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Feds looking at many state marijuana documents

By Thomas Grillo
Special for The Journal

City Hall has been served with a subpoena as federal prosecutors investigate alleged potential corruption between marijuana retailers and the city, according to documents obtained by The Lynn Journal.

The two-page grand jury summons from U.S. District Court in Boston and U.S. Attorney An-

drew Lelling requested records relating to companies that have applied for a pot shop license in Lynn.

The city is not the only community to receive a subpoena. Several other communities, possibly every municipality that has agreements with marijuana shops, are being investigated.

Lelling's Public Corruption Unit is seeking copies of so-called host agreements, contracts between marijuana sellers and the

city that specify financial benefits these retailers will provide; all communications between officials and applicants; and records of public meetings on the topic.

Lynn has until Dec. 13 to provide the documents. Sources said municipalities with multiple license applicants have easily generated more than 5,000 emails.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office would not confirm or deny the investigation

noting grand jury sessions are secret.

George Markopoulos, Lynn's city solicitor, did not respond to a request for comment. Through a public records request, the city's Law Department provided The Journal with host agreements from Apothca, Essex Apothecary, Old World Remedies, Bostica, Mass Green Retail, and Lynn Organics.

Apothca, on the Lynnway, is the only pot shop in the city

while the others are in the planning stages.

A review of the documents revealed the contracts signed by Mayor Thomas M. McGee appear to be in line with state law. The Legislature limited the value of payments to municipalities to 3 percent of a company's annual revenue for a maximum of five years. It also mandates that any payments be related to the actual

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Lynn Tech Annex named Alfred 'Mal' Malagrifa

Special to the Journal

The renaming of the Lynn Tech Annex to the Alfred "Mal" Malagrifa Building was a fitting tribute to an educator who devoted many years to vocational education in Lynn. He was known as "Mal" to many students, trades people, and colleagues throughout his career.

Mr. Malagrifa learned four principle values in life from his parents. These values included family, friendship, encouragement, and commitment. He carried these beliefs each day helping people. As a Lynn Tech Administrator he influenced many students who later in life became very successful individuals.

When LVTI was being constructed in 1970, Mal oversaw many of the building operations. He left his fingerprint, making



School Committee John Ford, Honoree Al "Mal" Malagrifa, Lynn Police Chief and LVTI Alumni Michael Mageary, and Former LVTI Director Bart Conlon.

sure everything was done correctly. Years later the City of Lynn purchased a building diagonally across from the LVTI.

This became the annex. Once again, Mal carefully watched the

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Hot chocolate will be available, courtesy of The Lynn Salvation Army!
The St. Mary's Choir will perform at the event as well as the All-City Marching Band! Bring your family and friends and get into the holiday spirit!

Husband of Lynn teacher found guilty in her murder

By John Lynds

A Suffolk Superior Court jury found former East Boston resident Andrew MacCormack, 31, guilty in the vicious killing of his wife and Lynn school teacher, Vanessa Masucci, inside the couples Revere home they shared since 2015.

Masucci, who was a second-grade teacher at the Connery School in Lynn, was found brutally stabbed and beaten to death inside the couple's home on Sept. 23 2017.

During the course of 11 days of testimony, Assistant District Attorney Ian Polumbaum, Chief of District Attorney Rollins' Domestic Violence and Sexual As-

sault Unit and Assistant District Attorney Brian LeBlanc presented evidence and testimony to prove that Masucci had become fed up with the defendant's erratic and evasive behavior and was preparing to leave the marriage.

Text messages between former MacCormack and Masucci established a motive for her brutal slaying.

According to court documents, the couple's finances became more and more strained as MacCormack's cocaine habit increased and Masucci threatened to divorce him.

On Aug. 31 2017 Masucci allegedly texted MacCormack, "I hate you so much you've ruined [daughter's] life because she

won't have her parents together...I'll talk to [agent] tomorrow about listing the house and I'll look into divorce lawyers." Andrew allegedly responded, "Ur crazy I'm not signing anything to sell the house or get divorced"

Then on Sept. 3 Masucci allegedly texted, "What about when you took my discover card and I had to cancel it?". MacCormack allegedly responded, "what about it?". Masucci answered, "did it have to do with this?" while Andrew replied "no".

