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DAVID SOLIMINE SR. HONORED ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS



Legendary businessman and philanthropist David Solimine Sr. celebrated his 90th birthday on August 30, 2025. There were multiple parties to honor the popular lifelong Lynn resident. In the photo above, Mr. Solimine is pictured with family, friends, and colleagues from the Solimine Funeral Home at a birthday dinner at Rossetti's Restaurant. In the photo, below, Mr. Solimine joins a celebratory photo with SFH directors (from left) Christina Dusablon, Lisa Smith, Leah Cornoyer, Shannon Murphy, Kristi Edmunds, and Katie Abernathy.



Nicholson joins Warren for discussion on housing

Special to the Journal

Mayor Jared Nicholson joined Sen. Liz Warren and Massachusetts mayors at the senator's roundtable and press conference Aug. 28 to discuss her bipartisan Renewing Opportunity in the American Dream (ROAD) to Housing Act of 2025.

Nicholson delivered remarks before introducing Warren at the press conference. Interestingly, Nicholson was himself



Mayor (Michael) Nicholson, meet Mayor (Jared) Nicholson.

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The Reign of Shane Begins

Lynn English football star Knowlton-Simard is attracting attention from college programs

By Cary Shuman

Tyllor McDonald only needs to look at videos from John Hoffman's calls of his high school football games to see greatness in a Lynn English football uniform.

Yes, his current players may

not know it, but Coach McDonald is one of the very best in Bulldogs' history – a two-time Item Offensive Player of the Year at quarterback/defensive back with more than 5,000 yards and 60 touchdowns and

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Lynn English football star Shane Knowlton-Simard, pictured at the school with Head Coach Tyllor McDonald (left) and Athletic Director Ashley Aldred (right).

EDITORIAL

REVIVING HAPPY HOURS WILL PUT MORE DRUNK DRIVERS ON OUR ROADS

The proposal by State Senator Julian Cyr to revive happy hours -- which have been outlawed in Massachusetts since the 1980s -- is a terrible idea that will have only one guaranteed consequence: More motorists will be driving under the influence, endangering the lives of everybody who is on the roads across our state.

Proponents of bringing back happy hours make three arguments.

First, they suggest that happy hours will help struggling restaurants.

However, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association (as well as the the Massachusetts Package Stores Association) is opposed to the change, which makes perfect sense. With food at razor-thin margins, the only means by which restaurants can operate profitably is through the sale of alcohol, which generates much-higher profit margins than food.

But restaurateurs know fully well that reinstating happy hours will only result in the proverbial “race to the bottom” that will see restaurants undercut each other on alcohol prices in order to attract customers -- and thereby trim their profit margins significantly.

In addition, happy hour promotions will require restaurants to ensure much-stricter policing of their patrons so that they are not being overserved. Why would any reputable restaurateur want that additional burden?

Second, proponents suggest that the widespread availability of ride-share services such as Uber and Lyft, which were not around when happy hours were banned 40 years ago, will mean that intoxicated drivers will not get behind the wheel.

However, this argument does not stand up to the facts. Contrary to the assertions of the pro-happy hour crowd, the introduction of rideshares over the past 15 years has not reduced the incidence of drunk driving. OUI deaths on our state’s roads plunged significantly from the mid-1980s to 2010, but have basically remained the same over the past 15 years despite the availability of ride-share services.

And according to a national survey looking at data in 2023, Massachusetts had the second-highest increase in alcohol-impaired fatalities in the country with a more than a 20% jump over 2022.

Here’s what the Mass.gov website says about drunk driving. “Drunk driving and drugged driving have an enormous impact on road safety in Massachusetts. In 2021, over one-third (34%) of all motor vehicle deaths in Massachusetts involved a drunk driver, which was higher than the national rate of 31%. Of car and truck drivers hospitalized in Massachusetts for crash-related injuries in 2021, over one-third (35%) were identified as being under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the crash. Drivers hospitalized for crash-related injuries who had used alcohol or drugs were 35% more likely to suffer a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury than drivers who had not used alcohol or drugs.”

Finally, proponents of removing the ban say that it should be left up to each community to decide whether to reinstate happy hours. The “leave it up to local control” argument always sounds good, but in this case it has one fatal (pun intended) flaw: Drunk drivers do not respect city limits -- an intoxicated driver who leaves a bar in one community becomes a danger in the next town over. One town’s decision to allow happy hours becomes another community’s drunk-driving problem.

Senator Cyr was not around (he’s 39) when Massachusetts banned happy hours in the aftermath of a high-profile drunk-driving death in the 1980s. Massachusetts also enacted a series of tough measures in the 1980s that increased the penalties for an OUI, and those new laws had a dramatic effect, with OUI deaths plummeting significantly over the next 20 years.

However, despite the new laws, our state still sees far too many tragedies resulting from drunk-driving accidents.

Our state’s restrictions on happy hours have nothing to do with “Puritanism” (as the proponents of restoring happy hours try to suggest). Rather, it’s all about public safety. We would note that the states that allow happy hours, predominantly in the south and west, have the highest rates of drunk-driving fatalities in the country.

In survey after survey for years, citizens have stated that they fear drunk drivers more than anything else on our roadways -- and as surely as night follows day, reintroducing happy hours will put more drunk drivers on our roads and lead to more deaths and more serious injuries.

We urge our state legislators to do what’s right for the safety of all our residents and reject any attempt to restore “Happy Hours” to our state.



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MBTA to begin fare checks: Warnings followed by citations beginning Sept. 8

Special to the Journal

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) announced that fare checks as the part of its Fare Engagement Program will soon begin within the subway system. Beginning September 8, Fare Engagement Representatives will begin issuing formal warnings and citations to riders who have not tapped at a fare gate or farebox. More information is available at mbta.com/FareCheck.

“Our riders deserve a safe and reliable mass transportation system that is available for them when they need it. With strong support, we are making significant progress, but to sustain it, we owe it to our riders and the public at large to do our part and collect all appropriate fare revenue. It’s about a responsibility we have and fairness for all,” said MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “As we continue to improve service frequency across all modes, we have much more to do, and we rely on each rider to pay their fare and support continued service improvements. Your fares are essential to delivering the levels of service you expect and help us better support your community. To our riders who pay for each and every trip, thank you! For those who may need support with payment, please reach out to us about the reduced fare opportunities we offer across all modes. Know that our Fare Engagement Representatives dressed in blue shirts will be moving to the next step of ensuring fare compliance by all.”

In October 2024, the MBTA hired and trained 16 Fare Engagement Representatives to answer rider questions about fares. Within the first several weeks,

fare collection increased by up to as 35% at stations where the new Fare Engagement Representatives were on-site.

Fare checks are respectful interactions where trained Fare Engagement Representatives visually check fares as they observe riders entering fare gates and boarding vehicles. Fare media includes CharlieCards, credit cards, smart phones, smart watches, and valid passes. Fare Engagement Representatives have been conducting fare education outreach throughout the system over the past several months and will be supported by MBTA Transit Police. Fare Engagement Representatives wear blue shirts, khaki pants, hats, have MBTA identification, and have access to Google Translate at all times (the majority of Representatives speak a second language in addition to English). Future phases of the Fare Engagement Program will include Representatives onboard buses, Green Line trolleys, and Mattapan Line trolleys to verify fare payment and provide riders fare education.

