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NORTH END HOLIDAY STROLL



The North End Holiday Shop and Stroll has become a seasonal tradition for a fun Friday night. Shoppers had free reign to explore the trendy boutiques and specialty shops through the neighborhood's fabled streets. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

North Washington Street Bridge progress update meeting held in the North End

By Phil Orlandella

An extremely informative update on the status of the North Washington Street Bridge was presented at the North End public meeting held November 27 at the Nazzaro Community Center on North Bennet Street.

MassDOT and the City of Boston organize the neighborhood meeting to advise residents of several changes in the plans to make repairs on the structure.

Residents appeared to like the addition of a temporary bridge that will eliminate at least six months of the bridge project that connects the North End and Charlestown.

The overview included: Traffic flow, pedestrian access,

new sidewalks, bicycle access, time frames, signage, bus routes, delays, emergency access, plans for breakdowns, noise, hazardous material cleanup, harbor issues, alternative routes, policing, lane closures and other bridge related issues like construction times and dates, rodent control and dust control.

Residents raised some concerns that are already taking place:

- Addressed construction noise following TD Garden events.
- Commercial Street right turns to the bridge. When lane is backed up, vehicles are taking an illegal right turn from the middle lane after the first right hand turn to avoid delays.
- Funeral home double

parking on Commercial Street resulting in one-way traffic that will further the cause delays during the project.

- Bicycle traffic using pedestrian walkway instead of designed areas.
- Breakdown responses.
- Running water, electrical and gas lines across the bridge.

The agencies responsible for the project, answered these and other questions, apparently to the resident's satisfaction.

The next public meeting will take place next fall, sooner if necessary.

Information on the project can be obtained by contacting North Washington Street Bridge@dot.state.ma.us.

ABCD toy drive needs your help

ABCD (Action for Boston Community Development) is reaching out to families, organizations and companies who want to put smiles on children's faces across Boston neighborhoods and surrounding towns this holiday season.

The annual ABCD Toy Drive needs your help. Right now ABCD has received more than 7,000 requests for gifts for children and has just 1,000 toys on hand and promised by generous individuals and companies. So much more is needed!

Why do these children and their families need help? Almost

28,000 Boston children are living in poverty - that's 26 percent of all children in Boston who live in households below the poverty level of \$25,100 in annual income for a family of four.

"Having gifts for their children in the holiday season is about more than the actual presents," said ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew. "It's about hope for the future. When parents see their kids happy in this season it gives them hope for the year ahead. People are struggling to pay rent, heat their

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SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN



Rep Aaron Michlewitz celebrates the 47th year of the annual Santa arriving via helicopter for the North End Christmas parade. Rep Michlewitz is shown with the Pallotta girls.



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REMEMBER THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- as we do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, have been left out of the new economy, often through no fault of their own. Too many Americans, including children, either live in shelters or temporary housing arrangements because the strong economy ironically has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring real estate values.

For these millions of Americans, the reality is that the holiday season brings little joy.

We would note that psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive that giving to others is the best gift that we can give to ourselves is indeed true.

So we hope that our readers will take the time and make the even the smallest effort to do something for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the bucket of the Salvation Army Santas, there is something each and every one of us can do to make the holidays brighter for others.

A HUGE SUCCESS

Dear Editor:

St. Agrippina's membership held its 24th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 9th. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave

FROM OUR READERS

him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.

The membership would like to thank the following for their support of the program, Bencotto resteraunt, Knights of Columbus, NEAD, VFW Post 144 North End, Balloons over Boston, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Hillside Press, and a special thanks to Patty Papa

of the Mayors office of special events.

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our 105th annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina!!!!!!!!!!!!

**The Membership of
St. Agrippina's Society**

GUEST OP-ED

How we're working to replace the North Washington Street Bridge

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

The North Washington Street Bridge, also known as the Charlestown Bridge, has been an important connector between the North End and Charlestown for more than a century. I'm proud that now, it's getting the upgrade it deserves. We recently began construction to replace the bridge with a new one that meets the needs of today's residents and commuters. The new North Washington Street Bridge will encourage green transportation. It will be a beautiful new landmark where the Charles River meets the Inner Harbor, complimenting the iconic design of the nearby Zakim Bridge. It will be what we call a complete street: one that works well for pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, and drivers alike.

The new bridge will have two vehicle lanes going in each direction, a dedicated inbound bus lane, separate cycle tracks in each direction, sidewalks on both sides with scenic views, and lush landscaping. We believe this is a necessary project, and it's also a great opportunity to make this bridge safer and more accessible for everyone who uses it.

It's important to us that we minimize disruptions and ensure that the construction happens as efficiently as possible. While the new bridge is being built, there will be a temporary bridge next to the existing one. It will be in place for about two years. It will have two inbound lanes, one out-

bound lane, and one sidewalk. It will maintain access for all modes of travel during the heaviest periods of work.

