



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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*NEMPAC Staff and community residents cuts the ribbon officially opening the new facility on Tilestone Street.*

## Grand opening held for new NEMPAC

by Phil Orlandella

Hundreds of community residents, students, families and supporters turned out for the grand opening of the newest North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) located on Tilestone Street.

A ribbon cutting ceremony,

## Legislature votes to extend outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill

By John Lynds

Last year groups of bar and restaurant owners emerged as vocal proponents of the state legislature's 'to-go cocktail' bill. During the height of the pandemic owners became frustrated by the fact that liquor store businesses were boom-

guided tours, creative visual artwork, speeches and performances occurred throughout the day.

The new state-of-the-art will allow hundreds of students, artists and audience members to participate in music and the performing arts for years to come according to NEMPAC.

ing but expensive liquor inventory was collecting dust on the shelves of bars and restaurants in the North End. Many establishments were forced to close due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later reopened with limited capacity and outdoor seating but couldn't sell

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## NEAA extravaganza at Puopolo Park

Special event will kick-off this Saturday featuring softball contest

by Phil Orlandella

An exciting Baseball Extravaganza has been organized by the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) at Puopolo Park on Commercial Street.

The special event will kick off on Saturday, June 26 with a girls' softball game starting at 3:30 PM between the NEAA's teams

Following the softball contest, the Minor League teams will play two games starting at 5 PM.

Pre-game ceremonies for the All-Star Majors will be at 6:45 PM with the game beginning at 7 PM.

The following day, Sunday, June 27 the Instructional League will hold its last session at 10:30 AM.

"This year, due to weather and the COVID situation, opening Day ceremonies were canceled," NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano noted. "The Baseball Extravaganza will be like our opening day and recognize all the

participants in our programs," he added.

"Pizza and refreshments will be provided at all the games," Romano said.

Following each event, the NEAA plans to present awards or metals to the 2021 participants.

Baseball Commissioner Ralph Martignetti, Romano and the NEAA hope that the stands will be filled for the event that features the talents of NEAA participants.

## NEWRA supports two building improvement requests

by Phil Orlandella

A lot of requests such as a change of occupancy, a North End survey, potential health implications and a political speaker made up the June 10 agenda of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) public meeting.

NEWRA's Zoning, Licensing Committee reported a request by 209 Endicott Street LLC to change the occupancy of the existing structure from four to five units, a roof deck addition and

to update the building's system to code. NEWRA supported the request by a vote of 8-0.

The committee also reported on a request by 142 Prince Street to renovate 142 Prince Street by adding fourth floor, a roof deck and bringing the building's system to code.

Reportedly, the structure will remain a three-family dwelling. NEWRA voted 8-0 to support the request.

At Large Boston City Councilor David Halbert presented his platform and visions for the City of

Boston.

Arron Street's non-profit environmental group discussed the results of their Love Your Block survey.

Mass Safe Technology Director CeCe Doucette and local resident Joanne Halpin spoke on the potential health implications relating to the installation of 4G and 5G on buildings located on the Waterfront.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, July 8 at 7 PM.

## Gabriela Coletta to leave Councilor Edward's staff; named planning manager at New England Aquarium

Special to Review

After nearly four years of service to District One, Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards announced Chief of Staff Gabriela Coletta will move on to her next role as External Relations Manager for the New England Aquarium's downtown waterfront planning initiative. Coletta will be leading the revitalization of the Aquarium's harborwalk and a campaign to ensure the downtown waterfront remains inclusive, accessible, and climate resilient for all Bostonians.

"In April 2017, almost a year to the day that I lost the senate seat, I got a call from a young

woman who said, 'if you go for it, I will be with you.' I had no money and no way to pay her," said Councilor Edwards. "November of that same year, we walked into Kellys holding hands with tears in our eyes, when she yelled 'Ladies and gentlemen, your new city councilor!' Gabriela is an incredible person, fiercely intelligent, and to work with her and see her grow was a privilege. I am so proud of her. She will continue to do bigger and better things. Go get 'em Gabriela."

"It's been an incredibly rewarding experience to serve the residents of Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End," said Coletta. "I've gotten a chance to meet so



*Gabriela Coletta*

many people and fight alongside them during pivotal moments in our district. I've continued to put

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# EDITORIAL

## A LONG, HOT SUMMER?

The images of parched reservoirs in the western part of the country that have been filling the news lately paint a devastating picture of the effects of climate change coupled with the overuse of natural resources.

While it is true that the West has been experiencing drought conditions for the past few years, the reality is that western states have been using far more water than nature is able to provide, even under normal circumstances.

The combination of large-scale farming operations -- which require enormous amounts of water for irrigation -- and the rampant expansion of housing developments into desert areas has created a scenario that is clearly unsustainable for the environment.

Water always has been a precious resource in the West that has been ripe for meddling by politically-connected special interest groups, but in the present situation, with more than 75 percent of the West in extreme drought, there is barely a drop of water for anybody to fight about.

The combination of a lack of moisture on the ground and extreme heat creates a feedback loop that makes for even hotter temperatures and even drier weather, not only affecting water levels in lakes and reservoirs, but making for prime conditions for the wildfires that have been a scourge in the western states for the past few years.

By contrast, the southern coast of the U.S. has a different kind of problem. The warming atmosphere is making our oceans warmer, providing the primary fuel for a different sort of cataclysmic event -- catastrophic hurricanes.

The South was assaulted by a fast-forming tropical storm this past weekend that wreaked havoc in its path with heavy rain and tornadoes. Meteorologists are predicting another active hurricane season that promises to cause billions of dollars of damage, both along the coastline and further inland.

We in the Northeast have been lucky for most of the past decade. Hurricane Sandy occurred in 2012 and we've been fairly fortunate since then. However, if ocean temperatures and sea levels continue to rise, it is only a matter of time before a storm of a magnitude far greater than the fabled Hurricane of 1938 strikes this area.

Bob Dylan wrote that we don't need a weatherman to tell us which way the wind is blowing.

What we are seeing on our TV screens in the South and West is giving us a glimpse of a future dominated by the effects of climate change -- and it isn't pretty.

## GUEST OP-ED

## Economic equity is key in Boston's efforts to recover from the pandemic

By Mayor Kim Janey

Throughout the pandemic, our city has remained resilient through uncertainty and hardship. Together, we are making real progress in our public health recovery. Cases of COVID-19 continue to decline, as vaccination rates climb steadily across the city. Now, we must focus on an economic recovery, reopening and renewal that includes all of our communities. That starts with bold measures that encourage equity in our city and open opportunities for those who have been shut out.

Boston's recovery and reopening is a chance to renew our city, making it stronger and more equitable. The racial wealth gap among Boston residents made headlines

even before the pandemic. I know we can do better. My administration is implementing concrete changes to help working families earn living wages and build wealth of their own. I have announced two new measures to promote economic equity and opportunity for working families in Boston.

