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Mayor Kim Janey and City officials break ground on the North Meadows development on The Greenway.

North Meadows groundbreaking on The Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

Groundbreaking ceremonies recently took place for the upcoming North Meadows (formerly Parcel 2) development on The Greenway.

Boston's newest park space is located between the North End, West End, Bulfinch Triangle and boarded by North Washington Street, Anthony "Rip" Valenti Way and Beverly Street, the park is a site of constant reinvention.

When the "Big Dig" highway was submerged it allowed the Rose Kennedy Greenway public park to be built.

North Meadows on The

Greenway's design will include historical signage in partnership with the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

"The value of urban open space has never been more evident and we are grateful to the many stockholders that partnered to create North Meadows on The Greenway said Greenway Conservancy Executive Director Chris Cook.

"Creating green open spaces is vital to ensuring residents' physical and mental health and well-being," said Mayor Kim Janey.

North Meadows is both a gateway and a pocket of open space for residents and visitors to the surrounding neighborhoods in the

North End and West End, a commitment to making thoughtful enhancements along the entirety of The Greenway according to the Conservancy.

Attending the ceremony were: Conservancy and Greenway Business Improvement District (BID) leaders, Acting Transportation Secretary and CEO Jamey Tesler, Mayor Kim Janey, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, State Senator Joe Boncore and Councilor Lydia Edwards.

BID members provided and leveraged enhancement funds to make this project and place making improvement possible.

Lydia Edwards endorses Michelle Wu for Mayor

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards, who represents East Boston, Charlestown and the North End said she is a 'bold, brave woman who supports bold, brave women' and that is why she has endorsed her fellow colleague Michelle Wu's candidacy for Mayor of Boston.

At a press event Wednesday

at Lopresti Park Edwards said in her time serving alongside Wu on the City Council she bore witness to her unflinching leadership for all Bostonians, of every neighborhood, background, and lived experience.

"That's why today, I wholeheartedly and proudly endorsed Michelle Wu, to be our next mayor," said Edwards. "We need Michelle's leadership. Boston is

emerging from a pandemic and each and every single one of us is in some form of recovery. No one can say that they weren't impacted by 2020. Fewer and fewer of us can actually say that we've been made whole, or that things were fine. We watched George Floyd get murdered and we saw a racial reckoning emerge around the country. We were isolated

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Dr. Campo named President of the MA Foot and Ankle Society

By Dan Murphy

Dr. Frank Campo was recently named President of the Massachusetts Foot and Ankle Society (Massachusetts Podiatric Medical Association).

Dr. Campo has been with the organization for 34 years, 14 of which he served on the board, while he has been part of the executive board for 12 years. At various times, he served in the roles of the organization's treasurer, secretary, and vice president before his latest appointment as president for a two-year term.

"I'm very excited to lead Massachusetts," said Dr. Campo. "I'm trying to change the scope of the podiatry practice in terms of what podiatrists can do in Massachusetts to [align] with the rest of the country."

Of around 400 practicing podiatrists in the state of Massachusetts, 300 are members of the organization, he said.

Dr. Campo said he would reg-



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Dr. Frank Campo, the recently named President of the Massachusetts Foot and Ankle Society (Massachusetts Podiatric Medical Association).

ularly be meeting with state legislators, including the governor

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BPDA still reviewing Cross Street Hotel proposal

By Phil Orlandella

Many North End residents and community organizations, back in April, expressed opposition to proposed plans to develop a 55-foot, 134 room hotel at 42 Class Street, located between Salem and Endicott Streets, across from The Greenway.

Currently, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) is still reviewing the plans and the community opposition put forth during the official comment period, leaving the neighborhood waiting for some sort of decision by the agency.

One local group, North End/Waterfront Residents' Association

(NEWRA) has sent a comment letter expressing a negative position regarding a hotel, as proposed, being developed at the planned site.

NEWRA also made suggestions for the location other than a hotel.

Concerns have been made in the neighborhood relating to the lack of the projects residential purpose and benefits, impacts to park land, private use of the park and an inadequate public process.

Past plantings that may have been adequate to measure the fitness of the proposed project or any other development at the site is an appropriate planning contest

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EDITORIAL

NOT VACCINATED? COVID-19 WILL GET YOU -- AND YOUR FAMILY

When we were writing about COVID-19 last year at the height of the pandemic, we often put it this way: COVID-19 is a hunter and we, the human animal, are its prey.

In the summer of 2021, another way to think about it is this: COVID-19 is a microscopic version of the alien monsters in the popular sci-fi movies *A Quiet Place* or *The Tomorrow War* in which the aliens have invaded Earth and are seeking to exterminate the human race.

In both of those films, the humans have banded together to fight the aliens in order to avoid extinction.

In particular, the heroes in those movies do whatever they can to protect their families.

However, unlike in the movies, many of the humans on our planet, especially here in the United States, are not acting with the same degree of rationality and unity in fighting COVID-19.

Virus infections and hospitalizations are rising sharply across the United States thanks to the Delta variant, an updated version of the virus, that is both more transmissible and causes more serious disease.

However, as President Biden succinctly put it, the new surge in cases is occurring almost entirely among those who are not vaccinated.

More than 160 million Americans have received vaccinations, roughly half of the country. However, the vaccination rate varies widely depending upon the geographic region. In the Northeast and the West Coast, vaccination rates are in the range of 70 percent, compared to under 40 percent in large areas of the South and middle of the country.

Predictably, the increase in infections, hospitalizations, and deaths are surging in those under-vaccinated areas. The numbers don't lie. It was reported last week that the seven-day moving average of new COVID-19 cases across the country increased by 16%, but that 93% of those cases were among counties with low vaccination rates.

In states with high vaccination rates, new infections are occurring almost solely among the unvaccinated. In the state of Maryland, which has a high vaccination rate, 99% of new COVID cases are occurring in persons who are not vaccinated.

The Delta variant that is now prevalent in the U.S. and across the globe is more than twice as transmissible as the original version of COVID-19. Fortunately, all three of the vaccines being used in this country (Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J) are highly-effective against infection by the Delta variant.

In addition, we have more than enough of the vaccine to inoculate every American against this dreaded disease. America is the richest country in the world and we have used our wealth to encourage the development and production of vaccines and to purchase a supply sufficient to immunize every American.

The incredible success in developing successful vaccines has been the equivalent of a 21st century Manhattan Project, which was the scientific effort to develop the nuclear bomb that eventually ended World War II.

So why are so many of our fellow citizens hesitant to get the vaccine? President Biden noted that misinformation -- and outright disinformation -- on social media platforms are killing people. He also should have added that disinformation campaigns on certain so-called mainstream news networks similarly are contributing to vaccine hesitancy.

