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### MUCKDOGS GET MEDALS



North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Minor League/Muckdogs Coached by Sean O'Connor received medals at recent All Star Game.

### MassDOT schedules crosswalk work in the North End

By Phil Orlandella

Overnight work to reconstruct crosswalks at various sections of Atlantic Avenue and Surface Road/Purchase Street began on the evening of Monday, July 15, according to MassDOT.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of August with various lane closures each evening from 7 p.m. through 6 a.m. the following morning.

Traffic impacts are expected at various locations along these roadways when the work is being done.

Once this work is completed, operations will move to Atlantic

Avenue between Mercantile and North Washington streets later in the summer.

Apparently, the work will be conducted in ways that minimize impacts on the traveling public and the local community, according to MassDOT that, "Ensured jackhammer would stop each evening at 11 p.m."

People should be aware while traveling the impacted area, of delays and reduce speed limits, they should use caution MassDOT clearly advised.

The usual signage and messaging will be in place noting these impacts for the scheduled work, which is weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

MassDOT offers many ways for travelers to get traffic conditions including:

- Dial 511 and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit [www.mass511.com](http://www.mass511.com), a website which provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
- Follow MassDOT on Twitter @MassDOT to receive regular updates on road and traffic conditions.
- Download MassDOT's Goal Time mobile app and view real-time traffic conditions before setting out on the road.

### NEWNC (7-0) opposes Charter Street plan

By Phil Orlandella

A proposal by 49 Charter Street LLC to change the legal occupancy at 49 Charter St. from a six-family dwelling to an eight-family residential building with a one-story addition was opposed by the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at its July 8 monthly meeting held that the Nazzaro Community Center.

Based on abutters concerns on the potential effects on their property the Council by a unanimous 7-0 vote did not support the proposed plans.

The proposed project does

not exceed the 55-foot height limitations imposed in the North End.

Plans call for a one-story addition, legalizing the basement living space, renovating the building and placing a full sprinkler system throughout the building.

Abutters fully support the renovation part of the proposal but not the requested height increase.

Christine Poff, Director of the Community Preservation Program for the City of Boston spoke on the Community

(NEWNC Pg. 5)

### Much to do at NEAD Family Pride Day

By Phil Orlandella

One of the best community events that takes place each year is without question, the North End Against Drugs Family Pride Day, which will be held at Christopher Columbus Park on Sunday, August 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

Featuring an annual hotly contested Bocce Expo, the community event also includes face

painting, arts and crafts, a balloon artist, art contest and much more.

Entertainment will be provided by Crosstown at 12 noon, Street Magic at 1 p.m. and Vynyl Groove at 2 p.m.

NEAD President John Romano said, "This is our big event and hopefully many people will find some time to attend these annual neighborhood events that brings the community together for a fun filled time."

### National Night Out set for August 6

By Phil Orlandella

Besides the free pizza, this year's National Night Out, hosted by North End Against Drugs (NEAD), has a full schedule of events and activities that will take place on Tuesday, August 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., finishing off with a candlelight ceremony at 8 p.m.

DJ AMMO, Reptile Guy, face painting, a Boston Police K-9 Dog show, balloon arts and crafts, and North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) Instrumental

Petting Zoo will be a part of the annual community event.

District A-1 Boston Police will present an appreciation award to a person recognize for community support.

Organizations participating are: Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Paul Revere House, NEW/Health-in Plain Sight, Suffolk University, and Boston Host Lions Club.

NEAD President John Romano welcomes all residents to attend this fun and educational community event.



# Forum

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## YES, DRUGS ARE BAD, BUT ALCOHOL IS STILL THE WORST

We've all become aware of the opioid epidemic that has spread throughout the country in recent years and that has been responsible for about 60,000 premature deaths annually in the United States.

The dangerous and deadly drug fentanyl, which often is laced into heroin, chiefly has been responsible for the rise in opioid overdoses.

However, we should not lose sight of the fact that alcohol abuse still rates as the number one health problem in the country, as it has for decades.

Here are a few statistics:

It is estimated that excessive drinking is responsible for 88,000 deaths per year in the United States, about one in 10 deaths among working-age adults. The cost in 2010 was almost \$250 billion.

And drinking is a serious problem among adolescents. More than nine percent of those 12 to 17 years drink alcohol, and almost five percent engaged in binge drinking in the last month. Drinking in the teen years makes a person five times more likely to become an alcoholic than if they had waited to take their first drink after the age of 21.

For men, risky drinking is more than four drinks on any day or more than 14 drinks in any week, according to the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse. And for women, it's more than three drinks on any day or more than seven drinks in any week. (The institute defines a drink as 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of spirits.)

Among people aged 15 to 49, alcohol use is the single most common risk factor for death and disability. In 2016, alcohol accounted for 6.8 percent of male and 2.2 percent of female deaths.

Finally, alcoholic beverages are classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Group 1 carcinogen (carcinogenic to humans) -- the same category as asbestos -- with 3.6 percent of all cancer cases and 3.5 percent of cancer deaths worldwide being attributable to consumption of alcohol.