The first initiative put homeownership within reach for first-time homebuyers. I used a first-time buyer program to purchase my own home, so I know how important homeownership is economic stability and breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why I am excited to triple down payment assistance for the Boston Home Center's first-time Homebuyer Program.

With a \$2.4 million commitment to this program in my FY22 budget proposal, we will be able to provide up to \$40,000 in assistance to income-eligible residents seeking to purchase a home for the first time. Residents can also receive assistance with down payments and closing costs. This change more than triples the average amount of assistance previously offered by the City.

Owning a home is part of the American Dream, and I am proud of the work our City is doing to make this a reality. As we work to close the racial wealth gap, it is programs like these that can help us achieve equity in Boston.

Closing the wealth gap means

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## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### ROMAN AN OUTSTANDING NEWNC PRESIDENT

Brett Roman has decided to step down as President of North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) but will remain as a member of the Council.

During his tenure, Roman established himself as a true and dedicated leader and community activists, that cares about the neighborhood he resides in.

His ability to provide solid information to the community was outstanding and timely. Roman's role as President was always handled in a professional manner.

### SHOW SUPPORT BY ATTENDING THE NEAA BASEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

In just a few days, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) will hold a special Baseball Extravaganza at Puopolo Park.

The June 26 event will feature the NEAA's full roster of participants of the baseball programs.

Starting at 3:30 PM with the Girls' Softball team followed by two Minor League games and the annual Majors All Star Game beginning at 6:45 PM. Many youths will be strutting their talents.

There is more, the next day, Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 AM the Instructional League will hold its final session of 2021.

This is a great time for families, friends and North End residents to attend the Extravaganza to recognize the value of the NEAA's dedication to provide baseball programs for the youth of the community, and to support all the participants that will present their baseball skills.

Don't strike out! The players and the NEAA would love your attendance.

## FROM OUR READERS

Act, H. 3573.

Our state legislators must take the initiative to protect our immigrant neighbors, friends, and essential workers. We are all better off when parents don't fear being torn from their children, and when all residents can seek medical attention and contact law enforcement for help without fear of deportation.

As a citizen, I expect Massachusetts elected officials to stand up to these indignities. Undocumented residents should not live in fear of their local police

department and ICE. The police are responsible for protecting and assisting communities and should not be involved with immigration issues. This takes them away from their core mission. Instead of creating relationships with community members, it sows fear of the police.

It is time for the Massachusetts Legislature to take action and pass the Safe Communities Act, H. 3573. Time is of the essence, it is time for the our representatives to do the right thing.

Daniel Gorberg

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### TIME TO PASS THE SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT

Dear Editor

Immigrants in Massachusetts have taken the hardest hit from the Covid - 19 pandemic. Many are deemed essential workers, cannot work remotely, and must take public transportation. They are resistant to accessing covid testing and healthcare due to fear of detention, or worse, deportation. This is why I am supporting the passage of the Safe Communities

## GUEST OP-ED

## Invest in yourself

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

The best investment you can make is in yourself.

You can work, invest, save and accumulate wealth but what good is it if you ignore yourself? A friend of mine once said, "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

A sure way to undermine your financial security is to neglect your health. Failing health always results in life insecurity. When your health fails you don't feel like working. You aren't able to enjoy life or take care of others. Whatever you have accumulated financially will go to pay for emergency medical costs, rehabilitation or a nursing home.

A family member was sick years ago and the out of pocket monthly cost for her care was over \$15,000 a month. Obviously, this soon became financially debilitating.

While you are living life, working, going to school, raising your family, enjoying your golden

years, keep this in mind, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

I know there are no silver bullets when it comes to our health. I've had health issues, two cancer procedures and other ailments. I've spent the last 30 years eating grilled chicken and salmon. I've walked, jogged, played sports and lifted weights most all of my life. My doctor told me I have to do more. He literally said, "No red meat, no sugar, no dairy, no fried foods." What is left? He did say I can eat some bison, venison and elk which I have tried and enjoy them all.

My 100-year-old friend who lives close by says she eats a little of everything but very little of everything majoring on vegetables, fruits and staying active. There has to be something to her lifestyle because it works for her. She still lives alone, in her own house and cares for herself. She laughs a lot and has a lot of adoring friends.

So, while you are building your financial security, invest in your health. See you doctor. Have rou-

tine blood tests. Monitor your blood sugar, LDL (bad cholesterol), blood pressure and have an occasional CT or MRI scan to find out what you really look like on the inside. If your doctor finds something then you can tackle what you know about. If you don't know what your enemy is then you can't put up a defense or an offense.

Investing time in taking care of yourself means you can enjoy your life longer. You will be in a better position to help your family or friends, instead of them taking care of you. Keep moving. Take your vitamins, eat as healthy as possible and try. What do you have to lose? Consider, all you might gain.

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## OP-ED (from pg. 2)

we also have to address the wage gap. That is why I have also signed an executive order establishing a prevailing wage standard for key city service contractors.

Starting July 1, Boston will guarantee rates for city contractors of \$14.85 to \$20 per hour for services such as cleaning and security, with an additional \$6.26 to \$6.70 per hour in health and pension benefits.

This executive order recognizes the importance of sustainable wages and benefits. It is time that the City of Boston sets a standard for other employers to follow that supports the wellbeing of Boston's working families, while also encouraging other employers to join us in the effort.

These new steps help ensure an equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These efforts will work together with other programs I have introduced since being sworn-in as Mayor, including the ONE+Boston Homebuyer Program, \$50 million in new rental relief to help residents stay in their homes and a \$50 million emergency package to support an equitable recovery and reopening for our City's residents, workers and small businesses.



Mayor's Office Photo by Jeremiah Robinson

*June 10, 2021 - Mayor Janey is joined by Director of the Office of Workforce Development Trinh Nguyen of South Boston, worker advocate Griselda Saladin, and Dan Nicolai of SEIU 32BJ, at her signing of an executive order that adopts the prevailing wage rate set by the Massachusetts Department of Labor Standards for all city contracts for cleaning and security services going out to bid after July 1, 2021. She also announced an expansion to the City of Boston First Time Homebuyer Program.*

I will continue fighting for a stronger, more equitable Boston. It takes persistence to make a difference, and I promise that economic equity for residents will be at the

forefront of Boston's agenda to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

*Kim Janey is the Mayor of Boston.*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## THANK YOU TO CITY COUNCIL

To the Editor

I opened the Boston Globe online today and the first story was about Boston's warming climate and how the insufferable heat impacts are landing disproportionately on low-income communities. The climate situation is tragic, and the burden is hitting our most vulnerable populations first and hardest. The decisions cities make now around tackling climate change really matter. They matter because they can have a material impact on the amount of carbon that will be released in the years ahead and the human suffering that will cause and, importantly, they matter because they provide models that other cities can learn from and adopt. On June 16, our City Council, leading again on climate, unanimously supported a new ordinance that will have a huge impact on carbon emissions in the city of Boston and one that provides a path for other urban areas to follow.

