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Santa Claus and Linda Eaton as Mrs. Claus invites the Demakes Family YMCA Chorus gathering. See more photos on Pages 4 and 5.

Chief Reddy, Lt. Reddy, Officers Almonte, Orellana appear at liquor licensing informational forum at NSLBA

By Cary Shuman

Lynn Police Chief Chris Reddy, Lt. Tom Reddy, and Officers Jose Almonte and Hector Orellana appeared at a North Shore Latino Business Association-sponsored liquor license informational forum Monday at North Shore Latino Business Association (NSLBA) headquarters on Sutton Street.

NSLBA Executive Director Frances Martinez had reached out to the Lynn Police Department on behalf of members who were seeking up-to-date information about the liquor licensing process.

Lt. Reddy, who serves as the LPD's liaison to the Licensing Commission, led 25 Latino and minority business owners and managers through a comprehensive, one-hour presentation about all phases of the liquor licensing application process and the LPD's enforcement of the Commission's rules and regulations. Chief Reddy and Officers Almonte and Orellana sat at the head table in the large room, taking part in the presentation and making themselves available to the assemblage during the question-and-answer period and the informal meet-and-greet session

Festival of Lights Glow in Central Square

Festival of Lights glow in Central Square. Many people gathered to watch the popular traditional lighting of the Christmas tree and the Menorah. This sparked a festive mood with the start of the holiday season sponsored together by the Greater Lynn Chamber of Commerce (GLCC) and the City of Lynn.

"This is a wonderful event to celebrate the holiday season" said GLCC Executive Director

Colin Codner. He continued to note how every year this event continues to grow. "We have over 100 people and three musical choruses performing. This is an event to celebrate together and support our local businesses. This is what the Chamber of Commerce wants to be about supporting Lynn."

Mayor Thomas McGee was delighted to continue this tradition. He was excited to see a

large crowd for the start of the holiday season for this lighting. "Tonight, Central Square will be the first real tree lighting in Lynn. This is great being here and with the Chamber to light the Christmas tree, the Menorah, and to bring people together."

The Salvation Army served hot chocolate and Columbia Insurance handed out delicious buttery popcorn as well. A real good spiritual feeling permeated among everyone knowing this will be a jubilant season for joy and happiness.



The traditional Christmas Tree and Menorah light up Central Square.

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EDITORIAL

PEARL HARBOR WAS 80 YEARS AGO

It was 80 years ago this coming week that the nation of Japan launched its attack on the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii on December 7, 1941.

The very next day, President Franklin D. Roosevelt convened a joint session of Congress in which he famously declared the attack as, "A day that will live in infamy," and asked Congress for a Declaration of War against Japan.

Germany and Italy, allies of the Japanese who collectively were known as the Axis, then declared war on the U.S., setting the stage for what would become the largest conflagration in world history.

Hundreds of thousands of Americans would die in battlefronts stretching from the European continent to the jungle islands of the Pacific over the next three and one-half years before the German and Japanese war machines finally were subdued.

For more than two years prior to the attack, America had stayed out of the war that already had engulfed most of the rest of the world in the aftermath of the German invasion of Poland on September 1, 1939.

By the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hitler's Nazis had conquered all of continental Europe and much of Africa, while the Japanese had invaded almost all of Asia, save for the U.S. outposts in the Philippines and other small islands in the Pacific.

Americans clung to the belief that our isolation, separated from the rest of the world by two oceans, would keep us out of the war. Americans had no appetite for re-engaging in another conflict just 23 years removed from the memories of World War I that still were fresh in our nation's psyche.

But after Pearl Harbor, we no longer could keep our heads buried in the sand. Although America had re-instituted the draft some months prior to Pearl Harbor and had ramped up our military production capabilities, the suddenness of the Japanese attack still came as a shock to every American.

Americans realized that thanks to the capabilities of modern armaments such as Japanese aircraft carriers and German U-boats, even the continental United States was not insulated from attack by a foreign enemy. Citizens on the West Coast braced for a Japanese invasion in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor and curfews were instituted on the Eastern Seaboard.

Thanks to the countless number of documentaries and movies over the past 20 years that tell the stories of the brave Americans who fought in WWII, we are fortunate to have a living history of the sacrifices made by The Greatest Generation.

The lessons of Pearl Harbor are many, but chief among them is that freedom isn't free -- and that we always must be vigilant to recognize the forces of evil that seek to destroy our way of life.

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, started this past Sunday evening and will culminate this coming Monday, December 6.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

In summary, Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers.

