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Above, the North End's Anne Pizzano, MS, CCLS, Child Life Manager, John Hancock Child Life and Wellness Program, gathers with her husband James and her family to tune into a virtual Storybook Ball. Photo by Amanda Kowalski.

Right, Allan Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, MassGeneral Hospital for Children, addresses guests via studio during the first ever virtual Storybook Ball on October 17.



SUPPORT STAYS STRONG FOR STORYBOOK BALL

MassGeneral Hospital for Children (MGHfC) held its Storybook Ball virtually on October 17th, bringing the event's signature fun, storytelling and special moments into living rooms and raising over \$1.5 million to continue the extraordinary family-centered work of the hospital. Co-chaired by Andrea and Justin Rosen and

Fiona and James Benenson III, the signature philanthropic event saluted the MGHfC essential workers who provided critical pediatric and adult care during the COVID-19 crisis. Longtime partner Rafanelli Events creatively transformed the classic children's tale "Rainbow Fish" to the screen, as logged-on guests were entertained with

carnival booth games, a special visit and performance by James Taylor, and auction. In these unprecedented times, MGHfC is extremely grateful for this year's generous support and the chance for donors and friends to connect through the power of Storybook Ball, a favorite of the community for over twenty years.

North End residents support the needy

By Phil Orlandella

Many North End residents have joined the HELPIS campaign to help people in need.

It all started when Karen Parker Myers, a board member of the non-profit organization, began picking up donations in the community from her mother Marie Orlandi a few years ago.

"That's when her friends started to ask if they could participate and started collecting certain items," Karen said.

"Before long, a good size group of donors and collectors started participating in this endeavor which has become successful in the North End," she added.

Karen, a former North Ender said, "HELPIS would like to thank and recognize the efforts and kindness of the many residents that showed an interest to assist needy people."

Karen often writes posts on Facebook relating to HELPIS and where the donations go. She also mentioned those that managed to get donations.

"As friends and others saw the post, I began receiving more and more messages from the North End people that wanted to get involved," she said.

HELPIS is a non-profit organization that services families, individuals, veterans, children and other agencies that provide and support the needy.

North Enders that participated are Marie Orlandi, Janet Gilardi, Anna Martignetti, Janine Martignetti, Lynne Bova, Tracy Costa, Maria Peary, Jennifer Pittore, Joyce Rossi, Diane Pesatoro, Sandra Camaratta, Cheryl Camaratta Panetta, Christine Luisi Lottatore, Karen D'Amico, Shauna DeMarco and Michelle Petrigno.

Positive test rates dramatically spike in North End and surrounding area

By John Lynds

As Boston tries to get a handle on the city's COVID-19 spike the positive test rate in the North End and surrounding neighborhoods spiked dramatically according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

While North End's COVID-19 positive test rate was decreasing steadily for the past few weeks the numbers jumped slightly two weeks ago but exploded last week.

Last week the BPHC reported that 28,161 North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 5 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 138 percent increase from the 2.1 percent testing positive as reported two weeks ago. The city-wide average was 7.8 percent, up 13 percent from the 5.9 percent that tested positive two weeks ago.

Overall since the pandemic began 2.7 percent of North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown residents were found to be COVID positive.

The infection rate in the North End and surrounding neighborhoods increased 7.2 percent in one week according to the latest city statistics.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed the North End, Beacon Hill, West End, Back Bay and Downtown had an infection rate of 139.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up from 130.5 cases per 10,000 residents.

Fifty-four more residents became infected with the virus and the total number of cases in the area increased from 726 cases to 780 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection

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Boston voters overwhelmingly support Biden in Presidential race

By Dan Murphy

While the final tally for the city's unofficial election results wasn't available on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 3, Boston voters overwhelmingly supported Democrat Joe Biden over Presidential Donald Trump on the road to the White House.

Nearly 83 percent of voters citywide cast a total of 225,368

ballots for the Democrat ticket of Biden and Vice President-hopeful Kamala Harris while President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence trailed with almost 16 percent of the ballot, or 42,707 votes cast.

Statewide, Biden garnered the support of nearly 66 percent of voters to best Trump, who trailed with around 33 percent.

On Question 1, which allows car owners to access and share vehicle data with independent repair shops, nearly 75 percent of Boston voters cast a total 190,429 ballots to support it in contrast to the approximately 25 percent of the city's voters cast who cast 63,872 ballots in opposition.

Similarly, 75 percent of voters statewide voted "yes" on Ques-

tion 1 while 25 percent opposed it.

Ballot Question 2 – a binding referendum that enacts ranked-choice voting in primary and general elections – was supported by nearly 62 percent of the city's voters (155,123 ballots cast) while around 38 percent (96,264 ballots cast) rejected it.

Ultimately, around 55 percent of voters statewide rejected Ques-

tion 2 as opposed to the approximately 45 percent of voters who supported it.

