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NEMPAC ATTENDS CELTICS GAME



The NEMPAC volunteers worked hard at the second game of the Boston Celtics season selling \$6,700 in 50/50 raffle tickets. Pictured (above) the top-earning fundraising volunteer team - Jean Casale, Dianne Royle, Terry Mirabito and Ann Babbitt. Photo right, Faulkers and Corra Ippolito at the event. See Page 6 for more photos.



BPDA approves Compact Living two-year pilot program

By Phil Orlandella

Creating clear guidelines for new residential units that are smaller in size than typical units will be examined through a two-year pilot program that has

been approved by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

The new policy aims to increase options for housing in response to growing demands, promote sustainable develop-

ment, encourage innovation, create design solutions and minimize potential traffic resulting from increased density, according to BPDA.

This is apparently an important component of Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Housing a Challenging City: Boston 2030, which responds to Boston's population growth by increasing the City's overall housing goals to 69,000 units by 2030.

(BPDA Pg. 3)

North End voters still have early voting option

By Dan Murphy and Lauren Bennett

North End voters can cast their ballots in the Commonwealth's general election at their assigned polling locations on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, or take advantage of early voting that ends on Nov. 2.

Republican Charlie Baker will be seeking a second term as governor in the race against Democratic candidate Jay Gonzales, who served as the state's secretary of administration and finance under Gov. Deval Patrick from 2009 to 2013, while Karyn Polito, Baker's Republican running

mate in the reelection bid, is vying for her second term against Democratic challenger Quentin Palfrey, an attorney who worked as senior advisor for jobs and competitiveness in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy during President Barack Obama's first term.

In the race for U.S. senator, incumbent Democrat Elizabeth Warren is running for a second term against Geoff Diehl, a Republican who represents the 7th Plymouth District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, and Shiva

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New Community Center relocation, programming public meeting held

By Phil Orlandella

Finding a suitable location to house a new North End Community Center, either the ground up construction, or even possible space to renovate, has become a major endeavor in the North End/Waterfront.

Working closely with the Boston Public Facilities Department and the Boston Center for Youth Services Department, residents want to tackle this issue by finalizing a plan to accommodate the move to green space as soon as it's possible.

All parties agreed that the Nazzaro Center, as it is, has simply outgrown the current space, thus losing the ability to provide expansion or extended programming and accepting new memberships.

Currently there is a waiting list of over 100 people due to the lack of space. The Center cannot accommodate other



Photo by Phil Orlandella

Steven Siciliano.

activities or implement what residents want placed in a new neighborhood center like an outdoor swimming pool and a full-size gym.

Two meetings have been held with a Nazzaro Study Committee to discuss programs, activities that should be created in a new or renovated Center. A third public meeting has been held to hopefully find a suit-

(CENTER Pg. 10)

unit type

studio
one-bedroom
two-bedroom
three-bedroom

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NO EXCUSES -- BE SURE TO VOTE, EITHER EARLY OR ON ELECTION DAY

This Tuesday, Nov. 6, is Election Day. Americans across the country will have the opportunity to choose a new House of Representatives in Washington and one-third of the members of the U.S. Senate in what commonly is referred-to as a mid-term election.

While every election matters, some are more important than others.

Based on our experience -- we can feel safe in asserting that this is the most important mid-term election of our lifetime.

The question before the voters in the mid-term election is quite simple: Do you approve of Trump and want more of the same from the Republicans, or do you want to change with the Democrats?

However, regardless of your answer to that question, it is irrelevant if you do not get out to vote, an act that represents the purest expression of our approval or disapproval of our elected officials.

Early voting -- which began last week -- is available in every city and town across Massachusetts up to and including this Friday, Nov. 2. Simply go to your city or town hall and vote at your convenience any weekday this week-- there is no need to stand in lines and get caught up in the maelstrom at the polling places on Election Day.

On the other hand, if you enjoy the adrenaline rush that comes with going to the polls, then do so this Tuesday, Nov. 6.

But either way -- be sure to vote -- it never has been more important to the future of every American.

FROM OUR READERS

Community Health Centers in Massachusetts Oppose Question 1

Dear Editor,

As the leader of a community health center already challenged by a statewide nursing shortage, we are joining the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers in opposing Question 1. The proposed mandated nurse staffing levels at hospitals would drain nurses from community-based primary care settings. It is at these community-based settings that critical preventive and chronic care take place. Nurses are the backbone of our community health center workforce. Not only are they fundamental to providing patients with the highest level of care, they hold the front line against the opioid epidemic and other public health crises in our communities.

What's more, the threat of service cuts and increased wait

times at community hospitals because of the mandated staffing ratios will disproportionately affect our patients. In most cases, community hospitals serve as the single entry point for lower-income residents to receive specialty and inpatient care when they need it. Many of our patients struggle with chronic disease, including diabetes, heart disease and depression -- conditions that require attention from all levels of our healthcare system.

While health centers support all nurses in their goals to provide high quality care and ensure safe working conditions, we do not believe that Question 1 is the best way to achieve these aims. The unintended consequences are too far-reaching, placing the health of the state's most vulnerable communities at risk.