When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the lights remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights. Although Hanukkah celebrations this year will be much more subdued than is typical because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and meaningful Hanukkah season.

GUEST OP-ED

Surviving a pulmonary embolism

Dr. Glenn Mollette

On Saturday, October 2 I had to go to the hospital emergency room. The prior Tuesday I had an unusual leg spasm from my left thigh to my groin area. I've had pulled muscles from sports off and on and thought it was from exercise or just sitting weird in my recliner.

By later Wednesday I noticed an occasional cough that felt strange. On Thursday I called my family doctor's office and reported I was coughing occasionally and didn't feel right. I was told by the receptionist, "We aren't seeing sick people and the doctor thinks you should have a Covid test." I went for the test which came back negative.

On Friday evening my wife and I took a casual walk around the block of our neighborhood and I was breathing heavy from a simple walk. I knew there was something going on. I checked my heart rate and it was 85 beats per minute. Typically, it's between 60 and 65 bpm when resting. Thirty minutes later I checked it again and the resting rate was 95.

I spent Friday evening checking my blood pressure and heart rate. The blood pressure was averaging about 150 over 100 which is really high for me and my heart rate was staying between 85 to 95 bpm.

By Saturday morning, I had to go to the emergency room knowing I was in trouble. After a CT scan and ultra sound imaging I was diagnosed with a massive blood clot in my left lung also known as a Pulmonary Embolism. Three doctors worked with me from 6 AM until 6 PM to save my life. They told me if I had waited one more day my story would be very different. I spent the day in the emergency room and the rest of the weekend in Intensive care forbidden to get out of bed. After a heavy dose of Heparin blood thinner and a bottle of daily medication to consume I was released from the hospital to slowly resume life.

There are reports that upward to 180,000 people in the United States die every year from Pulmonary Embolisms. This is more people than the number of people dying from breast cancer, car wrecks and HIV altogether.

Being in the emergency room wondering if I was going to live was scary to say the least. I worried about my wife and children. I knew they would have to make funeral arrangements and this made me feel bad for them.

My new theme is a recommitment to keeping the feet moving. It's an easy thing to do. While traveling flex the feet. Stretch the legs. Put them up whenever possible. Raise the knees up and down. Look for every possible opportunity to walk. When driv-

ing now it's a brief stop every hour for a five-minute stretch or walk. It slows the trip down, but I want to show up eventually than not at all.

I'm writing this because I want you to be aware of your body. Invest in a blood pressure cuff and a finger oxygen/heart rate monitor. Know what your typical numbers are so that you can know when your numbers aren't right and you need to seek medical attention.

Unfortunately, I know people who are no longer in this world because of a Pulmonary Embolism. They sneak up on us. The beginning signs of pain or swelling in your leg are often ignored by most people -- including me. However, things can change quickly and this is why if this happens you must go to the nearest hospital emergency room to be checked out. It could save your life. Very fortunately, it did for me. One more day of waiting and it would have been too late. Don't ignore the warning signs.

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Markos Continues to Help

Brother's Deli of Lynn serves 700 hungry members of the Lynn community on Thanksgiving Day

Special to The Journal

George Markos owner of Brother's Deli on Market Street in Lynn is known for his generosity and great food at his deli, this past Thanksgiving, George, his family and crew decided to spend their Thanksgiving Day



Amy Ward is all smiles as she serves one of the last meals of the day, which was over 700 in total.

cooking, not for themselves, but for those in need. They cooked for and happily served over 700 members of the community, a complete Thanksgiving dinner, fit for a king, with all the fixn's. George and his crew truly brought Thanksgiving to lots of very hungry and now happy people on this holiday of feasting and giving thanks, to what some take granted. Acts of kindness like this, that George Markos and his staff brought to the Lynn community are gratefully acknowledged and help bring a moment of caring everyone needs in their life.



George Markos (center) owner of Brother's Deli on Market Street is shown with his crew on Thanksgiving Day, after they cooked for and served over 700 members of their community, showing people do care and hold their values to help those in need close to their hearts. Shown in photo, Jacob Ward, Jerry Powers, Ana Ward, George Markos, Estelle Revelotis, Amy Ward, and Tony Katsianis.

Sounds of Christmas will play Sunday in Revere

Staff Report

The instruments are tuned and the musicians are ready for Sunday's Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert and Food Drive featuring the North Shore Philharmonic Or-

chestra.

Music Director Robert Lehmann will start the program of popular Christmas music at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church.

