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## A COLLECTIVE TIP OF THE CAP

### Lynn mourns the loss of English baseball coach Douglas Mullins

By Cary Shuman

Kathy Mullins and Bob Mullins truly raised a beautiful son, actually four beautiful children.

And that loving family, friends, and the Lynn English High School community gave a tremendous farewell to Douglas Adam Mullins at St. Pius Church on Oct. 23.

Douglas Mullins, head coach of the Lynn English baseball team and a lifelong resident of Lynn, died at his home surrounded by his family on Oct. 17. He was 34.

As the funeral Mass was being conducted inside the church, more than 200 students stood outside in a heartfelt tribute to this remarkable young man who had so gallantly waged his fight against cancer. There were student-athletes from the state championship Lynn English basketball team led by Antonio Anderson, the NEC champion girls basketball team led by Mackenzie Charles, and Douglas Mullins' own Lynn English baseball team that was expected to contend for a title under its new coach.

Joe Caponigro, who recommended the promotion of Doug Mullins to the head coaching position after observing his outstanding work as an assistant coach, stood respectfully outside the church as well. Vice Principal Gary Molea who joined Caponigro in organizing this thoughtful student-led tribute to Doug, stood among the large crowd.

Members of Dreek Dana's St. Mary's baseball program, where Douglas Mullins had been an assistant coach on the 2015 state championship team, were in attendance as well.

Also outside was Lynn English High School Director of Athletics Dick Newton, who hired Douglas Mullins to be the Bulldogs' baseball coach.

"Doug Mullins was a wonderful guy and a first-class coach," said Newton. "He always looked at things in a positive way and was a man of integrity. The Lynn English community loved him as was shown by the tremendous turnout by students and coaches from the entire Lynn English Athletic Department at his funeral. His passing is a tremendous loss for all that were fortunate

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The body of Coach Douglas Mullins is carried out of St. Pius V after the funeral mass.



Lynn Police and Massachusetts State Police provided an escort for the funeral. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

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# EDITORIAL

## BE SURE TO VOTE

Okay -- this is it.

The long presidential campaign has come to an end and it will all be over by the time this newspaper is published next week.

Although a record-breaking number of Americans already have taken advantage of the availability of early-voting and voting by mail, there still are many voters who have not cast their ballots.

So here's a reminder:

-- Early voting in person is available in every city and town in Massachusetts through this Friday, October 30. Each town and city clerk will set its own hours each day for early voting, so every voter should check for their community's early-voting schedule.

-- Those who intend to vote by mail must have their ballot envelope postmarked by Election Day, November 3, AND it must be received by election officials by November 6.

-- For those who wish to vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, the polls in every city and town across the state will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Our democracy only works if we make it work -- and that means getting out to vote.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

## IT'S US VS. THE VIRUS

The stunning announcement this week by Trump administration officials that they will be doing nothing to halt the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has grave implications both for the health of every American and for the U.S. economy.

With an average of 1000 Americans dying every day and record-high levels of sickness overwhelming hospitals all across the country, no one is safe from contracting the virus.

What does this mean?

First and foremost, both first and second-level responders -- police and firefighters are in the first category, hospital workers are in the second -- will be at huge risk for contracting the virus. COVID-19 already is the single-biggest cause of deaths among police officers this year and with the pandemic now completely out-of-control, the situation only will get worse.

Second, essential workers, such as teachers and certain retail employees, also will be at high risk for contracting the virus.

Third, senior citizens and those with pre-existing conditions basically will be confined to their homes until they receive a proven vaccine, which is not expected to be widely available until some time next in the late spring or early summer. Family gatherings for the holidays and other occasions simply are not safe for anybody, especially older Americans.

Fourth, the travel, entertainment, and hospitality industry will be all but finished without massive aid from the federal government. Small restaurants and businesses that were able to make it through the summer will face an impossible winter season.

Fifth, unemployment will remain exceedingly high and many Americans will struggle just to feed their families and pay their rent, mortgages, and car payments without massive government assistance.

Sixth, those who need urgent care for other health reasons -- such as heart attacks, cancer treatment, and accidents -- will be placed at risk because ICU and emergency rooms will be filled with COVID-19 patients.

Seventh, state and local governments will be facing huge deficits and will be unable to maintain essential services such as public transportation without massive federal aid.

President Trump has been saying at his rallies in recent days that we are "rounding the corner" in the battle against the virus, a phrase he has been using since last spring.

But at this point, we have rounded so many Trumpian corners, it is clear that we are just running in circles.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Let your heart drive you to vote, but put your mind into your voting

By Glenn Mollette

Most of the time people marry because at that moment that's where their hearts have led them to be. For better or worse many people stay in marriages most of their lives because they have given their heart to their spouse.

We sometimes pursue careers because we have a heart for the vocation. There is something about the vocation that inspires and motivates us. Because our heart is in the work, we stay with the occupation. Success is more likely to occur where the heart is centered.

We become very competent with our hobbies because we love them so much. We enjoy musical instruments, baking, sewing, wood work, painting, fishing, sports and whatever your hobby might be. People are often ready to retire from their jobs because they have hobbies, they love more.

The major emphasis of the greatest commandment is to love God with our hearts. Jesus knew no one would have any commitment to God without the full commitment of the heart.

The heart will take you places and keep you places where the mind would never consider. Too often what the mind will not consider the heart will not give up or

waver from.

We often forget about the mind. Jesus told us to love God with our minds. Reason, commonsense, inquiry, thinking and education are all important. Sometimes the heart may cause us to be blind. We may love blindly. Stay with negative relationships that are destructive. Hang on to a job or career pursuit that ends up being

negative, a dead end and a waste of time. We have to involve our minds in our lives. Life cannot be lived merely by the heart. Heart will keep you someplace a long time. However, your mind will help you to decipher whether it's the right thing to do.

