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### SWEET 16



Lynzie and Erica Anderson recently celebrated their Sweet 16 at Billy Tse on the water front. Owner Billy Tse was a great host and made sure all had a good time and took time.



## Neighborhood Council to revise election bylaws

By Phil Orlandella

At the February 14 monthly meeting of the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC), members explained and discussed revisions to the bylaws.

In addition, Stephanie Acquario, Disposable Bag Reduction Coordinator, for the City of Boston Environmental

Department updated the Council on Boston Plastic Ban currently underway.

NEWNC President John Pregmon told the Review that, "Our bylaw changes basically cleaned up some ambiguous and grammatical inconsistencies.

NEWNC also plans to move up their community election format by moving up the nomina-

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## NEWRA supports Bath House landmark status

By Phil Orlandella

The first public meeting of the new year was held by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) on January 10 at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

A standing room only crowd interested in several topics relating to the neighborhood turned out for discussions on the status and recommendation by NEWRA on the Bath House and the Nazzaro Center.

NEWRA plans to send a letter to Mayor Martin Walsh outlining their opinion and recommendations relating to their potential plans for the neighborhood facility. The Review will publish the letter once it has been sent.

A group of residents have submitted a request to the Landmark Commission to designate the exterior walls of the Bath House as a landmark status as well as Polcari Playground.

Approval of the request will

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## Luigi Natale elected North End Sons of Italy President

By Phil Orlandella

Luigi Natale, a lifelong resident of the North End has been elected President of the newly formed North End Sons and Daughters of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2996.

Natale, a community activist and aide to Senator Joe Boncore, helped spearhead the formation of the North End Lodge that has 60 members.

The installation of the Lodge was held at Saint

Leonard's Church in the North End. National President Vera Girolami attended the ceremony. Many other Lodges participated in the special events.

In addition, many elected officials were on hand for the official start of the North End Lodge.

Founding members of the Lodge were Natale, Damien DiPaola and Louis Strazzullo.

Natale stated, "It's an honor to be a part of an organization that focuses on preserving Italian traditions, culture, histo-

ry and heritage, especially in the North End."

This is the second time a Lodge has been formed in the North End.

Other officers included: Recording Secretary Maria Lanza, Financial Secretary Karen Vita D'Amico, Treasurer John Pregmon, Vice-President Damien DiPaola, Orator Jason Aluia Guard Maurizio Fabbo and Trustees Debra DeCristoforo, Louis Strazzullo, Maria Michlewitz, and Theresa and Salvatore Decide.

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# Forum

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## THANK YOU, JAY ASH

When Governor Charlie Baker was elected to his first term of office four years ago, his first major announcement was the appointment of Jay Ash to the post of Secretary of Housing and Economic Development.

The announcement by Gov. Baker, a Republican, came as a surprise to many political insiders because Ash was a lifelong Democrat and at the time was serving as the City Manager for the City of Chelsea, a post he had held for almost 15 years. Moreover, the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development is among the most important members of a governor's cabinet, and typically goes to a person who is among those most trusted by the governor to implement his broad policy objectives.

However, Ash's appointment by Gov.-elect Baker signaled two things about the incoming administration: First, that Baker was going to "reach across the aisle" to Democrats and second, that he was seeking the most-qualified persons he could find to serve in his administration.

During the past four years, Charlie Baker's appointment of Jay Ash, who officially stepped down from his cabinet post in December to become the new president of a nonprofit business group known as the Massachusetts Competitive Partnership, has proven to be a win-win for Gov. Baker -- and the people of Massachusetts -- on both scores.

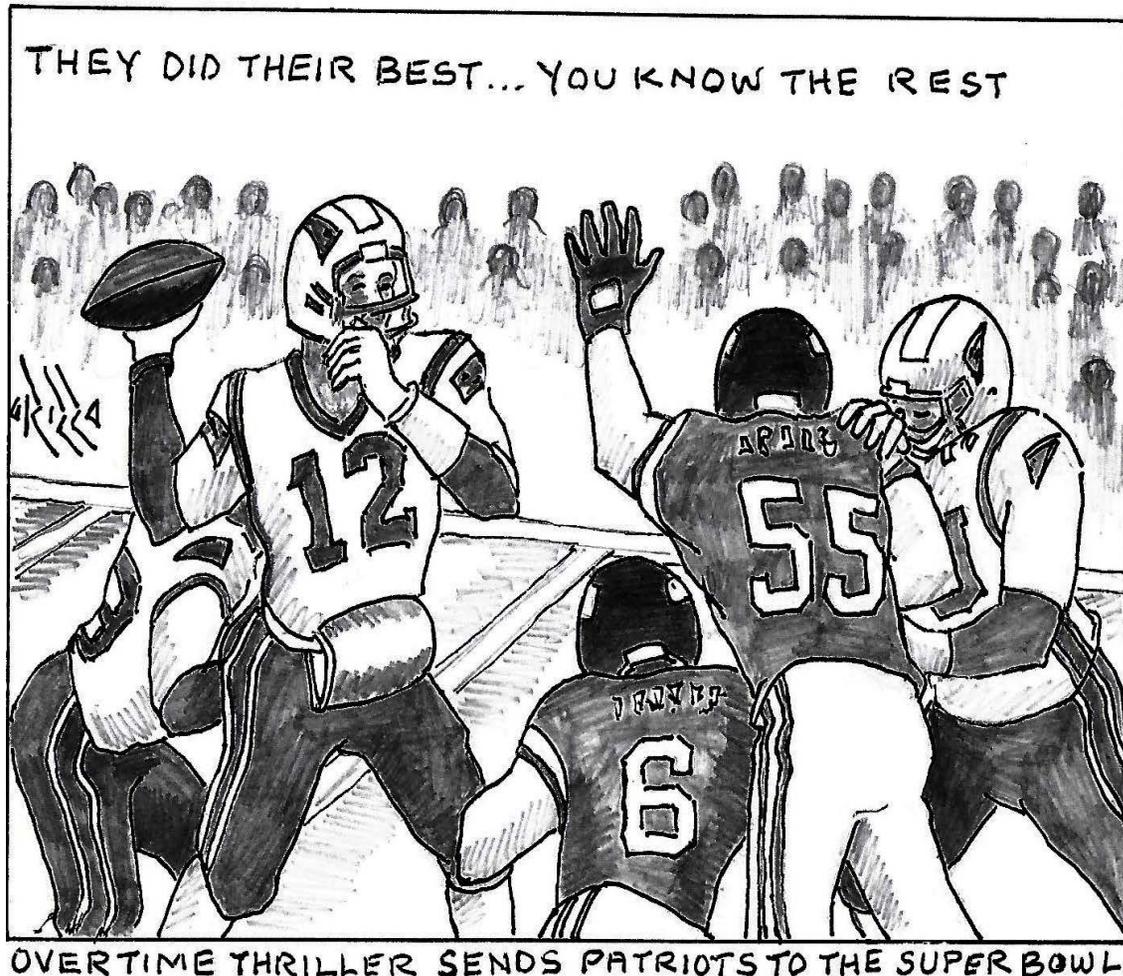
Ash, who had served for many years as the chief of staff to former House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Voke, not only knew the ins-and-outs of the legislative process, but also was on a first-name basis with many legislators, most notably House Speaker Bob DeLeo, who played a key role in working with Jay in implementing the many initiatives put forth by the Baker administration.