More Information on Warnings and Citations

The MBTA is deeply committed to ensuring that the Fare Engagement Program is implemented in a fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory manner. Proactive steps have been taken to prioritize respect, integrity, and equal treatment for all riders, including equitable deployment of the Fare Engagement team; extensive training on topics such as implicit bias, cultural intelligence, de-escalation techniques, youth engagement, accessibility, and customer service; data collection transparency; and a commitment to continuous improvement.

If a rider has not paid, the following steps will occur:

- Warnings and Citations:
- Having a warning-first system ensures riders know how to pay their fare before being held accountable for evading fares
- Riders will be asked for their government-issued form of identification, such as a REAL ID, passport, or standard Massachusetts ID. If a rider does not have an ID available, staff will request their name and contact information. A warning or citation will be handed to the rider and mailed if a valid address is provided.
- First offense: A first offense is a formal, written warning with no fine
- Subsequent offenses: Failure to pay fares after a warning will result in a civil citation requiring the rider to pay a fine
- First, second, or third citation: \$50 fine
- Fourth or subsequent citation: \$100 fine
- Riders can find full information, including how to appeal a citation, by visiting <https://www.mbta.com/policies/fare-evasion-citations>.
- Uncooperative riders may be asked to exit station
- If a rider refuses to cooperate with MBTA personnel, provide identification, or provide their contact information, they may be asked to exit the station at that time.

This next phase of fare engagement reflects years of thoughtful collaboration with community members, advocates, and transit riders across the region. Since 2021, the MBTA has solicited and incorporated public input through hearings, written comments, and direct outreach, listening carefully to concerns about fairness,

equity, and enforcement. Feedback helped shape every stage of rulemaking, including the guarantee of a warning for first-time offenses. To prevent bias and promote a consistent rider experience system-wide, Fare Engagement Representatives will be deployed equitably across the system based on ridership patterns, not geography, to avoid a disproportionate presence in any one community. The new fare check approach is the result of a deliberate and inclusive process, grounded in the voices of those who depend on and care deeply about the MBTA.

More Information on Reduced Fares

The MBTA is committed to providing reliable, accessible transportation to all and has implemented new reduced-fare eligibility that makes all MBTA transportation modes available and affordable to income-eligible individuals. Discounted fare cards are available to riders with disabilities, senior citizens, and some students. The MBTA expanded reduced fares to income-eligible riders aged 18 – 64 who are enrolled in the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA), MassHealth, or MASSGrant programs. MBTA reduced fare programs offer eligible riders approximately 50% off on all MBTA buses, subway, ferry, Commuter Rail, and paratransit (The RIDE) travel. Riders can learn more and check their eligibility at mbta.com/Reduced.

Routes 23, 28, and 29 are currently fare-free routes as a result of funding from the City of Boston as part of a pilot program. The MBTA supports making transit more affordable systemwide and is committed to advancing adoption of the Income-Eligible Reduced Fare Program, which has

seen tremendous growth since its launch.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/FareCheck or connect with the T on X @MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America’s first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region’s economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders’ daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

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certainly deserving of a seat at the all-time table with the 1990 Super Bowl tandem of quarterback Chris Warren and running back Brian Vaughan, among others.

Hence, McDonald, who went on to have an excellent career at Framingham State University, knows all about prime prospects, and he believes he has one in senior Shane Knowlton-Simard.

“Shane is just due for a big year numbers-wise,” said McDonald. “He’s explosive, tall, athletic, rangy. He’s definitely a scholarship-level player.”

A 6-foot-3-inch, 180-pound senior who is a multiple-sport athlete (he also plays basketball and runs track), Knowlton-Simard will move from wide receiver to quarterback this season on offense. He is being projected as a college-level cornerback.

Boston College, UNH, and Southeast Missouri State are among the schools that have contacted Knowlton-Simard. He has visited Merrimack, Kenesaw State (Georgia) and UNH.

“I want to play college football,” said Knowlton-Simard,

while expressing confidence in his abilities.

Last season, as a starting defensive back, Knowlton-Simard had 33 tackles, 10 pass-breakups, and two interceptions. Offensively, he was the favorite target of quarterback Jaiden Rosario with 33 catches for 682 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns. He also returned a kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

His career began at English

Knowlton-Simard said he did not play Pop Warner or AYF football, having started his career as a freshman at En-

glish.

“Football was something I liked watching, but I never got to play,” he related. “I tried out freshman year and I have enjoyed my time at English, and I appreciate what Coach McDonald has done for me.”

In his first season, McDonald guided the Bulldogs to an MIAA playoff bid and a 7-4 record, including a big win over Lynn Classical on Thanksgiving. Knowlton-Simard is hoping the Bulldogs can return to the state playoffs.

“Our goal this year is to win as many games as we can, make

the playoffs, have a great year, and go out strong with the seniors,” said Shane, son of True and Jane Knowlton-Simard.

Shane said the leadership of the football program has been outstanding.

“The whole coaching staff has been tremendous. They make sure we’re prepared, and they keep it completely honest with us, so we know where we’re at as players. They make every day a productive learning experience, and we look forward to giving it our all for them and hopefully having a great year,” he said.

CUFFE-MCGINN FUNERAL HOME HOSTS BBQ LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF FIRST RESPONDERS

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Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home hosted its annual Last Responders Celebrating First Responders BBQ Luncheon for Lynn’s Fire Department, Police Department, and emergency medical personnel at its location at 157 Maple St.

At the event, Cuffe-McGinn displayed a banner that read: “Thank You To Our Heroes – Everyone Working To Keep Our World and Communities Strong.”

During a wonderful luncheon, the distinguished guests enjoyed grilled hot dogs, sausages, cheeseburgers and other foods. The decorations, including miniature Lynn fire engines, police cars, and ambulances honored the first responders.



Eric Daniels (right) and Cristina Daniels of Cuffe-McGinn stand adjacent to the banner recognizing Lynn’s first responders “for working to keep our world and communities going.”



Lynn Fire Lt. Rick Rackett is welcomed to the luncheon by Daniel Bergendahl and Monica LaVita of Cuffe-McGinn.



Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home Manager Eric Daniels (front row, right) joins the Lynn Fire Department’s first responders for a photo at the luncheon.



The Cuffe-McGinn Funeral Home staff welcomed Lynn’s first responders to the annual barbecue luncheon. Seated are Linda Shirley, Nancy D’Aurora, and Kenia Soto. Standing are Dan Lemanager, Cristina Daniels, manager Eric Daniels, Bob Hartshorn, Gary Toye, John Downey, Suzanne Dow, and John Kobuszewski.

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LYNN AND SAUGUS REPUBLICAN COMMITTEES HOLD PATRIOTIC SUMMER EVENT IN LYNN

The Lynn Republican City Committee and Saugus Republican Town Committee held a Patriotic Summer Barbecue in Lynn. Guests enjoyed barbecued hot dogs and cheeseburgers, desserts, and music.

Rep. Donald Wong, podcaster Mike Urban, patriot Sue Ianni, John Kolackovsky of Zoning Ballot Initiatives, and Mass MAGA founder David Lopez were among the speakers.

LRCC City Chair Maria Pia Perez did a great job helping to organize and lead the event that brought together Republicans from across the region.



Mass MAGA founder David Lopez, Lynn Republican City Committee Chair Maria Pia Perez, and Rep. Donald Wong, pictured at the event in Lynn.



Lynn resident Theresa Giannino and Republican State Committeeman Paul Ronukaitus at the party.



Maria Pia Perez thanks Terry Doherty for his outstanding culinary skill at the grill.

