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St. John School auction raises money for art, music room renovation

Special to the Regional Review

On May 17, the St. John School community came together to raise funds for a major renovation of the Art/Music room, slated to take place this summer. Over 140 parents, faculty and special guests enjoyed an evening of fun while they attended the school's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our Emcee, Doug Meehan, Co-Ancor of News Center

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Ward 3 Democratic Caucus June 1

By Phil Orlandella

The Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet St. will be the site of this year's Ward 3 registered Democratic Caucus, according to Chairman Jason A. Aluia.

The caucus is being held to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Convention that will be held on Saturday, September 14 at the MassMutual Center in Springfield.

The Ward 3 caucus will be held on Saturday, June 1 at 10 AM. Registration will begin at 10 AM.

Democrats from across the Commonwealth will gather in Worcester to hear speakers and plan for the future of the Democratic Party. For more information call 617-447-4987.



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St. Anthony's Feast on Endicott Street.

Saint Anthony's Feast celebrates 100th anniversary

By Phil Orlandella

Thousands and thousands of people will fill the North End for the 100th celebration of Saint Anthony's Feast on Endicott and Thacher Streets and part of North Margin Street.

Since the feast's inception back in 1919, the religious tradition has flooded the area with family, friends and visitors from across the state and many from overseas.

The spectacular community event and parade are generally considered by many as the biggest festival held in the North End.

Numerous residents set up family gatherings on the street in curbs in front of their homes.

A special anniversary Mass will be held at Saint Leonard's Church on June 15 at 5 p.m.. The Society expects an overflow of people to attend. There is the possibility of the Bishop of Padual attending the Mass.

Vendors of all kinds will also fill the streets serving food and refreshments, shirts and hats and refreshments.

Entertainment will be provided on the bandstand on a regular basis. A benefit raffle with great prizes will be held by the temporary chapel.

Each year members of the Society meet with the Boston Police and a host of City departments to ensure the feast is safe,

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Six NEWNC seats filled

By Phil Orlandella

For the first time in three years, there appeared to be more candidates than seats opened in this year's North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) community election.

However, one candidate had to withdraw because he was moving to Charlestown, resulting in no election contest with six candidates for six two-year terms on the Council.

Recently changed NEWNC election by-laws state under no competition situations, will cancel the public election and all six candidates automatically gain seats on the neighborhood orga-

nization.

NEWNC's election committee along with President John Pregmon managed to create an election contest, but unfortunately there was a last-minute withdrawal.

NEWNC is a non-profit community organization elected by the public to serve two-year terms. Elections are held each year with half of the twelve seats open each year.

The all-volunteer group meets monthly at the Nazzaro Community Center to address neighborhood issues relating to development proposals, construction and many other issues.

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NEMPAC presents 'The Little Prince' at Faneuil Hall

By Phil Orlandella

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) will introduce children from Charlestown and Newton that will be featured as the lead role in the Prince in the non-profit's upcoming Opera Project 2019 Production of "The Little Prince" at the Great Hall at Faneuil Hall.

"The Little Prince" will also feature an exciting cast of professional artists from the Boston area and a large cast of all ages that will captivate the audience with this timeless story of the meaning of life and death and the threads of love that weaves both experiences into the quilted pattern of human experience.

Entering its eighth performance season, "The Little Prince" will be fully stage opera sung in English and continue the NEMPAC Opera Project's initiative to stage children with professionals as in prior productions.

The opera will showcase a

diverse group of young singers between the ages of 8 and 14 from Boston and surrounding neighborhoods, members of NEMPAC community and Voices Boston-at the on-stage chorus of stars.

The cast includes two young singers in the title role of "The Little Prince."

Ten-year-old Linus Schafer Goulthorpe of Charlestown makes his debut performance as the Prince in the June 20 Opera.

Eleven-year-old Claire Cho of Newton will perform in her first opera as the Prince.

NEMPAC is a community music school and a professional performing arts center with a strong focus on serving the North End/Waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods of Boston by making quality music and arts programming assessable for all.

"The Little Prince" will be performed Thursday, June 20 and Saturday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m..

For ticket information visit www.nempacboston.org/tickets.



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FINALLY, SOME GOOD NEWS ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL FRONT

Every few weeks -- or even more often, it seems -- we learn of some new, looming catastrophe for our planet because of the combined effects of climate change and the degradation of our environment by human activity.

Everyone agrees that the climate is changing, and that it will have far-reaching consequences that we only can imagine. So too, the activity by the seven billion persons with whom we share the earth is destroying the natural world at an unprecedented and ever-accelerating pace.

So it was with some degree of relief that we read the annual report by the organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which informed us that our major metropolitan beaches never have been cleaner (in terms of water pollution) and safer for recreational swimming and other activity.

As lifelong residents of this area, we always are amazed that the beaches with the cleanest water every year are the M Street Beach and the City Point Beach in South Boston -- go figure -- but we're sure there is a logical and scientific-based reason for why these two beaches have achieved ratings of 100-percent for the past six years.

