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Two North End businesses hold collection drives

By Phil Orlandella

Two North End Businesses Locale Boston and Heart and Sole located on Hanover Street held successful donation drives benefiting HELPIS, a non-profit organization that provides needed assistance to numerous people and agencies.

During these current times of a health crisis, Jennifer Alessandro Pittore of Locale Boston and Gina DiGangi of Heart and Sole put together a collection drive that

produced school supplies, backpacks, hand sanitizers, non-perishable food and much more that will be distributed by HELPIS.

“HELPIS is extremely grateful to Locale Boston and Heart and Sole for making this drive possible in their businesses,” said former North End resident Karen Parker Myers, a board member of the non-profit organization located in Burlington.

“Many children and families, seniors and veterans will receive needed assistance through the

amazing support of Jennifer and Gina and the generosity of their customers, friends and North End residents,” Karen said.

HELPIS is a social based network that provides and encourages charitable deeds, connecting people in organizations that want to help provide assistance to the needy but don’t know how to make their contributions meaningful, that’s where we (HELPIS) comes in,” Karen added.

“The organization has a wide

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What’s the catch?

Daily Catch expansion supported by NEWNC

By Phil Orlandella

A proposal by the owner of the Daily Catch, 65-69 Atlantic Avenue, to expand the restaurant into the adjacent 650 square foot area, formerly occupied by a laser studio, was supported 9-0 by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC), according to President Brett Roman.

“Plans also call for seating for 80 people,” Roman noted. “Relief from the Board of Appeal and an amendment to the business alcohol license would be required,” he added.

NEWNC apparently had no real problem with a City and MBTA plan for potential bus

Lane improvements on the North Washington Street Bridge, northbound.

“The change will not affect parking on the bike lane,” Romano said.

Executive Director of the Old North Church, Kikki Stewart presented an update on programming and service at the historic site. The Church will have free activities each Saturday until the end of fall.

The community organization opposed (5-4) a request to change the legal occupancy at 14 North Bennet Street from a rectory to six residential units and to erect a one-story addition.

The next NEWNC monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 5. Time to be announced.

Daily Catch expansion opposed by NEWRA

By Phil Orlandella

An expansion proposal by the owner of the Daily Catch located at 65-69 Atlantic Avenue was recently opposed (3-15) by the North End/Waterfront Residents’ Association (NEWRA).

Owner Maria Freddura has proposed expansion of the eatery into the adjacent 650 square foot property, a former laser studio, and create 80 outdoor seating for patrons.

The plans would need relief from the Zoning Board of Appeal and an amendment to the business alcohol license.

While NEWRA did not vote on the City of Boston and the MBTA plan for potential bus lane improvements on the North Washington Street Bridge, the community organization did not appear to have any problem with the proposal, calling for one northbound lane of traffic to be dedicated to a bus lane.

Once put in place, there will not be any impact to existing parking on the bike lane.

Some problems and concerns were generated to plans by the Chiofaro Company for a 600-foot height building with approximately 865 square feet of about 200 residential units, office space and ground floor retail space, and other uses to activate the streetscape in a single building with below-grade parking and public realm improvements.

NEWRA did not vote on the proposal but had several questions relating to the plans. They plan to send a letter expressing concern to the Massachusetts Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

Opposing the project were the New England Aquarium and the Dewey Square Group that also expressed concerns.

The project is still in the public comment review state.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8. Time to be announced.

Greenway Conservancy announces public artwork, Lantern Stories by Boston artist Yu-Wen Wu

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy announced the installation of a new artwork by Boston-based artist Yu-Wen Wu. Wu's Lantern Stories, inspired by more than a year of community engagement, will be on display this fall in Auntie Kay and Uncle Frank Chin Park on The Greenway. It joins five other contemporary artworks currently on display across The Greenway.

Lantern Stories, commissioned by Greenway Conservancy, celebrates Boston's Chinatown community. Wu's installation came together after a year and half of community listening sessions, design, and fabrication. Wu created thirty lanterns to illuminate the history of immigration, the community's culture, and resiliency. Some of the images relate to the long and fraught history of Chinese immigration to the United States, beginning with the California Gold Rush in the 1850s to current times. Other images celebrate Chinese culture, the community's strong commitment to education, entrepreneurship, and social justice. The colors used throughout the installation are central to Asian culture: red which symbolizes happiness and good fortune, and gold, symbolizing prosperity.

Lanterns represent light and guide the way forward, illuminating the darkness. From humble beginnings as a candle flame surrounded by bamboo, silk or

paper, the lantern has become an integral part of celebrations that foster hope and pave the way to a brighter future.

"The idea for this work evolved during the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and as events were unfolding across the country that further fueled the Black Lives Matter movement," stated artist Yu-Wen Wu. "It is my hope that Lantern Stories will offer opportunities for civic dialogue, social action, and simply the pleasure of experiencing the beauty of lanterns lit from within during these challenging times. The support from the Greenway Conservancy expanded the boundaries of my public artwork and allowed me to explore new ways of working with light."

"The beauty of Yu-Wen Wu's artwork, Lantern Stories, and public art in general, is that it has the ability to respond to the immediate concerns that exist in today's society," said Lucas Cowan, Curator and Director of Public Art for the Greenway Conservancy. "Lantern Stories is a celebration and a reminder of the struggles and the empowerment of community, specifically that of Boston's Chinatown and Chinatowns across the nation."

Yu-Wen Wu was selected through an open Request For Qualifications issued by the Greenway Conservancy and chosen by a community jury of Chinatown residents and

leaders that includes the Josiah Quincy Elementary School, Pao Arts Center / Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Coalition, AVOYCE / Asian Community Development Corporation, Chinatown Main Street, City of Boston Arts Commission, and the Greenway Public Art Advisory Group.

For over a decade, it has been the Greenway Conservancy's mission to manage and care for The Greenway. Like many, the Conservancy is facing significant financial and operational challenges posed by COVID-19. At a time when the community most needs to experience the wonder and connection that the arts can provide, the Conservancy is pleased to present this captivating new artwork.

This new artwork joins five currently on display. A Mouse with Ears and Tail, on view on The Greenway at Essex Street, was commissioned from local artist Furen Dai as part of the Conservancy's annual zodiac animal series. Juan Travieso's mural Engulf, in the Lincoln Street Triangle on The Greenway, addresses the challenges brought by gentrification and climate change. In his monumental mural Resonance, at Dewey Square on The Greenway, Super A questions the social, political, and emotional systems that confine our freedom. Installed in June, Yinka Shonibare's artwork Wind Sculpture (SG) V, suggests that identity is always a richly

layered and dynamic set of relationships, while evoking a sense of freedom and possibility. Catalina Delgado-Trunk's installation, Global Connections on the Light Blades near Milk Street, explores Mesoamerican legends and foods across space and time, inviting viewers to delight in fantastical stories about the origins of food, an element that links us all. All exhibits are outdoors and free to the public.

As the Commonwealth continues phased reopening, visitors are encouraged to unwind safely on the 1.5 miles of The Greenway. The Greenway Conservancy has taken special precautions amidst the coronavirus, and encourages all visitors to practice physical distancing, good hygiene, and caution.

All Greenway public art is funded exclusively through competitive grants and private sources; the installation received support from The Barr Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the New England Foundation for the Arts, Mabel Louise Riley Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, and Robert and Doris Gordon.

About Yu-Wen Wu (www.yuwenwu.com/) Yu-Wen Wu is an interdisciplinary artist living and working in Boston. Born in Taipei Taiwan, Wu's subjectivity as an immigrant is central to her artwork. Arriving at an early age, her experiences have shaped her work in areas of migration--ex-

amining issues of displacement, arrival, assimilation and the shape of identity in a new country. At the crossroads of art, science, politics and social issues, her wide range of projects include large-scale drawings, site-specific video installations, community engaged practices and public art.

About The Greenway and the Greenway Conservancy (www.rosekennedygreenway.org)

The Greenway is the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The Greenway welcomes millions of visitors annually to gather, play, unwind, and explore. The Greenway Conservancy is the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway. The majority of the public park's annual budget is generously provided by private sources.

The Greenway Conservancy Public Art Program brings innovative contemporary art to Boston through free, rotating exhibitions, engaging people in meaningful experiences, interactions, and dialogue with art and each other. Over the past 7 years The Greenway has been awarded 8 Public Art Network Awards through the Americans for the Arts, placing the Greenway Conservancy in a pre-eminent position among nonprofits in the country. Past Greenway exhibitions can be viewed on the Conservancy's website.

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circle of donors from over the state, other states in the country that donate via Amazon," Karen said

She pointed out that HELPIS, on a regular basis assists Boston Health Care for the Homeless, Boston-based Project Hope, EMPATH in Boston, Plumber Youth Promise Foster Group Homes, St. Mary's Shelter, disabled homeless veterans and more.