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LRCC Chair Maria Pia Perez welcomes Tom Johnson (left) of Norwood and Tom Harvey (right) of Arlington to the City of Lynn.

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How to Live Well in Your Community: Housing Stability and Your Health

Many don't realize that your overall well-being is impacted by more than just your physical health. Our environment, economic stability, and social connections may also influence how we feel.

For example, the stress from an unstable living situation can negatively affect both your physical and mental health and make it hard to keep up with your care, bills, or even daily tasks. As a mission-driven healthcare services organization, Commonwealth Care Alliance® (CCA) is focused on keeping our members safe and healthy by helping to address some of these challenges.

CCA's interdisciplinary care teams, which include nurses, social workers, and behavioral health clinicians, are trained to spot and address challenges with members in real time. Our teams help members live independently in their communities by connecting them to programs they may be eligible for, including those that can help with rent, utility bills, or food. In some cases, we have even helped members find new housing that better meets their health and safety needs.

James*, a CCA member living with mental health challenges, was struggling to maintain his home and his health when he first started working with his CCA care team. He faced difficulties cooking healthy meals, keeping up with chores, and addressing his broader medical needs. After connecting him with the right behavioral health resources in his community, James was able to get other areas of his health back on track. His CCA care team also connected him to meal delivery and homemaking services in his community to ensure he was in an environment that was optimal for his well-being.

CCA also understands that safe, consistent housing is essential to living well. This is why we include housing experts on our care teams to help members navigate the complex housing system. One member, Dawn*, was introduced to a CCA housing expert while experiencing homelessness. Together, they completed Dawn's housing applications, helped her gather necessary doc-



umentation, and even worked to submit appeals when faced with denials.

With the help of her care team, Dawn was able to complete the paperwork she needed to secure permanent housing and was connected to resources to help her furnish her space. Now, with the stability and safety of a new home, Dawn has re-engaged with her healthcare providers and is on the path to wellness.

For over two decades, CCA has focused on improving the lives of people with the most significant health and social needs by delivering integrated, person-centered care. Because our employees are part of the communities we serve, they understand the programs that will best support a member's well-being and can tailor each care plan accordingly. Building on these local ties, we also partner closely with other community-based organizations, so members have access to an array of personalized services.

"At the core of CCA's work is our ability to recognize the challenges facing our members and find unique solutions that fit their specific needs," said Jorie Epstein-Mares, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and Senior Director of Community Health Services at CCA. "There is no 'one-size-fits-all' approach to health, and each person has their own barriers to overcome. Our goal is to help reduce those barriers and serve as advocates for our members so they can focus on what's most important: their long-term health and quality of life."

*Names changed to protect member privacy.

Commonwealth Care Alliance (CCA) is a mission-driven healthcare services organization that offers innovative health plans and care delivery programs designed for individuals with the most significant needs. To learn more visit ccama.org



LOCAL STUDENTS EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

ASSUMPTION STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Assumption University has announced those who have been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on this prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

Alyssa Bennett of Lynn

Jamie Germano of Lynn

Assumption University, founded in 1904 by the Augustinians of the Assumption, is a premier New England university for high-quality education, integrating career preparation and education of the whole person, drawing upon the best in the rich and centuries-long tradition of Catholic higher education. Assumption's graduates are known for their intellectual seriousness, thoughtful citizenship, and devotion to the common good. The University offers 37 majors and 49 minors in the liberal arts, sciences, business, nursing, professional studies, and other areas, as well as graduate degrees and professional credentials. For more information about Assumption University, please visit assumption.edu or follow us @ AssumptionUMA.

ZELAYA COMPLETES INTENSIVE CAPSTONE RESEARCH PROJECT

Keyla Zelaya, a member of the class of 2025 majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), recently completed a senior thesis that is required of all graduating seniors as part of the university's distinctive project-based educational experience. Keyla's Major Qualifying Project (MQP), a research-driven, professional-level project that challenges students to solve the kinds of problems they would typically encounter in their professional discipline, was titled "Disc Golf Inventory Automation System".

"It's inspiring to see the creativity and skills that our students bring to these projects, as well as the professionalism

with which they present their research," says Arne Gericke, interim dean of undergraduate studies and director of the Office of Undergraduate Research. "Their experience managing a major project like this—including identifying a problem and researching all of the implications and possible solutions while also managing team dynamics over an extended period of several months—sets them up well for success not only in their first jobs after graduation but throughout their careers."

WPI's innovative undergraduate education is centered around project-based learning, a hands-on approach that offers students opportunities to apply their scientific and technical knowledge to real-world, open-ended problems. These projects produce tangible results that affect the quality of people's lives, an experience that changes both the student and their world.

MQPs are usually team-based and often focus on specific issues or needs of an organization that has partnered with the university to sponsor the students' work. In addition to providing practical work experience that proves valuable to future employers, MQPs often lead to publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at regional and national conferences, patents, and entrepreneurial ventures. Others become useful innovations and products for their corporate sponsors.

WPI is a top-tier STEM-focused research university and a recognized pioneer and global leader in project-based learning. Founded in 1865 on the principle that students learn most effectively by applying the theory learned in the classroom to the practice of solving real-world problems, WPI's continued mission is to transform lives, turn knowledge into action to confront global challenges, and revolutionize STEM through distinctive and inclusive education, projects, and research. WPI's project-based curriculum engages undergraduates in solving important scientific, technological, and societal problems throughout their education and at more than 50 project centers around the world. Today WPI offers more than 70 bachelor's,

master's, and doctoral degree programs across 18 academic departments in science, engineering, technology, business, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts. To help address ongoing challenges, improve lives, and help create a more sustainable world, WPI faculty and students pursue groundbreaking research in such areas as the life sciences, smart technologies, materials and manufacturing, and global initiatives.

QUTUBZAD COMPLETES INTENSIVE RESEARCH PROJECT

Fisal Qutubzad, a member of the class of 2026 majoring in Robotics Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed a professional-level research-driven project titled "Consumer Attitudes and Market Trends in Vegan Cosmetics."

Known as the Interactive Qualifying Project (IQP), this project is a core part of the innovative undergraduate experience at WPI. Centered around project-based learning, this hands-on approach offers students opportunities to help develop thoughtful solutions to open-ended problems. These real-world problems affect the quality of life for people in the communities where students work, giving students a chance to make a difference in the world before they graduate. All WPI undergraduates are required to complete an IQP, usually in their junior year, through which they apply science and technology to address an important societal need or issue. About two-thirds of WPI students complete their IQP at one of the university's 50+ off-campus project centers located in more than 30 countries around the world.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, professor of International & Global Studies and associate dean of The Global School.

"Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture—from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat, all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."

ZELAYARECEIVES BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Keyla Zelaya, who majored in Electrical and Computer Engineering, was bestowed a bachelor's degree at WPI's 156th Commencement. Nearly 1,300 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

President Grace J. Wang, PhD, and Board of Trustees Chair William Fitzgerald presided over the exercises.

Wang told members of the Class of 2025 they are entering a changing world filled with competing visions for how to solve challenges and advance society. But, she said, along with knowledge and technical competence in their chosen fields of study, WPI graduates have been equipped with the ability to think critically, to be resilient, to work in teams, and to do it all with a sense of ethics and global responsibility.

"Outside these walls today is a world that needs you," Wang said. "Not just because of what you have learned to do in your chosen field, but because of who you are, and also because of the leadership qualities you built at WPI."

