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COLUMBUS PARK GARDEN PARTY



Pictured (l to r) Pauline Cuoco, Robyn Reed, Terese O'Connell and Meredith Piscitelli worked on the garden planting at Columbus Park.



Stone pavers have been placed at the Columbus Park Garden.



The new Garden of Hope.

Photo by Terese O'Connell and Meredith Piscitelli

Licensing Board to conduct random inspections at North End restaurants

By John Lynds

After numerous complaints to the city's 311 hotline the Boston Licensing Board held a mandatory emergency virtual meeting on ZOOM last week that all North End restaurant owners had to attend or face losing their special outdoor seating permits.

Earlier this month Mayor Martin Walsh and the Licensing Board finalized plans and outlined regulations for special outdoor seating permits so North End restaurants severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic could start to reopen.

However, some North End

restaurants jumped the gun, opening prior to the plans being finalized and some even reopened without receiving a final special permit from the city.

This led to a flurry of calls to the city from North End residents complaining that some restaurants were not adhering to the strict new regulations for outdoor dining, taking up more space outside on city streets than they should and social distancing of tables was pretty much absent. There were also complaints of smoking on outdoor patios, loud music and restaurants not closing at the time prescribed by the city.

At last week's ZOOM meet-

ing Chairwoman of the Licensing Board, Kathleen Joyce told North End Restaurant owners would now be subjected to random inspections by the city to ensure they are in compliance.

"We will be inspecting," said Joyce. "So I strongly suggest that, if the outdoor space of your dining area does not match the approval, you remove your stuff today and only occupy the space that you've been given permission from the board."

At the meeting Joyce took a tough stance on restaurateurs that are in violation.

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Adequate to Excellent

Parents, school leaders at Eliot find their stride with online learning

By Seth Daniel

At the Eliot School, Principal Traci Walker Griffiths and her school staff had already done a Herculean effort to get some online learning together and running by the April Spring Break.

However, that was also a moment when they had a turning point in taking online learning from adequate to excellent, she said, and finished up the school year this Monday with a full online learning plan.

And parents at the Eliot K-8 – which hosts kids from North End, Charlestown and Beacon Hill – have noticed, saying their children have not had the backsliding in learning or lack of teacher time they expected.

"Our goal has always been to keep children at the center of the work," she said. "I would have never been able to tell you 13 weeks ago the highlight of the year would be our joyous June and end

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Mayor says "Columbus Park decisions should be made by the community"

By Phil Orlandella

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh participated in a virtual North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) meeting, discussing the status of Columbus Park and the statue of the navigator which has been the decapitated for the second time.

During yearly Columbus Day weekends, the statue has also been painted red in the past with messages.

Walsh made it clear that the "replacement of the statue and the

possible renaming of the park will be made by the community".

The June 9 incident drew the negative attention of many Italian organizations that will meet with the Mayor to resolve what appears to be a radical problem because Columbus was involved in slavery.

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP), and all volunteer organization fully agree with the Mayor that any decisions relating to the park "should be made by the community".

The statue was originally erected in 1979 and renovated in 2001 at the public park.

NEW COVID-19 TESTING SITE



Thanks in part to the efforts of Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, North End Waterfront (NEW) Health will begin offering COVID-19 testing to North End residents in the Nazzaro Center parking lot from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Testing will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only. Available to all North End residents and NEW Health patients. To schedule an appointment, call 617-843-8000.

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ENJOY A SAFE FOURTH OF JULY

It goes without saying that this will be a Fourth of July unlike any other in the history of our nation.

Americans traditionally have celebrated the Fourth both with large community gatherings and with smaller get-togethers.

The Fourth of July rekindles fond memories from our childhood of the times when we spent the holiday with our families and friends for gatherings at barbecues, at the beach, and at municipal fireworks displays in the evenings.

However, the coronavirus has changed everything. The recent attempts by states to reopen their economies, even in those states that were the most cautious and with seemingly well-designed plans, have resulted in skyrocketing rates of infection that have placed millions of Americans at risk of contracting this dreaded disease.

A story on a cable news channel earlier this week highlighted a California family in which 18 family members contracted COVID-19, with some requiring lengthy hospitalization and one, the family patriarch, dying.

There was no single gathering at which the infection could have been spread. The family thought that they had been taking the proper precautions during their interactions.

However, the disease only needed a small window of opportunity to be transmitted among three generations of this family, with tragic results.

In addition to the coronavirus, the Fourth of July in 2020 comes amidst unprecedented unrest and turmoil throughout our nation. The tragic events and subsequent protests and demonstrations have demonstrated that our nation utterly has failed to live up to the lofty ideals upon which we were founded:

"... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

When Thomas Jefferson wrote those words, he literally meant "men" only, and white men in particular. His lofty language was the ultimate in political hypocrisy: It did not apply to millions of enslaved persons nor to women, who were considered not much more than their husband's property.