She also mentioned that the organization handles requests from local youth and families service agencies, schools (via counselors) administration and other trusted services."

Karen added, "We (HELPIS) would never be able to help lift up as many people as we have without the assistance of community supporters like Locale Boston and Heart and Sole."



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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEWRA OPPOSES DIGITAL BILL BOARDS

Lighting up the neighborhood with digital billboards is not a bright idea, according to the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA).

The largest community organization has opposed the idea of changing a city ordinance that would make this possible, has sent a letter to the Zoning Board clearly expressing negative opposition.

CANNABIS FANEUIL HALL LOCATION MEETING CANCELED

The City of Boston has canceled the September community outreach online meeting to discuss a proposal to place a Cannabis establishment at 1 Faneuil Hall Marketplace, according to John Romano, North End/West End and Waterfront liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

City's official statement, "The applicant filed an online application with ONS to hold its community meeting once site control was confirmed and once the applicant had filed plans with ISD for the underlining zoning".

Management of Quincy

Market informed the Office of Neighborhood Services that Ash Kenazy intended to issue a cease and desist letter to the applicant regarding the proposed use.

"Once these issues are resolved, the applicant may continue with the community process, filing for the appropriate zoning relief and an eventual hearing before BCD at which the BCD will determine whether it deems this an appropriate time, place and manner far a cannabis established meeting."

OUTDOOR DINING EXTENDED TO OCTOBER

Outdoor restaurant dining has been expanded by the City of Boston.

Thus far, allowing eateries to provide outdoor dining, conditionally, has proven to be successful, allowing restaurants to improve business during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reportedly, since the decision to provide outdoor dining service, there has been no reported major problems related to the virus.

NORTH END AGAINST DRUGS ELECTS OFFICERS

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) has elected its Board of

Directors for the upcoming year.

Serving on the community non-profit Board are: President John Pregmon, Vice President Maria Lanza, Treasurer Ann Fitzgerald and President Emeritus John Romano.

The new officers are looking forward to working with the community to provide programming events and educational promotions.

NEAD has been serving the community for over 30 years and continues to hold virtual monthly meetings.

TRESCA RESTAURANT HOSTS NEMPAC FUNDRAISER

Tresca's Restaurant on Hanover Street was the site of a successful North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) three-course benefit dinner that featured a special opera performance.

The two-hour event was held in celebration of the NEMPAC Opera Project's ten-year anniversary.

Dinner was paired with live performances featuring NEMPAC Opera Project's artists and regular singers from the Balcony series including Tenor Fred C. VanNess Jr. and Soprano Vanessa Naghdi.

The fundraiser was held in compliance with all the rules and regulations related to the COVID-

19 pandemic help requirements.

NEMPAC is a 501 (c) (3) community music school and performing arts Center empowering artists of all ages and abilities.

In 2001, five North End mothers created NEMPAC to meet a community need for children's instrument lessons.

Today, NEMPAC's community center services over 1,500 students per week and has 30 plus faculty members.

GREENWAY DIRECTOR MOVING ON IN APRIL

Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy, will be moving on this April 2021 to become President and CEO of the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation in New York.

Jesse's move has prompted the Conservancy Board to launch a nation-wide search for an executive director.

Brackenbury joined the Conservancy in 2009 and has led the organization since 2013 will remain in his position while the Conservancy conducts its search.

"Over the past eight years Jesse's extraordinary leadership,

The Greenway continues to evolve into a multidimensional urban oasis," according to Conservancy Board Chairman Doug Husid. "Jesse will leave an indelible mark on the City of Boston," he added.

"The Greenway was born of the vision to create a public park that is free and accessible to all," Mayor Martin Walsh said.

"Jesse helped bring that vision for The Greenway to life, giving Bostonians a vibrant place to enjoy and explore, and for that we will always be grateful to him," Mayor Walsh added.

NSC EXPANDS FOOD PROGRAM

Under difficult conditions created by the current virus pandemic, the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), 1 Michelangelo Street has managed to expand its community food program for seniors, families and individuals.

NSC, for many years, has successfully provided needy services to the neighborhood.

The service is by appointment only. Walk-ins not accepted. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 10 AM to 2 PM. For details call 617-523-8125.

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WINTER SURVIVAL: MASKS AND FLU SHOTS

The testimony of Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control, before a U.S. Senate subcommittee last week regarding the need for every American to wear a face mask in public to thwart the spread of Covid-19 was stunning for its sheer simplicity.

"A face mask is the most important and powerful public health tool we have," said Redfield. "If we did it for six, eight, or 10 weeks, we could bring the pandemic under control. We have clear scientific evidence they work, and they are our best defense. I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against Covid than when I take a Covid vaccine."

Dr. Redfield's statement provided Americans with the most direct and easiest-to-understand medical advice that we have heard in our lifetime from any health professional regarding any illness or disease.

Face masks have been shown in the past to be effective against the spread of airborne illnesses. During the 1918 flu pandemic, American cities that required their citizenry to wear face masks in public had much lower incidences of the flu and much lower death rates from that deadly disease than cities that did not require the use of masks.

The other significant thing we can do for our individual and collective health this winter season is to get a flu shot as soon as possible. Although flu shots typically do not have 100% effectiveness, they nonetheless can provide significant protection against the flu for most Americans, thereby reducing to a large extent the number of persons who might require medical treatment and hospitalization.

We also would note that there is substantial evidence that flu shots also provide protection for the heart, although it still is not completely understood why.

Together, masks and flu shots offer our best chance to avoid the so-called "twin-demic" this coming winter. Indeed, if everyone masks up and gets vaccinated (as well as stays home when they are sick), this could be the healthiest winter our nation ever has experienced.



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GUEST OP-ED

COVID IS THE LEADING KILLER OF FIRST RESPONDERS

Recently-revealed statistics have brought into sharp focus the deadly and tragic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic upon our nation's police and firefighters.

At least 101 police officers have died from Covid-19, and it is estimated that this figure represents only half of the Covid-19 deaths among police officers. This compares to 70 officers who have died in the line of duty from accidents and felonious attacks.

For firefighters, deaths from Covid-19 likewise have exceeded fatalities from other service-related causes.

These statistics clearly demonstrate that our public safety personnel put their lives and health on the line just by showing up for their jobs. They do not have the luxury of working remotely from the comfort of their home, as so many of us are able to do these days.

The work of first responders always has been difficult enough, but the added layer of the risks posed by Covid-19 has increased their line-of-duty danger exponentially -- and makes us even more grateful for the job they do in our communities each and every day, 24/7/365.

Turn the page

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Fall season officially begins September 22 this year. For every season there is a change. Most of us like the seasons especially if we can have four of them.

I like the fall as the weather seems more stable in our part of the country. For our neighbors in California they are desperate for anything that will bring rain and an end to the devastating fires. This has been a cruel, harsh time that we pray passes by and ends very quickly for California.

On the east and gulf coast there is always another looming hurricane this time of year. Flooding and devastation have already occurred in Louisiana with the potential of more to come.

Every season brings the possibilities of pleasant weather but also severe weather. Very much like our lives every season brings change because we have no choice but to deal with the change. When snow comes, we adapt and enjoy the change.

Our lives are like seasons - change comes. If we are fortunate,

aging occurs. Children grow up. Our vocational lives and dreams change, mature, flourish or become a distant memory. Our lives are like an interesting book. Your life is probably very interesting if you were able to write out the whole story. Maybe you should write about your life? Write it out for someone later to read about. If you decide to do so write about the hard times as well as what you want everyone else to know.

Whenever you read or write a book it requires turning the page or writing a new page. You can't finish the book if you stay on the same page. When our parents die, we have to turn the page. When we bury a spouse or loved one, we have to turn the page. When we change jobs or careers that require transition it's tough but we have to turn the page. When children grow up and move away or no longer have time to be with us then we must turn the page.

A good friend is selling his lovely home. I can see that's it a tough time emotionally as he has invested so many years into where he lives. He and his wife are mov-

ing into a smaller condominium. He loves his beautiful yard but he knows it's time to turn the page as their age and health have changed.

The one difference between reading a book and life is that you may not finish reading the book but we all finish life. You either turn the pages of life or in time they are turned for you. The worst decisions we make are no decisions. We procrastinate. We delay paying into retirement. We delay a health test. We put off what we dread and it doesn't make it better.

Live a good life. Make decisions. Turn the page and keep going. Don't get stuck on the same page in the same chapter. Run your race. Finish your course. Turn the page.

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COVID-19 update for North End

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 infection rate in North End and surrounding neighborhoods has increased 4.6 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on Friday the North End, as well as Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown the infection rate rose 4.6 percent since last week. The last increase week over week was 2.5 percent.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed the North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 112.7 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 107.7 cases per 10,000 residents last Friday.