Delivering the undergraduate Commencement address, Michelle Gass '90, president and chief executive officer of Levi Strauss & Co., reflected on her journey from student to global business leader to inspire the Class of 2025. Gass said she's often asked how a chemical engineering graduate from WPI became CEO of one of the most iconic apparel companies in the world. The answer, she told the graduates, lies in a handful of guiding principles she started refining in her years on the WPI campus.

"I've realized that to the ex-

tent I've been successful and able to engineer the kind of life I wanted for myself and my family, it's largely because I learned how to approach problems and moments intentionally and productively, while keeping real people in mind at all times," Gass said.

Gass and Mark Fuller, chair and treasurer of the George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation, a significant supporter of WPI, received honorary degrees as part of the ceremony.

Student speaker Dhespina Zhidro, a biomedical engineering and mechanical engineering double major, reminded fellow graduates about the community they formed for themselves, shaped by a collective experience that included struggle, doubt, and, ultimately, achievement.

"WPI has given us more than an education," Zhidro said. "It has given us a blueprint for how to live, how to lead, create meaningful change, and leave every place we enter better than we found it."

GRIJALVA GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Santiago Grijalva of Lynn received a bachelor of arts degree from College of the Holy Cross.

Grijalva is among 733 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 179th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 23 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Linda LeMura, president of Le Moyne College and the first female layperson to be named president of a Jesuit institution of higher education in the United States delivered this year's address to the Class of 2025 and received an honorary degree.

In her remarks, LeMura emphasized that the goal of a Jesuit—and specifically a Holy Cross—education is to unite two identities: the dreamer and the doer, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

"Graduates, my wish for you—today, and every day—is that you will hold tight to your skills and to your dreams," said LeMura. "Treasure them both. Your dreams will inspire your work, and your work will in-

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spire your dreams. Never let go of the whimsical, poetical, visionary dreamer that lives in each and every one of you.”

In addition to LeMura, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Sister Barbara Rogers, RSCJ, a longtime leader of the Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

About Holy Cross:

The College of the Holy Cross, in Worcester, Mass., is among the nation’s leading liberal arts institutions. A highly selective, four-year, exclusively undergraduate college of 3,200 students, Holy Cross is renowned for offering a rigorous, personalized education in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition. Since its founding in 1843, Holy Cross has made a positive impact in society by graduating students who distinguish themselves as thoughtful leaders in business, professional and civic life

RODRIGUEZ NAMED TO REGIS DEAN’S LIST

Regis announces Ambar Rodriguez of Lynn met academic requirements to be named to the university’s spring 2025 Dean’s List, in recognition of their outstanding academic achievements. To earn a spot on the Dean’s List, Regis students must earn a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher; first-year students must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

“The Dean’s List recognizes students who demonstrated dedication to their degree program in the spring semester,” said Dr. Mary Erina Driscoll, PhD, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. “Throughout a student’s academic journey, the Regis curriculum challenges students to ask insightful questions in their pursuit of the truth. The university community congratulates Ambar for being named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester.”

OMOREGIE NAMED TO ULM’S DEAN’S LIST

Derek Omoregie a General Studies major from Lynn was named to the University

of Louisiana Monroe’s Spring 2025 Dean’s List.

Eligibility for the Dean’s List requires full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 semester hours completed) and the list is calculated based on the following G.P.A. hours and term G.P.A.: an undergraduate student is required to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average.

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LASELL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

The Spring 2025 Dean’s List includes students who have completed at least 12 credits as a full-time student in that semester and have achieved a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Leslie Guerrero of Lynn
Kylie Waltman of Lynn

For more information contact: Ian Meropol, Chief Communications Officer, at 617-243-2150, or imeropol@lasell.edu.

STONEHILL COLLEGE CELEBRATES CLASS OF 2025

614 students processed at Stonehill College’s 74th Commencement. The following were among those who marched:

Victoria Hong of Lynn
Ashleigh O’Haire of Lynn

About Stonehill College

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 387-acre campus and former estate

of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton, Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST

Saint Anselm College has released the Dean’s List of high academic achievers for the second semester of the 2024-2025 school year. To be eligible for this honor, a student must have achieved a grade point average of 3.4 or better in the semester with at least 12 credits of study which award a letter grade. This semester there were a total of 674 students from 22 states and 4 countries.

Mark W. Cronin, Dean of the College, announced that the following students have been named to the Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Christopher Marks, Business Administration with Management Concentration Major
Rylan Scaglione, Biology (BS) Major

Founded in 1889, Saint Anselm College is a four-year liberal arts college providing a 21st century education in the Catholic, Benedictine tradition. Located in southern New Hampshire near Boston and the seacoast, Saint Anselm is well known for its strong liberal arts curriculum, the New Hampshire Institute of Politics, a highly successful nursing program, a legacy of community service and a commitment to the arts.

OBITUARIES

Anita Patricia (Bigley) Hughes
Of Everett

Anita Patricia (Bigley) Hughes, 100 years young, died peacefully August 12, 2025 at Brightview Danvers after a period of declining health. Anita was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia on March 4, 1925. She was the ninth and youngest child of Josephine (Donahue) and Thomas Bigley. Shortly after her birth the family relocated to Everett, MA where she was raised and educated. She was a 1943 graduate of Everett High School. She was employed as a secretary in Boston until she met and married the love of her life, the late Joseph W. Hughes. Anita and Joe soon moved to Lynn, MA where they raised their family of four children. She spent their childhood as a homemaker, returning to work part time at a local nursing home when in what would be most people’s retirement years. After she retired, Joe and Anita enjoyed caring for their youngest son Joe Jr and spending time with their grandchildren. After Joe’s death in 2003 Anita relocated to North Reading and then to Brightview in Wakefield where she was known to say, “I never knew I could be so happy in my 90’s!” Anita loved her family and friends, always was interested in their lives and was very proud of her children and grandchildren’s accomplishments. Anita was a devoted and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and sister.

Anita is survived by her daughter JoAnn and her husband Paul Gallant of North Reading, MA, son Lt. Col Paul Hughes, USMC (ret) and his wife Lisa of Rochester, MA., her son in law Cmdr. Stephen V. Burke, USN (ret) of Rochester, MA, her grandchildren Jeffrey (Lacy) Hughes, Lindsay (Alden) Tallman, Amy (Bri-



an) Salt, Collyn Gallant, Joseph (Denva) Gallant, Stephen Burke, and Erin Burke and her great-grandchildren Braelyn, Eli, and Cassius Hughes, and Gus, Jack, Nora, and Leah Tallman. She was predeceased by her husband Joseph W. Hughes, Sr, her daughter Marylee Burke, son Joseph W. Hughes, Jr, and grandson Thomas Bigley Hughes, her brothers John and Edward Bigley, and sisters Mary Sudant, Elizabeth Shaw, Sr Catherine Laboure, Clara Sullivan, Rita Murphy, and Frances Durney. She also leaves many nieces, nephews and friends, all of whom she loved very much.

She would love everyone to raise a glass before a good meal and remember her.

Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 22 at 11:00 AM, at St, Theresa’s Church, 63 Winter Street, North Reading. Visitation will be held prior to the Funeral Mass from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading. Interment will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in her memory to the charity of one’s choice.

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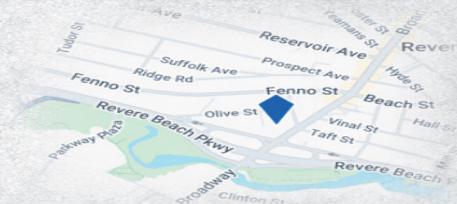


The bipartisan bill passed unanimously through the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs in a 24-0 vote in July.