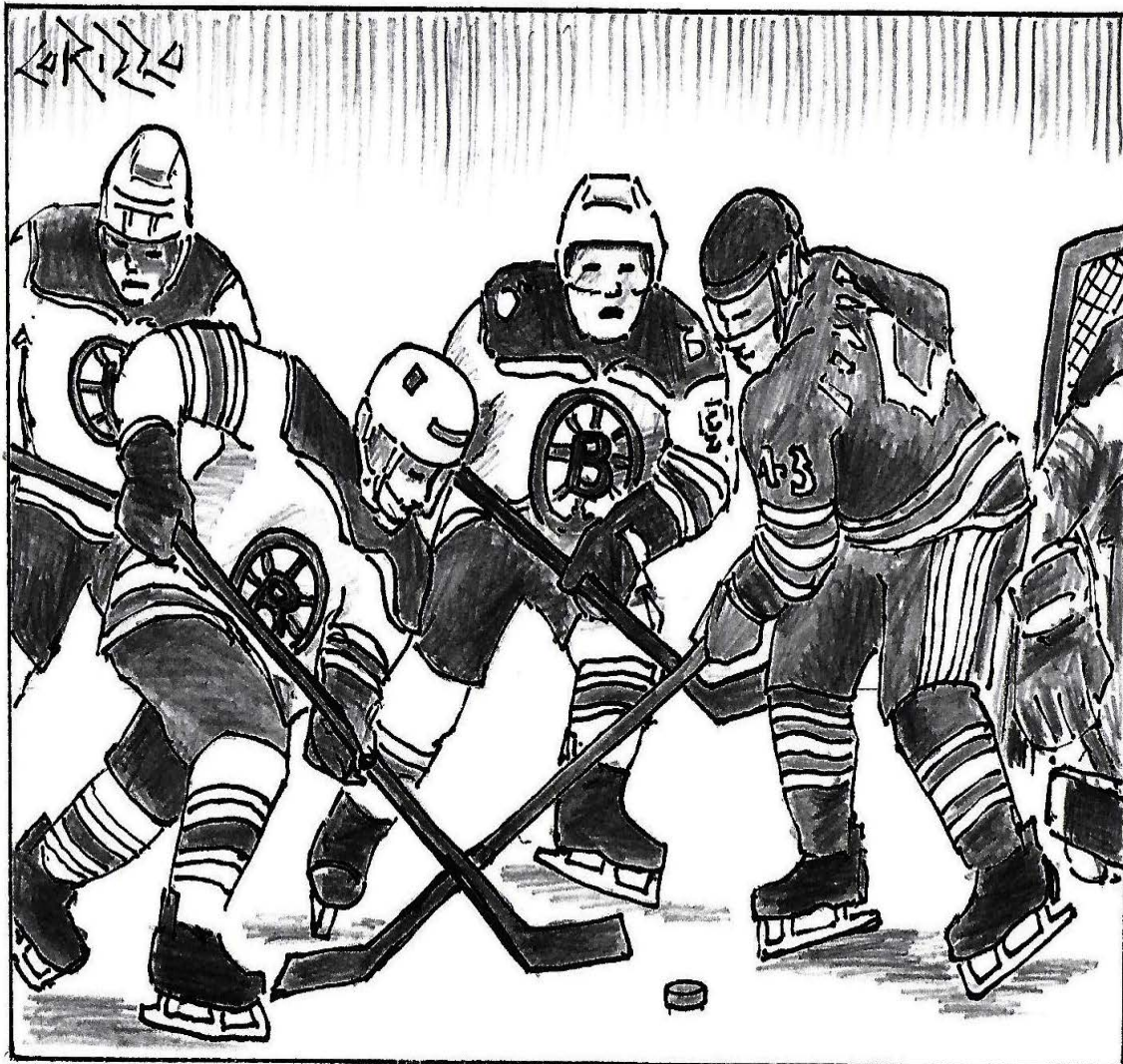
However, almost all of our metropolitan beaches, from Nantasket Beach on the South Shore to Revere and Winthrop beaches on the north, improved their ratings in 2018 compared to their six-year running-average. Winthrop Beach, for example, attained a 100-percent rating in 2018 compared to a 97-percent rate for the previous five years.

There are many factors that contribute to a beach's water quality. There are natural effects, most notably the amount of rainfall over the course of a season or over a short time period. The diligence of government agencies at the state and local levels in assuring that sewer connections are working as intended are a vital part of the equation.

We as individuals also play a key role in assuring that our water stays clean by making sure we don't dispose of our trash and hazardous waste into our waterways, by using the pump-out services for our boats, and by picking-up after our dogs.

The clean and healthy beaches that we enjoy today are the product of three decades of hard work, effort, and great expense by officials and the residents of the Boston Metro area. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must commit ourselves to doing whatever it takes in the years ahead to ensure that our region's greatest resource -- our beautiful coastline -- remains clean and useable both for ourselves and for generations to come.

So we wish to thank Save the Harbor/Save the Bay for issuing their annual report card on the state of our beaches -- and for giving us some good news, for a change, about our environment.



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ST. JOHN (from pg. 1)

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dergarten through eighth grade students, we utilize innovative programs and a standards base curriculum to educate the whole child.

If you would like more information about St. John School, please contact Vincenza DeLeo/ Admissions at 617-227-3143 x 102 or email at vdeleo@sjsne.com.

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

TRASH CLEANUP DAY A SUCCESS

Once again, the City of Boston, spearheaded by Neighborhood Services North End Liaison Maria Lanza conducted a very successful community cleanup day for the neighborhood.

Many residents armed with shovels, brooms and trash bags made their way up and down streets and in public spaces to put a dent in the horrendous trash problem that exist in the historic community.

Lanza deserves recognition for faithfully organizing this cleanup event each year.

RESIDENTS SHOULD ATTEND PUBLIC SAFETY MEETINGS

Summer is just around the corner. This means all kinds of activities and events in the North End/Waterfront will be taking place.

Swarms of people will flock to the neighborhood to participate in the many religious feasts, visit historical sites, shop in the many stores and dine at popular restaurants the neighborhood offers.

Before all this excels, community res-

idents should find the time to attend the Boston Police Public Safety Committee meeting to get a handle on how law enforcement is planning to secure these events.

It's actually a great opportunity to secure firsthand information, ask questions or make suggestions for this very busy time of the year.

The next Public Safety meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 P.M. at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet St.

POOL GOERS MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES

In about three weeks the Mirabella and Children's Pools will open on June 22.

The North End has enjoyed a major size full in their backyard for years adjacent to Puopolo Park.

Pool goers need to help keep the pool clean and abide by the rules for safety reasons throughout the summer.

The pools have been a major source for residents to swim, sunbathe, meet with friends and family or even develop new friends.

NORTH END TRASH PROBLEM NEEDS MORE ATTENTION

Streets and sidewalk trash problems in the North End have existed forever and there seems to be no real answer to correct the problem in the historic neighborhood to date.

At times, the trash problem in the neighborhood is deplorable and could become a health problem.

With the exception of rats, everyone would like to possibly resolve the situation or at least make it better.

Resolving the trash problem will take a monumental collaborative neighborhood endeavor.

The trash problem has been tackled many times in the past but, it never really was successful.

The time has come to fully address clean streets and sidewalks in the most historic community in the state, the North End.

However, how does this get accomplished?

PART 1 CRIME STATISTICS DROP IN THE NORTH END

District A1 Boston Police continue to keep the crime rate down in the North End/Waterfront neighborhood and should be recognized for the outstanding job they do to keep the neighborhood safe.

Statistics presented by police at a monthly Public Safety meeting clearly indicate the drop of Part 1 crimes in the neighborhood.

Police are at all North End events and at community organizations activities and events. In addition, they also host and support many neighborhood events.

A DELICIOUS TASTE OF THE NORTH END

A Taste of the North End that benefits many local agencies and organizations was once again the successful event it usually is.

