mayo. You can also search online for "mayonnaise substitutes." We like www.allrecipes.com and www.foodsubs com for their searchable databas-

If you are a "Hold the Mayo' community member, remember you can't trust that a menu will mention that the dish includes mayo. You have to ask. We recently had lunch at a restaurant with a menu inspired by Southern USA foodways. Nearly every dish included mayo, which was often integral to the dish. After checking one entree after another, Penny made a meal of appetizers and sides.

Mayonnaise is a primary ingredient in many dishes in the American South. If you travel to that area, remember this and be ready to be told, "Sorry, we can't hold the mayo."

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com your suggestion.



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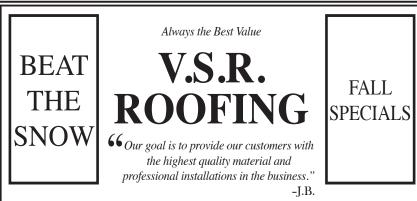
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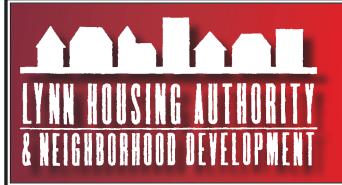
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