In addition, Jay Ash brought to the table his experience as the City Manager of Chelsea, a small city that is the prototype for both the potential and pitfalls of economic development of urban areas throughout the state.

During his tenure, Jay Ash brought to fruition many projects that will bring economic benefits for future generations of our state's residents. Among Ash's signature accomplishments, he played a key role in bringing the Pawtucket Red Sox to Worcester, which included the redevelopment of the city's Canal District with \$35 million in infrastructure and affordable housing funds; he brought \$12.5 million in state funds to the Berkshire Innovation Center, which will focus on life sciences in Pittsfield; he played an integral role in persuading General Electric to locate its world headquarters in Boston's Seaport District; and he was instrumental in bringing about a significant reduction in the number of homeless families living in motels.

All in all, Jay Ash's tenure as Secretary of Housing and Economic Development has been among the most successful and remarkable of any Cabinet member of any administration in the state's history.

We know we speak not only for the residents of his native Chelsea, but also for citizens throughout the state, in thanking Jay Ash for his years of public service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.



## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### GREAT MOLASSES SPILL MEMORIAL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED

Creating a new memorial dedicated to the North End Great Molasses Spill that occurred just over 100 years ago, is a terrific idea that should be fully supported by the neighborhood.

While tragic, it is in fact part of the community's history and should be seriously considered for implementation, along the Harborwalk in the North End.

A memorial depicting the incident that received worldwide attention should finally be displayed in the community that experienced the catastrophe.

### NATALE NAMED PRESIDENT

It was a wise move electing life-long resident Luigi Natale President of the newly formed North End Sons and Daughters of Italy, Chapter.

A community activists Natale has made it known that the local chapter will

be involved with community issues, events and activities.

He also wants to continue the Italian heritage in the neighborhood by preserving its cultural history.

Natale will spearhead the chapter into a viable community asset.

### FOCCP DOES IT AGAIN

Once again, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) deserves recognition for their outstanding commitment towards having a New Year's Eve fireworks display on Boston Harbor creating a 2019 spirit for thousands of people.

This is the second consecutive year FOCCP has made this very special holiday event possible.

FOCCP puts its best foot forward soliciting many sponsors to make the sky light up bringing in the New Year 2019.

Opinion NBSS President moves on During his time as President of North Bennet Street School (NBSS) Miguel Gomez-Ibanez has been a great neighbor of the North End community.

He has always been cooperative with providing information relating to the school's resources and working closely with the neighborhood and its many organizations.

He is well known for caring about the community in general.

### NORTH END LANDMARK REQUESTS SHOULD BE HONORED

Landmark status should be given for the perimeter walls of the Bath House and Polcari Playground in the North End.

Currently the home of the Nazzaro Community Center, the Bath House is over 100 years old in local history and deserves some kind of protection for the unique design of the exterior structure.

Landmark status will also provide protection for some of the public space that the playground represents.

Hopefully, the Landmark Commission feels the same way as the community and moves forward with the request by North End residents for landmark status.

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## NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

### OWD ISSUES REPORT

More than 100 local organizations that provided job training, education, career coaching, English instruction, youth programs and apprenticeships opportunities to Boston residents from July 2017 to June 2018 shared in the over \$14 million Martin J. Walsh Office of Workforce Development (OWD) funding according to a recently released fiscal Year 2018 OWD Annual Report.

The FY 18 annual report: A Better Boston for Everyone, features many of the different participants who strengthened Boston's Workforce Development System, including employers, workers, students, researchers and public servants. Also highlighted are several new OWD initiatives of the past fiscal year.

### MAYOR NAMES TWO TO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Mayor Martin Walsh has named two women to leadership positions.

Natalie Urtubey was named as Director of Small Businesses and Celina Barrios-Millner as Director of Equity and Inclusion in the Office of Economic Development.

Urtubey has extensive knowledge of Boston's neighborhoods and small businesses that will help create growth strategies and build partnerships across community stakeholders.

Barrios-Millner has two decades of experience in creating opportunities in disenfranchised communities through neighborhood engagement and strategic policy development.

She will manage and enforce BRJP in the City of Boston and BPDA construction projects.

### TACTICAL PUBLIC REALM GUIDELINES ANNOUNCED

New city guidelines will create opportunities for activating public space across the city, according to Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

Tactical Public Realm Guidelines, a project included in Goal Boston 2000, outlined easy to install and low-cost design suggestions on how to reclaim surplus roadway space and city neighborhoods for people-focused uses such as plazas, parklets, outdoor cafés and street murals.

"We've heard from residents and local businesses in our neighborhoods that a vibrant

public realm is a critical part of what brings communities together" Mayor Martin J. Walsh said.

"It's our goal in the coming years to enhance the streets, sidewalks and public spaces in every neighborhood in Boston to be safer but also more enjoyable. These guidelines will go a long way to helping achieve that goal," he added.

### CITY TAKES MORE GUNS OFF THE STREETS

A coordinated one-day gun buyback day "Piece for Peace" was held by Boston Police at six city locations on December 15.

Curing the designated day, police collected illegal firearms at several locations.

Any person that turned in a weapon was not charged with possession of an illegal weapon and was given a \$100 Target gift card.

Mayor Martin Walsh and Police Commissioner William Gross in collaboration with physicians and medical professionals set the one-day buyback campaign in motion as a proactive move to take guns off of Boston streets with an organized plan.

"Here in Boston, we know that even one lost life to gun violence is one too many," Mayor Walsh said.

### MASSDOT DRAFTS BICYCLE PLAN

MassDOT is asking Massachusetts residents to review and provide feedback on its Draft Bicycle Plan which is currently available for comment.

The focus of the plan is making the state's transportation system more sustainable, safe for people to walk, bike and take transit for more of their daily trips.

The draft plan defines a vision in which all people have a safe and comfortable cycling option for short trips, like biking to work, to school or run errands, recreation or to reach transit locations

For information on the plan and to provide feedback visit [www.mass.gov/service.details/bicycle-plan](http://www.mass.gov/service.details/bicycle-plan).

### FIRST PAIR OF ORANGE LINE TRAINS DELIVERED

The first pair of Orange Line vehicles have been completed on time and the MBTA is committed to completely replacing the Orange and Red Line Fleets

to improve reliability for riders.

Manufacturing 404 subway cars, including 152 new Orange Line and 252 Red Line vehicles is the T's goal.

"Since taking office, our Administration has prioritized improving the core infrastructure of the T and over the next five years, the T is planning to invest \$8 billion to continue these efforts," said Governor Charlie Baker.

### MAYOR APPOINTS TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Ouoc Tran has been appointed and Jeri Robinson reappointed to the Boston School Committee by Mayor Martin Walsh.

Both was sworn in on January 7 at the Bolling Building.

"Ouoc is a great addition to the Boston School Committee," the Mayor said. "I'm also proud to reappoint Robinson."

### CADET PROGRAM FOR WOMAN FIREFIGHTERS SOUGHT

The City is seeking to establish a Cadet Program for the Boston Fire Department (BFD) to recruit and train more women to serve as active firefighters.

Mayor Martin Walsh will formally file his proposal in the State Legislature with his overall package of requests.

The City currently has almost

16 female firefighters on a force of approximately 1,500.

### MBTA GRANTED EXTENSION PTC SYSTEM

The MBTA has received federal approval for its alternative schedule and sequence for implementation of its Positive Train Control (PTC) Program.

Granted by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the approval extends the deadline for the full system deployment to December 2020.

PTC is a federally mandated control system that automatically decreases train speed when needed, reduces train collisions and prevents human error.

