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Three Lynn Police Officers earned promotions to the rank of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain at a swearing in ceremony in the City Hall Council Chamber. Each officer worked very diligently to achieve these career advancements. Mayor Thomas McGee expressed how proud to have one of the best police departments in the state. Chief Michael Mageary congratulated his newly appointed officers and announced their assignments in the Lynn Police Department. Shown from left are Deputy Chief Lenny Desmaris, Chief Michael Mageary, Sergeant Ashley Affonco, Lieutenant Lawrence Wentzell, Captain James Flynn, Deputy Ted Blake with Mayor Thomas McGee. See more photos on Page 10.

LYNN POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVE PROMOTIONS

Shown in the photo to the right are Sergeant Ashley Affonco with her children, Nicholas and Amelia.



LCHS Orientation set for Aug. 29

Lynn Classical High School will hold its Freshman Orientation on Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

There will be a tour of the school and incoming students will meet administrators, coaches, and the upperclassmen.

Lynn City Council confirms new CFO Michael Bertino

By John Lynds

At Tuesday's night's Lynn City Council meeting the Council voted unanimously to confirm Michael Bertino as the city's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Bertino's contract will begin on Sept. 10 and expire in 2023. His salary has been set at \$160,000.

Bertino, a Winthrop resident, has served as Somerville's treasurer since 2016. "I want to thank you for having me," said Bertino at Tuesday's Council meeting. "Most of you I have already met and I'm excited and looking forward to this opportunity of working with everyone, the Mayor and his staff, the citizens of Lynn as well as of all the council members. I'm energetic, I'm hungry and I want to help move the city forward."

Bertino has over 20 years of finance experience in municipal, banking and corporate roles. He served for 11 years as finance director in his hometown of Winthrop.

Before becoming Somerville's treasurer Bertino served for three years as West Newbury's financial director.

Bertino began his career in finance at Boston Financial & Equity Corporation in 1993 as a staff accountant. From there, he moved onto a variety of more responsible roles as principal bank examiner with the Massachusetts Division of Banks & Loan Agen-

cies and senior compliance officer with Wolf & Company.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration and accounting from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and has completed 36 hours towards a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Bertino's confirmation comes

at a time when city officials are trying to close a budget gap.

In June the Council approved a \$319.5 million budget. The FY19 budget specifically included funding to hire the city's first full time Chief Financial Officer. Mayor Thomas McGee said hiring a full-time CFO will put

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HEADING FOR HOME



PHOTO BY ALEX SHIPHERD

BABE RUTH WORLD SERIES: Colin Reddy of the Lynn Babe Ruth 16-18 All-Star team races to third base in a game against the host Jamestown (N.Y.) team during the local squad's 8-3 victory in the Babe Ruth World Series. Lynn, the New England Regionals champion, finished round-robin play in the World Series with a 1-3 record, but was hoping to earn a spot in the single-elimination rounds that begin today.

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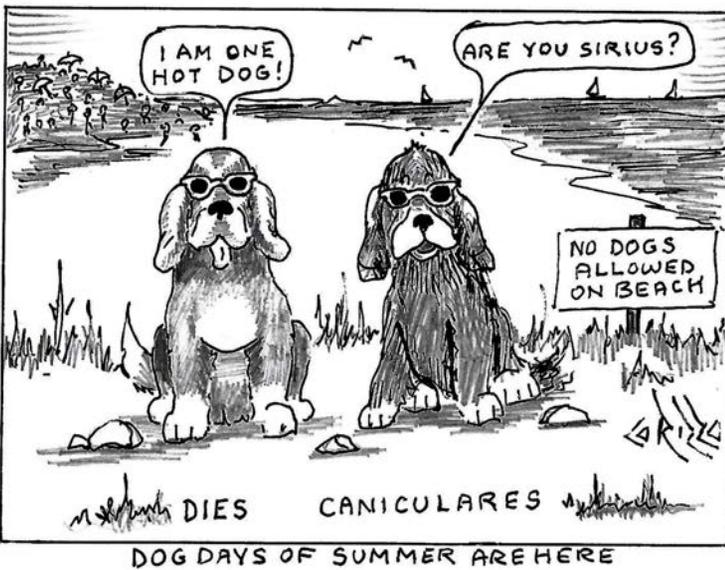
With this past week's high temperatures and high humidity, those of us who work and live in air conditioned buildings have had a lot to be thankful for.

Even a sojourn to the beach offers no relief from the heat, thanks to the prevailing southwest winds that blow hot air across the sand toward the ocean along our East-facing coastline of the Boston area.

Still, as unbearable as this stretch has been for many people -- and let's not forget that hot weather kills more people than cold -- does anyone doubt that in January, all of us will be pining for the heat of early August?

With just three weeks left until the Labor Day weekend, we do not have many more days of summer left. So let's enjoy our Triple-H weather (hazy, hot, and humid) while we can. In the words of the early-'60s song by the great Nat King Cole:

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
Those days of soda and pretzels and beer
Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer
You'll wish that summer could always be here



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GUEST OP-ED

Want better business? Invest in public transit

By Paul P. Skoutelas

Earlier this year, an Amazon executive called officials in Detroit to explain why the city had fallen out of contention for the retail giant's new headquarters.

