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### Baker recently tours MBTA Blue Line work

By John Lynds

Last week Governor Charlie Baker used the Maverick MBTA station as the backdrop to his daily Covid-19 press briefing and to highlight the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.

Baker was joined by Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack, General Manager Steve Poftak, and other officials and toured the Blue Line work.

The project began on May 18 and the MBTA fully closed down the Blue Line from Airport to Bowdoin stations for 14 days and ran shuttle busses instead of train service until Sunday.

The goal was to allow for accelerated track and infrastructure work to take place while ridership and traffic is at an all time low due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The work was originally going to be spread out over a longer period of time and only on weekends.

"This Blue Line work is part of our administration's plan to invest \$8 billion in a safer and more reliable MBTA by replac-



Gov. Charlie Baker, joined by Sen. Joseph Boncore, City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Speaker Robert DeLeo, talks with MBTA workers.

ing over 400 cars across the Red and Orange Lines, modernizing stations, and upgrading track, signal, and other key infrastructure across the system," said Governor Baker. "These infrastructure upgrades on the Blue Line, including important flood resilience work within the harbor tunnel, will provide faster, more reliable service for travelers and commuters."

This Blue Line work was previously scheduled to be accomplished through a series of week-

end diversions later this year, and doing the work now allows its completion at a time when both transit ridership and traffic on the roadways that shuttle buses will use is much lower than it is likely to be by the fall due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This core infrastructure Blue Line work is part of the Baker-Polito Administration's \$8 billion plan to repair, upgrade, and modernize the MBTA system, to ensure safe and reliable service," (MBTA Pg. 6)

### North End/West End City Liaison hired

By Phil Orlandella

Former North End resident John Romano appears to have all the tools and energy to become an asset to the 3 neighborhoods he will represent as the new liaison for Boston Mayor Martin Walsh.

John's turf will cover the North End, Waterfront and West End replacing Maria Lanza.

If the name sounds for me year, it should, he is the son of community activist John and Patricia Romano who are very active and NEAD, NEAA, Nazzaro Community Center and other organization.

The new liaison has been extremely active in the community



John Romano.

when he was younger, volunteering with North End Against Drugs (NEAD) of which his father is President.

He is a graduate of the

University of Massachusetts Lowell with a Bachelor's Degree (BA) and Mathematics and Higher Education Administration graduate and in 2016 and 2018.

The 25-year-old told the Review he is, "Passionate about community engagement and can't wait to attend neighborhood meetings to introduce himself and work with residents, organizations and the business community once things begin to reopen."

Currently, John is sending out emails on the status of the virus as it affects the neighborhood in general, as well as general community news.

John can be reached at 617-635-4987.

### North End restaurant owners await city guidance for reopening

By John Lynds

Dozens of restaurants line the North End's Hanover Street and many are tucked down the neighborhood's side streets and survive on the bustling foot traffic as tourists descend on Boston in the summer months.

As the state released its Phase II guidelines for restaurants to start reopening on May 29, owners of restaurants here are anxiously awaiting further instructions from the City of Boston on how they can safely reopen.

Because Boston has been a COVID-19 hotspot, Mayor Martin Walsh has been cautious in applying the state's phased reopening plans to the city. For example, during Phase I Walsh waited until June 1 to start allowing some offices and businesses to reopen at limited capacities.

According to administration



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Frank Depasquale, president of Depasquale Ventures.

staffers, Walsh is still ironing out how to safely implement any restaurant reopenings in places like the North End and further guidelines should arrive by Friday.

Walsh is trying to strike a balance between the need for restaurateurs to start earning a living again while avoiding a resurgence or 'second wave' of COVID-19 in

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### Lack of candidates cancel NEWNC election

By Phil Orlandella

It didn't come as a surprise that there wouldn't be enough (7) candidates to make a competitive contest for the yearly North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) election.

For the past three years the same situation has occurred and every candidate that filed nomination papers with 40 signatures from Ward III, Precincts 1, 2, 3 and 4 were automatically placed on the Council for two-year terms.

One reason for the lack of candidates was attempting to get the signatures during the stay home suggestions and the closure of many neighborhood organizations, making it a real challenge to secure the proper signatures.

"NEWNC waited as long as possible before canceling the election," President Brett Roman stated.

NEWNC apparently did everything possible to conduct a public community election to no avail.

Another obstacle was the availability of the Nazzaro Community Center, NEWNC's usual polling site, is closed and there was no word from the city when and if it would be open in time for a September 19 election.

The candidates that did take the time to secure the necessary signatures to become Council members by default are: Marie Simboli, Joel Faller, Rory Harrington, Kevin Drew and Kevin Fleming.

NEWNC has elected officers and committee chair.

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The vast majority of Americans have been sickened by the horrific video of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly and agonizingly choking to death a 46 year-old African-American man, George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd had not committed any act of violence prior to being arrested and was lying prone on his stomach, with his hands handcuffed behind his back, as the officer applied pressure with his knee and the full force of his body weight to Mr. Floyd's neck for eight minutes and 53 seconds.

The murder of Mr. Floyd while in police custody was the culmination of a series of high-profile, race-related incidents in recent weeks that have highlighted the racism that is inherent in our society and that have spurred the protests for the past week in major cities across the country.

What has been striking about the protest movement is that the protesters in every city have been representative of all races and nationalities, similar to the peaceful protest marches and the Freedom Rider movement in the 1960s that were led by Dr. Martin Luther King and other leaders of the Civil Rights movement at that time.

Unfortunately, there always are a few people who will seek to profit from any situation. Those who have been vandalizing property and who have been ransacking high-end retailers, as occurred Sunday night along Newbury St. and in downtown Boston, are professional criminals with lengthy records who have jumped on the protest bandwagon, so to speak, solely in order to take advantage of the diversion of the police created by the peaceful and legitimate protesters.

However, the criminal behavior by a small minority of professional criminals amidst the protesters should not be a basis, either for average Americans or for our political leaders, to fail to acknowledge two important aspects of the current protest movement:

First, that every American has a right of free assembly and second, that our nation must address the rampant racism that exists at every level of society.

Our government leaders who negatively are politicizing the current situation are no different than the criminals who are ransacking the high-end stores. Both are seeking to hijack the legitimate methods and goals of the protest movement for their own ends.

However, we must not allow either the criminal element or unscrupulous politicians to distract us from attaining the goal so eloquently expressed

by Dr. King in his "I Have a Dream" speech before 250,000 persons at the Lincoln Memorial in 1963: "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

Fifty seven years later, America still is a long way from realizing Dr. King's dream of racial equality. Hopefully, the sad and tragic events of the past few weeks will rekindle in every American the need to achieve the goal of a just society for all Americans.

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GUEST OP-ED

## The May 31 protests in the City of Boston

By Councilor Michael Flaherty

On Monday morning Bostonians woke up to a City destroyed by the actions of those who took over and desecrated an otherwise peaceful and meaningful protest with acts of violence and destruction. Their actions are unacceptable, disgraceful, and served as a disservice to those who showed up to protest peacefully. I want to thank the Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, Boston Emergency

Medical Services, and other first responders who worked hard all night to protect our City and its residents. I pray for anyone injured last night protecting our City.

To the thousands who participated in the initial peaceful march honoring the legacy of Mr. George Floyd and calling for change that returned home after its completion, I thank you. I am sorry that those with ill-intentions usurped the narrative of your event and put your lives and cause in danger.

As a City, as a community

and as neighbors, we must choose how we move forward. The path forward may not be clear yet, but I do know that we need to walk it together. As an elected official, I am committed to bringing government, community, law enforcement, and activists together to sit at the table and ensure these protests result in deeper understanding and positive, measurable results. I want to both ensure the thousands who participated in this event have their voices heard and their goals achieved, while also ensuring that those who perpetuated violence and destruction are held fully accountable and that their actions are not repeated, glorified, or seen as acceptable in the City of Boston.