Work to install the PTC infrastructure of the MBTA Commuter Rail network is in various stages of completion and testing on each line.

### CITY FILES TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS

A six environmental and transportation legislation package has been submitted to the State Legislature by the City of Boston.

The request will strengthen the state's commitment to the goals to be carbon neutral by 2050.

Mayor Martin Walsh's legislative agenda bills on the work of the Administration to ensure equity, opportunity and resilience

for all residents by strengthening current systems and creating new tools to adapt, mitigate and invest in local transportation and the environment.

### TRAIL PROJECTS APPLICATION AVAILABLE

The deadline for applications for funding MassTrails program is Friday, February 1 according to MassDOT.

A competitive funding program MassTrails allows municipalities in public entities to expand and connect networks off road, shaded-use pathways and recreational trail in Massachusetts.

A total of approximately \$5 million in matching grants will be available in the first round of funding in Fiscal Year 2020.

Technical assistance and resources to individuals, municipalities, non-profits and other public entities to design, construct and maintain high-quality trails is also available.

### 19 EMT RECRUITS GRADUATE

The Great Hall at Faneuil Hall was the site of a graduating ceremony for 19 EMT recruits that successfully completed a rigorous six-month training program.

Mayor Martin Walsh, BPHC Executive Director Monica Valdes Lupi, joined families and others in the graduation ceremony.



## Public Meeting

# Dock Square Garage

**Monday, January 28**  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

**Boston City Hall**  
9th Floor, BPDA Board Room 900  
Boston, MA 02128

**Project Proponent:**  
FPG DS Owner One, LLC and FPG DS Owner Two, LLC

**Project Description:**  
This public meeting is to discuss the Planned Development Area document (PDA) that was filed on January 7, 2019 in association with the Dock Square Garage proposed project. The Proponents propose to construct an approximately 220,000 sf, seven- (7-) story vertical addition to the existing building, and adding another approximately 30,000 s.f. of residential space to the lower floors by a combination of horizontal expansion and conversion of parking area. The Project will contain up to 250 multifamily residential units, and reduce the current 698 publicly available garage parking spaces to up to 650 spaces, some of which will be made available for occupants of the residential units included in the Project. The garage will also be redesigned to accommodate valet services and mechanical lifts.

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**Close of Comment Period:**  
2/22/2019

## Frattaroli family host senior luncheon

By Phil Orlandella

A La Bafana celebration, that marked the end of the Christmas holiday season, was held at the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, 1 Michelangelo Street for nearly 50 seniors from the neighborhood.

They enjoyed a made from scratch feast of salad and chick-

en cacciatore sponsored by Donato Frattaroli of Il Moto, Nancy Frattaroli of Artu and the Taste of the North End.

A generous spread of coffee and pastry was also served.

The Frattaroli family and NSC staff prepare the meal and serviced the seniors.

"What a wonderful family place (Center) you have here," Nancy said as she prepared the meal in the Center's kitchen.

## Neighborhood Service Center holds holiday party

By Phil Orlandella

Overs 60 members of the community took part in the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center's (NSC) annual holiday party, many of them seniors.

Participants enjoyed a feast of ham with all the trimmings, topped off by a typical Italian panettone.

The party featured a Cherry Christmas tree, with colorful decorations in silver, gold, red, blue and green.

"Our seniors are fami-

ly," said NSC Director Maria Stella Gulla. "Clients are drawn here (Center) because the food is homemade, hardy and delicious."

Senator Sal Di Domenico brought dozens of toys for neighborhood children and mingled with the seniors.

Legislative Aid to Counselor Lydia Edwards, Michael Bonetti handed out candy canes and greetings from the counselor.

Advisory Board member Victor Brogna entertained the partygoers with his trumpet playing.

## Tunnel of Love planned at Columbus Park

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will transform the Trellis into a Tunnel of Love for strolls throughout the month of February.

The creativity of Board member and Art Curator Robyn Reed, the first Tunnel of Love

was installed last year. It was a great success with hundreds of photos distributed on social media.

"This is a must visit experience for lovers of all ages," according to FOCCP. "The blue lights on the Trellis have earned the Trellis the reputation of one of the most romantic places in Boston."

## Music of the Plimoth Colony Settlers at Library

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street hosted Pilgrims' Progress, Music of the Plimoth Colony Settlers a harvest time celebration with autumnal tunes performed on historical instruments and with early English dialect.

A rousing sing-along capped-off the evening of entertainment.

Plimoth colonist were a diverse group of Separatists and Anglicans, religious zealots and

irreverent opportunists.

They brought with them music as varied as the reasons for coming to New World in 1620.

Plimoth Colony heard not just solemn English psalms but also humorous catches, ballads, Dutch songs and rousing dance tunes.

A generous grant from the City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library made this special event possible.

## NSC Adopt a Family/Toy Drive a success

By Phil Orlandella

Adopt a Family/Toy Drive was hosted by the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) to provide gifts and necessities to res-

idents in need.

This was the fifth year in a row Adopt a Family was successfully held at the Center.

Nearly a dozen families received toys, food, household items and vouchers for essentials.

Many local organizations including the Coast Guard and private donors sponsor the holiday event.

Senator Sal Domenico loaded up several car loads of toys he delivered personally.

## NEMPAC presents 'Amore' concert dinner

Lucia Ristorante Lucia (415 Hanover Street) will be the site of the 8th annual Amore Concert Dinner performed by the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC).

This annual winter favorite features a three-course Italian dinner paired with a live music program with songs and music about 'Amore'.

This year's 'Amore' event includes the stunning vocals presented by three professional singers accompanied by a faculty pianist. Song favorites will include "Je veux vivre" from Romeo & Juliet, "La donna e mobile" from Rossini, "Quando m'en vo" from Puccini's La Bohème, and "Libiamo ne' lieti calici" from Verdi's La Traviata.

Professional artists will



Pictured is a moment from last year's Valentine Concert/Dinner.

include soprano Jessica Toupin, NEMPAC Opera Project past artists tenor Fran Rogers, baritone Junhan Choi, NEMPAC faculty pianist Jaime Castellanos, and NEMPAC artistic director Dr. Christina Wright-Ivanova.

Guest can select community

table seating or reserve a private table.

To get tickets or learn more, please visit [www.nempacboston.org/tickets](http://www.nempacboston.org/tickets). You can also follow NEMPAC on social media at [www.facebook.com/nempacboston](http://www.facebook.com/nempacboston) and [www.instagram.com/nempacboston](http://www.instagram.com/nempacboston).

## NEWRA (from pg. 1)

not have any effect on the interior of the Center, but it will protect the perimeter of the 100-year-old city building.

Kirsten Hoffman, a 20-year-old North End resident and an appointed member of the Landmark Commission presented the process of developing landmark status, explaining the ins and outs of the process.

She also explained what a landmark status does to protect 100-year-old structures or a situation that requires immediate attention.

NEWRA has supported the current landmark request for the Bath House and the playground.

Kirsten, a member of the growing Friends of Cuttillo Park noted with the exception of trash placement on Morton Street, everything is going well at the public park.

She said that the Friends will be meeting to discuss future activities and events in the Park

for the community.

Waterfront residents asked NEWRA members to sign a letter to the Attorney General to remove the wooden pylons still remaining in the Harbor at Lewis Wharf. The letter claims they have become a dangerous situation.

