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An Award-Winning New Look

Price Rite President Jim Dorey comes to Lynn store's grand re-opening

By Cary Shuman

There was a great, unscripted scene Friday inside the Price Rite Marketplace store in Lynn.

A customer approaches a man in the produce section and asks him for assistance in finding a food item. The man smiles and walks with the customer to the food item.

"Thank you," says the customer to the man as he continues on his weekly shopping trip.

That handsome, helpful man dressed in a nice blue shirt was none other than Jim Dorey, president of Price Rite Marketplace, who was at the Lynn store for the unveiling of a fresh new look and shopping experience as part of the store's grand-reopening festivities.

The sincere cordiality, customer-comes-first, and go-the-extra-mile service and professionalism demonstrated by Mr. Dorey – who oversees 60 stores in

eight states – is one shining example of why the store has been so popular among shoppers in Lynn, Revere, and elsewhere.

On this late-summer day the supermarket was continuing a rollout of its award-winning re-designed store concept that is focused on deep discounts and fresh foods. Price Rite Marketplace kicked off its rebranding campaign in the fall of 2018 with three stores in Pennsylvania, followed by ten stores in Connecticut, and just last month, three more Pennsylvania stores.

The changes attracted new customers, generated industry buzz, and even secured a National Grocers Association Creative Choice Award for outstanding marketing and merchandising in the supermarket industry.

"This [Lynn] is a store that's been great to us and the neighborhood has been awesome," said Dorey. "The grand re-opening today is being celebrated in

six stores, including this one."

Price Rite Marketplace is committed to providing the freshest selection of produce and bakery items, including a new bakery department featuring 'The Sweet Spot' dessert case and an enhanced produce department with a farmer's look and feel.

"The message is that we're just getting better at the things that our customers already appreciated," said Dorey. "Our produce department is best-in-class and has more of that farmers' market type-of-feel. We made it really easy for our customers to find the deals with better, improved pricing to show them the savings. We have the 'Drop Zone' which we believe is one of its kind. Those are deals that come and go quickly, so it's kind of 'grab them while you can' with some unmatched pricing."

Price Rite also relaunched its own brand, "which is high-quality at fantastic savings which we



Jim Dorey (left), president of Price Rite Marketplace, is pictured with Nick Fordham, manager of the Price Rite Marketplace store in Lynn, during the grand re-opening festivities. The store's new look and new shopping experience were unveiled Friday.

invite people to compare," said Dorey.

Dorey said the store's new open look makes for an easy-to-navigate shopping experience.

"It's all about making it easier for the customers to shop and show them the savings that we always have," said Dorey.

Price Rite in Lynn made Grand Re-Opening Day a truly enjoyable, vibrant experience, especially so for the first 400 customers who each received a \$20 Price Rite Marketplace gift card. There were also free samples and entertainment at the Lynn store.

The feedback from customers has been outstanding, according to Dorey.

"The customers are really excited and we're getting great feedback," said Dorey. "You don't know how much they understand the store until they start

giving you feedback about the changes you've made – and every one of the comments has been, 'the store is so much brighter, cleaner, wide open' – and they seem to appreciate every change we've made."

A proud graduate of Montclair State University in New Jersey, Dorey has worked with the company for 15 years. He said he hoped to visit some of the Lynn landmarks and restaurants during his visit here.

"I think Lynn is a really unique place," said Dorey. "The customers know what they want and they reward you when you do a good job for them. And they like the way we treat them."

(Information from media materials provided by Price Rite Marketplace was used in the compilation of this story).

Lynn Police investigating vandalism at St. George Greek Orthodox Church

Special to the Journal

The Lynn Police Department is conducting an ongoing investigation of an incident of van-

dalism at the St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 54 South Common St.

Lt. Mike Kmiec, LPD public information officer, said the incident was first reported by the

church president to the police on Sunday, Sept. 8.

Kmiec said as part of the investigation Lynn Police officers viewed three areas of the church building where graffiti had been spray painted.

"Three different locations had been spray painted, one was one of the icons on the outside, along with two other spots on the exterior of the building," said Kmiec.

He added there was no other damage in the area to other parts of the building or the property. Kmiec said that the removal of the graffiti has taken place.

The police lieutenant said the incident at St. George is believed to be an isolated one. "We are not aware of any other incidents of this nature at other locations in the city," said Kmiec.

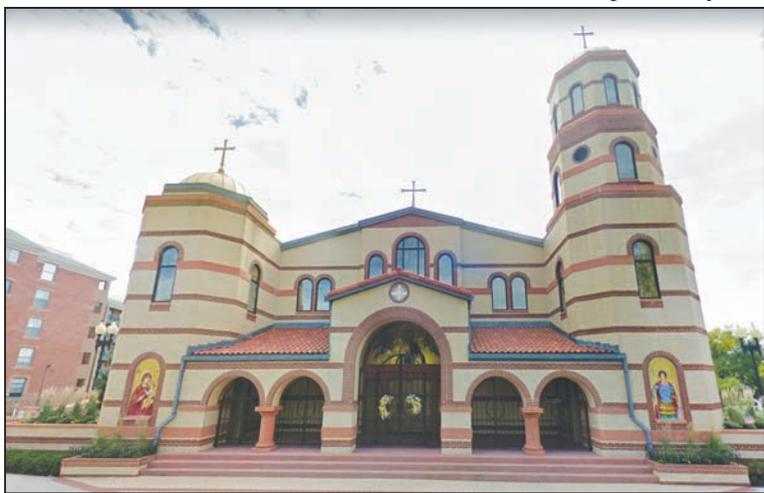


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EDITORIAL

TIME TO END THE WAR ON DRUGS

For those of us who have been around for longer than we might care to admit, America has been consumed during our lifetime by the never-ending battle to combat drug abuse.