If you are relying on your Facebook friends or some other on-line (or mainstream news network) to persuade you from getting the vaccine, then you are a victim of bad information that can harm you and your families.

In short, the simple -- but brutal -- truth is this: If you and your loved ones are not vaccinated, it is inevitable that COVID-19 will find you, just like those science-fiction aliens in the movies. And just like the movies, for all too many of the unvaccinated, the outcome will be deadly.

GUEST OP-ED

Showing up for our aging residents

By Councilor Annissa Essaibi George

This past year and a half has been devastating for so many, and with that has come a long list of changes and priorities that the City of Boston must address. But perhaps voices too often left out of these critical policy conversations belong to Boston's aging residents.

Here in Boston, it is projected that 20% of our population will be age 65 or older within 15 years. It's essential that our policies reflect this and that any future planning includes measures that make our city welcoming, accessible and inclusive of our aging residents.

We must prioritize housing. Our aging residents decided to call Boston home. Many raised their families here, worked here, and have become a part of the fabric of their community. They need affordable housing options: we must build senior-specific rental units, provide them options to downsize within their own neighborhood, and lower skyrocketing property taxes that have taken many residents by surprise. Good planning will allow us to create and maintain greenspaces, open space ideal for community gatherings, and make Boston truly accessible for all with more ramps, smooth sidewalks, and benches.

Our residents need transportation options that are close to their homes and go to and from local

senior and community centers, community health centers and hospitals, places of worship, and to the grocery stores and pharmacies. By expanding shuttle services and providing free MBTA passes, we can provide our older residents the resources and tools to be mobile and lead healthy, happy and enriched lives.

As part of my public health plan, I lay out the important role community health centers (CHCs) play in our city. In addition to providing primary care, CHCs provide comprehensive community services to address food insecurity, housing instability, behavioral health, immigration support, and other social determinants of health. Mental health services, in particular, will be key in the coming months after a year and a half or more in isolation with the added stressful burdens of living through a global pandemic. Our neighborhood community health centers can be a critical link between our aging residents and the services they need to lead healthy lives.

As Mayor, I will support and strengthen the lives of older individuals in Boston by ensuring that we are intentional about addressing their needs and improving their quality of life in our policies and initiatives. I'll make bold improvements to programs that will optimize the health, safety and inclusion of aging Bostonians,

and continue to invest in the generational diversity of our residents by cultivating a safe and healthy community with resources to make Boston an enjoyable place to grow older. To do all of this and ensure older residents use these services, City Hall must make a concerted effort to conduct outreach in a way that reaches, and includes, our seniors. We have to meet them where they are. From door knocking programs to phone calls, mailers to meetings at their local senior center, we have to be on the ground, listen to their needs, and allow what we learn to drive the City of Boston's agenda.

There's no question that Boston is such a special place because of the people who choose to call this city home, who build businesses here, who enrich our neighborhoods and contribute to our communities. So let's make sure we're creating more opportunities for aging residents to stay in them, such as more senior-specific affordable housing, improved and accessible infrastructure, and community-centered care. But even more importantly, let's intentionally engage our older residents in every aspect of these policies so that all voices have the opportunity to shape our city's future—I think we could all learn a thing or two.

Councilor Annissa Essaibi George is a candidate for Mayor.

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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GUEST OP-ED

Fast track to turmoil

Dr. Glenn Mollette

A happy and secure life does not mean immediate gratification.

We have heard these words before, "I want it all and I want it now." Wanting the things of life as quickly as possible is natural. Some climb the career ladder quickly achieving epic heights at young ages. Many burn the candle at both ends in order to have the biggest house the finance company will allow. Some want to have a certain number of children by a certain age along with a mega career, housing, cars and all that a segment of society considers suc-

cessful.

However, is your mental sanity worth the stress of all that it usually takes to get as much and as fast as you can? The common consensus by many is, "I don't want to wait until I'm old to have a nice house." Or, "I don't want to wait to enjoy the finer things of life."

An old acquaintance bought an expensive house in California a few years back and remarked, "I couldn't wait to get into that incredible house and then I couldn't wait until we sold it." Another friend remarked, "The greatest day in my life was when I bought my boat and the

second greatest day was when I sold it." Our view of life's wants and needs change throughout life. We look at some things as if we can't live until we get them. After awhile we realize life was simpler and more manageable before we had them.

Consider pacing yourself. Remember this word as much as possible – afford. Try to buy, drive and live with the afford word as your ongoing theme. If you can't afford it you certainly don't need it, whatever it is. Don't overbuy on your house. Buy what you can afford now and maybe soon you can sell and buy greater. If you are

living beyond what you can afford you will end up losing ground. Getting behind with making payments on property or having to file bankruptcy will only put the things you want out of reach. Destroying your credit rating only dismantles what you will want to buy next.

So, take your time. Trying to spend more and buy more than you can afford does not make you a greater person in anyone's minds or eyes. Keep in mind that it's your life and there's nothing better than living life with peace of mind. If you can be comfortable, eat well and have a good daily life

of health then what more do you really want? If you want more, then take your time, do good and more will probably become available to you. The wisdom writer of Proverbs said in 15:16, "Better a little with fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil."

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEWRA OPPOSES VERTICAL ADDITION

A request by 51 North Margin Street Realty Trust to construct a four-story vertical edition (over 55 feet) on top of the defunct Dog Father business was opposed 17 to 1 by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at their July 8 monthly meeting.

The development requires a change of occupancy to a multi-family residential building to construct a six-story, four unit dwelling with five-stories of residential use over one level of parking/lobby area with four parking spaces.

The next NEWRA meeting is Thursday, August 12 at 7 PM.

NEAD FREE BOAT CRUISE

As part of North End Against Drugs Family Fun Festival the annual Emily Pugliano/Bobby DeCristoforo family boat cruise will be held for North End residents hosted by Boston Harbor City Cruises, once again free.

NEAD sponsors will provide light refreshments for passengers to enjoy. Beverages will be available to purchase.

Boarding will be at 6:45 PM, attendees must be at the dock by 6:30 PM for the Monday, August

2 cruise.

Space is limited. Email jromano45@gmail.com to reserve a spot on the cruise. Names and addresses of those attending must be provided.

NEWNC MEETING/NO AGENDA ITEMS

There were no voting agenda items on the last North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) agenda.

Besides reports by the president and committee chairs, North End Feast Committee updated NEWNC on this year's festivals and an update on Harbor fest resiliency issues were presented.

NORTH END LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Now that the North End Library has opened, Friends of the Library are active again starting creative and educational programs.

As the Friends September meeting and election of officers will take place for the coming fiscal year. Current President Chris Sabbey will announce her resignation at the September meeting.

The Friends welcome new members who care to support the local branch.