A group of approximately 15 people, including officials and community members, are gathered for a press conference. A man in a suit stands at a wooden podium, speaking into a microphone. The podium features the Seal of the Town of Marshfield, which includes a fish and the text "TOWN OF MARSHFIELD" and "FISH PRODUCE & GILL NETS". To the left of the speaker, a woman in a white jacket and dark pants stands with her hands clasped. To the right, a woman in a blue patterned dress stands with her hands clasped. Other individuals, including men in suits and women in professional attire, stand in a line behind the speaker. An American flag is visible on the left, and a blue state flag is on the right. The background includes a framed map of the town and a doorway.

A group of four people, three men and one woman, are standing together in a professional setting. They are all smiling and dressed in business attire. From left to right: a man in a blue suit and yellow tie, a woman in a blue patterned blazer and glasses, a man in a grey suit and striped tie, and a man in a blue suit and purple tie. Behind them is an American flag and a large map of the United States.

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ST. MARY’S HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM HOLDS AWARDS BANQUET

CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

The St. Mary’s High School baseball team celebrated its successful season at an awards banquet in the school cafeteria.

Hesd coach Derek Dana, a former professional baseball player in the San Francisco Giants organization, lauded the dedication and commitment of the players during the Spartans’ 19-5 season. The Spartans captured the Catholic Central League title and were ranked in the top 10 in the state during the campaign.

Interestingly, the event was catered by DeMaino’s, a legendary Italian restaurant in Revere. DeMaino’s owner is LJ DeMaino, father of All-Star shortstop Michael DeMaino,



UMass/Lowell-bound Josh Doney and his brother, Kyle Doney, one of the state’s premier batteries during the 2025 high school baseball season.

who will be returning for his senior season next spring.



Recipients of the team’s major individual awards are pictured at the banquet. Front row, from left, are Josh Doney (Jim Tgettis Coach’s Award, CCL All-Star), Jaiden Driscoll (Jim Tgettis Coach’s Award, CCL All-Star), Michael DeMaino (Top Offensive Player, CCL All-Star), Kyle Doney (Top Defensive Player, CCL All-Star). Back row, from left, are Cam McGonagle (Unsung Player), Hagen Parent (Jim Tgettis Coach’s Award), head coach Derek Dana, Jack Zimmerman (Blue and Gold Most Outstanding Player and Pitcher of the Year), Jackson Barrett (Rookie of the Year), and Mitch Hishacawa (John Nerich Most Improved Player Award).



The St. Mary’s coaches, from left, assistant coaches Michael Luciano, Dylan Driscoll, and Sean Buckland, head coach Derek Dana, and assistant coaches Tim Fila, Rickey Myette, and Bryant Dana.



The St. Mary’s High School baseball team won the 2025 Catholic Central League title and earned the No. 1 seed in the MIAA Tournament. The players are pictured with head coach Derek Dana at the awards banquet.



St. Mary’s High School head baseball coach Derek Dana, pictured with his wife, Christen Dana (right), and their daughter, Madison Dana.

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MBTA announces September service changes

The MBTA today announced service changes in September on the Green, Orange, Blue, and Fitchburg lines.

Riders can find more information on service changes through in-station signage, in-station public announcements, and at mbta.com/PlannedWork. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on X @MBTA, @MBTA_CR, and @MBTA_CR_Alerts for up-to-date service information.

On the Green Line:

The MBTA will perform continued work on the Green Line D Branch in September to install Green Line Train Protection System (GLTPS) infrastructure. When complete, GLTPS will combine vehicle and wayside equipment to avoid train-on-train collisions, incorporate speed enforcement, and more.

In September, the MBTA will also continue to rebuild the Green Line D Branch and ensure that additional sections of track are improved to the same state of good repair standards that support reliable and robust service. Crews will accomplish essential infrastructure upgrades, track renewal, and other critical revitalization work. Building on the success of the Track Improvement Program, this regular, planned renewal and revitalization work is ongoing and continuous, ensuring the long-term stability of our infrastructure and preserving the system for future generations of riders.

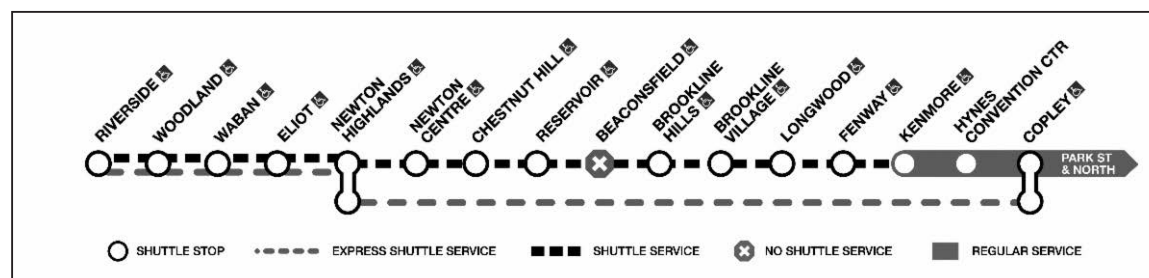
To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Green Line D Branch service will be suspended between Riverside and Kenmore for nine days, September 3 – 11.

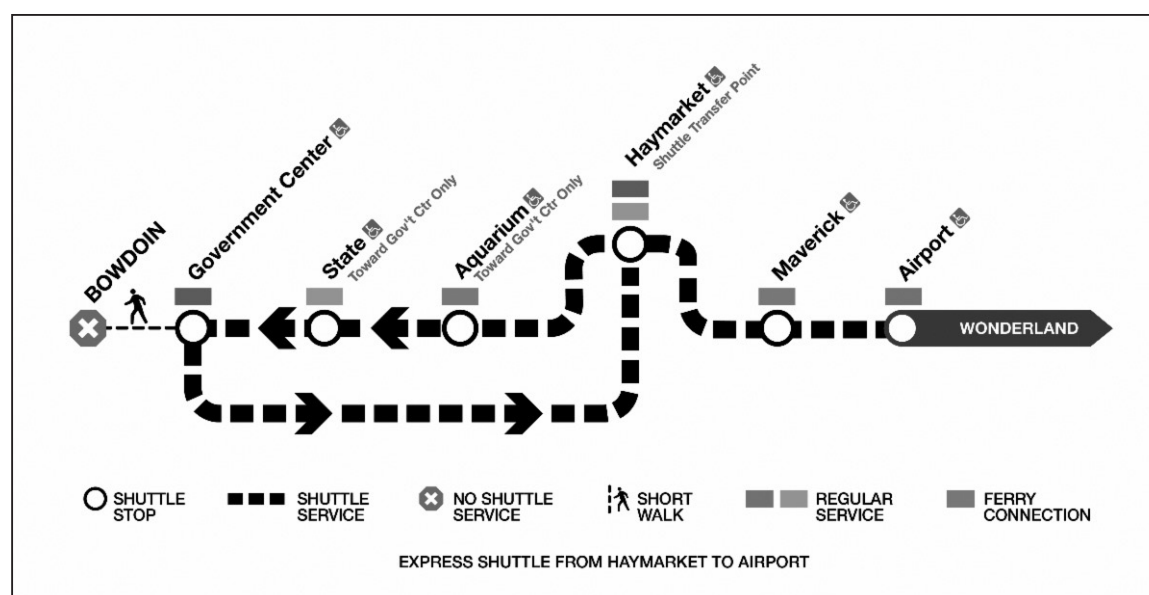
Free and accessible Express and Local shuttle bus services will replace trains between Riverside and Kenmore.