Sincerely,
Jim Luisi, CEO
North End Waterfront Health

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

How we are addressing climate change in Boston

This year is shaping up to be one of the strongest years in Boston's history. We've continued to add 20,000 new jobs each year, and we've brought unemployment down below 4 percent. And perhaps most importantly, we've made a plan to ensure that the benefits of Boston's booming economy are enjoyed by everyone who calls this city home. We're making record investments in affordable housing, sidewalks and bike lanes, community policing, libraries, and schools. Through our BuildBPS plan, we are making bold investments in our educational infrastructure, so that every school has the resources to provide a comprehensive, 21st century education for Boston's young people.

I am proud of the progress that Boston has made this year in so many areas, but there is one area of concern which impacts our future more than any other: climate change. It's an urgent priority, and one which Boston must take aggressive steps to address if we hope to continue down this path towards a more prosperous, equitable, and resilient society.

The science is clear: climate change has given us hotter and more volatile weather; it has amplified the frequency and impact of severe storms; and it has increased the rate of sea level rise. Just look at what other cities have faced. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy inflicted \$70 billion worth of damage and caused the deaths of 71 people. It brought Lower Manhattan's financial sector to a standstill. Last year, Hurricane Harvey caused \$125 billion of damage and 68 deaths in Houston and Southeast Texas. Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico and caused over 3,000 people to lose their lives. These disasters, which uprooted so many lives, stand as dire warnings of what could follow a failure to act. But I have faith that with a plan, and the partnership of our Boston community, it is a challenge we are capable of overcoming.

That's what we've set in motion with our "Resilient Boston Harbor" vision. It's a roadmap for how we'll protect the City's residents, homes, jobs, and infrastructure against the impacts of rising sea level and climate change. It lays out strategies

along Boston's 47-mile shoreline that will increase access and open space along the waterfront while better protecting the city during a major flooding event.

Resilient Boston Harbor builds on Imagine Boston 2030 and uses the City's Climate Ready Boston 2070 flood maps and coastal resilience neighborhood studies to focus on Boston's most vulnerable flood pathways. The strategies laid out in the plan include elevated landscapes, enhanced waterfront parks, flood resilient buildings, and revitalized and increased connections and access to the waterfront. The strategies will require collaboration and funding between federal, state, private, philanthropic and non-profit partners.

We must anticipate consequences generations down the road, and work proactively to counteract them. With the help of experts and our communities, we have tailored plans specific to the unique condition in each of Boston's neighborhoods, and at each point along our city's coastline.

The solution comes not in the form of flood walls and barricades, but a system of beaches, parks, trails, and open spaces. The system will bring 67 new acres of open space to our city, and adapt 122 acres of idle space along Boston Harbor, connecting the existing Emerald Necklace with a revitalized waterfront, and bringing our city closer together. By prioritizing green space over concrete barriers, we are ensuring that our investment in a more resilient city doubles as an investment in public health, access to green space, and the ecological preservation of our city and Boston Harbor. By investing proactively, we will preserve

and strengthen the character of our coastline, something that has contributed so much to our success as a city.

The impact of these improvements will touch every part of our city, through the creation of new green spaces, and the resilient renovation of existing ones. Moving forward, the City of Boston will dedicate 10 percent of all new capital spending to resilience projects. We will harness the power of public-private coalitions, philanthropy, and partnerships with neighboring communities, because meeting such ambitious goals requires us all to contribute.

Our city can't counter the impact of climate change on our own, and this plan represents the first steps towards addressing a problem that will not disappear anytime soon. But the Boston we know is built on a legacy of bold leadership. The Boston we know is built on promises of a better future. Getting there has not always been easy, and it won't be easy now. But our city sparked the uprising which became the American Revolution. We built the first public schools in this nation. Our hospitals revolutionized health care. We filled the Back Bay. We built the Emerald Necklace. We cleaned up our harbor.

History shows that when Boston speaks up and steps up, the nation listens. When we harness the power of our communities to come together for a greater cause, the nation follows.

I know we can do it again.

For more information on Resilient Boston Harbor, please visit: boston.gov/climateready.

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

KNIGHTS PROPOSED HOUSING SAILS THROUGH THE SYSTEM

Plans to build affordable senior housing at the Knights of Columbus Building, 41 North Margin Street, have been approved by the Boston Planning + Development Agency Board of Directors.

The proposal sailed through the community process faster than a speeding bullet receiving basically full neighborhood support.

Twenty-three units, a combination of 12 studio and 11 one-bedroom units will be built.

Plus, the Knights of Columbus will retain a presence in the building with 1,500 square feet of meeting space.

Much unused space will now become useful space.

MASSDOT CONTINUES TO PROVIDE BRIDGE PROJECT INFORMATION

MassDOT has done an incredible job of informing the general public of the status of the North Washington Street Bridge's major construction project that poses a transportation problem to the

North End and several other communities.

Providing updated and accurate information on the project helps commuters and pedestrians to plan for travel on a daily basis by adjusting to bridge lane closure schedules and anticipated traffic delays.

Thus far, MassDOT has kept its information commitment and there is more to come.

COMPACT LIVING POSES SMALLER UNITS

A Compact Living two-year pilot program has been approved by the Boston Planning + Development Agency (BPDA).

The pilot will create cleaner guidelines for new residential units that are smaller in size than typical units.

On several occasions, both the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) and the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) have made it clear that they would prefer larger family unit developed in the community.

While it's only a pilot program, potential results could pose a problem for the apparent wishes of the North

End residents for bigger family types units.