The main reason? The lack of investment in Detroit's regional public transit. The city doesn't have enough downtown workers to fill all the jobs the headquarters would create. And without reliable public trains and buses, there's no easy way for suburbanites to commute into Detroit without a car.

The Motor City's predicament isn't unique. Inadequate public transportation networks are hampering the economic ambitions of dozens of American cities. Robust funding for public transit can help them get back on track.

A reliable, well-maintained public transportation system is now a requirement for many businesses scouting for new locations. In 2014, for example, State Farm brought 3,000 new jobs -- and 8,000 total -- to an Atlanta campus served by one of the city's MARTA rail lines.

Localities that have invested in public transit have seen those investments pay back in spades. In Chicago, home values along the city's Brown Line -- which was reconstructed and modernized a decade ago -- shot up 55 percent between 2000 and 2014.

Higher home values and more

development aren't just good for residents -- they're also good for city coffers, as they result in more property tax revenue.

That's certainly been the case in metropolitan Washington, D.C. Property values are 7 percent to 9 percent higher near Metro rail stations; that property delivers \$3.1 billion in tax revenue a year.

Unfortunately, as a nation, we have largely failed to learn from cases like these. Thanks to a lack of funds and resources, public transit officials have been forced to focus on repairs and maintenance, rather than on expanding economic opportunity with new transit networks. Cities are keeping trains and buses running beyond their normal lifespans.

A 2015 report from the Department of Transportation found that over 30 percent of the tracks, bridges, and tunnels in the United States were in poor condition as of 2012. And the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the nation's public transportation infrastructure a D minus -- the lowest grade given to any category of U.S. infrastructure.

That neglect has real consequences for American businesses. In 2015, a record-breaking Boston snowfall buried the nation's fifth most-used public transit system. As a result, Boston lost \$40 million in revenue and recovery costs. Unless the United States clears its public

transit project backlog, businesses will lose a collective \$340 billion in sales by 2023.

This dim outlook for public transit and the businesses that depend on it can be reversed. But making that happen will take a commitment from Congress.

Congress's 2018 spending bill was a step in the right direction. Passed in March, the measure included \$1.5 billion in Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grants (TIGER) and \$2.6 billion in Capital Investment Grants.

But there's more to be done. Congress must ensure that its 2019 spending bill matches or exceeds those levels of funding. Lawmakers must also replenish the Highway Trust Fund, which pays for surface transportation projects will face a \$20 billion funding gap by 2020.

Ignoring these funding needs will cost us. Without the \$90 billion needed to modernize our nation's public transit system, America will forgo \$109 billion in household income and 162,000 new jobs.

By committing to rebuilding our nation's public transportation infrastructure, Congress can make sure cities like Detroit are ready next time Amazon comes calling.

Paul P. Skoutelas is the American Public Transportation Association's president and CEO.

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Lynn in a better position to start getting a handle on its finances, plan for the future and become more financially stable.

"Michael (Bertino) is a great fit for the city, and I look forward to bringing him on," said Mayor McGee. "One of my top priorities has been for us to hire a full-time CFO so we

can work to get the city's finances in order and we are now ready to move forward." To close the city's growing fiscal crisis the city will borrow \$9.5 million to close the FY 2018 budget gap and will borrow another \$4 million for FY 2019. Back in February the Council voted in favor of a home rule petition that will allow the city to

borrow up to \$14 million from the Department of Revenue to close the city's \$8.1 million budget gap. The home rule petition that passed and was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker also raised some fees on residents and lifted a restriction that requires voter approval before the city can borrow more than \$4 million.

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Navigators wrap up season: Frelick named league's top prospect

By Jonathan Chang

The North Shore Navigators were officially eliminated from the playoff race after their road loss against the Brockton Rox on Saturday, but their season finished with several reasons to cheer. Hosting the Nashua Silver Knights, the Navs beat the Silver Knights, 2-1, at Fraser Field on Sunday.

"I thought the game was great," Navs head coach Todd Alford said. "Shayne Audet did an unbelievable job. The bullpen came in and did what they were supposed to do. ... That's what we were looking for all year, and they finally put it together."

The Navigators (20-35) got on the board early, as Joey Murphy earned the game's first run off Elias Varinos' sacrifice hit. In the second inning, John Prentice's single brought home Mitchell Lundholm, who set himself up by batting a single and stealing the second base.

In the seventh, Audet, who recorded six strikeouts in the first five innings, had a chance to tie and break the franchise record for most strikeouts in a single season (57). With 56 strikeouts for the season but only 11 pitches remaining for the game, everyone at Fraser Field watched with suspense. The inning

closed without a batter stepping on the base, but all three outs were grounders.

"I knew it," Audet said of his opportunity. "I was trying to throw a little bit harder, and that ended up biting me, but it was a good start, so I'll take it."

When asked of what he was able to prove this season, the rising New England College sophomore had one point: "D-III guys can play with anyone in the country," Audet said.

While the score remained stagnant since the second inning, the Silver Knights (21-32) posed a legitimate scare for the Navs in the final inning, when Cody Morrisette and Jake Lebel both hit a single with one out. Joe Bramanti followed up with an RBI single to the left field to make it a one-point contest.