*Michael Flaherty is a City Councilor at-Large in Boston.*

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# Baker-Polito administration announces guidelines for restaurants, lodging businesses ahead of Phase Two

By Lauren Bennett

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced on May 29 guidance for restaurants and lodging, ahead of Phase Two of the reopening plan. Baker is expected to “make an announcement and decision with respect to Phase Two” on June 6, he said.

“We are certainly seeing positive momentum in a number of areas,” Baker said. “People are starting to get back to work. Outdoor and recreation activities are coming back. We’re making progress, thanks to everyone doing their jobs now more than ever and we need to keep doing what works to kill and slow the virus.”

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito announced the new guidance for restaurants and lodging, adding that the workplace safety standards that will be required for these businesses are “organized around four distinct categories covering social distancing, hygiene protocols, staffing and operations, and cleaning and disinfecting.”

Polito said these guidelines are being released ahead of Phase Two “to give lodging facilities and restaurants time to prepare their operations, to get ready, and to do that in adherence to the general workplace safety standards that we had previously issued.”

Outdoor dining at restaurants will be allowed at the beginning

of Phase Two, Polito said, and the State is working with legislators on accelerating the permitting process for outdoor dining.

Indoor dining will be allowed later on in Phase Two, “subject to the public health data,” she said.

The guidance for restaurants and lodging which is posted on the Reopening Massachusetts website at mass.gov, includes protocols for social distancing and physical space, Polito said.

She announced that some of the highlights of the guidance for restaurants are: “tables must be positioned six feet apart, the maximum party size will be six people, use of outdoor space is encouraged even when indoor seating is allowed, and seating at bars is not allowed, “but bar areas may be reconstituted for table seating,” she said.

Additionally, hygiene and leaning protocols will be required, like having single use utensils or menus, or “strict sanitization guidelines” for these items.

Polito also said that “reservations or call ahead seating is recommended,” and “contactless payment, mobile ordering, or text on arrival for seating will also be encouraged.”

Restaurants should also provide training in these health and safety protocols to all employees, she added, and establishments will be temporarily closed if a there is

a case of COVID-19.

## HOTELS, MOTELS, AND OTHER LODGING BUSINESSES

Guidance was also released for hotels, motels, and other lodging businesses, which will be allowed to resume operations in Phase Two.

“Safety standards apply to all forms of lodging: hotels, motels, inns, bed and breakfasts, and short term residential rentals, including those arranged through online hosting platforms such as Airbnb and Vrbo,” Polito said. She added that spaces like ballrooms and meeting rooms will still remain closed.

“Onsite restaurants, pools, gyms, spas, golf courses and other amenities at lodging sites may operate only as these categories are authorized to operate in accordance with our phased reopening plan,” Polito said. She also said that lodging operators must tell guests traveling to Massachusetts from out of state about the policy urging them to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The guidance for lodging includes protocols for social distancing, hygiene, and keeping staff spread out during their shifts, Polito said. It also includes enhanced sanitization protocols in between guests, including cleaning and sanitizing surfaces, washing linens and bedspreads, and consid-

ering leaving rooms vacant for 24 hours between guests.

“In the event of a positive case of COVID-19, the room used by that guest may only be returned to service after undergoing an enhanced sanitization protocol in accordance with CDC guidelines,” Polito said.

“As we move forward in reopening our economy, we understand the importance of balancing public health and economic health and we need to do everything we can to support both,” she said. “Together with state and local governments we balance the shared goals of maintaining both public safety as well as getting our economy back up and running and as we navigate these next phases in our fight against COVID-19, we will continue to work with our industry partners to do what’s best for local main streets and downtowns.

I’m confident that the restaurant and lodging owners, managers, servers, bartenders and staff, and the many others who make up these industries will get back to work, will reopen their doors and their places to the residents across our Commonwealth and be able to offer the things from our places that people know and love so much in their communities and will do so as safely and as quickly as possible.”

## OTHER UPDATES

Baker also announced on May 29 that the state is having “positive conversations” with sports teams, which will be allowed to begin practicing at their respective facilities on June 6 “with health and safety rules that all of the leagues are developing.”

Baker said that these facilities

will continue to remain closed to the public, and that “the leagues are obviously working hard to host games again.”

He said that “pro sports would be a great thing to see again,” and would be a “significant milestone for all of us as fans,” however, “the opening will be gradual and will require a lot of patience from everyone.”

On June 1, Baker issued an Executive Order that lists specific types of businesses and activities that fall into the remaining phases of the reopening plan.

“Effective immediately, the Executive Order permits Phase II businesses to reopen their physical workplaces to workers only to conduct necessary preparations prior to the start of Phase II. Preparations include but are not limited to completing a COVID-19 Control Plan, implementing sector-specific protocols, and complying with Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards,” according to the State.

“This lead time is important for preparations,” Baker said on June 1.

Retail stores will be allowed to have “browsing and in-store transactions with restrictions” at the beginning of Phase Two as well. Guidance for childcare, recreational summer camps, and organized sports programs was also released and is available in detail at mass.gov.

He also said that over the weekend, the COVID-19 Response Command Center also submitted details for an expanded COVID-19 testing proposal to the federal government, which includes increasing testing capacity and access to testing.

## GUEST OP-ED

# The Boston Reopen fund is helping small businesses open their doors while keeping our community safe

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of the people of Boston has been my top priority. As our city and our state begin a gradual reopening process, based on clear health benchmarks, peoples’ health and safety remains my top priority.

Reopening does not mean ‘back to normal,’ it means bringing a serious commitment to stopping the spread of the virus into our workplaces and community spaces. I am committed to making sure that every small business in Boston understands what steps they need to take in order to keep their employees, their customers, and the community safe. I am equally committed to making sure that none of them have trouble reopening due to a lack of access to resources. That’s why we creat-

ed the Reopen Boston Fund.

The Boston Reopen Fund is a grant program to help small businesses put safety measures in place, including buying personal protective equipment (PPE); installing safety partitions for customers and employees; and managing outdoor space approved for business use. These are grants, not loans, so they don’t create debt. The grants will be distributed to brick-and-mortar businesses, with fewer than 15 employees, where people work close to each other or to customers. These include businesses in sectors like personal care, retail, food service, arts and entertainment, fitness, and event spaces and bars. The grants will also create more opportunities for local, and minority- and women-owned contractors to provide and install safety materials.

The funds will be released in three rounds, corresponding to

the phases of the state’s reopening plan. Applications for funding opened on May 28, and grants are being distributed on a rolling basis. For more information, visit Boston.gov/ReopenFund.

This new fund builds on the support we’ve offered to our small businesses since this crisis began. So far, the City has dedicated more than \$13.5 million to help small businesses impacted by COVID-19. That includes \$5.3 million in grants which we’ve distributed to 1,470 small businesses through our Small Business Relief Fund. This fund focuses on businesses in the most-affected industries, including: hospitality, personal care, arts and recreation, retail, and healthcare and social assistance. Businesses that have received grants represent every neighborhood in Boston.

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## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### LACK OF CANDIDATES CANCEL NEWNC ELECTION

Lack of enough candidates (7) caused the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) to cancel their 2020 election.

This is the third consecutive community election that felt through the cracks for lack of interest by residents to serve on the Council that was formed to represent the neighborhood.

Six, two-year terms are available each year. Even Snow White attracted seven people.

While the need election committee and other members tried hard to have a public election, the lack of interest, made it possible

to automatically place all the six candidates on the Council.

The COVID-19 pandemic may have contributed to residents not participating but six of thousands of residents found a way to be involved with the community.