Community engagement and stakeholder input is very important to the success of this project. Our state partners at MassDOT are managing the project and have already hosted three community meetings in the North End, the West End, and Charlestown. They have been helping us keep people informed and will continue to do so throughout the entire process. Their updates are posted regularly at mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Here's what's happening right now: MassDOT is preparing the site for construction and relocating utilities. On weekdays, inbound traffic is reduced to one lane approaching Keany Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and outbound traffic is reduced to one lane at Keany Square from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Beginning Monday, December 17, the Lovejoy Wharf stairs leading to North Washington Street near the Converse building and the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the North Washington Street Bridge will be closed to all pedestrians. The eastern sidewalk over the bridge remains open and available for all pedestrians and cyclists, with crossings at both Keany and City Squares.

Traffic patterns will change from time to time throughout the project. Drivers should give them-

selves extra travel time, expect lower speeds, and take extra care when driving. I ask that everyone pay attention to all signage and police details and move carefully through the work zones. The maximum allowable noise level will vary by time of day, with the lowest levels allowed overnight. Additional requirements and provisions are in place to control dust, hazardous materials, water quality, rodents, and other potential impacts of construction.

While we know that several of our neighborhoods have been heavily impacted by the ongoing construction of roadways and bridges, it's important to keep in mind that in the long run these are all valuable improvements that will benefit our community for years to come. We certainly understand that the disruptions can be frustrating, and that is why we're doing our best to minimize impacts in the short-term, while working on long-term solutions for these bridges and roads.

We encourage residents to contact their neighborhood liaisons with questions or concerns. Maria Lanza is the liaison for the North End and the West End and can be reached at Maria.Lanza@boston.gov. Quinlan Locke is the liaison for Charlestown and can be reached at Quinlan.Locke@boston.gov. For any other concerns, residents can call 311, the City's 24-hour constituent hotline.

Martin J. Walsh is the mayor of Boston.

BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

The Regional Review is interested in publishing the memories of North End residents in print.

If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to regionalreview@comcast.net

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ROUND BALL SOARING AT NAZZARO CENTER

Once again, the Nazzaro Community Center's Small Fry Basketball Program has proven to be one of, if not the best basketball leagues in the neighborhood.

Under the direction of Manuel Montrond, the league is running smoothly for over the 100 participants in the three-division program, ages range from 4 to 16.

Manuel has many volunteer coaches that contribute to the success of the league.

BLACK DOG REALTY SPONSORS NORTH END SOCCER

Black Dog Realty Estate Group for the past three years has picked up the tab for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) soccer program at Puopolo Field.

Each Year, at least 100 local young people are able to participate in what has become a major recreational program that is extremely popular sport activity that continues to grow.

Having local business owners like Dhiren Thakker sponsor quality recreational programs make it much easier for local organizations like the NEAA provide top-notch programs for the youth of the community.

NORTH END NSC IS A GREAT PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD

The North End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), 1 Michelangelo Street continues to provide many activities and programs for residents and others year in and year out.

NSC coordinates field trips, educational and recreational activities, holiday events and hot meals on a regular basis along with civic and social activities.

Staff and volunteers do a great job at the center and deserve recognition for making the center a great part of the neighborhood.

NORTH STREET GRILLE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

North Street Grille has once again sponsored a fundraiser to help support the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) and the ABCD North End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC).

On certain Thursdays, the Grill has committed 30% of their profits to these community organizations.

A nice gesture by another neighborhood business to participate and assist local organizations in their quest to provide quality programs, events and activities for all ages in the neighborhood.

COMMUNITY CENTER RELOCATION CHOICE MUST BE MADE

Residents will be making a decision on a relocation site selection for a new community center to replace the existing Nazzaro Center located on North Bennet Street abutting Polcari Playground.

Currently, there are three new locations on the table and the possibility to renovate the existing building and expanded out into public space which would close the center for two years.

Renovations and expansion seem to be not to popular.

Each area has its pros and cons but unless any other location can be proposed, one of those three sites has to be selected.

A new center built from the ground up will provide plenty of space for programs, functions, activities and indoor pool and a new regulation size gym.

Everyone agrees that the Nazzaro Center has outgrown its capacity to accept new members or provide new or expanded programming for all ages.

It's going to be a hard decision, either site has merit.

However, based on what all the facts turn out to be, a choice must be made by residents working with the city.

It is not going to be easy.

NORTH END LIBRARY PROGRAMS

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

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Adult Book Discussion Club - Wednesday, December 19 - 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

December's book is Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." Copies of the book are available to check out at the library's front desk.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Preschool Films - Fridays

December 14, 21, 28 -10:00 am

Storytime - Monday

December 17 at 10:30 am

Kids Craft - Thursday December 13 at 10:30-11:15 am

Holiday Rugrats and Cookie Decorating - Wednesday December 19 at 3:30-5:30 pm

Cool Runnings (film) - Wednesday December 26 at 5:30 pm

Snowflake Creation - Thursday December 27 at 2:00 pm

Noon Year's Eve Celebration - Monday December 31 at 10 am-12 pm

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

Upgrade grants available for senior heating systems

By Phil Orlandella

Applications are available for Seniors Save, a program that grants \$3,500 to eligible residents to use towards upgrades to their heating systems.

