



# THE NORTH END

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### FOCCP COMMITTEE RECIPIENT OF GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD

*Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) Horticultural Committee has been awarded the North End/ Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) Good Neighbor Award for their outstanding efforts to help keep the community beautiful and clean.*

*Committee chairperson Janet Gilardi said, "These unselfish volunteers meet every Sunday and Wednesday morning bright and early and get down and dirty and work for a couple of hours to beautify the very popular and well used park."*

*She added, "President Joanne Hayes Rines, Co-chairs Robyn Reed and Teresa O'Connell along with many other volunteers really do a terrific job and they should be recognized for their community efforts."*

### HUD awards City \$4.3 million for lead prevention

By Phil Orlandella

Since 1992, the percentage of screened children with elevated levels of lead in their blood has declined 98 percent, according to the Mass Department of Health.

However, it is important that parents of small children have annual checkups scheduled at places where children's blood is tested, DPH suggests.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which seeks to raise awareness of lead poisoning prevention and reduce childhood prevention and exposure to lead has granted \$4.3 million in funding to help future prevention of childhood lead poisoning in the City of Boston.

"The funding is a great affirmation of our lead abatement work and will support our efforts in providing safe and assessable homes to all Bostonians," Mayor Martin Walsh noted.

"Despite being a City with older housing stock, we continue to make great progress in the reduction of lead in Boston homes," the Mayor added.

"The grant to Boston's "Lead Safe" program will address lead in more than 300 units providing safer homes for families with low income," the City claims.

Reportedly, the funds will be used to work with homeowners and landlords with low income eligible tenants by providing fully forgivable loans to complete the necessary work.

Funding will apparently protect families by targeting low income homes and/or other homes with health or safety hazards which are a priority.

Boston also plans to use the funding to ramp up its efforts to continue to be a national leader in keeping lead out of drinking water supplies.

The World Health Organization noted, "Young children are particularly vulnerable to the toxic effects of lead and can suffer profound and permanent adverse health effects that affect the development of the brain and nervous system."

Both HUD and the City are committed to providing protection to families from these hazards according to information provided to the general public.

### HEALTHCARE OPTIONS FOR THE ELDERLY



*Many seniors turned out for an all inclusive care program for the elderly (PACE). Administrated by MassHealth and Medicare to provide a wide-range of medical, social, recreational and wellness services to eligible participants.*

### Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting at Prado set for Dec. 8

By Phil Orlandella

One of the most attended holiday events in the North End is Mayor Martin Walsh's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting held at the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) each season.

This year the popular event will take place on Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m..

For the 24th year, the holiday event continues the positive tradition of lighting holiday trees in the neighborhoods across Boston.

Sponsored by Bank of America,

the event includes a visit with Santa, holiday performances, tree lighting and more.

"I'm excited to start the season by making stops throughout the City for this annual Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting," Mayor Walsh said.

Bank of America President Miceal Chamberlain said that the bank was, "Proud to continue our support of Mayor Walsh's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting, a long-standing tradition that brings joy and excitement to neighborhoods and families across the City."

**NEWRA FALL EVENT  
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# Forum

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## THE CLIMATE SCIENTISTS HAVE BEEN WRONG ALL ALONG

For the better part of three decades, the vast majority of scientists -- including those hired by the petroleum industry -- have warned the world that climate change is occurring principally because of carbon emissions from our addiction to fossil fuels for our automobiles, coal power plants, industry, and agricultural production.

They have measured the effects in any number of ways, most especially the shrinkage of the ice sheets at the polar regions that eventually will result, they have said, in a rise in sea levels around the globe.

They also have told us that a warming planet will bring about an increase in ocean temperatures, which in turn will have devastating consequences both for marine life, which cannot exist in warmer waters, and for ourselves, who will feel the impact of ever-more devastating storms.

They have warned that unless we take steps within the next decade to curb the so-called greenhouse gas emissions, the Earth could become irreversibly changed by the end of this century.

However, the scientists have been wrong. Very wrong.

It turns out that the time frame the climate scientists predicted for the dramatic effects of climate change to occur has been grossly underestimated because their models did not take into account the effect of the feedback loops created by our warming planet.

We aren't scientists, but even we understand what is happening right in front of our eyes.

The ice sheets at the poles are melting faster than even the direst of models had predicted. The extraordinary heat wave across Europe this past summer (U.S. women's soccer fans will recall the high temperatures in France during the World Cup) resulted in temperatures reaching the 80s in the Arctic Circle -- an unheard-of phenomenon.