Maybe, just maybe, it’s time to reevaluate the election system to attract more candidates to consider campaigning for a seat on the neighborhood Council.

The time has come for residents to get involved in the future of the community on a first-hand basis.

NEWNC has been a productive and reliable part of the neighborhood and will continue to be an asset to the community for years to come.

## Friends cancel 48th Reunion

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of the North End have decided to cancel its 48th annual reunion which was scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 19 at the Sons of Italy Hall in Winchester.

The special event brings together new and former North End residents for a truly unique time of recalling the neighborhood

and a cherished childhood that's relived through the reunion.

One of Friends of the North End, Victor Passacantilli said the group is looking forward to the 2021 event which they will continue to organize.

The Friends, through the get together, donate funds to several North End organizations each year.

## NEAA forced to cancel Golf Tournament

By Phil Orlandella

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) to cancel its longtime annual benefit golf tournament.

Under the direction of golf Chairman Robert "Ted" Tomasone, the golf tourney usually attracts 155 golfers and raises about \$20,000 dollars.

Each year, for well over 50 years, the NEAA has provided much-needed athletic, educational and social events and activities in the community.

In addition, the NEAA a non-profit organization, has financially supported other neighbor-

hood organizations with various activities within the community.

"Many volunteers did everything possible to conduct this fundraising tournament, but circumstances due to the virus made it impossible to have a real competitive golf outing," Tomasone said.

According to Tomasone, "NEAA will send letters to former golfers and those expected to participate in the 2020 event, asking if they would like to make a tax-deductible donation so that the organization can continue to provide youth, adult and senior programs in the community."

The NEAA has already scheduled next year outing for August at the Andover Country Club.

## NEAD scholarship applications now available

By Phil Orlandella

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will once again distribute scholarships for North End residents only, according to President John Romano.

"NEAD feels very strongly that education plays an important part in our children's future," Romano said.

The non-profit neighborhood organization will be accepting all application forms electronically by June 8 at 6 PM.

The link to both rules forms and the application are rules at [bit.ly/2VCSHCB](http://bit.ly/2VCSHCB) and forms at [bit.ly/2Yp4JB9](http://bit.ly/2Yp4JB9).

Romano noted, "For this year only, applicants will not need to provide a letter from school, however, all other requirements will

remain the same."

"NEAD scholarships for both private and public schools," he added.

"If you know someone who does not have a computer, advise them that copies of the form and rules are available at the Nazzaro Center," Romano added.

For information email [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com).

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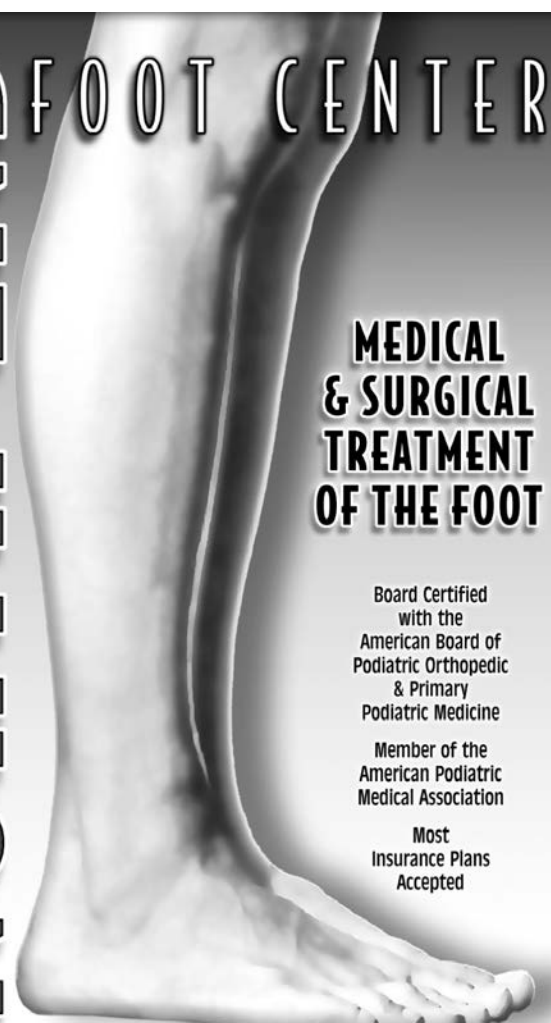
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# Councilor Lydia Edwards reacts to George Floyd’s murder and protests

By John Lynds

When District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards first viewed the cellphone footage of a Minapolis police officer kneeling on George Floyd’s neck until he died she had to stop the video several times.

“I had to stop it several times,” said Edwards, who was elected as District 1’s first African American City Councilor. “I couldn’t watch it to completion. I cried and then got so angry. I just remember thinking the policeman looks so calm. There was no real concern, no sense of urgency. Usually, when I think of police brutality I think it happens in the heat of the moment. There is a sense of urgency and quick thoughts and faster movements. But this officer wasn’t scared, wasn’t moving fast. He just didn’t care.”

After the anger Edwards said

she remembers feeling immense depression and sorrow.

“I even wished my 5 ½ month old nephew wasn’t a boy,” she said. “I feel so guilty. I question having children and I certainly don’t want to have a boy. I feel immense pressure to do all that I can to make sure something like that doesn’t happen here. I have lost sleep and my appetite over the stress. I feel so much is expected of me as a politician who is black. I wonder how “black” I can be? I wonder what will be the straw that breaks my purple district’s back. Maybe I am not giving my district a fair chance.”

But while cities burn and racial tension is at an all time high, how do we move forward with a positive dialogue among citizens, police and politicians to gain not only understanding of Floyd’s death but to spark real change.

“The pain that people are feeling has to be acknowledged first,” said Edwards. “We need to know our history. We can’t make policy in a vacuum. We need to confront our own biases and know that if we each have a part to play. We need to stop confusing police accountability with being anti police. It’s literally my job to ask tough questions but too many people think that means I don’t trust or like the police.”

Edwards has always maintained a great working relationship with the Boston Police since being elected. With the majority of officers here just as sad, angry and frustrated by not only the actions of Officer Chauvin but the actions of other officers in other cases, Edwards has the tough job of balancing her relationship with the police with calls for real reform locally and nationally.

“I encourage any of the police officers to stand with advocates and denounce police brutality,” said Edwards. “If we’re trying to really solve systemic racism and police brutality, reform needs to happen at an institutional level. We also need to hold bad actors within them accountable. I have great respect for the community police officers. They’ve been shoulder to shoulder with residents on a multitude of issues. These moments of pain and grief allow us to take a step back and assess how we can do better as a society. We have an opportunity to restructure an entire system. We can work with the police to help define what equitable, compassionate policing looks like. We just ask for full recognition that what we have now isn’t working and listen to our calls for true reform. There are calls for several reforms including a citizens review board for police officers that are bad actors. I think that is worth exploring.”

With the majority of protesters participating in peaceful demonstrations throughout Boston in memory of George Floyd, Sunday night’s rioting, looting and violence was sparked by a small element within a protest that had remained peaceful for several hours.

Watching the news coverage Sunday night, Edwards said she could not speak about the intentions of individuals who decided to turn their actions on the police or if they were even a part of the peaceful demonstration earlier in the day.

However, she said, “I can tell you that the crowd that assembled from Nubian Square to Downtown was beautifully diverse and represented the best parts of Boston. These were residents who took to the streets to call out what happened against George Floyd and other people of color for what it is: acts of police brutality and racism. They assembled to call for action and tangible change against systems of oppression and they did so peacefully. There were many people from other cities that came to cause havoc and I resent them for co-opting the moment.”