Although the final tally was unavailable at the time of publication, Mayor Martin Walsh said Tuesday historic voter turnout in Boston was expected in the election – a milestone that can likely be attributed in part to early and mail-in voting in the election.

Comprehensive measures to further promote diversity in state contracting announced

The Baker-Polito Administration today announced a series of measures to continue ongoing efforts to ensure equal opportunity and increase access for diverse companies in state contracting. As part of today's announcement, the Administration is filing legislation entitled, "An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting." The bill would establish the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) as a separate state agency with tools and resources to ensure accountability and compliance with diversity goals, oversee agency diversity spending, and audit and review spending data.

The Administration also announced it will implement several other improvements in the supplier diversity space. These include a more active role for the SDO in engaging diverse and small

businesses in public procurements, expanded reporting for spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners, the publication of minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity, the expansion of the Small Business Purchasing Program, increased bid evaluation percentages for certain procurements in order to promote more diversity (a component of the "Massport Model"), and the translation of SDO materials into multiple languages.

"Our administration is committed to continuing to promote growth and opportunity and ensure the Commonwealth takes every opportunity to support and benefit from its diverse business community," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "In launching these new initiatives, we have worked closely with leaders in the minority business community, Black and

Latino Caucus, and Black Advisory Commission and Latino Advisory Commission. We look forward to continuing our work with these partners to strengthen the state contracting process with greater diversity, transparency and accountability."

"We are committed to collaborating with diverse companies throughout Massachusetts and ensure equity within the public marketplace," said Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. "Increasing economic development – for all businesses and communities – is a critical priority given the COVID-19 pandemic and its related impacts, and we are pleased to continue pursuing improvements that optimize our supplier diversity program."

Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has focused on expanding opportunities for diverse business enterprises to work with state government and has increased direct spending on minority-business-enterpris-

es by the Executive Branch by nearly \$8 million. The Administration has consistently met and raised annual benchmarks, grown the supplier diversity program, and filed legislation in February 2020 to promote participation by minority and women-owned businesses in state construction projects. The Administration also included \$50.8 million in grants in its recently-launched economic recovery plan to support small minority-owned businesses in Massachusetts, which have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Legislation Filed Today:

"An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting" would establish the SDO as a separate state agency under the authority of the Executive Office for Administration and Finance. The SDO would oversee monitoring and reporting of agency diverse spending and the development

of annual comprehensive diversity spending plans for agencies. The legislation would also create a Supplier Diversity Compliance Unit within the SDO, which will systematically audit and review direct and indirect spending data to ensure compliance and accuracy.

Additional Supplier Diversity Improvements:

Going forward, the SDO annual report will separate indirect spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners by subcontracting and ancillary products and services and itemize minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity. The Administration will also raise the threshold for the Small Business Purchasing Program from \$150,000 for the total value of the contract to \$250,000 per year, which will help increase preference and access for minority businesses, as many are small businesses.

The SDO will align its supplier diversity program with a component of the "Massport Model" by expanding the percentage of bid evaluation scores dedicated to the supplier diversity plan from 10 percent to 25 percent, for procurements above a certain threshold. Additionally, the SDO will work with state and private sector partners to translate existing materials into foreign languages to further accommodate diverse businesses seeking to do business with the Commonwealth.

These new measures build upon the Administration's previous efforts to optimize the supplier diversity program such as expanding the categories of diverse businesses that participate in the supplier diversity program, streamlining and simplifying the certification process, upgrading systems to allow for electronic applications and to better manage records, entering into multi-year agreements with third party certification organizations to provide free certifications for Massachusetts businesses, increasing compliance with program guidelines, implementing new training, and hiring additional personnel to further improve the program.

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OPINION By Phil Orlandella

PREGMON WISE SELECTION AS NEAD PRESIDENT

North End resident John Pregmon, a neighborhood activist, has been named President of North End Against Drugs (NEAD).

He replaces long time President John Romano at the top spot on the very active organization that has served the neighborhood for over 30 years.

Pregmon, the former President and still active Board member of the elected North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) has been involved in many community endeavors, sports programs and other activities.

Based on Pregmon's prior and ongoing neighborhood successful involvement, NEAD has made a wise selection.

Pregmon will help led the non-profit organization to con-

tinue providing information, programs, events and education dealing with drug and alcohol abuse.

BRACKENBURY LEAVING THE GREENWAY CONSERVANCY

This coming April, Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of The Greenway Conservancy will be moving on.

He has accepted a position as President and CEO of the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation.

Jesse joined the Conservancy in 2009 and has been at the helm since 2013, showing extraordinary leadership and dedication.

He has enhanced the status of The Greenway with positive growth resulting in an urban oasis that has benefited the surrounding neighborhoods, and visitors that found their way to the special place.

Replacing Jesse will be a difficult task. He has accomplished many things.

DELGRECO AND ROMAN DESERVE RECOGNITION

Two community non-profit organizations, NEWNC and NEWRA are dealing with the many issues, developments and concerns of the North End neighborhood under trying conditions on a regular basis.