Left fielder Jeff Costello was thrown out at first base, but with two outs and runners at second and third, Nashua seemed destined to push the momentum forward. Up next on the plate was Teddy Beaudet, whose swing was thrown out at first base, securing the Navs' victory.

The game also saw another Navigator claim an accomplishment when Navs' infielder Sal Frelick was named the Future Collegiate Baseball League's best pro prospect of 2018 prior

to the game's start. Ranked third in the league with a .361 batting average, Frelick also tied for first in home runs with seven, all of which came before any other Navigator could record a home run this season, according to Josh Kummins.

In the fall, Frelick will attend Boston College, which he called "an absolute dream school." He

added this summer has been a great opportunity to pick the minds of his teammates. "A lot of these guys have collegiate years under their belt, so the knowledge they shared with me and just being able to see the way they play the game, like the faster pace, that really helped me this summer," Frelick said. "Hopefully it'll help me as I go into my

freshman year." "We got to see some great young players [this summer]: Sal Frelick, Dominic Keegan, Shayne Audet," Alford said. "Seeing them coming out of high school and getting their start in college baseball is something I'll remember. You'll probably hear those names again someday."

Lynn GOP to hold picnic

The Lynn Republican City Committee will hold it's annual Picnic and Auction on Saturday, Aug. 18 at the home of Rick and Fran Wood at 52 Pendexter St in their backyard on Sluice Pond from 1 to 5 p.m. with the speaking portion starting around 3 p.m..

Candidates for U.S. Senate, Congress, Attorney General,

Secretary of State, State Auditor, Register of Deeds and State Representative will address the crowd.

All are welcome to come educate themselves on the Republican candidates that will be on the ballot this fall.

Burgers, hot dogs and picnic fare will be served. Donation is \$10 per person, \$20 per family.



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SHOE CITY BASKETBALL CLASSIC HELD AT MARIAN GARDENS

Photos by Cary Shuman

Teams competed in the annual Shoe City Basketball Classic over the weekend at the newly renovated Marian Gardens courts.

The competition was intense, the crowds were large, and the food items (barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers) were delicious.

Tournament Directors Simmie Anderson and Freddie Hogan thanked the many generous sponsors who donated to the event.



Enjoying the outstanding basketball in the Shoe City Classic were, front row, from left, Reese Hayes, Matthew Carrillo, and Omri Merriyman; back row, from left, Joel Aguero Jr., Van Nguyen, and Zion Simmons.



Simmie Anderson, with former Lynn English standout Keandre Stanton, before the championship game in the men's division.



Tournament Director Simmie Anderson, with former Lynn Tech All-Scholastic player Tony Gallo, who completed his college career as a Division 1 scholarship player at Coppin State and went on to play professional basketball overseas.



Simmie Anderson, with former Lynn Tech All-Scholastic player Corey Bingham, who went on to play at Division 1 University of Toledo.



Lou Byrd, Lynn Tech Class of 1977, a 1,000-point scorer who led the Tigers to a berth in the State Tournament. Byrd helped out at the concession stand and also served as a referee.



Three of the players in the Shoe City Classic, from left, Angel Tejada, Jadden Gonzalez, and Patrick Mannion.



Former Lynn Classical athlete Benjamin Tranfaglia Sr., with Marvin Bennett (left) and Benjamin Tranfaglia Jr. (right).

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Beach Baby Pages

The Revere Journal, Winthrop Sun Transcript, Lynn Journal, The Everett Independent, Chelsea Record & East Boston Times Free Press would like you to join us in putting your Beach Baby in our **18TH ANNUAL BEACH BABY PAGES**. Photos should be of a beach or swimming pool setting (anywhere). Please include Name, Age, Address, City & Phone # & which paper you would like it published in.

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PLEASE RECYCLE

August activities scheduled at local DCR beaches and parks

Celebrate DCR's 125th birthday by exploring your state park system during the month of August. There are some wonderful programs happening statewide - below are few highlights! For more information check out the DCR event and program calendar (<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/upcoming-programs-and-events>)! The following local parks are holding events.

Revere Beach Reservation

Shorebird Surprises- Afternoons

Aug. 21 1-2:30 p.m.

Explore beautiful Revere Beach for birds of the beach and shore. Walk up to three miles on the beach, on mud flats and paths. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. Suitable for adults and children ages 10 and older accompanied by an adult.

Meet at: Revere Beach Reservation, across the street from One Carey Circle on the sidewalk of the semicircular parking lot. Accessible by MBTA Bus # 441 or 442 to Point of Pines stop: Cross street, turn right and walk approximately 0.3 miles to the sidewalk of the semicircular parking lot across the street from One Carey Circle. Visit www.MBTA.com.

Impact Travel workshop

Saturday, Aug. 11
10:30-1 p.m.

Join HI Boston and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for an Impact Travel workshop! Take part in a morning of art through mindfulness on Revere Beach and discover the connection between travel and the local environment with DCR staff. Then participate in a facilitated discussion led by HI Boston staff on how to become a more environmental traveler, and share your thoughts over lunch! This event is FREE and open to the public! Light lunch will be served. However, space is limited so register soon to save your spot! Recommended for adults and teens, but all ages welcome. (Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult) For more information and to register, <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/impact-travel-workshop-tickets-46941868392>.

For more information and with questions contact: Educational Programs at HI Boston, lora.norwich@hiusa.org, (617) 230-5798.