The ordinance is called the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Update, or the BERDO Update. The ordinance establishes emissions performance standards for Boston's largest buildings, setting a path that requires these buildings to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

Cleaning up building emissions really matters. In Boston, buildings account for 70% of all greenhouse gas emissions and these emissions are highly concentrated, with just

4% of buildings accounting for 60% of all building emissions. Getting these large polluters on a path to zero emissions is essential to combating the impacts of climate change. It is also critical for improving Boston's air quality—air pollution has given Boston the 8th highest asthma rate in the country and transitioning buildings away from burning oil and gas will mean healthier air for us all to breathe.

The BERDO update sets target emissions goals every five years but allows some flexibility around a building's carbon reduction path and offers support for building owners as they make decisions on how best to decarbonize. It also mandates third party verification of emissions data and sets a price on emitted carbon for buildings that cannot meet the targets.

Earlier this year, Governor Baker signed into law a climate bill requiring Massachusetts to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and to cut our emissions 50% by 2030. With the BERDO update, the Boston City Council is providing a path, and guardrails, to better our chances of getting there.

Thank you to Kenzie Bok, Ed Flynn, Council President Matt

O'Malley, and the entire City Council for supporting the BERDO Update and continuing to provide leadership on climate. We look forward to the BERDO Update's speedy passage and are here to support you.

**Suzie Tapson  
Mothers Out Front**

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Administering a COVID-19 vaccination shot is this NEW Health employee.

## NEW Health offers COVID-19 vaccination shot at pop-up site

Special to the Review

NEW Health, a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, is continuing its Community Vaccination Program and hosted a pop-up site at the North End's Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue on Saturday, June 12.

The pop-up site was open and available for anyone 18 and up passing through the park. NEW Health will administer Johnson & Johnson so that patients do not need to coordinate a second appointment.

Since February, the health center has provided its vaccine program from its North End and Charlestown clinics. Individuals interested in learning more can reach the dedicated phone lines by calling 617-724-8725 for the North End location and 857-238-

1141 for the Charlestown location, where they will be prompted to leave a message with their information and a patient service representative will call them back.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at [www.newhealthcenter.org](http://www.newhealthcenter.org), on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

## BPS students can now access BPL services

Special to the Review

Boston Public Schools (BPS) and Boston Public Library (BPL) announced a new Student ID Project initiative, which allows students to use their current BPS ID cards to obtain a pre-registered BPL library card, granting them access to all of the services offered by BPL at its 26 locations. BPL is also working with Boston Compact and METCO to offer participation in this program to all other schools serving Boston students, including public charter, parochial and METCO.

The new initiative makes it easy for students to fully access the books, technology, and services available from BPL.

"Increasing accessibility to critical resources for our students has been paramount throughout the pandemic and will remain a priority for BPS," said BPS Superintendent Dr. Brenda Cassellius. "I am thrilled to partner with the Boston Public Library to provide our students with a simpler conduit to acquiring valuable information from their local libraries. Each of our children deserve all access to the knowledge contained within our libraries, using identification they already possess. This collaboration grants even more equitable access to library spaces for our students who may not have a library in their own school building. Thank you to Mayor Janey, the City of Boston and BPL President David Leonard for their partnership to make this project possible for our youth."

"Having your first library card can be a special moment no matter how old you are - it is a gateway to reading, tapping your imagination, and taking advantage of all the library has to offer," said BPL President David Leonard. "This initiative will ensure every Boston

school child has an easy path to their own library card and all that lies beyond."

During the pandemic, more than 600,000 patrons registered for new BPL e-cards, demonstrating that ease of access is a major factor in creating new library users. With BPL's physical locations now reopened following the COVID-19 pandemic, BPL and BPS are committed to working together to extend this ease of access to all BPS students, ensuring that, by the time school ends, all BPS students will be able to fully utilize the library through their BPL card.

With all branches and locations nearly fully open, students will be able to take advantage of youth summer programming at the branches and the Central Library in Copley Square; join in "Digging Deeper, Growing Stronger," BPL's Youth Summer Reading program; and access programming and services at the Children's Library and Teen Central.

Online, students can now access the library's catalogue of electronic resources, including books, magazines, graphic novels, movies, and much more. In addition, there are myriad programs available to students online, including the Homework Assistance Program, teen gaming programs on Twitch, writing classes, book groups for teens, and STEM programming. Outside the BPL's walls, students can also access free museum passes to take advantage of Boston's rich cultural offerings as well.

For more information on the Boston Public Library, including locations hours of operation and events, visit <https://www.bpl.org/>.

### About the BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Established in 1848, the Boston Public Library is a pioneer of public library service in America. It was the first large, free municipal library in the United States; the first public library to lend books; the first to have a branch library; and the first to have a children's room.

The Boston Public Library of today is a robust system that includes the Central Library in Copley Square, 25 neighborhood branches, the Norman B. Leventhal Map and Education Center, the Kirstein Business Library and Innovation Center, and an archival center, offering public access to world-class special collections of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, and prints, along with rich digital content and online services.

The Boston Public Library serves nearly 4 million visitors per year and millions more online. All of its programs and exhibitions are free to all and open to the public.

The Boston Public Library is a department of the City of Boston, under the leadership of Mayor Kim Janey. To learn more, visit [bpl.org](http://bpl.org).

### About the BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Boston Public Schools (BPS), the birthplace of public education in the United States, serves more than 52,000 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 students in 123 schools. BPS is committed to transforming the lives of all children through exemplary teaching in a world-class system of innovative, welcoming schools. We partner with the community, families, and students to develop in every learner the knowledge, skill, and character to excel in college, career, and life.

### COLETTA (from pg. 1)

the community first and place the voices of residents at the center of each conversation. I'm ready to continue my commitment of working alongside residents shoulder-to-shoulder, to help better define what our neighborhoods look like, and more importantly who they are intentionally built for, for generations to come".

"I want to thank Councilor Edwards for her mentorship and support over the last two terms. I'm excited to hit the ground running at an anchor institution like the New England Aquarium and

look forward to the important tasks ahead."

"We are excited to welcome Gabriela to our team and look forward to her many contributions as we work to reimagine our downtown waterfront," said New England Aquarium President and CEO Vikki Spruill. "We are grateful for her years of service to Councilor Edwards and the residents of Boston," she continued.

The New England Aquarium is a catalyst for global change through public engagement, commitment to marine animal con-

servation, leadership in education, innovative scientific research, and effective advocacy for vital and vibrant oceans. With more than 1.3 million visitors a year, the Aquarium is one of the premier visitor destinations in Boston and a major public education resource for the region.