Led by NEWRA President Cheryl Delgreco and NEWNC President Brett Roman, they are going out of the away to make sure the community is fully informed and have a say in all issues, proposals, developments and suggestions that directly impact the neighborhood.

Both North Enders deserve credit and some recognition for the outstanding efforts they are making under difficult times.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEMPAC LATIN X HERITAGE CONCERT RAISES \$10,000

The North End Music Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) "Nuestras Raices Concert", a re-imagined online fundraising event honoring Latin X Heritage month successfully raised \$10,000 for the Center's annual fund which supports educational programming, future concert production, and day to day operations.

NEMPAC Executive Directors Sherri Snow said, "Given our collective challenges this year and all the unusual reality this year, one thing is for certain, the arts matter will prosper and shine on."

She added, "Our community demonstrated that they too, value our mission and our goal to make quality music education and performing arts programs equitable for all."

Members viewed the concert across the North End, Charlestown and surrounding Greater Boston neighborhoods according to NEMPAC.

FOCCP TREE AND BENCH SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Since 2019, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP), started its tree and

bench benefit sponsorship program at the Waterfront Park on Atlantic Avenue.

Only two parks in the city offered this type of program and FOCCP are "proud to be one of them."

FOCCP, caretakers of the public park are seeking sponsors to choose a tree and/or bench to place a special message on. The message can reflect a birthday, a marriage, a proposal, a milestone or other messages.

FOCCP asked that sponsors not use "in memory of" but might consider "in honor of" or try to capture the essence of the person.

All donations are dedicated to the maintenance of the park and are tax-deductible.

NORTH SQUARE RECEIVES BPA AWARD

One of nine 2020 Preservation Achievement Awards was given to the North Square reconstruction project by the Boston Preservation Alliance (BPA).

The award recognizes the resilience of individuals, versatility of historic buildings and the importance of storytelling in keeping history alive.

Design for the newly renovated Square was put together with the local residents, the city, and the Paul Revere House and features the North End Story Vault that

contains stories of the North End people and events, including future inclusion to the online component of the public network. The vault was designed by A + J + Design.

Those interested in submitting stories should send them to #North Square Public Art.

BAC DISCUSSES COLUMBUS PARK DESTINY

Christopher Columbus Park issues will be discussed at the November 10 meeting of the Boston Arts Commission (BAC).

Reportedly, the BAC is waiting to be advised by Mayor Martin Walsh on several subjects before they take action on them.

In the past, the Mayor has noted on several occasions to the renaming of the park, an idea made by the anti-Columbus group. "Let the community decide," Walsh said.

Rumor has it that the placement or plaque could be placed in the park that would reflect the image of Italian American Immigrant contributions.

It appears that the vandalized statue of Columbus that will be repaired by the city and relocated to a new housing development by the Knights of Columbus on North Margin Street will occur.

Results of the meeting will be published in the next edition of the Review.

North Washington Street Bridge

(Charlestown Bridge) Construction Look-Ahead:

Nov. 1-14

VIBRATORY HAMMER NOISE IMPACTS

•A vibratory hammer is being used to install the five cofferdams which will be needed to build the piers of the new bridge. Installation of each cofferdam takes about two weeks.

•Use of the vibratory hammer began on Oct. 6. Work hours are during the day (7 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

DESCRIPTION OF SCHEDULED WORK

•Demolition of piers and center substructure, cleaning of demolition site, installation of silt curtain, north and south abutment and drain line. In addition, there will be sheeting and bracing of cofferdams.

WORK HOURS

Most work will be done during the daytime (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

WORK THAT HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Prior to Nov. 1, crews continued to demolish the existing bridge. The bridge is 90 percent demolished and work on the cofferdam is 30 percent complete.

TRAVEL TIPS

Westerly sidewalk, Lovejoy Wharf stairs near Converse are open to the public with the opening of the temporary bridge, the adjacent section of the Harborwalk passing under the bridge remains closed.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass.

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EDITORIAL

THERE WAS ONLY ONE "BOND.... JAMES BOND"

The passing last weekend of Sean Connery, who became known to everyone throughout the world for his role as James Bond in the 1960s films, was a sad event for all of us who grew up mesmerized by his performances.

Although many other actors have played the role over the years in the subsequent Bond movies, none came even close to epitomizing the charm, strength, and sense of humor that Connery brought to the role. (We have enjoyed the most recent Bond films starring Daniel Craig, though his Bond is of an entirely different sort than Connery's.)

Sean Connery's performances in those iconic films have stood the test of time. They are every bit as much fun and enjoyable to watch, no matter how many times we see them, principally because of Sean Connery.

Beyond his Bond roles, Connery starred in countless other outstanding films over the next 40 years and earned an Academy Award. Off-camera he also was a larger-than-life figure. He was well-respected and beloved among his peers and was an outstanding professional actor in every sense of the word.

He overcame his hard-scrabble background as a youth growing up in Scotland through hard work and determination and never forgot where he came from.