Environment Canada, the country's national weather agency, confirmed that Alert, Nunavut, the most-northerly, permanently-inhabited spot on Earth, hit 69.8 degrees Fahrenheit (21 degrees Celsius) on July 14, the highest temperature ever recorded there.

As the ice at the poles shrinks, instead of sunlight being reflected (by the ice) back into outer space, it is absorbed by the earth. When that happens, the permafrost at the Arctic Circle starts to thaw out, releasing carbon dioxide that has been trapped in it for millennia into our atmosphere, thereby warming our planet at an even faster rate.

It now is clear that scientists' predictions that the effects of climate change were a distant prospect, for which we still had time to take appropriate action, have been vastly underestimated -- by a factor of decades.

Climate change is happening today. The devastating succession of hurricanes, wildfires, floods, and droughts of the past few years have wiped the earth clean of civilization wherever they have struck. Yes, in most instances we can rebuild (though the communities in the Florida Panhandle destroyed by Hurricane Michael in 2018 still look like war zones), but only at a huge cost -- and only until the next climate change-induced catastrophe strikes.

Greta Thunberg's future is not being imperiled. Her future is now the present.

It is the end of the world as we know it.

And unless we immediately and dramatically change our ways, we will not be fine (apologies to REM).

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## FROM OUR READERS

### NORTH END HISTORICAL SOCIETY 10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Dear Editor,

After speaking to Jim Pasto's class on the history of the North End at Boston University in Oct., 2009, Jim and I sat down and discussed the amazing absence of a historical society for Boston's most storied neighborhood. We wanted to promote scholarship on the North End, especially the Italian and Sicilian community. We also wanted to engage residents, visitors, old-timers, and newcomers with interesting programming about this little corner of city.

On Dec. 17, 2009, at the Cross Street location of Caffe Graffiti, we gathered with others who wanted to start a society, including original board member, Phyllis Vitti. The North End Historical Society (NEHS) was born that night. In two months, we became an incorporated charity in Massachusetts, with Mike Chisholm of East Boston joining the board. And ten years later, Stephen Puleo gave a wonderful talk at the North Bennet Street School in honor of our first decade.

The NEHS would not exist without the hard work and dedica-

tion of Jim Pasto, Phyllis Vitti, and Mike Chisholm. I want to publicly thank them all again. I also want to thank former board members Sheila Di Prizio and Joyce Pedi, who helped us grow and thrive for so long. The NEHS also would not have flourished without the support and talent of people like Stephen Puleo, to whom I am also grateful.

Other people and groups who have generously and continually supported us over the years include Matt Conti and NorthEndWaterfront.com, Pam

Donnaruma and the Post-Gazette, Jennifer Hawes and Janet Buda and the North End Branch of the Boston Public Library, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Maria Michlewitz, Stephen Passacantilli, Anthony Riccio, and Michael Cicalese and James Sorrentino of the Mariners House.

I want to thank Tom Damigella who was a long-time booster even before joining our board of directors. He is currently working on finding us a new home.

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## OPINION By PHIL ORLANDELLA

### NO REAL ANSWER TO OPIOID PROBLEM

Opioid use has simply become an epidemic that has created zombies roaming the neighborhood streets that probably don't even remember their own names.

Educating people of this serious and dangerous problem has apparently not worked and the medical solutions have not lived up to their expectations.

There is ample time and energy taking place to help resolve the opioid crisis but if it is not effective, it's time to turn the page and attempt to seek new answers to address this epidemic.

### CORNER CAFÉ SUPPORTS COMMUNITY SPORTS

Corner Café owner Richie Longo has been sponsoring North End sport teams for about twenty-five years.

Take the local softball league for example, the Café has ruled the roost capturing 18 championships, a record that may never be broken.

Due to renovations at the local park, Longo will have to wait until 2020 to pick up his 19th crown.

However, in between, the Café picked up another championship trophy in the form of a baseball men's 21 and over traveling team he sponsored.

Corner Café also helps many of the community events and activities in the neighborhood and should be recognized for his commitment to the community.

### ELIOT SCHOOL OPENING A TRUE ENDEAVOR

It was a proud day for everyone involved when the brand-new Eliot K-8 School officially opened for the 2019-2020 school session in the North End.

The end result of this monumental task was the outstanding cooperation and intervention of many individuals, elected officials and public agencies that took the bull by the horns and made it happen.

### TWO NORTH END HALLOWEEN PARTIES TOPPED THE CHART

One of the best annual North End Halloween parties was the 4th annual ROC bash that had plenty to do for participants, including entertainment and food.

The popular and well attended neighborhood spooky day event seems to get bigger and better as the years go by.