Launched in August 2016, 134 heating systems have been replaced in homes all across the City of Boston.

The program helps assure seniors stay warm and safe during the cold winter weather.

"Seniors living on fixed

incomes face real challenges to afford improvements to their homes, even more with completely replacing their heating systems," Mayor Martin J. Walsh said.

The City's Home Center provides additional resources to Boston residents that need emergency repairs this winter.

Applications are available through the Department of Neighborhood Development's website.

ZooLights a holiday tradition

By Phil Orlandella

While the many North End Christmas activities are over for the 2018 holiday season, there is still an opportunity to continue enjoying festivities at the Stone Zoo through December 24.

ZooLights, a popular attraction, is a holiday spirit stroll along tree lined paths lit by thousands of twinkling lights.

New this year, visitors will be able to see the Caribbean Coast exhibit festively decorated.

Stroll through the beautiful lit Yukon Creek, see black bears, bald eagles, Canadian lynx, Arctic foxes, reindeer and visit Santa's Castle and take photos through December 24.

The Zoo is located at 149 Pond Street, Stoneham. For details call

617-541-LION or visit www.stonezoo.org.

Nazzaro Center Small Fry Basketball League in fast-break mode

By Phil Orlandella

The oldest North End Basketball League, the Nazzaro Community Center's Small Fry Basketball League is underway with three divisions, Division 1, Junior Varsity and Varsity.

Each division is made up of four teams. Junior Varsity (7-9) 44 players. Varsity (10-

12) 44 players, 11 players on each team. Division 1 (13-16) has four teams with six or seven players per team. Total players 114.

Volunteers coach each team April through May with a breakfast banquet and awards ceremony held at the end of the season.

The League Director is Manuel Montrond.

Walsh encourages small business shopping

By Phil Orlandella

Encouraging shopping at small businesses this holiday season, Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh noted, "Boston's small businesses have worked to create, build, and sustain healthy commercial districts throughout the City."

Small businesses in the best in the local economy, employing neighbors and enhance the City by launching the "5onMain" campaign, Boston seasonal initiatives for small businesses.

Walsh said, "I am thrilled to collaborate with WCVB again to support small local businesses and the neighborhoods."

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WINTER WONDERLAND HOLIDAY HELD AT NAZZARO COMMUNITY CENTER

By Phil Orlandella

A fabulous Winter Wonderland Holiday event was held at the Nazzaro Community Center Courtyard on Dec. 5.

People of all ages attended the holiday event that featured a Christmas Tree Lighting, hol-

iday music and caroling, hot cocoa, holiday treats and making ornament decorations.

All donations: monetary, basic toiletries, soap, shampoo, deodorant, socks, gloves, scarves and undergarments were donated to the Salvation Army.

The event was hosted

in part by: Nazzaro Center Staff, Steven "Virgil" Virgilio, Frank DePasquale, North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and George Hadaya.



All photos by Matt Conti.



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TOYS (from pg. 5)

homes, put food on the table. There's often no extra dollars for holiday shopping. ABCD tries to fill the gap, but we need your help!"

Time is running out. Please contact ABCD TODAY to let them know how you will contribute to the ABCD Toy Drive at 617-348-6559 or email give@bostonabcd.org. Donations can also be made online at bostonabcd.org/toy-drive or mailed to

ABCD WINTER FUND 2018, Action for Boston Community Development, 178 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02111.

ABCD is also seeking donations to the Emergency Heating Assistance Fund and the Clothing/Food Drive. Please go to bostonabcd.org/donate for more information on how you can make a difference this holiday season. Thank you!

December events held at Nazzaro Center

By Phil Orlandella

It has already been a busy December schedule at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street and there is more to come.

Friday, December 14-Movie Night in the community room for 7 to 9 years old with the showing of Dr. Seuss "Grinch".

Hot dogs, popcorn and drinks will be served. Cost \$10 per child.

Non-members are welcome (ages 7 and under) accompanied by an adult at all times.

All proceeds will go directly to CANshare.

Wednesday, December 19-Children's Christmas Party (3-6-year-olds) members only.

Thursday, December 20-Drama show in the community room (6-7-year-olds).

For details call 617-635-5166.

Ivyees "Everything Honey" ribbon cutting celebrates first black, woman-owned shop in North End



Ivy Lawson and Mayor Marty Walsh cut the ribbon opening the new store.

Photos by Matt Conti

By Matt Conti

Ivy Lawson is making a honey splash at 120 Salem Street with the opening of her Ivyees "Honey Everything" store. Lawson is the first black, female shop owner in Boston's North End operating at the location on the corner of Baldwin Place in the space formerly occupied by Pasta e Pomodoro. "Everyone in the neighborhood has been so welcoming as we are getting going," she said in the brightly lit corner store.

