



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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### Community chips in for senior Valentine's Day

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center celebrated a special Valentine's Day for seniors of the neighborhood.

Many people, businesses and organizations contributed to the event.

Contributors were Jon Royle of TABLE and Table Mercato, Adam Castiglione, Greater Food Bank, Whole Foods Market, Pizzeria Regina, Antico Forno, LaFamiglia Giorgio's, North End Rehabilitation and Health Center and Saint John School.



*Love Was in the Air at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center as volunteers organize some of the treats for the seniors.*

### North End outdoor dining applications being accepted

By Phil Orlandella

A tentative deadline of March 15, has been established by the City of Boston for North End restaurants to submit applications for this season's outdoor dining program, which was started in 2020 ensuring businesses have the opportunity to add services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In order to fully anticipate the accommodations needed due to high density of restaurants in the

North End, the City has set a soft deadline for those planning to submit applications.

According to the City, "This deadline will help to better understand the impacts of the program relating to parking and curbside uses to the neighborhood and will also ensure that the air is consistency during the outdoor dining season."

Owners that may need assistance submitting an application by the deadline can email [2021outdoordining@bostonn.gov](mailto:2021outdoordining@bostonn.gov).

### Boston Barber Co. owner found his calling cutting hair in parents' Fleet Street basement

By Dan Murphy

Robert Dello Russo today owns Boston Barber Co., with locations on Beacon Hill and in the North End, but he got his start as a barber by the time he reached his early teens, inauspiciously plying his trade out of the humble basement of his parents' Fleet Street apartment.

The 44-year-old North End native started "fooling around" with barbering at about the age of 12 or 13, as he describes it, by cutting the hair of his friends and relatives who couldn't afford a haircut. "Charging was out of the question," he added.

Cutting hair came naturally to Dello Russo, he said, and before he knew it, he was as skilled as a professional barber.

"I had too many clients and was spending the whole day in the basement," he said, "so it got ridiculous."

By the age of 15 or 16, Dello

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*Robert Dello Russo, owner and head barber of Boston Barber Co. at 124 Bowdoin Street on Beacon Hill and Boston Barber & Tattoo Co. at 113 Salem St. in the North End, as well as a North End native.*

### Gerald "Jerry" Moretti, 69, of Boston's North End dies

By John Lynds

Every once in a while someone comes along and impacts the lives of many, not through any specific action, but just by being a loving and caring soul. Some are just born without a mean bone in their body and have the uncanny ability to make people smile simply by being present.

If anyone on earth ever possessed such a rare quality it was Jerry Moretti of the North End.

Gerald "Jerry" Moretti, who was loved by all who knew him and a mentor to dozens of kids who grew up in the North End, died Tuesday, February 23 surrounded by his family. He was 69 years old.

At his funeral mass Saturday at St. Leonard Church on Hanover Street, Jerry's son, Jeffrey, delivered an inspirational eulogy remembering his late father

"I can only hope that the lessons that he has taught us will be reflected to our own children,"



*Gerald "Jerry" Moretti, 69, of Boston's North End*

said Jeffrey. "And not to only our children but to our friends as well. My uncle Steven said it best; "Gerald was his blessing". But I also take it that all of you, were blessed to have known and loved him as well. Dad was the hardest working, faithful, compassionate person that I have known. And by the amount of people that are here today, and by the number of texts,

(JERRY, Pg. 7)

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# EDITORIAL

## WE MUST BE WARY OF THE VIRUS

With the arrival of the vaccines and the spring season, it is clear that there is a light at the end of the tunnel from our year-long battle with COVID-19.

However, the good news that has been seen in the past month across the country, in terms of dramatic reductions in cases, deaths, and hospitalizations, by no means should make any of us think that we can let our guard down against this shape-shifting, deadly virus.

The variants of COVID-19 that are working their way through our population are more contagious and thought to be deadlier than the original, and may even present a challenge to the efficacy of the vaccines.

In addition, very few of us actually have been vaccinated. Although the Johnson & Johnson one-shot vaccine was approved for use this past weekend, the company will not be able to begin distributing its vaccine in large numbers until the end of March.

While it may be true that we are winning the war against COVID, every American must realize that COVID-19 is a hunter and we are its prey. Until each of us can get vaccinated over the next two months, we must remain vigilant and practice all of the things we have been doing to stay safe for the past year -- wearing a mask, avoiding large groups, washing our hands frequently, and staying six feet apart from others.

The finish line is in sight -- let's go strong to the end.

## A FUTURE WITH MASKS?

There has been one positive piece of news during the otherwise tragic COVID-19 pandemic, and that is this: The number of deaths and severe illness caused by the ordinary flu is down dramatically from a typical flu season.

