



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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### Fall Festival attracts hundreds

by Phil Orlandella

Big Bird, Elmo and Baby Shark were on hand to welcome over 200 children and family members to Christopher Columbus Park for a busy and fun filled Fall Festival Day, coordinated by the Friends of the Park.

The festivities kicked off with a giant costume parade throughout the park led by Big Bird.

Younger participants were able to play games on the lawn, receive a balloon animal, have a pumpkin search and a chance to dance with Big Bird, Elmo and Baby Shark.

“We expected 40 to 50 people but to our delight over 200 people filled the lawn on a sunny, warm fall day to enjoy the event our



A father and daughter pose for a photo at the Photo Op area of the Fall Festival. See more photos on Page 8.

volunteers planned for them,” said Ann Babbitt Fall Festival Chair.

“This free event was open to

all, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and members,” she added.

### North End Christmas Fund needs support

By Phil Orlandella

For over 40 years, the North End Christmas Fund, started by the late community activists Fred “Uncle Fred” Carangelo, has been providing assistance to help local families and seniors during Christmas time.

“Working diligently with various social service agencies in the neighborhood, the committee set its goal to help those that may have lost their job, have a medical crisis, financial needs on maybe just need some cheering up during

the holiday, lost a loved one during the past year,” Romano explained.

This tradition is carried on by the committee of about a dozen people, led by Robert “Ted” Tomasone.

Agencies committed to fund our efforts are, North End Health Center, North End Athletic Association, North End Against Drugs, ABCD North End/West End Service Center, North End Seniors, and Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1513.

“Each year a fabulous luncheon is held at Filippo’s Restaurant with the generosity from the Frattaroli

family and many of the donors. The committee has held a fantastic raffle and over 200 checks, for the last several years, have been presented to those in need,” Romano added.

The committee is seeking friends and neighbors to make a contribution of any kind to help support this fund to help carry on this tradition.

Donations should be made out to North End Christmas Fund and mailed to North End Christmas Fund Committee, 332 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

### Mayor Wu signs Edwards and O’Malley’s fossil fuel ordinance

By John Lynds

On Monday Mayor Michelle Wu signed a city ordinance proposed by City Councilors Lydia Edwards and Matt O’Malley to divest city funds from fossil fuels.

The ordinance requires the city’s collector-treasurer to divest city funds out of “stocks, securities or

other obligations of any company which derives more than 15% percent of its revenue from the combustion, distribution, extraction, manufacture, or sale of fossil fuels, which shall include coal, oil and gas, or fossil fuel products.”

“The climate crisis requires us to take immediate steps toward a cleaner and more sustainable future,” said Councilor Edwards.

“Boston has led on divestment in the past when we divested from apartheid era South Africa. We know it’s a strategy that works. With this ordinance Boston will once again take the lead and move toward climate resiliency. I’m grateful for the partnership of Mayor Wu and Councilor

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### City of Boston sets early voting dates for Senate Special Election

By John Lynds

This week the City of Boston’s Election Department, with approval from the Boston City Council, set in-person early voting dates for the 1st Suffolk & Middlesex Senate Special Election Primary.

On Tuesday, December 14 District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards will square off against Revere School Committee member Anthony D’Ambrosio to fill the

senate seat that was vacated by Joe Boncore earlier this fall.

However, Boston voters in the senatorial district, which includes the North End, Beacon Hill, Bay Village, South End, Chinatown, East Boston, Revere, Winthrop and Cambridgeport, can begin voting Sunday, December 4 and early voting will last until Friday, December 10.

On Sunday December 4 registration (SPECIAL ELECTION, Pg. 4)

### HERITAGE NIGHT AT WEST END MUSEUM



Vickie Zerendow, wife of honoree, Donald Zerendow, with Jimmy Campiano, WEM founder and past president, share a laugh at the West End Museum this annual Heritage Night where they honored three individuals who have deeply impacted the neighborhood. See story and photos on Pages 6 and 7.



**Our office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

# EDITORIAL

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday, tracing its roots back 400 years to the Pilgrims and Indigenous People, long before there was even a thought of a United States of America.

Thanksgiving is the ultimate family-centered holiday. It has no religious meaning, no national-celebration connotations, and no required gift-giving. It lacks the commercialism, religiosity, solemnity, and political overtones of all of our other national observances.

