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Moya Brennan,

## Zumin welcomes Moya Brennan

By John Lynds

Known as the First Lady of Celtic Music, Ireland native Moya Brennan has provided music to such blockbuster films as the Titanic and the Last of the Mohicans and now she'll make her first appearance in East Boston on Saturday, March 10 at Zumix.

Brennan, an Emmy award winning and Grammy nominated recording artist will appear with Irish Harpist Cormac De Barra for a night of Celtic music just in time for St. Patrick's Day. The intimate concert will begin at 7 p.m. and is hosted by Zumix and the A.L.S. Family Chari-

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John and Melissa Tyler proudly hold up a 'Sold' sign in front of the historic Welfare Building on Maverick Street in East Boston. The Tylers recently closed on the building and plan to bring businesses, office space and residential units to the property.

## Eastie a great place to live, but we already know that

By John Lynds

Boston Magazine has named East Boston one of the 'Best Places to Live' in its March 2012 issue. In this month's issue, Boston Magazine said Eastie made the list because it is an adventurous eater's paradise with an affordable housing stock and the promise of waterfront development.

Using the chef from the North End's Neptune Oyster House, Michael Serpa, as an example of the newcomers that are flocking to Eastie, Boston Magazine explains that Serpa and his wife moved here nearly three years ago and bought a two-family in Orient Heights for \$340,000.

"Two and a half years later, he couldn't be happier with the choice," said the magazine. "Besides the eight-minute commute to downtown through the old harbor tunnels, Serpa and his wife, Lina Velez, love Eastie for its inexpensive global comfort food like Peruvian ceviche, Colombian tongue stew, and Salvadoran pupusas.

The article goes on to describe the Mexican fare at Angela's Café as legendary

and Mayor Thomas Menino's recent announcement of directing the city to help spark development on Eastie's waterfront.

The article also points out that Eastie's median home price has increased 7 percent in one-year with the average set at \$227,500.

"I think the magazine said what we've know all along," said City Councilor Sal LaMattina. "East Boston is a safe, vibrant community with great architecture, great food and a spectacular waterfront view of Boston that can be seen from prestigious parks like Piers Park."

State Senator Anthony Petrucci commented that Boston Magazine has shown once

again that Eastie is on the map as the city's next up and coming neighborhood.

"The quality of our restaurants, our parks, its proximity to downtown are all part of a recipe that has made East Boston more attractive over the past decade," said Petrucci.

State Representative Carlo Basile said that each newcomer he meets at first was skeptical about moving to the neighborhood because they knew little about it.

"I meet people everyday that only came to East Boston because they had to go to the airport," said Basile. "These are the same people that have stayed, opened businesses and are contributing to making

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## For the welfare of Maverick St.

By John Lynds

A unique development will shortly transform the decaying Welfare Building on Maverick Street into a vibrant commercial development.

John and Melissa Tyler recently closed on the property and are planning to break ground on the project with a neighborhood block party at the end of the month.

The Tylers got approval in May 2009 from the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) to develop the Welfare Building at 154 Maverick St. after a lengthy community process. Now the duo is getting revved up to begin the \$1.2 million renovations on the building.

"It's an exciting time and we are eager to move forward with this project," said Melissa.

The Tyler's plan involves a comprehensive development strategy for the building that includes commercial, retail and residential components.

Their plan called for converting the first floor of the building with up to eight boutique shops in an open market style similar to Faneuil Hall. The second floor would be eight offices while the third floor would be converted into two residential apartments—one of which the Tylers plan to live in.

"Our plan would re-open the Welfare Building to the public while introducing entrepreneurs to a unique way of selling and promoting themselves," said Melissa. "This building would be the perfect place to incubate new, small businesses in East Boston."

The Tylers would also historically renovate the building and would only charge about \$500 per month per office and shop.

"We want to make the Welfare Building into the shining star of East Boston," said Melissa.

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## More and better low income housing is on the way

By John Lynds

Progress on the project to construct 27 new affordable apartments on Maverick Street for low-income families is moving along with the shell of the building already completed.

MassHousing has approved \$2.2 million in loans for the Greenway Apartments in East Boston being developed by the East Boston Community Development Corporation (EBCDC). Last year the CDC razed two vacant buildings at 170 and 172 Maverick Street and began construction on

the 27 affordable rental units in a low-rise, energy efficient building.

Of the 27 apartments, 21 will be two-bedroom units and 6 will be three-bedroom units, all of which will remain affordable in perpetuity.

The three-bedroom units will be subsidized with tenants paying 30 percent of their income for rent. The two bedroom units will be rented at an affordable rate of \$976 a month compared to an estimated market rate of \$1,800 a month for two-bedroom apartments in the area.

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**Health Reform lecture set at East Boston Library**

John McDonough will provide a presentation titled "The Future of National Health Reform." McDonough is the Professor of the Practice of Public Health and Director of the Center for Public Health Leadership at the Harvard School of Public Health. Monday, March 12, 6 p.m., East Boston Branch, 276 Meridian Street, 617.569.0217.

**Kiwanis Club to celebrate 65th Anniversary**

The Kiwanis Club of East Boston will celebrate 65 years of service to East Boston and the children of the world on Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 6-10 p.m. at Spinelli's in Day Square, East Boston. The event is a celebration of members no longer with us, with a special remembrance of Mr. Pasquale "Pat" Rosa. Pat was a proud member of the Kiwanis Club of East Boston for 43 years, served as President and Board member several times, chaired numerous committees and served on the Board of the K-Trust Scholarship Committee. He believed in the mission of Kiwanis: "to change the world, one child and one community at a time". Pat worked vigorously to have the Kiwanis Club he loved so much take part in community projects, fundrais-

ers, and support of programs to benefit the children of East Boston. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Social Hour 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Cash Bar Valet parking available For tickets or more information please contact: Clark Moulaison, Event Chairperson, at ebmainstreets@verizon.net or 617.561.1044 Marisa Di Pietro, Ticket Chairperson, at mdipietro@ebsoc.org or 617.650.3442 About the Kiwanis Club of East Boston: Founded in 1947 the Kiwanis Club of East Boston supports programs to benefit the children of East Boston including safety and reading programs. The Club raises funds for local youth programs and outings for seniors.

**Yoga class set to music planned on March 11**

Live Eastie and Zumix are teaming up to bring you a wonderful experience of yoga set to live music. The next session is March 11 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Residents are invited to join us for a grounding and centering yoga practice set to the calming sounds of the guitar and piano. Yoga led by Carolyn Little and featuring music by Brian Burke, both East Boston residents. This is the perfect class for people new to yoga. No experience necessary. There is a charge of \$20 at the door. Please bring a mat and a blanket. For more information about the event and bios see the attached flier. This event will be every 2nd Sunday of the month at Zumix. Upcoming Classes: April 8 (special Easter class) May 13 (special Mother's day class)