It’s been 52 years since Martin Luther King was assassinated fighting for racial justice. Announcing his death to a crowd in Indianapolis Robert F. Kennedy said, “the vast majority of white people and the vast majority of black people in this country want to live together, want to improve the quality of our life, and want justice for all human beings who abide in our land.”

However, in those 52 years some are still not sure we have had an honest conversation with ourselves as a nation when it comes to race relations.

“There are still people that believe the Civil War was about state’s rights and not slavery,” said Edwards. “We have people that won’t acknowledge the pain of people like my colleague City Council President Kim Janey who was bussed into Charlestown. We don’t need to look that far back to know we haven’t had an honest conversation in Boston about our school system, our housing and neighborhood segregation. Not talking about race and racism to our children, to our co-workers and to our politicians. After 52 years we are still dealing with this. What can we do? Listen to the pain of the African American community and other marginalized groups. Instead, too many people will call me and others a “snowflake” to dismiss my pain. Legitimize the trauma and pain felt by the African American community in particular after each death at the hands of the police. Acknowledge that we got here through a system of laws and intentional systemic racism. Therefore, we must be intentional and use our laws to heal our community. Personally, everyone should identify structural inequities and analyze how to restructure one’s own behaviors to fix it. Learn the full history and perpetuation of racism in this country and how it has set us up for inequality. Most importantly, put words into action. I joined the Black and Latino Caucus of Legislators on Tuesday to release a 10 point plan of federal, state, and municipal actions. I’m over the hashtags - we need prescriptive policies to heal this country.”

Edwards said she will continue to her constituents who need to voice their frustrations over this senseless death.

“In times like these everyone is going to process things differently,” she said. “I will support my constituents’ right to protest and demand change from me and other elected officials. I promise to listen to their frustrations and pain as I think about my role in implementing policy that will lead to change. I don’t deny or question their pain. I ask how I can help them heal. This is an opportunity to reassess how we do business. We have been handed a baton and the question is what we are going to do to make this a better world for our children. What are we going to pass onto them?”

## COVID-19 update for North End

By John Lynds

As the number of hospitalizations and deaths from COVID-19 continue to decline in the city and state, the infection rate in the North End spiked nearly 31 percent in the past two weeks.

On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

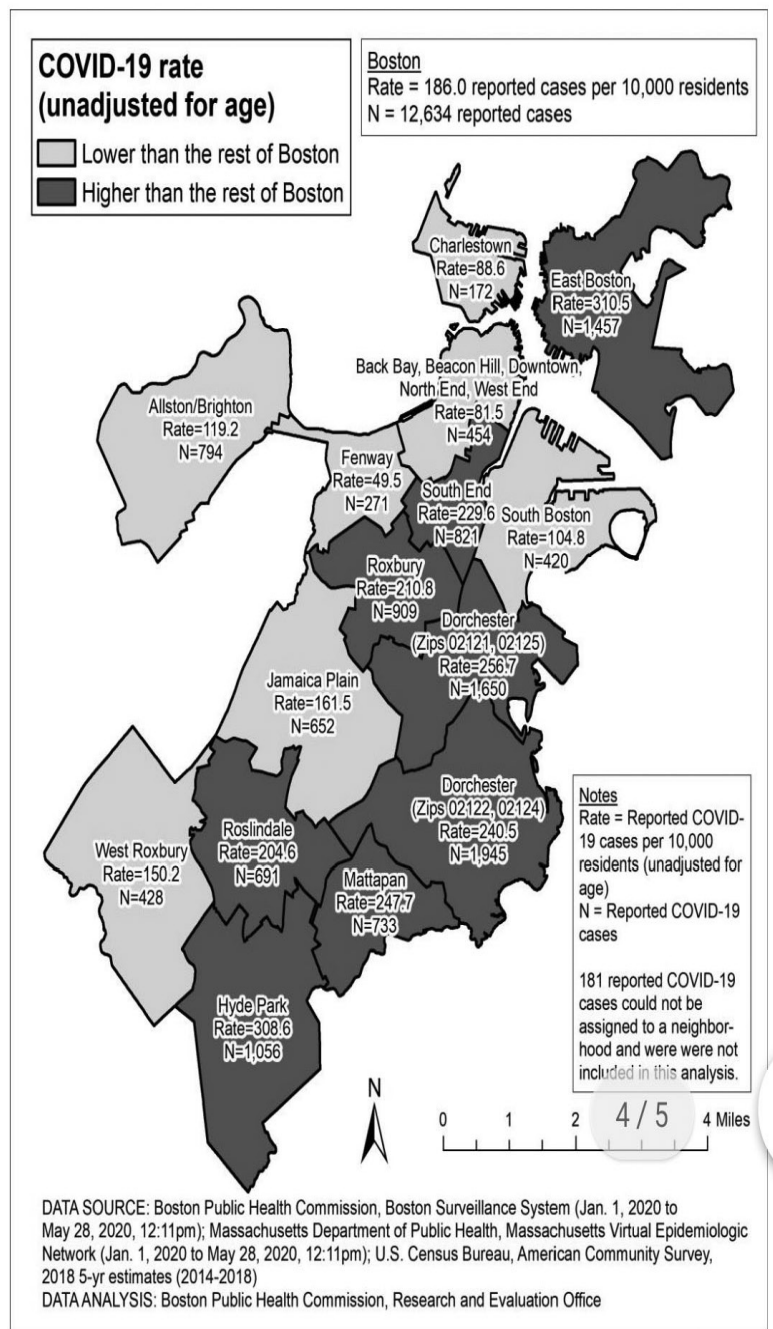
The BPHC data released last Friday showed the North End, West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 81.5 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 62.3 cases per 10,000 residents two week ago.

The number of confirmed cases in the area increased from 347 two weeks ago to 454.

When compared to other neighborhoods the North End, West End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay and Downtown has the second lowest infection rates among residents second to only Fenway.

The stats released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID-19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide there are currently 12,818 confirmed cases, up from 12,050 reported two weeks ago. So far, 7,103 of these 12,818 cases have fully recovered. There have been 649 COVID-19 related deaths among Boston residents, up from 588 two weeks ago.





## MBTA (from pg. 1)

said Secretary Pollack. “While we continue to urge the public to only make essential trips during the pandemic, the T is moving ahead with capital projects and continuing to plan for more opportunities to get work done faster in 2020.”

In compliance with the Commonwealth’s Reopening Massachusetts Report, riders are also reminded that face coverings are required while onboard shuttle buses. Additionally, in an effort to promote social distancing and protect the health and safety of MBTA riders and bus operators, ridership on shuttle buses is limited to twenty passengers.

“The suspension of Blue Line service has allowed us to make incredible progress as workers maximize the benefits of having unencumbered access to stations, track, and tunnel areas,” said MBTA General Manager Pofatak. “Our primary focus, as always, is on safety, especially during the pandemic and the start of Phase 1 of the Commonwealth’s Reopening Plan. We continue to promote social distancing and require face coverings. This expedited critical track and tunnel infrastructure work leads to the upgrades our riders deserve –

faster trains, shorter travel times, and more reliable service.”

Work included the installation of a new truck pad near Airport Station; replacing 2,200 feet of track along the Blue Line that will remove a long-standing speed restriction between Maverick and Aquarium—effectively reducing trip times by up to fifty-one seconds between Airport and Maverick; crews worked to fix the harbor tunnel leak with drainage work between Maverick and Aquarium that will reduce water/leak-related service delays, improving reliability; as well as fire standpipe relocation between Maverick and Aquarium.

“I had the unique opportunity to tour the Blue Line tunnel in East Boston and see the work being done,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro. “From repairing a tunnel first built in the early 1900’s to replacing over 2200 feet of track, this critical infrastructure project will allow for increased train speeds, shorter travel times, and a more reliable schedule. I thank the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority for organizing this tour and all the workers for their incredible efforts.”



