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### 2018 NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE



Photo by Matt Conti

The 47th North End Christmas Parade brought Santa to the neighborhood in first class fashion via his own helicopter. The chilly but sunny weather brought out hundreds to the waterfront's Puopolo Field for Santa's arrival followed by the Christmas Parade through the neighborhood streets. Two marching bands played holiday music while costumed characters took pictures with the kids. Of course, it's not a parade without antique cars and fire trucks. The parade is dedicated in memory of James "Jimmy" Pallotta and sponsored by the North End Athletic Association in association with the Taste of the North End, Nazzaro Center, North End Against Drugs and Mayor's Office of Tourism and Special Events. See Page 9 for more photos.

### NEMPAC presents Neave Trio to perform on Jan. 11

By Phil Orlandella

The Neave Trio will perform music from French Movements at the Bijou de la Vida Gallery, 390 Commercial Street presented by the North End Music and Performing Arts Center

(NEMPAC) on Friday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

A pre-concert, wine tasting and cheese reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. provide it by Fantasy Wines, Inc. Christian Trotta Italian Wine Specialist.

The trio will present a cutting-edge performance with

music from the French Movements 2018 released album, which features the only known piano trios by Debussy, Faure, and Roussel.

Tickets are on sale (\$20-\$45) at [www.nempacboston.org/tickets](http://www.nempacboston.org/tickets).

### North End Welterweight Champ to be inducted into Hall of Fame

By Phil Orlandella

North End resident (Leonardo Liotta) of Fleet Street will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame (IBHOF) Class 2019 this coming June at the IBHOF's headquarters in Canastota, New York.

Known as the "Flaming Fury of Fleet Street", at 86 years old Tony is the oldest living former world champion. He defeated Johnny Saxton in 1955 five the Welterweight Championship of the World at the Boston Garden.

Following capturing the championship, DeMarco was

paraded in a convertible through the streets of the North End just like in the movie, "Somebody Up There Likes Me".

Since his victory, Tony has spent much of his time in the North End where he's commonly called "Champ" over the past

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### New Nazzaro Center plan proposed

By Phil Orlandella

Several residents suggested their ideas for the possible relocation of the Nazzaro Community Center at a recent North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) public meeting.

They were armed with a petition of 1,100 signatures of residents calling for building a new Center and making the current facility a landmark on the exterior of the 100-year-old building.

Basically, the idea calls for construction of a new facility while keeping the current Center

operational, and once the new facilities are open, transfer all the existing programs to the new site.

Many of the meeting-goers seemed to favor the idea of both suggestions that will be submitted to the City as part of the community input plan the City has adopted.

Neighborhood Services North End Liaison Maria Lanza told NEWRA that the rumor that the building "was not up for sale" at this time and there has been "no money allocated" for relocation of the Center.

Residents were also told that

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### Sarah Turner named North Bennet Street School's new president

By Phil Orlandella

Located in the North End, North Bennet Street School has named its next president: Sarah Turner, who will spearhead expansion of the school's public programs and community partnership within the craft-education world.

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

She brings more than 20 years of experience in contemporary craft and design, as an educational leader, instructor and artist of several celebrated institutions.

She has also launched a new public lecture series, instituted regular symposia on changing topics and developed new community and institutional partnerships.

"My heart lies in leadership work, helping studio-craft institutions draw together the contribution of all members to make something unique, useful, and forward-looking," said Turner.

Turner succeeds Miguel



Sarah Turner.

Gomez-Ibanez who retired in December.

Miguel has worked closely with the community during his time as president and is well known by many neighborhood organizations for his support and respect for the North End.

The school's nationwide search for a new president resulted in dozens well-qualified candidates before selecting Turner according to Marc Margulies, Chair of the school's Board of Directors.



# Forum

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## SO FAR...SO GOOD

With the rush and hub-bub of the holiday season now over, we'll all be settling in for another long New England winter.

Up to this point, we have been fortunate. We have yet to feel the wrath of any truly wintry weather. A cold day here or there -- including a chilly Thanksgiving -- has not been hard to take. Indeed, the temperatures have been quite moderate since the Winter Solstice on Dec. 21, with the New Year's Day temperature rising into the mid-50s, making it quite a nice day for a walk or a run outside, despite the strong breeze.