So here are a few ways to ensure that neither we nor our friends and loved ones become one of those statistics this summer:

1) If you are planning on going out for a night, leave the car at home and have your cell phone programmed to call an Uber. Drunk-driving lawyers say their business is way down thanks to Uber use by millennials -- so be smart and plan ahead while you're still sober and before you leave your house!

2) Friends don't let friends drive drunk -- take their keys and drive them home yourself or get them an Uber.

3) Do not drink and captain a boat -- it IS against the law (just like drinking and driving a car) -- and the risks to your passengers and other boaters on the water are huge if you are captaining under the influence.



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## FROM OUR READERS

### MORE TRASH BARRELS NEEDED

To the Editor,

I was reading the North End Regional Review, looking for where to send this email. You were the only contact information that I saw.

Due to the renovations at Pupolo Park and Langone Field, there are no trash barrels between Charlestown Bridge and Battery Wharf on the water side of the street. I walk that route and routinely pick up trash when there is a place to dispose of it.

Can you work to get trash barrels at:

Skating rink, where tour busses stop. There is always lots of trash there, and people might use them.

Near entrance to Mirabella Pool; I routinely see trash in that area too. Others would be nice, but this is a bare minimum.

Regards,  
Jim Poitras

### RESIDENTS NEED THE MBTA

To the Editor,  
Secretary Stephanie Pollack  
Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
10 Park Plaza, Suite 4160  
Boston, MA 02116

Dear Secretary Pollack,  
As Mayor of Boston, it's my responsibility to advocate for the residents of Boston.

I just signed a budget for the City that gives \$90 million to

the MBTA -- more than twice our own transportation budget. As we know, the MBTA is not currently a functional service for many of the residents of Boston. Boston residents rely on the T to get to work, to take their children to school, to go to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and live their lives -- my residents need the T.

While I appreciate the progress and urgency expressed by the MBTA in recent weeks, I still firmly believe we need better service on a faster timeline. As the MBTA works to fix the ongoing issues with its service, Red Line riders need better solutions today.

It's still uncertain when service will be fully restored on the Red Line and, despite strong public opposition, mine included, fares still went up two weeks ago and riders continue to pay more for less.

To that end, on behalf of the City of Boston, I am requesting that you increase the frequency of trains on the Red line and nearby commuter rail lines through the following service improvements:

- Expand Fairmount Service

Create 8 additional weekday trips on the Fairmount Line. The Fairmount Line has seen a noticeable increase in ridership during the last weeks, and the MBTA can increase service and capacity so more residents can utilize this line. Additionally, riders should be able to use Charlie Cards on the Fairmount Line.

Based on our teams' esti-

mates this would cost between \$830,000 and \$1,500,000 annually.

- Preserve the South Shore Limited

Create 8 additional weekday trips, providing express service. This will help improve riders' experiences on the South Shore, and relieve some pressure on the Red Line.

This would cost about \$900,000 per year, based on Fairmount service costs.

- Increase the Off-Peak Hour Frequency

Run more trains during off-peak times on the Red Line, resulting in residents experiencing fewer trip delays. This is already being run on the Orange Line to accommodate the Encore Casino. This increase would accommodate Red Line commuters and residents trying to reach their homes and jobs.

This would cost around \$7 million per year, based on similar Orange Line costs.

Taken together, these service improvements would create a positive, immediate benefit for riders in Boston. We estimate that the total cost of these improvements is equivalent to a four month delay in fare increases and it's only fair that any additional revenue be invested directly back into improved service.

I look forward to hearing back on this request. Thank you for your work and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

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## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### BOSTON SHOOTINGS GETTING OUT OF HAND

Boston's street shooting numbers have significantly increased since last year, and currently there appears to be no end in sight because there is no fear in the culprits that are terrifying the City. They just don't care and believe they will not get caught.

It doesn't appear that taking illegal guns off the streets with a volunteer program or police action is working, neither is gang-controlled efforts.

It doesn't help that when these bad guys are arrested, the court system falters and they are back on the streets, somehow obtaining another gun.

Boston Police, collectively have to disparately find a way to stop shootings with a real plan to prevent this serious criminal situation, that's for real.

At the same time, police should make a huge effort to remove gangs off the street that are having a negative safety effect on the City.

For the most part, Police have knowledge of who these gang members are and start rounding them up and begin to reduce the shootings and other crimes.

It's time to kick a little BUTT.

### MBTA RED LINE SERVICE PROBLEMS NEED FIXING

Boston residents certainly depend on services provided by the MBTA, especially on the Red Line which continues to have major problems.

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh said it best, "We need better service on a faster a timeline."

Just about everyone agrees that Red Line riders need better solutions, now not later.

Boston's budget gives \$90 million to the MBTA, however, the MBTA is not currently providing a functional service for residents and it doesn't appear to be getting any better.

The Mayor has made some suggestions that need to be considered by the T that could have merit.