Masucci then allegedly went on to ask, "what about the time you said you 'accidentally' took out 200...I want answers It's the least I deserve"

Prosecutors showed MacCor-

mack's \$400 to \$500 a week drug habit had put the couple on the cusp of financial ruin.

On Sept. 15, Masucci wrote, "Don't you dare get frustrated with me you deserve to be questioned...It seems like you think being nice to me for four days would fix everything but it's not that simple...You never did the things I said would need to happen if you want me to stay with you like going to marriage counseling, stepping it up financially, communicating [with] my family"

MacCormack claimed to his wife that that thousands of dollars had been hacked from their bank account by someone in Thailand.

Prosecutors said the financial strain on the couple's marriage and MacCormack's drug habit came to a head on Sept. 23 that resulted in Masucci's murder.

Earlier in the year, the defendant forged checks to himself from Masucci's personal bank account and took one of her credit cards, which she had reported stolen. In addition, the victim's wedding ring disappeared – as did the ring purchased with insurance money to replace it. MacCormack also pawned his own wedding band for \$120.

On September 23, 2017, the defendant left home but returned after his mother, who lived with the family, had left the house. The evidence proved that he strangled, stabbed, and viciously beat his Masucci in their bedroom, all while the couple's then-1-year-old daughter was inside the home.

In addition to the injuries that took her life, Masucci's body sustained chemical burns after her death. The evidence showed that these burns, and a rash that MacCormack had on his own upper body, were caused by bleach that the defendant used in an attempt to clean up the scene.

After allegedly murdering his wife, prosecutors said MacCormack traveled to a location in Saugus to complete a carpentry job – bringing his baby daughter along with him to the worksite. During the course of the day, MacCormack received phone calls from his wife's family who had grown concerned after they were unable to reach her by phone. MacCormack also sent text messages to his wife's phone, which prosecutors say he had with him at the time.

He then left the worksite after the baby soiled her diaper.

Rather than picking up a change of diapers, however, MacCormack traveled to Eastie where he withdrew cash from an ATM in order to purchase cocaine from a known drug dealer.

MacCormack received another phone call from a member of his wife's family as he arrived at the couple's Revere home. Upon finding Masucci's body – which showed obvious signs of trauma – MacCormack told the relative to call 911. The relative did so. MacCormack did not call 911 until a few minutes after the relative.

When police arrived, the house smelled strongly of bleach, and areas of the home appeared to have been freshly cleaned. MacCormack had a rash covering his upper body that he blamed on a change in laundry detergent brands, which police said was contradicted by evidence at the scene. Masucci's body also had chemical burns that suggested bleach was poured on her. A medical examiner found that Masucci's had blunt head trauma, stab and slash wounds to the neck, and signs of both strangulation and suffocation, the latter possibly from a trash bag that may have been used to cover her head.

"Vanessa Masucci's future was violently ripped away from her by the person who took an oath, promising to love and care for her. I will not refer to Vanessa by her married name because the man who took her life will not also take her identity," District Attorney Rollins said. "Vanessa's loved ones – her parents, her siblings, and her daughter – have been left with a void in their hearts and questions that can never be answered. I'm grateful to my prosecutors and victim witness advocates, the Revere Police Department, and the State Police detectives assigned to my office who worked to hold Vanessa's murderer accountable and to bring a small amount of comfort to her loved ones. We will continue to serve as a resource to their family as they enter the next chapter of their grief."

Before her death Masucci had been in the Lynn School district for seven years and a teacher for five.

At the time of her murder Masucci's colleague and Principal of the Connery, Dr. Mary Dill, said she was loved by students, parents and colleagues and that Masucci was involved in every aspect of the school.

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Ward 5 recount set for Tuesday

Lynn Election Department workers, under the direction of City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe, will conduct a recount in the Ward 5 City Council race on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at the Lynn City Hall Auditorium.

The recount is open to the between candidates Dianna Chakoutis and Marven Hyppolite

will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until all the ballots have been reviewed and recounted.

Hyppolite filed for a recount of the Nov. 5 election in which Chakoutis, the incumbent, defeated Hyppolite by 54 votes.

The recount is open to the public.

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costs generated by the marijuana facility.

Lynn's subpoena comes two months after Fall River Mayor Jasiel Correia was arrested for allegedly extorting \$575,000 from companies seeking to operate marijuana businesses in that city.

Correia, who was defeated in his bid for reelection earlier this month, faces up to 70 years in prison and a \$750,000 fine. He has pleaded not guilty.