However, we know that Mother Nature typically saves her best (or worst) for later in the season. In just the past few years, we had winter storm Nemo in February of 2013, the Snowmageddon winter of 2015 (in which there was no snow in December), and last year we had those crazy storms in early January and early March that knocked out power throughout the region and brought coastal flooding to places along our bayside areas that never had experienced it to that extent before.

The images of Boston Harbor flooding into the Seaport District and water pouring into the Aquarium T stop were something we never had seen in our entire lives as residents of this area -- and that includes the Blizzard of '78 and the No Name Storm of 1991. The highest-ever high tide (exceeding the Blizzard of '78) and the third-highest tide in Boston Harbor were recorded in those two storms last year.

As we are writing this, the 10-day forecast is pretty nice, especially considering that it is the first part of January. However, the models for the long-range forecast indicate that February will be colder, snowier, and stormier than usual in our part of the country.

But as any longtime New Englander knows, all that we can do is to take winter one day at a time and be grateful for the nice days when we get them. When it comes to the weather, especially in this era of climate change, we are at the mercy of the vicissitudes of Mother Nature.

We can hope for the best, but we must expect the worst.

### BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN

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## GUEST OP-ED

### Setting the record straight about the Nazzaro Community Center

By Martin J. Walsh

For over a century, the Nazzaro Community Center has represented the heart and soul of the North End. Generations have gathered there to learn, play, and have fun. While carrying on the rich traditions of this historic neighborhood, it's also important that the center respond to the community's changing needs. Throughout its long life, the building has undergone renovations, most recently in 2004. And now, the time has come to create a community center with the space and amenities that meet the needs of North End residents today.

Anyone who goes to the Nazzaro regularly can see that the current building is at capacity. It has a choppy layout, cramped rooms, a too-small basketball court, and no dedicated spaces for seniors or teens. It's not unusual to find programs occurring in the hallways. That's why regular visitors to the center have asked me to explore options for renovating or relocating the center to house a bigger space and expanded programming.

We began the process of planning a new community center in May 2017, with the goal of creating a larger space for more users. The City of Boston created a community advisory committee made up of residents and key stakeholders. We have held public meetings to encourage comments and hear ideas for the process, and presented our study at a public

community meeting this past October.

The study recommends doubling the capacity of the community center from 20,500 square feet to at least 41,000 square feet. A bigger space would allow for dedicated education, civic, arts, and sports programming. Six sites were explored for the study, and options have been narrowed down to three sites: the existing Nazzaro Center, the Mirabella Pool House, and the Sargent's Wharf Site.

Throughout this process, strong community engagement is absolutely crucial. We've created surveys that encourage people to weigh in. One of them, called "A Day in the Life of the North End," asks community members to describe their experiences in the neighborhood and identify what they most want to see at their future community center. So far, respondents' most-desired programs are a community room, a regulation-size basketball court, appropriate spaces for more arts and crafts, and more spaces that better accommodate programming at the center. The survey is still posted online and we encourage all community members to participate. We also encourage residents to view and comment on the three potential locations.

This process is still in the early stages, and no final decisions have been made yet. The design team is taking all the community comments from meetings and surveys and developing a final report which will

include a site recommendation. After the report comes out, and if we decide to move forward with designing a new center, community feedback will shape the design process.

Studying potential locations for a new community center is just one of the many ways we're improving public spaces and expanding opportunity in the North End. Other investments include \$34.3 million to renovate the Eliot School; \$6.2 million to redesign Lagone Park and Puopolo Playground; \$2.8 million to renovate Paul Revere Mall; \$2.5 million to reconstruct North Square; and \$260,000 in improvements to Christopher Columbus Park.

Throughout this planning process to create a bigger and better community center for the neighborhood, we want to continue to hear input and recommendations from North End residents. I know how important it is for our residents to have a high-quality space to gather as a community, and am committed to working in partnership with the residents of the North End to create a space that will serve the neighborhood in the best way possible for years to come.

For more information about getting involved in the planning process, please contact our North End liaison, Maria Lanza, at [Maria.Lanza@boston.gov](mailto:Maria.Lanza@boston.gov).

*Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.*

### New Year's Eve fireworks lit up Boston Harbor

By Phil Orlandella

Fireworks lit up Boston Harbor at midnight Dec. 31, bringing in the New Year.

