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The Greenway Winter Market is open for business until Dec. 20.

The Greenway Winter Market opens at Dewey Square

By Phil Orlandella

There are many ways to support The Greenway Conservancy and help create and new life-long memories. Debuting this season, until Dec. 20, the Greenway Winter Market will take place on Dewey Square on weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. with one to three vendors participating each week. Support local artisans and find something special for the holiday

season.

There are several other ways to support The Greenway Conservancy.

Between now and the end of December people purchasing one coloring book online can receive two free carousel tickets for the 2020 season. Or purchase two coloring books and received five free carousel tickets.

This holiday season honor someone who made a mark in your life with an inscribed paver

on The Greenway. Support of the community destination park will create a lasting mark to enjoy for years to come.

Commemorate a special plaque mounted on one of the benches along The Greenway. Sponsorship is a dedicated memory to a family or loved one in the heart of Boston.

Making a donation by Dec. 31, helps continue taken extraordinary care of the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston.

Teen vaping amendments approved by Board of Health

By Phil Orlandella

The issue of changes to tobacco and aquatic product sales to youth have been put up in smoke, at least at the City of Boston level.

It has been dealt with by a proposal by the Boston Board of Health that changes regulations aimed at addressing vaping and tobacco use among youth in the City.

Proposed by Mayor Martin Walsh and the Boston Health Commissioner (Sept. 19), followed by resident engagement and a pub-

lic comment period and hearing the Board approved the amendments.

Changes call for mint and menthol nicotine and tobacco products to be sold only to verified adult through tobacco retailers.

In addition, to removing the menthol exemption, the amendments strengthen retailer ID checking requirements and restrict the sale of products that attract young people.

"I believe that now is the time to act, and I applaud the Board of Health for taking action to ensure

Boston has some of the strongest regulations in the country to protect our young people," Mayor Walsh said.

Those that participated in the meeting and hearings believe teen vaping has become an epidemic because of nicotine use at a young age can lead to lifelong dependency and the Mayor agrees with them and proposed the amendments.

Reportedly, the data is undeniable in showing that these amendments would save lives according to the Mayor.

NEWRA expected to vote on Zoning Code Amendment

By Phil Orlandella

Boston City Councillor Lydia Edwards will present legislative and community updates at tonight's (Dec.12) North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Nazzaro Community Center.

Discussions will be held and a vote will be taken regarding support of the proposed amendment to the City of Boston Zoning Code. NEWRA is expected to support the amendment in letter form and send it to the Zoning Commission.

The amendment calls for the Boston Zoning Code to change the regulation of "Executive Suites" insert neighborhoods including the North End.

The City sponsored text amendment would change the Use Regulation and Article 8 and in various Neighborhoods District articles to "Conditional" use where "Executive Suites" is currently an "Allowed" use.

Reportedly, the change has become necessary due to the growing conversation of housing units to "Executive Suites" by short-term rental operators as a means of circumventing Boston's new short-term rental ordinance.

According to NEWRA, "The North End is a residential neighborhood of nearly 11,000 residents living in an area of only one-third square mile.

As in many other neighborhoods of Boston, housing in the

North End is a premium and becoming more and more out-of-reach for many.

The North End lost hundreds of housing units to Short-Term Rental conversion over the past several years.

"While our community is hopeful that the Short-Term Rental ordinance will cause a return of many of these units to the long-term housing supply, we recognize that unconditional "Executive Suites), conversions could severely limit such a return," NEWRA President Cheryl Delgreco stated in a letter to Boston's Zoning Commissioner Kathleen R. Peterson.

NEWRA claims many North End residents reside in buildings within the Hanover Community Commercial sub-district, which encompasses much of Hanover Street, parts of Prince, Richmond, and North Streets.

NEWRA also claims that, "Currently, the Zoning Code allows the hundreds of housing units in the sub-district to be converted to "Executive Suites" without any community notification, review or input."