**Friends of Belle Isle to host annual meeting**

The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh will host the 2012 Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 11th at St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 222 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop, from 2 - 4 PM. The featured speakers will be Cindy Luppi and Becky Smith from Clean Water Action. The meeting will also include annual reports and an election of officers for this year. This year's "Good Neighbor Award" will be presented to Chris Marchi of East Boston for his tireless efforts on behalf of the East Boston Greenway. The Friends of Belle Isle Marsh is an environmental advocacy non-profit organization whose mission is primarily educational. The Friends sponsor an annual Spring cleanup, nature walks, salt marsh exploration programs, tidal pool discovery programs, the annual Harvest Festival, and a Monday Night Forum speaker series. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) administers Belle Isle Marsh Reservation which is located in East Boston, Winthrop and Revere. The main Reservation is home to many species of mammals, birds, fish, insects and plants and offers several trails, an observation tower and a boardwalk with views of the marsh. DCR has recently transformed the former Zoppo property at Short Beach in Winthrop into a small park with a pedestrian bridge and a path leading from a parking lot at Short Beach to Argyle Street and the Gorman Ft. Banks School. The park and the "John Kilmartin Path" will be officially opened in the Spring. The new path offers spectacular views of the marsh. The Kilmartin Path will be a great addition to the Town's "Walk Winthrop" initiative and the partially completed East Boston Greenway which will begin at the East Boston waterfront, continue through the Bremen Street Park and along the Wood Island Park marsh to Constitution Beach, continue over the new Belle Isle Bridge to Morton Street on the Winthrop side of Belle Isle Marsh, around the cemetery and across the new pedestrian bridge to Short Beach. From Short Beach there is easy access along Winthrop Parkway to Revere Beach. The Annual Meeting is free and open to the public. For more information please call 617-846-7418 or 617-567-5072.

**Upcoming events for Eastie Chamber are listed**

Two upcoming events for the East Boston Chamber are listed below: May 24, 2012 East Boston Chamber 10K Dinner June 18, 2012 East Boston Chamber Golf Tournament Call to reserve your tickets today at (617) 569-5000.

**Jeffries Point Neighborhood Assoc. meeting date**

JPNA meeting agenda for March 12 meeting at 7 p.m at Jeffries Point Yacht club located at 565 Summer st. is as follows: Officer Danny Simmons from St. 7 Police matters & updates. Brian Gannon from No Eastie Casino will be speaking. Kathryn Klister from Generations Incorporated. Introducing our newest board member Maria Nigro Distefano who was elected to the board from a vote from our last JPNA meeting.

**Walk for Hunger registration for May walk open**

Registration is now open for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 6. Your donations help fund hunger relief through emergency programs, schools, community health centers, farmers' markets, community suppers, home care organizations, and other programs that protect the individual and strengthen community food security. The 20-mile route weaves through Boston, Brookline, Newton, Watertown, to Cambridge, and includes entertainment and free snacks along the way. On May 6th, over 40,000 Walkers will step out and raise nearly \$4 million to help fund hunger relief and prevention through 450 emergency programs, schools, community health centers, farmers' markets, community suppers, home care organizations, and other programs that protect the individual and strengthen our community food security. Registration is from 7-9 a.m. on the Boston Common. For more information, visit www.projectbread.org or call 617-723-5000. If you or someone you know is struggling to put food on the table, please call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

**Free Walking Club open to all Mon. and Weds.**

Do you feel out of shape? Join our Free Y-Walkers Club for those over 55. The program is geared to building cardio vascular endurance, burning calories, improving balance, and increasing coordination while you meet new friends and lift your spirits. The group meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11:00 a.m. Call 617-569-9622 ext.206 for more information.

**Corned Beef and Cabbage supper at Grace Church**

Grace Church community will be having a Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper on Saturday March 10 at 5 p.m. For reservations please call the church at 617-569-5358 The cost is \$10. Grace Church is located at 760 Saratoga St.

**Free salsa classes every Thursday at Landing**

East Boston area residents are invited to "Salsa Libre," free beginner salsa lessons every Thursday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Maverick Landing Meeting House, 31 Liverpool Street. All ages are welcome and no dance partner is required. Stay and practice any dance steps - swing, hip hop, tango - after the class. For more information on the Salsa Libre program, phone Pj Schott at (617) 834-9876.

**Programs at Harborside Community Center**

Harborside Community Centers Border St. 617 635 5114 is offering a golf class at 6:00 p.m. for young people and 7:00 p.m. for adults. It is the basics and tips for people who know how. The instructor is excellent. All you have to do is sign up for a membership and the class is free. There are four more weeks left starting tomorrow evening. Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. conversation group meetings last about an hour and a half. People wanting to practice English skills are invited to join the group. Aided by a volunteer leader, new learners of English can speak informally about their impressions of the United States, events in the news and find answers to their questions about life in the United States. Learners with some fluency will be welcomed and challenged.

**Grace Church Food Pantry Schedule**

The Grace Church Food Pantry is opened on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The pantry is open to all people who live in East Boston, and who are in need of food. For more information please call the church at 617-569-5358. Grace Church also accepts donation of food, dry goods and can goods.

**EBLUC is now accepting applications for yearly grants; outlines regulations**

The East Boston Land Use Council is proud to announce that we are accepting Application's for Grants from The Leonard Florence, Grant program, and The East Boston Bulgroup Properties Tuition Grant Program! Due to the bad economy, and the huge demand we are making drastic changes to this years program, so we can help as many people as possible! Each year we get a check for \$ 20,000.00 dollars from The Leonard Florence / Bulgroup Properties Trust Fund. ALL \$ 20,000.00 dollars is given to E.B. Residents .The East Boston Land Use Council is FOR-BIDDEN from taking a single penny from this Trust. In fact we pay for the paper, envelopes, postage etc. from our Petty Cash Fund. The most any one group or individual can apply for is (one) \$500.00 Charitable Grant. We are giving out 15 - \$500.00 Dollar Tuition Grants, and 25 - \$500.00 Regular Grants \*\* The deadline to file the application is March 23, 2012. Here are the Rules to Apply for a Grant; If you do not send us ALL required information in the FIRST response, your Application will be denied. 1-You just send a one page letter telling us what you need the Grant for, along with all of the required documentation listed below. 2-You Must provide proof you are an East Boston Resident (Drivers License ,Mass I.D.). 3-You Must provide the exact name, and address of the Vendor, such as your school, bus company, restaurant, that you are getting the Goods, or Services from. We make all payments to the vendor, not you.! 4-You Must send us a Day-time phone number (I do not accept Private / Unknown calls) Please dial \*82 on your House #, or Release your cell phones Caller I.D.. 5-These funds cannot subsidize any City, State, or Federal program. 5a-Events, or Groups that sponsor the selling, promoting of, or giving away of Alcoholic Beverages is NOT eligible for a Grant. Please mail your requests for a Grant to the following address: Joseph J.Mason President E.B.L.U.C. 2 Neptune Road Suite 352 East Boston, Ma.02128 If you have any questions : Phone #617-816-8817 e-mail [jmason023@aol.com](mailto:jmason023@aol.com) No Hand, or Fax Deliveries are allowed!

**Mass Schedule for St. Joseph/St. Lazarus**

The schedule of Holy Masses for St. Joseph/St. Lazarus, 59 Ashley Street, East Boston, MA 02128 are as follows: Everyday (all seven) 9:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m. Sunday 11:30 a.m.

**Salesian Boys & Girls Club After School**

The Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston After School Program is now underway. The Club is open Monday through Friday from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. for ages 9 to 19 and 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. for ages 6 to 8. The Club serves families in East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop. Join the Club for learning, fun, and many activities. There are a variety of programs offered through the Learning Center, Sports Activities, Computer Center, Dance Studio, Teen Center, and Leadership Programs. The yearly Membership fee is \$20 per individual. The Salesian Boys & Girls Club is located at 150 Byron Street, East Boston. For more information call (617) 567-6626 or (617) 569-6551. To download an application visit [www.salesianclub.com](http://www.salesianclub.com).