### ATTACKS ON EMTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

When someone is injured, the first person they want to see at the scene is a Boston EMT that can immediately assess the injury (s) that have occurred

and provide medical assistance, sometimes in life-saving situations.

Recently, there have been several physical attacks on EMTs for no reasonable explanation.

"This is unacceptable" was the response from City officials, however, nobody noted what is or will be done to protect these men and woman from harm.

EMTs do a great job attempting to make things better for people that are injured.

Worrying about being assaulted every time they respond to a situation is not acceptable for these medical professional responders that handle negative situations every day.

### FEAST SOCIETIES COVERED ALL THE BASICS

Local religious feast societies have prepared for the yearly, traditional festivals on the streets of the North End.

Working with several city agencies and of course with Boston Police to ensure public safety and cleaning up the debris that fills the streets and sidewalks, the societies have covered all the bases for these traditional religious happenings that attract thousands of people each year.

Public safety and health issues were fully addressed. Kudos.

### NORTH END FAMILY FESTIVAL HAS A COMMUNITY EVENT

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) along with its major sponsor Eversource Energy have put together what seems to be another promising North End Family Fun Festival running Aug. 3 through 9.

The schedule of events includes something for everyone during the week at different locations throughout the neighborhood.

Residents should try to participate in one or two of the events or all of them.

North End Pride Day and National Night Out a part of the many events that will take place at the community event.

### NORTH STATION/HAYMARKET STATION IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

Wayfinding and improvements to four MBTA stations including North Station and Haymarket Station located on the outskirts of the North End have been planned by the MBTA.

Plans call for much-needed replacement of existing signage, repairs to ceilings, walls, floors, interior painting, general cleaning, bench refinishing, lighting replacement and sta-

tion art work cleaning.

The expected improvements reflect the T's goal to upgrade stations for better customer experience.

Investments to improve customer service and experience to stations are a positive move in the right direction that will make conditions much cleaner and brighter for T users.

### TAKING FALSE CREDIT IS UNACCEPTABLE

Four additional hokey have been assigned by the City of Public Works Department (DPW) to clean in the North End this summer.

They were solely needed due to the increasing debris mounting in the neighborhood. How true.

Public Works made this decision to place more hokeys in the community some time ago.

There was apparently no pressure to accomplish this like a local committee is claiming credit for. DPW had already planned for the additional hok- eys for the community.

Taking credit after something has been decided is poor

judgment and not acceptable.

DPW should be given the credit for recognizing the need for additional hokeys in a neighborhood that clearly warranted them.

### CITY NEEDS TO ENSURE NORTH END BUILDINGS ARE SAFE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Placing additional floors to current North End structures has to be completely subject to serious review by the City of Boston.

Structural integrity should be the target of concern, especially since part of a North Street building suddenly collapsed while under construction and plans for construction on a Hanover Street building was nixed because of steel beam problems.

While the City of Boston usually does a respectable job of surveying properties, recent incidents warrant a step-up program to make absolutely sure that these structures are solid enough to rehab or place additions on.





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**IN BRIEF** By Phil Orlandella**Local residents should make their way to 'Open Newbury Street' Stroll**

Many events and activities are available for the North End/Waterfront residents to enjoy in their backyard, The Greenway, Christopher Columbus Park, feasts, parades, recreations events and much more.

There is another special event being held, "Open Newbury Street" Stroll, a short distance from the neighborhood that can be enjoyed.

Following three years of success, "Open Newbury Street" a strolling and shopping experience will take place on two Sundays this summer from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on August 25,

and September 15.

Newbury Street will be pedestrian only from Arlington Street to Massachusetts Avenue allowing participants the opportunity to use the full width of the street.

"This series (a family event) has become an anticipated summer event and I hope residents and visitors will be able to experience all that "Open Newbury Street" has to offer," Mayor Martin Walsh said.

Besides strolling and shopping many restaurants will be set up outside and many activities will be available to participate in.

Parking will be restricted during each event and the public is encouraged to utilize the sev-

eral MBTA routes that service the area, walking or bicycling.

**Police prepare to make feasts safe**

District A-1 Boston Police are geared up to help make local feasts safe and enjoyable for the thousands of people that attend them.

Police are prepared to tackle any and all potential problems during these community religious festivals on the streets of the North End and the processions that occur through the streets of the area as well.

Police have already held meetings with the societies, the Mayor's Office, residents, businesses and those selling products in the feast location.

**Charlestown resident Leigh Ann Steele joins NEMPAC board of directors**

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) has welcomed Leigh Ann Steele to their Board of Directors. Steele was elected a member on June 5, 2019, and will proudly serve a three-year term on the neighborhood arts organization's board.

Over the past few years, NEMPAC has expanded its programming into Charlestown, increasing its partnerships with local schools including the Harvard Kent, Warren Prescott, and the Good Shepherd School as well as with the Charlestown Working Theater. The organization looks forward to continuing to expand on its programming, serve more members of the Charlestown community, and is fortunate to have a Charlestown Resident on its board to represent the neighborhood.