Saint Leonard's Parish asked NEWRA to send or sign a letter to the Boston Municipal Court supporting a strict stay away order from the North End against a suspect currently charged with a series of thefts, vandalism and trespassing on church properties throughout the community.

By a show of hands, NEWRA encouraged Leeland Alexander from Wentworth University and a city planner to continue his endeavor to create a memorial to the Great Molasses Flood that occurred just over 100 years ago.

The project site would be along the Waterfront Harbor

Walkway just behind the North End basketball court adjacent to the Mirabella Pool.

Potential plans called for the placement of the names of the 21 people that perished during the tragedy along the trail and a big memorial depicting the historic information relating to the incident that drew world-wide attention.

Leeland emphasized that the 100-year-old event would commemorate a major part of the North End's history.

He was asked to return to a future NEWRA meeting with an update on design plans, cost, needed approvals and names of any agencies that have to be involved with making the memorial a reality.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center. State Representative Aaron Michlewitz is the expected guest speaker.

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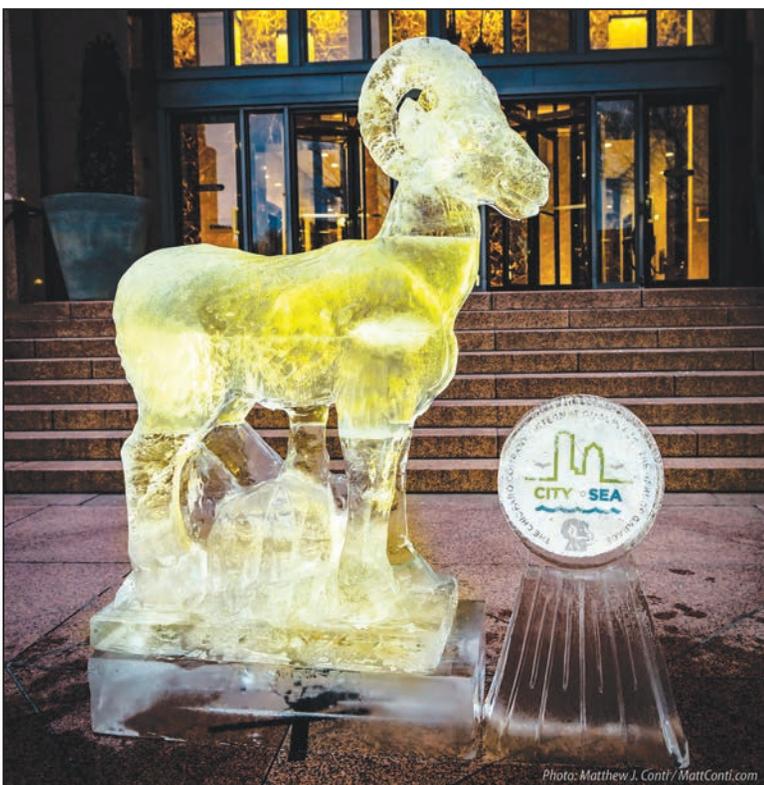
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# ICE SCULPTURE STROLL ON THE WATERFRONT

All photos by Matt Conti

By Matt Conti

Boston's waterfront was the place to see 2019 ice sculptures on New Year's Eve! Crowds came out during the day before the rain washed the artwork away in the evening. The ice sculpture stroll was organized by Boston Harbor Now, teaming up with local businesses and cultural institutions. We brought our own lights to shine up the glistening pieces in the photos.



Black Magenta Yellow Black

## MAINTAINING THE URBAN TREE

Watering, fertilizer, and pest control maintenance are the three key ingredients for healthy trees in the urban jungle.

Newly planted trees require continued watering, ten gallons per week on the average throughout their active growing season. If you have a watering hose, set it at low pressure and water once a week for approximately 1/2 hour or more often during periods of hot weather. Best times to water are early morning or evening.

When fertilizing young trees, one application in the spring is adequate. A slow release, high nitrogen fertilizer can be used for the first four years. Do not fertilize any tree in midsummer. Mature trees need not be fertilized on a yearly basis.

The days of public spraying of trees with insecticides and pesticides are a thing of the past. Contact a certified arborist to diagnose and manage insect and disease problems.

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# 2019 Love Your Block mini-grants application now being accepted

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the acceptance of 2019 Love Your Block mini-grant applications. Applicants can apply here or email [loveyourblock@boston.gov](mailto:loveyourblock@boston.gov) with a deadline of March 1st, 2019.

"The Love Your Block program is a fantastic way for residents and organizations to get involved in their community and continue to show why the neighborhoods of Boston are such special places to work and live," said Mayor Walsh. "I encourage all residents interested to apply for these grants."

Last year, 60 applications were received, with 5 ultimately being chosen for the grants. Projects included revitalization of community gardens and beautification of vacant plots of land. Neighborhood mini-grant winners are awarded up to \$3,000 to either implement or revitalize a public space used to address a larger issue identified by the community. Examples of projects include community gardens, art installations, and

placemaking.

"Boston's Love Your Block grant helped the Mattapan Branch of Boston Public Library generate excitement surrounding healthy eating and gardening. Because of LYB's funding, library patrons of all ages were able to participate in growing fruits and vegetables in their own neighborhood," said Celia Contelmo, Teen librarian at the Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library system.

The Love Your Block mini-grant award selection committee included representatives from the Love Your Block team, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Liaisons, Public Works Department, Parks & Recreation, Boston Transportation Department, City Hall To Go Program, Department of Neighborhood Development and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture.

2018 Love Your Block mini-grant winners were:

Charlestown: Charlestown Sprouts Community Garden

- \$800 to revitalize the community garden by updating infrastructure: repairing a broken compost bin, creating a garden message board, repairing the water control box covering and adding additional garden plots.

Charlestown: The Charlestown Coalition

- \$2,700 to create a "peace park" at Mt. Vernon Plaza -- with landscaping, water features and memory rocks -- to help bring awareness to those suffering from trauma, and substance use disorders.

South Boston: Round Table

- \$3,000 to turn a vacant lot into a community garden as an extension of a new community center that seeks to educate and engage residents of all ages in conversations around healthy eating and environmentalism.

Dorchester: Mt. Bowdoin Betterment Association

- \$1,000 to beautify the corner lot by planting perennials, revitalizing the garden plots and installing trellises decorated



2018 Love Your Block volunteers at Codman Sq. Library.

with artwork.

Mattapan: Mattapan Branch of the Boston Public Library

- \$500 to rebuild community garden beds, as well as raise the garden beds for easier accessibility for children and seniors.

About Love Your Block

Originally a partnership between the City of Boston

and Cities of Service, the Love Your Block program officially became a City department in 2018. The Love Your Block program aims to help transform physical landscapes with social programs that highlight the culture of community by way of mini-grants, increased volunteerism and service based projects.

## January 2019 A-1 Public Safety meeting report

By David Marx

Boston Police District A-1 provided North End / Waterfront residents an update on recent neighborhood crime incidents, summarized below, at the January 2019 North End Public Safety Meeting.

Robberies (1)  
 – 12/17/18 at 9:45 p.m. (29 Prince Street): Victim reports he was walking down Prince Street when he was approached by three male suspects (between the ages of 16-18, between 5'8 and 5'10). At this time, one of the suspects stated, "Give me everything in your pocket." Victim handed over his iPhone

and \$20 in cash. Suspects fled on foot.