It was in 1971 -- almost 50 years ago -- that President Richard Nixon first declared a "war on drugs." The mind-set that took hold thereafter, both among politicians and the public, led to a dramatic increase in the penalties for drug possession, including marijuana, which was classified as a level one drug at the federal level, the same as heroin.

In the 1980s, First Lady Nancy Reagan launched a "Just Say No to Drugs" campaign and in the 1990s, the Clinton administration and Democratic politicians likewise maintained a strong anti-drug policy with heavy penalties.

However, the true basis for the war on drugs was stated bluntly by former Nixon White House aide John Ehrlichman in 2016: "We knew we couldn't make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks with heroin, and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities. We could arrest their leaders, raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify them night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did."

The end result of our five-decade war on drugs has indeed been what the Nixon administration had hoped for. There are as many Americans with arrest records as with college diplomas; an American is arrested for drug possession every 25 seconds and our nation has more citizens behind bars than any other country in the world, both in terms of sheer numbers and as a percentage of our population.

In 1980 about 50,000 people were in prison for violations related to drug laws -- but today that number is over 400,000.

Yet, the war on drugs and our mass incarceration rates have not even remotely led to a decrease in drug use.

In addition, the spillover from our drug enforcement laws has destroyed the social order in other countries, with the drug cartels essentially reigning supreme in many nations in Central and South America, as well as in Afghanistan.

But the most pernicious effect of the war on drugs has been that it has created an environment that directly has led to the high death rate from drug abuse among our citizenry. More Americans now die each year from overdoses than perished in the Vietnam, Afghan, and Iraq wars combined.

Portugal and Switzerland have decriminalized drug possession of all kinds -- yet the death rate in those countries from drug abuse is almost non-existent. The reason is very simple: Those nations have treated drug dependency as a health issue, rather than a criminal matter.

The war on drugs, as have so many of our real wars, was based on a lie. Our addiction to incarceration has ripped apart families and destroyed individual's lives and their futures.

The war on drugs has been a failure in every respect -- and it's time that we face that reality.

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SINCE 9/11 WE HAVE GROWN STRONGER

MCU celebrates life and legacy of Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo with fundraiser

Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union, announces that Metro Credit Union (MCU) will be hosting Still She Rises, a celebration of life and fundraiser for local domestic violence prevention organizations. The event will coincide with the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo was a beloved member of the community and 20-year employee of Metro Credit Union whose life was tragically cut short as a result of domestic violence in December 2018. To honor Ersilia, Metro will host Still She Rises on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the Holiday Inn at 30 Washington Street in Somerville. Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley will deliver the keynote address.

Proceeds from the event will benefit HarborCOV, Portal to Hope, and the Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo Fund by Kiwanis. These organizations, based in Everett and Chelsea, provide comprehensive services to people whose lives have been impacted by domestic violence.

"According to the CDC, one in three women and one in four men will be victims of intimate partner violence in their lifetime, says Charlene Bauer, Metro's SVP Outreach, Advocacy and Chief Development Officer. "Celia was a wonderful coworker and generous friend who was dedicated to her community and family.

The tragic loss of her life had a profound impact on us all, and Metro is proud to be celebrating her legacy while supporting crucial organizations who stand up to domestic violence every day."

Individual tickets are \$75.00 and include dinner, a keynote address by Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and remarks by additional speakers, a silent auction, and a cash bar. Seven sponsorship levels are available, as well as tax deductible donations. Tickets, sponsorships, and donations are available here: <https://bit.ly/2IBVzzV>.



Ersilia Cataldo Matarazzo.

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Metro Credit Union sponsors Celebrate Literacy Day

Robert Cashman, President and CEO of Metro Credit Union, is pleased to announce that Metro Credit Union sponsored Celebrate Literacy Day for the 10th consecutive year. Hosted by the Celebrate Literacy Day Committee, the annual Celebrate Literacy Day and Excellence in Literacy Leadership Award Reception is an event that has raised over \$100,000 since its inception for deserving Lynn-based non-profit organizations. Over 200 guests attended the reception on Wednesday, August 28th, at All Care VNA in Lynn.



Metro Credit Union employees Diana Moreno, Marie O'Neill, and Charlene Bauer, with Dennis Cataldo, Vice President of Cataldo Ambulance.

The proceeds of Celebrate Literacy Day 2019 have benefitted the Lynn Vocational Technical

Institute's chapter of SkillsUSA, a career and technical education program. SkillsUSA will utilize

the funds to help foster the chapter's leadership mission to plan, create, and deliver community service projects and events in the city of Lynn. The evening's award recipients were Magalie Torres-Rowe and Sheila O'Neil.

"Metro's mantra is 'people helping people,' and this event is proof of that commitment to our community," says Saritin Rizzuto, VP of Emerging Populations and Community Relations, and chairperson for Celebrate Literacy Day. "Metro has supported Celebrate Literacy Day since its inception, and it has been so fulfilling to watch the event evolve into the community staple it is today."