"I am honored to be serving on NEMPAC's board of directors, and I look forward to helping them move forward with their mission of bringing music and performing arts into our community. Being a music school and performance hub, I believe their programs play



Leigh Ann Steele.

a vital role in connecting our neighborhood and bringing music into our schools. As a parent and Charlestown resident, I am thrilled to see them expand their efforts into Charlestown," Leigh Ann Steele said.

Leigh Ann is a longtime resident of Charlestown, where she lives with her husband and three children. Over the past 20 years, she has held marketing and product management positions at several firms including Fidelity, John Hancock, and State Street.

More recently, she co-founded Rye Beach Yoga and became the director of marketing and operations. Additionally, Leigh Ann is an active volunteer with Girls Who Code and the Warren Prescott School.

She graduated from Lehigh University with a B.S. in Economics and she earned an MBA from the Sloan School of Management at MIT. She happily discovered NEMPAC when her daughter became a music student in 2016. Since then, she has been impressed with NEMPAC's mission and commitment to the surrounding community. As an ardent supporter of music and performing arts, she is honored to join the board of directors and to help further NEMPAC's mission.

"NEMPAC is not only growing our student population, but we are also expanding our Board of Directors with the newest member, Leigh Ann Steele, a resident of Charlestown," says NEMPAC Board President, Dianne Royle. "Thank you, Leigh Ann for joining our NEMPAC family!! We are excited to work with you."

**District A-1 Police relocated to North Street**

By Phil Orlandella

Due to major renovations required, the temporary relocation of District A-1 Boston Police, 40 New Sudbury St., to 152 North St. in the North End has taken place.

Staff and equipment have been taken to the new site and there was no distribution to the number of officers or police services.

The new location at North Street will not be equipped with a booking area or cell blocks according to police.

"Male prisoners arrested in District A-1 and A-15 areas

will be booked at District C-6 at 101 West Broadway with female prisoners being transported, booked and house at District D-1 located at 650

Harrison Ave. in the South End.

Renovations are expected to take one year and during that time, the district station at 40 New Sudbury Street will be vacant with the exception of construction crews.

"People should continue to utilize 911 to request assistance in an emergency," stated police.

The main number at District A-1 will remain 617-343-4240.

**District A-1 Boston Police respond and assist stabbing victim**

By Phil Orlandella

District A-1 Boston Police (which includes the North End/Waterfront) were quick to respond to an assault and eventually a stabbing incident (a week or so ago) involving to Boston EMTs and immediately provided medical assistance.

The incident occurred on a sidewalk a stone's throw from the police station on New Chardon Street.

Upon arrival, police located a female EMT suffering from several stab wounds. A second male EMT was found behind an ambulance, apparently suffering from exposure to an undetermined chemical agent, according to the police report.

Both victims were transported to local hospitals.

The male victim advised police that they had been attacked by a female suspect, later arrested, from East Boston identified as 31-year-old Julie Tejedo who was ordered to take a mental examination.

She was taken into custody without incident and charged with assault with intent to murder. Assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon and assault and battery on a public employee. What the final charge (s) will be has yet to be determined.

Many people have credited District A-1 Police for their quick response and potential lifesaving efforts.

**NEAD Family Boat Cruise set for Aug. 5**

By John Romano

Once again it is time for North End Against Drugs' Annual Family Boat Cruise in memory of Emilie Pugliano and Bobby DeCristoforo.

Thanks to the generosity of The Nolan family, owners of Boston Harbor Cruises, the cruise is free again this year. North End Against Drugs (NEAD), through our sponsors for North End Family Fun Festival, will also provide a sandwich and snacks for the boat ride around Boston Harbor.

This is an awesome cruise and is fun for the whole family. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult family member.

The Cruise is on Monday, Aug. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. and loading will be at 6:45 p.m. The boat will leave from Long Wharf next to the Marriot Hotel.

The cruise is for North End Residents and family, NEAA members, NEAD Sponsors and Friends. Reservations are needed.

For reservation or additional information contact Patricia Romano at 617-880-9901.

**BE THE TALK OF THE TOWN**

The Regional Review is interested in publishing the memories of North End residents in print. If you or someone you know would like to share your experiences, please send email to regionalreview@comcast.net

## MEET THE AUTHOR



*I Am Books, 189 North Street, will host a book discussion, 'Sicily a Heart's Journey,' featuring Mary Tolaro Noyes, who shares the dream of finding her Sicilian family—from its origin as a child surrounded by the love of her Sicilian-American family, to its realization on a June day in 1989—and of establishing a lasting connection between them. Schedule for Saturday, August 10, at 7 p.m.*

## FUN IN THE PARK



*Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will continue its 2019 Lawn Games on the West Lawn through September 14. Children of all ages can participate in the fun filled activities coordinated by volunteers as part of Fun in the Park 2019.*

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## NEAD Family Fun Festival offers something for everyone

By Phil Orlandella

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) and its Eversource Energy have put together a spectacular North End Family Fun Festival August 3 to August 9, with all events free to participants of all ages, according to NEAD President John Romano.