Meet At: Outside at the front

entrance of One Eliot Circle, Revere, MA (the tan house at the corner of Dolphin Avenue) *Optional meet up at 9:45am at HI Boston, 19 Stuart St., 02116. From HI we will proceed together to Revere on public transit.

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation

An Oasis for Birds

Saturday, Aug. 18, 8-9 a.m.

Discover the abundant birdlife at Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, a restored wildlife sanctuary. We will walk while birding for a distance of a mile on easy level terrain. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you have them. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Suitable for adults and children ages 10 and older accompanied by an adult.

Meet at: On or near the boardwalk to the right of the Bulletin Board, located on Bennington Street, East Boston between address 1236 Bennington St., East Boston and 173 Bennington St., Revere. Parking is on a paved lot and is free of charge. Accessible by public transportation: MBTA Blue line, Beachmont Station. Exit station, turn right, at intersection, cross State Road/Bennington Street, travel right along Bennington Street to park entrance on the left. Visit www.MBTA.com for bus and train information.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Lynn Shore and Nahant Beach Reservation

Exploration Station at the Ward Bathhouse

Saturday, Aug. 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Learn from a Park Interpreter about the rich cultural history of Nahant Beach and/or the nature you may encounter at the Reservation at a station with natural objects and activities. You may arrive at any time from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. on the dates listed. Suitable for all ages.

Meet at: Inside the James J. Ward Bath House located on the Don John Aliferis Memorial Rotary aka Lynnway Rotary, Lynn MA. Daily Parking Fee applies. For a map of the park and information about parking fees visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Please note that the entrance to the parking lot along Nahant Beach is at the South end of the beach.

Exploration Station at the Halfway Bathhouse

Friday, Aug. 24

10 a.m.- noon

Learn from a Park Interpreter about the nature you may en-

counter at the beach and how you can be good stewards of the environment at a station with natural objects and activities. You may arrive at any time from 10:00 a.m.-Noon on the dates listed. Suitable for all ages.

Meet at: Outside at the Halfway Bathhouse located at the approximate midpoint of Nahant Beach. Daily Parking Fee applies. For a map of the park and information about parking fees visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Please note that the entrance to the parking lot along Nahant Beach is at the South end of the beach

Winthrop Shores

Reservation-Short Beach

What Lies Beneath the Sea-Afternoons

Wednesday, Aug. 22
2-3 p.m.

Did you know that barnacles

are an animal that sweeps its legs through the water to catch its food consisting of tiny floating plants and animals? Discover what animals lay beneath the sea on this tide pool exploration and learn how these animals struggle for survival and satisfy their voracious appetites. Be prepared for walking on rocky and slippery ground and getting your feet wet. Some nets will be provided but bring a net if you have one. Suitable for children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult.

Meet at: Short Beach section of Winthrop Shores Reservation, Winthrop, MA, (Beachside on the sidewalk near the boundary between Revere Street, Winthrop, MA and Winthrop Parkway, Revere MA). Parking is free of charge but limited on the

street and in a small lot across the street. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

What Lies Beneath the Sea-Mornings

Wednesday, Aug. 15
9-10 a.m.

Did you know that barnacles are an animal that sweeps its legs through the water to catch its food consisting of tiny floating plants and animals? Discover what animals lay beneath the sea on this tide pool exploration and learn how these animals struggle for survival and satisfy their voracious appetites. Be prepared for walking on rocky and slippery ground and getting your feet wet. Some nets will be provided but bring a net if you have one. Suitable for children ages 5 and older accompanied by an adult.



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LYNN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Photos by Pat Gecoya

The Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce (LACC) held its annual Golf Tournament under ideal conditions. Seventy-two players teed off at the beautiful Gannon Golf Course in Lynn. This annual golfing fundraiser benefits this organization that provides many programs such as, net-working events and business orientated initiatives.

Christine Neals explains the importance of the golf outing as she said, "This is a major fundraiser for the LACC. A lot of support comes from the LACC members through sponsorships. We plan this event for everyone to have a fun time at the golf course, which is a great place to have this event each year. Every month the LACC has a calendar of events for our member. We are a very active business organization in the Greater Lynn area".

The LACC represents over 400 members. The businesses have opportunities to develop and grow from the numerous programs offered by LACC.



LACC President Richard Wood of Wood Insurance Agency and former Lynn School Committee member Frank Carrabba.



Golfing Brother-in-Laws – (L-R): Robert Marquis, John Olson of Columbia Insurance in Lynn, David Pierce, and Howie Gautreau.



Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament Committee – (L-R): Board Member Peter Colarusso, LACC Volunteer Dimitria Yeannakopoulos, LACC Accountant Anthy Yeannakopoulos, LACC Office Manager Christina Neals, Administrator Assistant Perla Noesi, and LACC President Richard Wood.



Longest Drives and Closest to the Pin – Matt McLaughlin and Kim Feeney Zollo each won their Longest Drive division. Rick Wood won the closest to the pin at 3 feet, 5 inches, on the 14th Hole.



LACC Sponsors included Sara Treiber of Busy Bee Nursery School, Christine Pierce of Columbia Insurance and LACC Board Member, Ashley Bennett of Busy Bee Nursery School, and Maura Lynch from A. James Lynch Insurance.