Many local restaurants participated in the traditional neighborhood event that attracts lots of participants. As usual it was a terrific time that benefits the community.

Greenway Happenings

By Phil Orlandella

Successful Fundraiser

A celebratory evening supporting The Greenway Conservancy, the non-profit agency responsible for the

care and maintenance of The Greenway was a success.

"Glow in the Park" was held under a tent in the contemporary Park and featured the popular Greenway food trucks, local libations and live entertainment.



The Farmers Market returns.

Farmers Market Returns

Many favorite foods are now available at the Boston Public Market on The Greenway at Dewey Square on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m..

Discover locally grown produce, baked goods and other culinary delights.

Carousel Open

The Carousel on The Greenway is now open for visitors to enjoy with their children and other family members.

NEWNC (from pg. 1)

NEWNC is the only neighborhood organization that is elected by residents and must be residents themselves.

2019 Winners
 Damien DiPaola* (1 Lathrop Place)
 Tania Green* (20 Margaret)
 Carmine Guarino* (22 Thacher)
 Ashley Leo* (39 Commercial Wharf)
 Tina Natale* (161 Salem)
 Mike Salvati (61 Prince)
 *Incumbent

" These six candidates will join the other five candidates already on

the Council: Partick Bova, Jody Faller,

John Pregmon, Brett Roman and Marie Simboli, who were elected in

2018," said President John Pregmon.

"The remaining seat remains unoccupied until next year's election so

the Council will have eleven members for the 2019-2020 year."

FEAST (from pg. 1)

healthy and that security is a top priority so local residents and visitors can fully enjoy the feast's 100th year celebration.

The Society will also hold the Feast of Saint Lucy on Thursday, June 21 on Endicott Street including a procession.

Gov. Charlie Baker, Mayor Martin Walsh, Sen. Job Boncore, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Counselor Lydia Edwards will present the Society with citations honoring them on their 100th anniversary celebration.

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North End pitchers tossed combined no-hitter beat Hill House

By Ralph Martignetti

The early season North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Major League All-Stars played a skilled Hill House All-Stars team on a muggy Monday night at Langone Field.

Alex Parisi took the hill and promptly struck the first batter out. After letting up a walk, the third batter got a hold of a Parisi pitch to the gap in right center.

Just when it looked like Hill House was about to jump out to an early lead, James Heath—galloping like a Kentucky Derby thoroughbred—appeared on the spot to make an outstanding catch to secure the second out, having tracked the ball down from his right field position. Parisi promptly retired the next

batter, ending the half inning.

The NEAA couldn't take advantage of a JoJo Brienze single and took the field to start the second.

The second inning was domination from both pitchers as each hurler struck out the side. Inning three began with Matt Griffin on the mound for the North End squad. He matched Parisi's dominance by letting up only one walk to the three batters he faced that half inning.

The North End then came to bat in the bottom of the third of a scoreless tie.

After a strikeout, Griffin secured a walk, landing on first. Max Howard then confidently stepped into the box and proceeded to blast a triple, scoring Griffin for the first run of the game. Following the triple, Rich Wells waited out a long at-bat

to ultimately reach first on a walk, but Hill House managed to escape more damage that inning by striking out the next two hitters. End of three it was 1-0 North End

Griffin went back to work on the mound in the top of the fourth where the lead-off hitter for Hill House and was able to make good contact out to deep left field. Unfortunately for Hill House, Desmond O'Heard made the second incredible catch on the blast. Griffin made light work of the next batters, with grounders perfectly played by the North End infield for the next two outs, ending that half of the inning.

The bottom of the fourth was uneventful for the home team headed to the 5th. Max Howard pitching took the hill for the 5th with the North End

clinging to a 1-0 lead.

Jo-Jo Brienze made two great fielding plays at third on hard-hit grounders and throwing darts to first to record the first two outs. Will Previte cleaned up the inning by making his own put-out, ending the top of the fifth.

In the bottom of the 5th the first two North End hitters went quietly but then James Heath's managed to wait out the pitcher and get a base on balls after an intense at bat. With two outs, a man on, and in a high pressure spot, Richard Wells dug in, sat on the first strike, then blasted the ball down the right field line for a triple. This monster hit allowed Heath to score all the way from first, making it 2-0. The inning ended on a strikeout, but the damage was done.

This lead was all Howard

needed as he struck out the first two hitters, gave up a walk, then settle back in and K'ed the last batter. His play on the mound and hit to give the NEAA their first run of the game, earned him the game ball, in a difficult selection with so many players making amazing defensive plays and coming up big at the plate

when needed. Parisi, Griffin and Howard combined to no-hit a talented Hill House team while striking out 10. The North End play flawless

defense committing no errors to support their pitchers efforts.

The North End and Hill House will go at it again on June 3. at Langone Field in what should be another exciting game of these two excellent teams.

North End students create luggage labels for art project

By Phil Orlandella

Fourth, fifth and sixth-graders from the Eliot and St. John's Schools recently put their heads down and created some fantastic luggage labels for the suitcase sculpture for the North Square Art Project.

The students were part of workshops put together by A + J Art Design consultants for the historic North Square Art Project.

Pupils made over 50 labels during the workshops. Students and staff from both North End schools were thanked for the efforts to the project.



IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

TEA AND TRANQUILITY EVENT ON THE GREENWAY

A Tea and Tranquility event will be held at the Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway, on Wednesday, June 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

This is a late afternoon summer series for those working, living and visiting downtown Boston to meet and greet, walk the labyrinth and relax on a bench while enjoying refreshing MEM ice teas.

This event has been made in collaboration with The Greenway Conservancy, City of Boston, Age Friendly, Boston Strong, Labyrinth Society of New England and Labyrinth Meet Up.

NEW ROSES PLANTED AT THE ROSE GARDEN

Members of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Horticultural Committee have been busy cleaning up the Rose Garden and planting new roses.

“The last couple of winters have been

hard ones on the roses,” Committee Chair Robyn Reed said. “So, 15 new bushes have been planted to replace the plans that didn’t make it through this last season.”

The committees planted a few types of roses including:

- The Peace Rows that has yellow blooms edged in pink.
- The John F. Kennedy rose that has large pure white blooms.
- The Tropicana rose with this brilliant coral in orange coloring.