During a press conference, Lelling said Correia "has allegedly engaged in an outrageous, brazen campaign of corruption that turned his job into a personal ATM."

He warned his office would continue probing corruption around marijuana businesses and said pot bribes may be happening in other communities.

The Boston Globe was the first to report that at least six communities, including Great Barrington, Eastham, Leicester, Newton, Northampton, and Uxbridge have received subpoenas. The Boston Herald later revealed Boston, Dracut, and Leicester have also been served.

In total, 78 host agreements have been signed with 45 cities and towns, according to the Cannabis Control Commission, the state agency in charge of monitoring pot retailers. Sources say it's likely that all of the municipalities with host agreements

have received a subpoena.

The contracts, which each recreational marijuana firm must sign with the community where they propose to operate before applying for a state license, typically call for substantial payments to the municipality.

McGee has said Apotheca anticipates \$10 million in revenue in their first year. Of that, \$600,000 would go to the city's coffers.

But some critics have charged that mayors, town managers, city councils, boards of selectmen, and aldermen seek more money than allowed under state law. They argue local control over cannabis companies could create opportunities for corruption.

But David Torrisi, executive director of the Commonwealth Dispensary Association, a trade group which represents licensed marijuana operators, said it's unlikely investigators will find any corruption.

"What happened in Fall River was the genesis of this larger investigation, but my gut tells me the former mayor of Fall River was an outlier," he said. "Most municipal officials are honest people trying to do good by their communities and trying to get as much revenue for their city or town. I'd be shocked to see more than the Fall River case."

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CONGRATULATIONS, CAROLINE

Beverly Richards Dance Center would like to congratulate Caroline Ball who participated and auditioned at the Dance Teacher's Club of Boston workshop for the Dean College Dance Scholarship, on Sunday, Nov. 17. Caroline was the winning recipient of the \$20,000 scholarship renewable for four years to total \$80,000.00! Caroline is a Senior, and Dance Team Captain, at St. Mary's Lynn. Congratulations, Caroline.



From left to right: Mark Alker-Sweeney Immediate Past President of Dance Teachers Club of Boston, Dance Professor and DTC member Jean Wenzel, DTC member Beverly Richards Buckley, student recipient Caroline Ball, Ashley Reed admissions counselor Dean College, and Caroline's mother, Marni Moore.

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EDITORIAL

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

For decades public health officials and the medical profession have warned Americans that our unhealthy eating habits have contributed to an epidemic of obesity, heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, among other ill-effects, in our country.

The irony of 21st century America is that our wealth does not equal good health. We eat foods that are more expensive to produce, but that are bad for us.

By contrast, the so-called Mediterranean diet, which consists of natural, unprocessed foods, and relies less on meat as a source of protein, has been shown to provide longer and healthier lives for those, regardless of their nationality, who adhere to it, even in the poorest countries of the world.

The hamburger, more than any other single food item, has come to epitomize the American diet. The opening of McDonald's restaurants in foreign countries have been a cause celebre, even in France, the supposed capital of haute cuisine.

So it was with quite a degree of shock to Americans when Burger King launched its Impossible Burger, a plant-based "burger," a few months ago.

However, the seeming absurdity of a hamburger-oriented, fast-food chain offering its customers a plant-based "burger" has given way to a new reality with the announcement this past week by the head of Burger King that the Impossible Burger has become the chain's most successful new product launch in many years.

The Impossible Burger is not your hippy-dippy grandparents' veggie burger. In our home we did a blind taste test, serving real burgers and the Impossible Burger (which we had bought in a grocery store) side-by-side without telling the unwitting participants that one-half (we cut the burgers in two) of what they were eating was not meat.

Not only could they not tell the difference between them (they were unaware that they were eating two different products), but they actually preferred the half that was the Impossible Burger.

Millennials are leading the way in this dietary revolution, but so too are the Baby Boomers, whose decades of bad eating have caught up with us and who must make the shift away from red meat as a staple of our diet to preserve what health we have left.

Not only are plant-based burgers good for us on an individual basis, but by reducing the production of meat, we are benefiting the environment. The Green New Deal put forward by Senator Ed Markey and Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez recognizes that animal agricultural production is a huge contributor to climate change.