It is indisputable that those twin legacies have cast a shadow over the promise of America that continues today, 244 years later.

Another "traditional" aspect of the Fourth of July is that it encourages far too many among us to engage in behavior that is risky not only to ourselves, but to our loved ones and others around us.

Fireworks are illegal for everybody, and in no event should be allowed in the hands of children. It is a sad -- but inevitable -- fact that countless Americans will be maimed for life because of accidents involving fireworks this weekend.

Alcohol abuse is rampant in our country and the Fourth unfortunately provides an opportunity -- which is to say, another excuse -- for those who have alcohol abuse issues to indulge way more than they should, especially when operating a boat or automobile.

It is the responsibility of each of us to ensure that the Fourth is enjoyed safely not only by ourselves, but by those whom we care about. If someone has had too much to drink, take their keys. None of us wants to say to ourselves the next day, "If only I had not let them drive...."

In addition to those usual safety precautions, we also must ensure that however we celebrate the Fourth this year, we must do so wearing masks and observing physical distancing -- none of us wants to be the cause of another person's death because we were the vector who brought the coronavirus to a family member or loved one.

Admittedly, this is not a happy time in America. But we must make the best of it.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and safe -- Fourth of July



GUEST OP-ED

Communities that work together, win together

By Quint Studer

Freedom, independence, self-sufficiency: these are great and glorious concepts. We celebrate them this time of year, whether we process it that way or not, because they're so deeply engrained in our image of America. We see ourselves as a nation of rugged individualists: seizing the bull by the horns, charting our own course, walking alone into the forest with an axe slung over our shoulder.

Yes, it's a romantic notion. But it's not an accurate one. America is a nation of small, tight-knit communities and always has been. The more we cooperate, share, defer to others, and work together, the more successful we are. Today, as citizens, businesses, and civic leaders seek to come back from a public health and economic crisis, that spirit of community is more important than ever. It holds the key to our survival.

I've spent much of my career traveling from one American community to another. Some are bustling larger cities. Others are quiet small towns. What they all have in common is the burning desire to revitalize themselves: to become more

vibrant, prosperous, livable, and loveable than they are right now. And as I've worked with these diverse groups of Americans, I've seen a theme emerge: Those communities that work together, win together.

When citizens and leaders come together, put their self-interest on the back burner and work as a team, things get done. When they don't, nothing gets done.

The more you think about the myth of the self-reliant early American, the less likely it seems. Our ancestors must have huddled together in small groups and worked to protect each other from a harsh and unforgiving environment. They must have joined forces, shared what they had, and leaned on each other when times were tough.

And on the larger stage, our nation's founders had to work together in a similar fashion to bring America into being. They were working toward independence as a new nation, but they had to rely on interdependence to get there. And as leaders of communities of all shapes and sizes and demographics and political persuasions, we can all learn a lot from them.

Here are four big "history lessons" we should all heed as we seek to reopen, recover, rebuild, and continue making our way on journey toward vibrancy:

Set aside your self-interest and create something that works for everyone. Lots of different professions, industries, and interests were present at the birth of America. Cabinet makers weren't fixated only on the wood industry, nor silver smiths on the silver trade. Everyone was fired up to contribute to something bigger than themselves. They bought into the overarching mission, and weren't bogged down by endless debate over the short-term costs of their plan.

In other words, don't be overly concerned with your own wellbeing. Setting aside your own short-term best interests may accomplish far more for everyone in the long run. Because a rising tide lifts all boats, this includes you.

Don't let ideological differences stop you from achieving something tangible. Despite bitter disputes and differences of opinion, a group of people with little in common other than their shared determination that change was needed

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OPINION

By Phil Orlandella

CAPTAIN FONG RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS ON THE JOB

Boston Police Captain Kenneth Fong, Commanding Officer, District A-1 which includes the North End, has decided to retire after 33 years on the force.

Since 2014, Captain Fong has been a valuable public safety asset within the district.

Working closely with neighborhood residents and the business community, his efforts resulted in a low-crime rate each year, especially in the North End.

A true advocate of community policing, Captain Fong managed to secure a hands-on neighborhood relationship, that worked for everyone.

He was recognized and respected throughout his career as totally committed to public safety and community policing.

INSIDE DINING BACK IN THE NORTH END

North End restaurant owners can now provide take out service, outdoor and indoor dining, and it's about time.

Eateries, like everyone else in business, have had a tremendous loss of revenue during the pandemic and still they are not out of the situation that could change at any time if COVID-19 returns unexpectedly.

Restaurants are the heart of the community and need to rebound as quickly as possible to avoid bankruptcy or closure.

Inside dining was the shot heard around the North End, loud and clear.

NEAD SPONSORS SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, North End Against Drugs (NEAD) has managed to offer local students' scholarships and gift cards to purchase supplies.