Express Shuttle: Shuttle buses will operate directly between Riverside, Woodland, Waban, Eliot, Newton Highlands, and Copley.

Local Shuttle: Shuttle buses will make all stops between Riverside and Kenmore except Beaconsfield.



The Green Line



The Blue Line

There will be no shuttle service at Beaconsfield. Riders are encouraged to travel instead to Dean Road on the C Branch, which is less than a quarter mile away (or about a four-minute walk).

Riders may change between each shuttle bus option at Newton Highlands.

Riders who typically board or disembark at Reservoir are encouraged to instead consider traveling to Cleveland Circle on the C Branch, which is less than a tenth of a mile away (or a two-minute walk).

Riders using shuttles buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Government Center from Riverside should budget at least an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

On the Orange Line:

The MBTA will accomplish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line during two weekends in September. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA will significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for riders.

In September, the MBTA will also accomplish accessibility upgrades at the platform-level of Jackson Square

as part of the Jackson Square Station Accessibility Improvements. The station is currently undergoing improvements to provide Orange Line riders with a modernized, fully accessible transit experience.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills during the weekends of September 13 – 14 and September 27 – 28.

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make stops between Forest Hills and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line.

Riders should note that there will be no shuttle bus service between Back Bay and North Station. Riders are encouraged to utilize parallel Green Line service between North Station and Copley for travel through the downtown area. The MBTA will increase Green Line service during this time to accommodate anticipated increases in ridership.

Riders are also encouraged to consider the Commuter Rail for fare-free service between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station.

Accessible vans will be available at North Station and

Tufts Medical Center Station, serving all stations between North Station and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line.

Riders using the shuttles buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget at least an additional 30 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

Orange Line train service will bypass Jackson Square during the following dates:

In the Forest Hills-bound direction:

Beginning at approximately 9 PM through the end of service for three days, September 17 – 19.

Beginning at approximately 9 PM through the end of service for three days, September 24 – 26.

Forest Hills-bound riders who typically exit at Jackson Square should instead exit at Stony Brook and board an Oak Grove-bound train back to Jackson Square.

Forest Hills-bound riders who typically board at Jackson Square should instead board an Oak Grove-bound train at Jackson Square, exit at Roxbury Crossing, and board a Forest

Hills-bound train to their destination.

In both directions (station closed):

The weekend of September 20 – 21.

Riders should instead use Bus Route 22 to travel between Roxbury Crossing and Jackson Square.

Riders using Bus Route 22 should budget an additional 10 minutes to their trip.

On the Blue Line:

In September, the MBTA will accomplish vital upgrade and improvement work on the Blue Line drainage system and pump room, which protects the line from major rain and flooding events. Additional track maintenance activities will also take place, including upgrades to tunnel lighting, the overhead catenary wire system, and power cables. Signal personnel will also perform cable renewal work with track personnel replacing rail ties as needed. This work will improve the resiliency of the Blue Line's infrastructure, making the line safer and more reliable.

To accomplish this work, the following service suspension will take place:

Blue Line service will be suspended between Bowdoin and Airport beginning at approximately 8:30 PM through the end of service on September 19 and continuing through the entire weekend, September 20 – 21.

There will be three free and accessible shuttle bus options during this service change: a local shuttle, an express shuttle, and a downtown loop.

Riders should note that the local and express shuttle bus options will not stop at downtown Blue Line stations and will instead stop at Haymarket for Orange and Green Line connections in the downtown area.

Operating the alternate shuttle bus options in this way saves over 15 minutes of travel time compared to if shuttle buses were to navigate through downtown Boston's crowded streets in mixed traffic to stop at all affected Blue Line stations.

Local Shuttle: Shuttle buses will make stops at Airport,

The Greater Boston Food Bank receives \$1 million grant

Donation Completes GBFB's 'Fill the Fridge' Campaign Which Raised a Total of \$2.2 Million to Safely Store and Distribute More Fresh Food

Boston, MA (August 28, 2025) – The Delta Air Lines Foundation has partnered with The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, to stem growing food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts.

The foundation's \$1 million grant is the capstone gift in the food bank's 'Fill the Fridge' Campaign that was launched in 2024 to help GBFB meet the needs of clients by providing more fresh produce, dairy, protein, and eggs for GBFB's newly expanded cooler at The Yawkey Distribution Center in Boston. GBFB's new cooler has the capacity for 400 additional pallets of healthy food and enables GBFB to distribute an additional 8-10 million pounds of nutritious fresh food per year to our neighbors in need in Eastern Massachusetts.

Approximately 97 percent of the food GBFB distributes through its 600 agency partners meets rigorous nutrition standards and nearly 60 percent are perishable items.

Delta Air Lines was recently named GBFB's 2025 Corporate Partner of the Year and has a longstanding partnership with the food bank that started in 2016. Delta Air Lines has been a generous sponsor of 12 major GBFB events and seven fundraising campaigns including Spring for Meals, Taste of the Food Bank, and the annual WCVB Day of Giving, where their team is known for bringing unmatched energy and enthusiasm when volunteering. Over the last 3.5 years, Delta Air Lines employees have also provided hands-on support by volunteering over 500 hours through monthly small-group volunteer shifts in GBFB's warehouse and at mobile markets, and by holding an annual Volunteer Day at GBFB every April.

"Delta's mission to connect

the world starts with being a strong partner to the communities where we live, work and serve," said Tad Hutcheson, Managing Director, Community Engagement at Delta Air Lines and Senior Vice President of The Delta Air Lines Foundation. "The work of The Greater Boston Food Bank is absolutely essential here in Eastern Massachusetts, and hunger-relief is one of the areas that we feel compelled to give back. With this grant we want to help connect those people facing food insecurity in this region with access to the fresh and nutritious food they need to thrive."

This generous commitment from The Delta Air Lines Foundation arrives at a critical time as Massachusetts continues to grapple with a persistent hunger crisis and federal hunger-relief funding declines. GBFB's latest research shows that 1 in 3 people experienced food insecurity in 2024 while recently passed federal legislation contains unprecedented

cuts to SNAP and Medicaid funding over the next few years that may force even more people to turn to an already overextended hunger relief network.

"We are so grateful for the support of The Delta Air Lines Foundation who have made an incredibly generous commitment to help GBFB provide access to the healthy food that our neighbors need to live active and productive lives," said Catherine D'Amato, GBFB's President and CEO. "Hunger is a daily experience for far too many of our neighbors across the Commonwealth. Thanks to great community partners like Delta Air Lines Foundation, we have the power to end hunger here."

About The Greater Boston Food Bank:

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and one of the largest food banks in the country. For nearly half a century, GBFB has fueled Eastern Massachusetts' hunger-relief sys-

tem, putting nearly 90 million healthy meals on tables across the region each year. Over 600 community-based pantries and other local partners in 190 cities and towns depend on GBFB to provide access to healthy food for 600,000 people every month. GBFB is committed to the belief that access to healthy food is a human right regardless of an individual's circumstances. Through policy, partnerships, and providing free, nutritious, and culturally responsive food, GBFB is committed to addressing the root causes of food insecurity while promoting racial, gender and economic equity in food access. Together, we have the power to end hunger here. For more information and to help us help others, visit us at GBFB.org, follow us on Facebook, X (@gr8bosfoodbank) and Instagram, or call us at 617.427.5200.