NORTH END STUDENTS CREATE LUGGAGE LABELS FOR ART PROJECT

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FREE MULTI-SPORTS PROGRAM AT CENTER

A free teenage multi-sports program will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center each Thursday featuring: basketball, flag football (3 on 3), hockey, kickball, dodgeball, wiffleball, soccer and yoga (subject to change).

Teenagers 13 to 18 can take advantage of this sports/entertainment/physical fitness event at the Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (subject to change) from Thursday, July 8 to Aug. 30.

Assistant Athletic Director Manny Montrand is managing this special program. He can be contacted at 617-635-5166 or manuel.monytand@boston.gov.

NORTH END SENIORS TRAVEL TO FOXWOODS

North End Seniors, based in the Nazzaro Community Center, have enjoyed three special events thanks to the generosity of the NEAA (Ted Tomasone), Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Sen. Joe Boncore and Counselor Lydia Edwards.

Besides an enjoyable fun day at Foxwoods, the seniors were also treated to an Easter celebration at Lucia’s Restaurant on Hanover Street and a Mother’s Day luncheon at the Nazzaro Center with food from the China House.

The seniors feel that they are so lucky and grateful for their wonderful friends who make sure they are always in their thoughts and having fun.

One senior said, “Because of their generosity the seniors enjoyed several fun days.”



North End seniors enjoy Foxwoods.



Seniors had a great time at Foxwoods.

Summer safety measures adopted throughout City

By Phil Orlandella

Boston has put together what appears to be solid measures for summer safety throughout the city.

Working with city departments, police, community organizations and the clergy, Mayor Martin Walsh and Police Commissioner William Gross have developed a strategy and commitment to community policing, access to services and

prevention initiatives throughout the summer months when crime can get sticky.

“I will focus through our summer strategy is to ensure our residents feel safe in their community each and every day,” Mayor Walsh said.

Summer attracts many visitors to the city, for many activities, events, historic sites and restaurants on a regular basis, some of them are neighborhood celebrations.

Preventive crime programs

in the city will provide positive opportunities for people and a path away from violence.

The city plans to use every tool they have available to make sure the city is safe by continuing to build on a strong foundation of community policing which residents consider a priority.

Overall crime, according to the police department, is down in Boston by nine percent and violent crime is down twelve percent. Property crime is down

eight percent and non-fatal shootings are down five percent.

Year to date, 292 guns have been recovered from the streets, not counting fake guns or replicas.

“We work very closely with our city and community partners to prevent violence and provide opportunities for those in need,” Commissioner Gross said. “While this is a year-round effort, we are especially focused on the summer months. We

will be running programs and activities for youth and children in every district, and connecting at-risk youth and families with the resources and opportunities.”

The BPD has strong partnerships and collaborations with many agencies, non-profits, and community-based programs, with more than 175 programs and services across seven city departments.

NAZZARO YOUTH RUN 5K RACE

By Steven Siciliano

On Saturday May 18, the BCYF Nazzaro Center youth program participated in its first 5k race at Playstead field at Franklin Park.

Over the past few months, the boys and girls have been

training every Monday and Thursday for 90 minutes each week to prepare for the 3.5 mile race.

Most of our students have never jogged before or were not able to commit to something so demanding like a running club.

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ed a magnificent curriculum for the run club coaches, the children had the opportunity to get strong and keep healthy while playing games and having fun.

Along our journey, we needed to set goals for our group. We wanted to be realistic due to the fact our kids never raced before let alone even walk a mile. The children passed each goal as a team. They were so proud of themselves earning a different colored wrist band for each goal met.

Run Club coaches kept posting individual miles run for all visitors to see as they walk into the center's lobby In order to give the kids a sense of pride an encouragement to keep working hard. We had a countdown of the days left to the event.

Here it was, the Run for Recess 5k race was finally here. Parents and family members came to show their support on this beautiful sunny day and the kids all received a bib number.



The smiles on their faces were priceless.

One last pep talk from their coach encouraging them to never give up, and finish the race. You are all winners because you are here participating and it doesn't matter what place you come in.

The children did an amazing job. Each one crossing that finish line with a big smile on their face. We even had several parents participate in the race with their children as well as our youngest racer Connor who completed his first 1 mile

race. The BCYF Nazzaro Center will be continuing this program in the fall with the hopes of getting more youth and families involved.

If you see Angela Wells in the neighborhood please congratulate her on a job well done! Angela came in first place for the 18 and under female divisions with her finishing time of 27:07.

Program Supervisor, Laurie D'Elia for spearheaded this new initiative.



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ATTENTION: NORTH END RESIDENTS!

Starting July 1, Recycling and Trash collection will be changed to Monday's and Thursday's. We'll be picking up residential trash at 6 a.m. instead of 7 a.m.

Thursday day Street Sweeping operation will be moved to Friday.

NAZZARO YOUTH RUN 5K RACE



Library gets new bookcases

By Patricia Sabbey

Once again the Friends of the North End Library are at work. The ongoing book sale is an important source of revenue for the group. The bookcases near the library entrance used for the book sale did not make optimal use of the space so Rita Pagliuca from the Friends asked Mark Nescio, North Ender and owner of Tailgate Carpentry to design and build an attractive efficient set of bookcases. Mark specializes in interior finish carpentry (Please visit his website tailgatecarpentry.com for a full portfolio of his work.)

Mark looked at the library space and came up with the idea of replacing the two worn bookcases with bookcases in an L-shaped configuration. Not only has the look of that area improved, but also the new bookcases make choosing favorite titles easier. Jennifer Hawes, North End Branch Librarian, is pleased with the addition of the bookcases and stated, "I am grateful for the initiative that

the Friends took in getting new bookcases installed. Not only are they handsome, sturdy, and well-constructed, but also, they were made by a neighborhood resident, which makes them all the more special."

Please stop by the library to see the new bookcases and the cubbies at the back of the library to purchase your favorite books from the ongoing sale. The prices are still a bargain. Paperbacks are \$1 each and five paperbacks are \$4. Hardcover books are \$2.00 each and three hardcover books are \$5.

Your support of our book sales makes possible our programs and furniture purchases.

For more information concerning the Friends of the NE Library, please email: info@FriendsNELibrary.org or go to our website: www.FriendsNELibrary.org for membership information and a listing of other programs

Left to right in the picture are Rita Pagliuca from the Friends, Jennifer Hawes, North End Librarian and Mark Nescio, carpenter.



Pictured (left to right) are Rita Pagliuca from the Friends, Jennifer Hawes, North End Librarian and Mark Nescio, carpenter.