During a time of a pandemic and all the restrictions imposed, NEAD put its best foot forward organizing an educational and meaningful way to help local students.

NEAD always comes through for the neighborhood.

CONSERVANCY MAKES SOLID CHOICES

Two North End residents, Kirsten Hoffman and Conor Finley have been elected by the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy as new members of the volunteer Board of Directors.

Based on their positive commitment and pro-active volunteer accomplishments in the community they live in, both parties will be solid assets to the Conservancy's goal to make The Greenway assessable to all.

STATE RULES IMPOSED AT DOG PARK

Many violations were handed out by the City to canine owners that were abusing the simple rules related to the North End Dog Park located on Prince and Snow Hill Streets, in DeFilippo Park, causing the park's closure.

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) somehow managed to clean up the issues and the park was reopened, however, new state rules and regulations governing the use of the park were implemented.

The new rules and regulations have been posted in the park and at the entrance as well.

While RUFF was excited about the reopening of the park, they believe "things are not going to be the same for some time."

NEMPAC HOLDS PERFORM-A-THON

A successful Perform-a-thon was held online by the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) to benefit music scholarships and educational programs at the Center.

NEMPAC held entertainment all day, back-to-back, performances with special guests participating.

Silent auctions and a raffle

IN BRIEF

By Phil Orlandella

took place as well.

"Youth scholarships are awarded to provide low-cost of free opportunities at the Center's partnership sites," NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow said.

"NEMPAC was very excited to continue this event, showcasing all that the students learned at home," Snow added.

CITY OFFERS FREE PARKING TO COMPENSATE FOR OUTDOOR DINING

Residents who have been impacted by the loss of parking spaces related to outdoor dining in the North End are now eligible for free parking at the Government Center Parking Garage until September 7, 2020 (Labor Day), according to North End/Waterfront/West End liaison John Romano for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

"Residents have been contacted of the free parking by the city and advised of the requirements for eligibility," Romano said.

"Once residents have completed the steps required in the application, for 24-7 use, they can pick up the parking pass," Romano noted.

Requirements include: a valid residential parking permit registered from 52-139 Salem Street or

13-381 Hanover Street.

Eligibility requirements:

- Have a valid residential parking permit registered to 52 - 139 Salem Street or 13 - 381 Hanover Street

We are offering a free parking spot starting 6/18/2020 lasting until 9/7/2020 (Labor day) with 24/7 parking at Government Center Garage. If you are interested in taking advantage of this offer please follow the steps below.

- Fill out the following electronic waiver before you arrive at the garage for your pass: <https://tinyurl.com/NEparking>. Once the form is complete it will be sent to the garage office automatically.

- In order to pick up your pass, you will need to make an appointment after filling out the waiver above. You can make an appointment by emailing the garage office at gcg@spplus.com. Please include your name and license plate number in your email to schedule an appointment.

- When arriving for your appointment you will need to bring your driver's license and vehicle registration to the garage office for address confirmation when picking up their pass at your appointment.

- Lastly, all persons coming to the garage parking office must please abide by current COVID-19 guidelines and wear appropriate face covering.

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were able to get mobilized and get something done. While there was much to be decided about the way things would function in the new nation, they all recognized that there wouldn't even BE a new nation if they didn't set aside their disagreements and move the ball down the court.

It's important to know what matters. Don't let petty disputes about how things should get done sabotage the greater task at hand.

Don't be constantly trying to steal the spotlight from each other. It's okay to let someone else be "the one in charge." No one complained that John Hancock's signature was bigger than theirs, or that so-and-so got to sign the Declaration before they did. (Okay, it's possible, but we can see by the document that resides in the National Archives that it got done anyway!) The founders kept their focus on the ambitious mission/vision of standing up to one of the most powerful authorities in the

world: the King of England.

When we try to make it about ourselves, we can get off track and let our self-absorption derail the project or initiative. Keep the greater goal in mind and stay focused on that.

Don't wait on the government to "fix it." Instead, join together and take bold action at the local level. The changes desired by American colonists weren't coming from Great Britain. And so, in the summer of 1776 delegates from each of the Thirteen Colonies took it upon themselves to challenge British authorities and make change happen—their way.

Citizen-powered change is the most powerful change. If it's to be, it's up to you and me, not government agencies. (Local governments tend not to have the budget to drive fundamental change, and due to election cycles, officials come and go. Many won't be around to see long term projects through.)

Yes, early communities needed each other and that drove a lot of their interactions. We went through a period of time where we started to believe we didn't need each other and that clearly isn't true. We now realize that working together is the only way we can make our cities and towns thrive.

No one is saying America's founders were perfect. They were far from it, as we are. But one thing they got right was the knowledge that they needed to work together for a common cause. Teamwork is a powerful force. We couldn't have built a nation without it, and we can't build a better community without it either.