Among the many special activities, the Festival will include North End Family Pride Day August 4 at Columbus Park, 12 noon to 4 p.m. and National Night Out at the Paul Revere Mall (Prado), August 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

"NEAD has worked extremely hard coordinating the community festival for everyone to enjoy and we hope that residents take advantage of everything offered during the Family Fun Festival," Romano said.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Aug. 3, 5:30 p.m.: La Festa Baseball Exchange - North End Dodgers vs North Adams, Mass. Allstars - Memorial Stadium East Boston.

Sunday, Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m.: La Festa Baseball Exchange Game #2: Location TBD  
Sunday, August 4, 12 Noon to 4 p.m.: North End Family Pride Day Christopher Columbus Park: Entertainment Schedule: 12 Noon Crosstown with Tony Savarino, 1 p.m. Street Magic, 2 p.m. Vinyl Groove, Face Painting, Arts and Crafts, Balloon Artist, Art Contest,

Bocce Expo, and much more.

Sunday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m.: Movie in the Park: Friends of Christopher Columbus Park "The Greatest Showman."

Monday, Aug. 5, 7 to 9 p.m.: Emily Pugliano/Bobby DeCristoforo Family Boat Cruise.

Loading at 6:45p.m. at Boston Harbor Cruises - call Patricia at (617) 880-9901 to reserve your spot.

Tuesday, Aug. 6, 6 to 8:30 p.m.: National Night Out - Paul Revere Mall - Hanover St.

Free Pizza, DJ AMMO, Reptile Guy, Face Painting, Balloons, Arts and Crafts, Candle Ceremony at 8 p.m., Suffolk County Sherriff's Office, Paul Revere House, NEMPAC Instrument Petting Zoo, NEW Health - In Plain Sight, Suffolk University, K-9 Show with Boston Police, Boston Host Lions Club and much more.

Wednesday, Aug 7, 6 p.m.: Boston Community Collaborative Movie Night at the Gassy.

Thursday, Aug. 8. 6 to 8 p.m.: Family Game Night on the Greenway.

Fun and games for all ages on the Rose Kennedy Greenway Hanover St/ North End Park.

Free Slush for all that attend.  
Friday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m.: Puppet Show - Firendly fun-time with Newton and Pals.

North End Branch Public Library on Parmenter Street.

## NEWNC (from pg. 1)

Preservation Act.

A description of the North Square stories sculptures was presented by

Ann Hirsch and Jeremy Angier of A + J Art + Design.

NEWNC's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, August 12 at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

The City of Boston reminds you:

**The legal drinking age is 21.**



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### NEAA SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED

By Phil Orlandella

Many individual players received special individual awards for their outstanding play on the field and in the

All-Star Game held at Langone Park.

North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Baseball Coordinator John Romano said, "These players were recog-

nized for the great job playing outstanding baseball throughout the season, the playoffs and the All-Star Game." He added, "They were well deserving of the recognition."

Regular Season MVP - Jo-Jo Brienze  
Pitcher of the Year- -Richard Wells  
Sportsman of the Year - James Heath  
Rookie of the Year - Owen Flannagan  
Coach of the Year- -Jon

Larson  
Playoff MVP - Gunnar Larson  
Carangelo Award Winner: Indians - Alex Parisi  
Cardinals - Ibrahim Dagher  
Tigers - Cameron Esposito  
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### NSC SENIORS CELEBRATE BELATED INDEPENDENCE DAY FESTIVITIES

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) held its Independence Day Party to celebrate America's birthday and the arrival of summer.

NE/WE NSC staff, volunteers, and seniors gathered to enjoy the much-anticipated barbecue foods such as hot dogs, baked beans, and ice cream. There was a twist of Italian summer with a homemade cold rice salad taking center stage.

A very special guest included

Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who visited with his constituents and passed out flags in honor of the day. Also, in attendance was Josh Young, Director of Field Operations and Legislative Affairs Community Coordination, ABCD.

The Center is grateful to Victor Brogna, Advisory Board Member, who played "My Country 'Tis of Thee", along with other songs typically heard at concerts in observance of the day.

"Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die." – Dwight D. Eisenhower

Would you like to join the fun? Please call 617-523-8125 to reserve your spot for future parties; new clients need to sign up for free membership with ABCD.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz handed out flags.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz addresses seniors.



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz greets seniors.



(L-R) Johannah Malone, Fundraising Specialist, ABCD North End/West End NSC, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, and Maria Stella Gulla, Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC.