Rep. Adrian Madaro during the tour of the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line.



Last week at Maverick MBTA station Gov. Charlie Baker highlighted the accelerated infrastructure work on the Blue Line that wrapped up Sunday.



Gov. Charlie Baker during the tour of the Blue Line project at Maverick Station.

## OP-ED (from pg. 3)

We also created a new online resource dedicated to safety guidelines and resources for purchasing the necessary supplies. It’s the responsibility of every business owner to keep their employees safe, but we created this website to help them meet that responsibility. For more information, visit [Boston.gov/BusinessPPE](https://Boston.gov/BusinessPPE).

We continue to hold weekly conference calls for small business owners, offer technical assistance, and provide small businesses with the flexibility they need to continue connecting with customers—like allowing all restaurants to offer takeout and delivery. Information about these resources and more

are available at [Boston.gov/Small-Business](https://Boston.gov/Small-Business).

Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our communities. They hire locally, they circulate a lot of economic vitality back into the neighborhood, they are important to the historic and cultural character of our communities. Many residents rely on them for their own well being. A large percentage of small businesses in Boston are also owned by women, people of color, and immigrants. That’s why supporting them is not only important to our economic recovery; it’s also one way we are working to achieve equity throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

We know how hard the last few months have been to our small businesses, and that they face a difficult economy in the months and years to come; but we will continue to support them in every way we can. I encourage everyone who thinks that they can benefit from these resources to visit [Boston.gov/Small-Business](https://Boston.gov/Small-Business). Information about other topics like food access, testing, emergency childcare, senior supports, and more are available at [Boston.gov/Coronavirus](https://Boston.gov/Coronavirus).

Martin J. Walsh is the Mayor of Boston.



# West End Museum honors two former neighborhood residents for Jewish American Heritage Month

By Times staff

In acknowledgment of May as Jewish American Heritage Month, the West End Museum honored two exceptional former residents of the neighborhood.

Born on May 30, 1920, in Boston, Manuel “Manny” Brown, now 100 years old, was a World War II veteran who landed on Utah beach in Normandy 76 years ago on D-Day. He is a decorated hero who received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, French Medal and Bronze Star.

Brown grew up in the West End at a number of locations on the North Slope with his parents and two sisters. As a child, he enjoyed his West End House community and fondly recalls sledding down (the then automobile-less) Beacon Hill. He played basketball, participated in the Thanksgiving Day Run, the Christmas Walk and numerous other West End House events.

Brown attended The English High School, as well as the West

End House Camp as a camper from 1930 to 1942 and after the war as an alumnus. In high school, he worked at and around Fenway Park and Braves Field as a vendor.

He was a member of the West End House and lived in the neighborhood until 1946 when he married and moved to Brighton.

“Manny’s story is also extremely relevant today,” wrote Sebastian A. Belfanti, director of the West End Museum. “He exemplifies the experiences of those who, despite moving out of the neighborhood, continued to return for social events, in his case at the West End House. Especially now, with the threat of losing the West End House building, Manny’s memories of veteran’s meetings with JFK and a hundred or so others, playing basketball, and spending time with friends in and around the West End House are as relevant today as they’ve ever been.”

The second honoree was Annie Londonderry, who is considered to be the “world’s first internation-

al female sports star” because of her iconic bicycle ride around the world.

Born in Latvia in 1870 to Jewish parents, Levi and Beatrice Cohen, Londonderry (also known as Annie Cohen Kopchovsky) emigrated to the West End with her family in 1875. She married Max Kopchovsky, a peddler, and had three children by 1892, living in the West End’s tenements as a working-class family.

While the British man Thomas Stevens was the first person to ride across the U.S. and the world in 1884, Londonderry was determined to be the world’s first woman to achieve the same feat; she was hoping to settle a bet, and receive \$10,000, if she could prove that women had physical capabilities equal to men. The Boston Journal reported after her journey that the crowd at the State House thought the bet was invented for publicity, however.

“We selected Annie because, after exploring her history as part of the Bicycling Legends of the West End exhibit, we were inspired by her resilience and achievement after her journey from Latvia to Boston,” Belfanti



Courtesy of Newton Talks

Manuel “Manny” Brown, a 100-year-old World War II vet was one of the West End Museum’s honorees for Jewish American Heritage Month last month.

wrote. “We’re excited to share the story of the first female sports star, the fun and fascinating story of her globe-spanning ride, and her work empowering women in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.”

Added Belfanti: “Sharing the stories of the many, many people, of all ethnic backgrounds, who

made the old West End such a special community, is paramount to maintaining the museum as a place where everyone, pre- or post-Urban Renewal residents and interested parties, came come to understand the value of this neighborhood, and the amazing depth of Boston history at large.



Courtesy of the West End Museum

Annie Londonderry, who is remembered as the first female to bicycle around the world, and was one of the West End Museum’s honorees for Jewish American Heritage Month last month.

## Plan to resume retailer bottle and can redemption enforcement announced

As part of the Baker-Polito Administration’s comprehensive reopening plan, the required acceptance of bottle bill containers for redemption will resume in a two-stage process, beginning on June 5, 2020. The plan includes protocols and requirements to ensure the safety of employees and the public.

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Attorney General’s Office on March 18, 2020, temporarily suspended enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements for retailers across the Commonwealth. MassDEP and the Attorney General’s Office will resume enforcement of beverage container redemption requirements in two phases:

- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers using reverse vending machines (RVMs) on June 5, 2020.
- Enforcement of redemption requirements will resume at retailers accepting containers over-the-

counter on June 19, 2020.

Bottle redemption services will need to adhere to the protocols set forth in the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development’s Guidance Regarding the Operation of Essential Services, including:

- Customers and employees wear a mask or face-covering;
- Post signage to remind customers to practice social distancing;
- Clearly mark 6-foot spacing in lines on the floor;
- Limit bottle room occupancy; and
- Disinfect machines before proceeding to empty them.

Customers are encouraged to check the operating status of redemption locations before bringing empty beverage containers for redemption and should follow store guidelines related to redemption services and standard safety precautions to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

Customers visiting retailer redemption locations may be limited to redeeming no more than 120 deposit containers at a time. Customers seeking to redeem more than 120 containers are encouraged to utilize a redemption center with the capacity to manage large volumes efficiently and effectively. Customers must also ensure that all beverage containers are free of product, rinsed and not commingled with other materials. Redemption locations may not accept containers with contaminants.

MassDEP’s Bottle Bill Hotline is available at 617-556-1054 for questions and information requests.

MassDEP is responsible for ensuring clean air and water, safe management and recycling of solid and hazardous wastes, timely cleanup of hazardous waste sites and spills and the preservation of wetlands and coastal resources.



# Mass. Health Committee approves end of life options bill for first time since 2011 introduction

Massachusetts supporters of legislation that would authorize medical aid in dying as an end-of-life care option urged state lawmakers to pass the bill after the Joint Committee on Public Health approved it late Friday afternoon for the first time since it was originally introduced by Rep. Louis L. Kafka in 2011. The committee approved the legislation by a vote of 11 to 6. More than seven out of 10 Massachusetts voters (71%) support medical aid in dying, according to the most recent poll on the issue in 2013 by Purple Insights.

The bill, the Massachusetts End of Life Options Act (H.1926/S.1208), would give mentally capable, terminally ill individuals with a prognosis of six months or less to live the option to request, obtain and self-ingest medication to die peacefully in their sleep if their suffering becomes unbearable. The legislation is sponsored by

Rep. Louis L. Kafka and Senator William N. Brownsberger and has 69 total sponsors, including Joint Committee on Public Health co-chair, Senator Joanne M. Comerford.