Americans are at the polls

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## LETTER to the Editor

### EARLY VOTING

Dear Editor:

I wanted to share some information with you on the upcoming Election. We still have time left for "early voting". Please share with your family, friends and co-workers. The Mayor has allowed the front door to be open for voting only. Handicap voters can use the Johnson St entrance. Citizens can safely come in and vote, and exit right back out the front entrance. They will not be allowed to go any-

where else in the Hall. Anyone who needs to do business will be directed to the Johnson Street entrance to "sign in". We are doing our own contract tracing for voters only.

Early voting will be held during our regular business hours. Please help spread the word. This week we had 3,240 who early voted!

Be kind, be well, stay safe,  
**Janet L. Rowe**  
 City Clerk-Election Chief

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voting. Love for the country, ideas, political parties and candidates have Americans voting in masses. While you may love the Democratic party or the Republican party or either candidate hopefully you are considering all the reasons why you are voting.

What do you want for America? Good paying jobs? More Government involvement in your life? The removal of guns from society? The freedom to have guns? Less police security? More police security? More taxes? Less taxes? More jobs coming back to America? More jobs going back to China? Health care that pays for nothing? A better health care for every American? What about our freedom? Freedom of speech? We love our freedom in America. Freedom to try. Freedom to fail. Freedom to try again. Freedom to succeed. Freedom to pursue owning a house, car and living an indepen-

dent life. Maybe, you feel that every American should have the same, be the same and that the Government should take care of all us equally?

This election, think about it. Think about what you want for you and your grandchildren. Let your heart drive you to vote, but put your mind into your voting.

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

## MWRA's COVID Resurgence Study sees alarming trend

By John Lynds

Not everyone gets tested for COVID-19 but everyone goes to the bathroom and scientists studying the recent data at the MWRA's Deer Island's waste treatment facility in neighboring Winthrop are seeing an alarming trend.

In June, the MWRA Board of Directors approved the award of a \$200,000 contract with Biobot Analytics, Inc. for a six-month pilot study of wastewater at the Deer Island Treatment Plant as an early warning system tracking trends and potentially predicting a second wave of COVID-19.

The Deer Island plant treats wastewater from 43 communities in eastern Massachusetts, including Boston, which have been representing 40 to 50 percent of the COVID cases in Massachusetts.

Infectious disease experts like Ashish Jha are seeing a dramatic spike in traces of the COVID-19 virus in wastewater at the Deer Island plant, numbers that have not been seen since the pandemic

began in March.

"Every day, I stare at this wastewater data from Massachusetts and get more and more concerned," said Jha on Twitter this week. Jha is dean of the Brown University School of Public Health, "This is not about testing or cases. This is about how much infection there is in the community. In March, we could be excused for being blindsided. What's our excuse for inaction now?"

MWRA's COVID Resurgence Study consists of analyzing wastewater samples from flows coming into Deer Island from the north and south of the service area. Samples are collected three times a week with rapid analysis followed by upstream samples in order to inform public health officials if an increased signal for the virus that causes COVID-19 is detected.

Analysis of wastewater for the genetic signal (viral RNA) of the SARS-CoV-2 that causes COVID-19 is proving to be a cost-effective approach to providing population-level screening for outbreaks of COVID-19.

The first published report of this approach came from the Netherlands, where the analysis of wastewater was able to detect the genetic signal in advance of any known cases of COVID-19 in two cities.

Biobot Analytics released the first demonstration of this approach in the United States, using data from courtesy samples provided by MWRA in early March 2020. Subsequent studies from locations around the world have demonstrated the effectiveness of wastewater analyses to provide an early warning of COVID-19 outbreaks by up to seven days in advance of confirmed cases showing up in the public health data.

This pilot program will take this approach a step further by continuing the regular analyses of the wastewater and trending of the signal from the MWRA service area through the end of the year. MWRA will likely use the lessons learned from this pilot program to establish a long-term program for 2021 and beyond for as long as COVID-19 continues to be a public health threat.

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# U.S. Attorney announces appointment of District Election Officer to monitor integrity of election polls

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling announced that Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Eugenia Carris will lead the efforts of his Office in connection with the Justice Department's nationwide Election Day Program for the upcoming Nov. 3, 2020, general election.

AUSA Carris has been appointed to serve as the District Election Officer (DEO) for the District of Massachusetts, and in that capacity is responsible for overseeing the District's handling of complaints of election fraud and voting rights concerns in consultation with Justice Department Headquarters in Washington.

"Fair elections are the foundation of our democracy," said U.S. Attorney Lelling. "Every citizen has the Constitutional right to

cast his or her vote on election day free from intimidation, harassment and discrimination. The Department of Justice will do its part to ensure the integrity of the election process by enforcing federal laws that protect voters and investigating reports of fraud. We encourage the public to report concerns to us."

The Department of Justice has an important role in deterring election fraud and discrimination at the polls, and combating these violations whenever and wherever they occur. The Department's long-standing Election Day Program furthers these goals, and also seeks to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the election process by providing local points of contact within the Department for the public to report possible election fraud and

voting rights violations while the polls are open through Election Day.

Federal law protects against such crimes as intimidating or bribing voters, buying and selling votes, impersonating voters, altering vote tallies, stuffing ballot boxes, and marking ballots for voters against their wishes or without their input. It also contains special protections for the rights of voters, and provides that they can vote free from acts that intimidate or harass them. For example, actions of persons designed to interrupt or intimidate voters at polling places by questioning or challenging them, or by photographing or videotaping them, under the pretext that these are actions to uncover illegal voting may violate federal voting rights law. Further, federal

law protects the right of voters to mark their own ballot or to be assisted by a person of their choice (where voters need assistance because of disability or illiteracy).