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Maverick, and Haymarket for Orange and Green Line connections in the downtown area.

The local shuttle will not stop at Aquarium, State, Government Center, or Bowdoin.

Express Shuttle: Shuttle buses will operate directly between Airport and Haymarket for Orange and Green Line connections in the downtown area with no stops in between.

Downtown Loop: One shuttle bus will operate in a loop from Haymarket to Aquarium to State to Government Center.

Fare gates will be open for free entry on the Blue Line between Airport and Wonderland.

Riders may also use the East Boston Ferry, which will be free during this service change with trips departing every 30 minutes from 6 AM to 10 PM.

Riders using the shuttles buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider travelling to Government Center from Wonderland should budget at least an additional 30 – 40 minutes of travel in addition to their regular commute.

On the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line:

The Berkshire and Eastern Railroad, which owns and maintains the Fitchburg Line's track area between Fitchburg and Wachusett, will perform tie replacement work in this area in September, requiring mid-day shuttle bus service replacement.

The MBTA will perform work in August as part of the North Station Terminal Area Signal System Improvement Project. This project is replacing the obsolete signal system that controls the movement of MBTA Commuter Rail and Amtrak trains in and out of North Station with a new, state-of-the-art microprocessor system that requires less maintenance and reduces failures and train delays. The area where work is taking place is a complex network of tracks and switches that connect the station tracks at North Station, five major Commuter Rail lines, and the Boston Engine Terminal where trains are stored and maintained.

To accomplish this work, the

following service suspension will take place:

Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between Fitchburg and Wachusett from approximately 7 AM to 5 PM for nine days, September 15 – 23.

A dedicated diversion schedule will be available on mbta.com.

Free and accessible shuttle bus service will replace trains between Fitchburg and Wachusett.

Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line service will be suspended between North Station and Porter Square during the weekend of September 20 – 21 and for three consecutive days, September 26 – 28.

Passengers can instead utilize existing subway service on the Red and Green lines.

To travel from Porter Square to North Station, passengers can take Ashmont-/Brain-tree-bound Red Line service to Park Street, connect to Union Square-/Medford-/Tufts-bound Green Line service, and disembark at North Station.

To travel from North Sta-

tion to Porter Square, passengers can take Riverside-/Heath Street-bound Green Line service to Park Street, connect to Alewife-bound Red Line service, and disembark at Porter Square.

The MBTA previously announced service changes in August. More information is available here.

For more information, visit mbta.com/PlannedWork or connect with the T on X @ MBTA and @MBTA_CR, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety

and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

CITY PAWS

Dogs with disabilities

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Recently, we were catching up with a former neighbor when we asked about their little Frenchie. He described Lily's mobility issues, and we immediately recommended a trip to Eddie's Wheels (www.eddieswheels.com) in Shelburne Falls, MA.

We've been fans of this business that creates custom wheelchairs for pets since we met our first dog in one of their assistive devices more than a decade ago. We watched in amazement as a senior Weimaraner named Kepler raced along in the park to burn off some of his sporting dog energy. There was joy in Kepler's runs and a big smile on his guardian's face as he told us about the wheelchair.

Other Assistive Items

If you have an animal with a disability, you'll find many types of assistive devices to make their life and yours less stressful and more enjoyable. For example, splints, wraps, and booties can protect injured paws or skin and fur. Around the house, where wheels might not work, there are drag bags for paralyzed pets.

For a dog who needs a little bit of assistance on walks or to relieve themselves, you can add a lift assist harness, which is a gentle sling around the belly that allows a person to add support.

We had a visit from one of our rescue Westies, Swiffer, in his later years. He was having problems getting into the cor-



Wheelchairs for dogs improve exercise and mood. Here's one happy and relaxed pup!

rect position to relieve himself. We tore a wide strip off an old beach towel and used it as a lift assist. Assistance can be homemade or something designed for that purpose.

Small footstools to get up on chairs and sofas have been handy for our dogs as they aged. However, some ready-made stairs and ramps can help a disabled or injured dog or cat reach a favorite spot. For example, there are special ramps designed to make getting a

large dog into a car easier for everyone.

Deaf or Blind

For a deaf dog, you can use a vibration collar to help you train the pup to recognize that you want their attention. We are vehemently opposed to shock collars as training devices. This assistive device is a simple vibration, similar to the one you have on your phone when you put it in silent mode. Other options are to test a dog

whistle to see if there is a range that your animal can hear or to tap your foot as you approach to set off vibrations from the floor to alert the dog.

A halo collar can help a blind dog avoid bumping into things as she moves about her world. Scented toys allow a blind animal to find and play with a toy. We also recommend adding puppy gates to stairways and other danger spots to avoid falls and injuries.

Training with Patience

You can turn to your pet care team of veterinarians, groomers, pet sitters, friends, and neighbors to help you find possible solutions for your animal's disability. Once you decide on a device or approach, be realistic. It will take time for you and the animal to adapt to make full use of the system, and you may need to try something different.

In a Whole Dog Journal article, "Caring for Dogs with Disabilities," Mary Schwager wrote, "For disabled animals and their caretakers, success lies in adapting to new challenges. Sometimes, humans have the hardest time, while many dogs seem to have innate resilience."

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.



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Courtesy North Suffolk
Community Services

North Suffolk Community Services (NSCS), a nonprofit behavioral health and human services provider, hosted the 4th Annual Adopt-A-Pole Kickoff at its East Boston recovery support center on Aug. 21, an event that aims to honor loved ones lost to overdose, showcase the power and possibility of recovery, and end the stigma around addiction.

“Nearly everyone here has lost someone they love to overdose, which makes this a profoundly personal gathering,” said NSCS Chief Operating Officer Audrey Clairmont in welcoming more than 60 people to the kickoff. “The bows you see today are more than symbols – they raise awareness of a disease that remains deeply stigmatized, and they serve as a quiet but powerful expression of support and solidarity for so many in our community who continue to suffer (from addiction).”

From the event, volunteers,

recovery coaches, family members and others fanned out across East Boston, Chelsea, Charlestown, Revere, Winthrop, Malden, Roxbury, South Boston and Lynn to hang more than 1,000 purple bows on lamp posts and light poles in those communities. On Friday, Aug. 22, the teams hung purple ribbons along the Mass. and Cass corridor in Boston. Attendees included Christian Arthur, of the Boston Public Health Commission; Gabriela Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Staff for Boston City Counselor Gabriela Coletta Zapata; Yasmina Lachmi, legislative aide to state Sen. Lydia Edwards; and Gloribel Rivas-Soldz and Roberto Gomez, chiefs of staff for state Rep. Adrian Madaro; and Boston mayoral candidate Josh Kraft.

Adopt-A-Pole, which was started in 2022 by the nonprofit Scars in Heaven, kicks off during the third week in August so that all the bows are hung prior to International Overdose Awareness Day on Aug. 31. They remain up through



A tribute to three family members lost to overdose.

September, which is Recovery Month. The event is supported by NSCS, Chapters Recovery Center, Think of Michael Foundation, Gavin Foundation, All Roads Charlestown, The Recovery Exchange Peer Recovery Center, The Bridge Recovery Center, City of Revere, Turn it Around Charlestown and the Winthrop CLEAR (Community & Law Enforcement Assisted Recovery) Program, and through community donations.

Founded in 1959, North



From left, NSCS Assistant Vice President of Finance Lindsay Padro, Recovery Coaches John Sanchez and Romero Chacon, CFO Kim Joyce, and Recovery Coaches Jamie Dalton and Chris Perez Valldares pose with a purple bow on Broadway, Chelsea.