The number of confirmed cases in the area increased from 600 cases to 628 cases as of last Friday.

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

The North End is also still well below the city's average infection rate of 241.8 cases per 10,000 residents.

Last week the BPHC reported that 20,760 North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and

Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that only 0.9 percent of those tested were COVID positive.

Overall since the pandemic began 3 percent of North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The statistics 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 positive cases of coronavirus rose only 2.4 percent last week from 16,310 cases to 16,703 cases. So far 13,467 Boston residents have fully recovered from the virus and two additional residents died last week bringing the total of fatalities in the city to 761.

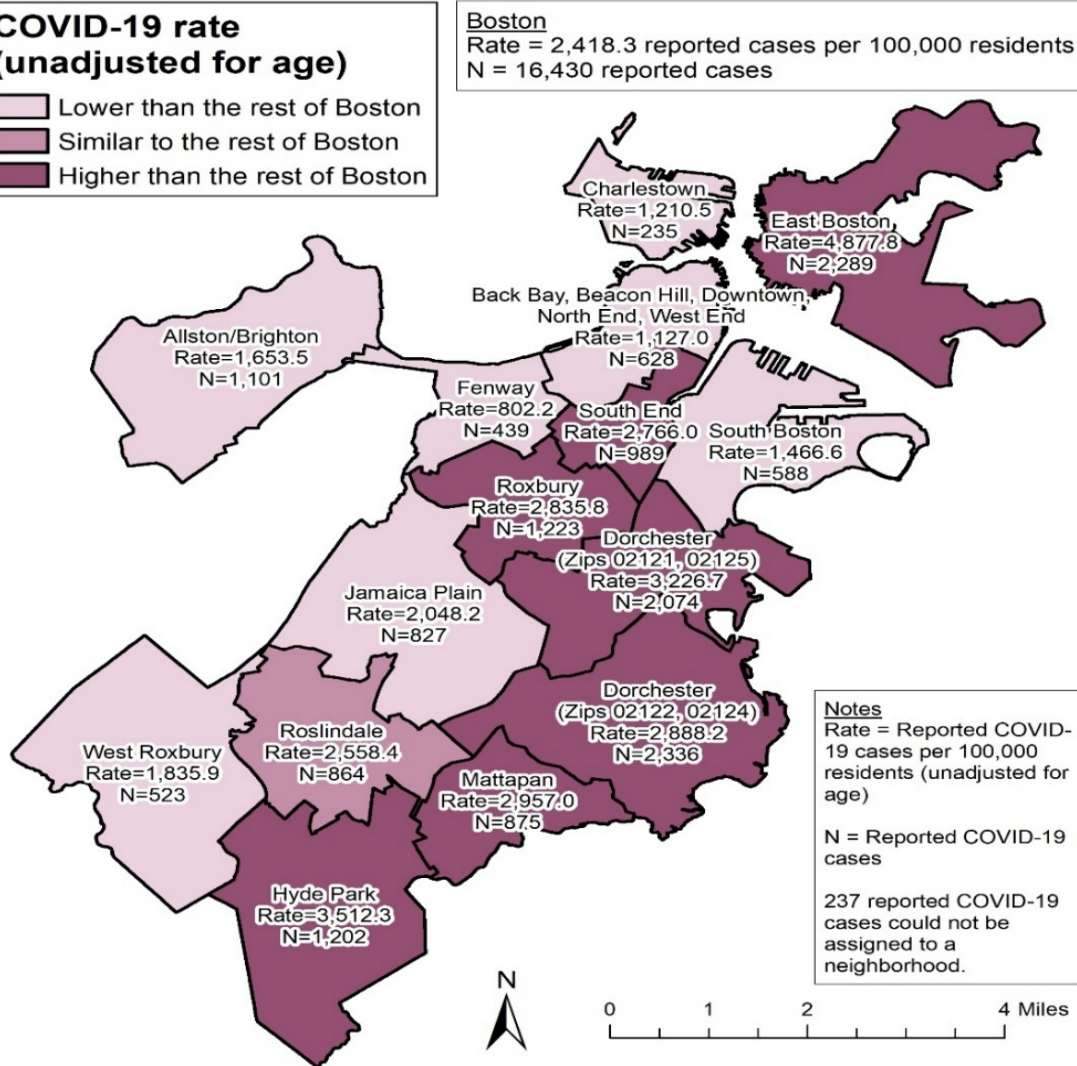
During his daily press briefing on the virus, the Mayor highlighted one notable trend.

“Forty-eight percent of new cases in the last two weeks of data are in people under the age of 30,” said Walsh.

Walsh stressed that young people must be especially cautious, in order to protect themselves and the rest of the community as well, including older populations who tend to experience more severe symptoms if they contract the virus.

COVID-19 rate (unadjusted for age)

- Lower than the rest of Boston
- Similar to the rest of Boston
- Higher than the rest of Boston



Data source: Boston Public Health Commission, Boston Surveillance System (Jan. 1, 2020, to Sep. 14, 2020, 8:55 AM); Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network (Jan. 1, 2020, to Sep. 17, 2020, 11:35 AM); U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 5-yr estimates (2014-2018)
Data analysis: Boston Public Health Commission, Research and Evaluation Office

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

Time is running out to participate in the U.S. 2020 Census

By John Lynds

With the help of local organizations and volunteers the City of Boston is making a final push to get an accurate census count ahead of the Sept. 30 deadline.

“This once-in-a-decade opportunity will determine the amount of elected representatives Boston will have, how legislative districts will be formed, and the amount of federal funding we will receive for crucial services and programs for the next 10 years,” said Mayor Martin Walsh last week. “Only 57.4 percent of Boston’s households have self-responded. We are now less than two weeks away from the last day to be counted (September 30). This is an urgent call to all of Boston’s communities to make sure they’ve completed the U.S. 2020 Census. On this day and throughout the month of

September.”

Mayor Walsh reminded residents they can fill out the 2020 Census online or by phone, and either of these options is available in 13 languages.

“If you already have done so, make sure to ask your friends, family, and networks to do the same,” he said. “Spread the message digitally. Use the city’s outreach toolkit to amplify that responding is not only crucial, but it is also quick, easy, and confidential.”

Walsh is also encouraging residents to volunteer to census phone banks with the City of Boston. “We are hosting daily phone banks to reach out and encourage households in some of our lowest response neighborhoods,” said Walsh.

For all Boston-related Census information and how to help Walsh said to visit the city’s

“Boston Counts 2020” website at www.boston.gov/departments/intergovernmental-relations/boston-counts-2020.

This year the United States will conduct its decennial census. In Boston there’s been a huge push to ensure a fair and complete count in the 2020 U.S. Census because it determines everything from representation in Congress, to federal funds for schools, affordable housing, infrastructure and health care programs.

MCEF used real-time census response rate data and knowledge of the impacts of the pandemic to make rapid-response grants between \$500 to \$5,000 for additional outreach activities. Organizations in these regions, who work with hard-to-count populations including communities of color, are struggling to increase Census response rates while simultaneously responding

to communities’ needs, which have been increasing in the wake of COVID-19.

Historically, certain populations are “hard-to-count” in the census. Urban and rural areas with large low-income populations, people of color, immigrants,

non-English speakers, migrant workers, ex-offenders, young children, the elderly, those who are disabled, renters, the homeless, and those living in mobile homes or multi-unit residences are historically hard-to-count.



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Galleria Umberto's #25 in the US on best pizza list

By John Lynds

An online food magazine has once again told America what North Enders have known for decades—a slice of Galleria Umberto's Pizza is one of the best slices of pizzas in the U.S.

In the Daily Meal's annual '101

Best Pizzas in America' list that was released last week, Umberto's was named #25 on their best pizza list.

"Galleria Umberto is a cash-only counter known for Sicilian-style pizza and Italian eats just a stone's throw from Boston Public Garden," wrote the Daily Meal. "The coveted Massachusetts piz-

zeria specializes in square slices, but cheese is the only type on offer, and you can only order for lunch during the hours of 10:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m."

To compile the list, the Daily Meal said it turned to a panel of experts to narrow the list down to America's 101 best.

"Delicious slices and pies

are being cooked up all across America, so this ranking takes special care to highlight pizzerias from all parts of the country, as well as female- and Black-owned businesses," wrote Daily Meal. "While America does love its pizza chains, this list is focused on smaller establishments and local favorites that have found success

branching out to a few locations. To find them, we used internal expertise, scoured Yelp and other review sites, looked at coverage by local journalists and gathered suggestions from readers."

For the complete list visit <https://www.thedailymeal.com/eat/101-best-pizzas-america-2020/slide-78>.

FRESH AND LOCAL

Kitchen safety rules

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

With many new cooks and many more distractions and stresses for experienced cooks, kitchen rules are important. Here are topics to think about as you decide what is important to you.