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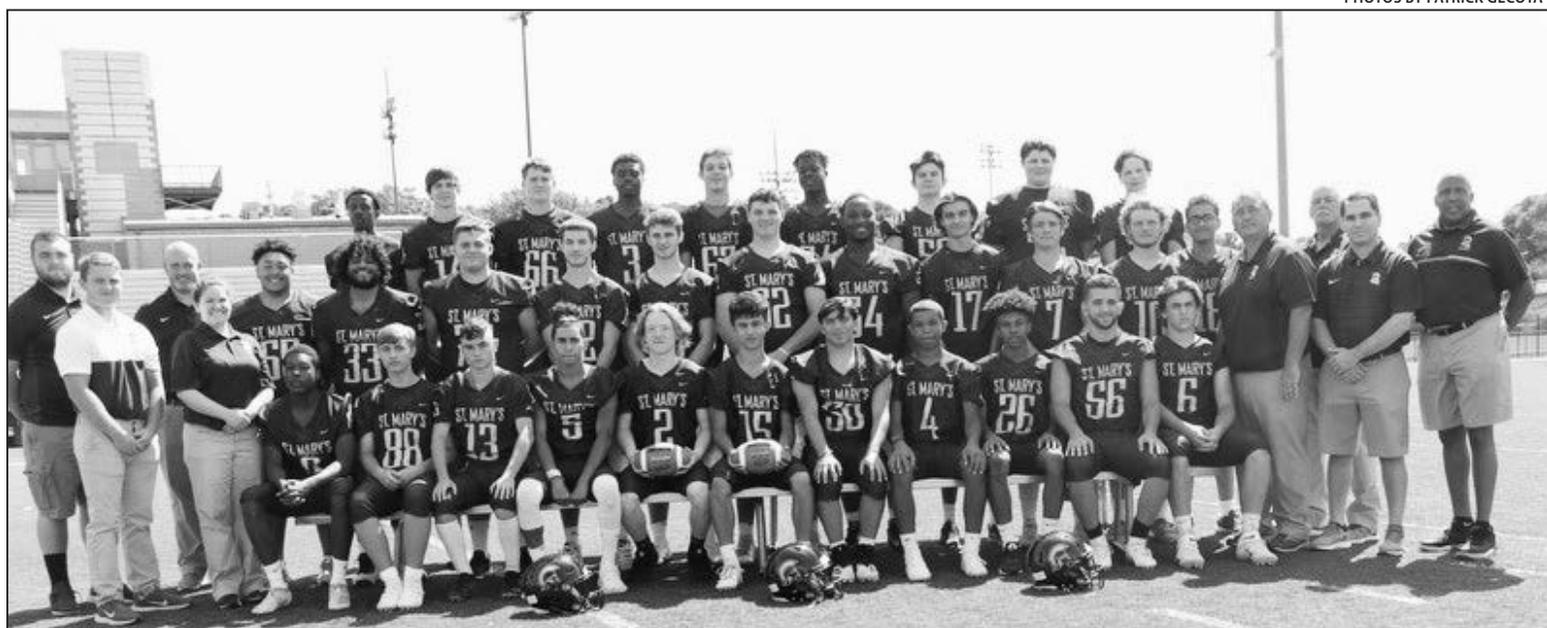
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ST. MARY'S 2019 FOOTBALL TEAM

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The St. Mary's football team looks ready to begin the Football season. Coach Sean Driscoll expressed his enthusiasm as he stated, "I am looking forward to a successful season. We have a young team this year. Everyone worked very hard at camp preparing for this 2019 season".

St. Mary's opens up against Boston English at Manning Field on Thursday evening Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Good luck, Spartans!



St. Mary's High School Football Team with Coaching Staff Trainer and Administrators.



St. Mary's Senior Football Players – (L-R): Emancel Loqis (64), Matthew Richman (72), Alec Colacitti (56), Nick Nowak (44), Derek O'Leary (12), Marcus Bronson-Perez (33), Sam Mellen (15), Dylan Abkarian (67), and Daniel Lauria (52).



St. Mary's Football Captains – Alex Colacitti (56), Nick Nowak (44), Derek O'Leary (12), and Daniel Lauria (52).

YMCA BOARD MEMBERS HONORED



The Lynn YMCA honored long-time members for their years of dedication with a complimentary reception. Senior Branch Executive Director Andrea Baez organized the 25-50 year member reception, thanking each one personally for being part of the Y community. As she said with joy, "This is amazing to have members committed to our YMCA for such a long time. I felt the importance to recognize them for their time spent at the Y". (Seated): John Gauvreau (44), Maria Hamelers (30), Charles Tracchia (45), Patrick Gecoya (50), James Smith (71), and James Kantanas (65); (Standing): Executive Director Andrea Baez, Vincent Milaiko (40), Paul Dobrusin (30), Daniel Flynn (50), Jerry Powers (50), Ralph Sneiderman (37), Arthur Chipouras (35), Larry Godbout (50), John Heaphy (46), Joseph Murano (55), and Peter Norris (28). Number indicates membership years.



St. Mary's Coaching Staff – Trainer Nicole Gagnon, Dylan Driscoll, Liam Reddy, Head Coach Sean Driscoll, Timothy Phelps, and Robert Logue.

MEN'S HEALTH AND WELLNESS FORUM RISK MANAGEMENT



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Wellness Pathways Program Manager Muriel Clement and Wellness Coordinator Jousette R. Anaya with guest speakers, Dr. Ashutosh Pareek, Endocrinologist of NSPG and Clark Van Den Berghe, MD, Family Medicine at LCHC.



Program Manager Muriel Clements greets William Jones and Isaac Bantu.



Attending the Wellness Forum – Ray Rhodes, Bishop Dr. Anthony Bennett, and Frederick Chrysostom.

Health conditions affecting men was the topic at Lynn Community Health Center. Many of the health risks facing men can be prevented and treated. This Men's Health and Wellness Forum was organized by Program Manager Muriel Clement and Wellness Coordinator Jousette Anaya.