Spearheaded by Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) the event and 2019

with a flare.

The New Year's Eve celebration was made possible through the tremendous support from businesses and neighbors around the harbor.

Two of the local non-profits, Boston Harbor Now and the

Wharf District Council worked with FOCCP to assure that the harbor wasn't dark on New Year's Eve.

The City of Boston supported and encouraged this special event that was enjoyed by many people citywide.

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**OPINION** By Phil Orlandella**IN BRIEF** By Phil Orlandella**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

A new year (2019) has arrived offering a chance to look ahead to hopefully a bigger and better future, good health, family appreciation and good friends.

Take the time to tell all of them you care and wish them the best in 2019 and beyond.

Having great relationships with family and friends, what more can anyone ask for?

**ATTENDING NEWNC/NEWRA MEETINGS ARE IMPORTANT**

Attendance at NEWRA and NEWNC has been good as more and more residents seem to be taking an interest in the welfare of the community in general.

The increase seems to be a sign of recognizing both groups as viable assets to the neighborhood.

These meetings offer a great opportunity for residents to express opinions regarding the future of the neighborhood and obtained valuable information on a first-hand basis.

Caring about the community is certainly important enough to spend a couple of hours at these meetings.

**MARIJUANA RING AROUND THE PLANET**

Drug issues are a planet-wide problem that may never go away.

When we somehow colonize Mars the drug problem will most likely become an issue on the Red Planet as well. "Spaced Out" will have a new meaning.

The Mayor's attempts have and continue to be made to curb the epidemic on Planet Earth but

that could take light years.

Hopefully, there is a breakthrough soon before the Earth develops a marijuana ring around it.

**NORTH END HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES WERE SPECTACULAR**

Holiday activities in the North End were plentiful, fun and enjoyable for local children, families, seniors and adults.

Several community organizations and some businesses got with the spirit providing seasonal events that provided a special time that was enjoyed by all.

There was a Christmas parade and a senior luncheon, an open house and a concert. A skate and toy drive, a trellis lighting, and several Christmas tree lightings. A Christmas program for children, a holiday shop and stroll, holiday music and caroling and much more.

A terrific job was accomplished by everyone involved.

**RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE ATTENDING BRIDGE MEETINGS**

MassDOT North Washington Street Bridge Construction public meetings have been well attended by North End residents seeking information and updates on the multi-million-dollar project.

Obtaining first-hand information and knowledge that has a direct impact on a neighborhood that is already dealing with other construction and traffic impacts of vehicle traffic is helpful and obviously important.

Residents should make in their business to continue to attend these meetings when scheduled.

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60 years or so.

Over the course of 2018, DeMarco has been a regular at the Boston Boxing Promotions events greeting fans and signing copies of his autobiogra-

phy, "Nardio: Memories of a Boxing Champion."

Everywhere he wanders through the North End, Tony is recognized, and a lot of hugging and hand slapping takes

place.

Tony's biggest fan was the late Lindy DeCristoforo.

DeMarco compiled an impressive 58-2-1 lifetime record.

**NAZZARO** (from pg. 1)

the City will not sell or renovate the Center until a new site relocation plan is determined but community meetings will be held before any determination is made.

No matter what plans are agreed on, residents do not want the Center shut down during any development process.

The motto of the presenters was: "Help Us Save the Nazzaro Community Center and Playground."

"Mayor Walsh once all the community's input possible to make this issue favorable to the community's wishes," Lanza added.

She also added that she would organize a meeting with

the Nazzaro Center Advisory Committee as soon as possible.

NEWRA reminded people that the membership drive is underway. Fee is \$20 and can be mailed, given at a meeting or given to a member.

Stephanie Acquario, represented the City, reminded residents that a new city ordinance calls for the removal of single plastic bag use has taken affect and asked that residents help the city by being aware of the environment and by bringing their own bags when shopping.

The City is working with retailers to transition away plastic bags which pollute streets, waterways and the coast.

These new bags will cost a minimum of five cents each in

retail stores and in restaurants take out or take-home leftovers could be \$.25.

She said many of the retail stores involved have committed to donating the cost to community organizations. She also noted that the Inspectional Service Department will provide enforcement.

Stephanie can be reached at stephanie.acquario@boston.gov or by calling 617-635-1761.

The next NEWRA meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center. All residents are welcome to attend.