Safety First

One very important rule can save both lives and property. Call 911 first if you start a fire or have a scary injury. You can call off 911 if you gain control of the situation, but always follow that first instinct to call for help. With fires or bleeding minutes count!

Even if you put out a fire or stop the bleeding, first responders are better qualified to determine if the fire might have extended into interior spaces, if the area needs to be ventilated, if smoke inhalation may be a danger, or if that cut or burn needs more than first aid.

Fire Prevention

The Massachusetts Department of Fire Services (DFS) confirms, "Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries." Good habits can prevent kitchen fires in your home or help you deal with them safely should

they occur. DFS has lots of recommendations on its webpage and we have a few.

Be sure combustible items like dish towels or pot holders are not within reach of a burner. Keep a large cover near the stove when you're cooking. Don't try to move a burning pan. Instead, cover it as the first step in controlling the fire.

Have a kitchen fire extinguisher near your kitchen exit to grab after you call 911. If the fire is in the oven or microwave, turn it off but DON'T open the door.

Finally, don't leave your pans unattended. Don't walk away from a pan that is preheating or something that is frying. Don't leave the house when something is simmering away on a burner or in the oven.

Prevent Burns and Cuts

Dress for cooking. Chef's jackets have long sleeves and many cooks wear kitchen clogs. Sleeves help prevent burns from spatter, oven racks, hot pans, and spills. Kitchen clog soles are designed to be non-slip on wet floors and are thick enough to protect from a dropped knife, grease spills, or other foot dangers.

Place pan handles out of the



Protective shoes, a long-sleeved shirt, first aid kit, and fire extinguisher are all part of our kitchen equipment.

way to prevent burns and spills. If a pan is in the oven, you not only need a potholder to grab it, but also to place over the handles when it comes out of the oven. That warns off anyone from touching it while it can still burn.

Steam can produce a very bad burn. Remove a cover of a pan or a dish in the microwave in a way that the cover will shield you from the steam.

Most cuts can be prevented by learning good knife skills. Sharp knives slide through food without pressure. Dull knives require force which is dangerous. In our kitchen, knives live on a magnetic wall rack and are cleaned immediately after use. They are never put in a sink full of soapy water or left on a counter where they might cut a hand reaching for something else.

You might also prepare a kitchen

first aid kit with some quick clot or blood stop in addition to bandages. Working smoke alarms and a fire extinguisher are both important. But it is the habits you develop day-to-day and the rules you set for those around you (including pets, children, and people who reach for something you're cutting) that make a difference. In reality, a big dose of common sense can make your kitchen a much safer place.

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Fall has begun and we are still dreaming about the delectable dishes shared earlier this month at our virtual event; our patios in the North End are still open – so come join us for a meal soon!

Although our 2020 event was very different from the years past, the evening came together as a success, and we greatly appreciate all who joined. Your ticket, auction and raffle purchases went a long way, benefiting the mission we've held for 27 years: to support our neighborhood organizations, schools, programs, and now in 2020, our beloved North End restaurateurs.

How often do you get to connect and go behind the scenes with some of the North End's most celebrated chefs? We were thrilled to work with the incredibly talented Chef José Duarte of Tambo 22 and Taranta, Chef Rob Morotto of Forcella and Libertine, and Chef Damien DiPaola of Carmelina's and Domenic's. We loved watching each of these skilled chefs at work as they took us step by step through the preparations of some of their favorite dishes. We hope you've tried their recipes in your own kitchens!

It's no surprise that our friend and longtime supporter, Billy Costa, was a fabulous host! We appreciate his optimism and aptitude in keeping the spirit of the annual event throughout the virtual session.

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A special thank you to this year's generous sponsors; we are so grateful for their continued support. Now more than ever, our event has stood to make an impact on the health and well-being of the North End community, and help from our sponsors allows us to make that possible. We would also like to thank Made In Cookware for their generous donation of premium cookware to our chefs.

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We hope to see you in April 2021 - stay tuned for details! Until then, we hope you stay safe and well, and we encourage you to continue to visit your favorite North End restaurants for indoor or outdoor dining this season.

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Boston area offers wide range of school offerings for kids of all ages

By Dan Murphy

A new academic year is just getting underway, but it's already time for parents and guardians to begin thinking about options for next year, and with the Boston area's wide range of top-notch independent, private and parochial schools, kids of all ages can find the one that well suits them while still staying local.

For small children just starting off on their educational journeys, the Beacon Hill Nursery School at 74 Joy St. has been a vital part of the downtown community since 1955.

With a commitment to high quality education since its inception, the mission of BHNS is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning, and its exceptional educators value play as purposeful and cherish children's innate curiosity.

The warm and welcoming environment of BHNS includes two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. Its curriculum has a strong emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration, and social-emotional devel-



Courtesy of the Newman School

A Newman School students learning about science hands-on in the lab.

opment. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, the program also nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning.

The Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of the play-based program for young children while offering increased structure, expo-

sure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

In welcoming children back to physical programming this year, Director, Debra Sullivan, said she is proud of the resilience of faculty in re-imagining their programs "to maintain the magic of a BHNS experience while incorporating program elements that support social distancing and use space and materials in new and creative ways."

Responding to the varied and changing needs of families, the school also offers robust Remote Programs this year for all students (age 2-6), an alternative means of delivering high-quality curriculum and maintaining community connections.

BHNS will hold Open Houses on Oct. 8 and Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m.; guest must pre-register on the school's website.

All applications are due next Jan. 15, except sibling and legacy applications, which are due Nov. 15, while applications for the Remote Program for the 2020-2021 school year are still being accepted (call the school to inquire).

To learn more about BHNS, visit www.bhns.net or call 617-227-0822.

An integral and enduring fixture of Boston's West End community since 1965, the Boston Children's School at 8 Whittier

Place in Charles River Park, was looking forward to celebrating its 55th birthday in the neighborhood this year, but instead decided to postpone the opening of school this fall in deference to public-health concerns.

"We are hopeful that we will be bringing our children back soon," wrote Bob Langer, executive director, who serves alongside his wife Judy, the school's programming director. "These are unusual times. There is no guide, there is no 'User Manual' or previous experience that anyone has had. We have to rely on science and, sometimes common sense, to navigate these difficult waters.

The Boston Children's School is differentiated from other pre-schools by its multicultural, cognitive-educational programs, and it provides a quality-early childhood academic curriculum for children ages 2.9 to 7 in pre-school through kindergarten. The school has a teacher-to-student ratio of 8:1, as well as supplemental teaching staff who specialize in specific areas like gymnastics and music. It is also one of the only schools in the city to boast its own private playground – a state-of-the art facility replete with a fun house, a crawl-through structure and various "ride-on" vehicles.

BCS is now enrolling children for the 2021-2022 academic year, and Bob Langer wrote, "We will now look forward to celebrating the 60th. anniversary in 2025!"

To learn more about Boston Children's School, visit bostonchildrensschool.org or call 617-367-6239.

The Charlestown Nursery School, a private nursery school located at 124 Main St. in Charlestown, offers innovative programming for ages 2 to 5 inspired by the principles of Reggio Emilia, which focus on a student-centered and self-guided curriculum.

Each classroom is a "learning lab," with two master teachers and a parent helper, and offers myriad experiences, including sensory, gross and fine motor, early literacy and math skills, and dramatic play, music and visual art.

This year, in response to the public-health crisis, all classes, which have reduced capacities and adhere to social distancing, face coverings and other safety

protocol, are taking place outdoors as long as the weather will permit – an approach that Kelly Pellagrini, the school's co-director and co-founder, said was inspired by outdoor learning in Finland and "also New York City's public schools, which took their classes outside in response to the Flu of 1918."

Moreover, Pellagrini added, "To be able to learn alongside city skyscrapers, to be able to study foliage and trees in parks, to be able to pursue study with limitless sky and limitless possibilities is sort of what every educator dreams of. We talk about the world being a classroom and supporting children as being flexible problem-solvers in facing new challenges, and this is sort of the optimal moment to be providing education that will not only shape the next generation, but also make history."

Early-admissions applications are accepted and reviewed continually from Nov. 15 to the following Jan. 30, while rolling-admissions applications are accepted anytime after Feb. 1 on a first-come, first-served basis, and acceptance letters are typically sent to parents or guardians within 15 days.

To learn more about Charlestown Nursery School, visit charlestownnurseryschool.org or call 617-242-5159.

Park Street School, with its elementary school and administrative offices located at 67 Brimmer St., and preschool at One Park Street, offers academic programming for toddlers through Grade 6 grounded in Core Knowledge – a content-rich, skill-building curriculum.

The school, which was founded and established by Christian women and men, affirms each student's intrinsic worth, teaches them how to respect others, and underscores the importance of compassion, integrity and generosity.