In addition to raw honey, Ivyees offers honey-based

facial cream, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, anti-wrinkle creams and moisturizers. This is the first stand-alone store for Lawson, but Ivyees products are also offered at Whole Foods and Amazon.

Mayor Marty Walsh was on hand for the Thursday night ribbon cutting commenting, "It's great to see new small retail shops open in the North End. Many of Boston's new small businesses are minority-owned and that's exciting too. I also understand the customer demand for the use of natural ingredients."

"After working as an engineer for 19 years at IBM in cor-

porate America, I had enough," said Lawson. "I decided to pursue my passion for natural products and to help people understand what they are putting in and on their bodies. My products are rich in vitamins, minerals and antioxidants. I want Ivyees to bring my customers a healthier lifestyle," she added.

"I have bees mostly in Jamaica but also some here in Massachusetts," Lawson said. She has been bee-farming since 2008 when she moved to Jamaica and it was there that she became entranced with the honey products that she is now bringing back to Boston.

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The storefront of the new business.

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NORTH END LIBRARY HOSTS HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



By Phil Orlandella

Friends of the North End Library held a holiday open house in appreciation of its many members and others.

There was plenty of food, refreshments, entertainment and a raffle to support library programs.

DiPasquale Ventures and Trattoria Il Panino donated food.

Golden Goose, Mike's Pastry Shop, Modern Pastry, Parziale's Bakery and Lulu's Sweet Shoppe donated desserts and refreshments.

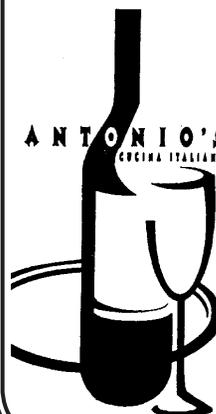


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JOHN PIZZARELLI, MORE

The versatile performer/son of Bucky Pizzarelli performs with Catherine Russell, Dec. 14; the Weepies present their holiday tour concert, Dec. 15; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy headlines, Dec. 20; Night Ranger, Dec. 22; Jimmy Tingle does standup, Dec. 29; and Peter Wolf celebrates New Year's Eve, all at 8 p.m., at The Cabot,

286 Cabot St., Beverly. 978-927-3100, thecabot.org.

TINY TIM'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

Tickets are selling out fast, but there's still time to see Greater Boston Stage Company's production of Ken and Jack Ludwig's "Tiny Tim's Christmas Carol," through Dec. 23, with an all-star Boston cast: Dec. 15, 11a.m., 2 p.m.; Dec. 16, 11a.m.; Dec. 18, 19, 10 a.m.; Dec. 20, 11:45 a.m.; Dec. 22, 23, 11a.m., 395 Main St., Stoneham. group rates, student matinees. greaterbostonstage.org, 781-279-2200.

CELEBRATIONS

Newton's New Philharmonia Orchestra presents Celebrations!, the first family concert of the 2018-19 season, featuring guest

performers from the Boston Ballet School, Newton Campus and Newton's All-City Treble Singers, Sunday, Dec. 16, 3 p.m., at the historic First Baptist Church, 848 Beacon St., Newton Centre. \$18; students, \$10. www.newphil.org, 617-527-9717.

RUN AMOC! FESTIVAL

American Modern Opera Company (AMOC) presents the annual festival with four new pieces performed in venues located around Harvard Square; a cross-disciplinary dance piece; a pianist; and a recital, with AMOC's newest collaboration members, Dec. 14-16. Tickets from \$25. For tickets, more information and schedule, contact 617-547-8300, at Loeb Drama Center Ticket Service Office, 64 Brattle St., Cambridge, or americanrepertorytheater.org/runamoc.

NORTH END HOLIDAY STROLL BRINGS CROWDS TO NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL SHOPS

By Matt Conti

Now in its twelfth year, the North End Holiday Shop & Stroll has become a seasonal tradition for a fun Friday night of local shopping and nibbles. Shoppers had free reign to explore the trendy boutiques and specialty shops through the neighborhood's fabled streets. Stores offered holiday refreshments and special discounts as shoppers punched their 'passport' cards to win gift baskets. Participating shops for the holiday stroll this year were

Shake The Tree, Loft & Vine, Exhale Battery Wharf, Sedurre, Ensemble, Iveyes, LIT Boutique, Sol Optics, in-jean-

ius, North Bennet Street School, I Am Books, Salmagundi, Heart & Sole, MyStryde and Polkadog Bakery.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella



David J. Elges

DAVID ELGES NAMED CITY'S CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has named David J. Elges as the City's new Chief Information Officer (CIO). In this role, Elges will lead the City's efforts to enhance online service delivery, empower City employees with effective digital tools, use data to focus resources where they are most needed, and improve access to technology and broadband across all Boston neighborhoods.

