



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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