**Local MS Support Group to meet on March 14**

Individuals who have multiple sclerosis have a new local support group. The East Boston MS Self-Help Group meets the second Wednesday of every month, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the East Boston Social Center, located at 68 Central Square in East Boston. The group's first meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14. Formally affiliated with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Central New England Chapter, the group is free and welcomes individuals who have MS, and their family members and caregivers. Group Leader Annette Puccino is available by telephone, 617-561-5850, to talk with anyone who is interested in attending. "It's a great way for me to deal with the frustrations of having this disease. Everyone in the group understands what it's like. We just talk and it's okay," is a common sentiment by group members.

**Head Start accepting applications for Fall Program**

The Capic Head Start program serving Chelsea, Revere and Winthrop is currently accepting applications for the Fall Program (September 2012) for children between the ages of 3 - 5 years of age. Children must be three years old before they can enroll in the program. Head Start is a federally funded comprehensive child and family development program. Children participate in a wide range of activities designed to prepare them to enter kindergarten with confidence and a desire to learn and grow. The majority of our classrooms are in operation four hours per day and two classrooms are in operation from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm to meet the needs of working parents. Capic Head Start accepts vouchers for the full day program. Limited transportation is provided to Chelsea and to our Rose Street Center in Revere Families are eligible to participate if their income meets the federal poverty guidelines, or if their child has a special learning need or physical disability. To obtain further information contact the Administrative office at 617 889-5690 ext 0 or the Head Start Center closest to your home. Please call for an appointment to fill out an application. CENTER ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS Crescent Ave. Center 67 Crescent Ave, Chelsea (617) 889-5690 Irene O'Connell Center 65 Nahant Ave. Revere (781) 289-9065 Rose St. Center 30A Rose St. Revere (781) 284- 1334 E.B. Newton School 45 Pauline St Winthrop (617) 846-3050

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Construction on 27 new affordable apartments on Maverick Street for low-income families is well underway and should be completed this spring.

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The MassHousing financing involves a \$1.2 million permanent loan and a \$1 million Priority Development Fund loan. Bank of America is also providing a \$5.4 million construction loan. The project contractor will be Landmark Structures Corporation of Woburn and the architect is Michael A. Interbartolo Jr. of East Boston.

The management agent will be Metro Management, a subsidiary of East Boston Community Development Corporation. Construction is expected to be completed by the spring of this year.

CDC President Al Caldarelli has said the strength of our community has always been the hard-working families who contribute to our neighborhoods and this development will provide a stable environment for those families.

MassHousing has provided more than \$60 million in financing for more than 1,600 units of affordable housing in East Boston including the 396-unit Maverick Landing, the 74-unit Barnes School Elderly Housing and the 380-unit Shore Plaza East.

Both the Zoning Board of Appeals and Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) voted unanimously in support of a slightly scaled down version of the project because it will add more affordability for Eastie residents during these tough economic times.

The CDC's original plan was to construct a 30 unit, five story building on the half acre site but after several community meetings decided to reduce the number of units to 27 and the height of the building to three stories.

Back in October 2008, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association (JPNA) held the first in a series of meetings concerning the project, its size and the impacts it might have on neighbors.

While the plans were in its infancy, many in attendance felt the share size and scope of the project was a little too much on a parcel that borders residences and the Greenway Park.

However, some were confused at some of the photographs presented by the CDC, which showed a yellow outline of the property. Some thought the building would encompass the entire half-acre parcel.

In fact, the scaled down version of the building accepted by the BRA takes up only about half of the 23,000 sq. ft. footprint shown in area photos. The rest, explained CDC Consultant John Vitagliano, will be tree plantings and other landscaping.

Vitagliano and Caldarelli believe the project will have a positive impact on the neighborhood by taking a parcel of land that is reminiscent of 1970s urban decay and turning it into an attractively landscaped building.

"Right now that stretch of the Greenway is desolate and

this building will bring some activity to the area," said Vitagliano. "One good thing is that it will provide a measure of indirect light to the Greenway during the night hours--providing an additional level of safety and security to a dark section of the park."

Another concern the project invoked was the number of affordable housing units.

While the CDC has been praised for its work at Maverick Gardens and the former Barnes School, which the CDC turned into affordable elderly housing, members of the JPNA were a little wary of putting more affordable housing in a neighborhood that some feel is already overburdened with affordability. Currently, about 16 percent of Eastie is affordable housing or four percent higher than the city average of 12 percent.

Caldarelli took some flak

for insinuating that the units would be for 'East Boston families and their children who want to stay in the neighborhood'. Under fair housing laws, if the project was accepted and built as affordable rental housing, the CDC, by law, would have to hold a lottery for the units and would be unable to guarantee that the families would be Eastie based families.

However, the demand in Eastie is so great Caldarelli believes that the share number of people applying from Eastie would almost guarantee that a majority of the apartments would be occupied by Eastie residents in need of affordable housing.

CDC run properties in Eastie has had the tendency to follow this trend. Currently long-time Eastie residents occupy 90 percent of CDC run units.



The cover of the March 2012 Boston Magazine that names East Boston one of the 'Best Places to Live'.

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East Boston a great neighborhood."

To come up with its list of Best Places to Live, Boston Magazine consulted real estate agents, residents, and town officials to find the most interesting opportunities within the I-495 loop, logging close to 600 miles along the way.

"For some, it's a prestige ZIP code or top schools. For others, it's a sense of community or abundant green space. Whatever you're looking for, now is a good time to take a calculated risk and make a move," says Warren Group CEO Timothy Warren Jr.

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Foundation. Of her voice, U2 front man Bono has said, "When you walk the windswept hills and endless beaches of Donegal it all makes sense. Timeless, elemental and carried heavenwards in soulful breath, Moya's voice reaches out to the farthest places but still touches the soul. She sings with an angel's voice, arousing a passion in every listener. I think Moya has one of the greatest voices the human ear has ever experience."

Brennan is the voice of Clannad and her voice has graced 17 albums with Clannad and a raft of breathtaking releases under her own name.

De Barra, a renowned international harp virtuoso, will join Brennan. De Barra is know for continually pushing the boundaries of the Irish harp through his work with a

wide array of artists, including Hazel O'Connor, Julie Feeney and Clannad. De Barra also tours and records with his brothers Fionán and Éamonn in the family group, Barc6. Besides his busy performing schedule he regularly gives workshops and master classes around the world.

The evening will also feature a performance by Zumix's own Francesca Canepa, talented singer and pianist who has been taking lessons at Zumix since she was 7-years-old. She has been the lead singer for Annual Snowfall, Zumix's all-girl rock band, for the past year and a half. Annual Snowfall will be Zumix's first ensemble to perform overseas, with a European tour planned for this summer. Francesca also sings with Zumix's Latin Ensemble. Francesca is currently in 8th grade at the Edwards Middle

School with the hopes of attending Boston Arts Academy next year.