Another Trick or Treat day was held by the Madonna Della Cava featuring a costume parade through the streets of the neighborhood.

The 48th annual community event also featured prizes, gifts, games and more.

The special day of events attracted numerous participants that enjoyed the day and parade.

### FRIENDS OF LIBRARY PRODUCE MANY HAPPENINGS

Friends of the North End Library continue to produce and sponsor quality activities, events and programs of interest and education to the neighborhood.

The all-volunteer, non-for a group also works closely with the library staff to create many things to do for all age groups, that are truly fun and a learning experience.

### THANKSGIVING DAY A FAMILY TRADITION

Thanksgiving Day is a time for family get-togethers to reflect on the good things that occurred throughout the years and to be thankful to be an American and all it means.

A tradition, a day to enjoy with family and friends and something positive to look forward to in the future.

People celebrate Thanksgiving in many different ways but the end result is always a good family day.

### HELP KEEP THE NORTH END CLEAN

Street cleaning in the North End has been discontinued for the year but does not mean residents and the business community should stop helping to keep the neighborhood clean and healthy

There are still some people

taking the time to clean the area in front of their homes and businesses on a regular basis and that's a good thing.

However, more people should join in for a cleaner neighborhood. It only takes a minimum of time to be a part of this community endeavor.

### 'Messiah' sing along featuring special guest conductor Dr. Jamie Kirsch

In 1818 the "Messiah" had its first full performance in Boston. Also, in that year, the Boston Society of the New Jerusalem/Church on the Hill was founded. You are invited to join us as we celebrate our 201st year on Beacon Hill. Our special guest conductor will be Dr. Jamie Kirsch, leading the vocal soloists and orchestral musicians in a sing-along performance of Handel's magnificent music. We will sing "Part I" and the "Hallelujah Chorus". The event will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2 p.m. Join in the singing or be part of the

audience. The ticket price is \$19 (the entire box office and donations will go to support underprivileged young musicians). Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin Street, Beacon Hill, Boston, MA. 02108 (just across from the State House). Bring your copy of the musical score or purchase a score at the door. This venue is handicap accessible. For more information phone: 617-523-4575 or visit <http://churchonthehillboston.org>. You may purchase tickets online at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4423515>.



## Community Meeting

### Central Artery Parcel 2 Park Design

Tuesday, November 19  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**Boston City Hall**  
1 City Hall Square  
BPDA Board Room 900, 9th Floor  
Boston, MA 02201

#### Event Description

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the Greenway Conservancy, invites community members to the fourth public meeting for the Parcel 2 Park Design process. The goal of this meeting will be to provide a design progress update to interested community members. The team will provide an overview of the feedback collected during the third public meeting and the Concept Designs Online Survey. This feedback guided the selection and further progression of one preferred park design scheme. This progression and further refinement of a single scheme will be the focus of this meeting.

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NEHS (from pg. 2)

Without a permanent meeting space of our own, several organizations have welcomed us in over the years, including the Nazzaro Center, Sacred Heart Church, St. Stephen's Church, the Old North Church, the Paul Revere House, and the many cafes of the neighborhood. I am also sending my thanks out to Jay Priestley and the Beacon Hill Athletic Club in historic Commercial Wharf, where I often meet tour groups, funders, interns, reporters, and authors in between clients at my day job.

Finally, we are all lucky to have a core group of members that

have been there since day one. Out of our entire membership, these are the folks who have lent their moral support, volunteered their time, and, yes, paid the bills for ten years: Vito Aluia, Bootsie Barbour, Victor Brogna, Janet Buda, Dom Capossela, Sandra Caso, Matt Conti, Mario Di Leo, Carol Fabiano, Hue Holley, Arthur and Masie Lauretano, Cindy and Steve Lefkowitz, Victor Passacantilli, Bill and Judy Reghitto, Mary Smoyer, and Michele Topor. Thank you so much!

Alex Goldfeld, President of the North End Historical Society



Photo by Matt Conti

Author Stephen Puleo joins with the North End Historical Society to celebrate their 10th Anniversary.



Mayor Martin Walsh swears in Youth Council.

## West End student on Mayor's Youth Council

A group of 85 high school students were sworn in by Mayor Martin Walsh to serve on the 2019-2020 Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) that will improve Boston's communities and empower other young people throughout the City.

The group, including a West Ender, will advise the Mayor and his Administration on policy and

programming important to youth.

"Being on the Mayor's Youth Council for the past two years has allowed me to develop my leadership skills, as well as provide the opportunity to learn about issues beyond my neighborhood, school and community," said Laurie Goldfield 18, of the West End.

"It has provided me with the

platform to speak on issues I'm passionate about and work with other likeminded youth to build solutions," she added.