Before the forum began Muriel Clement expressed health concerns to the group as she stated, "This program was put together to educate individuals about diseases that can affect one's health. Your health matters to you as well as it matters to us, because good health is our primary goal. Too many young men are passing because they do not pay enough attention to their health. Two medical professionals are scheduled to speak on the importance of wellness and why it matters".

Dr. Ashutosh Pareek of the North Shore Physicians Group talked about Diabetes and how it affects all parts of the body. He commented on the importance of learning how to take care of yourself when having diabetes, how it affects the heart, and the need for a nutritional program.

Currently, twenty million people have Type 2 Diabetes; on the horizon could be as much as sixty million people facing this disease. Some have pre-diabetes and some have diabetes and not aware of it. This is a public health issue and this prevention program is to educate individuals about the risk of diabetes.



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LYNN JETS YOUTH HOCKEY WELCOME BACK NIGHT ICE FORMATION



Lynn Jets Mites Team 1 and 2 (age 8 and under) with coaches.



Lynn Jets Squirts Team 1 and 2 (age 9 and 10) with coaches.



Lynn Jet Youth Hockey players and coaches.



Lynn Jet Peewee Division (age 11 and 12) with coaches.

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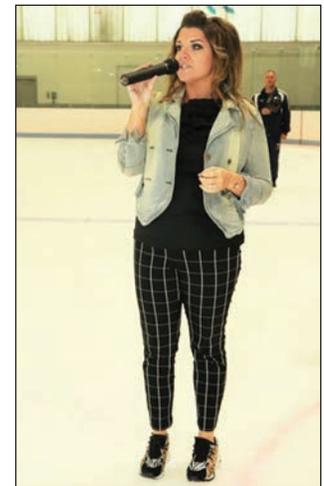
The Lynn Jets Youth Hockey Program is getting ready for the upcoming season beginning with Welcome Back Night. During the opening ceremony Lynn Jets' hockey jerseys were presented to each player with their name printed on the back side as player skated around the rink with pride and joy. Players are assigned into three divisions according to age.

President Brian Boisson explained, "The program is running strong; we have 105 players on the travel teams and 75 youngsters enrolled in the 'Learn to Skate' program. Our travel teams have been practicing for the past three weeks. Soon, teams will begin playing games. Parent involvement is great. It is really about the kids having fun and learning the sport".

Watching the kids skate at such a young age with grace and agility is amazing. This program seems to build a foundation for a life time; it develops friendships, responsibilities, and having fun, especially scoring a breakaway goal.



Youth Hockey Fundraising Committee – Lilianna Manon, Alicia Boisson, and Crystal Lopez.



Carolyn Cole sings the "Star Spangled Banner."



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Attending Open Ceremony for the Lynn Jets - Mayor Thomas McGee, President Brian Boisson, Vice-President Justine Plourde, and Councilor-at-Large Brian Field.



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At Center Ice with Players – Ward 1 Councilor Wayne Lozzi, President Brian Boisson, and Councilor-at-Large Brian Field.

LYNN TECH OPENS THE SEASON 2019 SEASON KICKS OFF



Dominic Giordano (50) comes to the sidelines after a strong defensive series.



Haidar Bdaiwi (24) breaks for a long gain early in the game.

Last Friday evening Agganis Field was the site for the first game of the 2019 football season for Lynn Vocational Technical Institute against Greater Lowell Tech. The game was closely matched, but in the end Lynn Vo-Tech lost 17-0. The next game is scheduled for 9-13 at 7 p.m. at Nashoba Valley Tech in Westford.



Devin Lewis (52) gets some strategy from the coach.



Kenny Perez (68) provides some great blocking.



QB Luis Pineiro looks to make a pass.



The Lynn Vo-Tech Cheerleaders.

Captains, front row: Ambar Rodriguez and Meraltis Ventura. Back row: Jallyan Mota, Jacqueline Benavides and Karla Lopez.



Guy Morgan (42) takes a hand to the face mask but makes a tackle.



Helmets high at the conclusion of the "National Anthem."

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

CPA LOOKING FOR HELP TO MEET DEADLINE

CHELSEA - With a pilot round of projects approved by the City Council, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is moving forward with plans to fund bigger preservation, open space, and housing projects.

But first, the CPC will need to continue the search for a consultant to help with the process as it becomes more time consuming for the committee volunteers and City staff.

Earlier this summer, the CPC put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for administrative services to help manage the Community Preservation Act (CPA) projects, funds, and proposals, but no one replied to the RFQ.

"The summer tends to be a tougher time (to get responses)," said Karl Allen, the city's economic development planner. "But we can renew it."

While no one filled out an RFQ, Allen said there were about two dozen people who retrieved a copy from the city's website. He also noted that there was one potential applicant, but she said she would not be able to begin work until around Thanksgiving.

Chelsea voters approved the adoption of the CPA in November 2016. It will provide hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to be used for the creation and acquisition of affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation. The CPA trust fund currently has a balance of just over \$2.2 million before any money was spent on the recent round of pilot projects.

CPC Chair Jose Iraheta noted that the committee was looking to bring another round of CPA projects forward to the council by next March. Pushing back the acquisition of administrative services could delay that timeline, unless the CPC is willing to take on more work, Iraheta said.

"We are already in a tight timeframe to begin with," he said. "We need a willingness to take on some of the work if we want to meet the timeline."

Several CPC members said they were willing to take on more work to help push forward with a more aggressive timeline, including working on public outreach and holding a public hearing on CPA progress later in the fall.