The event will be held at the Zumix Firehouse, 260 Summer Street. Tickets are \$28.50 and can be purchased at <http://voicesandharps.eventbrite.com/>

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# ARREST REPORT

## Sunday, February 26

Kevin Harrison of 55 Montmorenci Avenue, East Boston was arrested and charged with vandalism.

Keith Gurry of 281 Brandywyne Drive, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

## Monday, February 27

Carlos Velez of 21 Howard Street, Milford was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

Joseph Boyd of 305 Border Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with possession of Class B drugs.

## Tuesday, February 28,

Sean Bohannon of 111 Maverick Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery and possession of Class A & E drugs.

Dino Dibenedetto of 10 Moore Street, East Boston was arrested as a fugitive from justice for parole violations.

Ronald Reynolds of 56 London Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

## Wednesday, February 29

Karen Marie Masiello of 5 Everett Court, East Boston was arrested on an outstanding warrant for violations of the auto laws.

Frank Imbruglia of 5 Everett Court, East Boston was arrested on an outstanding warrant for shoplifting.

John Paul Fay of 210 Everett Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon (knife).

## Friday, March 2, 2012

Ashlee Gagliardi of 29 Elm Park Street, Groveland was

arrested on several outstanding warrants and also found to be in possession of possession of Class C & E drugs.

Edward Costa Bothelo of 24 Orient Avenue, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon.

James William Todisco 247 Princeton Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute Class B drugs within 1000ft of a school zone.

James Joseph McDonald of 21 Girdlestone Road, Winthrop was arrested and charged with distribution of Class B drugs within 1000ft of a school zone.

## Saturday, March 3, 2012

Harry Kershaw of 40 May Street, Fall River was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

Ghada Mohamed of 1068 Saratoga Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

Tiago Nascimento of 14 Central Avenue, Burlington was arrested on an outstanding warrant for assault & battery by means of a dangerous weapon.

Sarah Elizabeth Diccico of 7 Shelby Street, East Boston was arrested and charged with assault & battery.

Steven Sierra of 63 Saint Andrews Road, East Boston was arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of Class A drugs.

Benjamin Yale Engel of 45 Dolphin Avenue, Revere was arrested and charged with possession of Class C drugs within 100ft of a playground.



News Center 5 Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca meets with kids at the East Boston YMCA last week. Fiandaca is to produce a short film for the Y's annual community breakfast on Thursday, April 5 at the Logan Hilton.

## Fiandaca to help Y make film for annual breakfast

By John Lynds

The East Boston YMCA has tapped News Center 5 Reporter Cheryl Fiandaca to produce a short film for the Y's annual community breakfast on Thursday, April 5 at the Logan Hilton.

Fiandaca, an Eastie native, recently enjoyed a day at the Y and interviewed members and program participants about how the Y has made a difference in their lives.

She interviewed the Y's active seniors, a health and well-

ness group that lost a combine 100 pounds working out at the Y. She also made trips to the Y's after school program at the Samuel Adams School and interviewed the principal Margarita Ruiz about the Y's support of the Boston Public Schools Reading Agenda.

She ended the day at the Early Education Center on Bremen Street. There she met with parents and children about Y programs and how they have helped.

"We're enormously pleased that Cheryl has taken a per-

sonal interest in the Y," said Y Executive Director Joey Cuzzi. "As someone who grew up in East Boston and still has family here, she's committed to the Y's mission, and is especially passionate about providing opportunities for children and teens in our community to learn and thrive through Y programming."

Fiandaca's efforts are in support of the Y's Reach Out For Youth Community Breakfast where she will be featured as a guest speaker—joining event chair former Senate

President Robert Travaglini. Her interviews will be part of a video that will debut at the breakfast.

The board of the YMCA is elated to have Cheryl (Fiandaca) assist us with our Reach Out efforts this year," said Reach Out For Youth Event Chair Derek Brodin. "As a native of this community she fully understands that challenges that our families face and will be helpful in delivering our message to the YMCA's supporters and new contributors."

## Building// CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Already, the Tylers have several potential tenants which include a speech therapist, two attorneys, a graphic designer, an artisan cheese maker so there is potential for Eastie's first wine and cheese shop, a baker who makes homemade muffins and scones and also a woman that makes dog treats, toys and holistic healing items for animals.

"The great thing is that all these tenants are small business owners living in East Boston," said Melissa.

The husband and wife team's proposal garnered a lot of support from residents at community meetings, many of whom said they'd like to see more unique businesses come to Eastie. This proposal, said some residents, could attract more diverse retail in the Maverick Square area now being dominated by many businesses that are very similar.

"John and I are working hard to get everything moving," said Melissa Tyler. "We had a few hurdles. The master plans are gone so we have had to re-construct them very time consuming along with lots of detective work. The original deed went missing and was found 3 months later in the archives of Massachusetts. It was written in beautiful long hand and needed to be recreated as well."

Tyler said she and her husband are now starting to get all of the plans to zoning and hope to be starting construction soon.

"John and I are very excited and ready to get working," she said. "We have an assurance

from the East Boston Savings bank to finance the project and the Small Business Association is going to be holding training and informational seminars for the entrepreneurs that will be in the building."

In December 2007, both the Tyler's and the Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) submitted plans for the building. NOAH's plan for the building calls for converting the structure into 10-14 units of rental housing for seniors on low to moderate income. Rents would cost \$700 per month for these one bedroom apartments. The \$3.2 million project would historically renovate the facade of the building, potentially add a fourth floor to the building, and construct a community room for 25-30 seniors to use all day.

NOAH's plan gained the support of community leaders like East Boston Neighborhood Health Center President Jack Cradock. Cradock said the health center would like to see this project get done because it is committed to expanding senior program to the Welfare Building if NOAH is chosen as the developer by DND.

However, some at the series of community meetings complained that with 16 percent of East Boston's housing stock already affordable, about five percent higher than the city average, the neighborhood does not need more affordable housing but a mixed use development like the one the Tylers proposed.



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# Forum

## EASTIE Watch

### Spring cleaning made much easier by mild winter

Street sweeping here is imminent as the city revs up for yet another crack at cleaning this neighborhood as the winter comes to an end.

One thing is decidedly different this year as opposed to last year.

There has largely been the absence of winter as we have come to know it in New England.

There were no cold waves, no great snow storms, just the near to complete absence of ice, and streets and sidewalks which are relatively clean as a result.

True, they need a sweep. The gutters need a sweep as well. Wherever trash collects because the wind has blown it there must also be cleaned out.

But the type of hassle the city usually experiences trying to sweep streets and to tidy up where trash accumulated and was later buried by snow and then frozen by ice and subsequently made filthy by plowing and salt and exhaust fumes, has not come to pass during this winter that never really happened.

This bodes well for a great spring which will lead into a much cleaner summer for the neighborhood.

We don't, by the way, find many people lamenting the lack of winter, the relative absence of trash filled gutters and sidewalks and the proliferation of pot-holes that always follows heavy snow, plowing, salting and ice.

We dodged a bullet this year.

Frankly, it feels good.

### Congressman Capuano visits Eastie for Friday lunch

Last Friday, Congressman Mike Capuano visited East Boston to dine with friends for lunch at Rino's on Saratoga Street.

It was a friendly lunch, an off the record interlude for the seven term congressman who represents Boston.

Those who ate with him described Capuano as the ultimate loner – a man on a mission who is basically disgusted with the goings on in Washington and who, frankly, wants no part of that but has to put up with it because he, after all, is a part of that mess.