According to Article 54 of the Zoning Code, the goal and objectives of the North End Neighborhood District are, "To manage future development of the North End for the benefit of the inhabitants of the North End and Boston, to preserve and enhance the North End neighborhood and to promote residential develop-

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NEWNC tackles two agenda items

By Phil Orlandella

There are two agenda items on tonight's (Dec.12) North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting agenda.

The Council will also have a guest speaker, Ricky Grant, Suffolk County District Attorney Chief of Staff.

Voting items include: A change of occupancy at 49 Charter St.

from a six-family residential dwelling to a seven-family dwelling.

Also, to legalize the existing basement living space and to renovate the building including a full sprinkler system.

In addition, there is a request to change the legal occupancy at 14 North Bennet St. from a rectory to residential units and to erect a one-story addition with rear roof decks.

Results will be published in the next addition of the Review.



Forum

'Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.'

BILL OF RIGHTS, Amendment I

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas just two weeks away, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our last-minute holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although the vast majority of Americans have much to be thankful for because of a strong economy and a record-low unemployment rate, there are many of our fellow citizens who have not shared in the general prosperity.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally -- thanks to high rents and soaring land values.

This dichotomy is most evident and acute in the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco, Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless persons, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what we read about in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy. Indeed, the announcement by the Trump administration last week that there will be a cutback in the Food Stamps program (known as SNAP) that threatens to leave millions of Americans (including many children) hungry is a real-life Grinch story, but without a happy ending.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, actually is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Giving to others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas, there are multiple opportunities in the next two weeks for each and every one of us to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.



SHOP LOCALLY AND OFTEN

FROM OUR READERS

DONATION MADE TO SUPPORT BACK ON MY FEET HOLIDAY EVENT

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the generosity of several North Enders and North End Agencies, I was able to secure \$1,150.00 in donations to help with the holiday celebration for the Back on My Feet group. A big thank you goes out to the North End Athletic Association, John and Patricia Romano, Robert DelloRusso, Michael Giannasoli, North End Against Drugs, and the Nazzaro Community Center Council. Also a special thanks to all who participated in the Patriots Pool, which raised \$500 of the total amount.

The majority of the members of the group do not have family that they will be celebrating the holidays with. The event will take place at the Nazzaro Center on Saturday, Dec. 14. They will do a community-run, then gather for lunch, have raffle items (mostly gift cards for their members) and then give each member a gift. The organization works with people who are homeless or in recovery. The program starts with a commitment to running with us, three days a week and then transitions into job readiness workshops and a variety of other community supports to help our members get sustainable employment, housing and literally, back on their feet. We work with places like the

Vets Center, recovery programs and a variety of other transitional housing facilities to serve their clients.

Thanks to Gary Forziati from Mangia Mangia for connecting me with Program Director Jennifer Hyde.



Jennifer Hyde, Program Director of Back On My Feet, and John Romano.

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

FOCCP BRINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

When the clock strikes twelve midnight on New Year's Eve, Christopher Columbus Park will be filled with spectators viewing a fantastic Boston Harbor fireworks display, due to the hard work of Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

The Friends, over the past few months have solicited donations from the business community and donors in general to make this terrific holiday activity possible.

Happy and Healthy 2020.

BEWARE OF THE PACKAGE STEALING GRINCH

It's the most wonderful time of the year, so it's said.

However, the Christmas season can be a bad time of the year, especially if some

Grinch spots delivered packages left on doorsteps and doorways, making them disappear, even in broad daylight.

Those expecting delivery should keep a watchful eye out for them or have neighbors watch for them.

Packages have been stolen in the past and there are still those that will make them disappear faster than a speeding sleigh.

Don't let the Grinch get his grubby paws on your holiday deliveries.

A GREAT SEASONAL EVENT

Saint Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society's 25th annual Christmas Program for North End children was an enjoyable event for children 10 years old or under.