Elges brings more than 15 years of information technology experience from both public and private sectors to his new role, where he will oversee the City's Department of Innovation and Technology (DoIT).

"David Elges has the knowledge and expertise to take the great work being done in DoIT to the next level to keep Boston on the cutting edge," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud to appoint him to this position, and look forward to working with him to build on Boston's leadership as a world-class tech city."

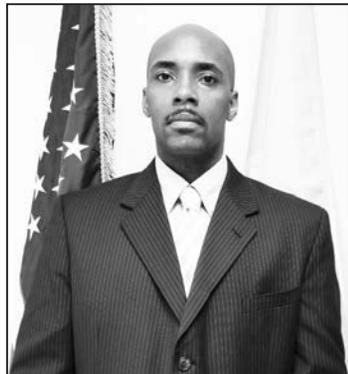
DIGITAL VERSION OF NORTH END: AN ITALIAN AMERICAN STORY AVAILABLE

Boston's North End: An Italian American Story is the first feature length, high definition film to chronicle the vibrant Italian American community that has called the North End of Boston home for more than 100 years. The documentary movie is based on historical records and interviews with Italian American North Enders and their descendants, ranging in age from 7 to 94, from around the Boston area.

Highlights include early political struggles, former World Welterweight Boxing Champion Tony DeMarco, and Stephen Puleo, author of "The Boston Italians," and "Dark Tide: The

Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919." It also features original music written especially for the film, home videos, and many photographs.

For more details visit www.nortendboston.org.



Shumeane L. Benford

SHUMEANE L. BENFORD NAMED CHIEF OF THE OEM

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has named Shumeane L. Benford as Boston's new chief of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

As Chief, Benford will have direct oversight of the office's emergency planning, training, and exercise programs and manage relationships with regional, state, and federal homeland security partners.

"Shumeane has proven over his career that he is a leader who develops a strategic plan, works with the community, and delivers positive results," said Mayor Walsh. "I am proud he will be leading Boston's Office of Emergency Management, an office that helps keeps our city safe. I look forward to Shumeane beginning his new role, and leading this important department."

HOLIDAY CONCERT HELD IN MEMORY OF MARK FRATTAROLI

North End Music & Performing Arts Center and Boston Landmarks Orchestra co-presented the Annual Holiday Concert of Handel's "Messiah" Part I. Conducted by Christopher Wilkins, the Concert was held on December 12.

This holiday concert featured the Boston Landmarks Orchestra, One City Choir, NEMPAC Youth Choir, and the following talented Professional Soloists:

Teresa Wakim | Soprano
Emily Marvosh | Contralto

Ethan DePuy | Tenor
Junhan Choi | Bass

This free concert was open to the public and was a special community collaboration of art-

ists and musicians from all over the Boston Community, also celebrating the recent restoration and renovation of the St. Leonard's Church. This concert

was sponsored in part by Lucia Ristorante and the Frattaroli Family in Loving Memory of Mark F. Frattaroli.

SAVE THE HARBOR EVENTS



Chef Basil Freddura of the Daily Catch restaurant led several cooking demonstrations for Save the Harbor youth staff featuring the seven sustainable species which will be served at the December 6th event.



At Save the Harbor's Boston Harbor Pop Up Museum at 226 Causeway Street in the North End, kids of all ages can explore the harbor, create sand art, color murals, sing sea shanties, and pose for a selfie with a big striped bass.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

TROLLEY TOUR AND TREE LIGHTING

The Mayor's annual Enchanted Trolley Tour has been officially canceled.



Peter Petringo

FORMER NORTH ENDER ELECTED NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Former North End resident Peter Petringo has been elected to the New Hampshire, Hillsborough 23rd District State Representative.

Peter currently resides in Milford, New Hampshire with his wife Marie and has two children Chris and Laura.

He was very active in community affairs when he lived in the North End.

KIDS MOVIE FUNDRAISER AT NAZZARO CENTER

A City of Boston CANshare Drive 2018 will be held at the Nazario Center tomorrow night Friday, December 14 at 7 p.m. with the showing of Dr. Seuss, "Grinch".

The benefit is for members and non-members ages seven and under. A parent must accompany the child at all times. Donation is \$10 per child.

Hot dogs and snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring blankets and or pillows.

NAZZARO CENTER VACATION SCHEDULE

A December Vacation Schedule has been established for Nazario Community Center.

- Monday, December 24-Open all day.
- Tuesday, December 25-Closed.
- Wednesday, December

26-open 8-6. Swimming, cost free, be at Center by 11 AM.

- Thursday, December 27-open 8-6. Movies (TBA) cost \$12.00.

- Friday, December 28-open 8-6. Ice-skating, cost \$5. Free if you have your own skates. Helmets are strongly recommended. Be at the Center by 10:30 a.m..

- Monday, December 31-open 8-5.