Epidemiologists credit this downturn to a number of factors: International travel is virtually non-existent, people are not gathering in large groups, people are working from home (and therefore not going into their offices while sick), more people got their flu shots than ever, and most of us are wearing masks.

Although the reduction in the number of deaths from the regular flu by no means offsets the increase in the deaths from COVID-19 -- COVID is estimated to be 5-10 times deadlier than the seasonal flu -- the substantial reduction in deaths from the ordinary flu gives us some hope that the lessons we have learned during this year of COVID-19 may enlighten us as to how to combat less-deadly viruses in the future.

In addition, there is no doubt that the incredible effort by the scientific community to develop an effective vaccine against COVID-19 in such a short time will pay fruits in terms of our understanding of other illnesses and our ability to fight them.



OPENING SCHOOLS... FOLLOW THE RULES

## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### NEW CHANGES SHOULD HELP RESTAURANTS

There is no question the North End is the restaurants capital of Massachusetts.

Like many other businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, eateries have experienced its share of financial problems and closures.

However, things appear to be heading to the brighter side, as closing hours and capacity numbers have been increased.

In addition, outdoor dining

will take place for the second consecutive year.

These changes should help businesses prosper until things returned to normal.

Time will tell, but more is needed.

### STATE STREET ONE-WAY PROPOSAL NOT THE BEST IDEA

Making State Street a one-way needs to be seriously thought out by the Boston Transportation

Department before being implemented.

Currently, traffic is very light due to the COVID-19 pandemic but sometime in the future, the street will return to normal heavy traffic, that a one-way will not be able to handle.

Adding a bike lane and widening the sidewalks will only add to a negative situation, making it difficult for business delivery drop-offs.

This is definitely a rethink situation.

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Russo said he “started getting a little bit serious” and began charging \$5 per haircut.

His makeshift barbershop then consisted of a chair, which, he said, wasn’t even a proper barber’s chair, and he worked using a pair of cheap clippers he bought at CVS.

In time, however, Dello Russo acquired a professional barber’s chair and station for the space, and his father “indulged” him, he said, by outfitting it with a counter and a sink. He even had a TV and a small restroom down there for customers.

“It was like a little social club with barber’s chair,” he recalled.

Dello Russo called it the “Men’s Den” and even had business cards printed up (albeit on ordinary paper as opposed to on cardboard stock).

As supportive as his parents were of his business aspirations, they drew the line at allowing him to install a barber’s chair outside their home, Dello Russo said.

An ongoing joke around the neighborhood back then was that Dello Russo is in fact the fabled Demon Barber of Fleet Street from “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street,” the 1979 Broadway musical that later spawned a 2007 film adaptation directed by Tim Burton.

“I did in fact grow up on Fleet Street my whole life,” Dello Russo said, “but not in London.”

By the time he reached his late teens, however, Dello Russo had all but abandoned barbering, which he then viewed as more of a pastime than as a possible profession. “In my basement, it wasn’t real,” he said.

Instead, he tried his hand as a carpenter and as an electrician, among other occupations, but nothing seemed to click for him.

It was then that Dello Russo began pursuing a career in barbering in earnest, eventually going on to graduate in 1996 from New England Hair Academy in Malden.

Afterwards, Dello Russo worked at a few barbershops, both in and out of the city, but all the while, he aspired to be his own boss.

“I had a vision about what kind of barbershop it would be,” Dello Russo said, “so I quit my job and started looking for a space in the North End.”

In 2007, Dello Russo opened his first barbershop (now called “Boston Barber & Tattoo Co.,”) at 113 Salem St. with two barber chairs. He has expanded in that location every year since then to now include 12 barber’s stations

and a full service café with an espresso bar, as well a tattoo parlor, which he opened in 2011 after building on an empty lot adjacent to his building.

While the addition of the tattoo parlor might seem like an odd expansion move for a barbershop, Dello Russo said it made a lot more sense to him than opening a tanning or nail salon there, as others had suggested to him.

“Everything else that popped up took away from the integrity of what I created,” said Dello Russo, whereas in contrast, tattoos are “an art form that goes along with being a barber.”

In hindsight, Dello Russo said: “I wanted something that would be attractive businesswise and would get people talking, and it worked.”

The Salem Street barbershop expanded yet again in the fall of 2019 when Dello Russo took over the adjacent space previously occupied by North End Nails.

In 2011 – the same year he added the tattoo parlor to his Salem Street barbershop – Dello Russo purchased the Beacon Hill barbershop at 124 Bowdoin St.