Just as Americans reduced their consumption of cigarettes in the decades that followed the Surgeon General's warning in 1964 about the ill-effects of smoking, so too, a new generation of Americans is forwarding a healthier lifestyle in terms of our food choices.

If it is true that we are what we eat, this is a change that has been a long time coming.

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GUEST OP-ED

This holiday season, let's start the family conversation about health and health planning

By Dr. Talia Lewis

At this time of year, many of us travel long distances to reunite with parents, siblings and extended family. In addition to the meals and celebrations, the annual holiday visit can be a good opportunity to open up conversations about changes we may notice in our loved ones' health status, and overall, how their days are going.

One place to start is with your loved one's mobility. Are they able walk or move around as well or as confidently as when you last saw them? Are they becoming increasingly short of breath, fatigued with their activities? Are they noticeably more anxious or stressed? Also, ask about how frequently your loved one leaves their home to run errands or to meet friends. If there are obvious changes since your last visit, you may be uniquely positioned to notice them and bring them up with your loved one.

The family visit also presents an opportunity to have conversations that are best done in person. For example, ask about what a good day is like for them or, if they are struggling with health issues, what constitutes a bad day.

Talking about Advance Care Planning

If your loved one has a chronic illness such as cardiac or respiratory disease, and they have yet to start talking about advanced care planning, this may be just the right time to do so.

It can be hard to know where to begin in these conversations, but starting with what your loved one is experiencing on a day-to-day basis and then asking about

their values and wishes can be just the right spot. In my daily palliative care consultations, when we pose that values question, each patient has an individual response.

Families may opt to open the advance care planning conversation by asking about a loved one's worries and hopes: I'm worried about you and worried about the future. I'm wondering if you're worried, too?

By acknowledging your individual and shared worries, you express care and concern while keeping the conversation open.

The truth is that your aging loved one may already be worrying about these issues and is relieved when you open the dialog. In one survey, 53 percent of respondents want their families to address advance care planning, but 63 percent of families report that they do not have that conversation.

Next, ask about their hopes for the future. Rather than focusing on the time left, focus on their preferences for how they want to spend that time and what, for them, constitutes a good quality of life.

For many of us, the holidays are often busy and stressful, and these conversations may sound like a family downer or an added burden. However, the bigger burden or risk is when we don't know our family members' preferences, and, as their health deteriorates or changes, we are having these conversations during a medical crisis when we are guessing how to honor our loved one's wishes.

Talking about Advance Care Planning at Any Age

Advance care planning

is something that we should talk about at any age—while we are healthy and before a health crisis or emergency. Everyone over age 18 should have a designated health care proxy and share their wishes for medical treatment at end of life. In many families, advance care planning is not a one-time conversation, but one that you may need to re-visit again and again.

For families who feel uncomfortable initiating these dialogues about wishes and preferences for health care, I often recommend resources such as The Conversation Project (TheConversationProject.org), a public-engagement campaign that advocates "kitchen table" conversations with family and friends. The Project offers a Conversation Starter Kit in multiple languages. You may also visit our Care Dimensions website and The Learning Institute to access our educational resources, including instructional booklets, videos, community presentations, a webinar and podcast.

In my daily work as a hospice and palliative care doctor, I witness how the end of life holds much potential to be a love-filled and sacred time. I believe the best way to actualize that potential is to open this conversation and ask the big questions. Then, we will have the best chance of honoring what matters most to our loved ones while they are living.

Dr. Talia Lewis is a full-time hospice and palliative care physician with Care Dimensions, the largest provider of hospice and palliative care in Mass.

Dr. Lewis provides hospital-based palliative care consultations in greater Boston.

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LYNN SUMMIT AT NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Residents came out to take part in the Lynn Summit at North Shore Community College on Saturday. The summit, set in motion by Mayor McGee, was designed to create brainstorming and stimulate questions amongst residents on the following topics: transportation, art and culture, education, economic development, public health, and housing. Following the workshop sessions, there was a resource fair, showcasing some of the city's many agencies.