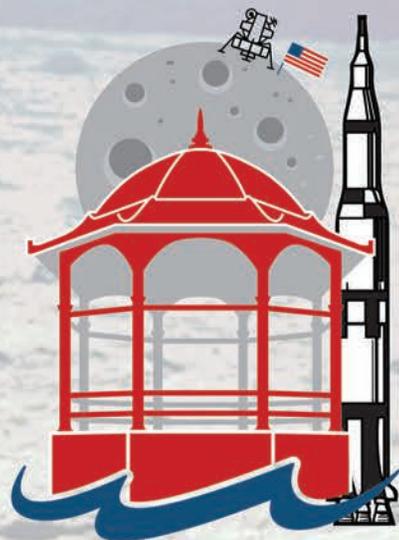
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# NEWRA opposes two height addition proposals

By Phil Orlandella

Two propose height additions, one on Charter Street and the other on Salem Street were overwhelmingly opposed by North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at the July 11 monthly meeting at the Nazzaro Center Hall which was completely full of abutters, members and others.

Revised plans by 97 Salem Street Realty Trust to erect a five-story addition above an existing single-story dwelling at 97 Salem Street were opposed by the membership 26 to 7.

Abutters turned out in force to stop plans for a change from one commercial space and for residential units to eight residential units.

Before changes were made, the applicant's original plans called for one commercial space and nine residential units were presented to NEWRA about a year ago.

The new proposal has not been sent to City Hall because the applicant wanted to go before NEWRA before filing his plans.

Abutters expressed concern about fire access, sound, light, privacy, and the blockage of windows from sunlight and air.

Plans also called for a height addition to 42 feet, and FAR increase to 3.5 and a fourth-floor roof deck (open space).

There are still several zoning issues, including parking, that the applicant still needs to address.

A second height addition proposed by 48-49 Charter Street was also overwhelmingly opposed by NEWRA.

The applicant proposes to erect a one-story addition to the rear of a building located at 48-49 Charter Street by legalizing the present basement occupancy that would change the total occupancy from six to eight residential units and add a one-story addition.

Once again abutters opposed the project based on loss of light and air, site and privacy and more.

However, they did apparently support the plans to renovate the building without the height increase.

NEWRA received an update from the North Square design firm featuring the four informational sculptures that will be placed in Square where Sacred Heart Church and the Paul Revere House are located.

Residents viewed a presentation on some of the proposed plans and seem to like them.

An amendment to NEWRA's notification system (not a city policy) was fully supported by the membership.

The amendment calls for notifying neighbors in writing via certified mail or first-

class mail (USPS Certificate of Mailing must be provided) in advance of the NEWRA meetings.

Notification by leafleting is not acceptable. Personal contact with impacted neighbors is encouraged.

Notification must include the following:

- An explanation of the proposed action.

- Information on how the neighbor can contact the applicant.

- Notice that the matter shall be taken up by NEWRA for discussion and/or vote at the Zoning Licensing and Construction Committee (ZLC)

meeting and the NEWRA Membership meeting at which the neighbor may present his/her views.

- The date, time and location of the above NEWRA meetings.

- Contact information for the designated NEWRA representative that the neighbor can contact with questions or concerns regarding the proposed action.

The written notification must be distributed so that it is received by neighbors no less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the ZLC meeting at which time the application will be presented.

Prior to NEWRA action on the request, the applicant must provide to NEWRA:

- A copy of the written notice (or notices) given to neighbors.

- A list of the neighbors who have been notified and the method of delivery. At a minimum, the list shall provide a street address and unit number for each neighbor. Where applicable, explain why an address does not include a unit number.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

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The Authority will conduct a Pre-Submission Conference on Friday, August 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Terminal C Briefing Room, 2nd Floor Old Tower, Boston-Logan International Airport, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909. To confirm attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference please complete the RSVP form located on the Massport website at [www.massport.com](http://www.massport.com) as early as possible and no later than 2:00 pm Eastern Time on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. For any questions related to the RFP, please call (617) 561-1662 or email Mr. Dan Geleta at [dgeleta@massport.com](mailto:dgeleta@massport.com). Proposals must be received by the Authority at or prior to 2:00 pm Eastern Time on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at the office of Mr. Michael Grieco, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 200S, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. The Authority is soliciting

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**Sun 10:00 am:** Game #2 of LaFesta Baseball Tournament - Ryan Park, Charlestown

**\*Sunday August 4th - North End Family Pride Day\***  
Christopher Columbus Park - Atlantic Avenue

**12:00 noon - 4:00 pm:** Free BBQ, North End Waterfront Health, Face Painting, Johnny Paolo Bocce Tournament, Balloon Art, Kids Arts & Crafts, More to be Announced!!  
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**ART CONTEST:**

**12:00 noon - 2:45 pm** Sponsored by Public Action for Arts & Education - All Ages - Prizes Awarded

**Sunday August 4th: Presented by F.O.C.C.P.**  
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**8:00 pm: MOVIE IN THE PARK** - "The Greatest Showman"  
**Mon, August 5th: EMILIE PUGLIANO/BOBBY D NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY BOAT CRUISE**  
Boston Harbor Cruises - Long Wharf

**7:00 pm:** Space is limited! To sign up please call Patricia at 617-880-9901. Pre-registration required. All ages (under 16 with parent) welcome. Come enjoy a night on the harbor. 6:45 pm boarding time. This fabulous night made possible through the generosity of the Nolan Family owners of Boston Harbor Cruises.