Capuano lamented the state of politics, and he lamented the state of the nation which is crying out for change to a body politic incapable of it.

He said he is disappointed with the Republicans.

He said he is disappointed with the democrats.

He said no one wants to do what is absolutely necessary.

With Capuano, it is almost as if neither party represents his views and core beliefs.

Our congressman is a one of a kind. He is, above all, himself at all times, which so many of us find extremely unique and refreshing compared with the superficial and self-serving nature of most of the congress.

It was good to break bread with him in Eastie.

### What ever happened to Skanska?

Skanska, for those of you who don't know, was the construction team that began pile driving at Roseland's Pier I waterfront development project several years ago before work was abruptly halted and Skanska scrapped from the project and replaced by Suffolk Construction.

Now, nearly five years after it looked as though Skanska was ready and willing to get to work the site is still undeveloped. The piles that Skanska drove into the ground now look like an archeological dig of some sort. Some in the neighborhood compare it to ancient ruins or Stonehenge. And like ruins it's a reminder of what was or could have been.

When Skanska dropped out of the project in 2007 no real explanation was ever given and a spokesman for the Roseland called the work halt on the Portside at Pier I project a small bump in the road. He only said that Roseland was switching contractors and a few details had to be worked out.

Well, it's five years later and that small bump in the road to finally get something built on Eastie's waterfront has turned into a gigantic obstacle.

Meanwhile, Skanska is thriving.

This week the company announced plans to build a 300-unit apartment tower in Boston's Innovation District in Southie. According to the Globe, the tower,

will be at the corner of Seaport Boulevard and Boston Wharf Road. It will be part of the 25-acre Seaport Square project that is expected to fill in many of the Innovation District's vast surface parking lots in coming years.

And still Eastie's waterfront remains stagnant.

Skanska has also been busy around town over the past decade building the Battery Wharf Residence, a 4-building, mixed-use complex that includes 104 luxury condominiums, a 150-room Fairmount luxury hotel and commercial space.

Sound familiar?

Delta Airlines' Terminal A at Logan Airport, 200 State St., and the State Street Financial Center are just another examples of how quickly and efficiently Skanska has worked on projects here and around Boston.

So why were they dropped?

Massport and Roseland at the time said the rising costs of construction caused the project team to make adjustments.

Could it be that Skanska, with a revenue of \$4.8 billion in 2010, representing 31 percent of Skanska's global construction revenues, equity of \$725 million and a very strong bonding capacity of \$7.5 billion, couldn't afford to get the project past the goal line.

It seems highly unlikely.

So what is the real reason Skanska was dropped and replaced with Suffolk Construction?

We may never know and instead are left to look at the vacant Pier I and imagine what could have been had Skanska been allowed to finish.



U.S. Congressman Michael Capuano was in East Boston last week and dined at Rino's on the corner of Putnam and Saratoga Streets. Capuano was there with colleagues from the city and state and friends from the neighborhood. Capuano, whose district changed slightly during redistricting, still includes East Boston. The Congressman has enjoyed widespread support from voters in the neighborhood and has continued to be on the neighborhood's side when it comes to issue like the environment, health care and housing and championed for local issues like the bypass road.

## GUEST OP-ED

### Finding the right small business health plan just got easier

By Glen Shor

Nearly five years ago, the Massachusetts Health Connector revolutionized how individuals who have to purchase health insurance at their own shop. Saddle up to the computer, a few clicks of the mouse and in just a few seconds ... voila. All your options in an easy-to-understand format appear side-by-side.

Now some good news for small business owners. We've done the same for you. If you have up to 50 employees and are shopping for health insurance for them, you'll want to check out the Health Connector's Business Express program. By spending about 15 minutes online inputting some data about your workforce, our website can generate quotes in seconds and allow you to make apples-to-apples comparisons of your options.

We actually launched the program two years ago on a small scale, but now we've improved it in many ways. For the first time, all eight of the state's leading health insurance carriers are offering products on our shelves. That's certainly good news for anyone operating a small business. With a few keystrokes, you can now get quotes from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, BMC HealthNet Plan,

CeltiCare Health Plan, Fallon Community Health Plan, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Health New England, Neighborhood Health Plan and Tufts Health Plan.

Additionally, some small business owners may qualify for a 15 percent rebate of the premium the owner contributes toward his or her employees' coverage by participating in Wellness Track, our new program that promotes healthy lifestyles. It is for companies with fewer than 25 employees, whose annual salaries average less than \$50,000. Online tools and resources we've created will help both owners and workers fulfill requirements for the rebate. And hopefully, you will end up with a healthier and more productive workforce.

And those membership dues or monthly fees that you may have been required to pay in the past? There's none of that in Business Express, and all of the plans in Business Express have been awarded the Seal of Approval by the Health Connector, so you know you are getting a high quality product.

You can learn more about Business Express and Wellness Track by visiting our website, MAhealthconnector.org.

You can also call us at 1-888-813-9220, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. And, of course, you can always shop and buy through a broker.

The global recession we've endured since 2008 has been particularly difficult on small businesses. Governor Deval Patrick has taken a number of steps to help. Two years ago, premiums were increasing by more than 16 percent. Today it's closer to two percent. The Governor is particularly committed to long-term solutions and has filed comprehensive health care payment and delivery reform legislation designed to address rising health care costs and improve patient care. Passage would be a big win for small businesses.

Business Express is part of the answer as well.

It's challenging enough to run a small business and stay afloat. Finding the right health plan just got a lot easier with Business Express.

Glen Shor is the ex. director of the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thank you Chelsea City Officials for joining the fight ....

Our long ago "sister city" Chelsea, its City Council, and most capable City Manager Jay Ash, had the wisdom and fortitude this past week to pass a City Council resolution strongly opposing Global Oil's plan to ramrod thousands of rail car tankers, loaded with hundreds of millions of gallons of highly volatile Ethanol through their community.

The U.S. Census Bureau has listed Chelsea as one of the highest in population density among U.S. Cities. Therefore, a catastrophic event caused by Global's greed could wipe out thousands of our fellow citizens.

For the past eight months, I have endeavored to warn the people of Revere of the dangers that we face if we allow Global to invade our neighborhoods with tens of thousands of rail tank cars en route to Global's site, to blend ethanol with gasoline. We in Revere face a double threat, not only do these train bombs slice through our city, they idle for hours,

awaiting unloading, between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., in some cases less than 100 yards from unaware sleeping families.

It takes 20 hours to unload one 30,000-gallon tank car. At that rate Global must park 50 some odd tank cars on sidetracks for days at a time. In Revere's case the threat of an event never ends! There are numerous, documented cases of accidents that have occurred while unloading, blending, and storing this very volatile chemical.

On February 27, I appeared before the Revere City Council in an attempt to get our elected officials on record, to support the results of the non-binding ballot question, where thousands of you, the people, indicated that you were opposed to Global's plan to dastardly invade our city with trains loaded with Ethanol.

The matter was referred to committee. The chair of the committee is Revere City Councilor Brian Arrigo. I did not object.

I have a sense that Councilor Arrigo is fair-minded and knowledgeable.

I am somewhat embarrassed that the City of Chelsea, it's elected officials, and appointed city manager had the courage to support the will of their people, while our elected officials have not yet acted.