"I think some of the outreach we can do in advance," said Al-

len.

If eligibility forms for projects are available by January, Allen said they could be reviewed in time for applications for projects to be filled out in February, and still meet the goal of having the projects before the City Council in March for funding approval.

CPC members agreed that the RFQ for administrative services should be reposted, with Allen reworking the timeline to get projects before the council next March.

In other business at last week's CPC meeting, the committee discussed finalizing the committee's bylaws. The committee also held off on the election of officers until those bylaws are finalized.

The committee also approved using some administrative funds for the design and production of promotional materials.

HARRINGTON WINS BUTTERFLY AWARD

CHELSEA - Sarah Harrington, English Language Learner (ELL) teacher at Chelsea High School, was the recipient of the first-ever Butterfly Award during the Convocation program Aug. 26 at the school.

Deputy Supt. Linda Breau and Assistant Supt. Sarah Kent, who are both former ELL teachers, presented the award to Harrington.

The Butterfly Award is given by the family of Carolyn Arond in her memory each year to a teacher who exemplifies the qualities and attributes that Carolyn brought to her professional practice. Namely, creative ideas, innovative instructional practices, and strong support of colleagues.

"Carolyn Arond exemplified the Chelsea Public Schools' motto, 'We welcome and educate'," said Kent. "Throughout her professional career, Carolyn believed in creating a welcoming, safe and nurturing environment for her students."

Kent related that "Carolyn was also a creative teacher, one who took initiative and, as a result, brought joy to children in the classroom and the school.

"Carolyn was a nature enthusiast and integrated her passion in to her work," said Kent. "She initiated the idea of a Butterfly Garden at the Mary C. Burke Complex, hence the name of this honor."

"The contributions Carolyn made to her students and to the Chelsea school community made a difference," continued Kent. "Those who knew Carolyn know

this to be true. Like the "Butterfly Effect," Carolyn had, and continues to have a positive impact on all."

Breau told the gathering of educators that there were 12 "outstanding nominations" for the award from all grade levels.

"Sarah was nominated by both an administrator and a teacher," said Breau. "Some of the things her nominators said: a great and positive effect on the school community...like Carolyn Arond, Sarah made students feel they belong here...she is a pioneer in developing discussion routines for ELS...she works tirelessly to revise and improve her lessons embedding language development into her content... and she supports teachers offering her time to educate them on the needs of ELs."

Harrington was also credited with creating student-led Spanish classes for educators that celebrates and affirms the language skills of our students while meeting a clear need in our schools.

"This has been a successful program for several years now and is having a true "butterfly effect" in our district and beyond," said Breau.

In addition to the plaque, Harrington also received a \$500 award that can be used for professional development opportunities or for materials and activities that will enhance and support student learning.

Harrington received a tremendous ovation from her colleagues as she left her seat in the CHS bleachers and walked to the podium in the packed gymnasium to accept the award.

BPDA WANTS MORE INFORMATION ON SUFFOLK DOWNS PROJECT

EAST BOSTON - Before granting approvals to the Suffolk Downs redevelopment project that will add another 10,000 units of housing to the neighborhood, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) wants more information and clarity from developer on some key aspects of the proposal.

The BPDA recently made the formal 'Request for Additional Information' from HYM Investment following the conclusion of the Public Comment Period in the spring.

The Suffolk Downs proposal includes 10.5 million square feet of development on approximately 109 acres at the former East

TAKING PART IN HERITAGE WEEK



PHOTOS BY MATT FRANK

The USS Constitution set sail Friday, Aug. 30, in the Mystic River abutting Chelsea and into Boston Harbor as part of the US Navy's Heritage Week. Officers Select come from all over the world to learn about the Constitution, to do community service around the region and to learn about the history of the Navy.

Boston racetrack. The multi-phased proposal will include the development of a new mixed-use neighborhood, a 40-acre publicly accessible open space system, and two retail squares at the Suffolk Downs and Beachmont MBTA Stations.

The first phase will include approximately 1.39 million square feet of development consisting of the 520,000 square feet of corporate use, three residential buildings, a portion of the townhomes proposed along Waldemar Avenue totaling over 800 housing units and construction of the Horseshoe Pond landscaped wetland enhancements and Belle Isle Square public plaza with over 100,000 square feet of ground floor retail.

In the BPDA's letter to HYM the BPDA requested more information regarding the configuration and layout of streets; transportation mitigation; parking and loading; public benefits; emergency service access; roadway maintenance; sea level rise plans; bike lane designs; as well as future connections to the East Boston Greenway.

First, the BPDA has directed HYM to submit additional supporting information demonstrating the internal street dimensions, including all vehicular, bus, bicycle, parking/loading/pick-up, and turn lanes.

The BPDA asked HYM whether or not they had or could provide estimated trip volumes for each street.

"It would also be helpful to understand the methodology for deriving trip volume estimates and how these relate to parcel level, or district level, planned

buildout," the letter said. The BPDA would also like to see a diagram showing the location of anticipated curbside uses across the site, including parking, loading, pick-up/drop off, and any other anticipated curbside uses.

"The diagram should be accompanied by a tally of curbside spaces for parking, loading, pick-up/drop off, etc.," said the letter to HYM.

The BPDA added that all roads should be laid out, with metes and bounds of all rights-of-way. "As per direction from the Public Works Department, certain streets will need to be designated as public," said the letter. "These should include any future rights of way which would accommodate bus, shuttle or emergency vehicle access."