Breaking & Entering – Commercial (1)

– Between 12/18/18 (10:30 p.m.) and 12/19/18 (10 a.m.) at 329 Hanover Street (Sol Optics Boston): Police Officer responded to a commercial breaking and entering at a Hanover Street eyeglass store. Manager reports the front glass door was smashed and two glass display cases were damaged. Manager further stated 53 pairs of sunglasses were stolen (collectively valued at \$18,000). Detectives to follow-up and review video of the incident.

\*Arrests (1)\*  
 – Assault & Battery / 209A: North Street – Domestic violence incident.

In 2018, there was 0% change in Part 1 Crime and a 10-year low in Part 1 Crime. These are crimes classified as serious felonies and used by the FBI to produce the annual crime index. As defined by the U.S. Dept. of Justice, this includes criminal homicide, rape (legacy and revised), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft and arson.

David Marx hosts the monthly Public Safety meeting with Boston Police District A-1. North End Public Safety Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at the Nazzaro Center, 30 N. Bennet Street. All are welcome to attend and bring their questions.

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## NSC Valentine's Day party planned

By Phil Orlandella

ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), 1 Michelangelo Street will hold a Valentine Day Party on Friday, February 1 at 12:30 PM (snow date: Friday, February 8).

In the event of weather-related closures, ABCD will post on television, radio and on their

main number 617-348-6000. The NSC will send notification to their mailing list.

The Center will provide round-trip transportation to the Amy Lowell Apartments and Blackstone Apartments.

The NSC is looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day with everyone that attends and will plan a happy, fun filled day. For details call 617-523-8125.

# LEAVE IT *and* LOSE IT!

## DON'T BE A VICTIM!

You have been given this notification as a cautionary reminder. Boston Police Officers are reminding you of the following:

**DO NOT** leave your vehicle unlocked.  
**DO NOT** leave your keys in the ignition.  
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## FOCCP NEWS AND NOTES

### Mark your calendar for fun in the Columbus Park 2019

As always, the volunteers of Friends of Christopher Columbus Park were very busy this year with fun events and projects in and for the Park ... and here's what's planned for the year.

February 2019, Month of Love in Columbus Park

June 29, 2019, Fun-filled Independence Celebration

July 20 - September 14, 2019, Lawn Games on the West Lawn  
October 5, 2019, Fall Festival children's celebrations

July 21 - August 25, 2019, Sunday Night Movies on the East Lawn

November 25, 2019, Trellis Lighting Ceremony

Dates to be announced ...

\*Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., Gardening in the Rose and Crescent Gardens

\*Thursdays 8:30 a.m., Gardening in the Rose and Crescent Gardens

\*Sundays 9:30 a.m., Gardening in the Rose and Crescent Gardens

\*Playground Celebration

\*Delightful Sunset Harbor Cruise

Stay tuned for a fabulous 2019 and hope you'll join us at our January meeting.

## FOCCP will raise funds for 2020 Fireworks Display

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of Columbus Park (FOCCP) has announced that the non-profit community organization will once again lead the effort to raise the funds necessary to welcome in the 2020 New Year with fireworks on Boston Harbor for the third consecutive year.

Despite the rain the 2019 firework display over Boston Harbor went basically as planned greeted with cheers and honking horns.

Unfortunately the special event was cut a little short technical difficulty that prevented the final showcase of fireworks.

The New Year's Eve fireworks wouldn't have been possible without the generous

support of local businesses and neighbors.

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## CityFeast returning to North End January 27

By Phil Orlandella

CityFeast, a food-fueled benefit evening hosted by six North End restaurants will be held for the 13th year.

Founded (2005) by Carla Agrippino Gomes, owner of Antigo Forno and Terramia eateries on Salem Street the event profits will benefit the

Joslin Diabetes Center's High Hopes Fund which supports research, education and client care.

Since its inception, CityFeast has raised more than \$300,000 for the Center's High Hopes Fund.

Tickets (\$150 each) includes a five-course dinner with wine pairings at one of the six participating businesses. One hundred

dollars is tax-deductible and can be purchased at [www.joslin.org/cityfeast](http://www.joslin.org/cityfeast). Reservations are limited.

Participating restaurants include: Antico Forno, Aria Trattoria, Bricco Ristorante, Lucca, Terramia Ristorante and Tresca.

The benefit event will be held on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m.

## NEWNC (from pg. 1)

tion process to make it easier for people to pull out papers and get on the ballot for the 2019 election of members to the community organization.

Pregmon noted, "We have some revisions pending but nothing finalized yet."

The last two elections did not have enough candidates, only six for the six seats open. There was no contest and all candidates won seats on the Council.

Labeled as, Hey Boston Bring Your Own Bags! The ban

seeks to stop pollution on the streets, waterways and the coast to lower environmental impact by reducing single-use plastic bags at Boston stores to transition away from plastic bags.

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The cost of the bags must be posted/advertise within five feet of the checkout location.

Basic information about the

ordinance is available in several languages on [boston.gov/plasticbags](http://boston.gov/plasticbags).

The City will monitor the program and issue violations. Initial violation is a warning the second violation is \$50 fine with the third or more violations \$100 fine.

Apparently, the plastic bag ordinance will protect the ocean environment and waterways from pollution, reduce litter, greenhouse gases and solid waste in the waste stream.

## Residents honored at Luncheon

By Phil Orlandella

Two North End residents were honored at the North End Christmas Fund Luncheon for their community activities.

Olivia Scimera received the Uncle Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award and Anna Gaeta received the Private Ernest J. Natale Community Service

Award at Filippo's Ristorante.

The traditional community event raises thousands of dollars each year for North End seniors, low income residents and families in need.

A festive array of salad, pasta, chicken and dessert was served. City Counselor Lydia Edwards and former Counselor Sal LaMattina were in attendance.

## Public Safety meets first Thursday of each month

By Phil Orlandella

Now that the holiday shuffle is in the past North End/Waterfront residents and the business community should be able to take part in the District A1 Boston Police Department's first Thursday of the Month Public Safety meetings held at 6 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community

Center.

These meetings offer a great opportunity to obtain first-hand crime information directly from the police and at the same time present information, issues of concern, express opinions and offer suggestions, related to the neighborhood.

Problem-solving is a major part of the public meetings.

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## Applied Learning Center unveiled at Cathedral High School

By Lauren Bennett

Cathedral High School in the South End revealed its brand new Applied Learning Center at a ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 4. Construction for the 15,000 square-foot center began in April 2017, and it will include programs in STEAM-based learning: science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics.

Head of Cathedral High School, Oscar Santos, said that the school was founded in 1926 with the purpose to “serve as a

mission to make sure that inner city kids have a great place to have an education.”

With the completion of the Applied Learning Center, Santos said that along with the school building and the gymnasium, there are more opportunities for students to be successful. The center will allow students to have hands-on experiences with things like robotics, 3-D printers, and theater. “We know that as the world changes, students need opportunities to have applied learning experiences,” Santos said. “And that’s mak-

ing sure that they content and the skills that they learn in the classroom is also implied and embedded into the work that we do here every day so that students are better prepared to go out into the workforce, and more importantly, into the world.”

Paul Chisholm, Chair of the Board of Trustees, told the students at the ribbon cutting: “This is your building...make sure you take advantage of it, make sure you challenge your teachers, because this is the type of education you need to be successful in the future.”