Dello Russo walked up there during a snowstorm, hoping to get an audience with the owner, Peter Fenerlis, whom he’d never met before. On his person, Dello Russo had a Bill of Sale certificate he printed himself, as well as a backpack full of cash, he said, so the owner “would know [he] wasn’t joking around.”

Dello Russo’s overture was well received, and he walked out of there that day as the proud owner of his second barbershop.

As for expanding to Beacon Hill, Dello Russo said the decision was a “no-brainer” for him.

“We were the only barbershop on Beacon Hill for a long time,” he said, “so all anybody had to do was care and to make the place nice [to succeed].”

Owning the Bowdoin Street barbershop had also been a dream of Dello Russo’s since childhood when he would pass the Capitol Barber Shop at 124 Bowdoin St. on his way to the State House to visit father, also named Robert Dello Russo, who was then working as chief of staff for former Massachusetts Speaker of the House and State Rep. Sal DiMasi. “I swore that one day I would own that shop,” he said.

The Bowdoin Street barbershop has operated under several different owners since opening in 1922, and once counted John F. Kennedy, who, prior to reaching the White House, lived in an apartment upstairs, among its



John F. Kennedy is seen outside the barbershop at 124 Bowdoin St. in 1957.

loyal patrons.

Today, both locations of Boston Barber Co. are regularly patronized by local elected officials, including Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Dello Russo’s childhood friend, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who, in his 20s, lived a few doors down on Fleet Street from Dello Russo’s childhood home and began getting haircuts from him in the basement.

“I wanted to be supportive and help my friend out,” said Rep. Michlewitz, “and he gave a really good haircut. He was a natural in that sense, and I’ve been going to him ever since.”

In fact, Rep. Michlewitz said although he looks out the window of his State House office onto the Bowdoin Street barbershop, he still makes the trek to the North End to get his hair personally cut by Dello Russo, who works out of that location.

Upon moving into Beacon Hill, Dello Russo did his part to complement the adjacent State House, he said, by installing a gold-leaf painted sign with all gold accents, as well as white marble counter-tops that match the stone steps leading to the building.

“I did my very best to uphold the style and integrity of the neighborhood,” he said.

Three years ago, the Bowdoin Street barbershop expanded when Dello Russo took over the space next door previously occupied by a dry cleaners, bringing the total number of barber’s stations at this location to seven.

While the pandemic hit his industry particularly hard over the past year, Dello Russo credits his “amazing staff,” including Nikki Medieros, his manager, and Steve

Silver, his assistant manager, for their unwavering commitment to Boston Barber Co. throughout it all.

And as he celebrates his first decade on Bowdoin Street this year, Dello Russo is well aware of how far he has come from cutting hair in his parents’ basement.

“My goal was to become a staple in Beacon Hill,” he said, “and I sure hope I’m on my way to achieving it.”

For more information or to book an appointment at either Boston Barber Co. location, visit [bostonbarber.com](http://bostonbarber.com).

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# Councilor Edwards launches reelection campaign with virtual kickoff

By John Lynds

Last Friday night District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards kicked off her reelection campaign for a third term with a virtual celebration on Facebook.

The event included a speech by Edwards, who represents the North End, East Boston and Charlestown, as well as remarks from guest speakers and colleagues like Sen. Joseph Boncore.

Addressing her supporters at the virtual event Edwards said the theme of 2021 and her campaign is a rebound from 2020 with hope of a brighter future for all.

"This is the comeback year," said Edwards last Friday. "This is the comeback year for our city. This is the comeback year for all of us individually. You know 2020 was, for many of us-myself includ-



City Councilor Lydia Edwards launched her reelection campaign virtually last Friday.

ed--was a very painful year. There were some unexpected losses. We all had plans and beautiful things that we wanted to see happen but they couldn't happen. It was a year of reflection and this year will be a year of action for me."

Edwards said she doesn't just want the city to be "Boston Strong" for 2021 but "Boston Stronger".

"I want us to be the strongest we've ever been," said Edwards. "I want us to be stronger, smarter and bolder. To be so unafraid because of what we have seen throughout this pandemic. We didn't look at some things directly in the past. A lot of things that we ignored before and how bad some of the inequities were. We didn't have a choice not to see them during this pandemic. We didn't have a choice not to see the food lines, not to see people who are facing eviction..we didn't have a choice. And so now here we are and we're going to recover and we're going to do it in a way that sees all of that, and addresses it as well. We're coming back stronger

than ever before."

Edwards said will continue to fight for the residents of the neighborhood.

"Yes, we have been in fights and we're going to continue fighting," said Edwards. "We're okay with the fight, we're okay with a long term generational fight because at the end of the day we're fighting for our future. We're fighting for our homes so we're going to fight and we're going to continue to stay on focused and we're going to look towards our future."