JOHNNY PAOLO BOCCE TOURNAMENT

As part of the North End Against Drugs (NEAD) Family Fun Festival the annual Johnny Paolo Bocce Tournament will be held at the new courts on Commercial Street starting at 12 PM.

Pre-registration (\$5) is available by contacting Linda Lopriore at soxgirl@hotmail.com. Registration is available at the courts no later than 11:30 AM.

Two person teams will compete. Food, water, ice cream and old-time music. Trophies will be awarded for First, Second and Third place winners once they have been determined.

NEMPAC JAZZ IN THE PARK SERIES

North End Music and Performing Arts Center's Jazz in the Park Summer Concert Series returns to the Rose Kennedy Greenway within all women Grammy-nominated lineup, with a new and unique artist performing each Tuesday evening.

The event is free and open to the public and runs from 6:30 PM to 8 PM and will feature the harmony of Sissy Castrogiovanni, the Fabiola Mendez Trio, Debo Ray and Niu Raza.

These powerhouse female artists will bring back live music to The Greenway.

NEMPAC is thrilled to be presenting a concert series that uplifts the voices of female artists.

Schedule: Tuesday, July 27-Fabiola Mendez Trio, led by Mendez; Tuesday, August 3-Debo Ray; Tuesday, August 10-Niu Raza.

NEWRA UPDATED PARK FLOODING

Senior Resilience and Waterfront Planner for the Boston Planning and Development, Joe Christo recently updated the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) on how the city plans to protect the park during potential environmental changes that will protect the park from being flooded for the third time.

FOCCP MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) membership drive is designed for the entire community.

FOCCP's Refer a Friend program benefits the community organization, existing members and local businesses.

Members who refer a friend receive a chance to win one of

four \$50 gift cards purchased by FOCCP from local businesses.

Year to date, FOCCP has gained 13 members. In addition, FOCCP's new Small Business membership offer enhances promotional opportunities.

BOSTON CAMERA CLUB EXHIBITION IN SEAPORT

The Boston Neighborhood Network (BNN) "Around Town" TV show has released a 30-minute documentary of The Focus Eye: Our Unique Views of the Boston Camera Clubs outdoor photography exhibition.

Filmed on location at the Public Green on Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District, the program brought together the voices of the participating photographers and the community partners that created their own art in response to the images.

An opening reception will be held on Sunday, July 18 from 1-3 PM at the exhibition site on Fan Pier in the Boston Seaport District near Northern Avenue and Marina Park Drive. Rain date is Sunday, July 25 from 1-3 PM.

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Opening reception for photo banner postponed to July 25, due to rain forecast

The Boston Camera Club has postponed its Opening Reception for its outdoor photography exhibition, *The Focused Eye: Our Unique Views*, to Sunday, July 25th, 1-3pm due to the rain forecast on the originally scheduled date of July 18th.

The opening reception will be held at the exhibition site on Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District (intersection of Northern Ave. & Marina Park Dr.). Participating photographers and community partners who contributed creative content will be on-hand to celebrate the expansive visual experience featuring 88 large-scale images printed on a 250-ft long banner.

Reception attendees who are not current Boston Camera Club members will be able to enter their name into a drawing to win a free one-year membership to the Boston Camera Club (a \$70 value)! Light refreshments will also be served.

In the meantime, we invite you to read this feature article just published by The Boston Globe,

"Boston Camera Club unspools its art along Fan Pier."

"When people couldn't connect in-person, Boston Camera Club looked for new ways for photographers to click. The non-profit's first outdoor exhibit, *The Focused Eye: Our Unique*

Views," spreads 88 member photographs over a ribbon-like display along Fan Pier in the Seaport District." Continue reading at The Boston Globe website.

"We continue to be thrilled with the response to the photo banner exhibition," said Boston Camera Club President Tom Hill. "The banner project is the largest exhibition by the BCC and we are excited to bring it to life while building connections with other artists throughout the greater-Boston community."

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tion at the Public Green on Fan Pier in Boston's Seaport District, the program brought together the voices of the participating photographers and the community partners that created their own art in response to the images. The show features exclusive interviews and a fascinating presentation by curator Emily Belz who sequenced the photographs for the banner exhibition. The documentary is available online and is currently being aired on BNN. [Click here to view the BNN schedule and to view the "Around Town" TV Documentary online.]

"Fabulous! Gorgeous pictures ... art meets art, artist meets artist ... a wonderful collaboration," is how GBH Arts Editor Jared Bowen described the "giant span of photography" on the Morning Edition radio show. The exhibition encompasses an entire city block at Northern Avenue and Marina Park Drive in the Seaport. "I felt like I was in a museum, but outdoors," said Bowen.

The exhibition website, www.BostonCameraClub.photos,

features artist statements and creative contributions by community groups from across the greater Boston area in response to the photographs. Partnering organizations include Actors' Shakespeare Project; Boston Latin Academy Photography Club; Boston Latin Academy 7th Grade English Language Arts class;

Mission Hill Women's Writing Group; Never Too Late to be a Poet; Rehearsal for Life; and Zumix. Participants from these organizations contributed poems, prose, audio, video, and artwork in response to the exhibition's photographs.

The Focused Eye: Our Unique Views is generously funded by Tufts Medical Center, Blue Hour Photo Ventures, and two anonymous gifts. The Boston Camera Club is especially thankful to the owners of Fan Pier for welcoming the photo exhibition to the Public Green.

The banner is open to the public at Fan Pier located at the intersec-

tion of Northern Ave. & Marina Park Dr. in Boston's Seaport District through November 2021. Viewers are encouraged to share their reactions on social media using the hashtag #BCCPHOTOBANNER.

Founded in 1881, the Boston Camera Club is dedicated to the advancement of photography as an art and a science. The club currently has over 150 members, ranging in experience from novice to professional, from all over the greater Boston metropolitan area. Meetings are held weekly and include photo competitions, critiques, educational lectures, and studio portrait sessions. Additionally, the club sponsors exhibitions, field trips to local points of interest, and special events and workshops led by well-known photographers. For more information on club activities and membership, visit www.boston-cameraclub.org or connect with the BCC on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

Greater Boston Convention, Visitors Bureau and Boston Beer Co. to support small BIPOC restaurants

More than 20 Boston ethnic restaurants coupled with hundreds of foodies and their families will come together for Get Connected!'s 7th Annual A Taste of Ethnic

Boston from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at Big Night Live, Boston's newest, hottest entertainment destination.

This one-of-a-kind multi-ethnic food festival was created to highlight the hidden gems of neighborhood restaurants and chefs who are not featured in glossy magazines or on local TV food shows but whose cuisines are just as exquisite as their counterparts in other Boston neighborhoods.