Senior Armani Lamin spoke about his third summer at the Crimson Summer Academy at Harvard University, where he lived on campus and studied macroeconomics and expository writing. “It gave me a sneak peek of what college would be like and so I enjoyed that,” Lamin said. He spoke about how great it was to be in the same room with people who came from all over the world for the same purpose: to get an education. “And with this build-



Photo by Lauren Bennett

Cathedral High School students cut the ribbon across the entrance to the Applied Learning Center, officially unveiling it.

ing that you guys have funded and put all your time into we can advance our education, so for that I thank all of you,” he said. He said he’s most excited to use the 3-D printers and getting to know the new Applied Learning Center, where he will have some classes this year.

The building was blessed by the Very Rev. James Flavin, who prayed that the center

would become one where “students and teachers imbued with the words of truth will search for the wisdom that guides the Christian life and strive wholeheartedly by Christ as their teacher...”

Current Cathedral students provided those in attendance with a tour of the new facili-

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# Forming the leaders of tomorrow at Malden Catholic

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a United States Senator, and a Nobel Laureate in Economics. This has not happened by accident! Regardless of what paths in life the graduates of Malden Catholic pursue, they all share a common vocation: the call to be servant-leaders.

As Malden Catholic begins the next chapter of its history as a codivisional school—all-boys and all-girls divisions on one shared campus—it does so with an intentional focus on providing unique programs for boys and girls to develop their God-given potential for effecting change through confident, ethical leadership.

Four programs at Malden Catholic stand out as foundational aspects of Malden Catholic's focus on leadership:

**The Malden Catholic Leadership Institute (School for Boys)**

One of the most cherished of Malden Catholic's traditions, the Leadership Institute is the signature event in the four-year progression of retreats at Malden Catholic School for Boys. Sponsored by the Campus Ministry team, the institute consists of a dynamic, four-day/three-night program on the campus of Endicott College where service, worship, team-building, and deep self-reflection converge, providing students with the opportunity to examine how their formation at Malden Catholic is calling them to live as faith-filled men of purpose and integrity in their senior year and beyond.

**The Leadership Course (School for Girls)**

Inaugurated in the fall of 2018, the School for Girls Leadership Course makes leadership learning and training a priority for students at Malden Catholic School for Girls, providing them with the tools to lead themselves and others. The four-year leadership course helps young women to explore who they are and what they believe. The first of its kind anywhere, the course provides

students a way to merge the five values of Xaverian education—humility, simplicity, compassion, trust, and zeal—with effective leadership skills. This program equips girls with the courage to embrace the power of their own voice to affect change locally, nationally, and globally.

**The Senior Service Program (School for Boys)**

The Senior Service Program at Malden Catholic School for

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# Saint Anthony School opens new gym and new music room

By Cary Shuman

The students at the Saint Anthony School in Everett are enjoying the use of their new gymnasium and new music room during school hours and in after-school programs.

Ms. Maria Giggie, principal at the parochial school, said the new gym opened in September. The bursting of an interior pipe, in December, 2017, caused extensive damage to the gym, resulting in the installation of a brand new gym new floor and padding along the walls.

"The students absolutely love the gym," said Giggie, who is in her 12th year as leader of the 245-student school. "We're using it as a gymnasium, cafeteria, and auditorium, so we're taking advantage of the space, especially during our after-school programs."

Students participate in phys-



Ms. Maria Giggie, principal at Saint Anthony School, and Ms. Samantha Shanahan, are pictured with some of the students who participate in after-school programs inside the new school gymnasium.

ical education classes in the gym. St. Anthony also has two boys and two girls basketball teams for Grades 5-8. After-school clubs, such as arts and crafts and a Valentine cooking club (that starts in February), also use the gym each school

day.

The school also added a new music room, with classes and after-school instrumental lessons available for students. Julio Santos is the music teacher at the school.

One of the students in the after-school music program is



St. Anthony School music teacher Julio Santos (right) is pictured with students inside the new music room at the school.

Christian Dopinio, who started at St. Anthony's in first grade and will graduate in June.

"I really love this school," said Dopinio, who plays the piano. "Ms. Giggie really tries hard to make this school the best it can be. She listens to the students for their opinions. She is a great principal."

Maria Giggie came to the United States from Italy when she was 15 years old. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boston University, where she met her husband during her freshman year in college. They have three children, who are all graduates of St. Anthony School.

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ty, showing them the different dedicated spaces that they are excited to use.

Santos said that the school will start three new programs: maker space, which involves engineering, as well as creating robots, where the students will learn basic programming and then prototype and print. In addition, there will be a new art program with a new art teacher to increase the level of arts instruction at the school, and finally, programs for theater and music.

He said they surveyed the kids and asked what their interests and passions were, and these were the top results. Being able to provide the students with real-world experiences and input through having workshops with real firms and companies are some of the "things that help kids feel like they're part of the solution and really creating," Santos said.

"What I'm most excited about is really giving kids real world opportunities to make sure that the things that they're learning in class, they can connect it to their real lives," Santos said.

Santos said that most impor-



Cathedral High School senior Armani Lamin talks about his experience in the Crimson Summer Academy at Harvard University.

tantly, he wants to thanks everyone who helped make this a reality, and that buildings go up and down every day in the City of Boston, but "this is really about opportunity for kids and it's the Cathedral story," he said.

The students are excited for the new center too. Senior Lisalina Pena said "I'm glad they're making all these changes right now and they're trying really hard to make us happy and listen to our voices and I like that." She said she's excited to take some law and justice classes, and is thinking about applying to Tufts University



Very Rev. James Flavin reads a prayer before he blesses the new building.

and Wellesley College to study law, or even heading down to Washington, D.C.

Lamin said he really wants to apply to some liberal arts colleges like Harvard, Boston University, and Boston College to study economics or something in the medical field.

Sept. 5 is the first day of school for Cathedral students, and though some of the equipment for the Applied Learning Center has not arrived yet, students will slowly ease into the opportunities it has to offer. Santos said that the new center ultimately "lets the community know that we're around and we'll be here for the long haul."

## Pope John High School announces Catholic Schools Week schedule

Pope John XIII High School in Everett has announced the following schedule for Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 1):

Monday: Open Liturgy

Tuesday: The Kraft Blood Donor Center will be at the school from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

So far, we have 30 donors signed up to participate. The event is hosted by the National Honor Society.

Also: Students will be volunteering after school at the East Boston Boys & Girls Club

Wednesday: Clubs & Activities showcase

Also: Students (10) will

work on a build site (location pending) for Habitat for Humanity beginning at 8 a.m.

Students will have a bake sale in support of Safe Passage. Students will be volunteering after school at the East Boston Boys & Girls Club.

Thursday: Project Rachel (guest speaker)

Also: Habitat for Humanity retail store volunteers

Friday: Diversity Day (all students compete in small groups throughout the morning)

Also: Teambuilding speaker in the afternoon.

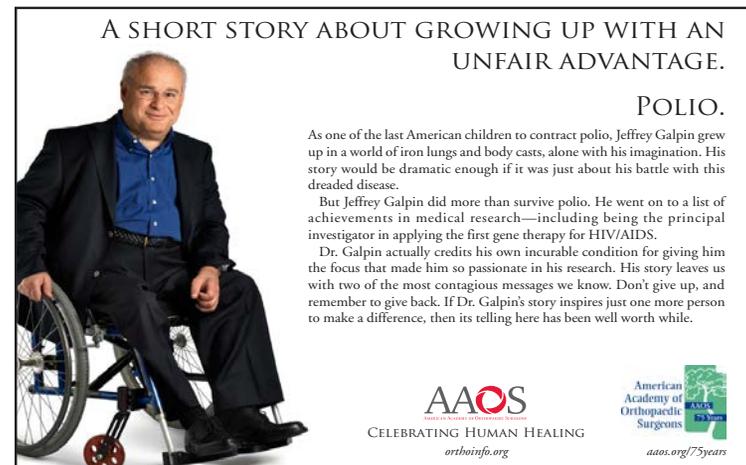
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Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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# NEMPAC hires new Charlestown music programs coordinator

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) welcomed its new administrative team member, Nicholas Brown as their Charlestown Coordinator! Over the past few years, NEMPAC has expanded its music programming to the Charlestown neighborhood. This new role will assist in the development of current and future programs and partnerships, engagement with the community of parents and students, and specifical-

ly help develop the curriculum of after-school and in-school music.