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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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

4TH ANNUAL NORTH END CORNHOLE CLASSIC

The North End's favorite Sunday Funday is back by popular demand; the 4rd annual Cornhole Classic charity tournament will be held on Sunday - June 9.

With all proceeds going to the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship and the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), Fulton & Lewis Streets will be packed with a tournament that's going to be bigger and better!

- Tickets are \$60 per team (\$30 per person)

- Registration begins at 11:00am, tournament play to begin promptly at 12:00pm

- New location! On the corner of Fulton & Lewis Streets!

- Tickets are while supplies last! There will be cap of 100 teams

- New tournament format, new raffle prizes, food, music and more!

Tickets Include:

- Two games guaranteed; losers bracket

- Official 2019 Cornhole Classic Shirt

- 2 Drink Tickets

- Top 3 finishing teams to receive prizes - prizes to be announced

- DJ, raffle prizes, various other sponsored happenings

- If available, walk-ins at the door are \$80 per team

Interested in sponsoring or have any questions?

Contact NorthEndCornhole@gmail.com for more information.

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is honored to continue to offer the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship, and to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The Geraldine Marshall

Scholarship Fund enters its fourth year of awarding North End children under the age of 18 with a full-year scholarship for music lessons or to participate in one of NEMPAC's artistic programs.

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship was established by her son, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz. Ms. Marshall, who passed away at the age of 68, was born in Dorchester in 1946, moved to the North End at the age of 21 and settled here for almost 50 years before her passing.

NORTH END VS HILL HOUSE

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) All Stars will for the second time play the Hill House All Stars at Langone Park on Wednesday, June 3, at 6 p.m.

POOL OPENS JUNE 22

The Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street will open on June 22 to Sept. 2.

There is no fee for children five and under or active military (with ID).

Registration fees must be paid by money order only, available at the US Post Office, 7-11 or CVS on Hanover Street. Checks should be made out to The City of Boston.

For details call 617-635-5116.

FOCCP SCHEDULES MANY EVENTS

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) volunteers have been very busy this year providing many fun-filled events and projects in and for the park and have put together a wide range of activities for the rest of the year.

For a full schedule call 617-635-5116.

GARDENING AT COLUMBUS PARK

Gardening in the Rose and Crescent Gardens on Columbus Park takes place on Wednesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. and Sundays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Residents are invited to participate.

MAJOR LEAGUE SPONSORS

There are four teams sponsors for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) 2019 Majors (Little League) teams: Regional Review, Saint Anthony's Society, Robert "Ted" Tomasone and Saint Agrippina

Society. All games are played at Langone Park on Commercial Street.

NEMPAC PRESENTS THE LITTLE PRINCE

NEMPAC Opera Project 2019 Production of "The Little Prince" will be held at Faneuil Hall on June 20 and June 22 at 7:30 PM in the Great Hall. For information call 617-227-2270.

MULTI-SPORTS THURSDAYS AT NAZZARO CENTER

BCYF Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street has formed a free multi-sports program for teams taking place each Thursday from July 8 to August 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Times may vary or change. For details call 617-635-5166.

WARD 3 DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Ward 3 registered Boston Democrats will conduct a caucus on Saturday, June 1 at 10:30 AM at the Nazzaro Community Center. Registration starts at 10 AM.

A NIGHT IN THE PARK

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) will hold a fun event at the Prince Street Dog Park on Friday, June 7 from 6 PM to 8 PM.

A caricature artist will be on-site to draw your dogs on a first-come first-served basis with a suggested donation of \$15.

Pizza and treats will be served.

REPORT PROBLEMS IN THE PARK

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) advises that the city has a great app to report incidents in the dog park, like overflow waste bins, the gate is broken and other problems. Download the Boston 311 app and report any problems.

WATER ON IN THE PARK

Water should return to the park shortly RUFF notes. They are working to replace the hydrant and the dog park with a new spray feature.

PUBLIC MARKET OPEN

The Boston Public Market on The Greenway is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 AM to 6 PM.

SAINT ANTHONY ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saint Anthony's Feast will

hold a special Mass celebrating their 100th anniversary at Saint Leonard's Church on Saturday, June 15, at twelve noon.

SAINT ANTHONY'S FEAST

The Feast of Saint Anthony will be held on June 22, 23, and 24. The parade will be held on Sunday, August 25.

SAINT LUCY'S FEAST

The Feast of Saint Lucy will be held on Endicott Street on June 21. A procession will follow.

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The next North End/Boston Police Public Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, June 6, at 6 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) public meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13, at 7 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

UNDER THE STRAWBERRY MOON

American Heritage Park on The Greenway invites supporters, partners and friends to meet and greet under the Strawberry Moon on Thursday, June 27, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Participants can walk the moonlit labyrinth and enjoy Vicki Lee's chocolate dipped strawberries, refreshing MEM Ice Tea and the Berlee Jazz Trio.

NSC BOUNA SERA

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) will hold its 9th annual Bouna Sera, an evening with friends on Thursday, October 3. For details call 617-523-8125.

GARDENING ON THE GREENWAY

Gardening on The Greenway's Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy and Crescent Gardens takes place each Wednesday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Volunteers are welcome.

FOCCP ORGANIZES INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will conduct its annual fund-filled Independence Day celebration on Saturday, June 29 starting at twelve noon. A parade through the park and children's games will be featured.

NAZZARO CENTER NEW HOURS

The BCYF Nazzaro Center will be changing its hours of operation during the summer months due to staffing issues as well as the operational needs of the Mirabella Pool.

The schedule is as follows: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays closed. The schedule will remain in effect from June 15 to September 2, 2019.

FOCCP MONTHLY MEETING

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariners House, 11 North Square, 2nd Floor.

CITY WINERY ON THE GREENWAY

This May, Boston's first outdoor wine garden, City Winery on The Greenway will open at Dewey Square on Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30-10 p.m., Saturdays from 1-9 p.m. and Sundays 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

NSC FREE LUNCH PROGRAMS

Anyone that would like to participate in the North End Neighborhood Service Center's free lunch program should call 617-523-8125 to reserve a spot for future meals. New clients must sign up to receive membership with ABCD. All luncheons will be announced in the timely fashion.

OLD NORTH NEW HOURS

The Old North Church has expanded its hours of operation from now through October 31, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. 7 days a week. The church is always open for public worship between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Sundays.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Radishes rising!

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Radishes rising in popularity, that is, and rising from the local ground this time of year. The appearance of this cool weather crop, with one season in the spring and another in the fall, at farmers markets makes us very happy. Radishes are a colorful and flavorful ingredient and a wonderful low calorie snack.