In the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of Boston's neighborhood restaurants have closed or are at risk. According to the Boston Black Hospitality Coalition, 90% of local neighborhood restaurant revenue came from foot traffic and onsite consumption. By the start of 2021, local restaurants across the country were estimated to lose upward of \$200 billion, with 61% of restaurant owners stating that the existing federal relief would not be enough to sustain them, according to the National Restaurant

Association.

Each year, A Taste of Ethnic Boston has partnered with a non-profit organization to support its mission and donate a percentage of the event's ticket sales. This year we teamed up with the Boston Black Hospitality Coalition, prioritizing the preservation of a 180+ year legacy of food, culture, and business in Boston's black & ethnic communities. A Taste of Ethnic Boston will feature a variety of ethnic cuisines: African, Afghani, Caribbean, Chinese, Dominican, Ethiopian, Italian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Vietnamese and more.

"This year, A Taste of Ethnic Boston will serve as a reminder that people can use the power of their purse to help revitalize Boston's restaurants. This is an opportunity to ensure an equitable recovery for all our neighborhood food and beverage establishments," says Colette Phillips, the founder of Get Connected! and creator of A Taste of Ethnic Boston.

Come experience the 7th Annual A Taste of Ethnic Boston and help revitalize our neighborhood restaurants.

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from each other. We were angry. Some are financially crippled and many people still to this day have no idea how they're going to care for their children. We have the right to question all systems and how things are going. So we need a leader today that can see the moment and create a movement that brings us together. That leader is Michelle."

Edwards said Wu has spent her eight years on the Boston City Council standing up for residents, families, and workers.

"She has a clear plan to end the ongoing housing crisis — one of the worst in Boston's history — and amidst record-breaking heat waves and floods, understands the urgency of tackling the climate crisis," said Edwards. "All that Michelle has done is based on her love of Boston. She is protective of our city. Protective of our city from irresponsible developers; protective of our city from those who want to threaten our clean air and water. She, like no one else I know, believes in what the government can do especially at the local level. So much of what the city is doing today is based on her legacy and ideas."

Edwards continued, "To those people who look at our government and wonder, "Are you hear-



District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Boston Mayoral Candidate Michelle Wu chat before Wednesday's press conference.

ing me? Are you seeing me? Do you value me?" and to those who are struggling with addiction, mental health, or struggle with childcare Michelle will never forget you. She will empower you. She will be there for you. Michelle is the best candidate for this moment, to create the movement that we need to bring us together."

Edwards' endorsement adds to the Michelle for Mayor campaign's coalition of multigenerational, multicultural grassroots supporters including leaders Senator Elizabeth Warren, State Senator and Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, former State Representative and

Assistant Majority Leader Byron Rushing; unions Teamsters Local 25, New England Joint Board of Unite Here!, Alliance of Unions at the MBTA, MBTA Inspectors Union Local 600, OPEIU Local 453; environmental organizations Sunrise Boston, Sierra Club, the Environmental League of Massachusetts, 350 Mass Action; Progressive West Roxbury/Roslindale; and fellow municipal elected officials from across Greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"I'm honored to have the support of my friend and partner on the Council, Councilor Lydia Edwards," said Wu. "In the years that we've known each other, even before serving together on the Council, I've always respected her tenacity, empathy and leadership. It's been a delight to organize alongside her for economic justice, housing stability, and workers' rights, and I look forward to continuing our partnership to make Boston a city for everyone. So I couldn't be prouder today to stand with someone who I treasure, and to be in a community that I've worked with for so many years. We need to bring a sense of community building and a fierce relentless passion for what we could do together into City Hall and into the mayor's office."

Janey encourages Boston residents to claim their child tax-credit

Staff Report

City officials announced a city-wide push to ensure that all eligible families in Boston receive their Child Tax Credit (CTC), a newly expanded federal tax credit that experts believe could cut child poverty in half. While most families will receive the money automatically in monthly payments from July to December, 2021, families who do not file taxes will need to take action to claim the CTC. The Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment is conducting outreach to these families to ensure an

estimated 5,100 Boston children do not miss out on dollars crucial to their care and well-being.

The expanded CTC is designed to defray the costs of child-rearing and child care, provide more child care options, and support return to work for those who have lost their jobs or income. To be eligible for the full CTC, married couples must earn no more than \$150,000 and heads of household must earn no more than \$112,500. Qualifying families will get the full CTC amount even if they owe taxes.

The full CTC provides families with:

- \$3,600 per child under 6 years old
- \$3,000 per child 6-17 years old
- Eligible children must have a Social Security Number.

Starting July 15, the first half of the CTC will be automatically deposited in monthly payments of \$300 or \$250 into the bank accounts of most eligible families. The second half of the CTC will be made available as a tax refund next year. Families that did not file a 2019 or 2020 tax return claiming the Child Tax Credit or did not share their information with the IRS to receive stimulus payments

will need to claim the CTC using the Child Tax Credit Non-filer Sign-up Tool.

The Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment is spreading awareness of the CTC through an informational website (which includes translations in 12 languages) and is providing over-the-phone assistance through its Financial Navigators program, which can be reached at the Boston Tax Help Coalition Help Line at 617-356-8229. Partnering City departments and local community organizations are also offering assistance to those who have questions about

the CTC or need help claiming it.

They include:

- Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD)
- Greater Boston Legal Services
- Jewish Vocational Service (JVS)
- Mayor's Office of Food Access
- Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement
- Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities
- Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement
- Shah Family Foundation
- Urban Edge

Campbell announces plan to create affordable housing and ownership opportunities

Staff Report

Councilor and mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell joined supporters in Dorchester to share her plans to address Boston's housing affordability crisis with creative strategies to build new affordable and workforce housing, including activating City-owned vacant lots for workforce housing and mixed-use development.

"Housing affordability is the single biggest issue Bostonians are worried about. The inequities in access to quality, affordable housing in Boston are deepening, in part because the growth in our City over many years has not been shared equally across all of our neighborhoods," said Campbell. "Providing the leadership, vision and management necessary to transform housing in Boston must be our next mayor's top priority. We need to make it easier to build housing that is truly affordable for Bostonians and better utilize City

assets that sit vacant in our communities. As mayor, I will get creative, cut red tape and streamline development processes to accelerate the creation of affordable housing. And in my first 100 days, I will activate 100 vacant City lots for housing that will be affordable for those who live here, provide ownership opportunities, and create local jobs."

Campbell held her press conference beside a City-owned vacant lot at the corner of Blue Hill Ave and Floyd Street that is currently undergoing an RFP for mixed-use residential and retail development as part of Campbell's work to activate vacant lots for housing and other community use.