TEMPORARY BRIDGE A GOOD IDEA

Plans by MassDOT to build a temporary bridge during the construction and repairs on of North Washington Street Bridge will without question lessen the expected heavy traffic that usually takes place during a major roadway project of this magnitude involving the movement of vehicles through neighborhoods.

Providing another traffic lane will apparently help minimize the schedule of work and reduced the project's timetable by several months. Possibly three months.

Further neighborhood meetings to discuss this issue will be held by MassDOT in the near future.

The project should produce positive results by the community.

CLOSING THE NAZZARO CENTER FOR TWO-YEARS IS A NO.... NO

Everyone agrees that the North End needs and deserve a new or renovated

neighborhood community Center.

The well-used Nazzaro Community Center has simply outgrown itself. There is actually a waiting list of about 100 people that are seeking memberships.

However, one of the suggestions calling for the renovations of the building located on North Bennet Street and build it into the parking lot, the basketball court in the community garden is simply a no... no.

This idea (not confirmed) would close the Nazzaro Center for two-years with no local facility available to relocate the services offered in the well-used facility located in the heart of the neighborhood.

Besides taking away open space, this would affect several abutters and remove access to and from Prince Street and North Bennet Street.

Boston Community Youth Center and Boston public facilities have indicated there are other sites that a Center can be built from the ground up. Sites include the Marabella Pool, Sergeant's Wharf and Fulton Street parking area.

While no site has been determined, the above mentioned, or new location suggestions have been presented. The Nazzaro renovations and building out to expand it is a no...no.

Public Safety Meeting set for November 1

By Phil Orlandella

The North End District A1 Boston Police Public Safety monthly meeting will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 1.

Police will present an update

on Part One crimes for the month of October 2018, and answer questions posed by residents in attendance.

The meeting also offers an opportunity for residents to express opinions, provide crime related problems in the neighborhood and make suggestions directly to District Commander

Captain William Fong and his staff.

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association Public Safety Committee Chairperson David Marx encourages residents to attend these meetings which are geared to providing a safe community.

BPDA (from pg. 1)

BPDA reports they have seen an increased number of proposals for smaller residential units. "These guidelines will allow us to work with the community to ensure that these new projects best serve residents and neighborhoods,"

Director Brian Golden noted in a press release.

All projects that fall under the Compact Living Guidelines must go through the BPDA Article 80 public review process.

NBSS behind the scenes Open House

By Phil Orlandella

This weekend (Nov.2 and 3), North Bennet Street School (NBSS) will hold an Open House, a behind the scenes look at America's first trade school.

The tour includes the schools nine-full-time programs in traditional trades, live demonstrations in woodworking, jewelry making, musical instruments, bookbinding and viewing dozens of continuing education classes.

Participants can also shop at NBSS store of handmade gifts and furnishings.

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NE/WE NSC Buona Sera event raises close to \$40,000

By Phil Orlandella

Elected officials that were among the many dignitaries that attended the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) recent fundraising celebration that raised nearly \$40,000 to aid low income and senior citizens who turn to the Center for assistance.

Attending were: Senator Joe Boncore, Representative Aaron Michlewitz and District Counselor Lydia Edwards.

Bouna Sera: An Evening with Friends, Master of ceremonies was Ron Della Chiesa of WGBH and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Maria Stella Gulla, Director, ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, thanked all those at the WilmerHale reception effusively and addressed the crowd to highlight the need for the center's educational and human services.

"Although we serve all low-income age groups, most of our clients are seniors. The ABCD North End/West End NSC, a satellite office of Action for Boston Community Development, New England's largest anti-poverty agency, enables elders to remain active and independent through social activities that mitigate isolation; exercise classes, food access, and nutrition education that promote good health; volunteer opportunities that give the



Pictured (left to right) Representative Jay Livingstone, Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Senator Joe Boncore.

seniors a sense of purpose; case management and services that help them access benefits for which they are eligible. Seniors also access many of the other services ABCD offers, such as fuel assistance, food pantries, and foreclosure prevention services, enabling them to continue to live independently in their homes.

NSC Director Maria Stella Gulla, who grew up in the North End, noted that since 2011 this innovative event has raised nearly \$300,000 for educational and recreational programs and human services that the center offers. Here in our neighborhoods, we have hundreds of seniors aging in place who have lived in the North

End since their childhood or in the case of the West End, are thrilled to come back after having neighborhood development forced their eviction in the 1950s.

ABCD's Buona Sera wouldn't be possible without Restaurant Hosts: Antico Forno, Aria Trattoria, Artu, Boston Sail Loft, Bricco, Mamma Maria, Prezza, Ristorante Euno, Ristorante Fiore, Ristorante Saraceno, and Terramia Ristorante. Wine Reception sponsors WilmerHale hosted the reception, Star Market supported expenses with a generous gift card; local North End merchant Cirace Liquors for donating the wine.



Pictured (left to right) Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Ron Della Chiesa, Maria Stella Gulla, Johannah Malone, Becky Mattson, Rep. Jay Livingstone, Sen. Sal Di Domenico, Sen. Joe Boncore and City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George.

MassDOT proposes temporary bridge to ease traffic flow

By Phil Orlandella

A deal is being finalized by MassDOT regarding building a temporary bridge along the city-owned North Washington Street Bridge which carries traffic to and from the North End and Charlestown, without impacting the overall budget of \$177 million project.