A hearing on this matter was scheduled this past Monday, March 5, in Revere.

I have faith in our elected officials, and I hope they will join our sister city, Chelsea, and pass our resolution and support the thousands of citizens of Revere who have already spoken.

I must recognize the efforts of the environmental activists in Chelsea, East Boston, and Revere. I am just a concerned citizen.

Remember! Those that endeavor shall persevere!

Ed O'Hara  
Molly O'Hara (apprentice)  
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# BEACON HILL Roll Call

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING (H 3963)

House 154-0, approved a bill that would require several state agencies to collaborate on a memorandum to coordinate the procurement of community-based supportive services and subsidies for new and existing housing for residents with very low incomes. This would also be designed to facilitate the creation of a demonstration program that creates up to 1,000 units of supportive housing by 2015. According to the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association, supportive housing is defined as "affordable housing linked with supportive services designed to help tenants with modest incomes maintain housing stability and maximize their independence."

Supporters said the measure would help persons with disabilities, seniors and homeless families who need help and services live independently. They noted it will also save the state money by keeping residents at home and out of more expensive nursing homes, institutions and shelters. They argued the proposal does not cost the state any new money but instead uses existing resources.

The Senate has approved a different version of the bill and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)  
**Rep. Carlo Basile Yes**

## CONTINUING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE DURING CANCER TREATMENT (S 2148)

Senate 35-0, approved and sent to the House legislation designed to help patients whose employers switch their health care plans or whose current plan changes while they are undergoing an active course of treatment for a chronic disease at a comprehensive cancer center or pediatric hospital. The measure provides that if the patient ends up in a health care plan that is limited and includes tiered networks, he or she is allowed to continue to receive ongoing cancer care at the same facility without paying the new plan's higher co-payments or deductibles.

Affordable limited and tiered networks, in order to charge lower premiums, exclude many high-cost providers, often including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Children's Hospital, from their insurance plans. Or they shift more of the costs for treatment at these higher-tier facilities onto these consumers through higher deductibles and/or co-pays.

Supporters said the bill would allow these patients to be treated without an added cost that many of them cannot afford. They cited several cases including 125 patients at Dana-Farber who were in a difficult and confusing position when their health plan removed Dana-Farber from its network and their options were at best unclear and at worst non-existent or more expensive.

(A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

**Sen. Anthony Petrucci Yes**

## \$3,024,083 FOR SHERIFFS (S 2112)

On four roll calls of 35-0, the Senate overrode Gov. Deval Patrick's veto of \$3,024,083 in funding for sheriff's offices. The cuts include Worcester by \$200,000, Barnstable by \$1,000,109, Bristol by \$952,095 and Plymouth by \$871,879.

Override supporters said sheriffs need this money to properly run their operations. They argued it would prevent staff cuts that could jeopardize the safety of corrections officers and the public.

In his veto message, Gov. Patrick said he reduced the funding because it authorized unaffordable spending by sheriffs in excess of his budget recommendations.

(The vote next to the senator's name represents his or her vote on all four roll calls. A "Yes" vote is for the additional \$3,024,083.)

**Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes**  
**Sen. Anthony Petrucci Yes**

## ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL EASIER HIV TESTING (S 2158)

The Senate gave initial approval to and sent to the House a bill that would allow doctors to test for the HIV virus with only verbal consent of the patient. Under current law, Massachusetts is one of only two states that require written permission from patients.

Supporters said the change would reduce the transmission of the virus

from mother to child, which is almost totally preventable if the mother is tested. They argued there are an estimated 5,000 people in the state who don't know they have HIV because they have never been tested. They noted the change will result in more people getting tested and receiving life-extending treatment.

**BAN SMOKING IN SOME SENIOR HOUSING (H 2110)** - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring local housing authorities to provide for non-smoking buildings in multi-building senior housing complexes or for a no-smoking floor in single-building senior housing.

The bill phases in the proposed law, grandfathering in current smokers and prevents their eviction.

**\$7,600 PAY HIKE FOR LOTTERY CHIEF** - The Board of the State Lottery Commission voted unanimously to raise the salary of Executive Director Paul Sternburg from \$122,400 to \$130,000. According to a chart presented at the meeting, Sternburg's \$122,400 salary was lower than all other executive directors in states with large lotteries, except for New Jersey. The hike to \$130,000 still leaves Sternburg with a salary less than the average for comparable officials in other states.

**SPECIAL DAYS** - The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee held a hearing that included proposals designating the last day of February as Rare Disease Day to increase public awareness of rare diseases which affect millions of Americans (H 3378); the week of April 16 as World Voice Week, in recognition of the many citizens of the commonwealth suffering from voice disorders (S 2107); and February 2 as Ayn Rand Day in recognition of her contributions to the literature of America and her philosophy of man as a heroic being (H 2307). Rand is best known as the author two best-selling novels "Atlas Shrugged" and "The Fountainhead."

**NEW STATE SEAL AND MOTTO (H 3039)** - The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee's hearing included a proposal creating a special commission to examine the state seal and motto and develop a revised version of it. The current state seal includes a Native American holding a bow and arrow. The motto is "By the sword we seek peace, but only under liberty." The commission would "determine whether the seal and motto accurately reflect and embody the historic and contemporary commitments of the Commonwealth to peace, justice, liberty and equality, and to spreading the opportunities and advantages of education."

Supporters of the revisions say the current seal is politically insensitive and historically inaccurate. They note that it depicts a Native American who represents a tribe from Lake Superior rather than Massachusetts and argued that the bow and arrow depict violence. Supporters of the current seal say that it is appropriate and noted that arrow is pointing downward which is known as a Native American symbol signifying peace.

## GLOBAL WARMING AND OTHER LEGISLATION (S 1870)

The State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee's agenda also included a bill that would amend The Global Warming Solutions Act signed into law by Gov. Patrick in 2008. A key provision requires the proposal first be reviewed by the Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight and the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy which could then hold a public hearing on the matters. The measure must also include a cost/benefit analysis of the economic impact on the residents and businesses of the state.

Supporters say this will ensure that voters and the Legislature are allowed to give input on any proposal.

Other measures being considered by the committee include requiring any new or renovated residential outdoor landscape sprinkler systems to include rain sensor devices that will suspend the operation of the system when it rains (H 1747); prohibiting the placing of a personal name on any state property by an elected or appointed official (H 3243); creation of a special commission to study the feasibility of permitting private sector advertising on state websites (H 1750); requiring the state purchasing agent to give preference, to products or services manufactured or produced in the United States (H 3684); and repealing a current law that charges non-governmental groups

and individuals for using the Statehouse for functions during business hours, unless the fee is waived by the superintendent of state office buildings (H 1743). The proposal would allow the state to charge for use of the Statehouse only during non-business hours.

**PRISON INMATES** - The Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security held a hearing on legislation to allow the state's corrections commissioner, on the recommendation of a prison doctor, to release any prisoner suffering from an irreversible or terminal medical condition or disease. The doctor must determine that the prisoner is physically incapacitated and incapable of presenting a threat to himself or others "to a reasonable degree of medical certainty" (S 1219). Other bills before the committee would require non-indigent prisoners to pay the state \$2 per day to defray the costs of incarceration (S 1230) and prohibit prisoners from using cellphones or other handheld electronic transmission device (H 2918).