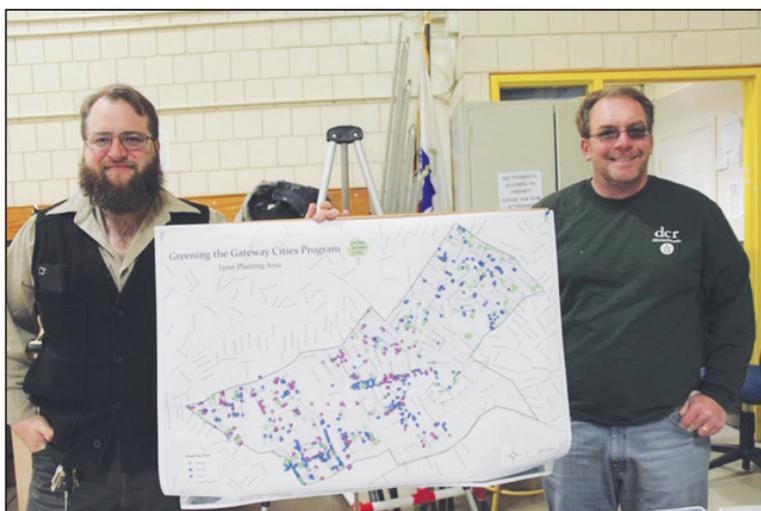
Attendees, Michelle Griffin and Patricia Ridge show off the recycle stickers.



Mary Gokas, Yaris Guillen (YMCA), and Noelani Guerrero.



Emily Hatchouel, Opiate Program Specialist from Prevention Werks, Public Health Department.



Joshua Soojian and David Bresnahan work at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) table. In this photo, they showcase the map of free tree planting, a new program offered to residents.



Leighanne Magnarelli, Captain Chris Reddy, and Shyra Broughton, staff the Lynn Police Department table.



Haley Lange, Michel Chamsarian (DPW), and Deputy Chief of Staff Robin Ennis.




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The Vo-Tech Tigers will be meeting the Spartans of St. Mary's of Lynn at Manning Bowl on Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.



Ken Perez (68) gives some great blocks for running back, Gabriel Perez (7).



Jermanny Guerrero takes down the Keefe quarterback for a loss.



Center Devin Lewis readies for the next play.



QB Luis Pineiro (2) looks for a Tiger receiver in the middle, getting blocking from his front line.



Dominic Giordano (50) goes in for a Tiger sack.



The Tiger mascot joined the Vo-Tech High School Cheerleaders for a photo.

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transition from a warehouse to a school.

Alfred Malagrifa had the foresight and commitment to make LVTI the jewel of the city. Students would receive a skill and an academic education. Many students became tradesmen and others entered different voca-

tional careers from their studies. Lynn Tech grew with a Cooperative Education Program, Alumni Association, Advisory Board Committee, and a Hall of Fame under the leadership of Mr. Albert "Mal" Malagrifa – an outstanding vocational educator.



Congratulations to Mr. Albert "Mal" Malagrifa from Jodi and William Perry, Granddaughter Ahleigha and LVTI Alumni President James Ward.



Longtime friends for 70 years -Red Tedesco, congratulates Al "Mal" Malagrifa.



State Sen. Brendan Crighton congratulates Mr. Malagrifa and his wife, Teresa.



Mr. Mal is joined with his son, Stephen, Kevin Amirault, and Darren d'Entremont at the dedication.



Former LVTI Graduates with Mr. Malagrifa – Mark King (1979); Graphic Arts Instructor Beth Mercaldi (1979), and Gina Grandberry (1984). Booklet designed and printed at the LVTI Graphic Arts Department.



Mr. Malagrifa with his Grandchildren – Sydney Merritt, Bianca Corso, Ahleigha Malagrifa-Perry, Caden Merritt, Mr. Mal, Regina Paratore, Sabrina Paratore, Gianni Naso, and Isabele Merritt.

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Uncommon Feasts enjoys its new location in Lynn. The business is open from Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday a family lunch from noon to 4 p.m. Drop in and experience a delicious meal under a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere. Private events can be scheduled at the facility.

Uncommon Feast is located inside the Lydia Pinkham Building on Western Avenue in Lynn.



GLCC members enjoying coffee at Uncommon Feasts – (Front): Judy Joseph, Christine Pierce, and Samantha McHugh; (Back): Jeff Rubin, Richard Wood, Thomas Olson, Chris Bibby, Bob Hyldburg, Joseph Scianatico, GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner, and Atty. Eddy Staco.



Founder and Chef Michelle Mulford with assistant Marianne Staniunas of Uncommon Feasts in Lynn.



The Lynn Dugout Baseball Academy Julio Henriquez with Community Outreach Patrick Dietz of Endicott College Business Van Loan School.