Edwards highlighted many of her accomplishments during her first two terms like revamping the Zoning Board of Appeals and securing 20 percent affordable housing at the proposed Suffolk Downs project.

"I'm hoping what you see is that there's a huge return on your

investment in me," said Edwards. "I don't take it lightly that you went out of your way to go and vote for me or that you donated your hard earned money. I don't take it lightly. The more support I have from all of you, the less I feel afraid of anything that comes my way or the less because I know you have my back. So I'll be here in the fight as long as you will have me."

At the event Sen. Boncore added, "What Lydia's done with her council seat is nothing short of amazing. I'm so proud to work on issues with her. She is such an economic justice warrior, an environmental justice warrior, and a social justice warrior. The work she does in the City Council makes us all proud."

## North End positive COVID tests remain the same

By John Lynds

Last week, North End's cumulative COVID-19 positive test rate remained the same but the weekly positive test rate increased.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, overall since the pandemic started 45,460 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6 percent of those tested were COVID positive--this was the same percentage reported two weeks ago by the BPHC.

However, last week 2,867 residents were tested and 2.1 per-

cent were positive--a 10.5 percent decrease from the 1.9 percent reported two Fridays ago.

Citywide, 26,561 residents were tested and 3.5 percent were COVID positive--a 6.25 percent decrease from the 3.8 percent testing positive two weeks ago.

At a press briefing Monday Mayor Martin Walsh said an average of nearly 3,800 Boston residents were tested for COVID each day last week.

"The 7-day average for daily positive tests was 161 and the average daily positive rate was 3.5 percent," said Walsh. "The City's case metrics have levelled off and even ticked upward in the last few days of data. This is not a

cause for concern, but it's a good reminder not to take this positive trend for granted."

The Mayor urged everyone to remain vigilant and take all necessary precautions to protect themselves and our communities against the virus.

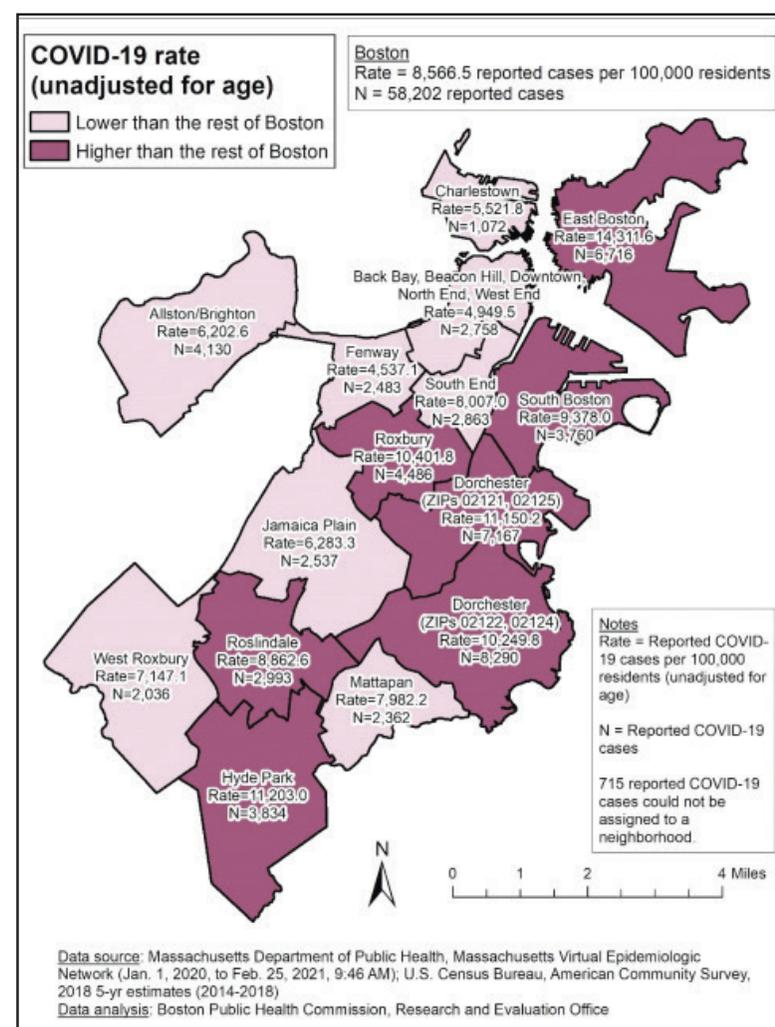
"That includes wearing a mask with a good fit (whether you wear one mask or two masks, make sure there is a tight fit on the sides of your face); washing your hands frequently, with soap and warm water; continuing to socially distance and avoid gatherings; and getting tested regularly," he said.