All concert attendees will be required to show proof of Covid vaccination or a negative Covid

test taken no earlier than Thursday December 2. Everyone will be required to wear masks during the concert.

Admission to the concert is free thanks to the generous principal sponsors Bocchino Insurance, Global Partners LP, Comcast, RCN, Action Emergency Management Services, and the Arbella Insurance Foundation. Patrons are asked to bring a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry.

The "Sounds of Christmas"

concert was first played in Revere in 1976 and settled at St. Anthony's Church in 1977. It has been an annual event except for a three-year hiatus in the mid-1980s. The pandemic forced cancellation of last year's concert.

"It goes without saying that we are thrilled to be back at St. Anthony's this year," said Robert Marra Jr., president of the Orchestra and co-chair of the concert. "We want everyone to be safe, but to come and enjoy this tradition and welcome the holiday season."

Start the new year with a new career at the MBTA

Staff Report

The MBTA is aggressively hiring new employees to join its dynamic workforce. It takes many people to move over a million trips a day, and the 6,500-person MBTA is redoubling efforts to hire hundreds of open positions – from train and trolley operators, to administrative and technical positions, and especially bus drivers who are in high demand to transport Massachusetts residents to work, play, and everywhere in between. Prospective candidates looking for a rewarding career where they can have a positive impact on the entire region should visit mbta.com/careers for more information on open positions and to learn about the MBTA's many benefits and incentives.

"The MBTA plays an integral and essential role in keeping Massachusetts moving. The T is a diverse and exciting place to work, and we're actively hiring and training new employees, especially bus drivers, right now to join our ranks and play a significant part in revitalizing the region post pandemic," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "The MBTA is being proactive in recruiting new individuals to

join our team and fast-tracking the hiring process, and will continue to work closely with local and state career centers and our community partners to recruit new individuals to join our team. We offer a variety of growth opportunities to employees and encourage members of the public to visit our website to learn more about our many open positions and beginning their career at the T."

The MBTA has gone to over 20 online and in-person career fairs across the region this fall and is updating the way it hires to make it easier and faster to start a T career, including Commercial Driver's License (CDL) permit "events" at Registry of Motor Vehicle locations (CDL permits are encouraged in applying for bus operator positions), a revamp of the interview process, streamlining the application process, and more. The T has also launched an aggressive recruitment campaign, more than doubling the size of its Human Resources recruiting department since Labor Day 2021 with more anticipated to join soon. A Human Resources team was also recently created that is dedicated to vehicle operator hiring, especially MBTA bus operators.

The MBTA offers competitive salaries, extensive healthcare benefits, free public transit, training programs, tuition assistance, employee assistance programs, and an emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion. MBTA employees also receive attractive retirement plans, paid vacation, holidays, and sick time, and flexible spending accounts. Members of the public can view open positions online and visit the MBTA website for more information on insurance and other benefits.

The MBTA envisions a thriving region enabled by a best-in-class transit system. The MBTA's mission is to serve the public by providing safe, reliable, and accessible transportation, and holds core values built around safety, service, equity, and sustainability. Each employee that works for the MBTA performs their roles based on our vision, mission, and values. The MBTA is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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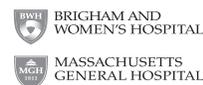
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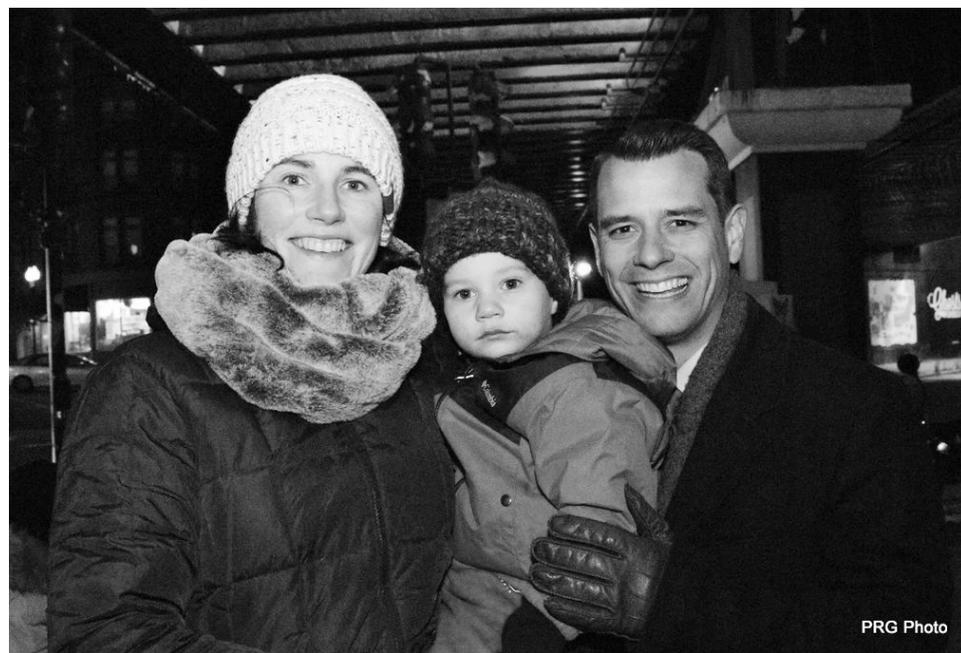


FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS GLOW IN CENTRAL SQUARE



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Celebrating the Spirit – Ward 2 Councillor Rick Starbard, Ward 3 Councillor elect Coco Alinsug, Mayor Thomas McGee, and Ward 4 Councillor Richard Colucci



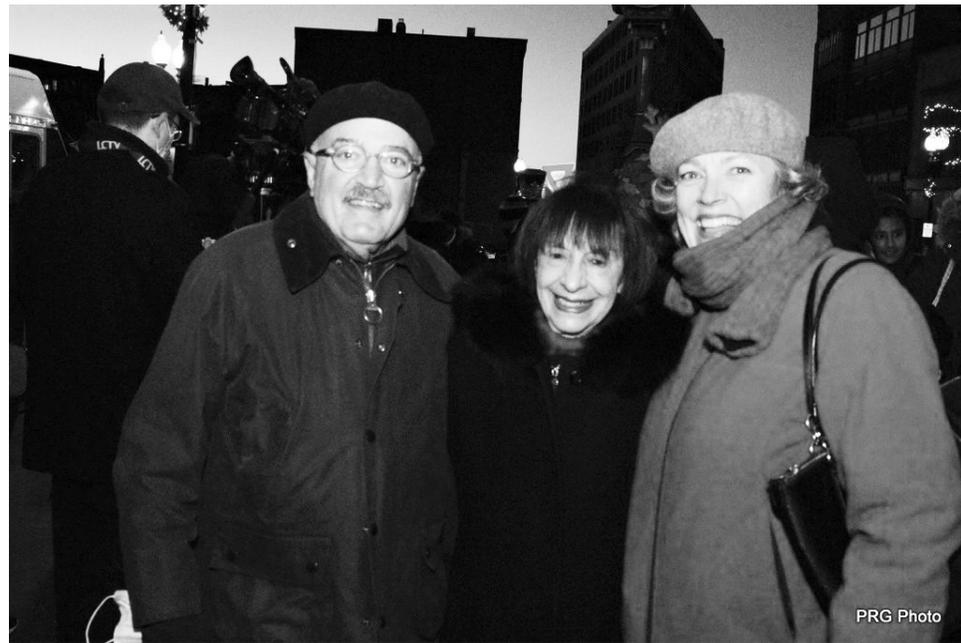
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The Nicholson Family enjoying the celebration – Mayor elect Jared with his wife, Katherine and son, Henry



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North Shore Christian School teacher Sharon Kim sings Christmas Carol songs with children



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Santa Claus Larry Eaton with GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner



Santa Claus Larry Eaton with GLCC Executive Director Colin Codner



Fresh Buttery Popcorn at Columbia Insurance stand – John Olson, Christine Dion Pierce, Lisa Nerich, Jessica Chiappini, and Craig Whitcomb

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St. Mary's Choir sang Christmas songs before the ceremonial lighting



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School Committee elect Lenny Pena with Juan meets Santa Claus

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40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECOND GREAT LYNN FIRE

Forty years ago, the 2nd Great Lynn Fire occurred wiping out four city blocks. This 10-alarm alert was considered one of the worst fires in Lynn as it spread from Liberty Street to Washington Street. Flames threatened the Vamp Building which was renovated into apartment units before the fire now known as Harbor Loft.

This fire devastated city blocks because of wind-driven forces consuming businesses - Musinsky Sporting Store, Walter Dyer Leather Goods, the Furniture Store, a shoe factory, and many others.