A right way to begin the day with fresh brewed java – Nathan Rausted of Wayne's Alarm, GLCC Chairman Rich Wood, Salvation Army Captain Kevin Johnson, and GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner.



Start the morning off with a cup of coffee – Margaret Ris from Cairn Hill Nature Preschool, Lynn Museum Director Donecca Thurston, and Jackie Earley of Earley's Hairs.

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GREATER LYNN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHANCE MEETING

A fun night at a fundraising event with the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce was enjoyed by its membership. Many tried their luck at Roulette, Poker, Craps, and Black Jack. Top lucky winners received prizes from membership business members. This was an evening for everyone to network and show case their business program.



Trying some Roulette luck – East Boston Saving Bank of Lynn Robert Stewart and Adriel Lopez with Fredy Hincapie of Haven Project in Lynn.



Boys & Girls Club Director Brian Theirrien and GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner playing a Black Jack hand.



GLCC member Eddy Staco trying his luck at Roulette Table.



Ready for a Dice throw at the Craps Table – North Shore Bank Mortgage Advisor Kevin Dillon.



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A Black Jack hand – Wells Fargo Advisor Brandon Maher.



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Enjoying GLCC Casino Night Fundraiser – Frances Wood, Atty. Nicole Bluefort, and Elaine Letanski of Wood Insurance.



Richard Wood of Lynn Wood Insurance received chips from GLCC staff members Samantha McHugh and Christine Neals.



RE/MAX 360 sponsored Casino Nights – Joe Fleming with Agent Colby Grant and RE/MAX owner Al DiVirgilio.



Luck Be A Lady – Heather Hannon of Essex Apothecary with Lynn EDIC member Pauline Sabino.

Massport, transportation agencies ready for busy Thanksgiving travel period

Plan ahead, give yourself extra time and know your transportation options were the key messages today as the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), and a representative from AAA spoke at Boston Logan International Airport about what to expect this holiday travel season. Thanksgiving represents one of the nation's busiest travel periods, and both organizations offered ways to ease travel frustration, whether driving, using public transportation or flying for the holiday. The roads and skies are expected to be crowded in the days leading up to and after Thanksgiving, with air travel increasing as early as this Friday, November 22nd. Close to 1 million people will travel in and out of Logan between this Friday and Tuesday, December 3rd.

"We want to do everything we can to make travel as stress-free as possible for everyone flying in and out of Logan Airport this holiday season," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "This week is the start of the busiest time of year at Logan and we will have extra staff on hand to help passengers, but we encourage everyone to plan ahead to help ensure a smooth holiday travel experience."

AAA is predicting more than 55 million travelers nationwide are making plans to kick off the holiday season with a trip of 50 miles or more away from home this Thanksgiving. This will be the second-highest Thanksgiving travel volume since AAA began tracking in 2000, trailing only the record set in 2005. Nearly 5 million of those people will fly.

With 4.6% growth, air travel will see the biggest increase in travel volume during the Thanksgiving holiday in the areas they look at. Locally, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, during 4:30-6:30 p.m., is expected to be the worst driving time. AAA recommends drivers leave earlier or much later, and use travel websites and apps to plan your trip.

No matter your destination this holiday season, there are several apps and websites to help travelers decide what transportation options are available and how long the trip should take. We recommend using the MBTA's Trip Planner website and MassDOT's Go Time app. The Massport website has information about all the travel options to and from Logan. As always, Massport encourages travelers

to check with their airlines before heading to the airport for the most updated flight status and travel information.

For those driving for the holiday, the Commonwealth's roadways are expected to be very busy during the Thanksgiving travel period. If you plan on driving, consider traveling at off-peak hours such as early mornings or late evenings after 9 p.m. Traffic volumes will progressively increase throughout next Tuesday and Wednesday, as well as that Saturday and Sunday as travelers are returning home. Plan ahead and make informed choices by utilizing real-time technology tools like 511 or MassDOT's GoTime app to view live traffic conditions to find the best route and timing of travel.

Free coffee will be served at

the 18 MassDOT service plazas Thanksgiving night, from 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. on Friday, including both northbound and southbound plazas. The High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on I-93 between Boston and Quincy will have extended afternoon hours the Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving, closed on Thanksgiving Day and will have normal hours on Friday.