"Being born and raised a New Englander has provided me with an innate sense of the importance of community. As such, I am thrilled at the opportunity to work more closely with a uniquely diverse neighborhood steeped in history - especially within the region that I have always called home," said Nicholas Brown.

NEMPAC's current

Charlestown partners include the Warren Prescott BPS School and The Harvard-Kent School where after-school music lessons are offered on-site, the Good Shepherd School where NEMPAC provides in-school and after-school music programming, The Charlestown Working Theater where after-school programs are run in addition to their annual children's holiday musical, and the Charlestown Nursery School where NEMPAC historically

offered music classes.

"I am delighted to welcome Nicholas Brown to our administrative team at NEMPAC! This year it was a priority to invest in our community partnerships in Charlestown and the families, students, and organizations in need of programming. I'm fortunate we can continue to build on all that what we've started over the last few years." said Sherri Snow, Executive Director



Nicholas Brown.

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The Greenway was the recipient of the Boston Society of Architects/ AIA BSA Foundation's Commonwealth Award in recognition of the Conservancy's "outstanding work on the dynamic transformation of a portion of downtown Boston that was once lost to the Central Artery." The Commonwealth Award honors organizations that have exerted an uncommon influence on public awareness or architecture and environment.

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## MALDEN (from pg. 9)

Boys is the culmination of students' four-year commitment to compassionate Christian service to others. After moving through a 15/25/35-hour progression over their first three years at Malden Catholic, seniors carry out 90 hours of service under the direction of Campus Ministry, devoting 60 of those hours to a non-profit organization of their choice over a two-week period in January. Some of the most popular organizations among MC students in recent years have included Habitat for Humanity of Greater Boston, iPods for Wounded Veterans, Mission of Deeds, Housing Families, Inc., and the Greater Boston Food Bank. Following their two weeks of service, seniors use the second semester of their theology courses to share and discuss the insights, learnings, and movements of the Spirit that arose as a result of their service.

## The Capstone Leadership Program (School for Girls)

The Capstone Program at Malden Catholic School for Girls provides students with the opportunity to put into practice the faith and character formation they have received. The Capstone invites students to investigate an area of social concern over four years and develop a substantial Christian service community outreach initiative in that area of concern, undertaken in the junior year. The senior service commitment is dedicated fully to the chosen area of social concern. The Capstone allows each student to become a flexible and self-directed learner, a strong team collaborator, an innovative problem solver, an effective communicator, a competent information researcher, a globally aware individual, and a compassionate

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEAD BINGO

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will hold a Bingo on Saturday, January 27 at 1 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. For more info call 617-750-9749.

### NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) public monthly meeting will be held on Monday, February 11 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) public monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next Boston Police/NEWRA Public Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, February 7 at 6 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### FOCCP MONTHLY MEETING

The next Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12 at 6 PM at the Mariners House, 11 North Square.

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Arts and Crafts are held every other Thursday from 10 to 11 AM at the Villa Michelangelo. For more information call 617-523-8125.

In class, seniors use their muscles

in their hands and arms and engage in planning and critical thinking, while being with the peers.

Past projects have included painting, flower design, centerpieces, collages and masks. Material for projects will be provided. For more info call 617-523-8125.

### CITYFEAST RETURNS

Six North End restaurants will participate in CityFeast to benefit the Joslin Diabetes Center on Sunday, January 27 at 6 PM. For tickets visit [www.joslin.org/cityfeast](http://www.joslin.org/cityfeast).

### NEMPAC VALENTINE CONCERT DINNER

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) presents its annual 'Amore' Valentine Concert Dinner on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 PM at Lucia Ristorante on Hanover Street. For details call 617-227-2270 or visit [www.nempacboston.org](http://www.nempacboston.org).

### NEAD BINGO NIGHT

Nineteen games (19) plus a coverall Bingo will be held by North End Against Drugs (NEAD) on Saturday, January 27, at 1 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

Each game has a prize of \$50 or more. Cover all has a prize valued at over \$100. Free refreshments and door prize as well.

Doors open at 1pm, Bingo starts at 2 p.m. Cost: three cards for \$25, additional cards \$5.

To register see Patricia at the Nazzaro

Center or call Olivia at 617-605-6142.

In order to hold a spot, registration must be made in advance.

Receive one (1) extra card if paid by January 24. For more info call 617-750-9749.

The annual NEAD benefit Bingo will be held during the bye week of the National Football League playoffs before the Super Bowl.

### TUNNEL OF LOVE

The Columbus Park Trellis will be transformed into a Tunnel of Love during the month of February for the second year.

### NSC VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

A Valentine's Day Party will be held at the NE/WE/NSC on Friday, February 1 at 12:30 PM, 1 Michelangelo Street. Snow date: Friday, February 8. For more info call 617-523-8135.

### NORTH BENNET STREET SCHOOL NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

North Bennet Street School (NBSS) has named a new President, Sarah Turner.

She will continue the school's 137-years of legacy of training students for careers traditional trades and fine crafts.

### 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 to 9 p.m.

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

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 6 months to 3 years of age.

To learn more about First Steps and Family Music Makers call 617-227-2270 or visit [www.nempacboston.org](http://www.nempacboston.org).

### 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](mailto:deb@theboston.com) or [editor@reverjournal.com](mailto:editor@reverjournal.com). Please include a phone number so the newspaper can call responding with questions.

## Dryer fire causes evacuation of building

By Matt Conti

At approximately 5:15 a.m. on Friday, December 28th, residents of 94-96 Endicott Street were evacuated for a fire that broke out on the first

floor. Boston Fire Department contained the fire to a clothes dryer and all residents were able to safely get out of the building. The dryer was part of an operation by North End Linens, formerly Dip It Sweet.

Neighbor Joyce DiStefano initially smelled the smoke and attempted to notify building residents to get out of their apartments while also helping her 94 year old mother down the stairs to safety. She attempted to contact 911 but her calls would not go through because of the persistent 911 outages. Fortunately, her quick thinking led her to the fire pull station box on the corner of Cooper and Endicott streets. "She is the real hero here," said resident Doug DiPietro.



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# Marking The Great Molasses Flood 100th Anniversary

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

On Tuesday, January 15, a passerby placed a jar of molasses on the site of the Great Molasses Flood in remembrance of the 21 lives lost during the January 15, 1919 disaster that deluged the heavily populated North End neighborhood with 2.3 million gallons of molasses.

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and University of Massachusetts commemorated the 100th anniversary of the catastrophe, when a five-story steel tank, located at 529 Commercial St., exploded under pressure. The 40-foot wave of molasses collapsed the Boston Elevated Railway tracks, crushed buildings, and swept away freight



Passersby left jars of molasses on the site of the Great Molasses Flood to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the catastrophe on January 15, 1919.

cars.