Although he was named People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive -- at the age of 59 -- his off-screen persona was hardly the raconteur he portrayed as Bond. Sean Connery was married to the same woman (his second wife) for 45 years, quite a feat in the movie business.

We came across a quote from his wife, Micheline Roquebrune, which in our view epitomizes the ideal that all men -- real men -- should strive for:

"He was a model of a man," she said.

Her words bring to mind the lines of Marc Antony from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar when Antony eulogizes Caesar:

His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that Nature might stand up
And say to all the world, "This was a man."

Sean Connery brought fun and joy to hundreds of millions of people for generations.

May he rest in peace.

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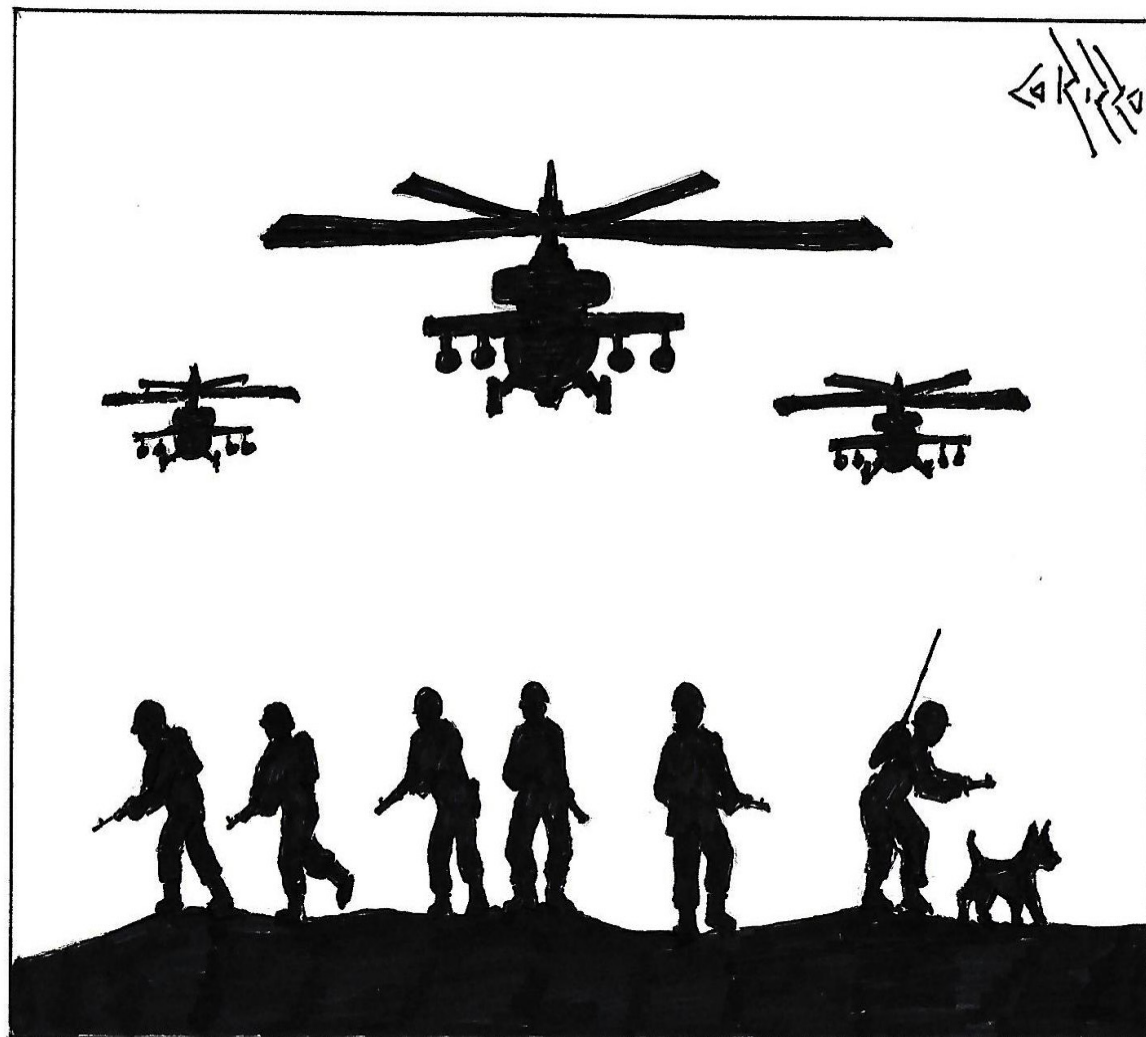
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The sun is shining

Dr. Glenn Mollette

The Sun is shining today and will rise tomorrow. For more years than we know the Sun has followed this same pattern.

The rising Sun is a good pattern for all of us. We know each day we can count on the Sun. Somedays the Sun is hidden by clouds but it's there. Too often we forget to notice the Sun. Often it feels too hot or we wish it would warm up. We are never completely satisfied with the job the Sun does. Too hot, not hot enough. Too bright. Through all of our life's discontents with the Sun's performance, the Sun keeps performing. Throughout my lifetime I don't know of a day that the Sun has let me down. It just keeps on glowing regardless of the day or world events.