**Tues, August 6th NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:**  
Paul Revere Mall "PRADO" - Hanover St

**6:00 pm - 8:30 pm:** Free Pizza • Face Painting • Balloon Art • NEMPAC • Boston Police • Church Bells • Kids Crafts • Suffolk County Sheriff's Department • North End Waterfront Health • RUFF • Paul Revere House • Century Bank - Italian Ice Cart • Boston Police • Ice Cream Truck • Reptile Show • Suffolk University Police • Music by DJ Justin Amoroso • And Much More!!

**Wed, August 7th: MOVIE NIGHT - Boston Community Collaborative**  
Gassy Park - Prince St.

**7:00 pm:** Free Pizza • MOVIE: Charlotte's Web - Starts at dark  
**Thurs, August 8th: FAMILY GAME NIGHT on the Greenway**  
North End Park Parcel #10 - Hanover/Cross Streets

**6:00 - 8:00 pm:** Boys and Girls all ages welcome - Enjoy Lawn Games w/ Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy  
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**Fri, August 9th Puppet Show: Sponsored by Councilor Edwards**  
**11:00 am - "Friendly Fun Time with Newton & Pals - Boston Public Library - Parmenter St.**

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FREE CONCERTS ON THE ESPLANADE

Boston Landmarks Orchestra 2019 season of free concerts at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade will be held every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. August 21. The summer celebrates the 90th anniversary of concerts on the Esplanade.

### PAUL REVERE HOUSE AUGUST SCHEDULE

Paul Revere House, North Square, North End will showcase some of events including talented musicians, artisans, artists and other performers during the month of August.

- August 10 from 1-3 p.m. Colonial Herbalist.
- August 17 from 1-3 p.m. The Art of Spinning.
- August 24 from 1-3 p.m. Tailors Craft.
- August 31 at 1 PM, 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Rendezvous with Rachel Revere.

### NEAD NORTH END FAMILY PRIDE DAY

North End Family Pride Day which will be held at Christopher Columbus Park on Sunday, August 4 from twelve noon to 4 p.m.. Entertainment, games, and much more will be provided.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

North End National Night Out will be held at the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) on Tuesday, August 6 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. with many agencies and organizations. Free pizza will be provided.

### NEAD FAMILY BOAT CRUISE

The Emily Pugliano/Bobby DeCristoforo Family Boat Cruise will be held on Monday, August 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. on Boston Harbor Cruises, leaving from Long Wharf. For reservations call 617-880-9901.

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### PUPPET SHOW AT LIBRARY

A puppet show-friendly fun time with Newton and Pals will be held at the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street starting at 6:45 p.m.

### FAMILY GAME NIGHT

A Family Game Night will be held on The Greenway on Tuesday, August 8 from 6 to 8 p.m.

### SUNSET CRUISE

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold a benefit Summer Sunset Cruise on Tuesday, August 20 at 6 p.m.

### FIREWORKS ON THE HARBOR

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) presents Fireworks on the Harbor to kick off Labor Day on Thursday, August 29, at sunset.

### UNDER THE AUGUST MOON

A magical evening, Under the August Moon, will be held at the Armenian heritage Park on Thursday, August 23 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Walk the Labyrinth and enjoy the Berkeley Jazz Trio and delicious signature tasting hosted by anoush'ella.

### AUTHOR MARY TOLARO NOYES AT I AM BOOKS

I Am Books, 189 North Street will hold a book discussion, Sicily: A Hot Journey by Mary Tolaro Noyes on Saturday, August 10, at 7 p.m. The authors shares the dream of finding her Sicilian family.

### NEMPAC PRESENTS JAZZ IN THE PARK

Every Tuesday night from 6 to 7:10 p.m. NEMPAC will present Jazz in the Park during the month of July on The Greenway North End Parks at North and Crossed Streets.

### NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

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

### FOCCP CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) schedule for the month of August.

• Sunday Night Movies on the East Lawn continues through August 25.

• Delightful Summer Sunset Harbor Crews August 20 at 6 p.m.

• Fireworks on the Harbor on Labor Day weekend August 29.

### SUNDAY NIGHT MOVIES AT COLUMBUS PARK

Sunday night movies will be presented on the East lawn of Columbus Park from now to August 25. Everyone is welcome to participate in the outdoor film program.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING AUGUST 1

The next North End Public Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### FOCCP MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST 13

The next Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariners House, 11 North Square, second floor.

### LAWN GAMES AT COLUMBUS PARK

Now to September 14, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will conduct lawn games on the West lawn. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

### FOCCP SUNSET HARBOR CRUISE

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold its annual Sunset Cruise on board the Rendezvous on Tuesday, August 20 from 7 to 10 p.m.. Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m.

### PLAY CROQUET AT COLUMBUS PARK

Play Croquet in Christopher Columbus Park, funding provided by Jack McCarthy and Edward Jones, every Wednesday through August 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Bring the family, ask friends to participate in this summer event and play in this fun lawn game.