A temporary bridge will reportedly, help optimize the schedule of work and reduced the project's duration by several months, according to MassDOT.

Located next to the current bridge structure, the temporary structure is expected to help promote reliable travel and min-

imize impacts to MBTA service.

Construction, likely to start in 2019, will ensure that motorists have a minimum of three total travel lanes throughout the duration of the project.

It will also provide access for bicyclists and pedestrians, while reducing the need to rely on the existing bridge structure to carry traffic.

Apparently, the City of Boston has joined local state and federal partners on this comprehensive plan.

MassDOT and all other agencies included with the project will continue to exchange dialogue with the communities affected by the project.

NEMPAC help celebrate Italian Heritage Month

By Phil Orlandella

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), in honor of Italian Heritage Month, performed a free performance series featuring professional artists at the North End Library.

The celebration of Italian American Heritage Month featured classical Italian instrumental and vocal pieces, featuring some of NEMPAC's talent-

ed faculty members with Italian treats provided by Friends of the Library.

Faculty members were Mary Jodice piano, Nicole Kootz Viola, Mary Alexandra Onstad Soprano and Valerie Osborne/Mezzo soprano.

The performance launched the start of free public performance series at the Library.

The program was funded by a special donor that chooses to remain anonymous.

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COOLING OFF

Council votes to oppose smoke shop

For the second monthly meeting, North End waterfront neighborhood residents flocked to the community meeting to express numerous reasons why City Council should not be allowed to approve a smoke shop in the neighborhood. Many other residents worried about the concept and expressed numerous reasons why City Council should not be allowed to approve a smoke shop in the neighborhood. Many other residents worried about the concept and expressed numerous reasons why City Council should not be allowed to approve a smoke shop in the neighborhood.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH END LODGE #2996 FORMED

Newly formed North End Lodge #2996 Sons and Daughters of Italy, was recently instituted in conjunction with the election of officers at Saint Leonard's Church.

Following the ceremonies, a get together of members and invited guests was held at the Fisherman's Club on Lewis Street.

NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next North End Public Safety meeting will be held (tonight) Thursday, November 1 at 6 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center with District A1 Boston Police.

NORTH END BINGO REWARDING

Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Representative Aaron Michlewitz hosted a North End seniors Bingo at the

Nazzaro Community Center on October 19.

Many locales were treated to bingo games from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM with prizes for all winning cards.

In addition, they were treated to breakfast and lunch.

N.E. BASKETBALL BONANZA

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) and Representative Aaron Michlewitz will present the third annual North End Basketball Bonanza on Friday, November 16, from 6-10 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center. For details email northendbasketballbonanza@gmail.com.

CUTILLO PARK CLEANUP

Friends of Cuttillo Park, Boston Parks Department's and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will conduct a cleanup of the park on Saturday, November 3 at 10 AM. Residents are encouraged to participate in this community endeavor.

NBSS OPEN HOUSE

Get a behind the scenes look at America's first trade school located at 150 North Street this weekend.

North Bennet Street School

(NBSS) will hold an Open House on Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

RUFF DOG SHOW

RUFF will present the fourth annual Dog Show at the North End Dog Park located in the Gassy on Saturday, October 20, rain date Sunday, October 21. Registration starts at 10 a.m., event begins at 11 a.m. For details email president@ruffboston.org.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next Boston Police North End Public Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1, at 6 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

NEWRA MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 8, at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community.

TRELLIS LIGHTING

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will conduct its yearly Trellis Lighting on Monday, November 19, at dusk.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will bring in the new year (2019) with a firework display on Tuesday, December 31, with two barges of firework at midnight on the Boston Harbor.

NEMPAC OFFERS TWO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is offering two programs, First Steps and Family Music Makers, for children ages six months to three years of age.

To learn more about First Steps and Family Music Makers call 617-227-2270 or visit www.nempacboston.org.

FOCCP EVENTS

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park have some fantastic events scheduled for 2018. Please mark your calendar and plan to join your friends and neighbors in the Park for fun!

• Monday, Nov. 19, - Trellis Lighting

COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTING

V. Cirace and Son, Inc., 173 North Street, North End offers complimentary Wine tasting on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome to participate by visiting the award-winning shop. For details call 617-227-3193.

COMIC BOOK ILLUSTRATION AT LIBRARY

Comic Book Illustration with Raul the Third will be held at the North End Library on Tuesday, November 6 at 4 PM.

Each participant will leave with their own copy of Lowriders in Space. Space is limited and registration is required by calling 617-227-8135.

REVIEW SEEKS

NORTH END NEWS

The Regional Review would like to hear from residents and the business community regarding North End news. Send letters, stories and photos to deb@thebostonsun.com or editor@reverjournal.com. Please include a phone number so the newspaper can call responding with questions.

NORTH END LIBRARY PROGRAMS

The North End Library located at 25 Parmenter St. announces the following programs.

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Friday Films: Pre-Code Hollywood

Friday Nov 2 1 pm
Dinner at Eight (1933)

Friday Nov 9 1 pm
Miracle Woman (1931)

Friday Nov 16 1 pm
Gabriel Over the Whitehouse (1933)

Friday Nov 30 1 pm
I'm No Angel (1933)

One-on-One Computer Assistance for Adults by Appointment - Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Call 617.227.8135 to reserve a 30-minute spot for personalized assistance with PC computing, laptops, iPads, tablets, the BPL catalog, and online resources. Laptops are available to use or you can bring your

own.