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Esplanade Association welcomes new director of development

By Dan Murphy

When Jim Diverio first visited the Charles River Esplanade nearly a decade ago with his wife to watch their daughter participate in the annual Head of the Charles Regatta, he never imagined one day he would join the staff of a nonprofit dedicated to restoring and enhancing the historic park.

"I was struck by how nice it was to feel as though I was endlessly walking along the park with the race fully visible," said Diverio, the Esplanade Association's recently named director of development, in recalling his first impression of the park.

Diverio comes to EA with more than 25 years of prior fund-

raising experience, including his most recent stint of 15+ years at Gill St. Bernard's School - a small pre-K -Grade 12 in Gladstone, N.J. Here, he led and completed three campaigns for various capital projects, endowment growth and annual support, which resulted in underwriting the construction of new athletic facilities, a new Upper School Academic Center and a Performing Arts and Community Center, as well as creating an endowment for financial assistance and various other programs. When the last campaign he worked on at the school wrapped up last June, it exceeded its \$20 million fundraising goal.

Last June, Diverio also relocated from New Jersey to Boston to

join his wife, who had moved to the city a year earlier to pursue an employment opportunity. He found himself in a fortunate situation then as he was able to bide his time in finding a job he considered his perfect fit, both professionally and personally.

Outside of work, Diverio has always been interested in and active with environmental organizations. This includes, most notably, his time with The Raptor Trust, a nationally recognized wildlife center dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of wild birds, with a particular focus on birds of prey. He started there as an intern while attending college and has since volunteered and participated in its research studies; he now serves as vice president of the group's Board of Trustees.

Diverio also received a Hawk Banding license and went on to become a founding member of the Kittatinny Mountain Raptor Banding Station.

"I believe fundraising skills are transferable; I have experience in building a development program and coordinating campaigns," he said. "That experience, coupled with my love for the environment and nature, seemed like a perfect match for the goals and mission of the Esplanade Association."

March 23 was Diverio's official start date with EA, but since Boston was then in the midst of a lockdown, he was forced to start working remotely.

"It's been challenging, but less so than I thought," he said. "I've been learning and catching up on projects they have planned and getting ready for the capital campaign as they prepare to kick it off soon."

The goal now, Diverio said, is to raise the money for the everyday maintenance and enhancement of the park, such as the work of horticulturists who tend to its more than 1,700 trees, before moving into what he describes as "capital-campaign mode."

Said Michael Nichols, EA executive director: "Jim is a spectacular addition to the Esplanade Association, and we're thrilled to have hired him from New Jersey, where he had a successful career in fundraising. It became quickly apparent he had a real passion for the kind of work we do, and we are thrilled to have identified him as someone who could move EA's mission-based work forward."

Diverio, meanwhile, has noticed usage of the Esplanade has increased considerably in the last few months as more people are visiting the park to find a bit of solace during turbulent times.

"The park has been busier, if not busier, than ever before," he said. "It has been such an important escape for so many people during lockdown."

Since Phase 2 of Gov. Charlie Baker's plan to reopen the Commonwealth took effect earlier this month, Diverio has also been making it into the office and getting to know his new coworkers, many of whom he is just meeting for the first time.

"I feel like I'm ready to hit the ground running in the office now," he said. "The job as [other EA staff and the organization's board of directors] see it and as I see it is how to let everyone know

this is a state park that's privately funded for the most part, and this requires everyone who walks over a bridge or uses the Esplanade to consider supporting it."

Bottom line: Diverio knows he must now remind the public just how much the Esplanade brings to Boston and what a profoundly lesser city it would be without the park.

"Think about what the city would be without this park that is so unique, welcoming and beautiful," he said. "It's something I think about all the time, and we need everyone to help keep it that way."

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"If a business is found in violation your guests will be asked to leave immediately," said Joyce. "We are not waiting for people to pay their bills. They'll be asked to leave right away."

Joyce hinted that if things keep going the way they have been the special outdoor permit program may have to be shelved.

Restaurants that applied and received approval for outdoor spaces can remain open until 10 p.m. on weeknights and 11 p.m. on weekends.

Outdoor restaurant tables must be minimum 6 feet away, and tables can't seat more than 6 people. Workers must wear masks, and patrons must wear masks until they are seated at their tables.

"Most (in the North End) are in compliance," said Phil Frattaroli, whose family owns two restaurants in the neighborhood. "The North End is one of the hardest hit areas in the state. We have no parking lots to set up tents in,

colonial era urban planning left tiny sidewalks, tourism and cultural events neighborhood restaurants depend on came to a stand still. It's hard to blame desperate business owners who put three tables instead of two in the postage stamp area they were given. At least this is happening outdoors, customers are not forced to sit anywhere they don't feel comfortable. Is there perfect distancing happening at the super markets, or on the MBTA? Yes, there are some who are not in full compliance and the neighborhood is being painted with a broad brush due to disproportionate coverage. People have the choice to stay home, they have the choice to frequent restaurants that are taking this seriously, and they have the choice to frequent restaurants that are more lax. The reason municipalities have bent over backwards to allow outdoor seating is because the virus does not spread outdoors the way it spreads indoors."