The Mayor also encouraged seniors and everyone who is eligible to receive the vaccine to get it as soon as they can. Boston residents 65 and older can call 3-1-1 and get connected to the City's Age Strong Commission for help in multiple languages. Veterans 55 or older, enrolled in VA Healthcare, can get vaccinated at any VA health facility in Boston.

"The full schedule for vaccine eligibility is at Mass.gov/CovidVaccine," said Walsh. "And the State has a Vaccine Scheduling Resource available by calling 2-1-1."

The BPHC data released last Friday showed North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 494.9 cases per 10,000 residents, up 2.9 percent from 480.9 cases per 10,000 residents.

An additional 78 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from



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

2,680 cases to 2,758 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 rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2.1 percent percent last week and went from 57,675 cases to 58,917 confirmed cases in a week. Twenty-six additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,274 total deaths in the city from COVID.

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8:00 pm - Easter Vigil

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8:00pm - Last Supper Mass

### Good Friday, April 2:

12:00pm - Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm - Liturgy of the Passion

### Easter Sunday, April 4:

9:00am - Easter Mass  
10:30am - Easter Mass  
12:00pm - Easter Mass

Note: All masses and stations of the cross will be available via St Leonard Facebook livestream

**IN BRIEF** By Phil Orlandella

**REPRESENTATIVE MICHLEWITZ HOSTS COVID-19 FORUM**

A virtual meeting hosted by Representative Aaron Michlewitz was held that addressed all facts of COVID-19 recovery as part of a series dealing with the pandemic.

The first forum focused on public health and recovery.

Hospitality and economic recovery were the topics of the second virtual meeting.

A third meeting will be held on Thursday, March 25 at 5:30 PM that will include information ensuring equity and economic recovery.

Jim Luisi, Chief Executive of North End Waterfront Health along with other officials participated and the first two meetings and are expected to be available for the March 25 meeting.

**STREET SWEEPING IN THE NORTH END UNDERWAY**

North End residents need to be

prepared to move their vehicles on certain days and times as the City has begun street sweeping.

In addition, the Boston Transportation Department will resume ticketing enforcement for expired inspection stickers and vehicle registrations.

Enforcement of certain violations at the beginning of the pandemic were eased by the Mayor Martin Walsh to ensure residents could minimize their need to get out to slow the spread of COVID-19.

“With spring approaching, we are asking residents to move their vehicles during posted street sweeping time to ensure our Public Works Department is able to fully clean streets citywide,” Mayor Walsh said.

Failure to comply for street sweeping will result in a \$40 fine. An expired inspection sticker or vehicle registration will also result in a \$40 fine.

Residents with parking permits will continue to be allowed to park at meters within the neighborhood without having to abide by the time limits or pay the meter.

**OLD NORTH CHURCH VACCINATIONS SITE**

As part of a partnership with NEW Health, residents over the age of 75 were able to receive COVID-19 vaccinations at the Old North Church.

“They’re our most precious assets in this community and what better place than the Old North Church to do it,” NEW Health CEO James Luisi said.

The church was open three days a week at different hours to accommodate the seniors.

“We are excited to partner with NEW Health, our local community center to provide a safe, comfortable space for neighbors to receive vaccinations,” the Church noted on electronic mail.

**ISD COMMISSIONER PARTICIPATING IN MARCH NEWRA MEETING**

Concerns relating to the opera-

tion of the City of Boston Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) have been raised by the North End Waterfront Residents’ Association (NEWRA) have prompted the community organization to invite Dion Irish, Commissioner of Inspectional Service Department (ISD) to participate in the next monthly meeting scheduled for March 11.

NEWRA is seeking an outline presentation of the ZBA process, policies and procedures.

The Commissioner has accepted the invitation to explain and answer questions relating to the ZBA.

NEWRA President Cheryl Delgreco said, “All North End residents should have confidence that their voices will be heard and have an equally open, transparent situation with the ZBA process.”

**NEW GREENWAY ARTWORK INSTALLED**

Complete installation of the Andy Li’s “The Herd” artwork has taken place at Auntie Kay and Uncle Frank Park on The Greenway.

This new public artwork continues the annual curation of sculpture installations celebrating the twelve years of the Chinese Zodiac, according to the Greenway Conservancy.

Li’s work reflects on the “Year of the Ox”. “A series of banners have been installed along the Serpentine Path with messages in Chinese and English,” the Conservancy said.