“COVID-19 has shined a spotlight on the importance of a compassionate death, and we thank the public health committee for prioritizing this legislation at a time when only a handful of bills are advancing through the legislature,” said Compassion & Choices president and CEO Kim Callinan, who testified before the Joint Committee on Public Health in support of the bill at a hearing last June. “We urge legislative leaders to hold floor votes on the bill ASAP so that more Massachusetts residents will have the option of a peaceful end should their suffering become intolerable.”

The Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) also testified at the hearing last June before the

Joint Committee of Public Health on the bill, detailing its policy of “neutral engagement” on the practice of medical aid in dying: “The MMS will support its members regarding clinical, ethical, and legal considerations of medical aid-in-dying, through education, advocacy, and/or the provision of other resources...”

A 2017 internal survey of Massachusetts Medical Society members showed they backed the End of Life Options Act

by a 2-1 margin, 62% support vs. 28% opposed (see page 9 chart at [www.massmed.org/Advocacy/State-Advocacy/MAID-Survey-2017/](http://www.massmed.org/Advocacy/State-Advocacy/MAID-Survey-2017/)). Other bill supporters include the ACLU of Massachusetts, Amherst Town Meeting, Boston Ethical Society, Cambridge City Council, Falmouth Board of Selectmen, Fenway Health/AIDS Action, Greater Boston Humanists, Lexington Board of Selectmen, National Association

of Social Workers (NASW) Massachusetts, and Northampton City Council, and Provincetown Board of Selectmen.

Medical aid in dying is authorized in 10 U.S. jurisdictions representing more than one-fifth (22%) of the nation's population, including nine states: Oregon, Washington, Montana (via a state Supreme Court ruling), Vermont, California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Jersey, Maine, as well as Washington, D.C. (2017).

## RESTAURANTS (from pg. 1)

Boston.

According to reopening guidelines the Baker-Polito administration announced on May 29, restaurants will soon be able to resume dine-in service, but only outside to start, with indoor dining coming later in phase two of the reopening plan.

North End restaurant owner Frank DePasquale, who owns Bricco, Aqua Pazza, Quattro, and Trattoria Il Panino told the Boston Globe this week that takeout and delivery-only service is no longer working and he is only doing about 2.5 to 5 percent of his usual business.

“What would help is to have outside seating; it would help us,” DePasquale told the Boston Globe. “On June 28, we could possibly have indoor seating and have bars open for alcohol, served with food. If it's really a small space, they could allow for partitions, glass, plexiglass, or some type of clear plastic. They are not going to mandate the 25 to 50 percent [capacity] — only six-foot spacing.”

However, DePasquale and other North End restaurants are in a holding pattern until they get final guidance from the Walsh Administration at the end of the week.

In preparing for restaurant reopenings Walsh and the Boston Licensing Board took steps to streamline existing processes for restaurants who wish to expand outdoor seating as part of the COVID-19 reopening process. These new processes make it easier for restaurants to take advantage of outdoor space in Boston when they are allowed to open.

Over 270 businesses have already begun this process throughout all of Boston's neighborhoods.

Temporary street closures with barriers and signs will also be explored as part of the outdoor

seating work, and to create better green links to parks and open spaces.

“Public space and transportation will be key to a healthy reopening and an equitable recovery,” said Chris Osgood, the city's Chief of Streets. “Right now, that includes making sure hospital staff and front line workers can get to work safely and affordably, and rethinking how Boston's streets best serve our residents. These changes to Boston's streets are in line with Boston's transportation goals of safety, access, and reliability, and the City's work to create a safe city for every resident.”

The state guidelines for Phase II that are being reviewed by Walsh and city officials are:

- Outdoor dining, where possible, will be allowed at the start of phase two (tentatively June 8).

- Once indoor dining does resume later in phase two, restaurants that can will be encouraged to continue focusing on outdoor dining as much as possible.

- Tables must be six feet apart and six feet away from high-traffic areas, like routes to the restrooms. The distance can be under six feet only if separated by non-porous barriers such as walls or plexiglass dividers that are at least six feet high.

- Both employees and customers should maintain a six-foot distance from others as much as possible (not congregating in break rooms or near restrooms, for example), and restaurants should post signage, use distance markers, etc. to enforce this.

- No more than six people can sit at a table together.

- Customers cannot sit at bars, although restaurants can reconfigure their bar areas into standard dining areas as long as existing building and fire code regulations are followed, along with COVID-19 safety guidelines regarding

spacing.

- Along the same lines, customers cannot be served standing up (no bars, standing counters, etc.).

- Masks are required for both staff and customers, although customers can remove theirs when seated at a table.

- Condiments won't be preset on tables and will instead be served upon request in single-serving containers. Likewise, utensils won't be preset and must either be single-use or sanitized after each use, brought to the table rolled or otherwise packaged.

- Menus must either be single-use, disposable paper; a display, such as a whiteboard or chalkboard; or electronic and viewed on customers' own mobile devices.

- Communal serving areas (such as unattended buffets, topping bars, and self-service stations) must remain closed for now.

- Restaurant areas not directly related to food and beverage service — such as dance floors and pool tables — must remain closed for now.

- Restaurants are encouraged to use technology to create an experience that is as contactless as possible (reservation systems, mobile ordering, mobile payment, etc.)

- Restaurants are encouraged to increase indoor ventilation however possible (such as by opening doors and windows).

- Restaurants should retain a phone number of someone in each party, whether for reservations or walk-in customers, for possible contact tracing.

- If an employee, customer, or vendor of a restaurant tests positive or is presumed to be positive for COVID-19, the restaurant must immediately shut down for at least 24 hours, cleaning and disinfecting in accordance with CDC guidelines before reopening.

## SBA and Treasury Department announce \$10 billion in paycheck protection program

The U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Treasury Department, announced that it is setting aside \$10 billion of Round 2 funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to be lent exclusively by Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

CDFIs work to expand economic opportunity in low-income communities by providing access to financial products and services for local residents and businesses. These dedicated funds will further ensure that the PPP reaches all communities in need of relief during the COVID-19 pandemic — a key priority for President Trump.

“The forgivable loan program, PPP, is dedicated to providing emergency capital to sustain our nation's small businesses, the drivers of our economy, and retain their employees,” said SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. “CDFIs provide critically important capital and technical assistance to small businesses from rural, minority and other underserved communities, especially during this economically challenging time.”

“The PPP has helped over 50 million American workers stay connected to their jobs and over

4 million small businesses get much-needed relief,” said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “We have received bipartisan support for dedicating these funds for CDFIs to ensure that traditionally underserved communities have every opportunity to emerge from the pandemic stronger than before.”

As of May 23, 2020, CDFIs have approved more than \$7 billion (\$3.2 billion in Round 2) in PPP loans. The additional \$6.8 billion will ensure that entrepreneurs and small business owners in all communities have easy access to the financial system, and that they receive much-needed capital to maintain their workforces.

The Paycheck Protection Program was created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and provides forgivable loans to small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their employees on the payroll. To date, more than 4.4 million loans have been approved for over \$510 billion for small businesses across America.

The SBA and the Treasury Department remain committed to ensuring eligible small businesses have the resources they need to get through this time.



## CITY PAWS

## Retraining for the new normal

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

All of us, including our dogs, will make some readjustments as we ease into the new normal – whatever that turns out to be. For our Westie Poppy, it will mean relearning to stay at home alone, and facing outside noises from delivery trucks and construction projects as they return to our neighborhood.

## Plan to Lessen Separation Anxiety

We began working on the possibility of separation anxiety in May by going back to Poppy's once familiar routine for staying alone. We turn on a playlist of calming classical music and present her with a goat-cheese-filled kong. (She knows that she only gets this when she's in her crate.)