As part of this school year, which began Sept. 8 for in-person learning, and includes new, additional options for remote education, Park Street School has launched its new Artists in Residency program, which embeds a specialized educator in



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areas, including science, music, physical education, Spanish, art and drama, in one classroom to offer its students a more immersive and interactive experience. (These same instructors will simultaneously also be teaching other grade-levels virtually, said Kim Twitchell, director of communications).

Flexible Fridays is another new school initiative this year that allows elementary students to attend classes either in person or remotely. "It allows families some flexibility by allowing a parent to have their child stay home that day, which is nice," Twitchell added.

Beginning Oct. 6 and continuing through December, "Take A Tour Tuesdays" will allow guests to virtually tour the school on Tuesdays while interacting with and asking questions of faculty members before the application due date next January.

Visit parkstreetschool.org or call the Brimmer Street elementary school and administrative offices at 617-523-7577 or the Park Street preschool at 617-523-4477 for more information.

The Belmont Day School is a pre-K through Grade 8 school located in Belmont, Mass., that thrives to create "a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders" while instilling six core values in its students - respect, honesty, responsibility, caring, joy, and excellence—are integral to academic quality, creativity, fitness, and health.

Founded in 1927, the school has a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio, with a curriculum emphasizing hands-on, interdisciplinary work that prepares graduates to go on to the high schools and careers of their choosing.

Belmont Day School is also committed to creating an equitable and inclusionary learning environment, with around 40 percent of students identifying as people of color.

A Lower School Open House takes place virtually on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 9:30-11:30 a.m., while the Middle School Open House is scheduled virtually for Saturday, Nov. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Applications are due Jan. 11

of next year; to request an online information packet and begin the online application process, or for more information on Belmont Day School, visit Belmontday.org or call 617-484-3078.

St. John School, located at 9 Moon St. in North Square, in Boston's North End, is a Catholic elementary and preschool that has served generations of children in the city since its inception in 1873.

"We're a pre-K-Grade 8 Catholic school in the North End where academic excellence and faith meet," said Claire Cassidy, the school's principal.

St. John's offerings for fifth- to eighth-graders include Italian language instruction, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs, wood-working classes, gardening and professional music classes, as well as a wide variety of extracurricular, after-school activities, while younger kids are taught the fundamentals of reading, writing and math, and also receive an introduction to technology.

St. John School, which is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, also offers rolling enrollment.

For more information, visit www.sjsne.com or call 617-227-3143 ext. 102 for more information.

The Fessenden School, is an all-male independent school for pre-K- Grade 4 (day school) and Grades 5-9 (day and boarding school) located at 250 Waltham St. in West Newton, has met the educational needs of boys since 1903.

"It's a school that does a great job of combining the tried-and-true teaching approaches with leading-edge innovative techniques to fully prepare students for the unknown world they will inherit," said Suzanne Murphy, the school's director of marketing. "It's really a school that allows boys to pursue their passions, whether it's as a writer, an artist or an athlete, and it really does prepare students for the known future."

Besides its state-of-the-art Center for Innovation, Fessenden also boasts a new performing arts and center, which opened last year, and with a 41-acre campus, the



Courtesy of Charlestown Nursery School

A Charlestown Nursery School student in the outdoor classroom.

school year is now underway in person and at full capacity by making use of new areas as classroom space.

Fessenden is also one of only 12 schools invited to participate in NuVuX - a program "for students pursuing project-based learning," Murphy said, that allows them to partner with NuVu - a Cambridge-based innovative school that was founded by MIT graduates.

To learn more about The Fessenden School, visit fessenden.org, or call 617-954-5350.

Boston College High School in Dorchester is an all-male, Jesuit, Roman Catholic, college preparatory secondary school serving Grades 7-12 that was founded in 1863 and has historical ties to Boston College.

"I think one of the things that differentiates us from other schools is we're a Jesuit school, and there is no other Jesuit school that families in the area that parents would be considering for their children," said Charlie Drane, vice president of enrollment. "It's important to know a Jesuit education is rigor-

ous in terms of academics, but at the same time, we are equally concerned with developing the whole person."

Drane added: "Our academic offerings are as strong as you'll find at any high school, and it's by pairing this with service, athletic and co-curricular offerings and advisory programs that we make sure a well-rounded individual leaves BC High, headed into the world."

BC High is holding a virtual Open House on Nov. 8.

Applicants in all grades are required to take entrance exams (i.e. ISSE for seventh- and

eighth-graders, and HSPT, SSAT,

etc. for high school sophomores and juniors), and applications are due Jan. 3 for Grade 9; and Jan 31 for Grade 7, as well as Grade 8, 10 and 11 transfers.

Visit bchigh.edu or call 617-436-3900 for more information.

Founded in 1945, the Newman School, located at 247 Marlborough St. in Boston's Back Bay, is an independent day school in the Catholic tradition for Grades 7-12.

The school offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program - an academically balanced curriculum that prepares students for college and beyond and that, according to Gayle Schafer, director of communications, is "highly regarded by colleges because it requires students to dig deeper through writing, presenting, analysis of material and reflection of their work so they are very well prepared for next level."

Moreover, Newman School students must complete a service component, such as volunteering with a local nonprofit, to earn their diplomas, and which, Schafer said, "creates citizens who are globally and service-minded when they go out into the greater world."

The Newman School, which is offering virtual open houses on Tuesday, Oct. 6; Wednesday, Oct. 14; and Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6 p.m., has rolling admissions and even has a few spaces available in some grades for the current school year as more of its International Students have opted to study online instead.

Visit newmanboston.org or call 617-267-4530 to learn more about the Newman School.

For tuitions costs and financial-aid information for any of the aforementioned schools, visit their respective websites.



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Beacon Hill Nursery School

74 Joy Street
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Beacon Hill Nursery School was founded in 1955 and has been a vital part of the downtown community since its inception with a consistent commitment to high quality early childhood education. Our primary mission is to create a nurturing community that instills a lifelong love of learning in its students. We cherish children's innate curiosity through purposeful play guided by exceptional early childhood educators.

Our school is warm and welcoming, with two onsite playscapes, a dedicated library, seven classrooms and an indoor gym. All of our programs have a strong

emphasis on play, hands-on engagement, open-ended exploration and social/emotional development. Enriched by weekly yoga and music classes, our program nurtures and engages children in an environment that cultivates creativity and joy in learning. Our Junior Kindergarten program is designed to maintain the hallmarks of our play-based programs for young children while offering increased structure, exposure to academic readiness skills, leadership opportunities and preparation for the transition to next schools.

Programs: Toddler (2-2.9 years) – 2 or 3 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Preschool (2.9-4 years) – 5 mornings (8:45am-12pm)

Junior Kindergarten (4-5 years) – M-Th (8:45am-2pm), F (8:45am-12pm)

Extended Day: Early Drop-off 8:00-8:45am

Extended Day until 3:30 or 5:45pm

Deadlines: Sibling & Legacy Applications – November 15

All other Applications –

January 15

Open Houses – October 8 & November 2, 6:30-8pm

Registration required for our Open Houses online at www.bhns.net/open-house

Financial Aid: Need-based

Belmont Day School

55 Day School Lane
Belmont, MA 02478

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belmontday.org

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on the High Schools of their choosing, where they

are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Virtual Open House Events: Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, November 14, 1 to 3 p.m. www.belmontday.org

Boston Children's School
8 Whittier Place
Boston, MA 02111
617-367-6239

bostonchildrensschool.org

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 55 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

Our curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom set-

tings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the Boston Children's School website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call Judy Langer, the Director of the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school.

Academic Year - September through May
Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old.
Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available. Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available. Application Deadline: January 15. Limited financial aid available

Charlestown Nursery School

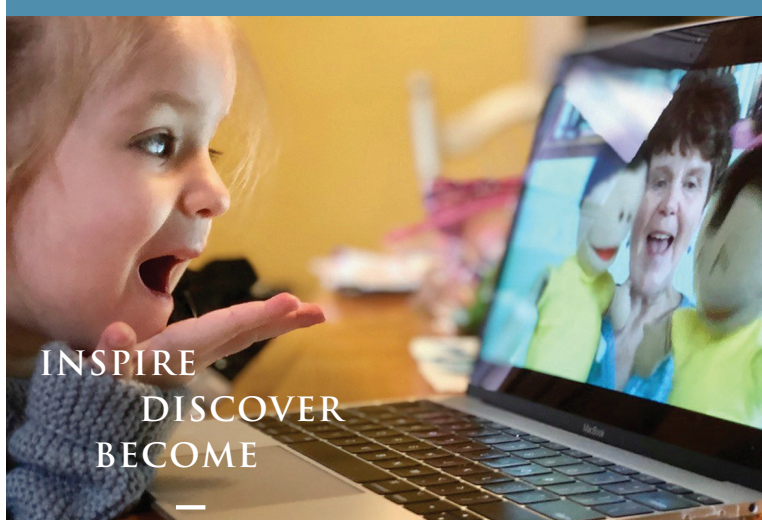
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power of the children's boundless curiosity with an expertly guided investigative approach that immerses the children in the process and joys of real discovery, with the goal of nurturing self-motivated, life-long learners. CNS has been recognized by educators from around the world and has been highlighted in many studies of high-quality early childhood.