I remember the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. His death was one of the darkest days I can remember as a child but the Sun never ceased to shine.

When Americans came home from Vietnam in boxes and thou-

sands of funerals were held around the country, we mourned but the Sun kept shining.

I've buried a wife and a baby and it seems like looking back that for a period of time I doubt that I even noticed the Sun was shining. Often life's traumas block the Sun from our eyes even if we are staring right into its rays.

Millions of Americans are unhappy with the election, and some aspects of American life. We don't like Covid-19, unemployment nor the unrest that is all over our country. We sadly have become alienated from good people who have different opinions than we do and this is tragic.

Today we need to look for the Sun. The Sun is not political. The Sun shines on the Democrats and the Republicans. The Sun shines on sinners and the righteous. The Sun takes care of the planet providing our warmth, growth and our very lives. We take the Sun for granted. So often we don't even pay attention to all the Sun does and provides. However, we need

the Sun. We do hear about the importance of clean water and air but are you grateful for the good air and water that you do have?

Take time to notice the Sun today. A clear day or a cloudy day will find the Sun shining. Another day of life means another day to enjoy all that God has created and made. I've never known a day of life without the Sun. I've never known a day that I couldn't find good people with whom to talk. I've never experienced a day that I didn't feel there were people to love and people who cared about me.

God has provided the Sun and as long as our creator wants it to shine it's going to shine. Today, let the Sun shine on you.

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North End/West End Center has new kitchen

By Phil Orlandella

With limitations of gatherings, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, cannot currently present monthly celebrations and weekly Friday meals at its community drop-in center located at 1 Michelangelo Street.

However, thanks to a grant from the Department of Neighborhood Development's Partner for Non-Prophets Program, along with the

state earmark for FY2020, the Center now has a top-of-the-line brand-new kitchen.

"The space has new cabinetry, stainless steel food preparation counters, a deep sink and microwave, stunning floor and much more," according to the Center.

The new kitchen meets all Serve Safe Compliance standards.

NSC staff and volunteers are eager to start preparing home-cooked multi-course meals but are waiting city and state guidelines on when it is safe to do so.

Meanwhile, the Center will use the kitchen to package and store food for its meal delivery program and food pantry.

The staff has been making the rounds in the buildings in the North End/West End including Ausonia, Michelangelo and Amy Lowell apartments to get hot lunches to residents.

Senator Joe Boncore, Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Representative Jay Livingston were instrumental in making the new kitchen possible.



A look at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center's new kitchen.

MBTA (from pg. 1)

rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus last week were set at 21,275 cases and deaths from the virus were totaled at 871. This seems like a huge jump from last week's numbers but the BPHC explained the numbers posted Tuesday, "include a one-time increase that is part of an ongoing effort to ensure data accuracy in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. The additional cases are no longer active and were contacted appropriately when the individual tested positive. The additional deaths are spread out over the last 3 to 6 months."

In response to the spikes here and across the city, Mayor Martin Walsh is urging everyone to get tested in order to stop the spread.

The philosophy of Walsh's administration is now, 'the more people who know they have COVID, the more we can isolate the sick from the healthy'.

In order to ensure more people get tested Walsh said Tuesday the city has continued to add free testing resources, especially in neighborhoods with higher case rates.

The Mayor noted that the City has passed the 20,000 case mark, or 2.9 percent of Boston's population, a clear indicator of the reach of the virus and the work needed to prevent further spread.

Last week Walsh unveiled the city's "Get the Test, Boston" pledge, campaign, and social media toolkit. The new initiative to encourage everyone to get tested regularly for COVID-19.

He discussed the importance of getting tested as part of keeping yourself and your family safe, and helping the City track the presence of the virus and respond effectively.

"The City is currently investing

in more testing resources, more contact tracing capacity, and more ability to support people who need to quarantine," said Walsh. "But, despite increased access, we've seen our daily testing numbers fall off in recent weeks."

The Mayor said we need to get more people tested, and asked for everyone's help.

"Reasons to get tested immediately include having COVID-like symptoms, having been exposed to someone with a confirmed case, having been part of a large gathering, or having recently traveled," he said. "In addition the virus is spreading among people who don't have symptoms who may not know they've been exposed. So we want everyone to be proactive and get tested if you are leaving your house for any reason."

The Mayor said that he gets

tested regularly and that it's a quick and painless experience. He also called it an opportunity to arm yourself with knowledge and be part of our community's defense against this virus.

"We will soon have stickers available at our mobile testing sites that say "I got the test" to help raise awareness and show there is no stigma to getting tested," he said. "We also have a social media toolkit available and we're asking everyone to promote the importance of getting tested throughout their networks."

The Mayor recognized that work hours can make it harder to find time to get tested, so he is asking employers to make it easier for workers to get tested.