At the ceremony the Mayor told members, "To have the potential to be powerful agents of change and confront issues in their neighborhoods, school community and within city government."

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# RESIDENTS GROUP GATHERS FOR FALL PARTY

Photos by Matt Conti

The North End / Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) hosted its annual residents party on October 30, at the Pilot House. NEWRA members, local residents and elected officials mingled while enjoying a meal and the scenic North End waterfront.



Annissa Essaibi George, City Councilor at Large (left) poses with the NEWRA executives, (L-R), Secretary Kirsten Hoffman, President Cheryl Delgreco, Vice President Jennifer Crampton, Sergeant-at-arms Mary Holland and Treasurer Sue Beneviste.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and City Councilor Lydia Edwards join NEWRA board members (President Cheryl Delgreco, Secretary Kirsten Hoffman, Treasurer Sue Beneviste, Sargeant at arms Mary Holland and little Lenore!) for a photo at the Fall party.

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Best costume award to NEWRA members Rosemary McAuliffe and Michele Morgan.



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# Walsh to light Columbus Park trellis Nov. 25

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate the 17th annual lighting of the park's signature trellis on Monday, Nov. 25, beginning at 5 p.m.

Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, Christopher Columbus Park will be transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of trellis are illuminated with 50,000 blue lights along with 14 decorated trees near Tia's, the

Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, and throughout the park.

Entertainment will be provided by students and instructors from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, singer Sharon Zeffiro performing a selection of holiday classics, Jamaica Plain singer-songwriter A. P. Black, "the crooner of Venezuela" Gian Faraone, and special guests Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty. In addition, the Acting Postmaster of Boston, Leroy Middleton, Jr., will unveil the new US Postal Service holiday stamp.

Refreshments, holiday treats, and giveaways will be provided by the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront, HP Hood LLC, and Magic 106.7. Stop by the Fios Treat Truck to enjoy baked goods compliments of Verizon Fios.

For more information on the Trellis Lighting, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park at [www.foccp.org](http://www.foccp.org) or the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks).



The lighting of the trellis in Christopher Columbus Park will be on Nov. 25.



## OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

Owners of V. Cirace and Son, Inc. were recently recognized by the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) for their generosity and outstanding support of the Buona Sera: An Evening with Friends annual fundraiser. Lisa and Jeff provided wine. They also donated an overflowing gift basket.

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## IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

### RUFF SUPPORTS ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE DRIVE

This year, RUFF has chosen The Animal Rescue League of Boston as the organization to collect donations for during the month of November.

RUFF has participated with PolkaDog Bakery on Salem Street North End to collect items in a donation bin located in the store.

For a list of items for donations visit RUFF's Facebook, RUFF North End Dog Group.

### NEMPAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEAT OPEN

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) will have a seat on

its Board of Directors this coming January 2020.

NEMPAC is a local non-profit music and performing arts Center that has served thousands each year and is in the planning stages to relocate to a renovated location.

The organization is currently accepting applications to fill this vacancy.

Professionals resumes and letter of interest should be sent to: Executive Director Sherry Snow at [ss@nempac.org](mailto:ss@nempac.org) or mailed to NEMPAC, PO Box 130255, Boston, MA 02113.

### SAINT LEONARD CHURCH ANNUAL BENEFIT, CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rosaria Restaurant, 190 Maine Street, Saugus will be the site of

this year's annual Christmas Party to benefit Saint Leonard Church.

The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, December 8 with cocktails at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

A great menu will be served including: antipasto table, fusilli, sirloin steak, fish, salad, potato, vegetables, wine, dessert and coffee.

For details on the fundraiser call 617-367-2483 or 781-286-4582.

### NEW SENIOR PROGRAMS AT NAZZARO CENTER

Boston Center for Youth and Families Nazzaro Community Center now offers new programs for seniors 55 and older according to Laurie D'Elia.

The three new programs include:

- Tuesday, November 26 a walking club and outdoor event (weather permitting) activity runs 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Thursday's 11 a.m. to twelve noon bring your own yarn and needles to the social hour and meet new friends. No programs on Thanksgiving Day.

- A Chair Yoga program will be held on Fridays to keep an active lifestyle. No program on November 29.

All programs are free. No experience necessary. All skill levels are welcome.

For details call 617-635-5166 or visit [Lauri.D'Elia@boston.gov](mailto:Lauri.D'Elia@boston.gov).

### NSC HALLOWEEN PARTY A TREAT

The Halloween Party held at the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) on Michelangelo Street was

a real Treat.