At Logan, parking is expected to be near capacity during the Thanksgiving travel period and passengers are urged to use any of the multiple options for public transportation to get to the airport and their final destinations. Both the Blue and Silver MBTA lines serve the airport, as well as

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For anyone choosing to use Ride App services (Uber and Lyft) to get to or from Logan, pickups for all terminals are now located at ground floor of Central Parking and signage will guide you to the location. All Ride App dropoffs between 4 a.m. and 10 a.m. have moved to the lower level terminal curbs.

For those taking Logan Express, the fare on the Back Bay service was recently reduced to \$3 to Logan, and free from Logan to downtown. Back Bay riders will also a Ticket to Skip to the head of the security checkpoint line when they arrive at the airport. Logan Express also serves four suburban locations - Framingham, Braintree, Peabody and Woburn. With the exception of Back Bay, an adult fare is just \$12 one-way and \$22 round trip, and parking is \$7 a day. Children (17 and under) ride free when traveling with their family.

For travelers using the MBTA to get to and from Logan Airport, Massport provides free shuttle service to and from all terminals, the rental car center and the Blue Line's Airport Station. Additional Silver Line 1 service will be offered during Thanksgiving week. As always, out-

bound service from Logan Airport to the South Boston Seaport District and South Station is free. MBTA water ferries will be running on a holiday schedule on Wednesday, November 27. Several additional trips will be run mid-day, and several evening trips will be cancelled. There is no MBTA ferry service or water taxi service on Thanksgiving Day. Please visit MBTA.com for schedule information, as some services will be on holiday schedules on certain days.

For those traveling internationally for the holiday season, our partners at CBP (U.S. Customs and Border Protection) would like to remind travelers to declare all goods, foods and gifts. Familiarize yourself with Automated Passport Control (APC) and Mobile Passport Control - two programs that make the entry process more efficient, intuitive and paperless for travelers. Learn which option works best for you and speed your entry into the United States. At Logan Airport, U.S. citizens and Canadian visitors can submit their passport information and answers to inspection-related questions to CBP via a smartphone or tablet app prior to arrival.

Travel tips from the different agencies include:

- General travel tips for the holiday:
- When possible, use public transportation instead of driving;
- Visit MBTA.com for updated schedule information, as some services will be on holiday schedules on certain days;

- If you do drive, download MassDOT's Go Time travel app, visit www.Mass511.com or call 511, for the latest updates on travel conditions, and traffic information;

- Try to drive during off peak hours, keep alert and stay awake. Free coffee will be served at the 18 MassDOT service plazas Thanksgiving night, from 10 p.m. through 5 a.m. the next day.

Travel tips for Logan

- Parking is expected to be near or at capacity, take public transportation or HOV options when possible;
- Visit the Massport website for information on all the travel options to and from Logan Airport;

- Always check your airline flight status before leaving for the airport;
- Allow extra time to get to the airport, check in and get through security;

- TSA suggests getting to the airport 2 hours early for a domestic flight and 3 for international;

- Don't forget the leftovers - turkey and stuffing are fine, but all liquids you pack must be 3.4 ounces (100 ml) or less;

- If you have any questions about what is prohibited in your luggage, go to www.tsa.gov or tweet your question to @AskTSA;

- Sign up for text alerts or go to LoganForward.com for the latest construction updates and to sign up for email alerts.

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Mayor McGee's Tailgate Reception at Rolly's Tavern was a cheerful event as everyone enjoyed watching the Patriots' game. This was a time for everyone to come together and have some fun. A delicious buffet was presented for this tailgate party.

Mayor Thomas McGee said, "This is what makes Lynn a unique community; I thank you all for attending this reception. A terrific football game is being played and everyone is in a great mood to see the Pats win." As he continued, "I am proud of Lynn. People who moved into the city can't believe how the residents come together supporting many of the great activities offered in the city. Everyone is working hard to make the city move ahead and to make it a great community to live in".



Attending the Tailgate Party with host Mayor McGee – Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, State Rep Daniel Cahill, Ward 4 Councilor Richard Colucci, and State Senator Brendan Crighton.



Cheering for the Patriots – Councilor-at-Large Brian Field, Ward 5 Councilor Dianna Chatkoutis, Sheriff Kevin Coppinger, School Committee Lorraine Gately, President Frank Valeri of MA Retired Workers, Mayor McGee, Councilor-at-Large Brian LaPierre, and School Committee Jared Nicholson.



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