Poppy settles down with her special treat. We tell her to wait for us and then both leave quietly and calmly. Back then it was only for a quick walk or to a nearby restaurant for takeout. We'll extend the time we are gone as there are places we can safely visit for longer times.

If you adopted a new dog during the pandemic and that dog has no experience staying behind when you leave, you can start by merely going outside your door for a few minutes. Extend that by going out for your mail or to pick up a delivery. Next, go get some takeout, or to a grocery store. A new dog needs to learn to trust that you'll come back. Take your



*Little Spike is reactive to some big dogs. During the era of social distancing, there were fewer times when his guardian had to ask others to give him a bit more space.*

time and build that trust.

## Reactive Dogs

If your dog reacts badly to off-leash and out-of-control dogs running up to you, the pandemic has meant more peaceful walks. In April and May, we did see a few dogs off-leash and more dogs practicing social distancing 8-10 feet from their guardians on retractable leashes.

However, we saw far fewer people with reactive dogs trying to keep uncontrolled dogs away. Your dog may be friendly. She may only want to say hello. However, you can practice some of the goodwill and kindness dis-

played in the past months by remembering that not all dogs are friendly and some may not tolerate another dog in their face or coming towards them.

Those with reactive dogs are entering a dual retraining program. You have to work on your own dog's training. You and your dog can work on commands like "Pay attention to me." "Leave it!" and a firm, "Heel!" with a shortened leash to keep your dog safely close to your side. You have to go back to scanning the area around you for careless dog people and loose dogs. You have to be ready to make a quick u-turn to stay away from a canine that could be a danger to your dog.

At the same time, you have to work on gently reminding people that your dog is safer if left alone. You have to practice your hand-up stop sign when someone releases control of their dog to let it come to meet yours. And, you have to remember how to say, "Please control your dog! Mine is not as friendly."

## Walk with Care

Finally, as pedestrians, we all have to go back to expecting the unexpected from vehicles in motion, bikes, and parked cars. Months of living in a mostly car-free zone may make us careless. Remember to always keep your dog beside you when crossing the street. Drivers may see you but not see the dog ahead or behind you.

*Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.*

## Boston parks score high again in trust for public land rankings

Boston has landed near the top of the 2020 ParkScore list compiled by The Trust for Public Land ranking how much access citizens have to parks and park amenities. The annual report uses mapping technology and demographic data to determine how well the largest cities in the United States are meeting the need for parks.

Boston's ninth place score was higher than Chicago, New York City, St. Louis, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and San Diego on a list of 100 cities and moved up from 13th place in 2019. With the majority of Boston residents living within close proximity to a park, the city's highest score was in the category of access where Boston earned 100 out of 100. The city's high percentage of city area dedicated to parks (17%) and strong playground access score also boosted the city's ParkScore rating.

ParkScore ratings are based equally on three factors: park access, which measures the per-

centage of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park (approximately 1/2-mile); park size, which is based on a city's median park size and the percentage of total city area dedicated to parks; and services and investment, which combines the number of playgrounds per 10,000 city residents and per capita park spending.

ParkScore uses advanced GIS (geographic information system) computer mapping technology to create digital maps evaluating park accessibility, making it the most realistic assessment system available. Instead of simply measuring distance to a local park, ParkScore's GIS technology takes into account the location of park entrances and physical obstacles to access. In addition to the at-a-glance park bench summary rating, ParkScore features an in-depth website, parkscore.tpl.org, that local leaders can use as a roadmap to guide park improvement efforts.

## Mayor's Garden Contest deadline is July 10

Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the 24th annual Mayor's Garden Contest will take place this year keeping within current social distancing guidelines. Boston's green thumbs have until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, July 10, to register. The contest provides the perfect opportunity to recognize those who have taken advantage of the "safer at home" guidelines to hone their gardening skills.

The contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston's neighborhoods. The safety of gardeners and contest judges is the top priority of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. Gardeners should follow all current advisories from the Boston Public Health Commission and the City of Boston. Visit the City's coronavirus website for the latest information and guidance.

Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at [www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest](http://www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest). First place winners will receive the coveted "Golden Trowel" award from Mayor Walsh while second and third place winners will be awarded certificates. The traditional awards ceremony will be dependent on the rules on public

gatherings that apply in August.

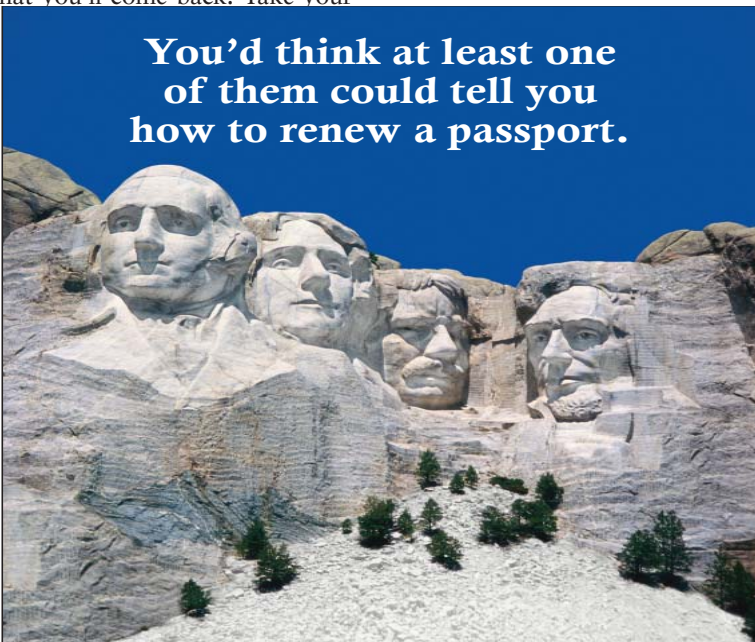
Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers are not eligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

The preferred method of entry for residents is to submit photos through the online application at [www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest](http://www.boston.gov/mayors-garden-contest). Alternatively, they may request an application by emailing their name and address to [gardencontest@cityofboston.gov](mailto:gardencontest@cityofboston.gov). For more information please call (617) 635-4505.

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### FLOWERS IN THE PARK



Throughout Christopher Columbus Park flowers are blooming making the park look and smell like spring.

### City Councilors propose cap on fees for third-party restaurant delivery services

By Dan Murphy

Several City Councilors are proposing that Boston follow the example set by Cambridge and other cities by capping fees for third-party delivery services for restaurants.

City Councilors Ed Flynn, Matt O'Malley and Michael Flaherty participated in a virtual public hearing Friday focusing on how to rein in the fees currently charged by the four biggest services - Uber Eats, Grubhub, DoorDash and Postmates.

City Councilor Flynn said restaurants have informed him that delivery fees range from 25 to 35 percent.

"We currently pay hundreds of thousands of dollars every year on these third-party delivery fees," he said. "Restaurants pay a significantly larger portion of their revenue to delivery services...and they are dependent on these services." Third-party delivery fees

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### St. Anthony's Feast cancelled this year due to pandemic

By Dan Murphy

New England - will take a reprieve this summer due to the pandemic.

"For over 100 years, Saint Anthony's Feast has celebrated faith, family, community and tradition in the North End of

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### North End restaurateur finds flaws in PPP

By Dan Murphy

One North End restaurateur believes the federal Paycheck Protection Program could unwittingly hinder recipients.

"When they gave out PPP money, the first thing you have to use 75 percent of it on help while 25 percent can go towards paying rent and utilities," said Frank Depasquale, president of Depasquale Ventures, whose North End establishments include Assaggio, AquaPazza, Mare Oyster Bar, Trattoria il Panino, Quattro, Bricco Ristorante & Enoteca, Bricco Salumeria + Pasta Shop and Bricco Salumeria Pannetteria. "How can you use it on help when you're not allowed to open?"