Besides the many sweets, NSC staff prepared a healthy meal of pork, salad and vegetables.

The bowls of candy that were placed on tables was sponsored by the North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Others sugary treats were provided by friends and elected officials, Sen. Joe Boncore and Counselor Lydia Edwards, who made their way around meeting and speaking to the participants.

Seniors also enjoyed pudding made by Julia, the Center's service coordinator.

The drop-in Center was decorated with Halloween paraphernalia including big decorative pumpkins.

Guests lingered over coffee and reminisced about Halloweens past in the North End.

## AROUND THE CITY

### DAYME AROCENA

The Havana, Cuba-raised performer blends jazz with contemporary rhythm and blues influences, traditional Santerian chant, and Afro-Cuban rhythmic complexity, November 17, at 7 p.m., at City Winery, 80 Beverly St., at One

Canal, Boston. \$34-\$40. [globalartslive.org](http://globalartslive.org), 617-876-4275.

### PASSIM 60TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Peter Wolf, J. Geils Band front man is a special performer, along with Patty Griffin, Josh Ritter, Dar Williams, Sol y Canto, with

Alisa Amador and Canadian singer-songwriter Rose Cousins, at Club Passim' 60th anniversary concert, Thursday, November 14, 8 p.m., at the Boch Center Shubert Theatre, Boston. Also, Grammy Award winner Joan Baez will present Passim's Life Achievement Award to Betsy Siggins. Tickets start at \$38, VIP

packages also. [Bochcenter.org](http://Bochcenter.org), 866-348-9738.

### SASHA VELOUR'S SMOKE AND MIRRORS

Sasha Velour's one-man, renowned drag theater, one-queen show spectacular appears Saturday, November 16, at 8 p.m., at Emerson Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston St., Boston. Tickets start at \$39.50. VIP tickets also. [Merersoncolonialtheatre.com](http://Merersoncolonialtheatre.com),

888-616-0272.

### RUSS GERSHON

The John Mukerin-Russ Gershon duo performs at the Museum of Industry and Innovation of Waltham, November 14, at 8 p.m. and presents the music of Marvin Gaye, Friday, November 15, 8-9:30 p.m., at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, Chelmsford. [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).



## THANKSGIVING DAY TRASH COLLECTION

**There is no collection on Thursday, November 28, 2019.**

*For neighborhoods with two collections a week on Mondays and Thursdays, Thursday is canceled.*

*The next collection will be Monday December 2.*

*For more info visit: [boston.gov/trash](http://boston.gov/trash)*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NSC HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

ABCD North End Senior Center (NSC) is participating in a city-wide Winter Holiday Toy Drive.

Place a new unwrapped toy in the donation box at the NSC located at 1 Michelangelo Street to help children in need.

Enchanted Trolley Tour in the North End

The Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting will take place at the Paul Revere Mall (Prado) in the North End on Sunday, December 8 at 3 PM.

### NSC THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

ABCD North End/West End Thanksgiving celebration will be held on Friday, November 22 at 2:30 PM at 1 Michelangelo Street.

Turkey with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie will be served. For details call 617-523-8125.

### RUFF GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) will hold a Global Day of Giving on Tuesday, December 3 at the North End Dog Park in DeFilippo Playground.

Suggested donation \$10. Treats for dogs and humans will be provided.

### SENIOR MOVIE MATINEE

A senior movie matinee will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center for age 55 and up on Wednesday, November 20 at 12:30 PM.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles starring Steve Martin will be shown.

The Center will be providing pizza, movie theater popcorn at the free event.

No membership required. For details email Laurie.D'Elia@boston.gov.

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) Nazzaro Community Center will hold a Thanksgiving Day dinner for members only on Tuesday, November 22 from 12 PM to 2:30 PM.

### NAZZARO CENTER 10-12 PROGRAMS

Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) Nazzaro

Community Center has scheduled programs for children 10-12. No membership required.

- Friday, November 15-Ice skating from 4-6 PM. Meet at the Center at

3:30 PM and return to the Center at 6 PM.

- Tuesday, November 19-Science activity from 4-5:40 PM at the North End Library.

- Friday, November 22-Ice skating from 4-6 PM. Meet at the Center at 3:30 PM and return to the Center at 6 PM.

- Saturday, November 23-Bingo from 7-9 PM. Cost \$5.00.

For details call 617-635-5166.

### CANDLELIT LABYRINTH WALK

A Candlelight Labyrinth Walk will be held on The Greenway, at the Armenian Heritage Park on Sunday, December 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Participants can tie a ribbon with a wish on the Wishing Tree and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and walk in the Candlelit Labyrinth.