### 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.

### NO AUGUST NEWNC MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) will not meet during the month of August.

### 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. Times may vary or change. For details call 617-635-5166.

### PUBLIC MARKET OPEN

The Boston Public Market on The Greenway is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### 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.

### 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 until September 2, 2019.

### GARDENING ON THE GREENWAY

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

### CITY WINERY ON THE GREENWAY

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 CHURCH HAS NEW HOURS

The Old North Church has expanded its hours of operation 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.

### BCYF SEEKS LIFEGUARDS

The City of Boston's Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) is seeking permanent full-time lifeguards at sixteen indoor pools. For details call Wascar Castillo at 617-635-4920, ext. 2103 or wascar.castillo@boston.gov.

### HOMEWORK HELP

The North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street will provide homework help for kindergarten through grade six on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m.

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## NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

### PROTECTION FROM ELDERLY EVICTION

Two bills have been filed to support right to counsel and protection for older adults in eviction proceedings that Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has testified in favor of.

One act filed by Rep. Chynah Tyler and Sen. Sal DiMenico which would provide any low-income tenant facing eviction with a court appointed attorney for representation.

The others sponsored by Adrian Madero would prohibit no-fault eviction of people over 75 years of age, limiting rent increase to five percent per year to prevent landlords from using large rent increases to get around just cause protection.



Ryan T. Woods.

### MAYOR APPOINTS SOAR DIRECTOR

The revamping of the City's violence prevention and intervention program, SOAR formally BCYF Streetworker Program has taken place within evidence base approach.

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has appointed Talia Rivera as Soar Boston's Director, the first woman to lead and oversee the program since it was created in the early 1990s.

"Our team has been working very hard over the last year to rethink and enhance this program to be as effective as we can," the Mayor said.

### WOODS NAMED PARKS COMMISSIONER

Ryan T. Woods has been appointed by Mayor Martin Walsh as the next Commissioner of Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

Woods is served in the department since 2007.

"Boston is a great parks City and Ryan brings a wealth of internal and external experience to the role of Parks Commissioner," Mayor Walsh said.

### BOSTON SUMMER EATS PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The 2019 Boston Summer Eats Program that provides free nutritional meals to youth ages

18 and under has been launched at more than 100 locations throughout Boston.

"No child in Boston should ever go hungry and this program helps serve all students throughout the summer months," Mayor Martin Walsh said.

The program is led by the Mayor's Office of Food Services in partnership with Project Bread, Greater Boston YMCA and Boston Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services. Site funding is provided by Boston Children's Hospital.

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# North End Italian Feasts & Processions Summer 2019

## July 28, 2019 – St. Joseph Procession

1:00 pm Procession only – Starts at St. Joseph Society Club, Hanover Street

Fleet, Lewis & North Streets [FishermansFeast.com](http://FishermansFeast.com)

## Aug. 1, 2, 3, & 4, 2019 – St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Thursday; 12pm-11pm Fri., Sat. & Sun. (First weekend in Aug.)  
Hanover & Battery Streets (12:00pm Sunday Procession) [SaintAgrippinaBoston.com](http://SaintAgrippinaBoston.com)

## Aug. 22, 2019 – St. Lucy's Feast

Thacher & Endicott Streets  
5:00 pm Thursday Feast & Procession [StAnthonysFeast.com/StLucy.html](http://StAnthonysFeast.com/StLucy.html)

## Aug. 9, 10 & 11, 2019 – Madonna Della Cava Feast

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.  
Hanover & Battery Streets (1:00pm Sunday Procession) [MadonnaDellaCava.com](http://MadonnaDellaCava.com)

## Aug. 23, 24 & 25, 2019 – Saint Anthony's Feast – 100th Anniversary!

Endicott, Thacher & N. Margin Streets (Last weekend in Aug.)  
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.  
Sunday: 12:00 pm Grand Procession starts [StAnthonysFeast.com](http://StAnthonysFeast.com)

## Aug. 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2019

Fisherman's Feast of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca  
Thursday, 6pm, Blessing of the Fishing Waters at Christopher Columbus Park  
Feast opens at 6:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.  
Sunday 1:00 pm Grand Procession starts; 8:00 pm Flight of the Angel

## Sept. 8, 2019 – Santa Rosalia di Palermo

1:00 pm – Procession only – North Square [Facebook page](#)

## Sept. 2019 (Dates TBD) – San Gennaro Feast

Hanover & Battery Streets [Facebook page](#)

Learn more about the North End's Religious Societies.  
Catch the latest North End Feast News on  
[NorthEndWaterfront.com/feasts](http://NorthEndWaterfront.com/feasts) and Feast Photos at [MattConti.com](http://MattConti.com).

### CELEBRATING FR. CLAUDE'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

Story and photos by Michele Morgan

Father Claude Scrima, of the North End's St. Leonard Church, was honored on his 85th birthday by friends and

parishioners. Fr. Claude grew up in the North End and was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1961. He remains active in several ministries.



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