Yes, you are seeing more radishes on your plates and in salad bowls in restaurants. Leading food magazines are featuring radish recipes on their pages.

These days farmers are offering us more radish varieties with different colors, flavors, and degrees of spicy heat. The iconic radish we all know is the standard red globe radish. In addition, look for other common offerings like long, thin French breakfast radishes, visually attractive watermelon radishes, fun bunches of rainbow radishes, and the exotic black radishes.

Asian recipes call for daikon radishes. These are large, long white vegetables, often shredded, sometimes pickled that you find as a condiment in banh mi sandwiches or alongside a Vietnamese crêpe.

Buying and Storing

When a root crop is sold with its greens attached, that foliage gives you a second indication of freshness for selecting the best of the bunch. (We often check with the farmer to see if those greens are edible as radish greens are.) Look for radishes heavy for their size, unblem-

ished with as few cracks as possible, and fresh unwilted greens.

When you arrive home, take a few moments to separate the roots from the greens. We don't wash them well until we're ready to use them, but we do remove any blemished spots with a damp paper towel and toss wilted or damaged greens.

Our radishes go in a container with a bit of paper towel-eling under them. We wrap the greens in a paper towel and put those in a produce bag before we put both in the refrigerator crisper drawer. Most radishes are at their best for 5 to 7 days, while a daikon radish can last much longer. The greens should be used quickly, just like lettuce.

Serving or Cooking Radishes

You can cook the radish tops the way you would any bitter green and the root the way you like to prepare other root vegetables, such as roasting with a bit of olive oil and seasoning.

However most of us will use radishes raw. One tip is to refresh them in a bowl of ice and water before you cut and serve them. This will rehydrate and crisp the vegetable so you can present it at its best.

Sliced radishes can be added to salads, as a fun layer in a sandwich, or served the French way with a bit of good butter on the side.

You can shred radishes, especially daikon, and add them to slaws, salads, and grain bowls. And, since a daikon radish "quick pickle" is so delicious, we plan to experiment by making a quick pickle with other radishes this season.



Baskets of radishes at farmers markets are a sure sign that more local food is on the way to us.

Other Radish Tidbits

Two other forms of radish that we didn't mention, but that are worth trying when you see them, are radish sprouts and radish microgreens. Both add a touch of zesty radish flavor to your meal.

Just in case you were wondering, we learned that horseradish is not a part of the radish family. They are brassicaceae, but belong to a different branch of that family. *Armoracia rusticana* is the scientific name for horseradish while the common radish is

known as *Raphanus sativus*.

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THEATER REVIEWS

BLACK ODYSSEY BOSTON

By Sheila Barth

Sadly, Front Porch Arts Collective and Underground Railway Theater's first-rate, compelling, provocative, ambitious production of Marcus Gardley's three-hour, two-act play is over, but it lingers with theatergoers long after leaving the theater.

I was so moved by this modern-day, Boston-based remake of Homer's ancient tale, "The Odyssey," I hope future local audiences will have another opportunity to experience it. Renowned Director Benny Sato Ambush helmed this superlative, ensemble cast, composed of: Boston headliners Johnny Lee Davenport, portraying Great GrandDaddy Deus; Elle Borders as Ulysses' long-suffering wife, Nella Pell; Brandon G. Green, portraying the starring role of Ulysses Lincoln; Ramon Lisa Alexander, whose overall abundant talent included a wild, comedic imitation of Tina Turner; and Carolyn Saxon, whose powerful voice reverberated throughout the theater in

her roles as glitzy Great Aunt Tina, Scylla and Calypso.

Journey Ade-King was sweetly charming as Benevolence Naussica Sabine and an African ancestor; Regie Gibson's versatility shone in his portrayals of vengeful Paw Sidin, Nella's slick-talking John Sutor, naval and police officers; Kai Thomasani Tshikosi nicely tackled five earthly and otherworldly roles; and youthful, talented Hubens "Bobby" Cius added sensitivity as Ulysses and Nella's teen-age son, Malachi, and Poly'famous.

Multi-percussionist performer Akili Jamal Haynes was outstanding, too, hauntingly, pulsating beats and time passage between scenes.

Sweeping theatergoers into the play, the actors were nearby throughout the performance, making direct eye- and vocal contact.

Overhead, on Jon Savage's two-tiered, two-sided stage facing each other at both ends of the theater, Great Grand Daddy Deus (Davenport) played chess and chatted with Paw Sidin

(Gibson), their talk easygoing, comical, peppered with Boston references, such as Back Bay, Charlestown, Chinatown. "You're on a mission when you go fishin' on Mission Hill," quipped one.

Based on Homer's tale about soldier Ulysses whose family waits years, hoping for his return from war, modern-day Ulysses Lincoln's pregnant wife Nella answered that dreaded knock on the door, telling her Ulysses was dead. But she refused to believe it. "If you're alive, send me a sign," she cried. Instead, glitzy Great Aunt Tina (Saxon) arrived, telling Nella she'd stay with her until Ulysses returned.

Tossed and torn half-alive on a raft, at times pulled around the stage floor by cast members holding thick ropes, Ulysses Lincoln tried for years to find his way back to his beloved wife and their son, but Paw Sidin (Regie Gibson), angry, vengeful god, claimed Ulysses killed his son and he demands retribution. He blocked Ulysses' rescue, despite cries of mercy from



Brandon G. Green (Ulysses Lincoln) and Johnny Lee Davenport (Super Fly Tiresius, the shagadelic prophet). Photo by Maggie Hall

Ulysses' aunt, and a celestial African relative.

Ulysses floated, wandered through time, heaven, earth, and history. We did, too - with flashbacks of war in Afghanistan, the African Diaspora, and Hurricane Katrina-devastated New Orleans, where Ulysses encountered a couple and their young daughter stranded on their roof.

The timeline fluctuates, floating back and forth in time and space, punctuated with ensemble chants, "This Train's Bound

for Glory," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and others.

Meanwhile, weary, down-trodden Ulysses fought off decadent sirens luring him to destruction and more, while Nella and now-teen-age son, Malachi, confronted police brutality and wrongful arrest.

"black odyssey boston" jams so much into the timeless saga, it became confusing to follow at times, but no matter. Theatergoers remained rapt throughout the spellbinding production.