“One hundred years ago today a tragedy occurred

resulting in the deaths of Bostonians,” said Joe Bagley, City Archeologist, while standing on the Langone Park pitching mound. “We’re gathered here today to stand where the 90-foot-tall tank collapsed.”

Ground-penetrating radar conducted by UMass, Boston, confirmed the remains of the tank’s foundation and other shipyard buildings 20 inches beneath the ground. Research scientist John Steinberg, PhD, and his team of undergraduate students measured the conductivity of the soil, using geophysics and old maps to identify the exact location of the tank to determine where archeologists should dig: under the baseball diamond.

“This is a conductivity meter designed by the EPA to find

toxic waste water. We’ve converted that technology and made it more sensitive to archeology,” explained Steinberg, Fiske Center for Archeological Research, University of Massachusetts.

Flags along the field marked the perimeter of the tank, where visitors lined and paused in a moment of silence following the reading of victims’ names.

“In the infield, you can see that the tank has left a shadow,” Steinberg described. “We send out an alternating current and we record the change in magnetic field.”

The quickly constructed tank was structurally defective, and from the beginning leaked from the seams. An unusually warm day contributed to the explosion that blasted steel segments

and thousands of rivets into the vicinity, and suffocated victims -- including horses -- beneath 26 million pounds of molasses.

“When greed or ignorance outpaces rules and regulations tragedies occur. These tragedies reveal something else about our nature and the victims we commemorate: there were people who ran to help, spending weeks tirelessly looking for bodies of loved ones,” said Chris Cook, Parks and Recreation commissioner. “There were people who worked on rules and regulations to make sure that our buildings are safe.”

The event led to the biggest lawsuit in Massachusetts history, when the court ruled in favor of the victims, ages 10-76, resulting in reforms in building standards in Boston.



Jocelyn Lee and Melissa Ritchey, of the UMass Fiske Center for Archeological Research, using ground-penetrating radar to identify the location of the molasses tank in Langone Park.



Chris Cook, Parks and Recreation commissioner.



Joe Bagley, City Archeologist; State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz; and Chris Cook, Parks and Recreation Commissioner with a commemorative wreath.



Visitors lining the perimeter of the molasses tank in a moment of silence for the 21 victims.

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John Steinberg, PhD, Research Scientist, Fiske Center for Archeological Research, Department of Anthropology, University of Massachusetts.



Kirsten Hoffman, Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) Commissioner; Lynn Smiledge, BLC Commissioner; Carl Spector, BLC Environmental Commissioner; and Todd Satter, BLC Staff Architect.



Joe Bagley, City archeologist.



Visitors reading information about the Great Molasses Flood.

## AROUND THE CITY

### RAGTIME

Wheelock FamilyTheatre presents Tony Award-winning musical, "Ragtime," based on EL Doctorow's novel, book by Terrence McNally, music by Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Jan. 25-Feb. 17: Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday, 2 p.m. recommended for ages 10+. 200 Riverway, Boston. 617-353-3001, WFTTix@bu.edu, wheelockfamilytheatre.org.

### PHANTOM GOURMET WINTER PHEST

On Saturday, Jan. 25, 12-3 p.m., Phantom Gourmet hosts its winter phest, at

Landsdowne Pub, next to Fenway Park. \$20; VIP tickets include early entry at 11:30 a.m., special food, entertainment and service. There's a sampling of 30 Phantom favorite foods, including Cabby Shack clam chowder, New England Soup Factory soup and Firefly's chili, vendors, outdoor oyster bar, beer and wine bars outside, music, heaters, and more.

### SHEN YUN

The spectacular Shen Yun, bursting with beauty, music, dance and Chinese lore, returns to the Boch Center Wang Theatre, Jan. 23,25,26, at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 24,26,27, at 2 p.m., 270 Tremont St., Boston; and Providence Performing Arts Center, 220

Weybosset St., Providence, RI, Feb. 2, 2 and 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 3, 1 p.m. Tickets, \$80, \$90, \$100, \$120, \$150, \$180. ShenYun.com/NE, 888-974-3698.

### EARTHA KITT

Jade Wheeler portrays Eartha Kitt in Bridge Repertory Theater's performance of "Who is Eartha Mae?," Jan. 31-Feb. 23, at the tether in residence at the Multicultural Arts Center, 41 Second St., East Cambridge. connect@bridgerep.org, bridgerep.org.

### ACE TICKETS

Dawes performs Feb. 2 at the Boch Center tickets start at \$51; the Beanpot Tournament

is held Feb. 4 at TD Garden, tickets start at \$56 with finals held Feb. 11, tickets start at \$61. Galactic is at House of Blues, Feb. 2, tickets start at \$30. The Bruins take on the Blackhawks at TD Garden, Feb. 11, tickets start at \$56. Ace ticket.com.

### THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME

Marblehead Little Theatre presents Simon Stephens' provocative play, based on the novel by Mark Haddon, Jan. 25-Feb. 3, 12 School St., Marblehead: Jan. 25,26,31, Feb. 1,2, at 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 27, Feb. 2,3, at 2 p.m. mlthe.org.

# Boston Homes for the Brave awards ceremony held at NECHV

The Boston Homes for the Brave Leadership Team hosted a City of Boston awards ceremony at the New England Center and Home for Veterans (NECHV) to recognize those who have gone above and beyond to house veterans experiencing homelessness in Boston as part of the city's

Homes for the Brave initiative.

Boston Homes for the Brave was born in June of 2014 when Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the City of Boston answered the "Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness" issued by First Lady Michelle Obama. Boston Homes for the Brave brings together an unprecedented group of government and nonprofit agencies, all working in conjunction and committed to the ongoing effort to end veteran homelessness in the City of Boston.

During the ceremony, 29 frontline workers from both the government and nonprofit sectors were presented with Certificates of Appreciation signed by Mayor Walsh. In addition, the following awards were presented:

- Outstanding Individual, Government Agency: Liam Connolly, US Department of Veterans Affairs

- Outstanding Individual, Non-Profit Organization: Edwin Melendez, formerly of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance

- Outstanding Team: NECHV HUD-VASH Project Based Voucher Efficiency Unit Team (Brian Reeves and

Carlton Johnson, NECHV; Lisa Masciulli and Gerald Christopher, US Department of Veterans Affairs)

"The Boston Homes for the Brave initiative is an extraordinary collaboration, working to ensure that no one who has served our country should have to sleep on the street," said Mayor Walsh. "Those we honor exemplify the hard work and dedication of the public and private partners engaged in Homes for the Brave, which has housed 900 veterans to date and has led to the end of chronic veterans' homelessness in the City of Boston."

"The New England Center and Home for Veterans is proud to support and participate in Boston Homes for the Brave," said NECHV President and CEO C. Andrew McCawley. "Under Mayor Walsh's leadership, it has been a privilege for NECHV to work hand-in-hand with our fellow members of Boston Homes for the Brave toward our shared goal of ending veteran homelessness."

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comprises the following governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations:

- Boston Healthcare for the Homeless

- Boston Housing Authority
- Boston Public Health Commission
- Children's Services of Roxbury
- City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development
- City of Boston Office of Veterans' Services
- HomeStart Inc.
- Massachusetts Department of Mental Health
- Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services
- Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance
- Massachusetts Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness
- New England Center and Home for Veterans
- Pine Street Inn
- Project Place
- St. Francis House
- Technical Assistance Collaborative

## National Days

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