There are thousands of vacant lots in Boston - including hundreds that are owned by the City of Boston and concentrated in Dorchester, Mattapan, and Roxbury. As a City Councilor, Campbell started a vacant lots initiative, working with the City's

Department of Neighborhood Development, local universities and students, and community members to develop plans for new housing, retail, and community green space on vacant lots in Dorchester and Mattapan. As a result of this work, the City started a planning process for vacant lots as part of the Blue Hill Ave Action Plan and is currently accepting RFPs for 30 City-owned lots on the Blue Hill Ave corridor. Campbell plans to expand this initiative as mayor and has pledged to activate 100 vacant City lots in her first 100 days.

Campbell is the only candidate in this race offering specific and actionable strategies to create more affordable housing, and activating our vacant lots is just one example. Her housing plan calls for:

- Streamlining permitting and licensing so that it's faster, easier, more predictable, and cheaper;
- Removing affordable housing

and small developments from the BPDA review process (Article 80) so that more affordable housing is available sooner for the community;

- Increasing staff capacity of Inspectional Services and the Department of Neighborhood

Development to support this work;

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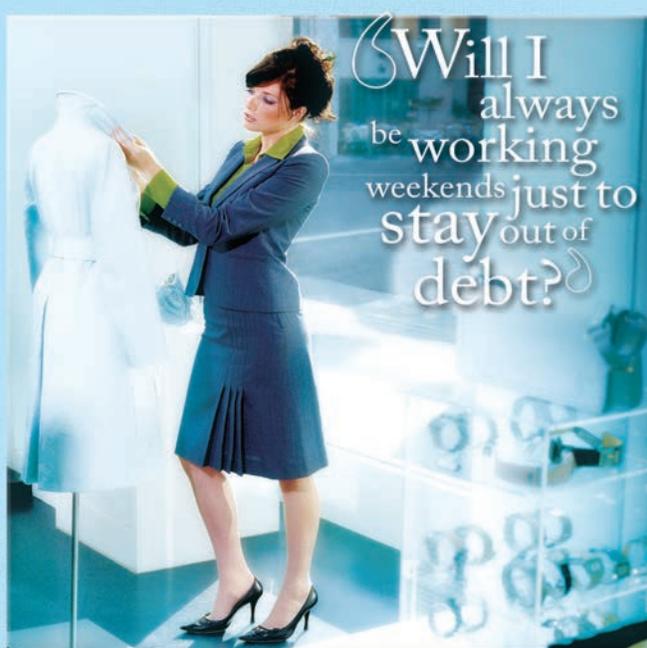
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NORTH END ITALIAN FEASTS AND PROCESSIONS GUIDE 2021

A list of the remaining North End Italian Feasts and Processions for Summer 2021.

July 25 – St. Joseph Procession

1:00 pm Procession only – Starts at St. Joseph Society Club, Hanover Street

July 29, 30, 31 & August 1 – St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast

(First weekend in August)
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Thursday; 12pm-11pm Fri., Sat. & Sun.

Hanover & Battery Streets (12:00pm Sunday Procession)

August 6, 7 & 8 – Madonna Della Cava Feast

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.

Hanover & Battery Streets (1:00pm Sunday Procession)

August 12, 13, 14 & 15 - 'Fisherman's Feast' of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca

The Fisherman's Feast is an annual event that began in Boston in 1911 and is based on a tradition that goes back to the 16th century



Courtesy photo

A look at a previous event.

in Sciacca Sicily.

Thursday, 6pm, Blessing of the Fishing Waters to Christopher Columbus Park

Feast opens at 6:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun. Fleet, Lewis & North Streets

Sunday 1:00 pm Grand Procession starts; 8:00 pm Flight of the Angel

August 22 – Centennial Feast for Santa Lucia

Mass at 12 noon with Cardinal

O'Malley at St. Leonard Church 2:00 p.m. – Opening Ceremonies & Procession starts at Endicott & Thacher Streets (Feast on Endicott St.)

August 26 – St. Lucy's Feast

Thacher & Endicott Streets
7:00 pm Thursday Night Procession (5pm Music by Vinyl Groove)

August 27, 28, 29 – Saint Anthony's Feast

Named the "Feast of all Feasts" by National Geographic Magazine, this authentic Italian street festival has it all for people of every age: parades, strolling singers, live entertainment, contests and religious services are held daily. (Last weekend in August)

Endicott, Thacher & N. Margin Streets

Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.

Sunday: 12:00 pm Grand Procession starts

September 12 – Santa Rosalia di Palermo

1:00 pm – Procession only – North Square

September 19 — Santa Maria Di Anzano Procession

1:00 pm – Procession only – Starts at St. Leonard Church, Hanover & Prince Streets

NEAA PLAYERS/FAMILY ATTEND RBI CELEBRATION AT FENWAY

By Phil Orlandella

As part of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) partnership with the Boston Red Sox Foundation and its Junior RBI Program, 21 baseball players and family members participated in the RBI Appreciation Day at Fenway Park.

"Players went on the field prior to the Red Sox game to be part of the RBI salute and ceremony," NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano said.

"Attendees enjoyed the game, received food vouchers and stayed for the entire game," Romano added. "Players were able to run the bases following the game."

"It was an awesome day at Fenway made available by the Red Sox Foundation and the Jr RBI Program," Romano said.



Pictured (left to right) Paolo Tizzano, Luca Tizzano Gianluca DeMarco, Domenic D'Anna with Red Sox favorites Tesse and Wally



Pictured (left to right) Leo Bonosoro, Jack Trojan, Madison Bonosoro, and Mary Trojan.

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NEWRA objects to Harbor Plan Amendment

By Phil Orlandella

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) has sent a comment letter to Daniel J. Padien, Chief of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requesting that DEP remove the City of Boston Downtown District Municipal Harbor Plan as an "Approved Municipal Harbor Plan" from the proposed amendment to the Massachusetts Waterways regulation, 310 CMR 9.00.

NEWRA claims the amended proposal by DEP would modify provisions at the regulations related to Municipal Harbor Planning (MHP), effectively providing, without further DEP or public review, approval of the Downtown Waterfront MHP and other MHP's.

It is NEWRA's position that reinstating the Downtown Waterfront MHP that was invalidated by a recent Suffolk Superior Court ruling would revalidate and add to a series of significant errors and omissions in the Secretary's original approval and in the conduct of the Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) planning process.

While DEP has issued a letter concurring with the Downtown Waterfront MHP, NEWRA respectfully contends that this

MHP and the associated BPDA planning process were deficient in facilitating community-based waterfront planning, preserving and protecting the public rights in tide lands, mitigating or offsetting the impact of substitute standards and improving the public realm with consistent and uniform design standards across the planning area.

NEWRA outline specific reasons for seeking removal of the Downtown Waterfront MHP from the proposed amendment to the regulations.