The franchise is the cornerstone of American democracy. We all must ensure that those who are entitled to the franchise exercise it if they choose, and that those who seek to corrupt it are brought to justice.

In order to respond to complaints of election fraud or voting rights concerns during the voting period that ends on Nov. 3, 2020, and to ensure that such complaints are directed to the appropriate authorities, AUSA/DEO Carris will be on duty in Massachusetts while the polls are open and can be reached by the public at 617-748-3363.

In addition, the FBI will have

special agents available in each field office and resident agency throughout the country to receive allegations of election fraud and other election abuses on Election Day. The local FBI field office can be reached at 857-386-2000.

Complaints about possible violations of the federal voting rights laws can also be made to the Civil Rights Division in Washington, DC by phone at 800-253-3931 or at <https://civil-rights.justice.gov/>.

In the case of a crime of violence or intimidation, please call 911 immediately and before contacting federal authorities. State and local police have primary jurisdiction over polling places, and are equipped to respond to an emergency.

# Trump administration sending 2.07 million state-of-the art BinaxNOW tests to Massachusetts

As part of the Trump Administration's comprehensive national effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, and to assist the nation's Governors in doing so, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is sending 2,070,000 state-of-the-art Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 point of care antigen tests to the Common-

wealth of Massachusetts.

The rapid point of care tests, which can diagnose coronavirus infection in as little as 15 minutes, will be distributed at the discretion of Gov. Charlie Baker to support testing K-12 students, teachers, nursing home patients and staff, higher education, critical infrastructure, first

responders, and other priorities as he deems fit.

The Trump Administration has shipped over 167,000 COVID-19 rapid tests directly to congregate care settings such as Massachusetts nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As of Oct. 26, over 552,000 BinaxNOW tests have been shipped to Massachu-

setts.

"To facilitate the continued re-opening of Massachusetts schools, businesses and economy, the Trump Administration has prioritized scaling up the state's point of care testing capacity by making this \$760 million national investment in BinaxNOW tests," said Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Brett Giroir, MD. "Distributing these rapid tests directly to states is consistent with the Trump Administration's successful, ongoing approach of testing the right person, with the right test at the right time, is working and the effort will continue until the pandemic is under control."

In preliminary feedback, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has shared their plan to use BinaxNOW tests to support K-12 schools. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is also working to conduct side-by-side testing utilizing a PCR assay and BinaxNOW tests to help inform their future deployment of tests.

Giroir pointed out that testing does not substitute for avoiding crowded indoor spaces, washing one's hands, or wearing a mask when not able to physically distance.

"Combining personal responsi-

bility with smart testing is a foundational pillar of the Administration's national testing strategy," he said

The Federal government purchased Abbott BinaxNOW diagnostic tests on August 27, to ensure equitable distribution of the first 150 million units – one day after an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) was issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) – to ensure they would be expeditiously distributed to vulnerable populations as quickly as possible. Now that initial distribution of these tests to all 50 states and the District of Columbia is well underway, it ensures the nation's governors will not have to compete for the initial BinaxNOW shipments, or waste precious time to set up individual purchasing contracts with the manufacturer.

HHS has also provided all CLIA-certified nursing homes over 11 million rapid point of care tests, this includes Abbott BinaxNOW FDA-authorized antigen diagnostic tests and either a Quidel Sofia 2 or Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) Veritor™ Plus System instrument(s) with associated tests.

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# City of Lynn COVID-19 update

The Lynn Public Health Department has confirmed that as of today, the number of active, confirmed positive COVID-19 cases is 484 with 40 new cases today. 4,892 Lynn residents have recovered and 122 have died. The total number of confirmed positive COVID-19 cases in Lynn since March 21, 2020, including those who have died and recovered, is 5,498. Please visit the City of Lynn COVID-19 Data Dashboard which is updated daily.

Stop the Spread Initiative Testing have been extended until December 31st

• Fallon Ambulance offers testing at the following locations. Walk up Only:

- Parking lot at Lynn English High School

- Mon - Sat from 11:00am until 5:00pm

- Parking Lot behind Fire Station at 725 Western Ave, off of Federal Street

§ Mon - Sat 12:00pm-6:00pm

- Residents who have been tested for COVID-19 through Fallon Ambulance can call 617-765-0176 with any questions related

to your COVID-19 test results.