**MAKE FIREWORKS LEGAL (H 3372)** - The Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee also heard testimony on a proposal to legalize the sale and use of fireworks in the Bay State, currently one of only four states that bans it.

Supporters testified that Massachusetts residents are already buying fireworks in other states and bringing them back to set off in Massachusetts. They said legalization would generate an estimated \$2 million in sales taxes. Opponents said legalization would lead to more fires, traumatic injuries and greater property damage across Massachusetts.

**POTHoles (H 2799)** - A bill before the Judiciary Committee would allow persons to sue in small claims court when bringing a suit against a city, town or other public entity for car damage caused by a pothole. Under current law, suits have to be brought into the much larger, tedious and costly Superior Court.

### QUOTABLE QUOTES

"In two short years, the Citizens United decision has upended our election system, with serious consequences for the health of our democracy. The voices of ordinary Americans are being drowned out by the tens of millions of dollars that are being poured into attack ads paid for corporate donors."

*Sen. Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton) on his proposal to urge the U.S. Congress to pass and send to the States for ratification a constitutional amendment banning corporations from making unlimited contributions to Super PACs.*

"It would be more fun to be appointed. The whole business of becoming president is so mean and nasty."

*Gov. Patrick when asked if he has any plans to run for higher office in the future.*

"I have grave concerns."

*House Speaker Bob DeLeo on legislation that would legalize the sale and use of fireworks in Massachusetts.*

"My son paid the ultimate price with his life because Massachusetts is a safe haven for illegal immigrants."

*Maureen Maloney, mother of Matthew Denice who was run down and killed, allegedly by a drunken driving illegal immigrant.*

"No one has assaulted anybody and they have saved millions of dollars."

*Sen. Patricia Jehlen (D-Somerville) testifying in favor of a bill that would allow release of prisoners suffering from a terminal medical condition or disease. She was talking about the results of similar laws in Texas which has released some 1,000 prisoners.*

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?** Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constitu-



House Speaker Bob DeLeo (D-Winthrop) recently participated in the Iwo Jima Day commemoration at the State House and received the Semper Fidelis Public Servant Award. Shown here are Veterans Service Officer of Newton and Chairperson of the Iwo Jima Day Committee, John MacGillivray, House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, Representative Carolyn Dykema, and Chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, State Sen. Michael Rush.

ent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of February 27-March 2, the House met for a total of one hour and 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of two hours and 32 minutes.

- Mon. February 27**  
House 11:01 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.  
Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
- Tues. February 28**  
No House session  
No Senate session
- Wed. February 29**  
House 1:02 p.m. to 2:02 p.m.  
No Senate session
- Thurs. March 1**  
House 11:00 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.  
Senate 1:00 p.m. to 3:25 p.m.
- Fri. March 2**  
No House session  
No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

## East Boston 'K' Trust offers college scholarship

The East Boston "K" Trust is proud to announce that they are once again offering college scholarships to qualified high school seniors. It is expected that over \$10,000 will be awarded this year.

Applications will be accepted from high school seniors who are East Boston residents (one year minimum), or who are members of the Key Club of East Boston High School.

Scholarships will be awarded to students based on their scholastic achievement, community involvement and financial need. Applications with complete instructions will be available at the following locations: East Boston High School, Latin Academy, Boston Latin, Pope John High School, Newman School, South Boston High School, St. Mary's High School, or upon request from the Peabody office or East Boston branches of the East Boston Savings Bank.

All applications must be completed and submitted to East Boston Savings Bank, 67 Prospect Street, Peabody, MA 01960 by Friday, April 27, 2012. Applicants will be interviewed at Spinelli's in East Boston on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. Scholarship winners will be honored during a special East Boston Kiwanis and East Boston "K" Trust Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 6 p.m. at Spinelli's in Day Square, East Boston.

If you need more information, or would like to donate a scholarship of \$250 or more, in memory or in honor of someone, please contact a Kiwanis member, or call Michele Wiese (978-977-2202). Donations of any amount are welcomed. You may also mail your check payable to "East Boston 'K' Trust" c/o East Boston Savings Bank, Attn: Michele Wiese, 67 Prospect Street, Peabody, MA 01960. Please include the donor name, amount, donor's home address and phone number, as well as any honor or memory notes.

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Joseph Ruggiero (right) begins calling out tickets for a chance to win \$10,000.

## St. Joseph-St. Lazarus \$10,000 dinner

The St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Fundraising Committee held its annual \$10,000 dinner to benefit the church and all its activities. The event was held Saturday at the Don Orione Shrine and featured a full dinner from Famolare's Catering.

Guests were able to take a chance at winning \$10,000 as well as bidding on several auction items like a Patriots game helmet signed by Tom Brady and Dion Branch.



A guest pulls a name out of the drum.



Bianca DeStefano and Joe Ruggiero.



Tommy Tassinari and Celeste Myers.



Jason Ruggiero, Jennie Stone and Christian Teja.



St. Joseph-St. Lazarus Pastor Fr. Marek, Tony Cincinnato and Rocco Qualtieri.



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# Sports

## Season ends for the Jets

BY JOHN LYNDS

In a Division 1/north quarterfinal game last Saturday afternoon in East Boston, March 3, Charlestown (18-4) defeated City League champion East Boston 61-58 and now advance on to a semi-final game against Central Catholic on Thursday, March 8 at Reading High School. Despite the loss, East Boston had a great season, winning the city league championship on February 24, defeating Madison Park 60-59 and ending at 18-5.

Excitement and anticipation were in the air as both teams took to the floor to play and a full house was on hand to watch. First to score in the game was Eastie senior Patrick Santos on two free throws. At the end of the first, the Jets led 14-11.

Charlestown kept the pace and the score was tied twice at 20 and 25 in the second but the Jets took a 30-29 lead.

In the third, the score was tied six times, ending with a tied score of 46-46.

In the fourth, the tight game continued but Charlestown took the lead with under two minutes to play. Time ran out for the Jets to regain the lead and the Townies celebrated a 61-58 win.

MVP of the game for Charlestown is senior Tyrik Jackson who contributed 20 points to the win. Also hot on the court was senior Omar Orriols with 17 points and nine rebounds.



An unhappy Malcolm Smith looks at the final score and waits to lead the team to make peace with Charlestown after losing 61-58 in the quarterfinal round on Saturday, March 3 at East Boston High.



Eastie's Kyle Fox is pumped up to play



Patrick Santos goes for a free throw

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# Scenes from the Eastie/Townie Game



Patrick Santos has the ball as he confronts the Townies



The Jets and Townies have their eye on the ball as a basket is scored.



The Jets huddle for encouragement during a break in the game



Patrick Santos is on the go with the ball as the Townies pursue

## 20th Annual Mass Audubon Birders Meeting will also Celebrate 20 Years of Whale Research by Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary

Mass Audubon's Birders Meeting, an annual statewide gathering of birding enthusiasts, nature lovers, and expert

guest speakers, celebrates its 20th anniversary on Saturday, March 3, at Bentley University in Waltham.

This year's program, "Birds, Baleen, and 20 Years of Marine Conservation," will be cohosted by the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, which is also marking a 20th anniversary in 2012. Stellwagen Bank is the rich fishing grounds and ecologically important underwater plateau extending from Provincetown to Gloucester at the entrance to Massachusetts Bay.