The BPDA pointed out in numerous locations HYM's documents refer to mitigation measures. However, as a result of changes to the transportation modeling requested by MassDOT as well as significant changes to required mitigation, many of the mitigation measures identified in the proposal submitted to the BPDA are now obsolete and new mitigation measures will be forthcoming.

"It would be helpful to have a consolidated list of mitigation measures," the letter requested.

"At the end of the final paragraph in Section 8 of the Draft Master Plan it is stated that, "If the amount of traffic generated by the Master Project shall at any time exceed the amount of traffic projected to occur upon full

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buildout, (HYM) shall work with the City of Boston to implement additional traffic demand management efforts to reduce the amount of traffic to the projected level." This language is problematic because it only refers to the amount of traffic associated with full buildout."

The BPDA said any traffic trigger thresholds for additional mitigation should be tied to specific project phases as opposed to full buildout of the Suffolk Downs site.

The BPDA added that while the proposal states there will be up to 7,216 parking spaces at the development there needs to be a clear statement from HYM that they will monitor parking needs and demands over the build-out of the project with, "The goal of reducing further the number of parking spaces in future construction phases as warranted."

When it comes to Public Benefits in the proposal the BPDA complained that the Draft Master Plan is "extremely vague."

"There needs to be more detail about the public benefits (such as bicycle paths, bike parking, public bikeshare stations, etc.) including the location, characteristics, and scale or dimension," wrote the BPDA.

The BPDA added that the \$50 million mitigation fee for off-site transportation improvements, transit facilities and related infrastructure has changed substantially.

"As a result of recent conversations between proponents, MassDOT and the City, the list of transportation related mitigation improvements has changed substantially," wrote the BPDA. "This full-modified list of mitigation measures should be identified in the documents. Where fees may be paid in lieu of improvements, the documents should stipulate that, over time, the fees will be indexed to inflation."

Also in the letter the BPDA pointed out emergency services are critical for maintaining life safety and responding to events but in HYM's filing it is unclear how the street system has taken into account access for emergency services like police, fire and ambulance.

"A diagram explaining routing for all emergency services, the implications such routing has on street design, and the source or basis for the planned routing should be provided," wrote the BPDA. "This diagram should assume direct access from Walley Street to the Suffolk Downs site which allows for two-way travel for emergency vehicles to

access and exit the site; direct access from Walley Street will be critical for fire, police, and EMT services to access the Suffolk Downs site from existing locations in East Boston."

Maintenance: Proper procedures for roadway maintenance, including snow plowing, should be outlined by the Proponent. The Proponent include information on locations for onsite maintenance facilities and how maintenance agreements will be structured if multiple owners are present at this site in the future.

The BPDA also made a request for more information regarding HYM's Sea Level Rise plan.

HYM's filing states that they "continue to refine and expand a resiliency assessment of regional barrier along Bennington Street and Route 1A". More specifically, there is reference to possible barriers along Route 1A and Bennington Street to protect the project site and abutting properties, including Suffolk Downs station and portions of the tracks. However, the BPDA wants to know the status of this feasibility assessment and whether or not HYM is planning to implement any related improvements as part of the project.

"The Climate Ready Boston Coastal Resilience Solutions program will be conducting further analysis of East Boston with a focus on the Belle Isle Marsh and Chelsea Creek areas in 2020," wrote the BPDA. "This will provide a greater understanding of vulnerabilities to current and future coastal storm events and sea level rise, as well as the types of coastal interventions and design options to protect landside areas. The Proponent should provide substantial resources to further advance the design plans and options that result from this process. Each phase of the development program must also adequately address City resiliency policies, programs and standards that are current at the time of design development."

The BPDA added that buildings on the project site must be responsive to the BPDA's Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation.

"The Proponent should (also) provide ongoing resources to support the maintenance and operations of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's tide gate facility on Bennington Street," wrote the BPDA.

The BPDA also felt the HYM's bike access plan did not go far enough on the site.

The city is committed to im-

plementing a network of separated cycle tracks to meet the mode share goals of Go Boston 2030. These connections will allow riders of all ages to use these facilities comfortably and with a high degree of safety.

HYM proposed separated bike lanes on the site's main street corridor. However on other parts of the site HYM will follow MassDOT's separated bike lane Planning and Design Guide which says that bike lanes are not needed on streets with speeds below 25 mph.

"A fully separated network of bike lanes, however, is critical for the City to meet the mode share goals of Go Boston 2030 and therefore should be located in more locations in the Suffolk Downs development," wrote the BPDA. "Close coordination with the City/BPDA will be critical to ensure this network meets standards set by the City of Boston."

Finally in the letter the BPDA said HYM should commit to design and fully fund the implementation of an East Boston Greenway extension from Constitution Beach to the Suffolk Downs site via Bennington and Walley Streets. This connection will be critical for allowing cyclists from the East Boston community to reach the Suffolk Downs site safely and efficiently.

TWO WOMEN DIE IN FIRE

EVERETT - A fast moving three-alarm fire with heavy flames greeted firefighters as they arrived at the triple-decker at 87 Madison Ave. just before midnight on Sept. 1, and it was a fire that claimed the lives of two women that lived in the second floor apartment.

The women were apparently roommates in the apartment, and well-known in the neighborhood as they often sat out on the porch to greet neighbors.

"The building is a total loss and we had a roof collapse from the third to the second floor," said Chief Tony Carli. "Fire crews were met with very heavy fire upon arrival. They tried to make their initial attack and had reports of people missing, but it was just too much and we had to pull back...We have decided to engineer the taking down of the home. If it was a newer building, it would have probably burnt down to the ground. Because it was older, it didn't go as fast. They built them well back then...You never want to see this outcome. Everyone did as well as could be expected. It's definitely not the outcome we wanted. It's a tight, tight area and I'm can't believe we kept the adja-

cent structures from catching. It's that three or four minutes we don't get notified, especially at that time of night, that makes a huge difference. If the fire can get up that quick, it's hard to fight it."