McLaughlin Lynnway Truck Center won the lowest team score Scramble – Matt McLaughlin, Shawn Bourassa, Radames Cotto, and Kevin Poor.



Parker Funeral Home Associates – Joe Winslow of Musicians Under Raps, Richard Parker of Parker Funeral Home, Rick Cornacchia of Musicians Under Raps, and Ted Booras from Imperial Fuel.



Rick's Auto Collision – (L-R) Ward 2 Councilor Rick Starbard, Luis Benzan, Brad LeBlanc, and Jonathan Hartnett.

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CANDIDATES DEBATE AT STATE REPRESENTATIVE FORUM

Photos by Pat Gecoya

Lynn members of Neighbor to Neighbor and the Lynn United for Change sponsored a political forum for the candidates seeking the 11th Essex District seat for state representative in West Lynn and Nahant. The three candidates vying for that office are Ward 6 Councilor Peter Capano, Councilor-at-Large Hong Net, and Lynn Museum Director Drew Russo.

As Estrella Diaz of the Neighbor to Neighbor coalition said, "This debate is crucial for us, so we can know what the next representative can do at the state level and how the people in this District will benefit. It is important for the next elected official to think of the people in Lynn and will go to the State House fighting for us".

Residents and leaders of each alliance directed questions to the candidates concerning hot topics such as, minimum wage, rent control, immigrant rights, real estate transfer tax, and other related topics of interest.

This forum with a large crowd of Lynn residents is looking for a State Representative who will effectively make decisions for change.

The Democratic State Representative primary will be on Sept. 4.



Debate ready: Judith Wilson, Lucy Francis, and Muriel Clements.



Former Lynn School Committee member Charlie Gallo with his wife, Katie.



Lynn United For Change and Neighbor to Neighbor sponsored the political forum - (Seated): Gale Bowers, Mary Sweeney, Estrella Diaz, Ella Thomas, and Frerida de la Cruz; (Back): Suzanne Hodes, James Grayson, Chandra Slattery, Paul Coombs, Angelica Veloz, Quendia Martinez, Kai Rosenthal, David Mike Davis II, Eliud Alcala, Lucy Francis, and Isaac Simon Hodes.



Kelley Martin, Clint Mucbe, and Lauren Carr.



Atty. James Carrigan with Jeff Crosby of the North Shore Labor Council.



The three candidates are set to begin the forum: from left, are Drew Russo, Hong Net, and Peter Capano.



Waiting for the debate to begin - Jerry Gaudette and Dottie Kiley.



Family members together for the forum: Kelly Morley, Mary Morley, and Kathy Collins.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

OUTDOOR GAME NIGHT AT BELLINGHAM SQUARE

CHELSEA - If Bellingham Square is going to be fully returned to the community, then let that return be led by dominoes.

It was slow going at first for the introduction of an outdoor Game Night on Bellingham Square – which is sponsored by the City's Chelsea Prospers initiative. A few would trickle in and out, but the hard-scrabble Square had gained a reputation that many Chelsea residents hadn't yet forgotten.

But now with about a month under the belt, momentum for the simple fun in the Square has begun to form with about 10 or so regulars – and that momentum has everything to do with something as simple as a domino.

"For me, this is the most popular game in Puerto Rico," said Roberto 'Tito' Rodriguez, who moved to Chelsea from Puerto Rico seven years ago. "It makes me feel great because I feel like I'm right at home in my hometown. I'm meeting people in Chelsea and talking to people I don't know. It makes me feel welcome."

As the group enjoys their game, salsa music plays in the background and many observers pass by – seemingly wanting to join in, but not entirely certain why people are playing games in Bellingham Square.

"It's very comfortable here now and that's surprising," said Sheila Rohena. "I grew up here, so begin able to come out of my house and sit here in the Square is great. I used to be scared to come out of my house because of all the things that happen here. Now, I'm sitting here and enjoying myself in the Square. That's pretty amazing because there was a lot of bad stuff happening here. Did I think this would happen? Not for the life of me."

But certainly it has, and Rohena and others who participate in Game Night found a peacefulness in the Square on a sunny, warm summer night that hasn't existed there for a long time.

"I really like that it's right here in this spot," said Tina Rivera. "I like it being here at City Hall because it's had a very bad reputation for so long. There used to be game tables here permanently, but they had to take them down. A lot of people were hesitant to bring them back, but we did it in a very low-cost, low-key way. It's going well. There are now problems. You see from this that

we can have nice things. You have to just trust people sometimes."

Rodriguez has even brought in some converts like Jen Matheson, who is new to downtown Chelsea and was taught how to play dominoes. Now she's a regular.

"I live right here and it's so great to be able to come out here and meet new people," she said. "They taught me how to play dominoes. I didn't even know, and now I'm winning a lot of the time."

Rivera said she has hoped for community building events like a Game Night for a long time because it promotes stability and familiarity. Without that, there is no community, she said, and that makes the people vulnerable.

"If we don't get back to being a community, it makes it even easier for another community to replace us without us knowing," she said.

There is no end date in sight for the Game Night, and organizer Mimi Graney said they will likely go until it gets too cold.

For now, the goal is not to get the 'Chiva' – which is Spanish for 'female goat' and is slang for getting no points in a game of dominoes.