"The "Get the Test, Boston" Pledge is a commitment that employers and individuals can

make to support testing access," said Walsh. "It keeps your workforce healthy and productive, it prevents an outbreak that could hurt business, and it's a way to help our city avoid having to roll back reopening. The City of Boston is taking the Pledge and offering eligible City employees one paid hour every 14 days to get tested during work hours. Employees will receive regular compensation for their time spent testing, and will not be required to use sick or

personal time for that hour."

Other employers can fulfill the Pledge in ways that work for them and their industry.

"All you have to do is encourage your employees to get tested and provide them with information about how and where to get tested," said Walsh. "You can also consider giving paid time off, or other forms of flexibility, for workers to get tested during work hours."



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A second air-carrier wants to join Cape Air in running a seaplane operation off Eastie's shores

By John Lynds

A second carrier wants to join Cape Air in running seaplanes from Boston Harbor, just off Eastie's shore, to New York City. Adding more noise to North End residents.

Cape Air, who got approval from the FAA to fly seaplanes on a route from Boston to a pier on Manhattan's East Side, began trial runs of the new operation last year. Now Tailwind Air has scheduled two public community meetings with Eastie residents regarding their proposed plan for seaplane service from Boston Harbor to New York City.

The meetings are sure to be contentious given the fact that Cape Air's CEO Dan Wolf and Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney repeatedly told the community at numerous meetings the takeoff and landing area in the water off Eastie would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney at a community meeting in 2018 trying to garner

support for the seaplane plan. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."

The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm with a second meeting scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Both meetings will be held via ZOOM at <https://tinyurl.com/tailwindcommunitymeeting>.

To RSVP and submit questions beforehand, please email tailwindboston@gmail.com

"So let me get this straight... We are going from zero to two seaplane operations?" said a frustrated April Abenza of Jeffries Point.

It seems a look into FAA approvals for the water landing area shows Tailwind, as well as Cape Air, were both granted the right to use the harbor for seaplane operations. Something Wolf and Bonney were allegedly not up front about when pitching their own seaplane operation.

Also, when Cape Air began testing flights, Jeffries Point residents reported the planes seemed a lot

louder than described by Wolf and Bonney.

The planes Cape Air would use are new Cessna Caravan nine-seat seaplanes.

"We did a sound study because we wanted to know what the acoustic impacts would be to the surrounding area," said Bonney at a community meeting. "The conclusion of the study was the impact would be minimal."

Bonney said the single engine Cessna is a relatively quiet seaplane.

"They are small aircraft that are pretty high performance so when they take off they climb to altitude relatively quickly to mitigate sound impacts," he said at the time.

However, they proved to be anything but, they did not climb to high altitudes in the harbor quickly, and usually banked right and headed over Beacon Hill.

Residents in Jeffries Point, as well as Beacon Hill, expressed disappointment over the operations and wished the planes were as quiet as Cape Air initially led on.

Wolf said Cape Air's plans involve flying seaplanes in and out of Boston Harbor. Wolf explained that a lot of major cities like Seattle, San Francisco and Vancouver have been doing this for years now so it's not a new concept.

Cape Air's seaplanes will take off and land on the water just off Eastie's shores near the Hyatt Boston Hotel and land at an already established seaplane dock on the East River in Manhattan near East 23th Street.

"It is relatively difficult to get from Downtown Boston to Midtown Manhattan," said Cape Air's Senior Vice President Andrew Bonney at a community meeting recently. "But with seaplanes from downtown to downtown you can reduce a three to four hour trip to just over an hour. So that's really the genesis for this. So people ask why seaplanes? Well, with this plan you remove all the other parts of flying except the flying part."

Bonney said commuters on seaplanes are not subjected to TSA security lines, ticket lines, luggage

lines and other inconveniences that are usually part of flying. Seaplane passengers would simply arrive at a proposed dock in Southie's Seaport District, board the seaplane, taxi out to the takeoff area near the Hyatt and then be on their way to New York City.

"And on the other end in New York it's the same thing," said Bonney. "We would land at the existing seaplane dock in Manhattan that has existed since the 1930's."

Bonney said one key fact about seaplanes is that they can only operate in daylight because pilots must be able to see the surface of the water and horizon.

"There really isn't the concern of aircraft waking you up at night...just not possible with seaplanes," said Bonney. The takeoff and landing base in the water off the Hyatt, explained Bonney, would be restricted by the FAA to only Cape Air operations.

"This is a private, restricted sea base," said Bonney. "So you wouldn't have to worry about other carriers using the area."

Targeted measures to curb rising COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations announced

The Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Charlie Baker announced these changes at

a time where public health data has indicated that cases are rising, with cases up by 278% and hospitalizations up by 145% since Labor Day. These measures are meant to disrupt rising trends now,

so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents and to prevent the need to roll back to Phase I or Phase II of the reopening plan.