### SAINT LEONARD CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saint Leonard Church will hold its annual Christmas Party fundraiser on Sunday, December 8 at Rosaria Restaurant, 190 Maine Street, Saugus. For details call 617-367-2483 or 781-286-4582.

### FIREWORKS OVER BOSTON HARBOR

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold a firework display over Boston Harbor on Tuesday, December 31 at the park. All are welcome to bring in the New Year.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

Boston police Public Safety monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5 at 6 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Committee (NEWNC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, December 9 at 7 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront

Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12 at 7pm at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### DOG PARK WATER SHUTOFF

RUFF advises that the water in the dog park at DeFilippo Playground will be turned off for the season. In addition, a few more park cleanings will take place before the snow falls.

### NEMPAC KICKS OFF WINTER SERIES

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) Winter Concert Series will be held on Thursday, November 21 with "Through the Lens: Jewish Classics, Celebrated and Unknown" at Bijou de la Vida Private Gallery, 390 Commercial Street. For details call 617-227-2270.

### POLISHING UP THE BRASS

The Old North Church will be polishing up its brass figures to light up the holiday lights on Saturday, November 23 starting at 9 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to be a part of the Old North Community event and spend the morning serving and preserving the historic site.

### NEMPAC YOUTH CHOIR

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is seeking members of their Youth Choir to learn and participate in many of their upcoming performances. For more details call 617-227-2270.

### LIBRARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's North End Library Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by NEMPAC.

### COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

One-On-One computer assistance for adults is being held at the North End Library, by appointment only. Call 617-227-8135 to reserve a spot.

### BABY STORYTIME

Baby Storytime is held each Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the North End Library.

### FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) Nazzaro Center will host Friday Night Bingo for 10-12-year-olds only on Friday, November 22 from 7-9 PM.

No membership is required but participants must complete a permission slip, (available online or at the Center) by Friday, November 15.

For details contact Laurie D'Elia by calling 617-635-5166 or email laurie.D'Elia@boston.gov.

### LIBRARY FRIDAY FILMS

During the month of November, the North End Library will present Friday Movies at 1 p.m.

Schedule: November 15-A Space Odyssey and November 22-Performance.

### FRIENDS OF LIBRARY SEEK MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's that time of the year to pay membership dues for the Friends of the North and Library, Inc. for 2020. Dues are tax-deductible. For details visit [www.friendsnelibrary.org](http://www.friendsnelibrary.org) and click on Membership/Donation button at the top of the page.

### NAZZARO CENTER NOVEMBER NEWS

The following is a listing of dates for the month of November that will impact the BCYF Nazzaro Center and/or the afterschool program.

- Wednesday, November 27-No after school pickup-cap program begins at 2:30 p.m.

- Thursday, November 28-Thanksgiving Day-Center is closed.

- Friday, November 29-After School Program.

### WINTER HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

Friends of Saint Francis House and Greenway Realty winter hat and glove drive underway. Drop off new items only at 169 Salem Street by December 2.

### NEAD FAMILY EVENT

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) is holding another Family Dinner/Family Talk on Monday, November 18 at the Nazzaro Community Center starting at 6 p.m.. RSVP by November 8 by calling 617-750-9749 or email [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com).

### NEWNC MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting has been changed to Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m., due to the Columbus Day holiday, in the Nazzaro Community Center.

### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

District A-1 Boston Police public safety meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

### TRELLIS LIGHTING AT COLUMBUS PARK

Friends of Columbus Park's 16th annual Holiday Trellis Lighting will be held on Monday, November 25 at 5 p.m. Refreshments and entertainment.

### NSC ARTS AND CRAFTS

Every other Thursday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), 1 Michelangelo Street conducts arts and crafts.

### SENIOR ART CLASSES

Seniors are enjoying art classes at the North End Neighborhood Center. The daytime classes are taught by Silke Evans.

### DOG PARK CANINE VISITORS NEED TO BE REGISTERED

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) reminds dog owners that all dogs need to be licensed to visit the dog park in DeFilippo Park.

The City of Boston has made this quick and easy by completing the registration online.

### 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.

### 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.

# NSMT presents The 29th annual production of A Christmas Carol

Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) will once again present the area's most beloved production of 'A Christmas Carol' sponsored by MarketStreet Lynnfield. This award-winning, original musical adaptation was created solely for North Shore Music Theatre in 1989 and cannot be seen anywhere else. 'A Christmas Carol' will play 14 performances from Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 22, 2019.