Mayor Carlo DeMaria said the City expresses its condolences; "I want to express our sincerest condolences, as a community, to the friends and families of the victims and hope that they can find strength during this very difficult time," he said. "I also want to acknowledge the bravery of our Everett firefighters, who tried valiantly to save the victims but the fire was just too intense...Due to their skill and professionalism they were able to contain the fire to the one property. We are all deeply saddened by this loss."

Carli said a man and his wife and two daughters were able to escape through the back upon hearing smoke detectors, while a family on the first floor escaped through the front door when smelling smoke. The first 9-1-1 call came from a neighbor who heard breaking glass and thought someone was breaking into a home.

A firefighter suffered a minor knee injury and was treated on site.

Carli said the heavy fire combined with a housekeeping situation make it difficult for the initial responders to make a run at saving the two women.

"We made that first attempt as best as we could but just couldn't get in there based on the heavy fire and living conditions," he said. "There was a lot of combustible material in there. This wasn't a hoarding situation, but definitely a housekeeping situation that prevented us from getting in. The fire really got a head-start on us."

He said they made a secondary attempt later to get into the apartment, and it was then that they found the deceased women.

Since it was a total loss, there was no estimate of damage, Carli said, and it is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal, Everett Fire and Everett Police so there is no determination of the cause.

Surrounding communities that responded included Chelsea, Boston, Medford and Somerville.

LAQUAGLIA AND GRANDSON TO WALK MARATHON JIMMY FUND WALK

REVERE - For 29 consecutive years, Revere resident Ron

LaQuaglia has stepped to the starting line in Wellesley for the annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk.

This year, LaQuaglia will be accompanied on the Sept. 22 Walk by his 14-year-old grandson, Johnny Benedetto, son of John and Annmarie Benedetto of Boxford.

Together grandfather and grandson will raise funds in memory of Mr. LaQuaglia's daughter, Stacey, who died in April, 2005, due to complications from leukemia. Stacey became ill at the age of nine and battled courageously against the disease before succumbing at the age of 30.

LaQuaglia has dedicated each of his 13.1-mile Walks in his daughter's memory, raising more than \$75,000 for cancer research.

"I continue to do it, knowing what my daughter went through and hoping that it will help other children from going through this illness," said LaQuaglia.

The 74-year-old former Revere Little League president has been in training for the Walk, scaling the hills of Park Avenue and walking on the football field in 100-yard intervals three or four times a week.

A retired Quincy schoolteacher, LaQuaglia also stays in shape during his employment as an usher at Fenway Park for the past 18 years. He did receive a World Series championship ring and watch for the 2018 season.

LaQuaglia has had a number of major supporters for his fundraising effort, including his friend, Mickey "Say No To Drugs" Casoli, who died on July 20.

"Mickey was always supportive of my daughter throughout her life," said LaQuaglia. "He was very generous to my cause of helping the Jimmy Fund."

LaQuaglia is excited to have his grandson, Johnny, participating in the endeavor side-by-side.

"Johnny's aunt, Stacey, would be real proud of him," said Mr. LaQuaglia.

(Friends and supporters wishing to donate the Jimmy Fund in memory of Stacey LaQuaglia may send a check made out to "Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk to: Ron LaQuaglia, 83 Sewall St., Revere, MA 02151, or go to the Jimmy Fund website and type in: Ron LaQuaglia. Donations will be accepted until Oct. 31).

13th Annual Revere Beach Memorial set for Sunday

By John Lynds

For one hour this coming Sunday residents will gather on Revere Beach at the bandstand and remember those lost to the substance-abuse disorder epidemic.

The gathering began 13 years ago when a group from the Revere residents who had lost someone to opioids or other substances were looking for a way to express their remembrances, grief and the stories of those who were lost.

This annual candlelight vigil is funded by donations including MGH Revere Cares and will take place this Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Reinstein Bandstand on Revere Beach.

According to Viviana Cataño, of Revere Cares, the Revere Beach Memorial serves as a way to remember those who lost their lives to substance abuse. It is an opportunity for family members and friends to gain strength and support from others who have experienced a similar loss, and it is a reminder to those struggling with addiction that treatment can save lives.

Cataño said the event will kick off like in years past with introductions from North Suffolk

Mental Health's Kim Hanton. She'll be followed by inspirational readings, and prayer.

"Then we will read the names of those lost to addiction," said Cataño. "There will be 279 names that will be read and more are usually added the night of the event."

The event will close with some testimony from graduates of the Chelsea Drug Court program.

Cataño said Revere Cares does accept donations at the event that helps to plan the next vigil as well as scholarship money for a Revere High School student.

"Any additional funds we raise is put towards this scholarship for a Revere High School student who has been affected by substance abuse, either their own or that of a family member," said Cataño.

Last year there was enough money left-over to fund a \$500 scholarship for a Revere High School student. Students have to write an essay about the impact of addiction on their lives.

"Those stories are the most touching to me," said Cataño. "We get the essays from the students in the spring and then read them. It's really hard to chose one student because you realize there are a lot of young people in

our community that have a lot of hardship and hurt because there are people in their lives struggling with addiction."

As far as the long-term future of the event, Cataño can't imagine it going anywhere anytime soon.