The fire started in the early morning near Oxford Street jumping to aging buildings with an estimated damage of over 40 million dollars. The fire demolished 17 buildings and fortunately no one was killed. Six brave Lynn Firefighters were injured. Over 700 firefighters battled the fire with 105 fire apparatus working to control this firestorm; 80 mutual aid fire departments from Cambridge to Gloucester and from New Hampshire fought the blaze leaving behind a skeleton area. Ocean water was pumped to put the fire out. Currently, the block is now the home of North Shore Community College Lynn campus.

Captain Rick Conway retired from Nashua Fire Department, son of retired Deputy Chief Bill Conway, presented a slideshow in detail of the 2nd Great Fire on November 28, 1981 in Lynn. Bill Conway oversaw the Arson Squad piecing together the or-

igin of the fire. He along with Rick collected numerous photos to explain this historic fire on the edge of downtown Lynn.

“This show was put together shortly after the fire. Former Chief Joseph Scanlon and my father, Bill Conway, had done many presentations throughout the New England region. Throughout the year my father updated pictures of the college being built on the site, added a lot of pre-history material of the First Great Fire, and emphasis on the fire investigation. Every five years this show keeps resurfacing, adding more pictures, and obtaining new information. This is a reminiscence of history and how this happens. Many thanks to Chief Stephen Archer and Dave Coleman who helped to put this show together. Many retirees will be here this evening who fought this conflagration and to learn their perspective of what they endured and experienced. The most important objective is what was learned from this Great Fire on November 28, 1981 and hope this does not happen again” said Rick Conway.

A deserving recognition to Retired Captain Bob Maher who rushed to the fire after his dad’s funeral. A clerical mistake of not listing Bob in the ledger was recently corrected through efforts of Chief Archer and Deputy Chief Richard. LFD citation was presented to Captain Bob Maher.

Courtesy Photos were submitted by LFD Lt. Dennis Ring to show the impact this Great Fire of 1981 had on Lynn.



Beverly Engine Co. 6 operating on Washington Street (Photo Courtesy – Retired Lynn District Chief Jack Barry)



Lynn Ladder Co. 1 operating at the corner of Washington and Broad Street (Photo Courtesy – Lynn Fire Archives)



Colleen and Retired Firefighter John Barry of the 2nd Great Fire worked on Ladder 2



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Retired Captain Bob Maher received LFD Citation on the 2nd Great Fire from Chief Stephen Archer and Deputy Chief Arthur Richard



Three generations of Firefighters – Dylan Conway of Marlborough FD, Bill Conway Retired Lynn FD Deputy Chief, and Captain Rick Conway Retired Nashua FD.



A Cambridge Tower unit rises to the flames in the rear of Benson Shoe Co. (Photo Courtesy – William Noonan)



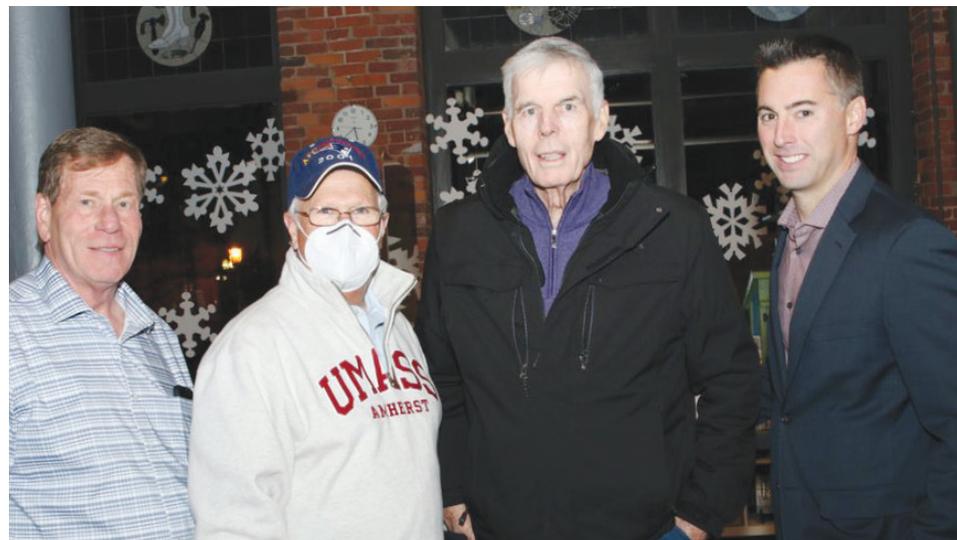
Retired Fire Chief Jim McDonald on Ladder 4 of the 2nd Great Fire, Deputy Chief Arthur Richard, Chief Stephen Archer, and Retired Fire Captain Larry Godbout on Engine 5 during the 2nd Great Fire