It is the only day on the calendar when we have no obligation other than to spend the day with those who mean the most to us. It asks nothing more from each of us (other than for the person who is doing all the cooking!) beyond just showing up and enjoying the company of our family and friends and then having a great meal.

Thanksgiving is a national celebration that serves to remind us how blessed we are at a time when circumstances are so cruel for so many others in a world in which there are more refugees than at any time since the end of World War II.

Even amidst this time of the ongoing pandemic in our country, we all can agree that Thanksgiving makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for. Despite our present trials and tribulations, Americans are remarkably fortunate to be in a country such as ours.

Thanksgiving serves as a rare day for relaxation, reflection, and inevitably -- at least for some of us -- a post-dinner nap or early night of sleep. In a time when so many of us are connected 24/7 to some instrument of communication, it truly is a relief to have a day when we can just shut it all off.

We wish all of our readers a happy -- and restful -- Thanksgiving.

## ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SAFELY

We would be remiss if we did not remind our readers to enjoy the holiday weekend, but to do so safely.

The pandemic still is spreading like wildfire across our nation, claiming the lives of more than 1000 Americans each and every day. Common sense requires all of us to take every precaution to ensure that we do not spread the coronavirus among our friends and family members.

The virus does not take a holiday -- and each of us must act accordingly.



## GUEST OP-ED

### Coming Infrastructure Relief

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

With the passage of the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act last week, the future of U.S. infrastructure—both physical and digital—has become a lot brighter. Massachusetts alone is expected to receive over \$9 billion to make road and bridge repairs, improve the MBTA, and expand access to broadband Internet service. While we should celebrate this hard-won victory at the federal level, the difficult state level work is about to commence. The most critical decisions—to what programs the money will go, when infrastructure improvements begin, and who will most benefit—have not yet been made. State leaders in western Massachusetts and the Cape have already started lobbying for large portions of the funds to be allocated to their districts. Now more than ever, we, too, need a senator with a strong understanding of infrastructure, finance, and technology to ensure that our District is not overlooked during this crucial allocation process.

People often assume that the greatest infrastructure needs are in rural or inland settings where lack of population density means there are fewer train lines and digital services, but this is not always the case. Our District—as coastal and urban as any place in Massachusetts—faces some of the

largest infrastructure challenges in the Commonwealth.

Let's start with the T. As a daily user of the Blue Line, I understand the importance of regular and reliable T-service, including early-morning and late-night service. I support using part of the \$2.5 billion from the federal infrastructure bill to expand T accessibility and stop restrictions on T hours, as such restrictions disproportionately impact our District's workers. Additional funds should be used to finance innovative technological solutions to solve long-standing transportation problems. To start, we must upgrade and spread awareness of the MBTA's apps so that residents can access MBTA schedules, delays, and digital payment options on the fly from their phones. Additionally, MassDOT should work with municipalities to roll out "smart parking" tools that reduce traffic and allow drivers to receive real-time updates of parking availabilities near their location.

More than \$5.5 billion has been set aside for upgrades to our roads, bridges, and airports. Since 2011, commute times in the Commonwealth have increased by 10.9%, and each driver pays an average of \$620 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair (e.g., blown tires, damaged rims and windshields). We must fight to ensure that a significant

chunk of the allocated funds goes toward improving the roads in our district to ease the congestion that disproportionately costs our residents time, money, and their health, due to vehicle emissions. Additionally, most of the \$244 million for airport infrastructure should be used to reduce the air and noise pollution emitted by Logan Airport. Our residents have suffered from broken windows and higher rates of respiratory illnesses for far too long.

Massachusetts can also expect to receive \$100 million for the purpose of expanding access to broadband Internet services. An estimated 11% of households in Massachusetts do not have an Internet subscription, but that percentage rises to 25% in some neighborhoods in our district. Now more than ever, Massachusetts residents need Internet service that not only connects them to a search engine, but also can support video communication. Reliable Internet service helps students connect to virtual classes, people find and apply for new jobs, healthcare professionals more easily treat their patients, and seniors maintain critical social ties amidst the country's loneliness epidemic. We must make sure that our District is not overlooked, as it is clear there is great need here. Like many others, I want to make Massachusetts

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## GUEST OP-ED

## Equitable educational opportunities are a roadmap to success

By Boston City Councilor  
Lydia Edwards

My education changed my life, opened up opportunities, and created a bridge to a better life. Thanks to the educational opportunities I received, I was able to graduate from college and went on to become the first lawyer in my family. We need to invest in education at all levels to ensure that today's students are able to receive the same opportunities that I did and that they're able to do so in clean, safe environments. As your state senator, I will build on the work I've done on the Boston City Council and help provide those opportunities to students and families throughout the district.