"We just discussed this recently and Kim Hanton said we have to keep this going because a lot of families find this event really important," said Cataño. "They need it to feel supported and that they are not alone."

This important annual event is made possible through the support of local residents and business owners. If you are interested in making a donation to the Revere Beach Memorial fund, please send checks (made payable to the 'Revere Beach Memorial Fund') to the Revere Beach Memorial, c/o Revere CARES Coalition, 300 Ocean Ave., Revere, MA 02151. Monies raised will not only go towards continuing the memorial, but it will also be used to support local addiction treatment programs and youth education. Funds raised in the past have been donated to the North Suffolk Mental Health Meridian House, East Boston Rehab and a Revere High School scholarship fund for youth impacted by addiction.



TWO YEARS IN

Petty Officer 3rd Class Yandaira Marte, a native of Lynn, Massachusetts, joined the Navy for school and benefits. Now, two years later, Marte serves aboard one of the Navy's amphibious ships at Naval Base San Diego. A 2015 graduate of Lynn Vocational Technical Institute, Marte is a yeoman aboard USS Essex, one of four Wasp-class amphibious assault ships in the Navy, homeported in San Diego.

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Deadline Friday, September 20th

The 16th Annual Taste of Chelsea is Sept. 16

The 16th annual Taste of Chelsea on Monday, Sept. 16, from 5 to 8 p.m. at 99 Marginal St. in Chelsea to enjoy samples from some 30 area restaurants while supporting the effort to end domestic violence.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door, and groups of 10 or more are \$30 each. For information about tickets, call 617-884-9799 or visit www.harborcov.org/tasteofchelsea. All proceeds benefit HarborCOV (Communities Overcoming Violence), the local nonprofit that works with victims and survivors while striving to engage the broader community in becoming part of the solution to end domestic violence.

Co-hosted by HarborCOV and the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce, the Taste of Chelsea is a successful example of an important collaboration between a community-based nonprofit and a local service organization recognizing the critical need to raise awareness about domestic violence in the Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Charlestown neighborhoods. Offering delicious food and a fun dining experience, the Taste of Chelsea has grown to in-

clude more than 60 local businesses that contribute tempting tastes of their signature foods, sponsorships, contributions, in-kind donations and volunteers.

Among this year's local favorite eateries to commit to offer up delicious samples are: Albert A. Russo Imports-BelGioioso Cheese, East Boston; Anna's Café, Charlestown; Antonia's at the Beach, Revere; The Brown Jug, Chelsea; Buccieri's Pizzeria, Chelsea; Chelsea Station Restaurant Bar & Lounge, Chelsea; Costco, Everett; Crown Coffee, Wakefield; Curly's Restaurant, Chelsea; Dunkin' Donuts, Everett Avenue, Chelsea; El Potro Mexican Bar and Grill, Chelsea; Golden Cannoli, Chelsea; Hilton Garden Inn, East Boston/Logan Airport; Holiday Inn, Boston Logan Airport/Chelsea; Homewood Suites by Hilton, Boston Logan Airport/Chelsea; Kayem Foods, Chelsea; Kowloon Restaurant, Saugus; Los Agaves, Chelsea; Mandarin Buffet, Chelsea; Olivia's Organics, Chelsea; Peach's & Cream, Chelsea; Piantedosi Baking Company, Malden; Pollo Campeiro, East Boston; Residence Inn by Marriott, Boston Logan Airport/

Chelsea; S&L, Chelsea; Spinelli's Pasta and Pastry Shop, East Boston; Stop & Shop, Everett; Towne-Place Suites by Marriott, Boston Logan Airport/Chelsea; and The Winnisimmet Lounge, Chelsea.

MGH's Chelsea HealthCare Center and Center for Community Health Improvement is this year's top-level Executive Chef sponsor, and Eastern Salt is the event's Host sponsor. Sous Chef sponsors include Gulf Oil; Massport; Olivia's Organics; and Wheelabrator Technologies, Saugus. This year's Maitre d' sponsors include Chelsea Bank, a division of East Cambridge Savings Bank; Exelon Generation; Fragomen, Del Rey, Bensen & Loewy, LLP; Kayem Foods; and Olivia's Organics (State Garden). Also sponsoring as Connoisseurs are Cameron Real Estate Group; East Boston Savings Bank; Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation; Eastern Salt; Harbour Food Service Equipment; The Mackin Group; Metro Credit Union; Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo PC; Rotary Club of Chelsea; Smith, Sullivan & Brown PC; and the Zonta Club of Chelsea.

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LENNIN PENA, AT-LARGE COUNCIL CANDIDATE THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

With a visionary spirit of new hope candidate for Councilor-at-Large Lennin Pena wants to be the people's voice. He feels the time has arrived to address citizen's needs first over politics.

Lennin Pena expressed that his campaign is moving forward as he said, "We are walking, knocking, and talking to meet the residents. I want the citizens to know my goals and priorities. One of my concerns is safety in our neighborhoods which will include more police officers".

A very touching moment for Lennin deals with the opioid crisis facing the city. As he explains, "We know it is here; we know it is happening; and I want to bring up means to solve this epidemic. It is important to educate people and to help families suffering with this illness. Finally, we need affordable housing by developing Inclusionary Zones for retirees and others in need, since rents are increasing as well as the cost of living".

Lennin Pena wants to bring solutions by confronting issues and to become the voice for everyone.



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Lennin Pena's family for 2019 Councilor-at-Large.



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Julie and David Manalaysay with Team Lennin Pena for Councilor-at-Large.



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Lennin Pena greets David and Trish Malphrus.



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