**NEW MBTA GENERAL MANAGER NAMED**

MBTA General Manager Luis Ramirez, appointed in September 2017, has mutually agreed with the T that it was the right time for him to separate and pursue other opportunities.

In his place, Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack has appointed Steve Poftak as the new General Manager of the MBTA.

Poftak is looking forward to partnering with the workforce, the FMCB and the Baker-Polito Administration, transportation advocates and others in accelerating progress toward improving MBTA service and reliability.

Secretary Pollack said, "The choice of Poftak was due, in part, to the recognition that seasoned leadership is a tool for success."

"Steve Poftak is the right person to facilitate a smooth transition and continue the important work to reform the MBTA for customers," Secretary Pollack said.

**NEWNC SETS 2019 MEETING SCHEDULE**

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) President John Pregmon encourages residents to attend the community group's monthly meetings held the second Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

NEWNC is a community elected group that addresses issues and requests that have a direct impact on the North End. Cut and save.

- January 14
- February 11
- March 11
- April 8

- May 13
- June 10
- August no meeting
- September 9
- October 14
- November 11
- December 9

**NEWRA 2019 MONTHLY MEETINGS**

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) conducts monthly public meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. All residents are welcome to attend. Cut and save.

- January 10
- February 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 16
- June 12
- July 11
- August 9
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 13

**NORTH END MONTHLY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETINGS**

District A1 Boston Police North End monthly Public Safety meetings are held on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street. All residents are welcome to attend. Cut and save.

- February 7
- March 7
- April 4
- May 2
- June 6
- July 4 possible change
- August 1
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- December 6

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# Patrick Leehey retires from Paul Revere House after 30 years

By Matt Conti

Longtime Paul Revere House research director Patrick Leehey was recently saluted as his retirement approaches from the North End's most historic house. Speaking of Patrick's contributions at the annual holiday gathering was Executive Director, Nina Zannieri.

The Paul Revere Memorial Association recently celebrated the retirement of its long time Research Director Patrick Leehey after more than 30 years. At a party held at the Association's historic buildings, the Revere House, Hichborn House and the Visitor Center at Lathrop Place, Executive

Director Nina Zannieri noted: "Pat has a self-effacing demeanor, a kind soul, and an invaluable grasp of the essence of history. He is as comfortable working with renowned scholars as his is with students and non-academic authors. He has been our go to 'on camera' expert for numerous television, film, radio, and now online history programs."

Whether answering a research question, reviewing a manuscript or film script, providing a lecture on Revere, editing a newsletter or as the author or co-author of all of the Association's major publications. Pat has provided timely, astute, scholarly and kind direction, and consul. Almost all of

the significant books published in the last 30 years about Revere include an acknowledgment of the Association's assistance due to Pat's careful work and sensible suggestions. As a result of Pat's thoughtful management, over the years, hundreds of students have been introduced to an active public history venue through our internship program. Many have gone on to jobs in the history or museum field, a testament to his guidance and energy.

Patrick will be staying on in a consulting capacity so you may still see him out and about in the neighborhood leading tours and sharing the North End's rich history with our many visitors.



Photo by Matt Conti

Retiring Patrick Leehey with PRH Executive Director Nina Zannieri.

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## St. Francis House winter hat and glove collection a huge success

Once again the North End Friends of St. Francis House did a collection of winter hats and gloves to help the homeless shelter guests keep warm this winter.

The drive, spearheaded by Olivia Scimeca was run in conjunction with the Greenway Realty Group at 155 Endicott Street. The generosity of many individuals and business people in the North End along with North End Against Drugs the Friends were able to donate approximately 400 pairs of gloves, 85 hats, 8 packs of basketball socks and 4 packages of underwear.

"We are extremely grateful to all of our friends in the North End for participating again this year" stated Olivia. "We hope we helped just a little in the battle to keep homeless people

warm this winter, said John Romano.

The Homeless Shelter, 39 Boylston Street in Downtown

Boston, will continue to collect gloves and hats throughout the winter.



Staff from St. Francis House with all of the donated items at Greenway Realty Group on Endicott Street.

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## FOCCP NEWS AND NOTES

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have coordinated its 2019 events and monthly meeting schedule. Cut and save.