They mirror the concerns raised in their more detailed comments on the Environmental Notification form for the Harbor Garage redevelopment project dated October 2, 2020.

Many of those comments related to the deficiencies with the Downtown Waterfront MHP and their concerns about the potential adverse impacts of the Harbor Garage project.

The letter also pointed out many other issues and concerns...

NEWRA concluded that the planning process was conducted by BPDA with the sole end game of ensuring the construction of building towers that were proposed at or near the water's edge after the Harbor Garage and Hook Wharf sites, with all other planning objections being secondary or neglected.

A 600-foot building constructed close to the water's edge and within a narrow but important and highly active public waterfront area is inappropriate.

The MHP's offsets for substitute provisions for building height are inadequate and unacceptable. MHP process inadequacies must be corrected.

NEWRA requested that the MEPA process on the Harbor Garage ENE, be suspended until design and use standards were developed and approved, if not possible, that the Secretary's decision on the ENF and the scope for the DEIR include the background and purpose of design and use standards are expressed.

NEWRA noted, the period of time during which an MHP may be submitted for approval in 301 CMR 23.04 had expired long before the Downtown Waterfront MHP was submitted.

The Downtown MHP Advisory Committee, as the Harbor Planning Group, should have participated under 301 CMP 23.04 (3) (c) in the nine months of post comment-period private consultations which BPDA had with state agencies.

The consultation sessions should have been open under Massachusetts Open Law, not only to the Advisory Committee members but the public as well.

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and mayor of Boston, in his role as president of the Massachusetts Foot and Ankle Society.

"It's not to make podiatry political, but to raise awareness of podiatry in Massachusetts and awareness of podiatry in the medical community," he said. "I'm honored that they chose me, and I will try my best to increase networking in podiatry, and to help

other podiatrists."

Besides his work with this organization, Dr. Campo also serves as the Medicare representative for podiatry in the state of Massachusetts. In this role, he offers assistance with medical coding, billing, and other issues, he said.

Dr. Campo is a graduate of Northeastern University, and

received his Doctorate from William M. Scholl of Podiatric Medicine.

The grandson of Sicilian immigrants, Dr. Campo has been practicing Podiatry in the North End for 32 years, and in addition to his practice there, he also practices at the several Council on Aging facilities and nursing/rehabilitation centers on the Lower Cape.

BPDA (from pg. 1)

that complicates the neighborhood interest with minimum impact.

NEWRA noted that the project site has 100 years of history of being a part of the community, and the hotel plans may have the greatest impact, compared to other development opportunities.

They question the need and wisdom of removing the site from the neighborhood and the purpose of a hotel when hotels have been recently completed and are

currently under construction or planned nearby at North Station, Government Center Garage, 88 North Washington Street and parcel 4, adjacent to the Haymarket Pushcart Vendor's area that surrounds the North End.

NEWRA contends that a hotel would effectively remove the site from the neighborhood for purposes of accommodating more city visitors, meet the demands for hotel rooms but does not help

satisfy the needs for residential housing or community support services.

Other issues and concerns were raised by NEWRA dealing with traffic flow during and after construction is completed, air quality, view, noise and other possible impacts.

NEWRA voted 25-1 to compose the comments sent to BPDA expressing their point of view.



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CRWA and EPA announce water quality grades for Charles and Muddy Rivers

By John Lynds

For years Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has been releasing beach reports cards that rate the quality of the water at state-run beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

Now the Charles River Water Watershed Associations (CRWA) and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are getting in on the act.

For the first time the CRWA and EPA teamed up on a river report card for the Charles and Muddy Rivers.

According to the report, five out of six segments in the Charles Watershed were graded in the "A" or "B" range with the Muddy River over in the Charlesgate area being the lone exception with a "D-".

In addition to grades for E. Coli bacteria, the Charles River is separately graded on cyanobacteria blooms and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharges, which are both public health hazards, especially for boaters and other people coming into contact with the water when these contaminants are present.

According to the report cyanobacterial blooms, which have occurred with greater frequency over the past several years, are caused in part by excess phosphorus washing into the watershed from lawns and impervious surfaces. CSO discharges occur when heavy precipitation events overwhelm portions of the sewer system, and discharges of sewage mixed with stormwater are necessary to prevent sewage backups into streets and residences.

"The wide variety in Charles River grades from an A in the middle watershed to the D- in the Muddy River reflect the predominant land use around each area," said Executive Director of the Charles River Water Association

Emily Norton. "Areas with more development and impervious surface are more polluted. We have work to do to restore all areas of the Charles to be ecologically healthy."

During the past 30 years, the focus of improving water quality in Boston Harbor has transitioned from addressing major outflows of raw sewage being discharged into the Harbor to identifying and addressing numerous smaller sources of bacterial and other contamination further up the watersheds that discharge into Boston Harbor.

The three major watersheds--Charles River, Mystic River and Neponset River--make up a significant portion of the freshwater inputs to Boston Harbor, and all three have an impact on Boston Harbor water quality. Just as each watershed is unique, there are slight differences in how each watershed association calculates

the grade.

However, the grades provide a science-based indication of what many Boston-area residents may not have realized -- that bacteria concentrations in the harbor and the rivers are low in dry weather, but that there are significant problems during and after rainstorms, as well as localized problems in some of the tributaries to the rivers.

EPA New England Acting Regional Administrator Deborah Szaro said efforts by citizens and other stakeholders are continuing to tackle these remaining problems so that all residents of Greater Boston can enjoy the benefits of clean water.

"The contributions of citizen scientists to our efforts to improve water quality in these urban rivers cannot be overstated," said Szaro. "EPA is grateful to the three watershed associations for the scientific data collection that has

helped us to direct our resources to the most critical areas in need of attention. By highlighting locations with water quality impairment, we find that we are also directing our action to improving environmental conditions for historically underserved environmental justice neighborhoods."

Szaro added that the EPA has also taken additional actions to address elevated levels of nutrients that are harming water quality throughout the Charles River Watershed, with an eye toward how a similar approach would work in the Mystic and Neponset Watersheds.

According to the report, last year the EPA conducted a wide-reaching process to gather stakeholder input about a potential path to address stormwater runoff from commercial, industrial, institutional, and residential properties in the Charles River Watershed that are not currently

regulated. EPA is currently evaluating that input along with existing data and expects to make a decision by the end of the year.

"The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to working with communities to address water quality issues," said Eric Worrall, MassDEP's Northeast Regional Director. "The investment of over \$225 million to improve wastewater, stormwater and combined sewer systems infrastructure in the Charles River, Neponset River, and Mystic River watersheds, has led to significant improvement in the water quality in all three of these important Commonwealth resources. We continue to be proud of our partnership with watershed associations and the EPA. The information we receive from citizen scientists helps to inform policy decisions that lead to cleaner waters in the Commonwealth."