The city's resources – including parks, museums, libraries and historic attractions – are considered part of the school's "campus," and our frequent visits foster the child's feeling of being at home in the wider world.

Ages: 2 - 5 years.

Tuition variable by program.

Application available October 1. Early admission begins Nov.15

Fessenden
Pre-K - Grade 9
250 Waltham St.
West Newton, MA
617-630-2300
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The Fessenden School is more than an independent day and boarding school for boys in Pre-K-Grade 9. It's the perfect intersection of tradition and innovation. A place where tried and true educational techniques are woven seamlessly into a STEAM-inspired, passion-based curriculum. A diverse, inclusive, and nurturing community that emphasizes academic excellence and character development.

Parents appreciate Fessenden's commitment to delivering a curriculum based on how boys learn best and are delighted with the individual support and encouragement their sons receive.

Educational leaders turn to Fessenden for guidance on developing curricula that encourage students to be creative problem-solvers, criti-

cal thinkers, and global citizens. Fessenden also has the distinction of being one of only 12 schools in the world invited to partner with NuVu (an innovation school founded by MIT graduates) to deliver an academic program that prepares students for the world they will inherit.

Please join us for grade-specific virtual tours, weekday mornings, October - January. Register at fessenden.org/virtual.

Milton Academy's
Lower School
Grades K-5
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nections between them. The development of interpersonal skills and self-awareness guides all of our pursuits. We practice mutual respect, learning about others, and ourselves. Every day, we celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds of the children, faculty, and families of Milton Academy.

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Park is more than a school. It's a close-knit, welcoming community devoted to creating transformative experiences for children ages 4-14. Since 1888, Park has been dedicated to the special time of childhood and early adolescence. The Park community deeply values diversity, equity, and inclusion. Located on 34 acres near Jamaica Pond, Park feels like a neighborhood school but reflects the diversity of metropolitan Boston. Park offers after-school programs, transportation, and generous financial aid. For more information about virtual admission events, visit parkschool.org.

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Application deadline: Jan. 8, 2020

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Park Street School –
Preschool
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www.parkstreetschool.org

Situated in sunny facilities on Beacon Hill, Park Street School provides a continuous, integrat-

ed and experiential education for children Toddler through Grade 6.

Grounded in Core Knowledge philosophy, children build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years - an approach we believe is foundational to developing critical thinking skills necessary for lifelong learning. Learning here is active! Creativity, imagination, and social development are fostered through lessons, learning centers and play. Whether collecting leaves, discovering animals' habitats in Ponds and Meadows, or bicycling in gym, children are "out of the chair" - making connections in and out of the classroom and between subjects. The learning is real and tangible, and it sets us apart. As a Christian school, we're committed to guiding students in the formation of character and an understanding of God's love for them. Connecting the mind and the heart - classroom learning and character education - is what makes Park Street School special. Sign-up at www.parkstreetschool.org for a Virtual Tuesday Tour at 10:00 AM or one of our evening Open Houses: for Elementary Nov.12 at 6:00 PM, or Preschool Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM.

Ages: 2-5 years Tuition: \$10,300-\$21,200; \$2,000-\$8,500 additional for afternoon programs Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool. Hours: 8:00 a.m.- noon for morning programs, Creative Afternoons noon-3:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up. Two, three, four and five-day programs available. Application deadline: Jan. 4 for priority for fall programs.

Shady Hill School
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www.shs.org

Shady Hill is a Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 all gender day school, with over 500 students, located on an 11-acre campus in Cambridge. Since our founding in 1915, the school has been committed to creating an environment where children are joyful, active learners who become confident and ethical citizens. The school honors the indi-

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Hours: 8:00 A.M. – 3:15 P.M.; half-day program for Pre-K; after-school program until 6:00 P.M. Application deadline: January 10, 2021. Virtual Open House, Pre-K - 8: Sunday, October 25, 1-5PM.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Belmont Day School
55 Day School Lane
Belmont, MA 02478
T 617-932-3889
F 617-489-1924
belmontday.org

Belmont Day School is a community of inspiring, bold, and remarkable learners and leaders. Curricula emphasize hands-on, interdisciplinary work that grounds the academic experience in the real world, and faculty expertly offer each individual the right level of challenge and support. Students build a strong sense of themselves and embody the school's core values of excellence, honesty, caring, joy, responsibility, and respect. Graduates go on the High Schools of their choosing, where they are embraced as confident self-advocates and leaders.

Virtual Open House Events: Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Saturday, November 14, 1 to 3 p.m. www.belmontday.org

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Boston
Children's School
8 Whittier Place
Boston, MA 0211
617-367-6239

bostonchildrensschool.org

Established in 1965, the Boston Children's School has been bringing the joy of learning to children between the ages of 2.9 and 7 years of age for over 55 years. Located in the historic West End section of Boston at Charles River Park, the Boston Children's School attracts students from the greater Boston area and children from around the world.

Our curriculum is both cognitively and developmentally age appropriate. Children learn and play in small groups, in individual, intimate classroom settings, allowing the classroom teachers to know each child and their individual learning style. In addition to daily classroom activities, the Boston Children's School offers Spanish, sign language and music as part of its curriculum. All children have daily access to the on-site playground. The Boston Children's School also offers a "Summer-Fun-Program" to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old.

Detailed information about the Boston Children's School, its academic year and summer programs, are available on the Boston Children's School website at www.BostonChildrensSchool.Org. Please feel free to call Judy Langer, the Director of the Boston Children's School at 617-367-6239 with any questions that you may have about the school. Academic Year - September through May Ages - 2.9 through 7 years old. Hours - 8:45 a.m. through 5 p.m., half day programs are available. Early arrival at 8:15 a.m. and late stay until 5:30 p.m. also available. Application Deadline: January 15. Limited financial aid available

Fessenden
Pre-K - Grade 9
250 Waltham St.
West Newton, MA
617-630-2300
fessenden.org

The Fessenden School is more than an independent day and boarding school for boys in Pre-K-Grade 9. It's the perfect intersection of tradition and innovation. A place where tried and true educational techniques are woven seamlessly into a STEAM-inspired, passion-based curriculum. A diverse, inclusive, and nurturing community that emphasizes academic excellence and character development.

Parents appreciate Fessenden's commitment to delivering a curriculum based on how boys learn best and are delighted with the individual support and encouragement their sons receive.

Educational leaders turn to Fessenden for guidance on developing curricula that encourage students to be creative problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and global citizens. Fessenden also has the distinction of being one of only 12 schools in the world invited to partner with NuVu (an innovation school founded by MIT graduates) to deliver an academic program that prepares students for the world they will inherit.

Please join us for grade-specific virtual tours, weekday mornings, October - January. Register at fessenden.org/virtual.

Milton Academy's
Lower School
Grades K-5
170 Centre Street
Milton MA 02186
617-898-2509

www.milton.edu/k8/
 Milton Academy is an

independent college preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located eight miles south of Boston. Milton Academy's Lower School is a unique and joyful place. Through daily interactions with supportive peers and impassioned teachers, our students develop uncommon expertise and confidence in their academic disciplines. They explore and initiate, collaborate, and take risks together. They eagerly master and apply skills toward exciting interdisciplinary projects in every grade. Our teachers continuously and collaboratively renew our curriculum to ensure that it is rich and relevant.

Students learn in Milton's Lower School at the natural pace of childhood. We make play a priority. We do not rush content for achievement's sake; rather, we discover together the depth and value in science, literature, social studies, mathematics, the performing and visual arts, technology, and physical education. Children come to a nuanced understanding of these subjects—and the connections between them. The development of interpersonal skills and self-awareness guides all of our pursuits. We practice mutual respect, learning about others, and ourselves. Every day, we celebrate the many cultures and backgrounds of the children, faculty, and families of Milton Academy.

Our teachers know each child well, and we work together to nurture unique talents, passions, and aspirations. The Lower School—nested within the K-8 of our K-12 school—enables children to begin developing their own sense of competence, confidence, and character.

We are excited to get to know your family through our admission process. We are now scheduling Zoom interviews for families applying to one of our planned entry points: kindergarten,

grade 4, grade 6, and grade 7. Please call 617-898-2509 to schedule an appointment.

The Lower and Middle School Admission Office will also conduct a variety of virtual events for prospective families (<https://www.milton.edu/k8/admission/virtual-events/>). In order to receive an invitation to these events, please be sure to inquire using the Request Information Form on our website, or by calling our office to be added into our database.