Each participant received gifts and enjoyed a visit by Santa, several other characters and face painting.

The Society has made this event a tradi-

tion in the community and deserves recognition for a great seasonal event for children.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT HOMELESS PLAN DEVELOPED

A newly released plan "Rising to the Challenge" geared toward helping homeless youth and young adults (24 and under) in Boston has merit.

The goal of the \$4.7 million grant is to create much-needed new housing opportunities for homeless youth and young adults, hopefully, ending this problem.

By putting a plan like this forward, it will help the City and many other partners develop a guide to take critical steps toward ending this problem.

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh said it best: "It's imperative to make sure that every young person has a safe stable place to call

home."

NEW VAPING POLICIES SHOULD GO UP IN SMOKE

Boston continues to be a leader at taking the necessary measure at the local level to restrict youth access to tobacco and aquatic products like e-cigarettes, vapes and "e juice".

Action by Boston Health on a proposal to amend the policy, made them among the first jurisdictions in the country to regulate these products.

National data, reportedly, showed that youth vaping have increased by more than 27 percent.

Boston has apparently decreased from 2015 (14.5 percent) to 5.7 percent in 2017.

But the beat goes on. The new amendments posed in Boston should really make a difference. They should go up in smoke.

Nazzaro Center campaigning for CANshare

By Phil Orlandella

Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) for the 32nd year will campaign for donations for CANshare through Friday, Jan. 31.

"This year CANshare will continue to focus on monetary donations rather than can products,"

Nazzaro Community Center Administrator Coordinator Steven Siciliano noted.

Donations will support (100 percent) The Boston Double Up Food Bucks Program and the Healthy incentive program.

The goal of the Center is to raise \$150 over 14 weeks through cash and checks.

"Checks can be made out to Boston CANshare online at bit.ly/CANshare 2019. Individuals should know BCYF as the agency the donation is made on behalf of," Siciliano said.

Laurie D'Elia is the contact person for this campaign. She can be reached at 617-635-5166.

Nazzaro Center schedule listed for Dec.

By Phil Orlandella

The December Nazzaro Senior Center (55+) has a variety of programs and other activities scheduled at the Center, according to Laurie D'Elia.

Programs include: A walking group, knitting and crocheting, yoga, movie matinee's, bingo and special events.

- Friday, December 13,

Yoga from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 17, Walking Club from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Bingo from

- 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, December 18, We're No Angels (1955) at 12:30 p.m. White Christmas at 7 p.m. Pizza and popcorn provided.

- Thursday, December 19, Knitting and Crocheting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Bingo 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.. Cookie

exchange from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

- Friday, December 20, Yoga from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Tuesday, December 24, Walking Club from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Bingo from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Thursday, December 26, Knitting and Crocheting from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Bingo from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more details email laurie-delia@boston.gov.

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ment that is affordable to all segments of the community, particularly low and moderate income residents."

NEWRA feels these residential protections in the Zoning Code should be preserved and supported even as, especially as the City's economy grows and evolves, sometimes placing new risks on the quality of residential life.

NEWRA believes that the proposed amendment is critical

to the support on the Article 54 goals and objectives. Importantly the amendment would not preclude "Executive Suites" as a use within the Hanover Community Commercial sub-district, but it simply was subject this use to community review and input.

Other items on the agenda include an update on 49 Charter Street development plans that no longer include an earlier proposed one-story addition that NEWRA

has opposed in the past.

George Kouris, Epsilon Partners is proposing a legal occupancy change at 14 North Bennet Street from a rectory to eight residential units and to erect a one-story addition with a roof deck, in connection with a complete renovation of the building. Currently, the building consists of four stories and the basement. The proposal would add a fifth story.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

FAMILY FUN NIGHT TO BE HELD AT STURBRIDGE VILLAGE

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) teamed up with the Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) to organize a Family Fun Night to Old Sturbridge Village's Christmas by Candlelight on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The trip began at 2 p.m. with a pizza lunch at the Nazzaro Center before the group boarded the bus at 3 PM and headed to their destination.