In today's economy, not every high school graduate wants or needs to attend a four-year university to have a good-paying, dignified career. We need to continue to create pipelines and build the middle class by providing apprenticeship programs and job training opportunities in our high schools. I was proud to fight for a project labor agreement to ensure that Suffolk Downs will be built by workers with good union jobs for its entire 20-year buildout. During my time on the city council, I also started the Edwards Empowerment Fund, a scholarship honoring the Maverick Street Mothers who fought against airport expansion, for working parents to go to beauty school, ESL classes, nursing programs, higher

education, and other job training opportunities. These are the types of opportunities I hope to continue providing on Beacon Hill.

Additionally, early childhood education is vital to ensure parents can work and to put kids on the right path to educational success. High costs make daycare and preschool inaccessible to many working families. We must invest in daycare and early childhood education so families don't have to choose between paying the bills and investing in their child's future.

Education is also about having safe places to learn. Too many of our schools have chemical hazards, environmental risks, and even structural shortcomings. It's time to move beyond getting

asbestos out of the ceilings, and time to equip our schools for a sustainable future. We must also ensure that all schools have functioning HVAC systems and clean drinking water for students and staff.

We need a champion for public education in the state senate who has done the work and recognizes what remains to be addressed. I am proud to be endorsed by the Boston Teachers Union and by school committee members throughout the entire district including: Ayesha Wilson, Rachel Weinstein, and Manikka Bowman in Cambridge; Suzanne Leonard, school committee member-elect Winthrop; and Stacey Rizzo of Revere. I'm committed to working with them, parents, teachers, and

education advocates throughout the district and state to make sure everyone has access to excellent public school education regardless of what neighborhood or city they live in.

I'm under no illusion that transformative change will be an easy lift; it won't. But if we don't start now then we are doing a disservice to the next generation and the generations after. I learned firsthand about the power of educational opportunities and will work on Beacon Hill to help provide those same opportunities to all residents of the First Suffolk and Middlesex district.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate and a Boston City Councilor.

## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

## TRELLIS LIGHTS UP COLUMBUS PARK

One of the beautiful holiday attractions in Boston is the Trellis lighting at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End.

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have coordinated this special holiday attraction for the 19th consecutive

year.

FOCCP should be recognized for putting together this holiday site that has been visited by thousands of people over the years.

The Trellis lighting is one of Boston's main attractions during the holiday season.

Take a stroll, take your family and tell your friends.

## NEW MAYOR NEEDS TO ADDRESS TWO NORTH END ISSUES

Newly elected Mayor of Boston, Michele rule, will certainly have her hands full during her term at City Hall.

Many concerns will deal with community issues that need to be resolved as soon as possible.

Like neighborhoods throughout Boston the North End has its share of issues that the Wu Administration needs to tackle.

One issue is the construction of a 140-room hotel on the outskirts of the neighborhood on Cross Street.

Plans call for two first floor restaurants and a roof deck restaurant. Residents have opposed the

five-story structure.

Outdoor dining which has been ongoing for two years is still being opposed by residents for numerous reasons since its inception.

While Mayor Wu will have her plate full with many other city-wide things of importance, these concerns will or are still impacting the North End deserves some immediate attention.

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the first state in the United States to provide universal, affordable, and reliable broadband Internet to all residents. In order to do that, state officials must estimate the total cost associated with this policy and determine if the new federal funding will be enough to cover it. If not, additional state funds should be deployed.

Finally, our District is particularly vulnerable to infrastructure problems arising from climate change. While the Act grants Massachusetts funding for clean drinking water initiatives, cybersecurity, and even fighting wildfires, there is no mention of, or funding set aside for, coastal flooding, erosion, and storm surge issues. The latter issues present great risks to the safety and livelihoods of our residents. We must make clear to state officials that road and bridge improvements are less effective

when they do not include companion improvements to climate resilience infrastructure. Without strong sea walls, even the best built coastal road will face significant damage.

The federal infrastructure bill is a real asset to Massachusetts as we recover from the Covid-19 pandemic and adapt to the 21st century world, but the cities in our District cannot be overlooked. My unique background in finance, technology and education assures that I will have a functional understanding of these issues and best protect our District.