Mah Jongg Club - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come and play the American-style variant of this tile-based game that originated in China and requires skill, strategy, and calculation. Beginners are welcome. Please note that beginner instruction begins at 11:00 a.m. No sign up is required.

Seniors Connect - Thursday November 18 at 10:30 - 12:00

Boston-area seniors: join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month to connect for creative activities and resource sharing. Each month we will explore a different topic. November's topic is holiday traditions and the 21st century. This program is in partnership with Boston's Jewish cultural center, the Vilna Shul. Free, light refreshments will be served.

Adult Book Discussion Club

- Wednesday, November 28 at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

November's book is Ann Patchett's 2016 novel "Commonwealth," a wry and compassionate saga of two intertwined American families. Copies of the book are available to check out at the library's front desk.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Boston Ballet Storytime - Monday, November 5 at 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Listen to stories about a famous ballet or dancer. The story time is also supplemented with a movement experience that highlights major themes of the story. All story times are led by Boston Ballet faculty dance educators. This program is for children ages 2 and up. Younger children will need parental supervision

Comics Drawing Workshop

with Raul the Third - Tuesday, November 6 at 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a lesson in comic book illustration with Pura Belpré award winner, Raul the Third. Each participant will leave with their own copy of Lowriders in Space. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 617-227-8135 to register.

Kids Crafts - Thursday, November 8 at 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Kids 18 months and older are invited to design and create in a craft program just for them!

Homework Help - Wednesdays at 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

A Boston Public School teacher assists children in kindergarten through grade 6 with homework. This is a free, drop-in program.

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NEMPAC ATTENDS CELTICS GAME AS BENEFICIARY OF 50/50 RAFFLE



Clare Raneri, Shannon Raneri, and Brooke Harmon.

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) volunteers worked hard on Monday night, Oct. 22, at the second game of the Boston Celtics season. Volunteers sold \$6,700 in 50/50 raffle tickets with 50% of the proceeds that night going to support the local 501(c)(3) NEMPAC. Much fun, hard-work, and spirit was had by all who participated. Thank you to the Shamrock Foundation for selecting NEMPAC as a beneficiary of the 50/50 raffle this season!



Lucy Crocini, Angela Wells, Donna Wells



Chris Wells, Richard Wells and Teagan Scarpa.



Dinero Jelley, Darla Jelley and Lisa Ayres.



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Mary Wells, Ex. Director of NEMPAC and Sherri Snow.

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL AT NAZZARO CENTER

By Laurie D'Elia

Nazzaro Center celebrated by inviting community members ages 7-99 to come support girls all over the world. Organized by youth counselor Alex Orsino. Fun games and activities were played to promote how great it is to be a girl and how lucky we are to have all these wonderful opportunities we are presented with.

The girls had to either draw a picture or write a letter to their older self and discuss what they would tell themselves and what they would like to achieve and become when grown up. The older females in the room were encouraged to write a letter to the young girls offering advice to them. The event was very successful and we are looking forward to the next one. A great time was had by all.



VOTE EARLY BOSTON 2018

Monday, October 22 – Friday, November 2

Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location in the City, including City Hall. Pick a time and place that is best for you.

WEEK 1:

MON. OCT. 22, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

TUES. OCT. 23, 12 – 8P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Holy Name Parish Hall (Roxbury)

Dot House Health (Dorchester)

Tobin Community Center (Mission Hill)

WED. OCT. 24, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

THUR. OCT. 25, 12 – 8P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

All Saints' Church (Dorchester)

Honan-Allston Library (Allston)

Margarita Muniz Academy (Formerly Louis Agassiz Elementary School) (Jamaica Plain)

FRI. OCT. 26, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

WEEK 2:

MON. OCT. 29, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

TUES. OCT. 30, 12 – 8P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

Harvard-Kent School (Charlestown)

Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (South End)

Wang YMCA of Chinatown (Chinatown)

WED. OCT. 31, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

THUR. NOV. 1, 12 – 8P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown
9a.m. – 8p.m.)

The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Community Ctr. (Dorchester)

ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building (Roxbury)

The Blue Hills Collaborative (Hyde Park)

FRI. NOV. 2, 9A.M. – 5P.M.
Boston City Hall (Downtown)

WEEKEND VOTING:

SAT. & SUN. OCT. 27 & 28, 10A.M. - 6P.M.

Paris St. Community Center (East Boston)

James F. Condon Elementary School (South Boston)

Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy Neponset Campus (formerly known as St. Ann's School) (Dorchester)

Perkins Community Center / Joseph Lee School (Dorchester)

Mildred Ave. Community Center. (Mattapan)

Roche Community Center (West Roxbury)

Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building (Roxbury)

Copley Square Library (Back Bay)

Jackson Mann School (Allston)

In order to vote early or on Election Day, you must register to vote by October 17.

If you miss the early voting period, you can still vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6.

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North Ender named to SPARK Boston Council

By Phil Orlandella

North End resident Dani Niro has been named one of 40 Boston residents to serve for 12-months on Mayor Martin Walsh's 2018-19 SPARK Boston Council.

Members of SPARK will work to open up new lines of communication between young adults and leaders in City government.

They will advise the Mayor on issues affecting their millennial population and work with City departments and community stakeholders to help solve problems by holding monthly meetings, attend community

monthly meetings and putting on programs focusing on connecting millennials with these partners.