February

February is the "Month of Love in Columbus Park"

Feb. 12 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

March

March 12 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

April

April 9 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

May

May 14 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

June

June 11 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

June 29 Independence Day Celebration

July

July 9 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

July 20 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

July 21 Sunday Movies in Columbus Park

July 27 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

July 28 Sunday Movies in Columbus Park

August

August 3 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

August 4 Sunday Movies in Columbus Park

August 10 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

August 11 Sunday Movies in Columbus Park

August 13 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

August 17 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

August 18 Sunday Movies in Columbus Park

August 24 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

August 25 Sunday Movies in

Columbus Park

August 31 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

September

September 7 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

September 10 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

September 14 Lawn Games on the Columbus Park West Lawn

October

October 5 Fall Festival in Columbus Park

October 8 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

November

November 12 Monthly meeting, Mariners House, 11 North Square 6:30 p.m.

November 25 18th Annual Trellis Lighting Ceremony. 5 p.m.

December

December 31 Midnight Fireworks on the Boston Harbor to ring in 2020!

## Manny Lopes named chair of the Board of Health

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has named Manny Lopes as the Chair of Boston's Board of Health. The Board of Health is the seven-member governing body that oversees the work of the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). Lopes succeeds Francis Doyle, who stepped down in October from the Board to assume a leadership role within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

"We are fortunate to have Manny Lopes as the new chair of the Board of Health and look forward to working with him in this new capacity," said Mayor Walsh. "Over the past several years, Manny has built a culture designed to provide the best possible care for patients at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. Having served



Manny Lopes.

on the Board of Health since 2015, he is already aware of the current and emerging challenges and opportunities facing the Commission's work today and I'm confident that he'll do great job leading the Board."

## City recipient of 2019 Youth Development Fund

By Phil Orlandella

The City of Boston has doubled last year's Boston Police Youth Development Fund to the tune of \$50,000 of which provides \$25,000 to twenty organizations.

These organizations work to

provide development programs for Boston's youth, ensuring they have access to programs that give them more opportunities to thrive and succeed, according to Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross.

In addition, according to Boston Neighborhood Services

Department Liaison Maria Lanza the city has applied for funding through the Commonwealth's Shannon Community Safety Initiative to further support multidisciplinary approaches to curb youth violence through coordinated prevention and intervention programs.

## MBTA signs amended Settlement Agreement with BCIL

By Phil Orlandella

An amendment Settlement Agreement between the MBTA and the Boston Center for Independent Living (BCIL) that sets updated achievable goals in the T's plans to bring about a more assessable transit system.

Originally signed in April 2006, the MBTA/Boston Center for Independent Living the Settlement Agreement called for sweeping improvements in the form of over 200 commitments and obligations to improve the MBTA's fixed-route accessibility

ty for people with disabilities.

Since the Settlement Agreement, the MBTA has been working collaboratively with BCIL and the Independent Monitor, retired Judge Patrick King, in taking a systematic approach to address outstanding accessibility obligations, with many of them fulfilled at this time.

Over a decade these commitments include new and more reliable elevators, 50 new with ten more under construction and sixty additional elevators currently in design with enhanced design standards, an

entirely assessable bus fleet with updated bus operator training, with continued emergency preparedness.

In addition, the T has proactively worked toward assessable initiatives beyond the scope of the Settlement Agreement, including technology pilots like the Digital Beacon Pilot as well as new priority seating signage with high-contrast colors, tactile lettering, multiple symbols and clearer language to be installed across all modes.

Some remaining obligations are still in need of renewed attention.

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# ST. AGRIPPINA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ATTRACTS NUMEROUS PARTICIPANTS

By Phil Orlandella

St. Agrippina Society held another successful holiday program on Battery and Hanover Streets on Dec. 9.

The annual community seasonal events, as usual, drew many North End residents and others to the festive event that provided a gift for each child accompanied by an adult.

Each season the Christmas program gets bigger and better.



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## NEMPAC, BOSTON LANDMARKS ORCHESTRA DELIVERS STANDING ROOM ONLY MESSIAH CONCERT

Photos by Matt Conti



With an audience of over 300 people, the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and Boston Landmarks Orchestra together presented the fourth annual Handel's Messiah, Part I, Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 at the recently renovated St. Leonard's Church in the North End of Boston.