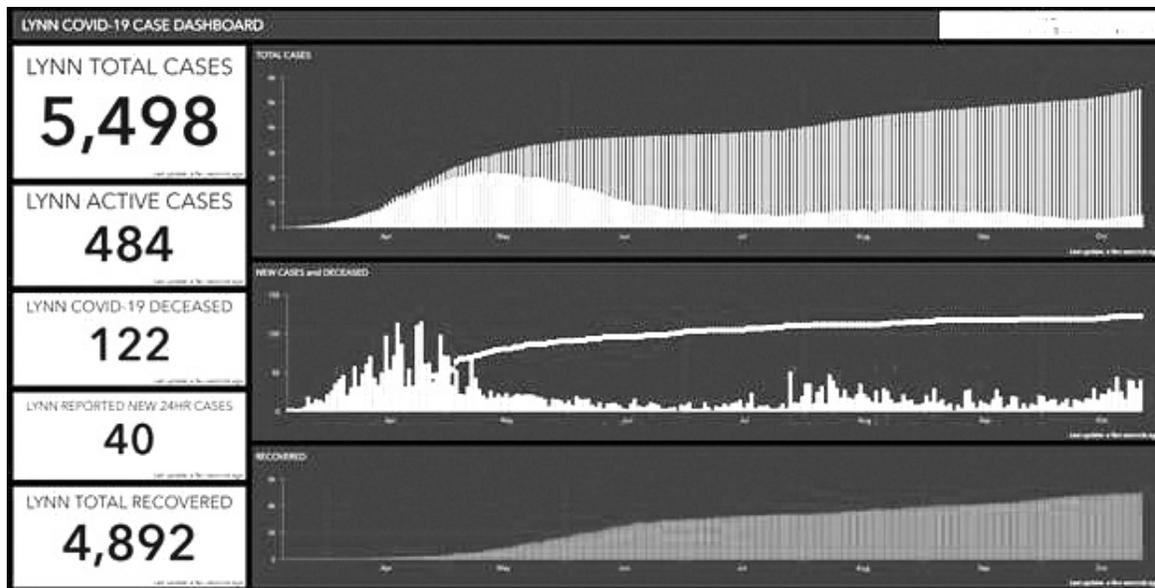
• Call Lynn Community Health Center (781)-581-3900 to make a COVID-19 test appointment at 9 Buffum Street location

Please visit [http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1\\_2](http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2) for more information on how you can get a free COVID-19 test in the City of Lynn until December 31st.

We will continue to provide regular updates on COVID-19 through the City website ([www.lynnma.gov](http://www.lynnma.gov)), social media, and the Smart 911 emergency notification system (sign up at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)).

Actualización de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn del 26 de octubre de 2020.

El Departamento de Salud Pública de Lynn ha confirmado que a partir de hoy, el número de casos activos, confirmados positivos de COVID-19 es 484 con 40 casos nuevos hoy. 4,892 residentes de Lynn se han recuperado y 122 se han muerto. El número total de casos positivos confirmados de COVID-19 en Lynn desde el 21 de marzo de 2020,



incluyendo los que murieron y se recuperaron, es 5,498. Por favor, visite el nuevo registro de data de COVID-19 de la ciudad de Lynn que se actualiza diariamente.

Las pruebas de la iniciativa de Stop the Spread se han extendido hasta el 31 de diciembre

• Fallon Ambulance ofrece pruebas en los siguientes lugares. Hay citas a pie solamente:

- Estacionamiento en Lynn English High School

- Lun - Sáb de 11:00 am a 5:00 pm

- Estacionamiento detras de la

estacion de bomberos de Lynn en 725 Western Avenue en Federal Street

- Lun - Sab de 12:00pm-6:00pm

- Los residentes que se han hecho una prueba de COVID-19 a través de Fallon Ambulance pueden llamar al 617-765-0176 si tienen alguna pregunta relacionada con los resultados de la prueba de COVID-19.

• Llame al Lynn Community Health Center al (781)-581-3900 para programar una cita para la prueba de COVID-19 en 9 Buf-

fum Street.

Visite [http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1\\_2](http://www.ci.lynn.ma.us/covid19/resources.shtml#p7GPc1_2) para obtener más información sobre cómo puede obtener una prueba de COVID-19 gratuita en la ciudad de Lynn hasta el 31 de diciembre.

Continuaremos brindando actualizaciones periódicas sobre COVID-19 a través del sitio web de la Ciudad ([www.lynnma.gov](http://www.lynnma.gov)), las redes sociales y el sistema de notificación de emergencia Smart 911 (regístrese en [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com)).

## LYNN COVID-19 Halloween Risk Levels



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**LOW RISK**

- ✓ Carve pumpkins
- ✓ Decorate your house or apartment
- ✓ Halloween Scavenger Hunts within your household
- ✓ Halloween movie night with your household
- ✓ Virtual Halloween costume contests

✓ Trick-or-treat in yard or driveway where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for children to grab and go while continuing to social distance (If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before and after preparing the bags.)

- ✓ Small group, physically distant outdoor costume parades
- ✓ Outdoor, physically distant costume parties (Halloween masks are not substitutes for cloth masks)
- ✓ Visit a pumpkin patch/orchard wearing a mask, using hand sanitizer and staying physically distant from other groups
- ✓ Outdoor, physically distant Halloween movie night or outdoor, one-way walk-through haunted forest (if screaming will occur at either, greater distant is advised)

**HIGH RISK**

- ✗ Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children
- ✗ Indoor costume Halloween parties
- ✗ Walking through indoor haunted houses
- ✗ Group hayrides/tractor rides
- ✗ Trunk-or-treat events where treats are handed out of trunks of cars
- ✗ Attending a fall festival outside of your community
- ✗ Avoid alcohol & drugs which cloud judgement and increase risky behavior

Strongly not recommended for Lynn residents this year

The above guidance is from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## LYNN COVID-19 Niveles de riesgo de Halloween



2020

**BAJO RIESGO**

- ✓ Tallar calabazas
- ✓ Decora tu casa o apartamento
- ✓ Búsquedas del tesoro de Halloween dentro de su hogar
- ✓ Noche de películas de Halloween con su hogar
- ✓ Concursos virtuales de disfraces de Halloween

- ✓ Truco o trato en el patio o en el camino de entrada donde se alinean bolsas de regalos envueltas individualmente para que los niños las agarren y se vayan mientras continúan la distancia social (Si está preparando bolsas de golosinas, lávese las manos con agua y jabón durante al menos 20 segundos antes y después de preparar las bolsas).
- ✓ Desfiles de disfraces al aire libre en grupos pequeños y físicamente distantes
- ✓ Fiestas de disfraces al aire libre y físicamente distantes (las máscaras de Halloween no sustituyen las máscaras de tela)
- ✓ Visite un huerto/huerto de calabazas con una máscara, use desinfectante de manos y manténgase físicamente alejado de otros grupos
- ✓ Noche de película de Halloween al aire libre, físicamente distante o al aire libre, bosque encantado de un solo sentido (si se van a producir gritos en cualquiera de ellos, se recomienda una mayor distancia)