Captain Robert Maher and his family of four generations – Captain Bob Maher, Thomas Carter (Ladder 4), Alisa Carter, Karey Hartless, Rose Carter with William, Kelsey Hartless, Charles and Laurie Clark, William Stocco, Peg Carter, and Cameron Hartless



Lynn Retired Firefighters of the 2nd Great Fire – Jim Barry (Engine 1), Bernie Noon (Engine 6), Buzzy Barton (Ladder 1), Marty Robichaud (Engine 8), and Don White (Ladder 1)



Retired Firefighter Joe Carritte, Mayor Thomas McGee, Retired Firefighter James Abernathy, veteran of the 2nd Great Fire, and State Senator Brendan Crighton

MARKEY VISITS MY BROTHER'S TABLE

US Senator Edward Markey of Massachusetts visited My Brother's Table before the Thanksgiving holiday to have a first-hand look how meals are distributed to people in need. Senator Markey realizes food and health issues during a period of insecurity face millions of people across the country as he said, "Here in Lynn, it is clear that the whole community has come together, so no one would go without a meal."



Joanne and Willie Dupree, Lynn resident volunteers, sort, bag, and deliver food as they informed Senator Markey of the process



Senator Edward Markey with Mayor Thomas McGee, Executive Director Dianne Kuzia Hills, State Rep. Lori Ehrlich, and State Senator Brendan Crighton



Volunteer School Committee Member Donna Coppola meets Senator Markey



Senator Markey reviews a book "To Nourish" featuring My Brother's Table



Floor Distribution Manager Sue Ellen Woodcock explained to Senator Markey and State Rep. Lori Ehrlich how food is handled and distributed

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Metro Credit Union welcomes Arias-Perez and Oliveira to staff

Staff Report

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, has announced Bianny Arias-Perez and Clarissa Oliveira have joined the organization as Partners in the Training and Development

Department.

In the Training and Development Partner role, Arias-Perez and Oliveira will be responsible for delivering, monitoring, updating, and evaluating the New Employee Training program, conducting classroom and on-the-job training with a focus on

products and systems. When not actively training on-site or in the classroom, they will assist with training and coaching employees who assist members.

Prior to joining Metro Credit Union, Arias-Perez was most recently a Retail Training Officer at East Boston Savings Bank. She

brings six years of experience within the banking industry and a talent for creating and developing personalized learning approaches for each participant. Arias-Perez received her Associates degree in Business Management from Quincy College and is a Langevin Certified Master Trainer.

Oliveira joins Metro Credit Union with over a decade of experience within the financial services industry, most recently as a BSA Analyst at Naveo Credit Union and with knowledge of many financial programs including the COCC Core and Verafin. Oliveira received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Massachusetts Boston and obtained her Bank Secrecy Act Certified Specialist qualification.

"We're excited to have Bianny and Clarissa join Metro" said Robert Cashman, Metro Credit Union's

President and CEO. "As Metro continues to grow, so do career opportunities. By expanding our Training and Development department, Metro will invest and ensure our new hires feel empowered in their roles and serve our members effectively."

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit MetroCU.org or connect with us on LinkedIn.

MCU welcomes Joelle Ocean, VP Retail Regional Administrator

Staff Report

Metro Credit Union (MCU), Massachusetts' largest state-chartered credit union, has announced Joelle Ocean has joined the organization as VP Retail Regional Administrator. In her role, Ocean is responsible for motivating, coaching, and supporting a team of branch managers to provide outstanding member service and performance to meet the financial needs of members, while achieving Metro's goals and objectives. She will oversee the sourcing and hiring of branch personnel within her assigned region and ensure all branches are staffed with experienced team members.

join Metro" said Robert Cashman, Metro Credit Union's President and CEO. "Her depth of knowledge within the banking industry, alongside her leadership and management skills, will serve our members well as Metro continues to grow."

Ocean received her Associates degree in Business Administration from Newbury College and has a Branch Compliance Officer (BCO) certification. She is Mutual Fund Licensed and has completed Personal Financial Planning No. 1 (PFP) training.

For more information about Metro Credit Union, please visit MetroCU.org or connect with us on LinkedIn.