Depasquale, who serves as chairman of the North End Chamber of Commerce, said terms of the program dictate that PPP recipients begin paying 1 percent interest as soon as they collect loans made available through their banks.

"One percent interest is charged on it when you don't need it," he said. "You can't put all the waiters and bartenders back to work...and the PPP won't work unless people can go back to [their jobs]."

Depasquale added, "The main thing is restaurants have to be allowed to open."

While restaurants could open in Governor Charlie Baker Phase Two plan in three weeks, Mayor Martin J. Walsh says he will not take steps that put anyone under risk and will review all information before making his decision.



Photo courtesy of Depasquale Ventures

Frank Depasquale, president of Depasquale Ventures.

Dear Friends:

It is with great sadness that we announce that we are cancelling the 2020 Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy Feast. We come to this decision after much consideration and in consultation with the City of Boston.

For over 100 years, Saint Anthony's Feast has celebrated faith, family, community and tradition in the North End of Boston. During this current crisis, these values have special meaning that will guide us. Visit our social media pages for further announcements and virtual feast events in August.

The Saint Anthony & Saint Lucy family wish everyone good health during this time of uncertainty. We join with all of you in praying for those around the world affected by this public health crisis. In the meantime, we will begin planning next year's celebration and commemorate the Centennial of Saint Lucy's Feast on August 26-29, 2021.

Please continue to follow public health guidelines, be safe and be healthy. God Bless.

Viva Saint Antonio e Santa Lucia.

The Members of St. Anthony's Society

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# Jesse Purvis named to serve as Councilor Edwards's Director of Policy

By John Lynds

Last week District 1 City  
Councilor Lydia Edwards  
announced she has hired Jeffries  
Point resident Jesse Purvis as  
her new Director of Policy and  
Communications.

Purvis joins Edwards's office  
after successfully graduating from  
UMass Law where he served as  
a Public Interest Law Fellow and  
founder of the school's local chap-  
ter of the National Lawyers Guild.

"I'm thrilled to have Jesse join  
the team as our new Director of  
Policy," said Councilor Edwards.  
"His legal aid background and  
commitment to bettering the com-  
munity will help me better serve  
the residents of District One."

Purvis also received the  
Thurgood Marshall Award for  
Social Justice for his work on and  
off campus.

"I'm excited to give back to the

community that has given me so  
much," said Purvis. "Public ser-  
vice under Lydia Edwards, as her  
Director of Policy, is a dream job  
come true."

Purvis added that he is thankful  
for his Eastie community who  
have helped him put down roots  
as he navigates life as a new parent

Purvis grew up in southern  
California after immigrating to  
the United States from Australia  
at a young age. After attending  
Lesley University in Cambridge,  
Massachusetts, he decided not to  
leave and has since made Eastie  
his home.

Purvis has worked in prima-  
ry schools as a paraprofessional  
teacher in math and science, and  
in out-of-school time as a pro-  
gram director for pre-teen youth  
services. His interests include envi-  
ronmental justice, table tennis,  
hiking, technology and bicycles.  
He currently lives in East



Jesse Purvis, Councilor Edwards's  
new Director of Policy.

Boston with his partner, Tanya  
Hahnel, their young daughter Ida  
Jean, and senior greyhound, Cary  
Grant.

Purvis can be reached by calling  
Councilor Edwards' office at 617-  
635-3200 or by email at jesse.  
purvis@boston.gov.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### NEW PARK RULES

New state rules and regulations  
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and within the park, according to  
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### BASEBALL CANCELED

The North End Athletic  
Association (NEAA) has officially  
canceled all baseball programs for  
players 8-12.

### NEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

North End Against Drugs  
(NEAD) has announced that they  
are accepting applications for  
this year's scholarship program.  
For more information email John  
Romano at jromano45@gmail.  
com.

### NEAA CANCELS TOURNAMENT

The North End Athletic  
Association (NEAA) has canceled  
its annual golf tournament held at  
the Andover Country Club, but  
has already scheduled next year's  
tournament for August 2021.

### FILE CENSUS FORMS

The 2020 Federal Census is  
being conducted online and res-  
idents are encouraged to partici-  
pate in the movement, which has  
an impact on the State and City.

### PLAYGROUND CLOSED

The children's playground at  
Columbus Park has been closed  
until further notice.

### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Friends of Christopher  
Columbus Park (FOCCP) is cur-  
rently conducting its annual mem-  
bership drive. For more info visit  
www.foccp.org.

### RMV MAY EXTENSIONS

Registry of Motor Vehicles  
(RMV) has implemented further  
extensions to renewal timelines for  
the month of May to 60 days.

### NO IN PERSON REGISTRATION

Customers seeking to renew  
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Motor Vehicles (RMV) can con-  
tinue to do so online at www.  
Mass.Gov/RMV at this time.

Those seeking to do so in per-  
son will not be able to make an  
appointment and should delay vis-

iting a service Center as well.

### RMV DEALS WITH COVID-19

Since Governor Charlie Baker  
declared a State of Emergency the  
week of March 19, the Registry  
of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has  
implemented measures to reduce  
the number of people gathering on  
a daily basis at their sites.

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### CENTER ONLY OPEN FOR FOOD DISTRIBUTION

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# Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok help transform St. Joseph's Church into city meal site

By Dan Murphy

Through the efforts of State Rep. Jay Livingstone and City Councilor Kenzie Bok, St. Joseph's Church in the West End is now serving as an official City of Boston meal site.

Beginning Tuesday, May 26, the city started delivering prepared meals to the church at 68 O'Connell Way each weekday morning, which St. Joseph's distributes to adults and children in need from the Beacon Hill and West End areas Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.

"There used to be the food pantry at the West End Branch Library, but that's closed since all the libraries have been [shuttered] since March," Livingstone said. "Several churches in the area had dinners each week, which have all stopped, so there hasn't been a source of free meals for those in need in Beacon Hill and the West End."

In addition to the city, Rep. Livingstone credits Fr. Joe White

and John Lawless, church administrator, for helping to make St. Joseph's an official city meal site.

This latest food-distribution effort also builds on an earlier initiative taken last month by Rep. Livingstone, Councilor Bok and Sen. Sal DiDomenico through which 580 boxes of food were distributed to seniors and low-income residents living in the Anderson Park apartments at 250 Cambridge St., the Blackstone Apartments on Blossom Street, Beacon House, the Peter Faneuil House and the Amy Lowell Apartments. Each box came with a note attached asking the recipients to contact Councilor Bok's office in regard to gaining regular food access.

Last week, Rep. Livingstone and Councilor Bok also met with managers of buildings on Beacon Hill and the West End to get them to distribute fliers promoting the new meal program at St. Joseph's.

"Jay, the city and I recognized there was a big gap in the city's map of food sites, which were originally being offered to Boston

Public Schools kids, but has now been expanded to adult meals as well," Councilor Bok said. "[Food distribution] started mainly at Boston Public Schools and Boston Center for Youth and Families sites, but since there are none of those in Beacon Hill or the West End, we had a real gap."

St. Joseph's is one of 26 city meal-sites serving adults in Boston, and since the beginning of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the city has served more than 1 million free meals to youth across 68 sites, according to Mayor Martin Walsh's office.

"We are working every day to meet the needs of Boston's residents: our young people and our seniors; our homeless and vulnerable residents; our essential workers and first responders; and everyone in our city," Mayor Walsh said in a statement. "No person should go hungry while we are fighting this pandemic, which is why it is so important that we make food resources available to all of our residents who may need it."



State Rep. Jay Livingstone (at far right), City Councilor Kenzie Bok (at far left) and others are seen outside St. Joseph's Church in the West End, which is now serving as an official City of Boston meal site.

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