**ALTO RIESGO**

No recomendado para los residentes de Lynn este año

- ✗ Truco o trato tradicional puerta a puerta donde se entregan golosinas a los niños
- ✗ Fiestas de Halloween de disfraces de interior
- ✗ Caminando por casas embrujadas interiores
- ✗ Paseos en heno en grupo/paseos en tractor
- ✗ Eventos de baúl o golosinas donde se reparten golosinas de los baúles de los autos
- ✗ Asistir a un festival de otoño fuera de su comunidad
- ✗ Evite el alcohol y las drogas que nublan el juicio y aumentan el comportamiento de riesgo

La guía anterior es de los Centros para el Control de Enfermedades (CDC) y el Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# Mullins/

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Eric McGrath, a teammate and friend at Lynn Classical High School, praised Douglas Mullins in remarks following the funeral Mass.

“Doug was a great teammate and fierce competitor,” said McGrath. “More importantly, he was a great friend. He will be missed by so many of us in the Lynn community. He battled pain in that shoulder since he was 17, hardly complaining and maintaining a positive outlook despite oftentimes being in agony. We are all fortunate to have had him in our lives for the time we did. Seeing Dougie immerse himself into coaching at the American Legion and high school levels, starting at St. Mary’s and then taking over his own program at Lynn English made me so proud to call him a close friend. He is the only person that could ever get me to root for Lynn English! I along with so many will miss him and will forever have a void in our lives without him. With that said, I am certain he will still make us smile and laugh when thinking about the memories we had with him,” concluded McGrath.

## A procession to the cemetery where parting words were said

Led by a police escort, a large funeral procession continued on to Pine Grove Cemetery where Doug’s three older siblings, brother David, 36, and sisters Becky, 39, and Jennifer, 37, delivered the parting words in honor of their “great” brother.

David spoke about his brother’s competitiveness and his desire to win as an athlete. Doug had begun his baseball career in Wyoma Little League and continued to play the game he loved

in Lynn Babe Ruth and at Lynn Classical High School before he started coaching.

“Before cancer, Doug and I got to enjoy life together. Growing up as kids, Doug was a great brother and we’ve always had each other’s backs,” said David. “Together we were very competitive – Doug loved to win and he loved to have fun. And in his 34 years of life, I’ve honestly never seen him quit at anything that he’s ever done.

“Doug truly was a special person. He was goofy yet sincere, a rare combination. He was also an extremely caring person, He cared so much about his family, his friends, his girlfriend, his coaching staff, his student-athletes, and his dog, Jade,

And Doug let us know how much he cared about us up until the very end.

“For 16 months, I watched my brother fight cancer. He fought tooth and nail through all those things and never complained. He still made time for his family and friends, still attended functions, handled responsibilities and had a positive attitude and stayed

true to himself.

“I think everyone deserves to know how incredibly strong and incredibly strong willed he was up until his last breath. And now he doesn’t have to suffer or fight any more.

“Our family will always love and miss you, Dougie. Until we meet again, little brother – I love you.”

Becky Stephanakis told the gathering at the cemetery that at first she felt she “wouldn’t want to say much but 10 minutes later dozens of thoughts flooded my brain all at once.”

“I think the first thought was how awful it was going to be standing here burying my baby brother. There’s just something wrong with it. He’s younger than all his siblings and should outlive us all. And then my second was, ‘I still want to do it,’ so here we are in this unimaginable situation that no one had any control over, even Doug.

“And now in death, we turn to honor him on not just today, but all the days ahead,” said Becky. “He was my baby brother and he was always that to me. We have

five years between us and it was just enough for me to pretend that he was actually my baby.

“I would invite friends over and show him off to them. They would all want the blonde, curly-haired toddler as their baby. I remember the day they brought him home from the hospital. From that moment on, he was the fun, lovable, beautiful boy that had the best personality. He never changed. He was carefree and one of the most forgiving people I’ve ever known.

“He was special to us and throughout his life, he became special to so many people. There was just something about him.”

Becky talked about the tenacity and courage in which her brother fought his battle against cancer.

“He has a bigger purpose in Heaven know,” said Becky. “God needed him for something. Everyone has a legacy and Doug’s legacy speaks for itself.”

Jenny Melanson said of her brother, “Doug was always the one to make us laugh, even

through some of the hardest times. He fought this horrible disease with everything he had. He never gave up.

“He can be proud of the strong fighter and the person that he was. Our children always looked up to him and now they have a Guardian Angel.

“I love you, Doug,” said Jenny in concluding in her remarks.

Mother Nature provided a warm, sunny October day for the farewell to Douglas Mullins, a day that would have been perfect for baseball.

“He loved all sports but baseball was his passion,” said his mother, Kathy Mullins. “But coaching was actually more his passion than playing sports.”

Kathy Mullins said she was thankful for the amazing tribute paid to her son during the observances that were under the professional administration of Solimine Funeral Homes.

“That was a very nice tribute to Doug, for sure,” said Kathy Mullins.



The Lynn English Girls Basketball Team was in attendance.



Pallbearers, David Mullins, George Stephanakis, Austin Connolly, John Waldron, Jason Robbins, Bryan Melanson, Justin Cunningham, Shane Seaman, Neil Dunlop, and Kevin Narey bring the casket of Douglas Mullins to the church.