"It was a great fun filled trip to Old Sturbridge Village," NEAD President John Romano said. "NEAD along with the Nazzaro Center coordinated a true family event that everyone enjoyed."

Participants returned to the North and about 9:30 p.m.

NEAA 48TH CHRISTMAS PARADE DECEMBER 15

Due to renovations at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street, the traditional and very popular,

48th annual North End Athletic Association (NEAA) community Christmas Parade starting location has been moved to Christopher Columbus Park on Sunday, Dec. 15.

The arrival of the Jolly old gent from the North Pole will arrive at his usual time at 1 PM (weather permitting) bringing Christmas greetings and the holiday spirit to North End/Waterfront residents.

Once Santa meets and greets the hundreds of people expected to be at the Park, the Christmas Parade will start and make its way through the community streets.

Santa will be joined by Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Wally the Green Monster, Blades of Boston Bruins, Elsa and Anna, Darth Vader and many other Christmas characters including Santa's Elves.

Children and their families are invited to participate in the parade.

Also making their way through the community streets spreading Christmas cheer along the parade route will be the Salem High School Marching Band, the Aleppo Shriners Units, the Italian-American Band, the Northeast

Italian Band and Smokin' Joe's Fire Engine Trucks.

The Parade is dedicated in memory of James "Jimmy" Pallotta.

In case of bad weather, the Parade will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22.

ICE SCULPTURE AND FIREWORKS AT COLUMBUS PARK

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP), through financial support of sponsors and members, will add a fun attraction in the park for New Year's Eve, a whimsical ice sculpture.

Walk through the park on Dec. 31 and delight in a unique sculpture which is part of the 7th Annual Ice Sculpture Stroll hosted by Boston Harbor Now.

Approximately 20 ice sculptures will be placed along the Harbor. A map of the locations will be posted on FOCCP's website as soon as it is available.

Officially, the Stroll will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. In addition to the Stroll, FOCCP has planned New Year's Eve Midnight

Firework (2 barges) on Dec. 31 to ring in 2020.

The fireworks display is a result of support from businesses and neighbors around the Harbor.

Two other nonprofits, Boston Harbor Now and the Wharf District Council worked with FOCCP to make this special event possible.

The City of Boston also supported this popular event.

ENCHANTED TROLLEY MAKES A STOP IN THE NORTH END

The 24th annual Mayor's Enchanted Trolley made its way to the North End last week with a tree lighting ceremony in the Prado.

"I love the holiday season around Boston. It's a great way to gather together as Bostonians and celebrate our neighbors, the City and our many neighborhoods," Mayor Martin Walsh said.

Mayor Walsh said, "He was excited to start off the season by making stops throughout the City for the annual holiday tour and tree lighting." He added, "This

weekend long celebration is a great family tradition for Bostonians to come out and enjoy."

The Paul Revere Mall where the trolley visited was recently renovated by the City.

The Enchanted Trolley Tour has become a likable tradition in the North End, according to residents that participated in the seasonal event.

The holiday event was attended by numerous residents and others to enjoy the spirit of the season.

RUFF HOLDS SANTA PAWS

Santa Paws returned to the North End coordinated by the Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) Group at DeFilippo Park.

Many pet owners dressed their canines for the seasonal occasion. Pitches were taken by a professional photographer who emailed them right on the spot.

It was a howling experience for owners and their pets that received treats.

RUFF's event was a fundraising effort.

ST. JOHN STUDENTS PAINTS PEACE ROCKS FOR THE CHARLESTOWN PEACE PARK

The students from grade 1A, Miss Ganey's class and grade 3A, Mrs. Fitzgerald's class of St. John's School, wanted to do something special for the The Lowney/McGrath Park in Charlestown when they heard about the park being desecrated and the memorial

rocks of loved ones were taken. This was a special place where people could remember those who had been lost to violence or addiction. The students painted peace rocks to help fill the space of the missing rocks in the park.