North End Family Fun Festival starts July 31

North End Against Drugs, Inc and Ausonia Council #1513, Knights of Columbus present the North End Family Fun Festival July 31 to August 4.

Sat, July 31: 30th Annual Lafesta Baseball Tournament

Puopolo Park - Commercial Street

5 p.m.: North End vs. North Adams All-stars. Game #1 - Come and celebrate an amazing 30 years of this great baseball exchange program between the North End and our Sister City North Adams!

Sun, August 1: 30th Annual Lafesta Baseball Tournament

Puopolo Park - Commercial Street

10 a.m.: Game #2 of this great baseball exchange tournament fea-

turing players from opposite ends of the state!

Sun, August 1: Annual Johnny Paolo Memorial Bocce Tournament

Johnny Paolo Bocce Courts - Commercial Street

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Mon, August 2, - Emilie Pugliano/Bobby D Neighborhood

Boat Cruise

Boston Harbor City Cruises - Long Wharf

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Tues, August 3, North End Neighborhood Block Party

Paul Revere Mall - (Prado) Hanover Street

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Wed, August 4, Family Game Night On The Greenway

North End Park Parcel #10 - Hanover/Cross Streets

6 - 8 p.m.: Boys and Girls all ages welcome - Enjoy Lawn Games, Corn Hole, Whiffle Ball, Jump Rope and much more. Free Italian Slush!! *Parents must attend* with children under 12.

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North End COVID update listed

By John Lynds

Throughout June and the beginning of July COVID infections were virtually nonexistent in the neighborhood with an average of 0.10 percent of residents testing positive week after week.

However, with new variants of the virus penetrating the US, the North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown are not immune to the recent spikes in cases that are sweeping the US and infecting unvaccinated people with vengeance.

According to the weekly report released last Friday released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,104 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 1.3 percent were positive. This was a whopping 1,200 percent increase from the 0.1 percent of residents that tested positive on June 25.

Overall since the pandemic started 55,690 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.4 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage decrease from the 6.5 reported by the BPHC on June 25.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate increased. According to the BPHC 11,704 residents were tested and 1.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 275 percent increase from the 0.4 percent reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed the North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 638.8 cases per 10,000 residents--roughly a 1 percent increase from the 633.6 cases per 10,000 residents reported on June 25.

Twenty-nine additional residents have been infected with the virus since late June and the total number of cases in the area increased to 3,560 cases overall since the pandemic began.

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 0.6 percent since July 9 and went from 70,998 cases to 71,457 confirmed cases in a week. Two additional Boston residents died from the virus in the past two weeks and there are now 1,395 total deaths in the city from COVID.



Courtesy photo

A scene from a previous festival.

Feast of Saint Lucy will celebrate Centennial

By John Lynds

In celebration of their centennial year, the organizers of the Feasts of Saint Anthony and Saint Lucy are planning a special day of commemoration on Sunday, August 22, in the North End of Boston.

According to St. Anthony's Feast Committee Trustee Jason A. Aluia, the day of commemoration will begin at 12:00 p.m. at Saint Leonard Church with a special Centennial Mass celebrated by Cardinal Sean O'Malley. The Mass will conclude with a presentation of the Blessed Relic of Saint Lucy to the Saint Lucy Society.

"A procession will then proceed to Endicott Street for the exposition and blessing of the Statue of Santa Lucia and devotees," said Aluia. "The Statue of Santa Lucia will then be taken through the streets of the North End in the Grand Solemn Procession accompanied by Italian street bands, drum and bugle corps, flower girls and color guard."

To commemorate this special occasion, the committee is planning a special all-day neighborhood festival in front of the Saint Anthony Society headquarters on Endicott Street.

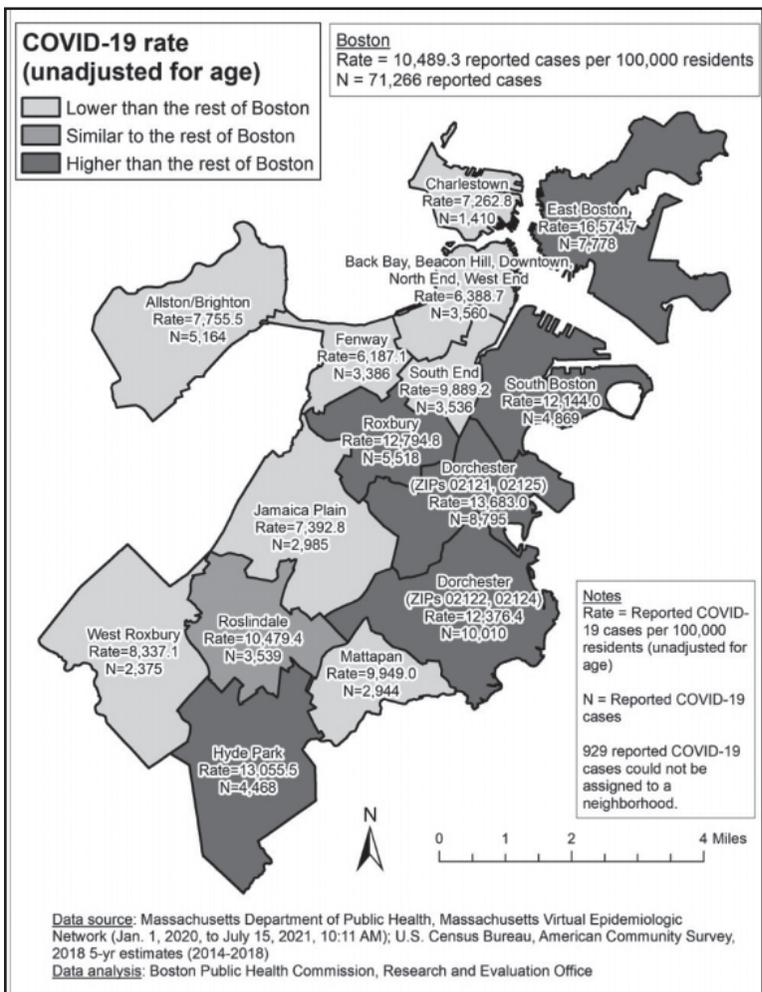
"Everyone is invited to enjoy music, food vendors featuring feast favorites, al fresco dining, a Stella Artois Giardino and games for children," said Aluia.

Festivities will continue Thursday, August 26 through Sunday, August 29, with the traditional Saint Anthony and Saint

Lucy Feast weekend featuring live entertainment, culinary demonstrations, outdoor seating and vendors.