Coletta first joined Councilor Edwards in 2017 as her campaign manager for the Boston City Council seat. She's a lifelong resident of East Boston and currently lives there with her partner, Sebastian Zapata.

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## FRESH AND LOCAL

# Sick of Cooking?

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

As we slowly re-enter some degree of normal, many people (even those who have always loved cooking) find themselves weary of the demands that pandemic food preparation took on their time, mental energy, and creativity. They are sick of cooking!

For some, this is simply a need to take a break, and we have some tips for doing that. For others, including those who never found the “Joy of Cooking,” it may be time to find a different way to feed themselves and their family.

### Take a Break!

If you have the financial resources to do so, you can take a break from cooking. Now is a good time to support restaurants and artisan food vendors who have lost income over the past year.

With our vaccinations providing some degree of comfort, we’ve been dining out more often and prioritizing the businesses we want to be here when all this is over. We began with places we could walk to and who had outside dining areas.

If you’re able, tip well! We decided to spend our stimulus money on increased tips to the delivery people who endangered themselves by bringing us food during our months of isolation. Now that we’re shopping for ourselves, we add a bit extra to each tip on a check or increase the per-



*When you’re too tired of food preparation to toss together a salad, it’s time to find another way!*

centage when we have the option of tipping on a pay-by-phone transaction.

### Semi-Cooking

If dining out often is beyond your budget right now, or you are not ready to interact with

others to that degree, try to ease your time spent in the kitchen by semi-cooking.

This takes a bit of research and sampling, but we found an array of prepared meals that fit our personal guidelines for minimal processing and few unnecessary ingredients. (Trader Joe’s is a good source.) We are also careful to check the “best used” or “freeze by” dates when we purchase these. Food waste can gobble up any effort to eat on a budget.

If you don’t mind leftovers, consider takeout from restaurants that serve large portions. Neither of us ever finish the chicken pie at Cornwall’s in Kenmore square, but we often order that and make a second meal of the leftovers. Vegetable dishes at Asian restaurants are often good values and reheat well.

**Meal Services & More**  
Some of our neighbors sub-

scribed to meal services during the height of the pandemic and plan to continue. When you consider the

price of these options compared to buying all the ingredients, you may find the reduced food waste makes them comparable.

As those in the traditional hospitality business pivoted to find ways to make money while closed or unemployed, local versions of meal service plans emerged. For example, Stillman’s Quality Meats offers a range of prepared meat pies. Formaggio Kitchen has a weekly dinner menu at all locations. Mei Mei has pivoted from a dining-in restaurant to all take-out, offering their own menu options plus food from other local producers.

If you are a chief cook and bottle washer and need a break for your well-being, take one! However, our final word on the subject is that delegating some of the work of putting food on your table may be just what you need. Figure out precisely what you are tired of doing and see if anyone else in your household or a service provider can do it for you!

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## IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

### NEWRA Z LC DISCUSSES ADDITION TO BUILDING

A public virtual meeting was conducted on June 22 by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) to hear a presentation by 51 North Margin Street Realty Trust to build a four-story vertical addition to the top of an existing two-story structure at 51 North Margin Street that exceeds the 55-foot limit imposed in the North End.

It is located across from the Pizzeria Regina in the former "The Dog Father" pet grooming business.

A change of occupancy is needed to constitute a six-story for unit dwelling with five stories of residential units over a level of parking/lobby area with four parking spaces.

The committee will report to the NEWRA at next public meeting on July 8 at 7 PM for future review and a possible vote.

### FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY ACTIVITIES AT THE PARK

"A fun filled Independence Day celebration will be held at Christopher Columbus Park featuring a parade around the park,"

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park President Joanne Hayes Rines said.

The event will begin on Saturday, June 26 and will run from 12 to 2 PM.

The family parade will consist of decorated bikes, trikes, moms and dads, friends, and other residents. Strollers are welcomed.

Participants will meet Uncle Sam, Baby Shark, Peter the Magician and Joe the Storyteller, create a garden of flags and experience a hands-on crafts/arts activity.

### NORTH END SENIORS CLUB OPENS AT CENTER

After 15 months, the North End Senior Club is now open at the Nazzaro Community Center for the elderly to socialize, play bingo and enjoy other activities and events.

The club officially opened on Tuesday, June 15 with Laurie D'Elia and her staff welcoming the seniors and decorating the room to make the opening special.

Seniors were treated to a fabulous lunch donated by Nick Varano and the family of Strega of the North End.

"The family has been a pioneer when it comes to always giving back to the North End community," Club President Deb DeCristoforo said. "The word no

is not part of Nick's vocabulary, instead it's how can I help," she added.

Tresca's prepared a lunch consisting of garden salad, meatballs and homemade pasta. George Hadaya helped get the luncheon donated. Dr. Anthony Bova provided cookies and Patricia Romano provided her homemade cake for dessert.

Calling the bingo numbers was Erin Miller. John Romano Jr., the Mayor's North End Liaison, stopped by with summer cooling towels for everyone.

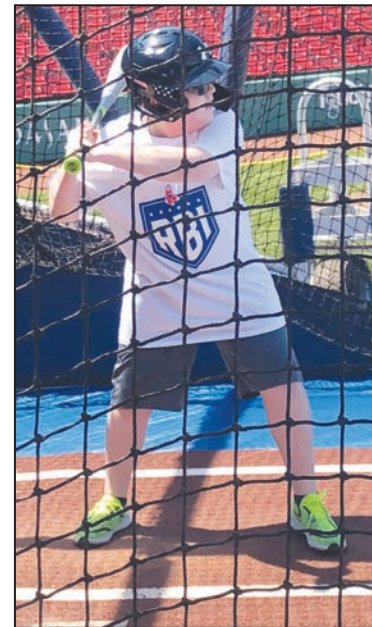
"The day was made so very special thanks to so many people who never forget the North End seniors," DeCristoforo said.

### NSC PET PANTRY WISH LIST

Items are being collected for cats and small dogs for shoppers at the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) on Michelangelo Street.

Items being collected are: Wet and dry dog and cat food, pet treats, toys, cat litter, litter boxes, scrapers, food bowls, grooming items, pup pee pads, shampoo conditioner, flea and tick protective items.

Call the Center at 617-523-8125 to arrange a non-contact drop-off between the hours of 10 AM and 3 PM Monday through Friday.



JT Percoco at Fenway

### BATTING PRACTICE AT FENWAY

North End Athletic Association's Youth Majors Baseball Program, JT Percoco recently had the opportunity to take batting practice at historic Fenway Park as a guest of the Boston Red Sox Foundation and the Jr. RBI program, of which the NEAA is a part of. JT plays in the NEAA Baseball Majors program. His coach is John Pregmon.

Other players participated in the batting practice event.