Jim Diverio, the Esplanade Association's director of development.

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A picture of Prince Street over the weekend. The Boston Licensing Board held an emergency meeting to discuss complaints that some restaurants in the North End are not complying with their special outdoor seating permit.

City Council passes Mayor’s Budget, Edwards breaks ranks with uber progressives

By John Lynds

With the ongoing racial tension sweeping across the nation and calls for police reform in almost every major U.S. city there was an emotional debate last week in the City Council over Mayor Martin Walsh proposed budget.

Since the killing of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis police officer, big city Mayors like Walsh have heard the calls to restructure police budgets loud and clear.

Walsh proposed to reallocate 12 million in Boston Police overtime funds to invest in social equity and inclusion programs in Boston.

The Mayor’s proposed budget passed by a slim margin in an 8-5 vote after some councilors argued the cuts to police spending did not go far enough.

In a surprise move, City Councilor Lydia Edwards broke ranks with uber progressives on the Council and voted to adopt Mayor Walsh’s budget.

Edwards joined Councilors Frank Baker, Kenzie Bok, Liz Breadon, Annissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn and Matt O’Malley in voting to pass the budget.

City Council President Kim Janey and Councilors Ricardo Arroyo, Andrea Campbell, Julia Mejia and Michelle Wu all voted against the budget.

“Over the past few weeks, I have received an extraordinary amount of calls and emails from my constituents about this vote,” said Edwards. “I want everyone that took the time to write or call to know that I really appreciate you letting me know your thoughts. Civic engagement and participation are key to a successful democracy and listening to people’s concerns is a responsibility that I take seriously as an elected official.”

Edwards said Both the COVID-19 pandemic and the protests after the murder of Floyd have made it clear there is a need for structural change.

“While I would like to see a different allocation of resources than what’s in the proposed budget, I don’t believe that voting “no” on this year’s budget is going to bring about the systemic change we need at this time,” she said. “The potential consequences of denying this budget are too great for me to risk. I have received many calls from constituents concerned about losing their jobs or parts of their salary if the budget isn’t approved. Those are concerns that have weighed heavily on me as I make this decision.”

Edwards said she also received many calls from constituents concerned that the current budget proposal does not reflect the values they’d like to see our city invest in.

“These concerns have been on my mind as well,” said Edwards. “As I’ve thought about this vote, I’ve also thought about how I can answer these calls for change, justice, and investment in our future.”

Edwards said this year she will pass or complete an agenda in the Council that includes charter reform language that structurally changes how the city allocates funds and changes budgetary powers as a city council.

She also plans to introduce a zoning amendment that incorporates civil rights into zoning and requires developers to integrate communities and end neighborhood patterns of segregation. This would include reforming the Zoning Board of Appeals by adding environmental and urban planners to the board and changing the standard for granting a variance.

Edwards also called for structurally changing how the city

keeps people safe by passing an ordinance creating a fourth level of first response for nonemergency and nonviolent concerns as well as protecting civil liberties by banning facial recognition surveillance.

Edwards also called on making sweeping changes to the overtime contract for Boston Police.

“The above efforts require real work, collaboration, and conversation. It is about more than one vote, it is several votes, plus lobbying, researching, negotiating, and grassroots organizing,” said Edwards. “The fact is the easiest thing I could do is vote “no” on the budget. But I didn’t take this job for the easy, temporary victories. I’m in it for the long haul. That is systemic. I am voting for the budget and pushing for real change right now. I can tell you what my “yes” vote will bring for my district and policy. I’m still waiting to know what the “no” vote will do for either. I can’t say to any worker that they were worth the sacrifice, even temporarily, for an undefined goal with an undefined timeline.”

While she said she knows that a lot of people are frustrated by the fact that the budget doesn’t answer the cry for systemic change, the *system* doesn’t allow for that kind of change or even conversation.

“If you are really tired of false choices between workers and an ok budget, join me in reforming the system,” she said. “I’d rather break the wheel through charter reform than pretend that voting “no” does anything but continue the systemic false choice by working within the system.”

In Mayor Walsh’s budget the reallocated Boston Police overtime funds will fund the following;

- \$3 million for the BPHC to begin implementing the eight strategies he outlined in his declaration
- \$1 million to support trauma teams and counseling services at

the BPHC

- \$2 million in new funding for community-based programs, such as violence intervention grants, youth programming, language and food access, Immigrant Advancement, the Age Strong Commission and the Human Rights Commission
- \$2 million for additional public mental health services

through a partnership between the Boston Police Department and Boston Medical Center Emergency Services Program or BEST

- \$2 million to support economic development initiatives to support minority and women owned businesses
- \$2 million to provide additional housing supports and youth homelessness programs

NEAD awards Raymond and Michelina Costa Scholarships

By Phil Orlandella

Year after year, North End Against Drugs (NEAD) has presented scholarships and gift certificates to students in private and public schools through the non-profit organization’s Raymond and Michelina Costa Memorial Fund.