"The first procession of Saint Lucy was held in 1921 on the Monday after the Feast of Saint Anthony," said Aluia. "The popularity of this Saint to the Italian

immigrant population compelled founding members to expand the Feast of Saint Anthony to four days and begin celebrating a Feast of Saint Lucy annually. We invite you to join us in August to celebrate 100 years of faith, family, community and tradition."



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

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Uncle Sam with other parade marchers at Christopher Columbus Park.
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Friends of Christopher Columbus Park volunteers.

FOCCP independence celebration a patriotic community event

By Phil Orlandella

Last year, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) were forced to cancel their popular and well attended Independence Day Celebration due to the pandemic.

However, FOCCP was determined to make it happen this year, coming back with flying colors, by presenting a highly successful community patriotic celebration.

The event began with a parade, led by Uncle Sam on stilts and trumpeter Victor Brogna around the park, followed by a festival of flags.

Participants joined FOCCP members singing and dancing with Baby Shark, enjoyed Big Joe's storytelling and watching a performance by Peter the Magician.

Other activities took place under the Trellis and games on the West Lawn.

Special craft tables were set up to make a window greenhouse and decorating masks and bikes. Also, participants helped create a garden of flags.

FOCCP President Joanne Hayes Rines said, "FOCCP is grateful to our sponsors and members that helped make the community event a great success."

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Uncle Sam marches through the park with friends.



Victor Brogna entertained all with his trumpet.

Regional Review Cubs win NEAA Baseball Championship

By Phil Orlandella

Losing the first game of the playoffs series, the Regional Review Cubs rebounded winning the next two games, capturing the 2021 North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Majors (Little League) Championship, beating the regular-season top finisher the Indians at Puopolo Park.

Baseball Coordinator John Romano recognized the Cubs, coaches and players for having a solid playoffs season on their way to this year's championship under the coaching of Jordan Bednar.

The championship team included: Austin Ortiz Pendleton, Reed Fullerton, Robbie Mallett, Anthony Lochiatto, Victor Lochiatto, Owen Flanagan, Oliver Lavallee, Julian Vidal, Jonathan Morales, Sebastian Niese, Ferdinand, Carangelo and Lexi Howard.

Special awards were presented to the Cubs at the baseball event. Other award winners were: Picture of the Year Owen Flanagan, Rookie of the Year John Fahy, MVP William Previte, Sportsman of the Year Ferdinand Carangelo, on the Year Ferdinand Carangelo, Uncle Fred Carangelo awards were presented to Ben Puopolo, JT Percoco and Coach of the Year Jordan Bednar.

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Polls indicate Waterfront issues need to be addressed

By Phil Orlandella

North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) and the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy have become part of the New Coalition to Elevate Waterfront issues in advance of the 2021 city municipal elections this coming November.

Made up of 40 Boston organizations, the Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront goal is to educate candidates and the public voters on issues impacting Boston's Waterfront.

A new poll, conducted by the Mass INC Polling Group, which surveyed 635 likely voters on a host of topics relating to the Boston waterfront clearly indicated the importance of having open spaces and parks on the waterfront and to convey a group that can help relay these issues needed to be a priority throughout the municipal elections and beyond.

The Coalition plans to host a mayoral forum focused on critical waterfront issues on Thursday, July 29 at the New England Aquarium.

The event will be open to the public and media.

NEWRA has full agenda/ guest speaker

By Phil Orlandella

Mayoral candidate At-Large Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu will present her vision for Boston at the July 8 monthly meeting of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA).

John Barros, former Chief of Economic Development for the City of Boston, also a candidate for Mayor will present his vision for the City of Boston.

Both candidates will take questions.

NEWRA is expected to vote on a proposal by 51 North Margin Street Realty to construct a four-story vertical addition on top of an existing two-story building (formally the location of The Godfather) with a change of occupancy to a multi-family residential building, to construct a six-story four-unit dwelling with five-stories of residential space over one level of a parking/lobby and with four parking spaces.

Boston Public Market is seeking approval to pursue an on premises annual all alcoholic beverage license.

NEWRA will discuss and vote on a draft letter commenting on proposed state regulations that would approve the Downtown Waterfront Municipal Haber Plan and authorize a 600-foot tower at the Harbor Garage.

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LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

Friends of the North End Library Used Book Sale Program continues at the library with no inflation in their prizes.

Gently used book donations can be left in the bin opposite the sale shelves.

NE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Friday, July 23, (time to be announced) the North End Historical Society info table with President Alex Goldfeld will present the latest volume of journal of the society to review.

LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

Friends of the North End Library will hold a meeting at the

library on Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m.

FRIENDS DUES SUSPENDED

The Friends of the North End Library have decided not to collect dues for 2021 even though they hope to be back in full operation by the fall.

BOOK DISCUSSION

A book discussion, Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler will be held at the North End Library on Wednesday, July 28, from 6-7 p.m. Copies available at the library.

Email ihawes@bpl.org to register and have a Zoom Link provided.

LIBRARY CRAFT KITS

Craft Kits for kids 3 and up can be picked up at the North End Library and take home. All needed materials are included in the kits.

NEAD BOSTON CRUISE

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) annual Family Boat Cruise for local residents will take place on Monday, August 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. sponsored by Boston Harbor City Cruises.

Space is limited. Email jroma-

ni45@gmail.com or call 617-750-9749 to reserve a spot.

ANNUAL BOCCE TOURNEY

The annual Johnny Paolo Bocce Tournament will take place on Sunday, August 1 at the new bocce courts on Commercial Street. To register (\$5) email soxgirl32@hotmail.com or register at the event by 11:30 AM.

RMV SCAM WARNING

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has cautioned customers to be aware of text Phishing Scam. RMV does not send text messages to customers to request personal information.

FREE NEMPAC CONCERT SERIES

The site for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is the Rose Kennedy Greenway for the 2021 Jazz in the Park Summer Concert Series that features an all-woman, Grammy nominated line up with new and unique artists performing. The free event will be held on Tuesday, July 27, August 3, August 10 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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 to 6 p.m. For details call 617-724-8725.

HELP STOP FOOD INSECURITY

Donate \$25 to the New Health Help Stop Food Insecurity Program and receive vaccine card protectors.

All proceeds support New Health's Food Insecurity program. To donate visit www.bit.ly/vaccin-cardfoodinsecurity. Offer available until July 14.

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.

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.

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.

MOVIES AT COLUMBUS PARK

Free Sunday summer outdoor films will be shown at Christopher Columbus Park.

July 25, "Top Gun" at 8:20 p.m.

August 1, "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at 8:15 p.m.

August 8, "Mama Mia" at 8 p.m.

August 15, "Hidden Figures" at 8 p.m.

Joe's Bar and Grill will donate popcorn to all the moviegoers.

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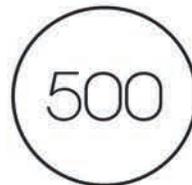
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