### A DELIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE

Members of the Friends of the Armenian Heritage Park presented highlights of upcoming programs at the park at a meeting with the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

FOCCP noted that the Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway is seeking photos of the park taken from June 8 through August 20, 2021.

Ten of the photos sent in will be selected and posted on the park's Instagram and Facebook.

A limit of two photos should be emailed, by August 21, to [hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org](mailto:hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org) with your name, address and phone number.

Photos should capture the heart and soul of the park.

### WALKING WELLNESS EVENT HELD

Friends of the Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway held a Labyrinth Walking Wellness event on Sunday, June 13.

The activity was held in collaboration with the City of Boston Age Friendly, Boston Public Health Commission, Eliot K-8 Innovation School and The Greenway Conservancy Fitness Program.

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# FIREWORKS RETURN TO BOSTON!!!

## Boston Fireworks and Pops Concert set

Spectacular July 4th fireworks over Boston Common will light up the sky for in-person spectators and those watching the live broadcast of this beloved annual event, returning this year after being cancelled last year due to the pandemic shutdown.

Perhaps not surprisingly, Boston's much-loved July 4th gala celebration will be a little different this year. The biggest change? The Pops Independence Day concert will take place at Tanglewood, located in Lenox in Western Massachusetts instead of here in Boston at the Hatch Shell. But there will be special guests, the event will as usual be free (more about how to attend in a moment), and the concert will also be live-streamed for everyone who can't see it in person.

Here is the guest lineup for the 2021 Pops July 4th concert:

- Mavis Staples, the legendary Queen of Soul, R&B, and Gospel, as well as civil rights activist and actress

- Jon Batiste, Academy Award winner for Best Original Score for the Pixar film Soul, Grammy nominee, and bandleader of The Late Show with Stephen Colbert

- The Six-String Soldiers of the U.S. Army Field Band and members of the U.S. Air Force Band's Singing Sergeants

- Alix Steel, Romaine Bostick, Janet Wu, and Joe Shortsleeve from Bloomberg TV and Radio will host the show

Despite being in a different location than usual, the concert will feature all their usual quintessential favorites for this annual concert: "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," along with other pieces. And, in keeping with tradition, the musical portion of the show will end with their resounding performance of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture," complete with live cannons and bells.

If you're traveling to Boston for this national patriotic holiday, plan for a memorable evening watching the free Fireworks

Spectacular on the Common.

If you want to get tickets for the free concert at Tanglewood, they will start being distributed on June 21 at 10am through the concert website on a first-come, first-served basis, with a 4-ticket

limit per household.

Both the concert and the fireworks are a part of Boston's big Harborfest festival during early July. Harborfest will also host its own 15-minute fireworks show over the Boston Harbor on July 3.

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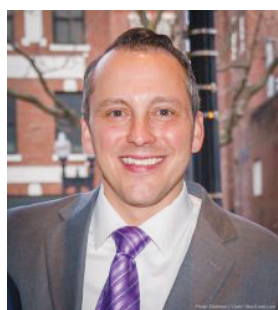
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Erin Murphy, candidate for City Council (right) shown with a member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association.

## Murphy endorsed by MNA

Erin Murphy, candidate for Boston City Council At-large, was thrilled to announce that she has received the endorsement of the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), the most powerful and effective voice on nursing and health care in the Commonwealth.

“I’m deeply honored that the Massachusetts Nurses Association has chosen me as their candidate for At-Large City Council,” Murphy said. “Our front-line responders have borne the brunt of this pandemic, and no one should question their commitment, their devotion, and their work ethic. I stand shoulder-to-shoulder with nurses around Boston and across the Commonwealth as they continue to provide life-saving service.”

The MNA told Erin that they are very excited to be working on her campaign to help her get elected to the Council and be a strong voice for all nurses.

Murphy, a longtime teacher in the Boston Public Schools and single mother, is running for an At-Large City Council seat for the same reason she taught Boston’s schoolkids for 22 years: devotion to this city, its children, and our shared future.

“Just like the nurses I’m proud

to have standing with me, I clocked in every day as a mom and as a public school teacher, and I’ll bring the exact same work ethic to the Boston City Council,” Murphy said.

Founded in 1903, the Massachusetts Nursing Association (MNA) is the largest union and professional association of registered nurses and health professionals in the state and the third-largest in the country. The MNA represents more than 23,000 members who work in 85 health care facilities, and a growing number of nurses and health professionals who work in schools, visiting nurse associations, public health departments, and state agencies.

The MNA endorsed Erin’s campaign because its members believe in her vision for Boston: an inclusive, welcoming city for ALL families and in every neighborhood. Erin has laid out a plan to make Boston an affordable place for all families to live and raise their children. Her message has resonated in every neighborhood, and she’s been fortunate to meet supporters across the city.

Erin Murphy is running to be the go-to call at City Hall for everyone in Boston.

## Weekly positive COVID-19 rate remains the same here

By John Lynds

There was no increase in last week’s North End weekly COVID-19 positive test according to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

According to the weekly report released last Friday 998 residents were tested and zero percent were positive. This was a 100 percent decrease from the 0.08 percent of residents that tested positive two weeks ago but still below one percent according to the BPHC.

Overall since the pandemic started 53,736 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been

tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.8 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage decrease from the 6.7 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate decreased. According to the BPHC 12,562 residents were tested and 0.6 percent were COVID positive—this was a 45 percent increase from the 1.1 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown’s infection rate of 632.9 cases per 10,000 residents was the same as reported two weeks ago.

No additional residents were infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area remained at 3,527 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 0.06 percent last week and went from 70,906 cases to 70,957 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,391 total deaths in the city from COVID.

## NEWNC unanimously supports four requests

by Phil Orlandella

The first order of business at the June 14 North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) public meeting was to announce the newly elected officers.

New officers are: President Jody Faller, Vice President Rory Harrington, Secretary Ashley Leo and Sergeant at Arms Taria Green.

Four agenda items on the agenda receive support by a vote of 7-0.

North End Realty LLC sought relief for an occupancy change for the existing building at 209-209A Endicott Street from four to five units, add a roof deck and update the building’s system to code.

Prince Street Realty LLC sought relief to renovate the existing building at 142 Prince Street to add a fourth-floor addition, a roof deck and bring the building’s system to code. The building will remain as a three-family dwelling.

Relief from non-conforming use change, ground water conservation overlay district, roof structure and other restrictions are also needed to build on the site.

North Margin Street Realty Trust is seeking relief to build a vertical addition of four stories to the old The Dog Father business across from the Pizzeria Regina at 51 North Margin Street and a change of occupancy is needed from private club on second floor dwelling.

A garage on the first floor changing to four additional stories (over 55 feet) to existing structure.

Relief for non-conforming use change, groundwater conservation overlay district, roof deck and building reservations are also needed to build on the site.