Through the generosity of several businesses and individuals, this year NEAD was able to award five - \$500 scholarships to tuition based school students and 12 - \$50 gift cards to public school students to help purchase school supplies.

“This year the Raymond and Michelina Costa Scholarship Program was proudly able to award \$3,000 to help the youth of our community further their educational goals,” NEAD Board member Olivia Scimeca said. The Fund is named in memory of her parents.

“NEAD has always believed that education is a key piece to help in the battle to keep our children on the right path and away from the dangers of drugs and alcohol abuse,” President John Romano said.

“Education of our students plays an important role in the

future of the neighborhood,” Romano said. “They deserved recognition and financial assistance.”

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\$500 Scholarship Winners:

Dani Pezzuto - Case Western Reserve University; Timothy Martin - Pine Manor College; Sophie Edelstein-Rosenberg - Florida Institute of Technology; Ezio Nicola Salimbeni - St. Mark’s School; Jacob Gunderson Crowley - Suffolk University.

\$50 Gift Card Winners:

Eliot School Attendees:

Anna Carey, Thea Jacob, Daniel Fabbo Gibbons, Daniel Gentile, Daniela Morrellato, Avelina Fabbo Barrasso, Madeline Kim.

John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science Attendees: Thomas Blake, Daniel Scibeli, Tamerat Edelstein-Rosenberg.

Boston Latin Academy: Vera-Lyn Ruthier-Gomez.

Boston Latin School: Richard Bova.

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of year celebrations being held on Zoom. Not many parents would have told you 13 weeks ago they would be teaching reading and math and setting up asynchronous videos for their kids...When I look at where we are now – making that big shift after April vacation – it was that family feedback was heard and the wanted teachers to be part of the process.”

That shift marked Phase 2 of online learning, and the Eliot was ahead of most public schools in Boston as it was the first to close down when the pandemic hit in March. Early on, some parents

were worried about the slowness to roll out a full plan, and whether or not kids would be hurt by not having teacher contact.

Parent Joe DeRoeve said he was worried at first, but couldn’t be happier with where the year has ended. He noted that not only has the school found success in the core subjects, but also they have been able to add in the electives like the EPIC program.

“I could not be happier with the Eliot and what they’ve been able to do in the last three months,” he said. “What started out as an emergency response has turned

into a fully adapted virtual student experience. I still fully believe in the structure of the school system of student and teacher interaction. It’s irreplaceable, but they have unearthed an opportunity to leverage this in the future...Our family couldn’t be happier with the way program from the Eliot School.”

Dan Ryan, who has two children at the Eliot, was interviewed in a previous story several months ago about starting the online learning journey. He had planned to take piano lessons from his daughters and to be very involved in their education. His job at the

State House, though, was much more demanding, but he said his kids adapted to the technology well.

“Well, my piano lessons came to a screeching halt,” he said. “I should have anticipated how much legislative and community work needed to be done as the shutdown prolonged. But, in terms of the school year, I think the children adapted well. They got accustomed to the remote learning and really looked forward to the Zooms with their friends. The teachers were great.”

The focus now is on next year,

Walker Griffiths said, and the schools – while celebrating the end of a challenging year – are also planning to work overtime through the summer planning for the fall and communicating a lot more than usual over the summer.

“That consistency over the summer is going to be important because of the way we’re ending the school year,” she said. “We have more questions than answers. It will be important for us to communicate things this summer. It has to be a constant connection. It has to be a summer consistent in communication with families.”

MWRA annual water quality report is in the mail

Staff report

Throughout the month of June, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority will be mailing its Annual Water Quality Report to every household in its service area.

The report also ensures that the water system meets every federal and state drinking water standard.

"Of course coronavirus is first and foremost on everyone's mind this year. While this report looks back on water quality results from 2019, I want to assure you that your drinking water does not contain or carry the virus and that your water quality remains as excellent," said MWRA's Executive Director Fred Laskey. "The dedicated women and men who run this critical water system have been hard at work throughout the pandemic - protecting the watersheds, running the treatment plants, taking samples every day and performing maintenance."

The report is distributed to over 850,000 homes in the MWRA service area as required under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Community-specific inserts also provide information about municipal water systems.

The report is also available on-line and a Spanish language version will be available soon. A larger-print version is available upon request.

For more information, please visit MWRA's website at www.mwra.com or call 617-242-5323.

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Angelina DeLeo

Of the North End of Boston

Angelina M. DeLeo of the North End passed away on Monday, June 29.