To welcome the Holiday Season, the program featured the beautifully precise Boston Landmarks Orchestra directed by Christopher Wilkins; the energetic One City Choir directed by Daniel Mahoney; the angelic voices of NEMPAC Youth Choir directed by Alexandra Dietrich; and the superb professional soloists Teresa Wakim (soprano), Emily Marvosh (contralto), Ethan DePuy (tenor), and Junhan Choi (bass). The combination of quality performances, historical backdrop, and anticipation from a multi-generational audience makes this performance unlike any you will see in the City of Boston.

The crowd pleasing Hallelujah chorus concluded this beloved performance, including an encore where attendees sang along with the choir and orchestra.

The Messiah performance has become a tradition, a gift for Bostonians and music-lovers who want to visit Boston's Little Italy during the holiday season. Attendees get to experience art and culture through a production that brings together both professional and amateur singers and musicians to create a meaningful, unforgettable experience for all.

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### NAZZARO YOUTH PERFORM SNOW DANCE SHOW



By Phil Orlandella

Under the dual direction of Alana Chipman and Kelsey Whipple, the Nazzaro Center presented "Snow Show" and evening of dance performed by members on the Center's Youth Center.

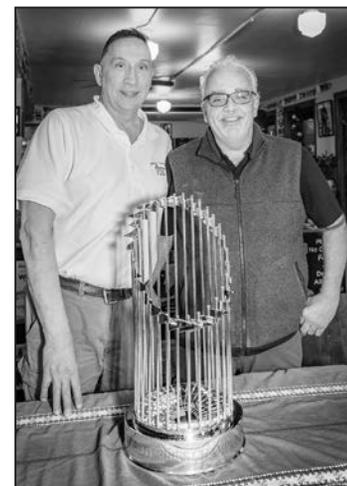
Alana and Kelsey presided over separate routines and practices and came together to produce a smooth-running performance the audience enjoyed.



### WORLD SERIES TROPHY DISPLAYED AT PIZZERIA REGINA

Photos by Matt Conti

The 2018 Boston Red Sox World Series trophy made a stop this week at Pizzeria Regina in the North End. Regina Pizza is the official pizza and served at Fenway Park. Here are some photos of this year's World Series trophy with staff, friends and Eliot School students.



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### 2018 NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE

Photos by Matt Conti

North End residents enjoyed the North End Athletic Association's (NEAA) annual Christmas parade that started at Puopolo Park.



*Daddy*

**Ralph "Taffy" Ventola**  
January 9, 2019 (21 years)

If we could have one lifetime wish, one dream that could come true. We would pray to God with all our hearts for yesterday and you. We think of you in silence, we often speak your name. Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. They say that time heals all sorrows and helps us to forget. But so far time has only proven how much we miss you yet. We know you walk beside us and when our lives are through, we pray that God will take our hands and lead us straight to you!

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**OLIVIA SCIMECA AND ANNA GAETA HONORED AT 2018 NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON**

Photos by Matt Conti

By Matt Conti

It was a full house at the 2018 North End Christmas Fund Luncheon as hundreds assembled at Filippo's Ristorante for the annual charity event. The tradition raises thousands of dollars enabling the group to send out over 200 checks to North End seniors, low-income residents and families in need during this Christmas season. City Councilor Lydia Edwards and former Councilor Sal LaMattina joined with other dignitaries to celebrate and honor those who serve the community.