BPM Events LLC (dba) Boston Public Market asked for approval to purchase an on-premise annual all alcohol beverage liquor license

at 100 Hanover Street.

The next NEWNC monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12 at 7 PM.

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# Follow these rules to save your home

By Review Staff

More than 325,000 homeowners with FHA-insured single-family mortgages that are at least two payments behind (60+ days delinquent) on their mortgage payments have not requested a forbearance and are at risk of losing their homes.

The COVID-19 forbearance – a reduction or pause in their mortgage payment – must be requested by the borrower.

Communities of color are disproportionately affected by the pandemic and are also likely to be a large share of homeowners who are behind on their FHA-insured mortgage payments.

HUD's goal is to have as many struggling homeowners as possible request a mortgage payment forbearance from their servicer, but time is of the essence.

Message for the Borrowers:

If you are struggling to make your mortgage payment on your FHA-insured mortgage because of COVID-19, help is available.

However, you must act now. Here are the steps you should take today:

Contact your mortgage servicer and request a COVID-9 forbearance. A forbearance is a reduction or pause in your mortgage payment.

Your mortgage servicer is the entity to which you make your mortgage payments. Your mortgage servicer is the only entity that can provide you with a mortgage payment forbearance.

When working with your servicer, you should:

1) State that you are having a financial hardship due to COVID-19.

2) Request a COVID-19 Forbearance for your mortgage payments.

3) Ask your servicer to confirm the details of your agreement in writing.

For help talking to your mortgage servicer or understanding your options, call (800) 569-4287 to contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency in your area.

HUD urges all homeowners who are able to make their mortgage payments to continue to do so. But if you can't make your mortgage payments, know that you are not alone, and that help is available.

## OBITUARIES

### Norman Richard Herr

October 18, 1934 - June 6, 2021

If you met Norman Herr, it was likely for one of two reasons. Either you were part of the West End or North End communities and were struggling with housing or other issues, or you were in a position of power in government or the local institutions and could do something about the community issues Norman saw as his duty to correct. Either way, Norm would find you.

Over the many decades he lived as one of the last residents of the old West End of Boston, on Anderson Street and later on Michelangelo Street in the North End, Norman Herr fought for tenants rights, challenged institutional expansion to do better, brought attention to quality of life issues like noise and air pollution, trash, handicapped accessibility and all those small things that people come to accept as part of life in the city, except Norman didn't accept it. Well known for going from office to office in City Hall and at the State House, Norm would find out what people did and where they had authority and then proceed to enlist them in solving some community issue. It was nearly impossible to say no when Norman brought a problem to your attention and then follow-up, week after week until it was resolved. "I always deliver on my promise," he would say. "I'm a man of my word."

Norman Herr had a special place in his heart for seniors of the North End, pushing for accessible crosswalks and leveraging the "donation" of grocery carts to seniors on the North End. While not much is known of his methods, his motive was always to make the world a better place for the poor and elderly. As he would tell you, "I speak for the people who don't have a voice." Norman's most lasting legacy may be the annual Christmas Tree lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park that he has organized since 1995 at the corner of Cambridge and Bowdoin Streets. The week after he would start fundraising for the next year.



Norman grew up on Sydney Street near the Polish Triangle neighborhood in Boston, the son of the late Leo Ira Herr and Veronica Ursula (Aleksun) Herr. Norm held a number of different jobs throughout his life including as a longshoreman and as a bartender at a bar called Backstreet in what was known as the Combat Zone, where he made news by bringing in live music and notable jazz artists. But his favorite job was always as "Grand Marshall" of the Tree Lighting at Cardinal Cushing Park. To continue that legacy, the friends of Norman Herr have set up a gofundme.com at: [bit.ly/NormansTree](https://bit.ly/NormansTree)

One of his favorite songs was "Love is a Many-Splendored Thing," with lyrics like "Love is nature's way of giving a reason to be living. The golden crown that makes a man a king." Norman was a loyal friend and was loved by many. His personal credo was, "One man can do a lot of good."

On Norman's behalf, we his friends would like to thank the many caregivers, visiting nurses, physical therapists, and the good people at Massachusetts General Hospital who took care of him when his health began to fail. He may not have said it in so many words, but he was truly grateful to you.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Monday, June 21 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 68 Cardinal O'Connell Way in the West End of Boston. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Roslindale.

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Pictured (left to right) at Christopher Columbus Park are Meredith Piscitelli, Samantha Reynolds, Patricia Abbey, Ann Babbitt, Jayla Amado, and Matt Houser.

### Joe's Waterfront provides sandbox toys for Columbus Park

By Phil Orlandella

A crew from Joe's Waterfront (formerly Joe's American Bar and Grill), as they did last year, turned out at Christopher Columbus Park bearing three large containers of colorful toys for the children at play in the sandbox.

Excitement ruled as the children, converged on the sandbox toys to

select a favorite toy and the digging, sifting and building began, according to Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

Representing Joe's were Samantha Reynolds General Manager and Hosts Jayla Amado and Matt Houser.

FOCCP President Joanne Haynes Rines said, "Joe's Waterfront has

Jayla Amado, Matt Houser, Samantha Reynolds with some of the sandbox toys to be delivered to Christopher Columbus Park.

(Joe's, Pg. 4)

### St. Anthony's Feast returns in-person to North End

By John Lynds

After a virtual celebration last year during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic the St. Anthony Society announced that the century-old St. Anthony's Feast will return to the North End this year for an in-person celebration at the end of August.

Each year the people of the North End celebrate with friends, neighbors and tourists to honor their patrons Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy with colorful parades, religious services, strolling singers, live entertainment and of course an abundance of great Italian and American food.

The feast began in 1919 by Italian immigrants from the small town of Montefalcione in Avellino and has become the largest Italian Religious Festival in New England and was named the "Feast of all Feasts" by National Geographic Magazine.

"We are very excited to be back to celebrate family, community and this North End tradition as we celebrate our patron Saint once more in the streets of our neighborhood..." said St. Anthony Society Trustee Jason Aluia. "Last year we hosted a virtual celebration with cooking demonstrations with instructions, recipes, where to buy the food but it is going to be

good to be back."

This year's 102 St. Anthony's Feast will run from Thursday, August 26 through Sunday, August 29.

"With most of the COVID restrictions being lifted it'll be more of the traditional feast people remember," said Aluia. "We met with city officials last week and we will meet with them again as we get closer to the dates. We might add additional health protocols like hand sanitizing stations around the feast and we'll be working with our vendors on different health protocols but we're going full speed ahead like it was a regular post-COVID feast."

On Saturday, the St. Anthony Feast's annual Mass will be dedicated to St. Anthony Society Past President Jerry Moretti, who passed away in February. Moretti was a longtime member of St. Anthony's Society and organizer of the annual North End feast in the North End. Those who knew Moretti remember him always filled with joy and pride during the feast and loved being with his family and friends in one place.