After school hours are not in effect this week. No refunds.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Nazario Community Center.

NORTH STREET GRILLE NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY

North Street Grille, 229 North Street will host "Neighborhood Night" on the first Thursday of each month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m..

The owners will donate 30% of the proceeds to neighborhood organizations.

Jan. 3, donations will go to NEAD for the annual scholarship fund.

Feb. 7, donations will go to NEAD for its Annual Drug Awareness Day.

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.

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.

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.

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@theboston.com or editor@reverjournal.com. Please include a phone number so the newspaper can call responding with questions.

NSC CHRISTMAS PARTY

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) will hold its Christmas Holiday Party on Friday, December 14 at 12:30 p.m. For details call 617-523-8125. Performance by NEMPAC at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next North End Public Safety meeting with District A1 Boston Police will be held at the Nazario Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street on Thursday, January 3 at 6 p.m.

NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) will hold its next public meeting on Monday, January 14 at 7 p.m. at the Nazario Community Center.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its next public meeting on Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. at the Nazario Community Center.

NAZZARO CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Nazario Community Center will hold its Christmas Party from members on Wednesday, December 19 from 3 to 6 p.m.. For details call 617-635-5166.

TRIP TO THOMPSON ISLAND

A New Year's Day Boat Trip to Thompson Island will be held on Tuesday, January 1 at 12 noon by the Friends of Boston Harbor Islands, Inc. For details call 781-740-4290.

HELPING OTHERS



Maria Stella Gulla, director of the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, accepted turkeys recently for their Thanksgiving distribution from Greg Antonelli, president of GTA Co., Inc. of Everett.

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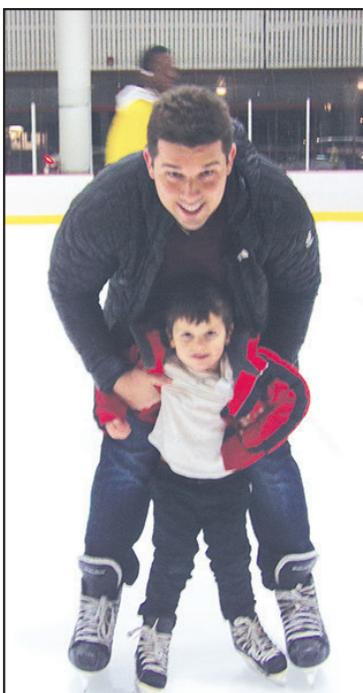
By Phil Orlandella

Steriti Rink was the site of the Christopher Columbus Park Committee's Santa Skate and Toy Drive.

Attendees took photos and mingled with Santa, enjoyed some refreshments, participated in a raffle and donated a gift for needy children. There was also Christmas Caroling.

The community seasonal event drew a large crowd of local residents and former North End residents.

Santa Claus and the Bruins mascot, Blades, were on hand to entertain and taking photos with all the attendees.



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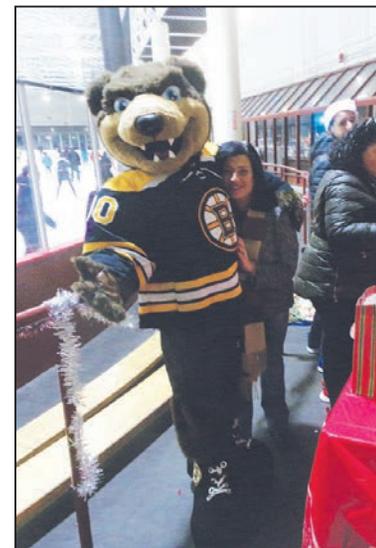
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BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN
The Regional Review is interested in publishing the memories of North End residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to regional-review@comcast.net

Trinity Martignetti recognized as youngest NEWRA Good Neighbor

By Phil Orlandella

Eleven-year-old Trinity Martignetti of Prince Street is the youngest North End resident to receive the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association Good Neighbor Award for helping to keep the community clean.

"Trinity works diligently to keep her section of the community as clean as possible," Janet Gilardi of NEWRA said.

"I feel that it's important to keep the neighborhood clean," Trinity said. "I like to say that if we keep our sidewalks clean it might set an example for my neighbors to do the same."



Janet Gilardi presents Trinity Martignetti with Good Neighbor Award.

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RUFF HOLDS SANTA PAWS AT DEFILIPPO PARK

By Phil Orlandella

A great opportunity called Santa Paws was held in December at DeFilippo Park on Prince Street to take photos with the Jolly Old Gent with local canines.

The free event was hosted by Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF).

Many local residents and their pets showed up for the holiday activity carrying their cameras.

Santa Paws, a.k.a. John Quinn Boston Police Department, said every dog would receive a chew toy in their Christmas stockings this year.