Programs include neighborhood socials, salary negotiation workshops, homeownerships, leadership open houses and Chief Chats, a new service of events that allows citizens to hear directly from the Mayor's Cabinet Chiefs on a variety of issues and pose questions related to the above-mentioned subjects.

"Boston is the home to highest concentration of millennials in the country and we count on them to help us grow as a city and community," the Mayor said.



New members of the Spark Boston Council.

VOTERS (from pg. 1)

Ayyadurai, a scientist and entrepreneur running as an Independent.

Incumbent Democrat Maura Healy will face GOP challenger Jay McMahan, a Cape Cod attorney, in her bid for second term as attorney general, while Democrat Bill Galvin is seeking

his sixth term as secretary of state against Republican Anthony Amore, director of security at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Green-Rainbow candidate Juan Sanchez.

In the race for state treasurer, Democrat Deborah Goldberg is running for a sec-

ond term against Keiko Orral, a Republican who serves in the Massachusetts House of Representatives and currently represents the 12th Bristol District in the General Court, and Green-Rainbow nominee Jamie Guerin.

Incumbent Democrat Suzanne Bump is seeking a third term as state auditor running against Republican Helen Brady, Libertarian Daniel Fishman and Green-Rainbow candidate Edward Stamas.

In the race for Suffolk County district attorney, Democratic candidate Rachael Rollins, former general counsel of the MBTA, will face Independent candidate Michael Maloney, a criminal defense attorney. Rollins has made waves during her campaign by vowing not to prosecute a list of 15 crimes if elected.

Meanwhile, the general election ballot also includes Question 1 - a proposed law that would limit the number of patients who could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and other healthcare facilities; Question 2, which the secretary of the state's website describes as a "proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the [U.S.] Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and

expenditures may be regulated"; and Question 3, a "law [that] adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort or amusement."

On November 6, election day, polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

These are the polling locations serving most NorthEnd/Waterfront residents:

Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennett Street.

Christopher Columbus Apartments, 145 Commercial Street.

41 N. Margin St. - Knights of Columbus.

Harbor Towers / Rowes Wharf votes at City Hall.

The state's early voting period runs to Friday, Nov. 2. A Massachusetts state law passed in 2014 requires that cities and towns offer early voting for the general election every two years. The first early voting period was in 2016, so this year is only the second time the City is offering early voting. Anyone who is registered to vote in Boston can take advantage of early voting in the city at any of the polling locations.

The main polling place in Boston is City Hall, though there are a number of pop-up locations throughout the city to make it more convenient for people to cast their ballot. This year, the city offered a full weekend of early voting on Saturday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 28.

The most successful polling place over the weekend was the Copley branch of the Boston Public Library, bringing in 1339 voters on Saturday. Overall, there have been 15,603 early voters as of Oct. 29, according to the Election Department—and there are still two more days to go.

City Hall remains the main polling place, and will be open for voting from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 2, but there are also a few remaining pop-up locations. On Thursday, Nov. 1, polls will be open from noon-8 p.m. at: The Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center, the ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building, and The Blue Hills Collaborative.

In local election news both State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and State Sen. Joseph Boncore are running unopposed in the upcoming state election.

Michlewitz represents the 3rd Suffolk District encompasses the North End, Waterfront, Chinatown, South End, Financial District, Bay Village, Leather District, and parts of Beacon Hill, and Back Bay neighborhoods.

Boncore represents the First Suffolk and Middlesex District which includes the North End, Beacon Hill, Financial District, Bay Village, Leather District, parts of Cambridge, East Boston, Winthrop and most of Revere.

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NEAD DINNER/TALK SUPPORTS HOMELESS SHELTER

By Phil Orlandella

Steven Siciliano, Chief Probation Officer at South Boston District Court and most likely the new Nazzaro Community Center Director, was the guest speaker at the October 15 North End Against Drugs (NEAD) Family Dinner/Family Talk event held at the Center.

Open to all North End/Waterfront residents, anyone registered in the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) or the Nazzaro Center programs, along with parents and grandparents.

Winter hats, clouds and white basketball socks were collected for Saint Francis Homeless Shelter. A raffle was also held to support the shelter.

NEAD President John Romano noted that other community dinner/talk events will be held in the near future.

“The dinner/talk events are a great way to provide information relating to drug and alcohol use and the dangers that go with these issues,” Romano said.

Every seat in the Center was filled with children and their parents who enjoyed a great meal and Siciliano’s interesting discussion.



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Millennium Partners break ground on Winthrop Center

By Dan Murphy

Millennium Partners broke ground Wednesday, Oct. 24, on the approximately \$1.35 billion Winthrop Center, which at 691-feet will be the fourth tallest building in the city and the tallest structure in Downtown Crossing when it opens in 2022.

The skyscraper will be erected on the site of a former city-owned garage in Winthrop Square, which was shuttered in 2013, and is described on the Boston Planning and Development Agency's website as "a vibrant, mixed-use project with approximately 1.592 million square-feet containing residential, office, retail, restaurant, parking and other commercial uses along with a vibrant and inclusive Great Hall space."

Chris Jeffries, founding partner and principal of Millennium Partners, which has made a \$4 billion investment in Boston in the past 20 years, said the Winthrop Center has allowed his firm "the opportunity to take everything we've learned and everything Boston has become and put it into one building."