Students pictured are Sara Frauley, Bela Bethlendy, Harrison Fisher, Darcy Serpa, Mila Pojani, Sienna Hackney, Michael Tinelli, and James Brennan

NSC HOLDS TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING MEAL

By Phil Orlandella

Nearly 60 seniors and other invited guest turned out for the North and/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) traditional Thanksgiving Turkey Day festivities.

A hearty meal of turkey, stuffing, potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad and dessert were served to the delight of the participants.

There was still room for pumpkin pie and cookies provided by Counselor Lydia Edwards.

Julie Hour, NSC Coordinator, prepare the meal with help from NSC team Kate Matthews and Lauren Brady from the main ABCD office. Advisor Board member Victor Brogna entertained the crowd on his trusty trumpet.

The hall was nicely decorated with decorations depicting the holiday season.

Sen. Joe Boncore, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Counselor Lydia Edwards with their aides made the rounds greeting their constituents presenting some gift cards to purchase food and necessities.

NSC acknowledged many other people for their assistance and donations that made this annual event a memorable one.

Greg and Caryn Antonelli



ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board Member Victor Brogna on Trumpet, with Community Resident Robert Frasca Singing.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and community resident Barbaro Maldero.



Behind the scenes (Kate Matthews, ABCD; Maria Stella Gulla, Director, ABCD NE/WE NSC; and Lauren Brody, ABCD.

of GTA Landscaping, Steven Colarusso of Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Al and Maryanne Giorgio of La Famiglia Giorgio's, Mary Guarino and the team at Church on the Hill, Regina Cleri, Richard Holden, Nazzaro Center, Robin Sidell of North Street Grill were among the donors in one way or another.

No one that found their way to the Center went without a meal, turkey and other food to take home, plus each senior and needy family received a gift card or a turkey.

(Johannah Malone contributed to this article)



Above, the guests are enjoying turkey with all the trimmings.



Left, Sen. Joe Boncore shares a laugh with his constituents.



City Councilor Lydia Edwards greets her constituents.

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TRELLIS LIGHTING AT COLUMBUS PARK

Photos by Matt Conti

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department celebrated the 17th annual lighting of the park's signature trellis on Monday night.

The annual kick-off to the holiday season brought entertainment by the

NorthEndMusicandPerforming Arts Center (NEMPAC), singer Sharon Zeffiro, singer-songwriter A. P. Black, crooner Gian Faraone, and special guests Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Frosty. In addition, the Acting Postmaster of Boston, Leroy Middleton, Jr., unveiled the new U.S. Postal Service holiday stamp.

Joining in the celebration were FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines, State Rep. Aaron

Michlewitz, District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and City Councilor at Large Anissa Essabi George. Refreshments, holiday treats, and giveaways were provided by the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel, Joe's American Bar & Grill Waterfront, HP Hood LLC, Verizon Fios and Magic 106.7.

Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, Christopher Columbus Park gets transformed every year into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of the 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. Enjoy the display throughout the winter season until Patriot's Day in April 2020.



Photo: Matt Conti for NorthEndWaterfront.com

Blue Lights Adorn the Columbus Park trellis.



Photo: Matt Conti for NorthEndWaterfront.com

Flipping the switch for the trellis lighting at Columbus Park.



Photo: Matt Conti for NorthEndWaterfront.com

(L-R) FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Councilor Anissa Essaibi George, Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods and Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM THE
RICCIO FAMILY
NORTH END



Photo: Matt Conti for NorthEndWaterfront.com

Under the blue lights of the Columbus Park trellis.

TRELLIS LIGHTING AT COLUMBUS PARK



Singer Sharon Zeffiro performs holiday classics.



"The crooner of Venezuela" Gian Faraone.