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Sealed bids shall be filed electronically no later than **4:00 pm on Friday, March 26, 2021** by login onto the City of Boston Procurement website as listed and accessing the above listed event number. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation for bid will commence **on or about Monday, April 12, 2021.**

William Morales, Commissioner  
(March 08, March 15, March 22)

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# Sen. Boncore reappointed Chair of Transportation

By John Lynds

Sen. Joseph Boncore (D-Winthrop) was recently reappointed by Senate President Karen Spilka to once again chair the Joint Committee on Transportation. Boncore, who represents the North End, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and part of Cambridge, was first appointed chair of the committee by former Senate President Harriette Chandler in 2018 after Tom McGee left the state senate to become mayor of Lynn.

"I was to thank Senate President Karen Spilka for reappointing me Chair of the Transportation Committee," said Boncore. "I look forward to continuing our work to make transportation equitable, reliable and safe."

With a major international air-



Sen. Joseph Boncore

port, highway, and MBTA line in his district it made sense for Spilka to reappoint Boncore chair of Transportation.

Over the years Boncore's work on transportation has been rooted in a commitment to the priorities of the Commonwealth-- including his transit-heavy First Suffolk and Middlesex district, which encompasses stretches of both Interstate 90 and 93, all five MBTA subway lines, Logan Airport, South Station and portions of the Boston Harbor.

Since being elected Boncore has advocated for increased ferry service in the Harbor, improvements to the Sumner Tunnel toll plaza, an increase in Massport mitigation to surrounding communities, late night MBTA service as well as addressing other transportation needs and improvements in his district.

In the last legislative session Boncore led efforts to pass the transportation bond bill; a \$16.5

billion investment to modernize the Commonwealth's transportation system. In addition to the wide variety of infrastructure projects, the bond bill addresses equity in public transit by requiring a low-income fare program, modernizes the transportation network fee structure, and decriminalizes fare evasion on MBTA service.

Boncore emerged as a staunch opponent of the MBTA's proposed service cuts late last year due to a decrease in ridership due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boncore argued that those who continue to utilize public transit throughout this public health crisis are the families, individuals, and essential workers who rely on it most.

Of the proposed cuts, Boncore said, "We must treat public transportation as a public good, sim-

ilar to our roads and bridges. Expecting riders to face the consequences of less frequent service, delays, and crowding is unacceptable. Especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must prioritize public health and safety."

Additionally, Boncore was selected to serve as a member on the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, the Senate Committee on Ethics, and the Senate Committee on Financial Services.

"I look forward to working with Senate leadership through my additional committee assignments to ensure health and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

Prior to joining the Senate, Boncore was an attorney in Eastie and served as the chair of the Winthrop Housing Authority.

## City not fooling around with restaurant owners that ignore capacity restrictions

By John Lynds

Last month when Mayor Martin Walsh said the City is taking swift action when establishments do not meet safety protocols he wasn't kidding.

Since restaurants were able to reopen with capacity restrictions during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Boston Licensing Board has instituted a weekly standing emergency hearing on

Mondays to address any violations. Those hearings have resulted in immediate closures, when necessary.

Last week the Licensing Board issued a one-day suspension to two North End restaurants for exceeding 40 percent of the restaurant's normal seating capacity.

Both Rabia's and Crudo, both on Salem Street, were issued one-day suspensions that were served on Monday.

According to the Licensing Board this was Rabia's second appearance and in December, the board gave Rabia's a stern warning after being in violation of the seating capacity and ban on live music.

Throughout the winter the Inspectional Services Department worked with Boston Police, Boston Fire, the Licensing Board, and Boston Public Health Commission on enforcement. They had been

in constant contact with business owners to make sure they understood the regulations.

However, some like Rabia's and Crudo were unfortunately found to be in violation and issued suspensions by the Licensing Board last week.

On Monday, Walsh announced that the Governor announced that the State is moving forward in reopening.

"Starting today with Phase 3, Step 2; and starting on March 22 with Phase 4, Step 1," Walsh said at a press briefing Monday. "Boston is also moving forward, but we have some important exceptions to the changes going into effect today. This is consistent with the City's cautious approach throughout the crisis. We are moving up to 50% maximum capacity at many indoor businesses including gyms, museums, offices, movie theaters, hotels, and stores. We are moving forward to allow the use of fitting rooms in retail stores."

The city is lifting the capacity limit at restaurants but requiring 6 feet of space between tables, six people maximum per table, and 90-minute limits on seating. This, like the seating capacity restrictions, will be strictly enforced by the city.