The St. Mary's of Lynn Baseball Team in attendance of the funeral for Coach Doug Mullins.



Former NBA Player and Head Coach of the Champion Lynn English Basketball Team, Antonio Anderson attended the funeral of Coach Doug Mullins

### MULLINS APPRECIATION



Cole Story signs a baseball as a member of Lynn English's baseball team. The ball was signed by the entire baseball team, and given to the family.



Members of the Lynn English Baseball line the walkway to the church.



The body of Coach Douglas Mullins is carried out of St. Pius V after the funeral mass.



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## Election set for Tuesday, Nov. 3

Lynn City Clerk and Elections Chief Janet Rowe is predicting a very large turnout for the U.S. Presidential, State and Essex County Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. at locations throughout the city. Thousands of residents have already cast their ballots through the Mail-In and Early Voting processes.

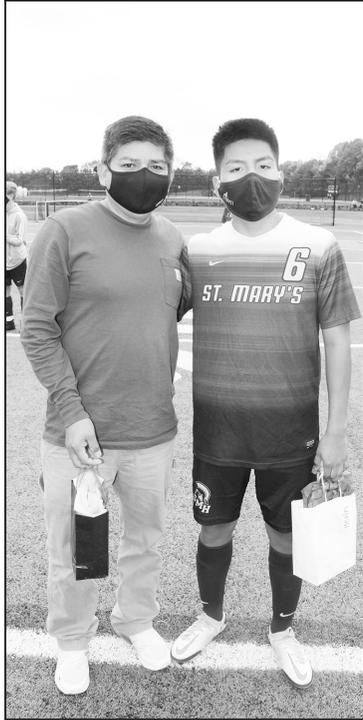
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# ST. MARY'S SOCCER PROGRAM HOLDS SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

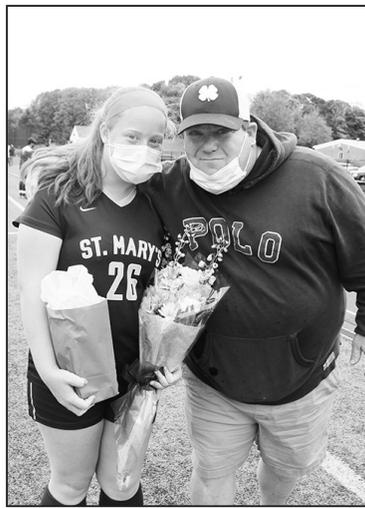
The St. Mary's High School boys and girls soccer programs held Senior Recognition Day Saturday at Bishop Fenwick High school.

The seniors and their families were honored during an on-field ceremony.

Director of Athletics Jeff Ne-whall announced the seniors' names for the presentation of gifts to the players and their parents.



Kevin Espino and Percy Espino.



Zoey Bozarjian and Richard Bozarjian.



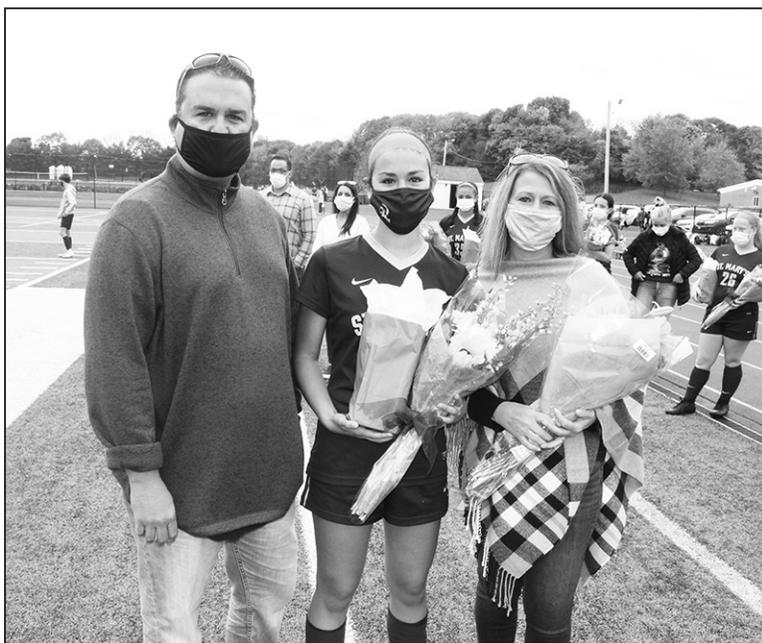
Zachary Barden with Maggie Barden, Gary Barden, and Michele Barden.



Maria Pereira with Carlos Oliveira and Marcia Ferreira.



St. Mary's High School girls soccer head coach Jim Foley, with the seniors from the Class of 2021, from left, Julia Nickolau, Maria Pereira, Eliza Brown, Susannah Cornell, and Zoey Bozarjian.



Julia Nickolau with Michael Nickolau and Dawn Nickolau.



Friends had a special congratulatory and "We Love You -Te Amamos" banner made for senior soccer player Maria Pereira.