By Penny & Ed Cherubino

The end of the year can be a time for food nostalgia, an opportunity for thinking about the very personal foods that bring you back to another time and place. It may be a family holiday recipe or something made by someone you love. It might be a regional food that you wish you could taste again or that meal you once adored at a now closed restaurant. (Perhaps, Hammersley's garlic lemon chicken for so many of us in this area.)

Special for Us

Penny has been chasing a food memory of a rice dessert her Uncle Al prepared for her whenever she, as a child, stayed with him and her aunt. She may have found it in recent research on his native Filipino food. She'll be test cooking Bibingkang Malagkit, a dessert traditionally eaten in the cooler season in the Philippines. This may show up on one of our menus before the season is over.

Ed's special food memory is of his grandmother's meatballs. Fortunately, while helping a friend find a recipe similar to her own mother's meatballs, Penny tried

out the "Classic Italian American Tomato Sauce II" recipe in the 1990s edition of Joy of Cooking. The Italian American from Queens and the one from New Jersey agreed that this was the meatball they remembered. It has become the favorite meatball recipe at our home.

Regional and Ethnic Goodies

Perhaps you are a transplant longing for San Francisco sourdough bread or New York pizza. People who leave this area often miss lobster rolls, clam chowder, or moon pies. As you can see, not all nostalgic food is homemade.

While you may serve latkes for your Hanukkah celebration, you may still long for a lost family version or prefer them with sour cream rather than applesauce because of a personal tradition.

Many of our friends say they must have a green bean casserole on the holiday table. British pals miss good mince pies and a Christmas pudding. Many an Italian family still cook the Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve.

When you mention stuffing a turkey, everyone has some must-have in the recipe: oysters, sau-

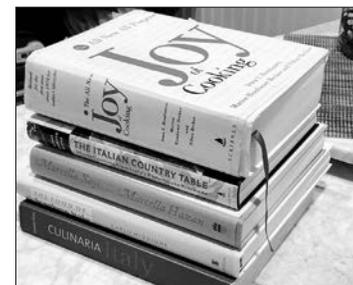
sage, cornbread, or chestnuts. Most often they are seeking their taste of holidays past.

Keep Food Nostalgia Going

British Chef Alyn Williams, in a talk about food nostalgia, noted, "The thing about food is that it speaks to all five senses, especially the powerful memory triggers of smell and taste. There's that whole thing with Proust and his 'petite Madeleine'..." He added, "So here's the science bit: food is so fundamental to our survival that we seem primed to form strong memories about it. This means we tend to eat with our minds as much as our stomachs."

The complete topic of Chef William's talk gives all lovers of food and tradition something to think about. It was, "Nostalgia – How important are nostalgic food memories in our innovative process and what happens to a generation where food nostalgia will be missing through lack of home cooking?"

When discussing this topic with our friend Carol, she mentioned a cake her family had always made. She has not had it since she was diagnosed with Celiac disease. This year, thanks to our conver-



With endless online resources and shelves of cookbooks, it was a Joy of Cooking recipe that made the meatballs remembered by two Italian Americans.

sation, she will try to create a gluten-free version. And, she will make the original recipe her mother made each year and present it to family members who have never tasted it. She hopes at least one of her guests asks for their Grandmother's recipe.

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City Council holds hearing on corporate tax-break transparency

By Lauren Bennett

The City Council Committee on Ways and Means held a hearing on Nov. 29, regarding corporate tax break transparency in the City of Boston.

With recent conversations around the location of Amazon second headquarters, tax break transparency is on the minds of the Council and the public. Councilor Michael Flaherty said that there have been issues in the past with the previous administration regarding tax break transparency.

“We’ve seen too many instances of an agreement that was made and then 10, 12, 15 years later there’s a changed condition or someone forgot to collect or another deal was negotiated in lieu of that deal,” said Flaherty. “That’s never good for our city when that happens and it quite frankly is something that I think that we have a shared responsibility to make sure that doesn’t happen.”

Flaherty said that moving forward, he would like to see information regarding tax breaks be “iron clad” and “black and white.” He would also like to see it be clearly accessible to the public so as to make sure agreements are being honored appropriately. He added that if there does need to be a renegotiation, that process should be transparent as well.

Commissioner of the Assessing Department Gayle Willet said that Boston was recently named the number one city in the world for job opportunities and growth. “This combination of universities, culture, medical advances, and tech talent makes Boston a place that businesses want to invest,” Willet said.

Willet added that 70 percent of the city’s revenue comes

from property tax collections, and “growth to the property tax base is essential in covering the increases in municipal costs and funding of new initiatives,” she said.

“Tax incentives are considered on an exceptional basis when they are required to advance Boston’s economic development priorities where the market does not support full taxes,” Willet continued. “This may include stimulating economic development at a strategic location, assisting a project with unique economic or construction challenges, or attracting a key industry or company that will yield significant gains and employment.”

Willet said that the agreements are listed on the assessing department’s website, and over 80 percent of the 121A agreements are subsidized housing projects, including recent agreements with Old Colony in South Boston and Orient Heights in East Boston.