Join us in this effort.

*Anthony D'Ambrosio is a candidate for State Senate, who graduated with a B.A. from Yale University and with a Masters from the University of Cambridge.*

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## Virtual Public Meeting

## 2 Charlesgate West

Wednesday, December 15  
6:00 PM

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Toll Free: (833) 568-8864  
Meeting ID: 160 721 8909

Project Proponent:  
Scape North America

## Project Description:

The BPDA is hosting a Public Meeting for the 2 Charlesgate W Project in the Fenway. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Project Notification Form. The meeting will include a presentation followed by Q&A and comments from the public. The proponent is proposing to construct a 254,000 square feet of mixed-use building, comprised of 400 residential housing units, 3,000 square feet of ground floor retail, and 75 below grade parking spaces.

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## GUEST OP-ED

## America Needs Thanksgiving

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

America has been through a tough time. A national election separated friends and family, divided churches and took over our media. We've been intoxicated with poisonous rhetoric and toxic street gatherings that led to more division, injuries and even death.

Americans horrifically viewed the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer and said we aren't going to take that anymore.

Over 762,000 people have died from Covid-19 in America. Over 47 million of us have been sick. Families who have buried loved ones don't need convincing about the realities of Covid-19. Americans who have spent weeks in hospital intensive care units know they are fortunate to be alive. However, in the midst of America's pandemic nightmare, Americans have debated with each other over vaccinations, masks, school and business closures. We have watched our businesses suffer. Our government's finances have been further strained to supply money to hurting unemployed people.

Americans watched our departure from Afghanistan in horror.

We argued among ourselves about how we should have left, the timing of our departure, and whether we should have left at all.

We continue to struggle with racism in America. People who have experienced it know the reality. At all levels of society we must rise above any and all words or actions that denigrate others.

We continue to have other crises impacting our nation. People pouring over our border illegally, an ongoing drug epidemic, homelessness, rising costs of medical treatment and insurance, unaffordable college tuition, unaffordable housing and unaffordable and sometimes unavailable groceries. Americans are now facing the fire of growing inflation. Groceries are becoming even more unaffordable for poor Americans. The cost of living adjustment coming for America's retirees in January, which is reported to be 5.9 percent, might buy a small bag of groceries, maybe.

America has gone through a tough time, maybe better said, we are going through a tough time. This is why we desperately need Thanksgiving.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford orga-

nized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days.

That first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the Mayflower ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from a member of the Abenaki tribe

who greeted them in English.

Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans. (from History.com)

The early settlers who came to America suffered hardships that few Americans can comprehend. In the midst of so much death,

sickness and starvation they found a way to stop and express gratitude. The friendship and humanitarian aid given to them by native Americans stand out as to what really makes America great. We all need to learn from the first Thanksgiving. This year maybe we all could take time to be grateful, and do something to help each other.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist – American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## Historic year in FY 2021 saw robust use of SBA traditional lending programs in Massachusetts

Staff Report

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the agency reached \$44.8 billion in funding to small businesses through more than 61,000 traditional loans for fiscal year (FY) 2021, as aid provided via the CARES Act.

Nationally, fiscal year 2021 traditional lending data highlights include:

- \$36.5 billion in 7(a) loans: Nearly 52,000 7(a) loans worth more than \$36.5 billion were provided to small businesses. Lenders

reported that minority business owners received nearly \$11 billion in 7(a) loans or 30% of the SBA's total 7(a) portfolio. Data also shows that women-owned businesses received nearly \$5 billion in FY 21, while veteran-owned businesses received \$1.2 billion.

- \$8.2 billion in 504 loans: Working with authorized Certified Development Companies (CDCs), the SBA's 504 program delivered 9,600 loans worth more than \$8.2 billion to small businesses, fully exhausting funding authority for the first time in the program's history. Minority business own-

ers received nearly \$1.88 billion in loans -- 23% of the total 504 portfolio. In FY 21, the program also provided over \$712 million in lending to women-owned businesses and increased its support of rural small businesses by nearly 33%.

- \$71.8 million in microloan funding: In fiscal year 2021, \$71.8 million in microloan funding went to nearly 4,400 small businesses. Forty-one percent of those loans went to underserved communities, including Hispanic-owned and Black-owned small businesses.

## SENATE ELECTION (from pg. 1)

tered voters in the senatorial district can vote at City Hall between 11 am and 7 pm, as well as neighborhood sites from 11 am to 7 pm.