Metro Credit Union is the largest state-chartered credit union in Massachusetts, with \$2.4 billion in assets. Metro provides a full range of financial products to close to 200,000 members in Essex, Middlesex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Plymouth, Barnstable, Bristol and Worcester counties in Massachusetts, and Rockingham and Hillsborough counties in New Hampshire, as well as to employees of over 1,200 companies through its Metro@work program. Founded



Joelle Ocean.

in 1926, Metro currently operates 14 branch offices in Boston, Burlington, Chelsea, Framingham, Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Newton, Peabody, Salem, Tewksbury, and coming soon to West Roxbury and Reading. Metro is also a Juntos Avanzamos ("Together We Advance") designated credit union, an honor given to financial institutions for their commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and immigrant consumers. Metro was recently named among the most charitable companies in Massachusetts by the Boston Business Journal.

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that followed Lt. Reddy's remarks.

"There are all different levels of the liquor licensing process, the package store, beer and wine, and malt levels, for example, but there is a lot of rules and regulations and paperwork in the process, and I know that Frances [Martinez] works with groups to get that done," said Reddy.

"But we can also help you do that. Mainly it is a function of City Hall, but we can steer you in the right direction to the resources that can help you," continued Reddy.

The executive officer of the LPD Criminal Investigation Division, Reddy noted that it is the Lynn Police Department that is called upon to look at violations or problems that arise with the liquor licenses. "That's when the Police Department becomes involved. Basically, we would be the ones looking to see if there was a complaint or a violation. The people that make the decision about what happens with your license, if there is a violation or a problem, is the Lynn Licensing Commission that has three members and meets twice monthly," said Reddy. "I sit in on those meetings as an advisor, to speak on the Police Department's point of view.

"I can tell you the Licensing Commission, as well as the Mayor and the City Council, the Chief

of Police, and the Police Department want to see Lynn thrive and Lynn businesses thrive. They work very hard to make that happen. You can see during the last two years with the pandemic the leeway that the Licensing Commission is trying to give as long as you do it the right way – to put in outdoor seating, allow extra room, to allow businesses to stay open and not have to close," said Reddy. "We want to see Lynn prosper and that starts with having great people running these bars and restaurants. Our concern is that the businesses have to be run in a safe and diligent manner."

Martinez pleased by turnout

Martinez was pleased with the high turnout, notably so on a Monday night following the long Thanksgiving weekend. The spirit of cooperation between the business community and the Lynn Police was evident in the room. All participants wore face coverings throughout the program.

Martinez, whose organization has become the "go-to" resource for Latino and minority-owned businesses in the city, said her inspiration for the meeting was "to make sure everyone is on the same page."

"As Lieutenant Reddy and Chief Reddy mentioned, we want to have businesses stay in busi-

ness," added Martinez. "We want to make sure the business owners understand the regulations and be able to have a good practice to run the business. It's important for them to hear directly from our police department to understand that the goal for everyone is to have a successful business. Of course, there are regulations that everyone has to follow and that's the meaning of this meeting."

The meeting was not unprecedented, but it was historic in the sense that it was NSBLA's first forum of this nature following the COVID-19 pandemic that se-

verely impacted Lynn businesses.

"We had a similar meeting with the Lynn Police two years ago, but after the pandemic, this is the first one," related Martinez. "We are excited by the great turnout. It is part of the work that the Association is doing, making sure that people get the information that is important to them. We look forward to future meetings with the Lynn Police, who are our friends."

Encarnacion lauds Lynn Police Department

The Lynn Police Department

received praise from business owners for their participation in the forum.

"This was very informative for the business owners, especially those who have a liquor license in the city," said Basilio Encarnacion, owner of Rincon Macorisano Restaurant, which is in the process of moving to Lewis Street. "Most of us don't know 100 percent how to do this, so it's great to have a good relationship with the Police in the community. That's one way we can have a better community."



The Lynn Police Department delegation, pictured with local business owners and members of the North Shore Latino Business Association at the informational forum Monday.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

LIQUOR LICENSES COULD EXPAND

CHELSEA - More people in Chelsea could mean more liquor licenses for the city.

"Based on new census numbers, we're likely to have a significant number of new liquor licenses available," said Stephon Treadway, the city's municipal hearing officer.

Treadway said the Licensing Department is recommending that a request for proposals go out asking potential licensees to meet certain criteria, rather than having the Licensing Commission take the requests for new licenses in order when they become available.

"Then we can decide which we think are the best fit for the city under the criteria established by Chapter 138," said Treadway.

Licensing Commissioner James Guido said a public hearing will be scheduled to help determine the best criteria for the RFPs and issuing the new licens-

es.