"Partnerships have been key to the continued success of the Birders Meetings," noted Wayne Peterson, director of Mass Audubon's Important Bird Areas program and a conference organizer. "And working this year with the Stellwagen Bank Sanctuary, which is doing such important work to protect and promote this valuable marine environment, should guarantee a memorable day for participants." The late-winter conference always energizes the hundreds who participate and inspires them to spend more

time connecting with nature, a central goal of Mass Audubon, New England's largest conservation organization. Registration (which includes lunch) is \$63 for Mass Audubon members; \$70 for nonmembers. Walk-in registration will also be available. The all-day event will feature presentations by renowned specialists in puffins, other seabirds, and shorebirds; an update on Mass Audubon's groundbreaking State of the Birds report; and the latest in-

formation from marine mammal experts who study the whales that visit Stellwagen Bank. Participants will also be able to spend time with birding- and nature-related vendors and displays, including optics from lead sponsor Hunt's Photo and Video. There will also be raffle items. To register online or to obtain more information, please visit: [www.massaudubon.org/birdersmeeting](http://www.massaudubon.org/birdersmeeting).

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State Representative Carlo Basile meets with seniors at the Cheverus School last Thursday during a pizza party sponsored by the state rep.

## Basile meets with seniors

By John Lynds

Last Thursday, State Representative Carlo Basile held a pizza party for seniors at the Cheverus School in East Boston. The event gave Basile the chance to connect to seniors and hear their concerns about the community and other issues facing the elderly in East Boston.

“Our seniors are a very important part of this community,” said Basile. “We can learn from them and need to be aware of the issues they are facing and do what we can to help.”

One major issue that seniors addressed at the party was the fact that smoking is allowed in the building, even among some elderly residents that require highly flammable pure oxygen to breath.

“Just the other month a woman was taken out of here for medical reasons and was lectured by the paramedics for smoking in her apartment,” said one resident.

The resident explained the woman was on oxygen breathing therapy and feared that her smoking could cause a terrible accident in the building that could not only jeopardize her life but the lives of her neighbors.

Basile for his part said he would work with the Mayor and City Councilor to ensure that all senior housing in Eastie is safe and secure and free from preventable accidents.



Representative Carlo Basile listens to one senior's concerns.



Representative Carlo Basile sits with one senior at the Cheverus and assures her that he's working for senior rights at the State House.



City Councilor Sal LaMattina joined Representative Carlo Basile at the party.



Both Representative Carlo Basile and City Councilor Sal LaMattina talk with seniors

## Social Center staff accepts challenge of ABC to create a greener building

By John Lynds

With the belief that the private sector has the ability to influence social change on the larger community quickly and efficiently A Better City (ABC) has challenged East Boston businesses, institutions, and building owners to meet a broad range of sustainability standards and practices that include increased energy efficiency, reduced resource consumption, decreased solid waste and reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The first neighborhood agency to sign up for ABC's Challenge for Sustainability, a program designed to make Greater Boston a leader in sustainable business practices, was the East Boston Social Center's (EBSC) in Central Square.

“The East Boston Social

Centers was approached by the East Boston Main Streets Director Clark Moulaison with the opportunity to participate in the sustainability challenge,” said EBSC Executive Director John Kelley. “We enthusiastically agreed and have worked with ABC to put together an action plan for energy efficiency for our agency.”

Kelley explained that the EBSC plans to undergo an energy audit through NStar's Small and Midsize Business Direct Install Program, a comprehensive recycling program and an assessment of its energy efficiency.

“Energy conservation is an important value for the Social Centers and we are committed to learning about the latest trends in energy conservation to meet our sustainability goals and making the

improvements necessary to benefit our bottom line and the environment,” said Kelley.

East Boston Main Streets partnered with ABC to bring the Challenge for Sustainability to East Boston.

“The challenge gives East Boston business owners, organizations and property owners access to technical assistance which helps reduce energy costs,” said Moulaison. “The program is not only good for the bottom line but also good for the environment.”

Moulaison said EBSC and future Eastie participants would gain access to the latest technology offered through state and local programs as well as private initiatives. “Both large and small businesses are welcome,” said Moulaison. “With multiple locations and high usage of utilities, water and waste disposal, the East Boston Social Center and the environment will benefit substantially. In these times of tight budgets and high energy costs the Challenge will help to control energy consumption thereby sustaining important programs like the Social Center and the opportunity for local businesses to maintain profitability.”

ABC President and CEO Richard Dimino said he's looking forward to working with EBSC on the Challenge-

“ABC is excited to bring its sustainability services to neighborhood businesses and non profits, and is particularly happy to be working with the East Boston Social Centers,” said Dimino. “It's a important agency in the community and one I had the privilege to work with in the past.”



The East Boston Social Centers in Central Square. EBSC is the first in the neighborhood to begin participating in A Better City's Challenge for Sustainability, a program designed to make Greater Boston a leader in sustainable business practices.

## Moakley Foundation to give out scholarships

The John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation today announced the availability of scholarships for residents of Massachusetts. This is the eleventh year of awarding these scholarships to students, and this spring also marks the eleventh anniversary of the passing of Congressman Joe Moakley.

This spring more than \$110,000 will be awarded through scholarships of up to \$5,000 each for those pursuing undergraduate or graduate higher education or for vocational education.

The John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation will award scholarships on a competitive basis each spring to successful applicants who demonstrate the following: financial need; acceptance to a post high school vocational education program or to an institution of higher education for undergraduate or graduate study; and, a desire to contribute to one's community

through public or charitable service as a vocation or as an avocation.

In selecting scholarship recipients, the Foundation may also consider the academic achievement of applicants; however, this factor is not singularly determinative and should not dissuade applicants of average academic standing from seeking a John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation Scholarship. Furthermore, the Foundation will consider residency in Massachusetts with special consideration given to residents of the Ninth Congressional District (especially Boston, Braintree, Brockton, Canton, Dedham, Easton, Medfield, Milton, Needham, Norwood, Randolph, Stoughton, Taunton, Walpole, and Westwood).

The John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation was established to continue the extraordinary public service legacy of Congressman Joe Moakley to the Common-

wealth of Massachusetts and to the Ninth Congressional District. Congressman Moakley, whose career as a public servant spanned nearly 50 years, had long championed improving educational opportunities for all people. The John Joseph Moakley Charitable Foundation is committed to continuing his work by providing scholarships to men and women pursuing undergraduate, graduate and vocational education. To date the Moakley Foundation has awarded over 1.7 million dollars in scholarships and grants to over 300 students since its creation in 2001.

Applications may be downloaded from our website, [www.moakleyfoundation.com](http://www.moakleyfoundation.com), requested by writing to the Foundation located at 141 Tremont Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02111, or by calling (617) 556-0244. Application deadline is April 2, 2012.

### TALKS ABOUT HEALTH



Senator Anthony Petrucci (D-East Boston) stands with Joe Quigley of Winthrop at the American Heart Association's Heart on the Hill Event at the State House on February 15. Quigley was one of more than 40 advocates, heart survivors and volunteers who gathered to educate the legislature on the importance of bystander CPR and access to AEDs. Nearly 383,000 people have cardiac arrest outside of a hospital every year, and only 11% survive, most likely because they don't receive timely CPR. Given right away, CPR doubles or triples survival rates.



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