The Park School
171 Goddard Ave.
Brookline, MA 02445
617-277-2456
Parkschool.org

Park is more than a school. It's a close-knit, welcoming community devoted to creating transformative expe-

riences for children ages 4-14. Since 1888, Park has been dedicated to the special time of childhood and early adolescence. The Park community deeply values diversity, equity, and inclusion. Located on 34 acres near Jamaica Pond, Park feels like a neighborhood school but reflects the diversity of metropolitan Boston. Park offers after-school programs, transportation, and generous financial aid. For more information about virtual admission events, visit parkschool.org.

Tuition: \$37,900 for Pre-Kindergarten - \$48,000 for Grade 8

Application deadline: Jan. 8, 2020

Diversity: 44% students of color

Financial Aid: 23% students receive financial assistance

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STUDY TIPS

TRY NOT TO CRAM
 Studying subjects in small chunks over multiple days will help you remember more information than cramming the night before an exam.

MAKE A REASONABLE STUDY SCHEDULE
 Making a study schedule will help you to avoid cramming and procrastination. Keeping your schedule realistic (time for breaks etc) will help reduce stress.

EAT WELL & EXERCISE
 Eating well during finals will keep your mind ready to absorb new information. Exercising will help improve your memory by reducing your stress.

JOIN A STUDY GROUP
 Forming a study group can really motivate you to study. Explaining difficult concepts out loud will help you figure out what you understand and what you still need to go over. (It's even better if everyone brings snacks!)

MEET WITH YOUR PROFS
 Scheduling an appointment (or even just sending off a quick email) with your professor will help you to figure out what to focus on for the exam.

SET A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH SUBJECT
 Setting a time limit and then fully committing to studying during that time will help you to avoid procrastination!

REWARD YOURSELF
 After you've finished your study session reward yourself with a nice break - grabbing a latte, going for a walk, taking a cat nap etc. This will help prevent burn out and keep your mind ready for your next study session.

STUDY IN APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT
 Studying in an appropriate environment (a library!) will help you to concentrate on your studies. Find what works for you - a cafe, your bedroom, the library, the cafeteria...

KNOW YOUR DISTRACTIONS
 Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, watching YouTube videos, television shows, texting... Distractions can be endless! But it's important to know what will distract you the most and to AVOID THEM AT ALL COSTS! (Turn off your phone, install a social media blocker on your computer, stay away from your t.v. etc).

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Park Street School - Elementary

**67 Brimmer Street
Boston, MA 02108
617-523-7577**

www.parkstreetschool.org

Situated in sunny facilities on Beacon Hill, Park Street School provides a continuous, integrated and experiential education for children Toddler through Grade 6.

Our students discover connections as they explore in vibrant learning spaces with innovative tools. Our robust academics feed students' curiosity, and build strong foundations of knowledge in the early years, encouraging inquiry and life-long learning. Students are known and loved by PSS faculty and staff who want each child to grow academically, socially/emotionally, spiritually and physically. Our students grow in confidence, compassion and empathy. They learn of God's love for them, show respect for others, take risks in affirming settings and learn how to live lives of generosity – together. They are encouraged to develop a growth mindset and to creatively solve problems as they interact with curriculum, with each other and demonstrate resilience in the face of challenges. Our students are equipped to become global citizens, armed with a strong academic foundation, confidence, and critical thinking skills. We offer small class sizes, a diverse community and need-based financial aid. We are proud of our talented faculty, competitive middle school placement, and aspirational college matriculation. Sign-up at www.parkstreetschool.org for a Virtual Tuesday Tour at 10:00 AM or one of our evening Open Houses: for Elementary Nov.12 at 6:00 PM, or Preschool Dec. 3 at 6:00 PM.

Grades: Kindergarten-Grade 6 Tuition: \$28,700 - \$30,700; \$1,500 - \$6,000 additional for afternoon programs. Financial Assistance: Available for Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6, with limited availability for Preschool.

Hours: 8:00a.m.-3:00p.m. M-TH, and Fridays 8:00a.m.-noon for Grades 1-6, and Kindergarten. After school program and clubs, and private music lessons are

part of our normal offerings. Application deadline: Jan. 4 for priority for fall programs.

**Shady Hill School
178 Coolidge Hill
Cambridge, MA 02138
617-520-5200**

www.shs.org

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Milton Academy's
Middle School
Grades 6-8**

**170 Centre Street
Milton MA 02186
617-898-2509**

www.milton.edu/k8/

Milton Academy is an independent college preparatory K-12 school, boarding and day in grades 9-12, located eight miles south of Boston. Milton Academy's Middle School helps students take safe risks, pursue talents, and discover new passions. Our rigorous academics focus on skill development, hands-on learning, and interdisciplinary projects in

math, English, science, foreign language, social studies, visual and performing arts, technology, and physical education. Connections between students and adults, so important in adolescent years, are lively—in the classroom, and on the fields and stages. Students feel comfortable turning to their teachers, advisors, or coaches for support and guidance. Our weekly community meetings provide leadership opportunities, celebrate individual and group success, and cultivate respect and responsibility. Milton's Middle School faculty are devoted to their craft, and eagerly evaluate and apply best practices in adolescent education. As a School, we are committed to continuous curriculum renewal, so that our work meets the needs of, and excites our students. Middle school years should be wonderful for both students and parents. We are eager to help you learn about how our Milton environment helps each student thrive.

Each day, our students

take on more responsibility and independence; we understand them, support them, and help them grow as they transition from childhood to adolescence. Our discussion-based classes, often around a Harkness Table, are lively and engaging. All students take a 360 health and wellness class, co-taught by our Middle School Counselor and Learning Skills Specialist, and have many opportunities to join affinity groups and culture clubs.

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A-Z IDEAS FOR FUN FAMILY NIGHTS

Arts & crafts

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Game night

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Ice cream

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The Newman School
247 Marlborough
Street
Boston MA 02116
617-267-4530
newmanboston.org

The Newman School of Boston, celebrating its 75 anniversary in the heart of the Back

Bay of Boston, is a welcoming vibrant learning community. From grades 7-12,

Newman's middle and high school years International Baccalaureate curriculum is the

point of entry for curious, independent, outward looking students. The curriculum is

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The Newman School's motto, "Heart Speaks to Heart" is woven through all areas of

school life. Relationships are at the core of who we are. Students develop through inquisitive academic exploration and meaningful connections with teachers to become

global contributors. A vibrant program of activities and sports allows students to pursue

their interests and passions beyond the classroom, with the city as their playground.

Newman is in-person, with hybrid options also available.

HIGH SCHOOL

Boston College High
School
150 Morrissey Blvd.
Boston, Massachusetts
02125
617-436-3900
bchigh.edu
 Founded in 1863, Boston

College High School is a world-class, independent Jesuit, Catholic preparatory school for young men in grades 7-12. BC High offers students dynamic, urban learning

experiences unique to Boston and unparalleled opportunities to explore the world through a vast network of schools and international destinations.

BC High's approach is rigorous, going beyond the academic to address the whole person: head, heart, and hands – cultivating qualities that establish character and provide students with a holistic framework to wrestle the many complexities of life.

Here, future leaders begin to develop their potential, find their own unique voice and work together toward a more ethical and inclusive world. Students learn to stand up boldly for what they believe in, including themselves, and become men who lead with integrity.

Our five-hundred-year-old tradition of Jesuit education

has seen plagues, recession and wars. We have weathered it all. Rooted in such a strong tradition, BC High was quick to pivot in these uncertain times and stay connected through synchronous learning with enhanced Zoom capabilities, technology and safety protocols for our community.

Learn more about the BC High experience and register for our virtual open house on November 8, go to bchigh.edu.

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VIRTUAL LEARNING POD PROGRAM

Charlestown Boys and
Girls Club
15 Green St.
Charlestown, Mass.
02129
617-242-1775

Charlestown Boys and Girls Club's Learning Enrichment Program.

The Club will have an in-person, Learning Enrichment Program Pods with Staff for members in our facility this School Year starting Sept. 28th. The Club will host students for the upcoming school year and our staff will make sure they have a safe, secure and connected facility to learn in while in 'virtual class'.

'All Virtual' Students preferred. Any questions, Please call the Club at 617-242-1775 or email at mcannon@bgcb.org

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COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWRA MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 10. Time and other information will be announced.

NEWNC MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting will be held on Monday, October 5. Time and details to be announced.

BUONA SERA CANCELED

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) has canceled the annual Buona Sera event and will try to reschedule until June or October 21, 2021.

SIDEWALKS OPEN FOR RETAIL

The City of Boston will temporarily allow retail businesses

in the neighborhood commercial districts to place a movable table onto the public sidewalk for the purpose of facilitating outdoor transactions.