In other business, the commission held a conference on the status of the liquor license for The Chelsea Walk Pub, which is currently closed.

Pub manager Angela Palmieri said there are currently negotiations underway to sell the pub which she said she expects to be concluded by the end of the year. Palmieri said The Chelsea Pub Walk filed to renew the liquor license for 2022.

The Chelsea Walk Pub will be back before the Licensing Commission in December for an update.

"We're not going to let you renew and stay closed and have a pocket license for a year," said Guido. "When you come in December, we'll decide how we are going to proceed."

The commission also got an update on the liquor license held by the estate of Nancy Serna. She held the liquor license for Rancho Las Pupusas on 2nd Street, which is currently open but not

serving alcohol.

According to a letter from an attorney representing the estate, the matter is currently in Suffolk County Probate Court, and it's expected that there will be a corporation running the business under one of the heirs. At that time, it is likely that the new corporation will appear before the Licensing Commission to reactivate the liquor license.

In other business, the commission heard from the managers of Bar La Cueva on Broadway, which reopened in September after being closed for over a year due to the pandemic. The managers requested that their hours be extended from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends.

Guido said the restaurant could file for an extension, and it would be taken up at a public hearing in January.

Police Lt. Keith Houghton said that the bar's hours had been rolled back in 2019, but that there had been no issues since they reopened in September.

EARLY VOTING STARTS ON SATURDAY

EAST BOSTON - Last week the City of Boston's Election Department, with approval from the Boston City Council, set in-person early voting dates for the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex Senate Special Election Primary.

On Tuesday, December 14 District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards will square off against Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio to fill the senate seat that was vacated by Joe Boncore earlier this fall.

However, Boston voters in the senatorial district, which includes East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Bay Village, South End, Chinatown, Beacon Hill, and Cambridgeport, can begin voting Saturday, December 4 and early voting will last until Friday, December 10.

On Sunday Dec. 4 registered voters in the senatorial district can vote at City Hall between 11 am and 7 pm. as well as neighborhood sites from 11 am to 7 pm.

Voters can again vote on Monday, December 6 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall and again on Tuesday, December 7 from 9 am to 8 pm as well as at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 pm.

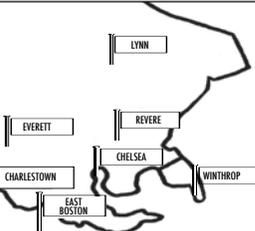
On Wednesday, December 8 early voting will occur for the race at City Hall only from 9 am to 5 pm and again on Thursday, December 9 at City Hall from 9 am to 8 pm and at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 am.

The final date of early voting for the senate race will be on Friday, December 10 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall.

The closest in-person early voting neighborhood site in East Boston is the BCYF Paris Street Community Center at 112 Paris St.

Residents in the senatorial district must register to vote before Wednesday, November 24 in order to be eligible to take part in the Special Election Primary.

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The Lynn Jets Hockey program was established in 2007, combining Lynn English, Lynn Classical and Lynn Tech High Schools. This combined team competes in the GBL League and is coached by Brian Boisson. The winter sports program is about to start up and the annual alumni game is a great way to bring the game to forefront for the players. The game was played last Friday afternoon at Connery Rink on Shepard Street in Lynn, and who won? Everyone had a great time with old friends and making new ones. Head Coach Brian Boisson and the 2021 Lynn Jets Alumni Hockey Team at Connery Rink last Friday afternoon.

LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

MORALES ACHIEVES SUCCESS ON BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Though most teams were forced into an off-year for their 2020 seasons, that doesn't seem to have affected several of Pingree School's programs in athletics and afternoon activities; the girls varsity cross country team brought home the Division 3 NEPSAC championship and after posting an undefeated season, the football team clinched the Evergreen League championship and Mark Conroy Bowl!

Congratulations are in order, too, for the varsity golf and girls varsity soccer, winning EIL league and tournament titles. The dance team received the Showmanship Award at the Endicott College Dance Invitational and will continue on to participate in the New York City

Dance Alliance Convention and Competition in December. Field hockey and boys varsity soccer put in strong performances in their NEPSAC playoff games.

Francisco Morales of Lynn contributed to the success of Pingree's fall programs as a member of the Boys Varsity Football team.

Director of Athletics and Afternoon Programs Betsy Kennedy enthused, "We are so proud of all our fall teams. In spite of the challenges of last fall, our student-athletes demonstrated incredible determination, dedication, and commitment to supporting each other. It was an all-around great season for the Highlanders!"

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