NEMPAC children's chorus sings carols.



The Long Wharf Marriott serves hot chocolate.



Jamaica Plain singer-songwriter A. P. Black.

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Eliot School peace posters on display

By Patricia Sabbey

From October through November, Grade 7 students in the Visual Art class at the Eliot School partnered with members of the Boston Host Lions Club to participate in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. Students were asked to create original designs based on the theme "Journey of Peace." Eliot School Principal, Traci Walker Griffith, was an enthusiastic supporter of the inclusion of the Journey of Peace Contest as part of the art curriculum. Art teacher, Rachel Rizzo, and her student teacher, Elizabeth White, facilitated the students' efforts and deftly integrated this project into the school curriculum.

The winning poster by Amelia has been submitted to the Lions District Level Contest with the other winners from the various other eastern Massachusetts Lions Clubs. The Eastern Massachusetts winner will be sent to the next level of the Peace Contest and the winning poster from the United States will be sent to the Lions International Judging Committee. In addition to the winning poster, additional Eliot finalists included Vadeaym, Kaija, Anna, Mia, Shannon and Nilah.

At the students' last class session, Mary DiMasi and Felix Padiel of the Boston Host Lions Club met with the students to hear about each of their contributions. All of the students received a small gift of recognition, and the finalists were awarded with Barnes and Noble gift certificates.

Jennifer Hawes, Librarian for the North End Branch of the Boston Public Library and Lin Thompson, Children's Librarian, will display the posters for the community to enjoy. Please stop by the library for a Journey of Peace as envisioned by these awesome artists!

The Boston Host Lions Club would like to thank the Eliot School staff for making the Peace Poster project successful and our North End Librarians for sharing these creative posters with our North End community.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

NSC HOLIDAY PARTY

North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) will conduct its holiday party on Friday, December 20 at 12:30 p.m. at 1 Michelangelo Street. In the event of snow, the event will be canceled.

NEAA 48TH CHRISTMAS PARADE

The traditional North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Christmas Parade will be held at Christopher Columbus Park with the arrival of Santa Claus at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 15 followed by a holiday parade through the streets of the North End.

A THREE-POINTER

The recently held North End Basketball Bonanza was a three-pointer with many local boys and girls lacing up for the annual event.

PEACE POSTERS ON DISPLAY

Eliot School Peace Posters are on display at the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street, for the community to enjoy. The theme was "Journey of Peace".

COOKIE EXCHANGE

The Nazzero Community Center will hold a Cookie Exchange on Thursday, December 19 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Adults only.

Make a favorite holiday cookie and bring the recipe to share with others.

For details call Laurie D'Elia at 617-635-5166 or email lauriedelia@boston.gov.

NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, January 13 at 7 p.m. at the Nazzero Community Center.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9 at 7 p.m. at the Nazzero Community Center.

NO DECEMBER FOCCP MONTHLY MEETING

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will not hold a monthly meeting in December.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariners House, 11 North Square 2nd Floor.

BABY STORYTIME

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

URBAN RENEWAL MEETING HELD

The Boston Planning and Development Agency held an urban renewal public meeting with several communities to discuss updates to the Downtown Waterfront-Faneuil Hall Urban Renewal Plan Area.

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.

RUFF HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) North End Dog Group has released its Holiday Giving Guide on its website www.ruffboston.org/holiday-gift-givingguide.

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 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.

COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

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FRIENDS OF LIBRARY SEEK MEMBERSHIP DUES

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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.

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.

SENIOR ART CLASSES

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

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

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NEWS AND NOTES By Phil Orlandella

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE PLAN HELPS YOUTH HOMELESS

A new action plan has been released to prevent and possibly end youth and young adult homelessness in Boston.

As in immediate action item Mayor Martin Walsh awarded \$4.7 million in grant funds to create 157 new housing opportunities dedicated to serving homeless youth and young adults.