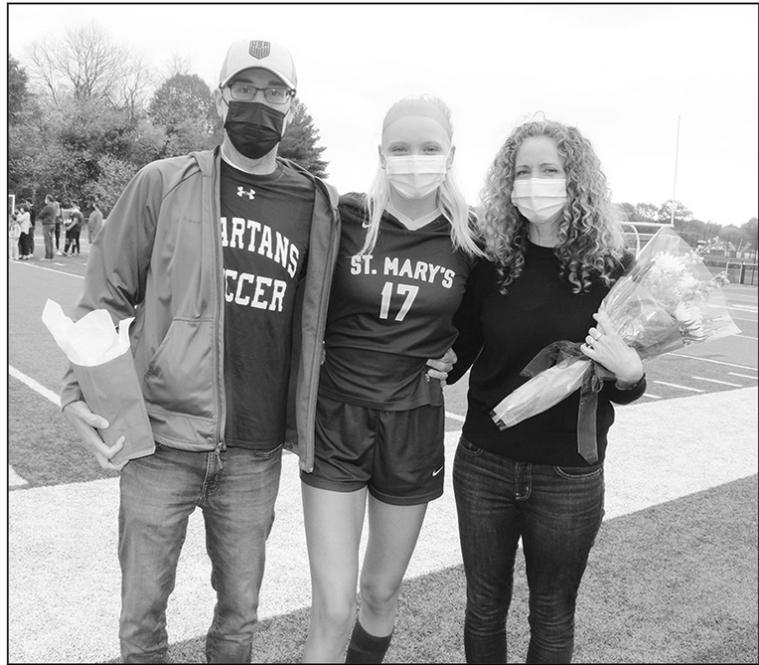
# ST. MARY'S SOCCER PROGRAM HOLDS SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY



Jackson Nickolau (#2) with his brother, Colin Nickolau (#33), their parents, Michael Nickolau and Dawn Nickolau, and St. Mary's boys soccer head coach, Mike D'Agostino.



Eliza Brown with David Brown and Helen Brown,



Susannah Cornell with Matthew and Beth Ann Cornell.



Twin team leaders Jackson Nickolau and Julie Nickolau, with their brother, Colin Nickolau, and their parents, Dawn Nickolau and Michael Nickolau.



Eduardo Toranzo with Ricardo Toranzo and Inma Toranzo and the Toranzo family.

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# Fall 2020 Commuter Rail schedule changes to take effect Monday, Nov. 2

The MBTA is reminding customers of upcoming schedule changes coming to the Commuter Rail network this fall effective Monday, Nov. 2. These updates are being made in response to changing ridership patterns on the Commuter Rail as a result of the pandemic.

The goal of these schedule changes is to accommodate traditional ridership while also adapting service where commutes have changed (to accommodate new staggered work start times, for example) and where the Commuter Rail may become a new option for some customers. These schedules aim to level out service consistently over the course of the day and eliminate gaps in mid-day service, providing more options to riders that promote social distancing.

More Information on Fall Changes Effective November 2: Full schedules effective Nov. 2 are available at [mbta.com](http://mbta.com). Train counts will increase on

weekdays from 505 in fall 2019 to 544 in this fall 2020, utilizing the same number of train sets and crews as October 2019. Thirty-two of the 39 new trains (82 percent) will serve either Fairmount, Brockton, or Lynn:

•Fairmont service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every 45 minutes (fall 2019 mid-day service operated every 60 minutes).

•Brockton service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every sixty to 70 minutes (fall 2019 mid-day service ranged 90 to 120 minutes).

•Lynn service: This fall, mid-day service will operate every 30 minutes (fall 2019 service ranged from 30 to 90 minutes).

Other key service changes include:

•Providence service: Service will be more evenly distributed throughout the day with consistent, all-day service and 60-minute headways.

•Worcester service: Better

commute options will be offered with the reintroduction of Express trains. The Heart to Hub service on the Worcester Line will also resume, operating at more convenient times and also serving Framingham.

Commuter Rail Service Pilot Updates:

In an effort to fairly assess current Commuter Rail service pilots that have been affected by the pandemic and current ridership counts, changes to some Commuter Rail service pilots will be in effect beginning Nov. 2. The criteria for evaluating these service pilots will also be updated to account for lower ridership and new budget realities.

•The late-night South Shore schedule change pilot that began in fall 2019 will be paused. This pilot will be considered in the future when ridership and large events in Boston return.

•The Foxboro Weekday Service pilot that began in fall 2019 will be temporarily suspended.

This pilot is scheduled to restart in spring 2021.

•The Fairmount Line Week-day Service pilot that added eight additional trips to the Line in June 2020 will continue and be expanded in the fall 2020 schedules. Two more trips will be added in order to provide trains at a regular 45-minute interval.

Commuter Rail Fare Pilot Updates:

The Lynn Zone 1A pilot remains in effect through Dec. 31, 2020. This pilot provides additional travel options for North Shore customers, eases crowding on nearby bus routes, and allows the MBTA to collect ridership data related to the effects of temporary fare changes on relieving crowding.

The Five-Day Flex Pass pilot will be extended to Dec. 31, 2020. The Five-Day Flex Pass on mTicket is a bundled fare good for any five days of travel within a 30-day period.

The Youth Pass is current-

ly valid on all Commuter Rail Zones with this pilot extended to Dec. 31, 2020. The Youth Pass Program is a partnership between the MBTA and participating cities and towns that offers young adults with low incomes roughly 50 percent reduced one way fares or \$30 monthly Link Passes and was previously only available on bus and subway.

The Foxboro Reverse Commute Fare pilot will end on Oct. 30, 2020. This fare pilot offered a fare equal to that of an inter-zone 4 fare to commuters who traveled from Zone 1A stations on the Franklin and Fairmount Lines to Foxboro in the morning and returned to Boston in the evening.

For more information, visit [mbta.com](http://mbta.com) or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, or Instagram@theMBTA.

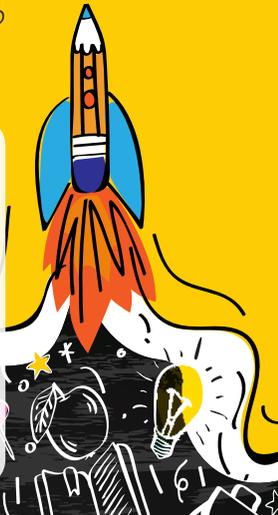
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# Lauren A. Liss will step down as MassDevelopment's President and CEO

MassDevelopment announced that after three years as President and CEO, Lauren A. Liss would step down from this position at the end of the calendar year. Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of MassDevelopment, will lead the search for the next head of the state's finance and development agency.