"Jerry was close to all of us at the St. Anthony Society so we will be dedicating the Saturday Mass in his memory," said Aluia.

Each year before the pandemic

(Feast, Pg. 4)

### NEWNC opposes Joe's American Bar and Grill request for change

By Phil Orlandella

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) voted at its May monthly meeting to oppose (6-0) a request by BBRG Waterfront TR LLC to change its non-live entertainment license to add three surface mounted speakers to its outdoor patio.

President Brett Romano explained that not enough candidates filed nomination papers to conduct a competitive 2021 public election, thus no election will be held.

He did mention that only three residents filed the necessary paperwork to be placed on the ballot and will return to the Council for two-year terms, Tania Green, Carmine Guarino and Ashley Leo.

The new Greenway Conservancy Executive Director Chris Cook was introduced and an update of The Greenway and upcoming events and activities was presented.

The next NEWNC meeting will be held virtually on Monday, June 10.

MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE, SEE PAGE 6

# FOR ALL THE LATEST NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## POOL OPENING

The Mirabella Pool will open to registered guests on Thursday, June 30. To register visit [bcyf.perfectmind.com](#).

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

The Nazzaro Summer Camp will start on Monday, June 28. To register email [NazzaroCenter@gmail.com](mailto:NazzaroCenter@gmail.com). Alex Orsini is coordinating the camp activities.

The Nazzaro Community Center One-Off Drop-in Summer Camp for youth. For details call 617-635-5116.

## VACCINATION SHOTS AT SAINT LEONARD'S CHURCH

New Health walk-in vaccinations for the general public ages 12 and up are being given out at Saint Leonard's Church, 31 Prince Street on Thursdays from 2 PM to 6 PM. For details call 617-724-8725.

## HELP STOP FOOD INSECURITY

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

Applications are being accepted for the Boston School Committee by the Citizen's Nominating Panel to fill vacancies. For more information call 617-635-9014.

## FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold a family event at the park on Saturday, June 26 from 12 to 2:30 PM featuring a fun-filled Independence Day celebration.

## NEWNC ELECTS OFFICES

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) has elected officers.

Officers are: President Jody Faller, Vice President Rory

Harrington, Secretary Ashley Leo and Sergeant at Arms Tania Green.

## OPERA FROM THE BALCONY

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) has started up its Opera from the Balcony series with the performance at Tresca in the North End.

## NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 12 at 7 PM.

## NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Resident's Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8 at 7 PM.

## BASEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA

North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Baseball Extravaganza

will be held on Saturday, June 26 at Puopolo Park starting at 3:30 PM.

The Instructional League will play on Sunday, June 27 at 10:30 AM.

## ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK PHOTOS

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway is seeking photos taken between June 8 through August 20, 2021. Send photos with name, address and telephone number to [hello@armenianheritagepark.org](mailto:hello@armenianheritagepark.org).

## LEAVES CENTER

Stephen Siciliano has left the Nazzaro Community Center to take another job.

## CENTER OPENS

The Nazzaro Community Center has officially opened offering several activities for youth, adults and seniors.

## BPL ONLINE EVENTS

Boston Public Library (BPL) is offering free online events including: author talks, spell light events and more. For details email [news@bpl.org](mailto:news@bpl.org).

## FROG POND SPRAY POOL

The 2021 summer season of the Boston Common Frog Pond Spray Pool is officially opened.

# LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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Docket No. SU11P1284GD  
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In the interests of: Sherman Johnson Of: Boston, MA  
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Janis Sallinger of Riverside, RI in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Accept the Resignation of the Guardian of the Respondent. The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.  
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## COCKTAILS-TO-GO (from pg. 1)

any liquor at a profitable volume.

Luckily, the state legislature provided relief with the cocktail-to-go bill but that was set to expire this month after Gov. Charlie Baker lifted the state emergency order that was given back in March 2020.

In May, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and his colleagues said restaurants and small businesses in the North End and across the city need the tools to achieve financial recovery from the pandemic.

The House and the Senate found supporting the local restaurant industry's successful recovery needed to be a high priority--as it was among the hardest hit by economic challenges associated with the state of emergency caused by the pandemic.

Rep. Michlewitz and the state legislature took the necessary steps to extend the outdoor dining and cocktails-to-go bill that was signed by Gov. Charlie Baker last week.

The bill will allow restaurants to serve patrons who prefer dining to-go while making the streetscape in neighborhoods like the North End more vibrant.

"We know the dire situation restaurants have been facing in the North End, Boston, and across the Commonwealth on the whole over the past 15 months," said Michlewitz. "So passage of this bill was critical to ensure this industry has the support to get back on its feet."

During the height of the pandemic local restaurant and bar owners lobbied the state legislature for permission to start moving inventory of expensive liquor that had been sitting on shelves since the pandemic began.

The result was the cocktail-to-go bill that was tied to outdoor dining programs across the city and state.

The bill let bars and restaurants sell to-go cocktails with takeout only or delivery food orders.

Customers of bars and restaurants in the North End will be able to continue to order two cocktails per entree. However, the total volume of liquor being sold can not exceed 64 ounces.

All cocktails must be sold in a sealed container, and the volume of alcohol-to-mixer must be the same as for on-premises consumption.

Numerous North End restaurants took advantage of the cocktail-to-go and the City of Boston's outdoor dining program.

Restaurants that dot the neighborhood received a special permit from the city that allowed them to set up outdoor patios on roadways and sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. That coupled with the cocktail-to-go legislation helped restaurants increase capacity, move inventory and increase profits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Fire regulations in the City of Boston prohibit open fires and charcoal and gas grills on roofs, fire balconies and fire escapes.

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# Arlington Street Church resumes tours of its Tiffany stained-glass windows

By Dan Murphy

With regular tours of its 16 Tiffany opalescent stained-glass windows – the largest Tiffany window collection of its kind in any one church – resuming July 1, Arlington Street Church is now seeking volunteer greeters for the program.

Self-guided tours with a smartphone (which guests must provide themselves) are offered Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., as well as Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. (No tours are offered on Tuesdays.) Tours cost \$5 per person, and children 12 and under are admitted free.

The church's first Tiffany window was installed in 1899 and the last one 30 years later in 1929, so as Sarah Netsky, a member of the congregation and the only remaining physical volunteer tour guide, points out for the first few decades after the building was completed in 1851, it had no Tiffany windows whatsoever.

Arlington Street Church had also originally planned on installing 20 Tiffany windows, said Netsky, but when the Great Depression hit in the 1920s, plans for the remaining four windows were abandoned. Louis Comfort Tiffany then died in 1933, she added, and with his glass studio closing soon afterwards, the church's goal of installing a total of 20 Tiffany windows was permanently derailed.

Meanwhile, the church used to offer impromptu tours when visitors stopped by and asked to see the windows, but as demand grew, the church began offering them formally on a regular basis instead.