All orders and advisories will be effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

New Orders & Advisories:

- Stay At Home Advisory: The Administration issued a revised Stay At Home Advisory to ensure residents avoid unnecessary activities that can lead to increased COVID-19 transmission. The revised Stay At Home Advisory instructs residents to stay home between 10 PM and 5 AM. The Advisory allows for activities such as going to work, running critical errands to get groceries and address health needs, and taking a walk.

- Early Closure of Businesses and Activities: Governor Baker issued a new executive order that requires the early closure of certain businesses and activities each night at 9:30 PM. The 9:30 PM closure requirement is aligned with the Stay At Home Advisory and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.

Effective Nov. 6, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.

- *Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 PM, although takeout and delivery may continue

for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol)

- *Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 PM (but may continue to sell other products)

- *Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 PM (not including medical marijuana)

- *Indoor & outdoor events
- *Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-in movie theaters), and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)

- *Youth and adult amateur sports activities

- *Golf facilities
- *Recreational boating and boating businesses

- *Outdoor recreational experiences

- *Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities

- *Driving and flight schools
- *Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers

- *Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)

- *Gyms, Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

- *Indoor and outdoor pools

- *Museums/cultural & historical facilities/guided tours

- Face Covering Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order related to face-coverings. The revised order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. The revised order still

allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but it allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. It also allows schools to require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

Gatherings Order: Governor Baker also signed an updated order restricting gatherings. The new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people. The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (e.g. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 PM.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

PUOPOLO PARK IMPROVEMENTS

The renovations of Puopolo Park on Commercial Street are moving along smoothly.

The artificial turf is down, the lights have been updated, and the work on the stands has been done.

The rumor is that the field will house baseball, softball, soccer and other events and could be ready for this spring.

NSC NEW KITCHEN

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) has a new modern kitchen through funding advocated by local elected officials.

RMV EXTENDED APPOINTMENTS

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended designated appointments for customers 75 years of age or older.

License renewals will be available on Wednesdays in November and December. For details: MassDOTRMVSeniors@dot or call 857-368-8005.

RENTAL RELIEF FUND

Mayor Martin Walsh has announced the reopening of applications for rental relief fund for at risk of eviction. Up to \$4000 in rental assistance. For details visit: RentalReliefFund/Boston.gov.

COMMUTER RAIL CHANGES

The MBTA has introduced a new schedule change to the Commuter Rail system in response to changing ridership patterns as a result of the pandemic. Schedules are available at mbta.com.

SUCCESSFUL GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

The City of Boston's Good Neighbor program in partnership with Nesterly that connects older at-risk individuals with volunteers to help with basic needs has fulfilled more than 4,500 requests for food delivery and friends' check-ins since its creation at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

CHARLIE CARD STORE REOPENED

The Charlie Card Store at Downtown Crossing has reopened according to the MBTA.

In person transactions will take place Tuesday through Friday.

Tuesday and Thursday hours 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Visit mbta.com/charliecard-store.

ELIOTT SCHOOL ASSISTS WITH PUBLIC ART

The Elliott K-8 Innovation School in the North End collaborated with American Heritage Park on The Greenway inspired by two geometric features at the park, the Abstract Sculpture, a split rhomboid dodecahedron and the Labyrinth.

It was an engaging way for students, families, and teaches to learn more about each other.

NORTH END/WATERFRONT PLANS RELEASED

Boston Mayor Martin Walsh has put forth plans to enhance the Waterfront and to protect the North End from rising sea levels and coastal flooding due to climate change for his Climate Ready Boston program.

NOVEMBER 13 DEADLINE FOR A TURKEY

The deadline for requesting a turkey from the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center is Friday, November 13. For details call 617-523-8125.

HELP FOR SENIOR HEATING

The City of Boston has re-launched the Senior Save Program to help them replace failing heating systems to ensure they are ready for winter. For details call 617-635-4663.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS DELAYED

NEWRA has delayed its annual election of officers until April 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic has reduced the number of members that can participate.

OFFICE OF ARTS GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced the 2021 applications for Boston Cultural Council organizational grants are now available until November 16.

Grants are available for organizations that benefit the public by offering arts programming in the

neighborhood.

Visit: boston.gov/arts-grants.

NEWNC MEETING

NEWNC will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, December 14 at about 7pm.

GET FLU SHOT

Health leaders are urging residents to get a flu vaccination during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPONSOR A BENCH OR TREE

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have launched its sponsor a bench or an oak tree that lines the Trellis. For details visit FOCCP website: foccp.com.

PUPPY TRAINING CLASSES

RUFF will soon begin offering a free series of puppy socialization and training classes in the park located at Prince Street.

Proof of vaccination licensing must be provided. Tune-in to the RUFF social channels for updates and dates.

DOG BARKING PROBLEMS

The influx of new dogs and puppies has created an uptick in complaints due to barking in the local dog park.

RUFF asks owners to attempt to curb their dogs barking or remove them from the park.

RMV EXTENDS HOURS FOR 75 AND OLDER

Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has extended its designated Wednesday appointment for customers 75 years or older into October at various locations. Hours may vary at each site. Visit www.Mass.Gov/RMV for more details.