"In Boston, it's imperative that we make sure that every young person has a safe stable place to call home," Mayor Walsh said.

The new Rising to the Challenge plan focuses on gathering data on homeless youth, understanding the current system's capacity, identifying unmet needs of youth and young adults, and design a plan to address gaps in the emergency assistance system.

This group is defined as a person age 24 and younger.

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Commissioner Gross guest speaker at NEAD Family Dinner/Family Talk

By Phil Orlandella

A standing room only group of residents and other members of the North End Against Drugs (NEAD) filled the Nazzaro Community Center Hall for the November 18 Family Dinner/Family talk event that featured guest speaker Boston Police Commissioner William Gross.

The first half of the community event, the Commissioners spent time sitting with the participants, talking with parents and children.

He colored and made crafts with the children and posed for photos with them and their parents.

As the dinner, prepared by Mangia, Mangia on Endicott Street, was over and dessert was

being served, the Commissioner spoke to the group.

He spoke about growing up on a farm moving to Boston when he was about 11 years old, and the importance of family, a solid foundation and trust, according to NEAD President John Romano.

“He’s stressed the importance of working together, having each other’s back and taking care of each other,” Romano noted.

“Not only was his message powerful it was amazing the way he talked directly to each and every child, teenager and parents,” Romano added.

The Commissioner praised everyone for taking the time out to attend the NEAD event to help lay out a strong foundation by attending the important meeting. He

also praised community leaders for working with families, children and teenagers.

He let everyone in the room know they had a friend in him and that he was proud of his police officers, thanking them for their hard work.

Helping to coordinate the special event were: NEAD Board Members, John Pregmon, Ann Fitzgerald, Maria Lanza, Karen D’Amico, Mike Giannasoli, Maria Michlewitz, Teddy Boyle, Olevia Scimeca, Laurie Melendez, Patricia Romano and Steven Siciliano.

The event also kicked off the Friends of Saint Francis House winter hat and glove collection drive.



A large number of NEAD members and their families turned out for the family dinner and talk.

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Boston Police Commissioner William Gross talks to the NEAD members and families.

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Mejia wins at-large race by one vote after recount

By Lauren Bennett

After a recount called by At-Large City Council candidate Alejandra St. Guillen after losing to Julia Mejia by 10 votes on election night, Mejia still came out victorious—but this time by only one vote. Mejia garnered 22,492 votes, and St. Guillen got 22,491, the Election Department announced on Dec. 9. Mejia will fill the fourth vacant At-Large council seat, joining Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi-George, and Michael Flaherty, who were all reelected in the September election.

St. Guillen has decided not to challenge the results a second time. In a statement put out by her campaign, she said: "After weighing all the options with my team and my family, I have come to the decision to not move forward with a court challenge. I am so grateful to every person who supported me over this last year in our campaign to build a better Boston for all. I am so proud of what we accomplished and

even though we came up short, I feel like we are all winners."

St. Guillen also congratulated Mejia on her victory and for "running an inspiring campaign and showing us all what we can accomplish when we have the courage to walk in our power." She added that she believe St. Guillen will be an "excellent councilor" and looks forward to being represented to her.

Mejia took to Twitter to show her gratitude for her supporters. "I am so overwhelmed by today's results," Mejia wrote on Monday night. "Thank you to all 22,492 people who believed in this #MejiaMovement. Today goes to show that #EveryVoteCounts. I want to thank my team who have been here from the beginning all the way to today's final count." Mejia also thanked all of the volunteers who aided in the recount process, as well as congratulated St. Guillen on her "incredible campaign." Mejia wrote, "We made history TOGETHER."

ST. AGRIPPINA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Agrippina's membership held its 25th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 8th. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.



The membership would like to thank the following for their support of the program, Bencotto restaurant, Knights of Columbus, NEAD, VFW Post 144 North End, Balloons over Boston, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station and Hillside Press. The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our 106th annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina.

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