"We typically get people from all over the world, even as far away as New Zealand," said Netsky, who is fluent in Italian, as well as in English, and is expected to be on site for occasional tours in both languages once her schedule is finalized.

But not everyone who comes to see the windows, which were

recently restored by the "country's preeminent restorer of Tiffany glass," according to the church, is from out of town either.

"At least a few times a week, we get people from the neighborhood who've never seen them before even though they've passed by them countless times," said Netsky.

(Netsky is also a docent with the Church of the Covenant on Newbury Street, highlighting its collection of Tiffany windows.)

Gabey Whitehouse, a member of the congregation since 1967, said while the Tiffany windows typically attract a lot of international travelers, the church expects most people coming to see them this summer will reside in the U.S.

"We're a very welcoming community," Whitehouse said, "so we're happy when people visit us."

Arlington Street Church is also featured on the Boston Duck Tours, as well as on the Boston Trolley Tours, and also draws many spouses of people attending



"Madonna of the Flowers," a Tiffany stained-glass window installed in 1899 at Arlington Street Church.

## Officials launch VaxMillions lottery

Staff Report

The Baker-Polito Administration, Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg and the Massachusetts State Lottery announced the Massachusetts VaxMillions Giveaway for residents who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated residents 18 and older will have the opportunity to enter to win of five, \$1 million cash prizes. Fully vaccinated residents between 12-17 years of age may enter for the chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants.

Eligible residents will be able to enter the drawing beginning July 1. Drawings will be held once a week for five weeks beginning the week of Monday, July 26 and continuing through the week ending Friday, August 27.

"The Commonwealth leads the nation in vaccinating our residents, with almost four million people fully vaccinated, and our goal remains ensuring everyone that wants a vaccine has access to one," said Governor Charlie Baker. "The VaxMillions Giveaway is one of the many ways our administration is encouraging people to get the vaccine, and we are grateful for the partnership of Treasurer Goldberg and the Mass State Lottery in developing the program."

"The Massachusetts State

Lottery is proud to join Governor Charlie Baker and the Department of Public Health to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of every person across the Commonwealth," said Deborah B. Goldberg, Massachusetts State Treasurer. "The Lottery has decades of experience and know-how to hold drawings with the upmost integrity and our team is excited to fulfill an essential role in this initiative."

The Commonwealth is launching the Massachusetts VaxMillions giveaway as one of many strategies to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines and encourage residents to get vaccinated to keep themselves, their families and their communities safe. Beginning July 1, Massachusetts residents will be able to enter the VaxMillions Giveaway online. If you do not have access to the internet or require assistance, there will be a call center available. Sign up information and call center contact info and hours will be made available prior to July 1.

Massachusetts residents 18 years of age and older, who have received two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, will have a chance to win one of five, \$1 million cash prizes.

Massachusetts residents between 12 and 17 years of age who have received two doses of

the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine will have a chance to win one of five \$300,000 scholarship grants via a 529 College Savings Plan managed by the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA). Funds in a 529 plan can be applied to cover tuition, room and board, and related expenses at any college, university, or technical or trade school or other post-secondary educational institution eligible to participate in a student aid program administered by the U.S. Department of Education. Winners with a qualifying disability may elect instead to receive an equivalent financial contribution to a special needs trust or federally qualified ABLE account to cover qualified expenses.

Only lawful, permanent residents of Massachusetts who are fully vaccinated can apply. Residents must have received their vaccine doses within Massachusetts. Residents must be fully vaccinated prior to submitting their entry.

There are over 900 vaccination locations across the Commonwealth, with appointments and walk ins widely available. Residents seeking a vaccine can visit [mass.gov/COVIDVaccine](https://mass.gov/COVIDVaccine) to find a vaccine location that is convenient for them.

For more information on the Mass VaxMillions Giveaway, visit [mass.gov/VaxMillions](https://mass.gov/VaxMillions).

conventions in Boston. "Monday is a big day for that," added Whitehouse.

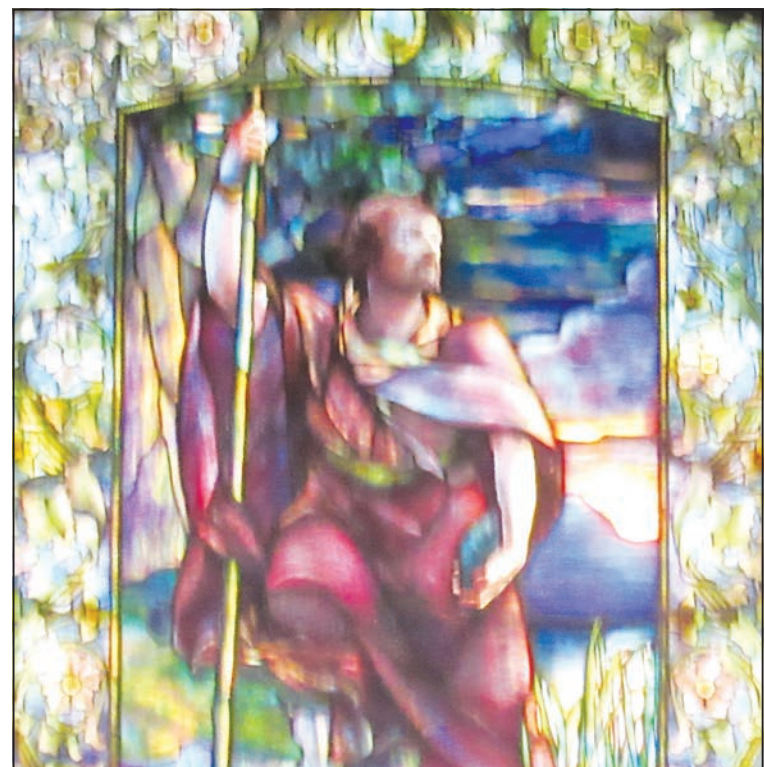
Money raised from the tour will help pay for a major renovation of the church, which, said Whitehouse, now needs a lot of work, especially to address its "crumbling" brownstone facade.

Joyce Kamau, church administrator, said Arlington Street Church is the first public building in the Back Bay, as well a "very important building in Boston." But despite its prestige, she said, many visitors to Boston are com-

pletely unaware of the church's existence until they visit the adjacent Public Garden.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors again and hope to have a pleasant and safe resurrection of our wonderful tour program," said Kamau.

To learn more about Arlington Street Church's "The Art of Tiffany Stained Glass" tours, visit <https://www.asctiffany.org>, or to volunteer as a tour guide with the program, contact Joyce Kamau at [jkamau@acsboston.org](mailto:jkamau@acsboston.org) or call 617-536-7050.



"St. John the Baptist" a Tiffany stained-glass window at Arlington Street Church