Jeffries added that he has personally invested more time in the Winthrop Center than any other building he's worked on during his career.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, who echoed BHPA Director Brian Golden in describing Winthrop Tower as a "one-in-a-lifetime opportunity" for the city, said, "Our goal was to make sure that we got the best project we could for the City of Boston and, more importantly, the best deal for the

people of Boston."

Of the \$163 million in total revenue the city will earn from the sale of the garage, Walsh said \$28 million has been earmarked for revitalization of the Boston Common; \$28 million for improvements to Franklin Park; \$11 million for the completion of the Emerald Necklace; \$25 million to upgrade the Old Colony public housing development in South Boston; \$10 million for the Orient Heights public housing development in East Boston; and \$5 million to create an endowment for maintenance of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway.

Additionally, officials said the project would create 2,500 construction jobs and 2,700 permanent jobs, and is expected to bring more than \$15 million in property tax revenue to the city each year.

Meanwhile, the Winthrop Center proposal sparked a lengthy debate over the building's potential shadow impact before Gov. Charlie Baker signed a home-rule petition into law last year allowing Millennium Partners to build the tower and thereby bypassing state "shadow" laws enacted to protect the Boston Common and Public Garden in 1990 and 1993, respectively. The 1990 legislation created a "Shadow Bank," which put a one-acre cap on the amount of shadow that could be cast on the Common by future buildings.

Walsh said Winthrop Tower would effectively "eliminate the 'Shadow Bank,' so no new shadow is cast on the Boston Common."



Photos by D. Murphy
Brian Golden, director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency.



Chris Jeffries, founding partner and principal of Millennium Partners.



Mayor Martin J. Walsh at the podium during the Winthrop Tower groundbreaking ceremony.



Price Boys, an a cappella choir consisting of five East Boston siblings, performed before and after the speaking segment of the groundbreaking ceremony.

CENTER (from pg. 1)

able location that makes sense for the neighborhood, other demands and problems that could occur on a selected site, and there is the cost factor.

Close to 100 people attended the last meeting to express their point of view on how this endeavor can be accomplished.

Residents made it clear that the community wants and deserves a new facility that includes a pool, a gym more senior space and programs. They also called for a teen and adult program, more youth activities based on community needs and input.

A presentation that depicted three possible relocation sites and the possible renovation

and expansion of the current Nazzaro Center site was discussed in length.

Possible sites included the Mirabella Pool, Sergeants Wharf and the Fulton Street parking lot.

One suggestion by a resident was to fix up the Center and expand the building into the current parking lot, basketball court and community garden.

The idea went down the drain when it was learned that in order to accomplish this idea, the Nazzaro Center would have to close its doors for about two-years with nowhere to house the current activities.

In addition, it would be a loss of public space and access

to and from Prince and North Bennet Streets, plus impacts on two properties that abut the open space.

Soon to be named the Center's Director Steven Siciliano quickly dismissed this idea because of the construction's two-year closure of the community facility.

The two of the three potential sites posed water flooding problems, the pool and wharf sites. Fulton Street location seemed to be a more viable site because it is owned by the City and its closer to senior citizens housing.

Assess ability, traffic and safety were some of the concerns raised relating to these

locations. In addition, parking and pick up issues were also raised.

It is been estimated the current value of the Nazzaro Center is 8-10 million dollars and a new or renovated Centered would cost tens of millions of dollars.

If the Center is relocated, the City would put the building up for sale, probably for housing. The square footage of the facility is about 20,000.

In order to build a new facility that meets the needs suggested, 40 to 50 thousand square feet is needed.

The City did look at other sites but they were not considered because they are privately

owned.

Unless other locations can be found that will work, one of the above-mentioned locations will have to be selected so the project can be developed.

Eventually, city, state and the federal government must be involved at some capacity.

Currently, there appears to be no objections to the relocation part of the process as well as programming.

Additional meetings will be scheduled to hear any new ideas and to move forward with the community endeavor.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella**BWSC NAILS TOP HONORS**

Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) has been given top honors from the Association of Metropolitan Water Management.

The award recognized BWSC for work on water utility management, leadership to achieve a balance of innovative and successful efforts in the areas of economic, social and environmental subjects.

Resources to improve operations, maintaining responsibility, and increased public awareness was also an acknowledgment in the award process.

LAST MILE SCHOLARSHIP FUND LAUNCHED

In partnership with the Frieze Family Foundation, the City of Boston launched the Graduate Ready Achieve Degree (GRAD) Last Mile Fund, and innovative scholarship program designed to provide financial support to students nearing college. The fund will provide resources to students to realize their dream of graduating from college if financial hardships are a barrier.

"The GRAD Last Mile Fund will enable more Boston students to realize their dream of graduating college," Mayor Martin J. Walsh said. "Financial hardship should not prevent any student from completing the 'last mile' on their journey toward earning a college degree."

SCHOOL COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Applications are being accepted by the Citizens Nominating Panel for two open positions on the Boston School Committee, a seven-member body that meets twice per month during the school year beginning January 2019.

Members are appointed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh to serve four-year staggered terms. Candidates are recommended by the 13-member. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday, November 13, 2018.

COMMUTER RAIL FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

The MBTA fall/winter schedule on the Commuter Rail is currently in place.