NEWRA MEMBERSHIP

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) members can renew their memberships online at www.newra.org/membership.html.

SMALL BUSINESS HELP

Mayor Walsh has released a request for proposal for next round of technical assistant programs for small businesses. Program runs through Friday, January 31, 2023.

BPL HOMEWORK ASSISTANCE

Boston Public Library Homework Assistance Program (HAP) has transitioned to online

learning offering students free after school support throughout the school year. For details visit www.bpl.org/homework.

OUTDOOR DINING EXTENDED

The City of Boston has extended outdoor dining from the end of September to the end of October.

MBTA SERVICE CHANGES LOWERED

MBTA customers Fall 2020 service changes are now being offered. Charlie Tickets and Cash Fare have been lowered to Charlie Card levels. For information visit www.mbta.com/servicechangers.

NEW HEALTH PROVIDES FOOD ASSISTANCE

Beside the COVID-19 testing NEW Health is providing, in the

Nazzaro Community Center parking lot, they are also providing support facing food insecurity.

Residents that are unable to purchase necessary groceries can receive supermarket gift certificates through NEW Health.

Call 617-643-8000 for testing and information on food assistance.

NEW HEALTH OPERATORS VIRUS TESTING

COVID-19 testing is being provided by NEW Health on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center parking lot on North Bennet Street. For appointments call 617-643-8000.

GREENWAY FITNESS PROGRAM

The 2020 Greenway fitness season, presented by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts includes in-person and virtual offerings

from yoga to conditioning every Monday through Thursday and Saturday.

New safety precautions are in place for the park class

MAYORAL CANDIDATE

Boston City Counselor Michelle Wu has announced her candidacy for Mayor of Boston.

PLASTIC BAG EXTENSION

The City of Boston executive order to exempt all establishments from the plastic bag ordinance will stay in place until September 30.

FREE VIRTUAL EXERCISE CLASSES

Boston Parks and Recreation Department is hosting virtual dance party classes on Monday and Thursday evenings. Contact Jennifer.Widener@boston.gov.

Plastic bag ordinance to start Oct. 1

The moratorium related to A Temporary Executive Order Concerning Exemption of Certain Businesses from the City of Boston Plastic Bag Ordinance will end on September 30, 2020. Effective October 1st, the Inspectional Services Department's Weights & Measures Division will resume enforcing the Reduction of Check-out Bags by Retail Establishment ordinance.

Retail establishments must comply with all ordinance requirements:

- Supply compliant reusable, recyclable or compostable check-out bags
- Charge a fee (5 cents minimum per bag)
- Display a sign within five feet of the checkout location, telling customers that they will have to pay for a bag if they want one
- Allow consumers to use reusable bags.

Reusable bags:

As Boston's economy began a safe, phased-in reopening this summer, Boston Public Health Commission officials incorporated reusable bag use into reopening guidelines for retail businesses. Businesses needing to use their existing inventory of plastic bags may apply to the Inspectional Services Department for a temporary exemption. Reusable bags are an important part of reducing waste and mitigating harmful effects on

the environment. Detailed information about the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance can be found on the City's website, along with informational guides about compliant bags for retailers.

In March 2020, Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued a temporary Executive Order allowing plastic bag use in Boston for certain businesses during the public health emergency of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Under the Executive Order, the City of Boston granted temporary exemptions to Boston's plastic bag ordinance, which had restricted plastic bag use in the City of Boston.

Consumers can check the City's trash app to review which materials they can recycle in their home recycling bin and review their respective collection schedule. You can learn more about upcoming hazardous waste drop-off days and composting in the city at boston.gov/trash-and-recycling-guide. Consumers are reminded to clean and sanitize reusable bags after every use.

If an establishment is found to be in violation of this ordinance ISD will issue a warning for the initial violation. If the same establishment is found to be in violation within the same calendar year a \$50.00 fine will be issued. All additional violations within a calendar year will result in a \$100.00 fine.

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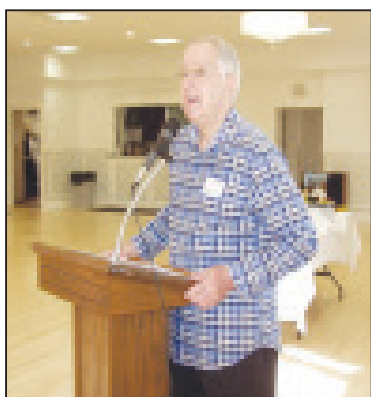
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FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END HOLD 48TH ANNUAL REUNION SEPTEMBER 19



Opening Prayer by Gus Pesaturo: My message remains the same, God commands we pray for one another. As I walk through the North End and reminisce, I remember our fathers, grandfathers and all of us growing up in this wonderful place. I see all our faces and I pray that in these turbulent times we keep our faith in Jesus, our courage to overcome and I bless each and every one of us and our families in the mighty name of Jesus our Lord, Amen.



Opening comments by Victor Passacantilli: Welcome to the Friends of the North End 48th annual reunion by email. It took a pandemic to break a 47 year streak of reunions which brought together boyhood friends from all corners of the North End and 7 states. Although COVID-19 has interrupted our annual tradition it cannot erase the fond memories of growing up in a most cherished and unique neighborhood. We are not physically assembled today but our North End roots bind us together in spirit. Sam, Sonny and I extend best wishes to you and your families with the hope that you all remain safe and well until our 49th reunion in September of 2021. Long live our North End!



Victor, Sonny and Sammy.



Reflections by Sammy Viscione: Our 48th reunion sadly became a non event. However, thinking about it provoked the memories of the past 47. They were splendid times for sure. I can recall visions of the guys arriving with pride knowing they were born and bred in such a unique neighborhood. The guys, by definition are friends, many close, life long friends who participated in sharing the rich culture of our Italian Heritage. Over the years, the reunion popularity grew and of course attrition made its mark. This year will be devoid of the sumptuous meal, laughter, teasing and chancing on the 50/50 pool, more significantly, lest we forget the departed and for the record, the 48th reunion will occur as a celebration to the past with hope into the future. Special memories always linger and with the grace of God may there be many more.

Hard work, big dreams

At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu announces bid for Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

On Tuesday, At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu announced she is going to attempt something that has not been accomplished in Boston politics since John Hayes unseated incumbent Mayor of Boston James Michael Curley in 1949.

Wu has officially tossed her hat into the 2021 Boston Mayoral race and will try to oust Mayor Martin Walsh. An incumbent Boston Mayor has not lost election since the Hayes/Curley race some seven decades ago.

Wu released her campaign announcement via a YouTube video Tuesday and plans to hold a series of kickoff events across Boston this week.

“The Boston we love is a city that takes care of each other, where hard work meets big dreams with grit and resilience,” said Wu in her announcement. “But for too many — during this pandemic and well before — it’s been impossible to dream when you’re fighting to hold on. Fighting to afford to stay. Fighting for our kids. Fighting a system that wasn’t built for us, doesn’t speak our languages, doesn’t hear our voices. That’s why today I’m announcing my campaign for Mayor to make Boston a city for everyone. If you’re ready for leadership that matches the scale and urgency of our challenges — that includes and empowers every community — please add your name to join the movement.”

We, a daughter of immigrants, said she has lived her whole life knowing what it’s like to feel unseen and unheard, even when you most need help.

“My parents came to America with no money and no connections, not speaking English,” said Wu. “When my mom started struggling with mental illness, I became her caregiver and raised my sisters. It’s the struggles and dreams of my family and families across our neighborhoods that I’ve carried to City Hall for the last seven years. Together we’ve broken barriers on the Boston City Council, passed groundbreaking legislation, changed the face of government, and changed the con-



A clip from At-Large City Councilor Michelle Wu's campaign announcement video released Tuesday.

versation about what is just and what is possible. And we have so much more to do.”

Wu added that she plans to build wealth in all Boston communities, place a value on public education, plan for the future of Boston neighborhoods, invest in affordable housing and transportation that serves everyone, truly fund public health for safety and healing, and deliver on a city Green New Deal for clean air and water, healthy homes, and the brightest future for children.

“Now’s the time to build on the activism of generations before,” said Wu. “With the urgency of this moment and this movement, we’re ready to go beyond fighting the system to hear us. Now’s the time for us to lead.”

Former City Councilor Tito Jackson was the last councilor to take on Walsh during Walsh’s second term run. Walsh, a son of Irish immigrant parents, trounced Jackson citywide winning the election with 70 percent of the vote.

However, there is some speculation that Walsh’s desire to run for a third term may hinge upon the upcoming Presidential election. If former Vice President Joe Biden wins, some suggest Walsh may be tapped by Biden for a position in his administration. Walsh may be prime to take over the US Ambassadorship to Ireland currently held by Trump appointee and Republican Party member Edward Francis Crawford.

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