"It is hard to believe we are already at the time of year where we are getting ready to deck the halls and start telling this wonderful holiday story once again," said NSMT's owner and producer Bill Hanney. "Every year, I meet so many patrons who look at our production of 'A Christmas Carol' as a cornerstone in their Christmas celebration with their families. Along with their introductions, a patron will almost always let me know immediately how many times they have seen the show, and how many generations of their family have enjoyed it since its first performance in 1989. It is always an honor to produce a show that means so much to so many people."

Based on the Charles Dickens classic, 'A Christmas Carol' is an original adaptation by former NSMT Artistic Director Jon Kimbell and members of the

NSMT staff, following Ebenezer Scrooge through a series of strange and magical ghostly encounters, where he ultimately discovers the true spirit of the holiday season. With dazzling special effects that have grown even more exciting over time, traditional and original songs, and colorful costumes, 'A Christmas Carol' has become a holiday favorite throughout New England having been seen by more than one million people since 1989.

NSMT audience favorite, David Coffee, returns for his twenty-sixth year playing Ebenezer Scrooge. Christmas Carol also features Leigh Barrett (The Ghost of Christmas Past, Mrs. Cratchit), Peter S. Adams (The Ghost of Christmas Present, Gentleman 1), Michael Gaudio (The Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come, Young Scrooge), Alex Puette (Jacob Marley), Tommy Labanaris (Narrator), Russell Garrett (Bob Cratchit), Dale Elston (Pearlie), Drew Porrett (Pearlie), Allsun O'Malley (Belle), Andy Tighe (Fred), Cheryl McMahon (Mrs. Dilber/ Mrs. Fezziwig), J.T. Turner (Mr. Fezziwig/Gentleman 2), Bernie Baldassaro (Ensemble), Michael Brennan (Dick Wilkins, Ensemble) Matthew Chappell (Old Joe, Ensemble), Cecilia Snow (Ensemble), Kate Turner (Meg, Ensemble), and Janelle Yull (Ensemble).

The cast of 27 actors will also feature many local young performers including Jack Baumkind (Tiny Tim), Ciaran Mohan (London Boy), Grace Olah (Belinda Cratchit), Asher Navisky (Peter Cratchit), Amanda Padre (Fan), Dylan Prime (London Boy), AJ Scott (Boy Scrooge), and Emilia Tagliani (Martha Cratchit).

The creative team for A Christmas Carol includes Kevin P. Hill (Director and Choreographer), Robert L. Rucinski (Music Direction), Howard C. Jones (Original Scenic Design), Kelly Baker (Costume Coordinator and additional Costume Design), Jack Mehler (Lighting Design), Leon Rothenberg (Sound Design), Natalie A. Lynch (Production Stage Manager), Dakotah Wiley Horan (Assistant Stage Manager), and Nathan Urdangen (Assistant Music Director). Flying effects are provided by ZFX, Inc. 'A Christmas Carol' is produced for North Shore Music Theatre by Bill Hanney (Owner/Producer), Kevin P. Hill (Producing Artistic Director), and Matthew Chappell (Associate Producer, Casting Director).

Throughout the run of 'A Christmas Carol' NSMT will be collecting toys in the lobby for Tiny Tim's Toy Drive. NSMT will be accepting unopened, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages 2 - 12. All toys will be donat-

ed to Toys for Tots.

Tickets for 'A Christmas Carol' are priced from \$66 to \$81 - Kids 18 and under save 50%. \$25 Student Rush tickets are available with a valid student I.D. starting one hour prior to curtain time. Prices are subject to change without notice. Phone, internet, and other fees may be applied at time of sale.

'A Christmas Carol' performances are December 6 - December 22, 2019 (Evening shows December 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22 at 7:30 p.m.; Matinees December 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 2 p.m.). Tickets can be purchased by calling the North Shore Music Theatre Box Office at (978) 232-7200, via the website at [www.nsmnt.org](http://www.nsmnt.org) or in person at 62 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 19), Beverly, MA.

Additional free audience enrichment events:

· OUT at the North Shore, an evening for the LGBTQ+ Community with a post-show

reception on Friday, December 13 after the 7:30 p.m. performance. OUT at the North Shore is sponsored by North Shore Pride.

Since opening in 1955, NSMT has become one of the most attended theatres in New England, with approximately 250,000 patrons annually. With a national and regional reputation for artistic achievement, NSMT has received numerous industry awards including Elliot Norton Awards, IRNE Awards, the Rosetta Le Noire Award from Actors' Equity, and the Moss Hart Award. NSMT produced the World Premiere of 'Memphis' in 2003, the show went on to win four 2010 Tony Awards including Best Musical. Under the new ownership of Bill Hanney since 2010, NSMT continues to annually produce a musical subscription series and an annual production of 'A Christmas Carol' along with celebrity concerts, children's programming and year-round education classes.

## NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

### BOSTON'S FIRST YOUTH POET LAUREATE

A partnership between the City of Boston, Boston Public Library, Urban World MassLeap and 826 Boston has made it possible for the establishment of the City's First Youth Poet Laureate.

The initiative will be aligned with the work of the Boston Poet

Laureate program established in 2008 to highlight literacy arts and promote appreciation for poetry.

"Having a Youth Poet Laureate in the City of Boston is a great way for us to better that with young people that make up such a large portion on the City and play an important role in the shaping of the future of Boston," Mayor Martin Walsh said



## Public Meeting

### Urban Renewal Community Meeting

Thursday, November 21

6:00 PM

Boston City Hall

1 City Hall Square

BPDA Board Room #900

Boston, MA 02201

#### Project Proponent:

Boston Planning and Development Agency

#### Project Description:

The Boston Planning and Development Agency invites the surrounding community for a meeting to discuss updates to the Downtown Waterfront - Feneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan Area.

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### FELLOW TRAVELERS

Boston Lyric Opera presents the New England premiere of Gregory Spears and Greg Pierce's acclaimed opera, based on Thomas Mallon's novel, November 13-17: Nov. 13,14,16, sung in English, 17, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m., at the Emerson Paramount Center, Robert J. Orchard Stage, 559 Washington St., Boston, blo.org, 617-542-6772, boxoffice@blo.org.

### IL DIVO

The group comest o the Orpheum Theatre, 1 Hamilton Place, Boston, as part of its tour featuring "A Holiday Song Celebration," November 17, at 8 p.m.\$55,\$75,\$99.50.\$200. Ticketmaster.com.

### BOSTON INTERNATIONAL ANTIQUARIAN BOOK FAIR

Special events and programs kick off this year's international fair, starting with an opening night celebration, Friday, November 15, 4-8 p.m., at the Hynes Convention Center, 900 Boylston St., Boston. Opening night festivities, \$25; Saturday, Sunday, artsemerson.org, Free admission, Saturday, Sunday, free book appraisal Nov. 17, 1-3 p.m. bostonbookfair.com, 617-266-6540.

### AN ILIAD

ArtsEmerson welcomes Lisa Peterson and Denis O'Hare's one-act, 100-minute adaptation of Homer's epic poem, "The Iliad," Homer's Coat, starring Tony Award winner O'Hare, November 20-24 at Emerson Paramount Center, Robert J. Orchard Stage, 559 Washington St., Boston. Recommended for audiences 14+ years old. Tickets start at \$25. tickets@Artsemerson.org, 617-824-8400.

### QUIXOTE NEUVO

Huntington Theatre, in association with Hartford Stage and Alley Theatre, presents the Boston premiere of Octavio Solis' comedic, poetic adaptation of Miguel de Cervantes' play, "Don Quixote," November 15-December 8. \$25-\$125., at 264 Huntington Avenue Theatre, Avenue of the Arts, 264 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Thursday, Nov. 21, Huntington hosts Latinx Community Night, featuring pre-show reception, refreshments and music, also a post-show discussion with the playwright anddirector,\$20 for members of the Latinx community. Huntingtontheatre.org, 617-266-0800.

### WINTHROP MOTHERS OUT FRONT

Members invite the public to an informational session about A Clean Energy Future- an act to promote green infrastructure and reduce carbon emissions, Wednesday, November 20, 6 p.m., at Winthrop Public library, Winthrop. Facebook.com/events/695635904264656. Share and RSVP.

### SALEM STATE ARTS EVENTS

An artist's talk with Morgan Pettipas, honors in art: sculpture, will be held November 13, 12:30 p.m., followed by a reception, 2-4 p.m., kicking off the artist's exhibition Nov. 6-27, in the university's Winfisky Gallery, Nov. 6-The gallery is open Monday through Friday,10 a.m.-4 p.m. Ashleigh Gordon delivers a lecture, "Fostering Culture in Curiosity: Arts + YOU" Nov. 14, 3 p.m., in the recital hall, 71 Loring Ave. Castle of our Skins presents Romantic by Nature, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m., in the recital hall, and "Top Girls" is held Nov. 21-24, Dec. 5-8, in the Sophia Gordon Center for Creative and Performing Arts. Salemstatetickets.com, 978-542-6365.

### SCARED SCRIPTLESS

Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood entertain in "Scared Scriptless," Thursday, November 14, 8 p.m., at Lynn Auditorium, 3 City Hall Square, Lynn. LynnAuditorium.com, 781-599-SHOW.



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