But for the future, the goal is to have several more tables full of people from the community functioning normally and having fun together.

Certainly in Chelsea, if anything, a domino game is good first step.

OFFICIALS LOOK TO INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS

Chelsea officials announced that it's partnering with OpenGov – a leader in government performance management – to further increase its effectiveness and accountability.

"Our new open data portal is a valuable resource for residents and businesses interested in understanding how their taxpayer dollars are being spent and learning more about the various projects that the City is engaged in," said City Manager Tom Ambrosino. "We hope it will also help City officials to make data-driven decisions by giving them access to information that was previously in silos."

The portal, which can be accessed at chelseama.ogopendata.com/ already features showcases on property values, demographics, crime and Narcan informa-



PHOTO BY KEIKO HIROMI

Yoga instructor Alyona Rossi (center, right) is shown leading a kids yoga class on the beach Sunday morning, July 29. Next to her is Jace Pereira. Several children came to the beach for yoga and a rock-painting event on a beautiful summer morning.

tion, and expenditures.

The OpenGov Cloud is an easy-to-use, cloud-based solution for budgeting, operational performance, and citizen engagement. OpenGov's open data portal aggregates, organizes, and visualizes various data sets (like budgets, permits, and citizen requests). It's powered by CKAN – the open-source standard that the U.S. federal government, the European Union, and hundreds of other agencies around the world use for open data. It also includes tools like APIs that developers can use to build applications.

"Our open data portal is a win-win for Chelsea and the community," said OpenGov CEO Zac Bookman. "On average, governments receive 20 percent less requests for information after they launch their OpenGov open data portals. That means citizens are getting the information they need, and it saves governments time and energy that can be spent elsewhere."

Chelsea joins over 1,900 city, county, and state governments, special districts and schools that rely on OpenGov to be more effective and accountable, including the City of Boston.

DEMOCRATIC CITY COMMITTEE DEBATE WILL FEATURE ALL THREE CANDIDATES

EVERETT - The Everett Democratic City Committee will host a debate for state represen-

tative candidates on Tuesday, Aug. 14, and this time all three candidates will be in attendance.

So far, there have been two debates for the seat, and incumbent Rep. Joe McGonagle has not attended either of those events. On Aug. 14, he has agreed to participate with candidates Gerly Adrien and Steve 'Stat' Smith.

The Democratic City Committee will present the debate, and it will be moderated by Sue Flicop of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, Newton Chapter.

The debate will be held at the Parlin Memorial Library beginning at 6:30 p.m. All three candidates – incumbent Joseph McGonagle, Gerly Adrien, and Stephen 'Stat' Smith – have accepted the invitation to debate.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend what promises to be a lively and informative event.

ENCORE BOSTON HARBOR HITS \$10M IN LOCAL WAGES

EVERETT – Officials from Encore Boston Harbor announced that they had hit the \$10 million mark for wages paid to Everett trade workers on the project.

Encore President Bob DeSalvio said the \$10 million went to 170 workers who put in 160,000 on the resort casino. It represents 5 percent of the total construction workforce.

"Mayor DeMaria made it clear to us from day one that hiring Everett residents was a priority," said DeSalvio. "We are glad that so many hard-working people from Everett are working on our site and we hope that trend continues as our resort positions open up."

DeSalvio noted that they have also awarded nearly \$35 million in construction contracts to Everett companies to date – that in addition to the \$10 million to workers.

The hiring for non-construction jobs is about to heat up very soon, with the City and Encore cooperating on a jobs campaign that will begin on Aug. 8. Encore and the City will host a career fair at the Connolly Center from 8-10 a.m. and then from 6-8 p.m.

This month, applications will become available for the local "dealer school" that is opening up at Cambridge College on Sept. 4 in Charlestown. The cost of attendance is \$1,100 and will last 16 weeks, 20 hours per week. There will be 50 scholarships available for those who meet the requirements.

EAST BOSTON HIGH STUDENT PICKED FOR THE UMANA FELLOWSHIP

EAST BOSTON - East Boston High School student David Pacheco, who is heading into his senior year in the fall, has been

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picked to serve in this year's Mario Umana Fellowship in Public Service.

Pacheco, whose family immigrated from El Salvador last year, is currently participating in the prestigious public service fellowships this summer. Pacheco has been dealing with constituent services in City Councilor Lydia Edward's District 1 office.

The Fellowship, co-founded by Rep. Adrian Madaro and East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Ernani DeAraujo, seeks to give Eastie students opportunities similar to the Boston Latin School based Ward Fellowship Program that both Madaro and DeAraujo participated in while students there.

"Right now I'm doing research for Councilor Edward's office for the East Boston Master Plan," said Pacheco. "I've been researching the problems in the neighborhood and what is necessary for a neighborhood to be successful."

Pacheco said he got interested in the Umana Fellowship because there was an opportunity to work for Councilor Edwards.

"She seems to be a very interesting person," said Pacheco. "I wanted to spend my summer working with and for people and Councilor Edwards seems to be very good at working for people."

Pacheco, who plays guitar and is an artist, said back home politics is a very complicated situation.

"Sometimes there are not the right people in the government and those people are not interested in helping people," said Pacheco. "So I've always been interested in how you improve helping people."