"We are not moving forward with live music in restaurants until at least March 22," said Walsh. "We are not opening indoor performance venues like concert halls and theaters until at least March 22. And we are not opening higher-contact indoor recreation like roller skating, laser tag, or trampolines until at least March 22. On those steps, as well as Phase 4, the City of Boston will move forward on March 22, if our case data and public health guidance supports it."

The Mayor emphasized that the City of Boston is committed to economic recovery and at the same time, keeping people safe and continuing to slow the spread.

"This must be our first priority," said Walsh. "Our economic recovery depends on our public health progress."



## Virtual Public Meeting

### Guidelines for the Downtown Waterfront

Wednesday, March 10

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: [bit.ly/2NZgDyH](https://bit.ly/2NZgDyH)

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 829 2496

#### Project Description:

Please join Boston Planning & Development planning for a virtual meeting to develop Design and Use Guidelines for the Downtown Waterfront. The Guidelines will inform new development and establish uniform requirements for Harborwalk, the public realm, open space resources and public use facilities. We are looking to hear your thoughts on how to better activate the Downtown Waterfront, ensure the area is welcoming and accessible to all residents and visitors, and create an improved sense of place and clarity.

Translation and interpretation services can be made available upon request by reaching out to [chris.busch@boston.gov](mailto:chris.busch@boston.gov)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### STREET CLEANING UNDERWAY

Street cleaning in the North End has started and will be enforced by ticketing and subject to towing.

Expired inspection stickers and vehicle registration will also be enforced.

### SEEKING REELECTION

Boston City Counselor Lydia Edwards, whose district includes the North End is seeking reelection.

### RENEWAL OF INSPECTION STICKERS

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles reminds customers to renew expired inspection stickers.

Almost 600,000 active vehicle registrations currently need annual emissions and safety inspections.

### ANNUAL RESIDENTS LISTING

The City of Boston Election

Department is conducting its annual residents' sensors with mailings sent to households.

Boston residents age 17 and older are asked to complete the census form for each household.

### AMERICAN HERITAGE PARK FULL OF DESIGN

American Heritage Park on The Greenway is full of innovative designs that features things for viewing.

The Abstract Sculpture, a split Rhomboid, a reflecting pool that washes over the inside and reemerges as a single jet of water at the Labyrinth's Center.

The Labyrinth, a circling winding path paved in grass and inlaid stone, art, service, science and commerce are etched around its circle.

### OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

The City of Boston has set a soft dead line of March to submit

applications for outdoor dining in the North End.

### OLD NORTH PRESENTS WOMEN'S HISTORY

Celebrate Women's History Month with a special program presented by the Old North Church on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 PM.

Learn about the unique ways women of Boston influenced and shaped the world around them throughout the centuries. A one-hour program.

Free tickets with donation.

### NEWNC MEETING

The next North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting will be held on Monday, March 8 at 7 p.m.

### CITY NOT TICKETING EXPIRED DISABILITY PLACARDS/PLATES

The Boston Transportation Department will not ticket expired

disability placards/plates if they expired during the public health emergency, given potential challenges for people to renew at this time.

The Registry is only processing request for disability placards/plates by mail.

### RUFF VIRTUAL EVENTS

Upcoming RUFF events:

- March-St. Patrick's Day virtual photo contest by tagging in photos of your pet dressed up for the holiday and use #Lick of The Irish to be entered for a chance to win a great prize.

- April-Play along with the virtual Easter Egg Hunt for a chance to win a prize.

### NEAA BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) has opened registration for the 2021 baseball season for youth ages four to fifteen.

Program includes clinics,

Majors and the Dodgers team.

For more information visit [www.neabaseball.com](http://www.neabaseball.com).

### FREE TAX HELP

Residents that earn \$57,000 or less per year can receive free tax assistance preparation through the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

Qualified residents must call 311 or visit [www.bostontaxhelp.org](http://www.bostontaxhelp.org) for appointment.

### RUFF HARBOR WALKS

The next Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) winter walk series event will take place on Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m. Meet at Starbucks, 2 Atlantic Avenue for a leisurely Harbor Walk.

RSVP as spots are limited for proper social distancing and wear a facemask.

### NEWRA MEETING

The next North End Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m.

### JERRY (from pg. 1)

calls, FB messages, flowers, food that we have received over the last few days were overwhelming with beautiful and heartfelt messages, which is a testament to him."

Jeffery said his dad did not have an easy life and lost his parents by the time he was 18.

"So basically, it was him and his sister from then on," said Jeffrey. "He had a large family, but

most of them were absent from his life, then and now. With no other support except for my aunt, who recently passed, and without the financial security to attend college, Dad went to work."

Jerry got a job with Boston Edison and became an underground lineman where he worked in the worst asbestos filled steam tunnels in Boston.