The schedule includes minor changes to utilize improved track infrastructure, eliminate freight conflicts and minimize train track that could cause congestions and delays, plus simplified severe weather service level options.

The Fall/Winter Commuter Rail schedules can be viewed by browsing individual lines at www.mbta.com/schedules/commuter-rail.

FAIR WORK WEEK ORDINANCE FILED

An ordinance aimed at strengthening protections for hourly workers that will enforce policies such as employers

providing work schedules 14 days in advance and new shifts will be offered to current employees first has been filed by At-Large Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu.

"Every contractor working with the City of Boston should provide its worker with schedules that are predictable, flexible, and that provide enough hours for families to make ends meet," Counselor Wu said. "We need to take every step in our power to ensure economic mobility and decreased inequality."

BOSTON NAMED WINNER IN CLIMATE CHALLENGE EFFORT

Boston's commitment to protect the City against rising sea levels and climate change was named a winner on the Bloomberg American City's Climate Challenge as Boston works to strengthen and accelerate its process towards reducing carbon emissions.

The City will receive a support package valued at to \$2.5 million, to increase low-carbon mobility choices and improve energy performance in the building sector.

"We're serious about building a more climate ready Boston," Mayor Walsh said. "If we're to be effective in preparing for rising sea levels and more intense storms, we have to accelerate our actions to reduce carbon emissions."

EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD NOW HAS A PARK

The City of Boston has reached a major milestone in ensuring that residents have a park within a 10-minute walk of home.

Mayor Martin Walsh and The Trust for Public Land made the announcement in the North End at Christopher Columbus Park as part of the City's 10-Minute Walk to a park campaign.

"In Boston, we are proud of our world-class park system and the investments that have been made," Mayor Walsh said.

YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT IDEAS

Boston youth, ages 12-22 are being encouraged to submit ideas for "Youth Lead the Change" the first participatory budgeting process in North America by and for young people.

Youth will have the opportunity to submit capital project ideas for spending \$1 million of the City's capital budget.

Ideas must be submitted by Friday, November 30, 2018 to Boston.gov/youth-lead-change.

"By involving young people in the budget process, we are empowering our future leaders and supporting what really matters to them," Mayor Martin Walsh said.

CITY PAWS**Seasonal symptoms**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Have you noticed any reactions to the change of season in your dog or cat? Shorter days, falling leaves, and cooler weather may bring on shedding, allergy symptoms, or possibly a case of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD.)

Shedding

We may think of spring as a time when a dog will shed its coat. However, some breeds grow a slightly different hair in summer and shed that to let the winter coat come in.

The dry air inside and out can also cause a dull coat and dry, flaky skin. Brushing helps keep coats healthy. We watch many neighbors save cleanup by giving their dogs a good brushing outside.

Allergies

For those with allergic dogs, fall can be a time of doggie sneezes, coughs, and itches. Topical treatment of hotspots and paws with dermatitis may be needed. Doses of medications to sooth

the allergic reaction or treat the infections that can be secondary to skin breakouts may become a daily chore.

If your dog breaks out every fall, visit your vet now and have everything you need on hand to deal with allergy issues. Then watch for the first signs of an allergic reaction. We have found that rinsing the paws, checking the skin, and wiping down the dog's coat everytime we come in from a walk has helped.

SAD Dog Symptoms

Some animal experts are examining the possibility that dogs and cats can suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder. This syndrome that causes depression, loss of appetite, and lethargy in some humans may cause the same issues in pets.

Paula Fitzsimmons in an article for PetMD.com writes, "According to Steve Dale, a certified animal behavior consultant, 'The definitive answer is . . . maybe. Nobody knows for sure.' Dale says we share much of the same brain chemistry with dogs, including the hormones

melatonin and serotonin. When daylight decreases, the brain produces more melatonin and less serotonin. Both of these changes can have an adverse effect on mood. So it's conceivable that pets can get SAD, but there could also be other explanations."

You can help if you feel your dog or cat has the blues. First, make sure they are not just responding to your own reaction to shorter days and less light. Pets pick up on our moods. Perhaps trying to be a bit more upbeat and playful for the sake of your critters will help you as well.

Get outside and spend time in the light with your dog. This will be good for both of you. If you can, add a few more walks to your day. If you can't do it yourself, use a dog walker to give your dog more daylight and social interaction.

Our Poppy's favorite nesting spot is on a big, wide window sill. Access to more light each day can help with mood. It also encourages engagement and movement as she gets up to follow something she's watching outside. If window time is not possible, you



We're fortunate that our Poppy does not have seasonal allergies because there is nothing she loves more than a good romp in fallen leaves.

can add full spectrum light for yourself and your furry friends.

In the months ahead, you, your dogs, and cats will spend more time indoors with less light and in drier conditions. All of these factors can impact mood and health. So get out as often as you can,

play and move more at home, and add humidity and light to your inside space.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws. Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

RUFF DOG SHOW HELD AT GASSY

By Phil Orlandella

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) held its annual Dog Show at DeFilippo Park with many local North End residents competing in viewing the fun filled event.

The four categories of competition included, unique trick, look-alike, bring home the bacon and RUFF's very own obstacle course.

Councilor Lydia Edwards and Dr. Graham (Back Bay vet) judged the look-alike and unique trick contests. Bring home the bacon and the obstacle course were decided by who finished first.

"It was a great time and turn out," RUFF President Leslie Horn said.



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