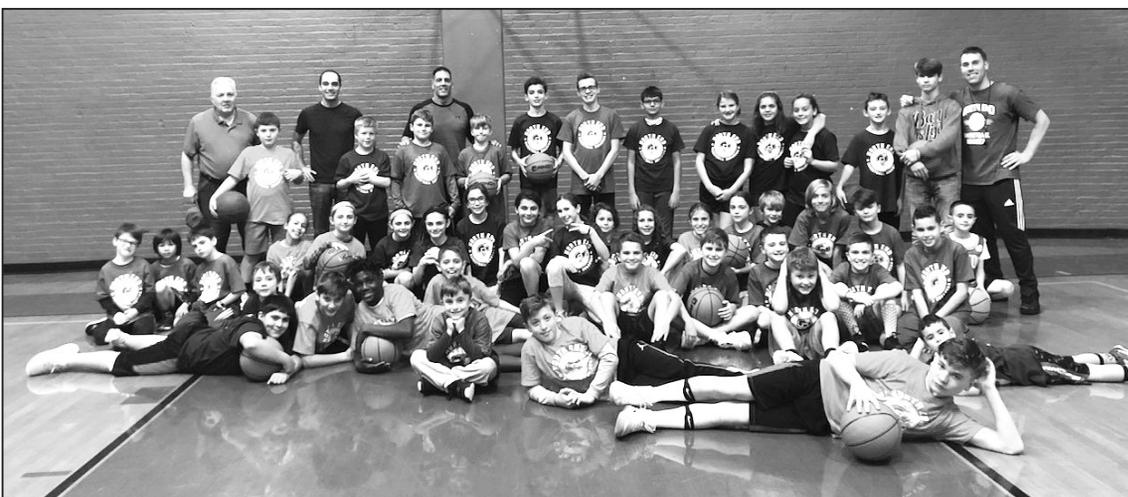
Receiving honors this year:  
 Olivia Scimeca  
 Uncle Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award  
 Anna Gaeta

Private Ernest J. Natale Community Service Award

The Christmas Fund Committee is led by Robert "Ted" Tomasone, John Romano of the North End Athletic Association and James Luisi of North End Waterfront Health. The committee includes members from local non-profit agencies: North End Athletic Association, North End Against Drugs, Nazzaro Community Center, North End Waterfront Health, North End Seniors, ABCD Head Start Program and North End / West End ABCD Service Center. For the last several years the luncheon has been held at Filippo's Ristorante and the committee would like to thank the Frattaroli Family for all of their help and support in making the luncheon a huge success.



**NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS BASKETBALL BONANZA - WILDLY SUCCESSFUL**



North End Against Drugs held its' Annual Basketball Bonanza at the Nazzaro Community Center at the end of November. Approximately 50 boys and girls of all ages attended and had a fun-filled evening of various basketball activities. All of the participants received a North End Basketball Bonanza T-shirt, pizza and soft drinks and a night full of wild basketball fun. Awards were given in various categories. NEAD board members John Pregmon, Mike Giannasoli, Maria Lanza and Steven Siciliano (also the new Nazzaro Center Director) along with volunteer dad Derek Mathieu spent a Friday evening with all of the kids ensuring that all of them had a great time. NEAD and the Nazzaro Center continue to work together to provide wholesome activities for the youth of the North End. Rep. Aaron Michlewitz donated the shirts, Sen. Joe Boncore, Rocco's Cucina donated the pizza and Mike Giannasoli donated the trophies and the basketballs.

**A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.**

**POLIO.**

As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

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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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEMPAC PRESENTS CONCERT

NEMPAC will present the Neave Trio in Concert at the Bijou de la Vida Gallery, 390 Commercial Street on Friday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets visit [www.nempacboston.org/tickets](http://www.nempacboston.org/tickets).

### NEWRA MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

### 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.

### 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 com-

munity regarding North End news. Send letters, stories and photos to [deb@thebos-tonsun.com](mailto:deb@thebos-tonsun.com) or [editor@reverjournal.com](mailto:editor@reverjournal.com). Please include a phone number so the newspaper can call responding with questions.

### 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 Nazzaro 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 Nazzaro Community Center.

### NORTH END CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Filippo's Ristorante was filled for this season's North End Christmas Luncheon Fundraiser to benefit needy seniors and North End organizations that provide services for them.

The door opened at noon and the main dining room was filled by 1 p.m. Attendees enjoyed a great meal prepared by the restaurant staff.

## FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END HOLDS FEAST OF THE SEVEN FISHES



Arthur Alba, Erik Marsh and Nino DiIanni.



Vito Aluia, Paul LaVecchia, Joe Blazo and Sam Viscione.

Friends Of The North End, held their annual "La Festa dei Sette Pesci," Feast of the Seven Fishes, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018 at the Sons of Italy in Winchester.

Cooking for the Festa were master chefs Vito Aluia and Joe Blazo, assisting in the kitchen were Paul LaVecchia, Frank Marino and Sam Viscione.

A fantastic Italian rum cake made by Angelo DiGirolamo and polenta made by Natale DeMarco, were enjoyed by all.

Special visitors were Father Christmas Past, Nino DiIanni, Santa, Erik Marsh and Christmas Present, Arthur Alba.

A great time was had by all members in attendance.