Aside from doing research for the East Boston Master Plan, Pacheco is also attending hearings and council meetings at City Hall and helping Councilor Edwards and her staff prepare for hearings.

"Wednesdays are probably the busiest days with the City Council hearings," said Pacheco. "But it's exciting. I really enjoy the work a lot because it's all about helping people."

Councilor Edwards said she's been nothing but pleased with Pacheco's work in her office.

"My office is thrilled to host David Pacheco, a recipient of the Mario Umana Fellowship in Public Service, this summer," said Councilor Edwards. "David is conducting research on is-

suces ranging from housing and quality of life to immigration, and we are grateful for his contributions."

The late Judge Mario Umana, a liberal Democrat who as a senator and judge inspired his family and constituents in Eastie with the philosophy that we all have an obligation and duty to contribute to the subtotal of humanity. Since 2010 his legacy has been honored in a very special way through the Mario Umana Fellowship in Public Service.

"Ernani (DeAraujo) and I started the Umana Fellowship after participating in a similar program at Boston Latin School" said Rep. Madaro. "This experience exposed us to the inner-workings of government and policy by pairing us with public officials and leaders across the city. We believe that East Boston students should have this mentorship opportunity, as well. The Umana Fellowship gives our local youth the tools they need to explore a career in public service and help them develop into the community leaders of tomorrow."

DeAraujo added, "Now in its eighth year of operation, the Umana Fellowship has had an impact on so many students and we're especially grateful to our sponsors including City Councilor Lydia Edwards this year."

THRIVING ART SCENE IN EAST BOSTON

EAST BOSTON - Part of what makes a neighborhood great is a thriving art scene. For decades the East Boston Artist Group and the Atlantic Works Gallery have fostered the creative spirit in the neighborhood. The result has been the expansion of art across Eastie with Zumix, HarborArts, the Veronica Robles Cultural Center, the new ICA Watershed and the future artist live/work spaces on Condor Street being developed by NOAH.

The newest addition to Eastie's growing art community officially opened last week at the Boston East, the new, luxury-apartment community on Eastie's waterfront down on Border Street.

The Boston East Gallery, run in collaboration with the neighboring Atlantic Works Gallery (AWG), will be open to the public seven days a week and will also be available for events, art exhibits and community meet-

ings.

The first exhibition at the Boston East Gallery, "East Boston - Past and Present" features 31 pieces of artwork by 21 artists that either capture Eastie or were created by artists living in the neighborhood.

The event last Thursday evening included the awarding of prizes for the opening show.

"What an exciting time for art in East Boston," said Rep. Adrian Madaro. "We recently opened the Institute of Contemporary Art's Watershed, we are currently celebrating the 15 year anniversary of the Atlantic Works Gallery next door, we have other artist work/live/sell artists spaces being developed along Condor Street and now we are opening this space at Boston East with some of the best views in the City of Boston. I remember during the planning stages of this project and Trinity expressing the desire to have an art gallery included in the design and it really came out great. The best thing about this gallery is that it is highlighting East Boston residents and their art."

Vice President of Development at Trinity Financial Abby Goldenfarb said Eastie has a strong history of supporting artists and Trinity is proud to continue that tradition at the Boston East Gallery.

"Boston East is in the heart of this dynamic and diverse neighborhood, and we are pleased to work with the AWG to showcase a range of artists and art forms that truly represent the community," she said.

Member of the Atlantic Works Gallery, Diane Modica, said Trinity Financial reached out to members of Atlantic works to collaborate on this exciting new gallery with its stunning view of the waterfront.

"The art submitted showcases East Boston and recognizes the talent, beauty and vitality of our neighborhood," said Modica. "We are excited to work with Boston East and welcome them to the growing arts scene in our neighborhood."

The 2,340 square-foot waterfront art gallery will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Guests can enjoy the views of the harbor and the Boston East outdoor courtyard while visiting. The Gallery has comfortable social spaces selected by the Cortney and Bob Novogratz, whose unique style has been showcased on HGTV's Home by Novogratz and Bravo's 9 "By Design," and

in collaboration with companies such as CB2 and Momeni.

"When Trinity Financial reached out to members of AWG to collaborate on organizing an inaugural art exhibit for their Boston East gallery space, it was thrilling," said Atlantic Works member Anna Salmeron. "They went out of their way to recognize artists' long history in, knowledge of, and dedication to East Boston. They even came to several of AWG's reception to get to know us! They were wonderful to work with from start to finish as we together curated a rich exhibit showcasing art about the area by local artists. The whole process was a great experience, and we look forward to working with them again in the future."

Located directly on Boston Harbor and in close proximity to Downtown Boston and the MBTA, Boston East is a boutique, mid-rise residential community that features 200 units, including six artist live-work-sell units. Boston East is the first new development on the Boston waterfront to incorporate these unique live/work/sell spaces into its ground floor programming.

"Incorporating original art into our gallery and building really adds to the experience of living a boutique apartment building," said Goldenfarb. "The gallery allows us to make connections and relationships with our neighbors, and it is a place that people really want to relax in at the end of a long day."