She said that when the use of a tax incentive is feasible, it is structured in such a way that the city only provides the level of assistance required to make a development project attainable.

John Barros, Chief of Economic Development, said that “as an economic development strategy,” they make sure to not erode the tax base. “And so growing the tax base and growing jobs and increasing economic activity is in fact at the heart of our incentive strategy,” he said.

Boston is growing—“we’re growing, and we’re growing in a smart way,” Barros said. He said that Boston maintains four key principles in planning for its growth: driving inclusive economic growth, increasing the quality of life for residents in all neighborhoods, promoting a healthy environment and resilient city, and investing in infrastruc-

ture, open space, and arts and culture.

“Obviously the use of tax incentives and these types of packages to attract economic growth, corporate investment to cities across the country has been under immense debate given the Amazon deal,” he said. He said that each deal in Boston is approached uniquely, and Mayor Walsh said that Boston would not be getting into a bidding war with other cities for Amazon’s second headquarters.

“And in fact, when we released our bid to Amazon’s HQ RFP, you would find that Boston said very clearly that we were not offering any incentives to Amazon to come, but we invited a conversation because in Boston we believe every deal needs to be looked at closely and we need to stay true to our principles around what it brings to the residents of Boston,” Barros said.

He said that the growth of property taxes is “essential for covering escalating municipal costs and funding new initiatives,” and that their approach to incentive packages has been successful. Agreements have been updated and modified as needed, and many companies have come top Boston because of different investments or incentives the city has offered,” Barros said.

Councilor Matt O’Malley asked if the city is using fewer tax incentives now than it has in previous years.

“I believe so, yes,” said Renee, LeFevre, General Counsel for the BPDA. “I’ve been here a long time and they’re far fewer now than they were in years before.”

Greg LeRoy, Executive Director of Good Jobs First, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research group, made some suggestions to the Council via Skype. He said that online reporting of each

deal, along with the name of the country, source of incentive, value and duration of the incentive, the project site address, and “whatever the company is supposed to do in return for the incentive” should be made public.

“At least once a year, [there should be] disclosure of the outcome of each of those awards for the duration of the deal—snapshot every year of the progress of the deal interns of actual jobs created, actual wages paid, or actual dollars invested so that everybody can see the deal played out over time,” he said. He added that this data should be user friendly and downloadable.

Good Jobs First gave Boston a “goose egg” rating in 2017 because its tax increment financing program is not disclosed online. “Your state actually has not been a great state in terms of disclosure,” LeRoy said. “It now has a very modest form of disclosure for a few programs but compared to many other states, Massachusetts was a late state to start disclosing and still doesn’t do an especially robust job of it.”

He said that if the city wants more civic engagement in economic development, then the data must be available to the public so they can see where the deals are in their neighborhoods. Good Jobs First also gave Boston a zero on the Tiffs transparency rating because follow-up reports tracking whether or not payments have been made are not posted online.

Martyn Roetter provided pub-

lic testimony, saying that “transparency itself is not an end. It’s a means to an end and the end presumably is to be able to negotiate deals with corporations that benefit both the corporations or perceived by the corporation to be beneficial to it and also benefit Boston and perhaps beyond Boston, even Massachusetts.” Roetter is the Chair of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, but was speaking from the perspective of a resident and private citizen at this hearing.

“I don’t believe like some people that every negotiation inevitably leads to a winner and a loser,” Roetter said. “I think the best negotiations lead to situations in which all parties get something, maybe not all that they want.”

He added that in his experience, while tax incentives or breaks can have an impact on a company’s choice of location, “in the majority of cases, they’re not decisive.” He said that other factors, such as the “quality and relevance of the available labor force” and infrastructure help drive corporate decisions.

Councilor Michelle Wu sponsored this hearing, and said that transparency and having these kinds of conversations is vital to having an open conversation as an entire city. “At the baseline, we do need transparency to be able to evaluate forward looking and looking back about whether the commitments were upheld and were worth it for the taxpayers and the residents of the city.”

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 05, 2018
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PARK TRELIS LIGHTING KICKS OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON

By Matt Conti

In its highlight event of the year, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park joined with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to host the 16th annual lighting of the park's signature trellis.

Boston's historic waterfront was transformed into a holiday wonderland when the park's 260 feet of trellis were set aglow with 50,000 blue lights along with decorated trees throughout the park.

On hand to flip the switch were State Senator Joe Boncore, City Councilors Lydia Edwards and Ed Flynn along with FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook.

Entertainment was highlighted by students from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, Berklee College of Music vocalist Natalie Daniela Castro, singer Sharon Zeffiro performing a selection of holiday classics, and special guests Santa Claus and Rudolph.

In addition, the Postmaster of Boston Nicolas Francescucci unveiled the new US Postal Service holiday stamp. Refreshments, holiday treats, and giveaways provided by the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, HP Hood LLC, Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront and Magic 106.7.



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