Paul LaVecchia and Sam Viscione.



Vito Aluia, Paul LaVecchia, Arthur Lauretano and Joe Blazo.



Vito Aluia and Joe Blazo.



# Nazzaro Community Center

## Small Fry Basketball Program

League Director Manuel Montrond || Center Director Steven Siciliano



### SMALL FRY DIVISION 1 BASKETBALL ROSTERS 2018-19

#### Badgers

Jackson Baker  
Alex Bradley  
Sam Griffin  
Steven Griffin  
Charlie Reitz  
Tyler Rizzo  
Daniel Toscano

Head Coach  
TBA



#### Hoosiers

Theo Bergenson  
Howard Breaux  
Ryan Maziarka  
Luca Orlandi  
Daniel Scibelli  
Santino Blaze

Head Coach  
John Pinkham



#### Owls

Meade Dailey  
Jackie Gallarelli  
Brian Geddy  
Charlie Griffin  
Patrick John McMahon  
Nico Morreale  
John D'Amico

Head Coach  
Maria Lanza



#### Terrapins

Michael Anderson  
John Paul Anderson  
Michael Buttiri  
Marilyn Fitzgerald  
Paige Fitzgerald  
Rajaan Garfield

Head Coach  
Mark Fitzgerald



### SMALL FRY VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTERS 2018-19

#### Kings

Jadon Berkson  
Lucy Crocini  
Tamerat Edelstein  
Luke McDonald  
Ciel McGivern  
Hale McGivern  
Jackson Prinn  
Gia Spagnuolo  
Ryleigh Williams  
Patrick Woods

Head Coach  
Peter Shea



#### Jazz

Travis Gillen  
Ryan Gohlmann  
William Gohlmann  
Leo Griffin  
Mollie Mahoney  
Charlie Patridge  
Diilon Petruccelli  
Teagan Scarpa  
Owen Tenby  
Angela Wells  
Richard Wells

Head Coach  
John Paul Anderson



#### Mavericks

Max Birbaum  
Sawyer Bowne Flynn  
Ferdinand Corangelo  
Elia Delrazo  
Victoria DeMarco  
Lewis Edward  
Mulugeta Norwich  
Adrian Patel  
Adrian Patel  
Alex Puopolo  
Tejas Reddy

Head Coaches  
Evan Frechette,



#### Thunder

Daniel Scibelli  
Thomas Blake  
Jeremy Bradley  
Nicholas Caruso  
Steven Chiappa  
Xavier Chodkowski  
Joseph Cincotti  
Natlian Cincotti  
Max Bruno Ngonga  
Aidan Previte  
Alba-Lis Routhier-Gomez

Head Coach  
Tyler Rizzo



### SMALL FRY JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL ROSTERS 2018-19

#### Bucks

Victoria DeMarco  
Callum Edwards  
Nathan Ginsburg  
Leo Griffin  
Aidan Hennessey  
Oliver Lavallee

Johnathon Morales  
Dylan Veek  
Julian Vidal  
Anneliese Yu  
  
Coach  
Sean Hennessey



#### Nuggets

Jared Acevedo  
Wyatt Boucher  
Colum Cutter  
John Fahy  
Owen Flannagan  
Xavier Flores  
Deyvian Gonzales

Anthony Lochiatto  
Victor Lochiatto  
Rhia Sharma  
Simms Tisdale  
  
Coach  
Anthony Lochiatto



#### Nets

Mason Aussubel  
Henry Bullock-Gonzalez  
Nevaeh Camacho  
Aislynn Dole  
Reed Fullerton  
Henry Hamilton

Enzo Marabito  
Austin Ortiz-Pendleton  
Ben Puopolo  
Oliver Tisdale  
  
Coach  
Eric Hamilton



#### Suns

Adrian Bander  
Brennan Berkson  
Leonardo DelloRusso  
Luciano DelloRusso  
Jack Goodman  
Nicholas Horan  
Perston Horan

Cate Madden  
Taiven Scarpa  
Alexandra Perrina  
Kingston Prinn  
  
Coach  
Michael DelloRusso



**Congratulations to all players, coaches and volunteers who make the Nazzaro Community Center Small Fry Basketball program a great community activity for a hundred participants. This is a very special neighborhood event.**

**State Representative Aaron Michlewitz**