WINTHROP PROJECTS EARMARKED IN BOND BILL

WINTHROP - House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo joined Sen. Joseph A. Boncore and Rep. RoseLee Vincent and their colleagues in the Legislature who voted last week to pass a \$2.4 billion Environmental Bond Bill focused on improving climate change resiliency and adaptation; enhancing environmental and natural resource protection; and investing in parks and recreational assets.

The legislation passed today ensures that Massachusetts can continue to plan for global warming and a changing climate, including along our vulnerable coastlines.

"These investments protect critical natural resources, preserve our parks and recreational areas and aim to make our Commonwealth more resilient to the

threats of climate change for years to come," said Speaker DeLeo (D-Winthrop). "I'm proud to work with my colleagues in the House and Senate to fund these important initiatives."

"Climate change is a real and present threat to Massachusetts, and we must treat it as a priority," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "These investments in our communities, coastlines, and in overall climate resiliency highlight our joint focus with the House on preparing Massachusetts' infrastructure for the future, and safeguarding our residents from potential environmental disasters. I thank the conferees for their dedication to preparing this vital legislation."

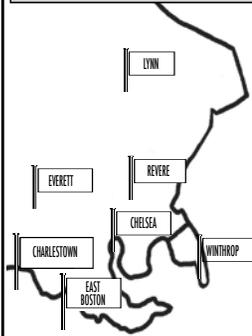
Among other spending, the bill appropriates:

- \$225,000,000 for community investment grants;
- \$100,000,000 for energy and environment coastal infrastructure;
- \$100,000,000 for state hazard mitigation, climate adaptation, and resilient land conservation;
- \$75,000,000 for municipal vulnerability preparedness;
- \$55,000,000 for river and wetland restoration programs; and
- \$54,000,000 for rural investments.

"This bill affirms the legislature's commitment to ensuring that the Commonwealth is ready for the adverse effects of climate," said Sen. Boncore (D-Winthrop). "Further, this bill makes important investments in coastal resiliency efforts in the communities of Revere and Winthrop."

"I am proud of the work of the Legislature in enacting an Environmental Bond Bill that includes \$2.4 billion in proposed spending for improvements for coastal infrastructure that has been compromised over time, provisions for clean air, better water quality, as well as improvements for state parkways and trails," said Rep. Vincent (D-Revere), vice chair of the Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (ENRA). "In passing this legislation, we are recognizing its commitment to making proper, targeted investments to mitigate the impacts of climate change on the Commonwealth. I want to thank Speaker DeLeo and my Chairman, Rep. Smitty Pignatelli of the ENRA Committee, for their work in ensuring passage of this critical bill."

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City Clerk Janet Rowe administered the oath of office to LPD Officers - James Flynn, Lawrence Wentzell, and Ashley Affonco.



Lieutenant Lawrence Wentzell is congratulated by his family members - Patrick Wentzell, Caitlin McNeil-Wentzell, Laurie Wentzell-Ryan, Officer Wentzell, Marcus Ryan, and Brady Ryan.



Captain James Flynn with his wife, Cheryl, and his son, Jake.

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Colclough, Morris inducted into Alpha Omega Psi at SSU

Stephanie Colclough and Brendan Morris, of Lynn, were recently inducted by the first year experience office at Salem State University into Alpha Omega Psi, an honor society for students who demonstrate strong academic performance and engagement at the university. A total of 29 students were inducted and invited to participate in the university's Emerging Scholars program, and they have successfully completed all requirements while maintaining a commitment to their academic success.

Emerging Scholars participants are paired with upper-class mentors and participate in a variety of academic success workshops throughout their first year while receiving support in adjusting to both the academic and social aspects of college. Their performance in the classroom reflected their commitment to achieving academic success.

"I am so impressed with the

students being inducted into Alpha Omega Psi this year. They have stepped outside their comfort zones, taken advantage of their resources, and found success, and represent the grit and determination we want to instill in all our students," said Mathew Chetnik, director of the first year experience office.

In late October, these students will be honored at the annual Alpha Omega Psi induction ceremony, with their friends and family members in attendance. Students will be sworn into the honor society by Provost David Silva and will be awarded a certificate and medallion to be worn as part of their commencement regalia in three years.

The Emerging Scholars program is one of many initiatives at Salem State University designed to connect first-year students to a support network which assists them in achieving success on their journey towards college completion.

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LYNN PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER EVENING BASKETBALL LEAGUE CONCLUDES SEASON

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The Lynn Parks and Recreation Summer Basketball Evening Basketball League concluded its season with the East Lynn and West Lynn champions meeting in the citywide finals at the Marian Garden courts.

The teams from East Lynn prevailed in the high school, middle school, and elementary school division championship games.



The Councilor Rick Starbard team is pictured with league officials Geanni Ferreira and Corey Bingham before the championship game.

In the top photo: Doing a great job at the Lynn Parks and Recreation Summer Evening Basketball League championship games were scorer's table officials Nyasia Chalas, Tope Mafo, and Geanni Ferreira and league co-directors Freddie Hogan and Jeff Shown to the right: Lynn English boys basketball coach Antonio Anderson, formerly of the Memphis Tigers and the Oklahoma City Thunder, and Ward 6 Councilor Peter Capano, are pictured at the Summer Evening Basketball League citywide finals at Marian Gardens.



Solimine Funeral Home team is pictured with league officials Jarell Byrd and Lashonda Hogan before the championship game.

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