The beloved daughter of the late Alfonso and Maria (Guardino) DeLeo, she was the dear sister of Lillian Buscanera of East Boston and the late Frank, Leo, Nat, James, Rose, Grace, Kay and Anna and is also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will honor Angelina's life by gathering at Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish in the North End of Boston, on Thursday, July 2 from 9 to 10 a.m. before a Funeral Mass celebrating her life at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with Angelina being laid to rest at Saint Michael Cemetery, Boston. Services will be held in accordance with Phase 2 of the



MA reopening plan. All attendees will be asked to wear face coverings during any services and maintain social distancing practices. For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit www.ruggieromh.com.

Area A-1 sees 14-percent reduction in Part One crime

By Dan Murphy

As the first half of 2020 was drawing to a close, Area A-1 had seen a 14-percent reduction in incidents of violent and property crime from last year.

According to Boston Police, 835 Part One crimes were reported from Jan. 1 to June 14 of this year in the district that includes Beacon Hill, Chinatown Downtown and the North End, down from 969 during the same timeframe in 2019.

No homicides were reported either this year or last while the number of rapes and attempted rapes were down nearly 31 percent as the number fell from 13 to nine this year.

In contrast, robberies and attempted robberies saw an approximately 27-percent uptick, with 57 this year, compared to 45 in 2019.

Incidents of domestic aggravated assault were up slightly as the number climbed to eight from

seven last year while conversely, occurrences of non-domestic aggravated assault were down around 17 percent as the number fell to 101 from 122 last year.

Commercial burglaries were up more than threefold, with 75 incidents this year, compared to only 24 in 2019, while the rate of residential burglaries remained steady at 20 both this year and last.

Meanwhile, incidents of other burglaries dropped from five last year to none in 2020.

Larcenies from motor vehicles were up nearly 38 percent as the number climbed to 113 from 82 last year while contrarily, other larcenies were down about 32 percent as the number fell to 418 from 617 last year.

The rate of auto theft held steady at 34 incidents both this year and last.

Citywide, Part One crime was down 1 percent as the number of incidents fell to 7,029 from 7,079 last year.

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Barbara Lombard-Angiulo

Authority, Honesty, Leadership, Life of the party...
are all the things she abided by

Barbara A. Lombard-Angiulo of Nahant passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 23 at her Nahant residence surrounded by her loving family. She was the life partner of the late Jerry J. Angiulo. Born in Boston and raised in East Boston, Barbara was the daughter of the late Stephen A. and Edith L. (Cuddi) Lombardozi.



Authority, Honesty, Leadership, Life of the party... are all of the things that Barbara abided by. There are not many people that could say they achieved nearly as many adventures as our MOM has completed in her 80 years.

From her start as a cocktail waitress at Jay's Lounge where she met Dad in the 1960's, to her many travels around the world such as skiing the Swiss Alps with Auntie Laurie, Italy with our late sister, Thais, and jet setting here, there and everywhere to visit family and friends, Mom made all holidays extra special and always included the whole extended family by reaching out with her amazing Christmas Cards.

Her latest accomplishment was becoming "Nanna A." to Baby G. She was a one of a kind and extraordinary woman who could light up a barstool with a glass of Cutty and a Benson and Hedges in her hand, no matter what the "rules" were. Mom always kept her "girls" near and dear but made room for the Johnny-come-lately's and brought them under her enormous wings and swept them into the kitchen in Nahant. Never missing a dancing ball or a milestone birthday, Mom celebrated in style at every possible occasion and will continue setting trends along her final ride. Barbara is survived by her two beloved children, Gennaro Jay Angiulo and his fiancée, Gabriella and Barbara Jay "B-Jay" Angiulo, all of Nahant; her step-son, Jason B. Angiulo of Nahant; her cherished grandson, "The Prince" Gennaro Francesco Angiulo; her brother, Stephen A. Lombardozi and his wife, Nancy of Florida; three nephews: Stephen Lombardozi, John Lombardozi and his wife, Lisa, and Christopher Lombardozi and his wife, Tracy. She was predeceased by her step-daughter, Thais Susan Angiulo. Barbara is also survived by many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews; and her loyal companion, Ziggy the cat.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's memory may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter at northeastanimalshelter.org/donations/memorial-tribute or to the MGH Cancer Center in Danvers at giving.massgeneral.org/cancer/donate/.

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Pops to air virtual 4th of July special; no live fireworks to mark the occassion this year

By Lauren Bennett

This year, instead of gathering around the Hatch Shell, you'll have to gather around your television for the Boston Pops virtual Fourth of July spectacular. There will be no live performance or fireworks on the Esplanade this year because of COVID-19.