FOCCP FALL FESTIVAL

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) are planning their Fall Festival with distanced pop-up events for children.

Plans include fun decorations and music under the center Trellis. Dates and times to be announced.

RFI RELEASE

A Request for Information (RFI) has been released for com-

munity organizations and Boston residents to share a vision of a racism-free Boston by the Boston Health Commission. For details email mreid@bphc.org.

SMALL BUSINESS HELP AVAILABLE

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.

NEMPAC RENOVATIONS

NEMPAC has made reservations to the Prado and Hull Street space to embrace creativity in vibrance for all ages and abilities.

NEW GREENWAY INITIATIVE

A new initiative that will increase visitor's engagement with The Greenway through interactive Geo Visualization-Blown Tractor that allows exploring the park online. Learn more by visiting www.rosekennedy.greenway.org/blooms.

NEWRA MEMBERSHIP

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

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.

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 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.



DIVISION OF
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Join Us for a Virtual Public Meeting

on

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 6:30 PM

We Want to Hear from You!

The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is hosting a virtual public meeting to discuss the redevelopment of the Charles F. Hurley Building at 19 Staniford Street in Downtown Boston. This public meeting will allow you to provide input about the site's challenges and opportunities prior to DCAMM issuing an RFP to bring on a redevelopment partner.

The meeting will be held online, via Zoom. To pre-register visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/y53jdjve>

For more information, please visit the project website:

mass.gov/hurley-redevelopment

Accommodations

The public meeting is accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited proficiency in English. Live interpretation will be available in Spanish. Accessibility accommodations and language services will be provided free of charge, upon request, as available. Such services include documents in alternate formats, translated documents, closed captioning, and interpreters. For more information, to request a reasonable accommodation and/or language services, or if you need assistance accessing the Zoom registration link, please email apoggenburg@reginavilla.com or call 617-357-5772 x 26 by no later than Friday, November 13, 2020.

CITY PAWS

Enriching life for urban dogs

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

A few years after we moved to Boston, we had to convince a long-time Westie breeder and rescuer to let us have one of her puppies. She was totally against allowing a dog to go to a home in the city. We had references from two Westie people she knew well and sent her dozens of articles we had published about living in the city with dogs.

She finally relented and allowed Maggie Mae to join our family. We quickly became her city ambassadors. Before long, Maggie had a couple of half brothers, Edgar and Wallace in the neighborhood. A lovely 12-year-old Westie named Lily found a home in our community. This woman taught us about Westie rescue. The volunteering

we've done over the years has been in her honor.

Better Monitoring of Health and Safety

Some people may not see the positive aspects of living with a dog in close quarters. However, we know city dogs can have a great life if their guardians give them the care and training needed.

Dr. Stephanie Liff, a veterinarian at Brooklyn Cares Veterinary Clinic, spoke to the website Policy-Genius about the positive aspects of city life for dogs. She pointed out that people who live with a dog in a small space and take that dog for walks on a leash are more aware of important aspects of their animal's health, saying, "They know every bowel movement,

every morsel of food that goes into their mouths."

We would add that city dogs are safer from wildlife since they spend less time alone outside than dogs that are either left outside for long periods or let out alone to relieve themselves.

Most city dogs are better socialized with people and other animals since they have more positive contact with both. These canines may be easier for veterinary professionals, groomers, and others to handle because they have experience with dog walkers, doggie daycare attendants, and other people who take them for walks without their guardians.

Training Makes It Better

Some aspects of city life require a bit of training for a dog to become comfortable day-to-day. There is a specific Urban Canine Good Citizenship certificate you and your dog can earn that includes the particular skills required to be a well-behaved dog in a city.



A surprising number of city dogs love to spend time watching the world go by from a comfortable park bench. This lovely Bernese Mountain Dog is one of them.

Some of the requirements for passing this test include using and sharing stairs, elevators, common hallways, lobbies, and doors to the street with behavior and house-training under control.

Your dog must also be able to walk on a busy sidewalk and cross streets politely without inappropriate response to distractions like sirens, horns, bikes, deliv-

ery trucks, etc. The test for using urban transportation like buses, subways, and cars requires training for a dog. The most challenging test for our dog, Poppy, would be ignoring food on the sidewalk. She's food-obsessed.

Fun Times Are the Best!

The best aspect of an enriched life for an urban dog is fun with his or her people. That might be playing fetch with a favorite toy or having a playdate with a favorite friend. You can teach your dog to initiate playtime by responding when they approach you with a toy.

Yes, there will be times when you have to give out a treat and an IOU, but take a few moments to play whenever you can. It will be good for both of you and will enrich that particular day for your canine companion.

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

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A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Medway Country Manor Skilled Nursing of Medway, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order for and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Jonathan M. Spirn, Esq. of Waltham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Personal Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy

of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/16/2020. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative ap-

pointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 05, 2020 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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