SCHOOL GIRLS, OR THE AFRICAN MEAN GIRLS

By Sheila Barth

The dictionary defines "colorism" as "a prejudice or discrimination against individuals with a dark skin tone, typically among people of the same ethnic racial group."

So when New York City-based Ghanian-American playwright-writer-performer Jocelyn Bioh read a story about American-born, Minnesota-raised bi-racial Yayra Erica Nego, winner of the Miss Ghana pageant, in 2011, she was fascinated.

She deduced Ghanian pageant officials determined a lighter-skinned candidate would have a better chance of winning the Miss Universe pageant, even though Nego wasn't born in Ghana, a disqualifying factor. They justified choosing Nego, saying her father was born in an obscure region of Ghana.

She didn't win the Miss Universe contest.

But Bioh has won awards, increased awareness and acco-

lades with her play, "School Girls, or the African Mean Girls," which premiered in 2017.

And SpeakEasy Stage Company's exceptional recent production of Jocelyn Bioh's award-winning one-act, 80-minute play garnered even more admiration.

Instead of tackling the typical black-white controversy, Bioh opens our world to the African-American community, how they view each other, and the universality of teen-age girls' peer pressure and behavior, regardless of color, country, and ethnicity.

Helmed by award-winning Summer L. Williams, the cast was superlative. Each girl's personality was clearly drawn.

The one-act play takes place in 1986, when Whitney Houston's song, "The Greatest Love of All" captured international fandom, as did her errant husband, Bobby Brown.

But the play isn't set in America. It's in the exclusive Aburi Girls Boarding School in Ghana, where a clique of

girls adoringly surround senior student Paulina, hanging on her every syllable. She's beautiful. She's confident. She's talented. She has it all, and her clucking ducklings feel anointed to be part of her circle. Portraying dark-skinned Paulina Sarpong, Ireon Roach epitomizes the typical, self-appointed, Queen Bee teen.

Paulina boasts about her alleged boyfriend who's in training with the professional soccer team and attended the World Cup. She has relatives in America, too - in New York- making her very cool. "My Aunt Salo works at that high class restaurant I was telling you about-White Castle; and she shops at all the trendy American boutiques for me-Conway, Wal-Mart.

"And she sent me an outfit from the most famous retail place in all of New York City-Chinatown! I'll be wearing my own Calvin Klean dress to the dance," she announces jubilantly, as her cortege ooohs and aaaahs, drawing huge laughs

from the audience.

While Paulina pretends to be benevolent, she reveals her bullying cruel streak, too. She relentlessly taunts slightly overweight 16-year-old follower, Nana (terrific Shanelle Chloe Villegas.) who winces at Paulina's insults. "Do you want to be fat-fat, or fit and popular?" says Paulina, who makes Nana her pawn, blackmailing her to do dirty work for her.

Gifted, (Geraldine Bogard), 16, and her 16-year-old sidekick, Mercy (Tenneh Sillah), are proud to be part of Paulina's elite pack, while Ama, (Sabrina Victor) challenges Paulina's authority at times Paulina is relentless, spouting hurtful facts, or rumors, about each girl, pretending she's protecting them. But her invective is stinging, heartless, worsening when beautiful, fair-skinned, bi-racial, new student, Ericka Bofo (Victoria Byrd), arrives at the school. Ericka's from Ohio. Her Ghanian-born father is a wealthy cocoa magnate. Sadly, her mother died recently.

Besides being awe-struck by Ericka, the girls are abuzz with excitement. They're already in high gear, awaiting the Miss Ghana pageant recruiter coming to audition them as her Miss Ghana candidate - and potential Miss Global Universe.

Paulina knows she's the obvious choice, but she's threatened by humble Ericka's beauty, talent, and lighter skin.

There are several stirring confrontational scenes, balanced with a tension-breaking, hilarious audition session and snappy lines.

Crystin Gilmore, portraying caring headmistress Francis, confronts her light-skinned, former classmate-pageant recruiter, Eloise Amposah, (Kris Sidberry), Miss Ghana of 1966, while Paulina's ardent hive cracks, too, when truths about her are revealed.

"School Girls" isn't your typical teen-age girl peek at peer pressure. It whacks home universal messages that high schoolers, parents, and the rest of us should heed.

NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

CITY INFRASTRUCTURE

During National Infrastructure Week, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and the Public Works Department (PWD) conducted live resurfacing demonstrations to highlight the week of PWD that resurfaced more than 30 miles of roadway each year including the North Washington Bridge in the North End.

“Investing in infrastructure means investing in our future and building something that will last for generations,” Mayor Walsh said.

SPARK APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications for the 2019-2020 SPARK Boston Council are currently available. Deadline for applying is Monday, June 17 at 1:59 p.m.

Spark is Mayor Martin Walsh’s 20-35-year-old leadership and civic engagement

Council charged with leading the City’s efforts to engage Boston’s young adult population.

“The SPARK Boston Council does incredible work to help build communities for all Bostonians and connect them with our local government,” Mayor Walsh said.

BOSTON SUMMER SAFETY MEASURES PRESENTED

Plans and initiatives to reduce violence in Boston throughout the summer months have been put into effect according to Mayor Martin Walsh and Police Commissioner William Gross.

The announcement came following a meeting with city officials, community organizations and members of the clergy.

“I will focus through our summer strategy is to ensure our residents feel safe in the community each and every

day,” Mayor Walsh said.

NORTH STATION SIGNAL SYSTEM UPGRADED

A project (\$26.5 million) to improve commuter rail reliability and safety with modern, resilient design at North Station has been approved by the MBTA Control Board.

The contract, would rebuild the signal system that controls the movement of Commuter Rail and Amtrak trains in the area of North Station with state-of-the-art equipment.

North Station is a key MBTA stop for many events at TD Garden and numerous businesses located in the area.

Co-Directors Named by Mayor

Mayor Martin Walsh has named Tracy Littih and Rufus J. Faulk as codirectors of the Office of Public Safety which studies, develops, and puts in place violence intervention and prevents programs and policies.

CONGRATULATIONS MICHELLE



Michelle Rallo of Boston, a 6th grade student at St. John’s School in the North End, was named a Max Fellow for 2019. Michelle is shown above with Miss Fura her school teacher, representatives from the Max Warburg Curriculum and Mayor Martin J. Walsh. The mission of Max Warburg Courage Curriculum, Inc., is to strengthen literacy skills of students and invite educators and participating schools to explore the idea of courage in literature, in their own lives, and within the broader community.