"Dad ended up working at Boston Edison for over 40 years," said Jeffrey. "He met my mother at 16 years old and the greatest love story developed. They fell in love and were married a few years later. Everyone here knows the unbreakable bond that they shared. They showed what a true marriage is...the love, compassion, sacrifices, struggles, good

and bad, and sickness and health. They shared it all and they were stronger because of it."

Jerry was a longtime member of St. Anthony's Society and organizer of the annual St. Anthony's Feast in the North End.

"His love for the church and Saint Anthony was astounding," said Jeffrey. "Dad was his happiest during Saint Anthony's Feast. And it wasn't because of all the hype that comes from it, it was

the excitement of him being with his family and friends at one place. Although dad didn't have any brothers, the membership were his brothers, and the bond that was created through Saint Anthony is a miracle. Dad did have two special guys in his life that he sincerely loved. Joe Mantone and Stephen Scapicchio. These two men were like brothers to him that shared an unbreakable brotherly bond. Even from childhood they did everything for each other."

Jeffrey ended his touching eulogy saying, "Dad, as you lie there, I can't begin to explain the pain that I have of you not being here, but we just want to take a moment and sincerely thank you

for what you have done for our family, your love, your faith, your support, your sacrifices and for just being you. We are better men because of you may God grant you the peace you so rightfully deserve. I hope that St. Anthony was there to welcome you into paradise and that you are finally together again with family. Until I see you again, we will continue to celebrate your life for all our years to come. Good bye for now. We love you."

Longtime friend of the Moretti family, North End Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who considered Jerry a mentor also eulogized Mr. Moretti.

"When asked to say a few words about Jerry Moretti, I started to think back to my first memories of him which are hard to pin down when you grow up here and everyone is just part of your life," said Michlewitz. "As a teenager whether it was weekend night at the CC Center or summer nights at the Gassy, Jerry became someone who looked over us, mentored us and sometimes scolded us when necessary. I think our friend Paul Scapicchio summed it up to me yesterday when he said,

"Jerry never sought out the spotlight, people just flocked to him by instinct". My friendship with Jerry became extra special during my first campaign, when I asked him to be my campaign treasurer and watch over the finances. I would end the night sitting with Jerry at his kitchen table going over what bills had to be paid and how much money we had left in the bank account. Those nights, in a way, became therapy sessions as we talked about the stresses of a campaign, the neighborhood, politics, and his son Gennaro's upcoming wedding. As I look back on those nights, they were

some of the best moments. He wasn't seeking out the limelight, he just quietly did all he could do to help because he just wanted to see one of his guys reach their dream. That was Jerry in a nutshell."

Jerry is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sheila A. (Petrigno) Moretti. Beloved father of Jeffrey Moretti and his wife, Krisinda, of Saugus and Gennaro Moretti and his wife, Cara, of Lynnfield. Adored grandfather of Isabella, Vittoria, Giulia and William. Dear brother of the late Joanna Rossetti.

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# NE/WE NSC recognize Star Market as its partner of the month

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) is pleased to recognize the Star Market at the Hub on Causeway as its partner of the month. Wilmer Ruiz, Store Director, and Tom Bilodeau, Produce Manager, of Star Market at the Hub on Causeway came to the center for a check presentation from the Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Program. In addition, Star Market donated 20 big turkeys, which the NE/WE NSC distributed to residents of the Blackstone Apartments in the

West End. "What a blessing during the season of Lent and Passover!" Maria Stella, Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC exclaimed. "We are so appreciative of the ongoing support of the Star Market at the Hub on Causeway. They are a consistent friend and partner of our work to feed seniors and families in the North End and West End. From complete boxed meals to turkeys to hundreds of gift cards, they make it possible for our clients to access fresh, nourishing food and necessities. We

are so glad that their well-stocked, accessible store is in our neighborhood. A lot of uncertainties still lie ahead as the COVID-19 pandemic persists, but we know one constant is the continued help and kindness of the Star Market at the Hub on Causeway. On behalf of our agency and constituents, we thank you." First priority is for existing and new ABCD members. Call 617-523-8125 to obtain a free membership; NE/WE NSC is standing by to facilitate the advantages, intake procedure, and qualifications.



Twenty turkeys distributed to the Blackstone Apartments in the West End.



Wilmer Ruiz, Store Director, and Tom Bilodeau, Produce Manager, of Star Market at the Hub on Causeway Present Check from the Nourishing Neighbors Community Relief Program to Maria Stella Gulla, Director and Anna Gallagher, Case Manager, of ABCD North End/West End NSC.



Gift cards to buy nourishing groceries and necessities.

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh

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