Suffolk Community Services, formerly North Suffolk Mental Health Association, touches the lives of nearly 15,000 people annually in more than 75 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown, and Boston. North Suffolk supports adults, children, and families across the lifespan with behavioral health issues, substance use disorders and/or developmental disabilities. The organization employs more than 1,000

talented individuals who provide services in nine languages, including ASL, through a community behavioral health center and three outpatient clinics; mobile crisis response team; 39 residential programs; two Recovery Support Centers and a Recovery Learning Center. It operates a Training Center for employees and the community as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline. Visit nordsuffolk.org.



From left, Gabriela Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Staff for Boston City Counselor Gabriela Coletta Zapata; NSCS Director of Recovery Services Katie O'Leary; Yasmina Lachmi, legislative aide to state Sen. Lydia Edwards; and Gloribel Rivas-Soldz and Roberto Gomez, chiefs of staff for state Rep. Adrian Madaro.



From left, Rose Stone, NSCS; Karina Lennox, Gavin Foundation; Audrey Clairmont, Rebekah Cole, William Magner, Katie O'Leary, and Keriann Caccavaro, all of NSCS; and Christian Arthur, from the Boston Public Health Commission at the 4th Annual Adopt-A-Pole Kickoff Event in East Boston on Aug. 21.

Healey proclaims Sept. as ‘Emergency Preparedness Month

Governor Maura Healey has declared September 2025 as Emergency Preparedness Month to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage planning for disasters and other types of emergencies.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH), and other state, local, and nonprofit agencies will promote preparedness through various public outreach efforts throughout the month. These efforts are part of a month-long national campaign themed “Preparedness Starts at Home.”

“Emergencies come in many forms, from severe flooding to structure fires and wildfires, which is why it is essential to be prepared,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Last fall, Massachusetts experienced a historic wildland fire season, which burned more than 4,500 acres in communities like Great Barrington, Middleton, and many in between. This only emphasizes how essential readiness is for everyone who lives in, works in, or visits Massachusetts. Being prepared for the unexpected emergency starts at home with each of us.”

“Massachusetts has diligent professionals working every day to keep us safe, but preparedness really does start at home,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “By taking a few minutes to develop an emergency family plan or put together an emergency kit, you’re taking steps that will make a real difference if a disaster strikes.”

“During Emergency Preparedness Month, it’s not only the ideal time to take steps to ensure you are as ready as you can be for a potential disaster, but also an important time to recognize everyone in public safety who is working year-round to ensure the people of the Commonwealth are prepared for hazards and threats,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “Thank you for your service in keeping us safe each and every day.”

“Getting prepared for an emergency doesn’t have to be an expensive or time-consuming process,” said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley, “Creating an emergency plan for your family, including your pets, takes just a few minutes, and you may already have many of the items to include in your

emergency kit around your house. Emergency Preparedness Month is the perfect time to get started.”

“Emergency preparedness is public health in action,” said Robbie Goldstein, MD, PhD, Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Health. “It starts at home and keeps our communities healthy as it expands through our neighborhoods and across our Commonwealth. The true power of preparedness comes when all these pieces work together – not just to address a crisis, but to prevent it from ever happening.”

Throughout September, MEMA will share information on its social media accounts about emergency preparedness topics, including emergency planning, building an emergency kit, preparing for disasters, youth preparedness, ways

to get involved in community preparedness, and more. Keep an eye out for MEMA’s Local Coordinators and outreach staff at community preparedness events across Massachusetts during September. The Women in Emergency Management Group, led by MEMA and DPH, will host a day-long event in recognition of Preparedness Month to engage women working across multiple sectors in the field of emergency management.

Visit [Mass.gov/ready](https://www.mass.gov/ready) to find emergency preparedness tips available in several different languages, safety tips for specific threats and hazards, preparedness resources from the MEMA, DPH, and the Massachusetts Office on Disability, and other information.

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Lynn receives DOER Green Communities Award

It pays to go green.

As a municipality with the state’s Green Community designation, the City is eligible to apply for grants that finance additional energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. In the most recent round of grant funding by the Department of Energy Resources Green Communities Division, Lynn received almost \$250,000 for three projects in school buildings.

The City was awarded:

- \$107,897 for transformers at Lynn Classical High School
- \$83,474 for transformers at Lynn Vocational Technical Institute
- \$58,063 for LED lighting at Harrington Elementary School

The total cost to complete those three projects is approximately \$571,000, according to Andy Young, project manager in the City’s Capital Projects unit. In addition to the grant funding for those three projects, the City is using \$182,000 in utility company incentives and \$140,000 in solar credits, resulting in no City funds be-

ing expended on the improvements.

“We appreciate the continued partnership of the state in helping us make our school buildings more energy efficient,” said Mayor Jared C. Nicholson. “Thanks to these grants and resources, we’re able to make key upgrades that will ensure our schools are greener for years to come, resulting in long-term savings for the City.”

Once the upgrades are complete, the City will save about \$40,000 a year in energy costs, according to Young, who wrote the application for the competitive grant.


“With this funding, Harrington Elementary School, Lynn Tech, and Lynn Classical will be able to move forward with infrastructure upgrades that will reduce energy costs and provide for cleaner energy use,” said Sen. Brendan Crighton. “Thank you to Lynn Public Schools, city officials, and all those who contributed to these important projects.”

“This investment is a huge

win for Lynn, showing that smart energy choices can save money while creating better spaces for our community to thrive in,” said Rep. Sean Reid. “We are proud of the state’s partnership in helping create a cleaner, greener Lynn.”

“Investing in energy efficiency is a win for both taxpayers and the environment,” said State Representative Dan Cahill. “These upgrades will not only cut costs for the City but also create a healthier learning environment for our students while reducing our carbon footprint.”

“Investing in clean energy and energy efficiency in our schools is a win-win,” said Representative Jenny Armini. “These projects will lower costs, reduce emissions, and create healthier learning environments for students and educators across Lynn. I’m proud to see the Green Communities program at work here and grateful to DOER for supporting this important work.”



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Lynn School Committee Candidate Tristan Smith held a campaign reception at April's, Lynn.

Many supporters attended the event. Smith did very well in the School Committee preliminary election Tuesday, Sept. 2, garnering 762 votes to finish in the top-tier of the field. Smith will join the other eight candidates in the November 4 general election.



Rep. Sean Reid and School Committee candidate Tristan Smith.



April's Restaurant owner Roger Garcia (right) welcomes Tristan Smith to his restaurant.



Tristan Smith and Ward 3 Councilor Coco Alinsug.



Tristan Smith and Lynn resident Irma Chez.



Tristan Smith, with Lynn Attorneys Anne Gugino Carrigan and James Carrigan.



Tristan Smith and his father, Jim Smith, who proudly holds one of the campaign signs.



Tristan Smith, pictured with supporters, Lainey Titus Samant and Christine Titus.



Kyle Greaves, candidate Tristan Smith, Gabriella White, Max Hanlon, and Big Cat Phoenix.



Tristan Smith (right) welcomes AFT Mass. Secretary-Treasurer Brant Duncan to his campaign reception at April's Restaurant.



The campaign team, manager Aalina Tejada, candidate Tristan Smith, intern Damon Mitchem, and field director and finance chair Max Hanlon.



Ward 5 candidate Cardeliz Paez and School Committee candidate Tristan Smith.



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