The three hour special, which is set to broadcast on Bloomberg Television and Radio, as well as simulcast on WHDH-TV from 8-11pm on July 4, is called "A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes" and will honor those who have fought on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic and those who have lost their lives. Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart has expressed his sadness that the Pops won't be able to perform live, but they are looking forward to presenting this special to viewers near and far.

"All of us at the Boston Pops are pleased to have this opportunity to present A Boston Pops Salute to Our Heroes, a special broadcast that will pay tribute to the many frontline workers who continue to do so much to keep our communities safe and running during the COVID-19 pandemic," Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart said in a statement.

"One of the positive things we have learned during the last few months is that even in the middle of a health crisis so many Americans are strong, resilient, helpful, and hopeful. It has been

absolutely inspiring to see our frontline workers show such extraordinary dedication to the well-being of others, with their amazing acts of sacrifice, generosity, support, and kindness, as well as the incredible skill and know-how they bring to every situation. We also think it is essential to address one of the most crucial/fundamental themes of our times—the truth that we must do better as a people to confront racism and achieve a just and equal society for everyone throughout our country. These messages of honor, unity, diversity, equality, and fellowship will resound throughout the 2020 Boston Pops Fireworks Spectacular broadcast by way of inspiring retrospective performances by our most popular artists of the last few years, side by side

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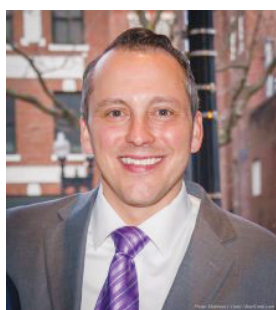
The Boston Pops, led by Keith Lockhart, at a previous July 4th Fireworks Spectacular on the Charles River Esplanade. Due to COVID-19, this year's celebration will be purely broadcast on TV and radio.

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with brand new content developed over the last two months." As previously reported by the Boston Sun, the special will

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highlight memorable moments from previous Boston Pops Fireworks Spectaculars, such as performances by Melissa Etheridge, Andy Grammer, Queen Latifah, and others, along with an appearance by the first youth poet laureate of the United States, Amanda Gorman, according to a release from the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

The program will also feature new content, including a performance by singer Renese King and Keith Lockhart on the piano, as well as a video performance by the Boston Pops of their recent "viral hit" Summon the Heroes, which will feature an introduction by the song's composer, John Williams. Other new content includes a virtual performance by the Boston Pops Viola Section of "Over the Rainbow," a performance of Leroy Anderson's Bugler's Holiday by the BSO Trumpet Section, and a video message from General James C. McConville, Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. "Look for surprises throughout the evening; special messages from musical and community figures, and a tribute to our nation's first responders that we're going to put together," Lockhart said in a recent announcement.

Also included in the special are Boston Pops traditions such as the patriotic sing-along, a performance of John Philip Sousa's The Stars and Stripes Forever, a performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812" Overture, the US Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus, and a fireworks display from past years to round out the program. Brian Stokes Mitchell will open the program with "America the Beautiful." The show will be hosted by Keith Lockhart and Kim Carrigan, Joe Shortsleeve, and Janet Wu of Bloomberg.

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NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT Construction Look-Ahead through July 11

VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR TRAFFIC SHIFTING ONTO TEMPORARY BRIDGE

•Traffic will begin shifting onto the temporary North Washington Street Bridge starting on July 17.

•There are three virtual meetings and one is available:

•Thursday, July 2nd, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Registration Link: virtualmeeting.link/NWSB-Public-3

TRAVEL IMPACTS

•NORTH WASHINGTON STREET INBOUND: Off-peak daytime lane reductions across the bridge and additional lane reductions at Keany Square will continue. One lane across the bridge and all turn movements will be available from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on weekdays.

•N. WASHINGTON STREET OUTBOUND: Off-peak daytime lane reductions will continue across the bridge to City Square. One lane across the bridge and all turn movements will be available from 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on weekdays.

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Construction of the temporary pedestrian/vehicle bridge including installation of the temporary fender system, assembling, drainage work, de-leading, excavation and chipping of the median, building of and welding of bridge spans, supports, and columns.

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

•Installation of the temporary

pedestrian/vehicle bridge, drainage work, and installation of the fender system.

WORK HOURS

•Daytime (6 a.m.-3 p.m.) for general work.

•During the daytime in continuous two shifts (6 a.m. - 1 a.m.) crews will work to install the temporary bridge fender system in the Charles River. The two shifts will continue for about a month.

TRAVEL TIPS

PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS: The bridge's eastern sidewalk is open and available to all pedestrians and cyclists with crossings at both Keany and City Squares. Please be advised that the DCR-controlled Charlestown locks can provide another alternate route but may close without warning and beyond control of this project. During Tudor Wharf walkway closures, pedestrian access will be provided via the Water Street underpass and guidance signage will be provided.

All users should take care to pay attention to all signage and police details and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, there will be no events at the TD Garden during this look ahead schedule.

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