"Lauren has been an incredible partner and leader as she has put MassDevelopment's many programs and resources to work creating jobs for our residents, increasing investment in our communities, and spurring economic growth statewide," said

Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. "From providing critical financing to growing businesses to supporting the construction of new housing units, Lauren and the MassDevelopment team have played an essential role in our administration's work on countless projects and initiatives."

Gov. Charlie Baker appointed and the Board approved Liss to lead MassDevelopment (formally the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency) in 2017, where she first served under former Board Chair Jay Ash and current Chair, Secretary Kennealy. Prior to joining MassDevelopment, Liss held leadership

positions in both the private and public sectors, including Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and a partner in a Boston law firm.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to return to public service to lead MassDevelopment during a period of such tremendous growth," said Liss. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure, working with the Baker-Polito Administration, the MassDevelopment Board, and all our dedicated colleagues and staff to spur economic development across the Commonwealth, particularly in our underserved communities."

In fiscal year 2020, MassDe-

velopment financed or managed 341 projects generating investment of more than \$2.69 billion in the Massachusetts economy. These projects are estimated to create or support 10,871 jobs and build or preserve 1,787 housing units. As president and CEO, Liss expanded its work in Gateway Cities through an array of finance programs and real estate services – such as the Transformative Development Initiative (TDI) and Commonwealth Places program – and oversaw tremendous growth at Devens, MassDevelopment's iconic mixed-use redevelopment of the former Fort Devens.

This year, under Liss' leadership and in response to the

COVID-19 pandemic, MassDevelopment pivoted programs and tools to support small businesses in some of the state's hardest-hit communities and aid in economic recovery. These efforts helped to stabilize businesses in TDI districts, and created crowdfunding opportunities for community partners to prepare public spaces and commercial districts to safely serve residents and visitors.

MassDevelopment, the state's finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth.

# U.S. Attorney Lelling announces the creation of Civil Rights Task Force

United States Attorney Andrew Lelling announces the creation of a statewide Civil Rights Task Force, which will coordinate with, and support, local and state law enforcement in preventing, investigating and prosecuting civil rights violations in Massachusetts. The Task Force will enhance collaboration among federal, state and local law enforcement to better identify and deter threats, work to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and community members, and provide training and support to local police departments confronting civil rights issues.

"The current intensity of public concern with issues of racial equity, persecution of minorities, and relations between minority communities and law enforce-

ment, demands a coordinated law enforcement response," said U.S. Attorney Lelling. "In short, we need to do something and, in the interest of bolstering the public's trust, the public needs to see that we take these issues seriously and will be accountable for our success or failure. I want to thank the state and local officials joining me today to launch this effort."

Today, U.S. Attorney Lelling hosted the Task Force's initial leadership meeting. The leadership team is charged with choosing representatives for the Task Force's primary working group and will set priorities for the group. The leadership members in attendance at today's meeting included: Terrence Reidy, Undersecretary for Law Enforcement, Executive Office of Public

Safety and Security, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; William Gross, Commissioner of the Boston Police Department; Jeff W. Farnsworth, the Chief of Police for the Hampden Police Department and the President of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association; and Gina Kwon, Chief of the Criminal Bureau,

Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

U.S. Attorney Lelling and the leadership team outlined the importance of a statewide collective focused on providing support and resources to local and state law enforcement on civil rights issues. They also provided details surrounding the structure

of the new Civil Rights Task Force, and the selection process for appointing members. The general Task Force membership is expected to meet and begin providing resources to local police departments, community organizations and police chiefs in January 2021.

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# LYNN ROTARIANS CLEAN UP BARRY PARK

Barry Park's children play park needed a sprucing up after a summer of fun and play. A mild day energized a clean-up of the playground area, walking path, and basketball court. This was a civic initiative by the Lynn Rotary Club in cooperation with the Lynn Department of Public Works.

The clean up project came to light at a Rotarian's meeting. President William Reilly explained how it evolved as he said, "Our monthly meetings are held at the Old Tyme Restaurant. Since the pandemic curtailed many of our outreach routines, especially the monthly food distribution at My Brother's Table, we decided to develop a community service project.

Barry Park was ideal for us to put a team together and be outside." During the clean-up, the Rotarians picked up 11 bags of waste.

A Lynn Rotarian note of interest is about Rev. Bill Simpson. He received in 1952 a Rotary Club Foundation Scholarship to attend the University of Edinburgh in Scotland for a full year and was asked to become an Honorary Edinburg Rotary member. After returning home, Bill spoke at many Rotarian groups of his experience. In 1983 he joined the Lynn organization bringing a continuous spirit of helping others.

"Service above self" is the motto with the Rotary Club International.



Reggie Peral gathered waste



Lynn Rotary President Bill Reilly and his wife, Diane, begin the clean-up project



Kathy Gupta and Rev. Bill Simpson bag leaves as Peg Simpson rakes leaves



Connie Price collects scattered litter



Kevin Price rakes as his Dad, Paul Price, is ready for leaf pick-up



Rotarian President Bill Reilly with former President Stephen Upton



Rotarian team work on park clean-up: Kevin, Connie, and Paul Price with Bill and Diane Reilly



The Peral family, Brenda, Amelia and Reggie, with Former Lynn Classical Athletic Director Dick Ruth working on the clean-up