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AROUND THE CITY

COMICS AGAINST CANCER

Kelly MacFarland, Shawn Carter and Tooky Kavanagh join emcee Corey Saunders, Thursday, May 30, at Breakaway, 221 Newbury St., Danvers, for a fundraising evening with laughter, pizza and salad, drinks, 50/50 raffle and silent auction, to benefit Lahey Health Cancer Institute. Doors open 6:30 p.m., Show starts, 7:30 p.m. Advance tickets, \$40, at the door, \$50. Information, tickets facebook, twitter.

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

It’s a comedic take on Alexandre Dumas’ tale of all for one and one for all featuring a cast of predominantly blackened brown actors, portraying those dashing, daring do-good heroes, “The Three Musketeers,” June 6-30, co-produced by Greater Boston stage Company and Front Arts Porch Collective, 395 Main St., Stoneham.

ONCE ON THIS ISLAND

Wheelock Family Theatre-Boston University’s 24-member teen ensemble performs this touching romantic musical, May 31, at 7 p.m., and June 1, 3, 7 p.m. \$10, at the door, online or call 617-353-3001. The teen benefit cabaret takes place Wednesday, June 5, 8 p.m. to benefit the theater’s scholarship fund. Suggested donation \$20 at

the door. 201 Riverway, Boston.

THE CAPTIVITY OF HANNAH DUSTON

Guerrilla Opera presents the Emergence performance featuring world premiere music from composer Lansing McLoskey’s “The Captivity of Hannah Dustin,” with libretto by Glen Nelson, May 30. The evening opens with an historical experience at 6 p.m. and concert at 7:30 p.m., at HC Media at Harbor Place, 2 Merrimack St., Haverhill. \$45; concert only, \$25; seniors, \$20; students, and blind or visually impaired patrons, \$10. guerillaopera.org/events or tickets sold at the door.

THE NATURE PLAYS

The world premiere of the Mount Auburn Plays, two series of site-specific plays created by Mount Auburn Cemetery’s first playwright-artist-in-residence, award-winning Boston playwright Patrick Gabridge, takes place June 1-9, at the cemetery, rain or shine, 580 Mt. Auburn St., Cambridge. Saturday, Sunday, 1, 5 p.m., includes walking in the cemetery on paved and unpaved surfaces. \$35; members, \$30. mountauburn.org/the-nature-plays, 617-607-1980.

WILDLIFE SANCTUARY NATURE FESTIVAL

Audubon Society’s Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary features nature,

animals, exhibits, guided walks, live music, and local crafts at its festival geared to children and adults, Sunday, June 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 87 Perkins Row, Topsfield. \$20 per car. Rain or shine. massaudubon.org/ipswichriver.

GUYS AND DOLLS

Neverland Theatre presents the concert version of “Guys and Dolls,” featuring a live band and 20 Not Shore adults, May 31, at 8 p.m.; June 1 and 2, 4:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 221 Cabot St., Beverly. \$16.50. neverlandtheatre.com, 978-500-8832.

DISNEY’S ALADDIN JR.

There’s magic and music in Neverland Theatre’s production of Disney’s Aladdin Jr., May 31 at 5:30 p.m.; June 1, 11a.m. smh 2 p.m., and June 2 at 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, 221 Cabot St., Beverly. \$15. neverlandtheatre.com, 978-500-8832.

THE GOOD NAZI

Boston Jewish Film, in partnership with the Vilna Shul, Boston’s Center for Jewish Culture, presents this film, Thursday, May 30, 7:30 p.m., at Brattle Theatre, Cambridge, followed by a conversation with Samuel Bak, Dr. Michael Good and Dr. Richard Freund. bostonjewishfilm.org.

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An Evening of Authentic Food and Friendship in Support of St. Stephen's Bell Tower Project

By Meghan Maloney

Blessed by the support of many friends, most notably, North End restaurant owners Filippo and Ana Frattaroli, St. Stephen's Church on Hanover Street was the grateful recipient of funds raised at a special dinner held recently at Lucia Ristorante, with all proceeds going towards the church's Bell Tower project. The dinner, held on May 21, was designed to allow supporters of the project to gather in an intimate setting at the renowned Italian restaurant, located directly next to the church, and enjoy a delicious five-course meal, all the while enjoying fellowship with many familiar faces.

The money raised from the evening will go toward the restoration of St. Stephen's bell tower, designed by famed architect, Charles Bulfinch. The project to both restore the structure of the tower, and with additional funds, secure and stabilize the bell within, has been a daunting one for Fr. David Costello, rector of St. Stephen's. The fact that the church is a "religious" building, hinders funding from many historical preservation foundations. And with much of St. Stephen's congregation made up of visiting tourists rather than a consistent, large group of

parishioners, weekly donations tend to amount to less than those of other area churches. Therefore, Father Costello started seeking creative ways to raise funds in order to avoid having to spend most of the church's savings on this costly repair.

Thanks to Filippo and Ana Frattaroli and the many who came out to enjoy a delicious meal of beautifully prepared delicacies of the sea, tender pasta, rich deserts, and an assortment of sweet and dry wines, a substantial amount of money was raised to help with the bell tower expenses. Bishop Robert Hennessey attended and was kind enough to impart the blessing at the beginning of the meal, while many locals of the North End appeared to enjoy the food, the fellowship, and the festive evening. "I am grateful to all the neighbors, friends, and supporters of the project, including State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, who joined us for an evening of culinary delight, all in support of the restoration of a building steeped in history and one that has been part of the fabric of the North End for so very long," said Costello.

Work on the bell tower is slated to begin the first week of June.



Friends and supporter of the St. Stephen's Bell Tower project.



Lucia owner Filippo Frattaroli, Fr. David Costello, and North End resident Joseph Giangregorio



One of many delicious courses served at Lucia Ristorante on Hanover St.



Lucia owner Filippo Frattaroli, Fr. David Costello, and State Representative Aaron Michlewitz.



4TH ANNUAL NORTH END CORNHOLE CLASSIC

The North End's favorite Sunday Funday is back by popular demand; the 4th annual Cornhole Classic charity tournament will be held on Sunday - June 9th!

- Tickets are \$60 per team (\$30 per person)
- Registration begins at 11am, tournament play to begin promptly at noon
- New location! On the corner of Fulton & Lewis Streets!
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Contact NorthEndCornhole@gmail.com for more information.

All proceeds go to the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship and the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), Fulton & Lewis Streets will be packed with a tournament that's going to be bigger and better!

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