Voters can again vote on Monday, December 6 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall and again on Tuesday, December 7 from 9 am to 8 pm as well as at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 pm.

On Wednesday, December 8 early voting will occur for the race at City Hall only from 9 am to 5 pm and again on Thursday, December 9 at City Hall from 9 am to 8 pm and at neighborhood sites from 12 pm to 8 am.

The final date of early voting for the senate race will be on Friday, December 10 from 9 am to 5 pm at City Hall.

The closest early voting site in the North End is City Hall.

The voter registration dead-

line for residents was Wednesday, November 24 in order to take part in the Special Election Primary.

Councilor Edwards, an East Boston resident, previously ran for the Senate seat after former State Senator Anthony Petrucelli left office in 2016. While unsuccessful in that race Edwards went on to run for the District One City Council seat, which includes Eastie, Charlestown, and the North End, the following year. She went on to win that race and has served on the council ever since.

D'Ambrosio, a Revere resident, got his start in politics in 2019 when he successfully ran for Revere School Committee, a citywide seat. He topped Revere's School Committee ticket in that race and had an impressive showing during his first run for political office.

For more information on local polling locations and important dates for the Primary visit, <https://www.boston.gov/departments/election>.

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# North End, surrounding area's COVID cases increase

By John Lynds

On Thursday Bostonians will travel to loved one's homes or host Thanksgiving Day dinner and many will gather inside without masks for the holiday.

Local health experts are suggesting that if families keep gathering relatively small; if everyone over the age of 12 is fully vaccinated; those eligible for boosters are boosted; and there is no one in attendance who is particularly vulnerable, the risk of getting together for a holiday party is relatively low according to Dr. Mallika Marshall, WBZ-TV Health Reporter. However, Dr. Marshall cautioned that it's the unvaccinated who are at the highest risk of getting infected, getting really sick, and passing it onto others during an indoor holiday gathering.

"If you're attending an event, ask the host if everyone who is eligible for a vaccine is vaccinated," she suggested to Bostonians last week. "If not, I might think twice about going. If you're hosting an event this year, I would ask those who are unvaccinated to perform a rapid home antigen test on the morning of the event and wear masks while in your home."

According to the weekly report by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,190 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2.6 percent were positive. This was a 13 percent increase from the 2.3 percent that tested positive between November 1 and November 8.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 23,916 residents were tested and 3.8 per-

cent were COVID positive--this was a 46 percent increase from the 2.6 percent reported by the BPHC on November 8.

Fifty-seven additional residents have been infected with the virus since November 8 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,580 overall since the start of the pandemic.

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 .57 percent last week and went from 85,672 cases to 86,157 confirmed cases in a week. There was one additional death in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,463.

# Celebrate the Holidays on Boston's Historic Freedom Trail

Staff Report

The Freedom Trail® Foundation invites revelers to celebrate this holiday season on the annual Historic Holiday Strolls. The festive atmosphere of the city, set against the unique backdrop of Boston's historic sites, makes these merry 60-minute tours a perfect way to celebrate the holidays. Walk the Freedom Trail and discover how Boston's holiday traditions evolved on the Strolls offered on select Fridays and Saturdays at

3:30 p.m. through December 31 and, additionally, on Thursday, December 23.

Led by 19th-century Dickensian costumed guides departing from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center, the Strolls are complete with a tour of holiday lights and Christmas trees along the Freedom Trail. Following the Strolls, guests receive discounts off museum store purchases at Freedom Trail sites, including the Paul Revere House and Old North Church (valid with any 2021 Historic Holiday Strolls receipts).

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children, and reservations can be made online; tickets may also be purchased in-person at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center. The Freedom Trail Historic Holiday Strolls may also be scheduled for a group tour by calling (617) 357-8300. The Freedom Trail Foundation continues to offer daily public Walk Into History® Tours throughout the season and during the winter months. For tour tickets and more information please visit [www.thefreedomtrail.org](http://www.thefreedomtrail.org).



**Abstract Sculpture: Annual Reconfigurations  
Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway, Boston**

In early Spring, a crane lifts and pulls apart the split rhomboid dodecahedron, made of stainless steel and aluminum, and reconfigures the two halves to create a new sculptural shape, symbolic of a new life of all who pulled away or were forced to pull away from their country of origin and came to these shores, establishing themselves in new and different ways.  
".... shows how public art becomes a part of the city...an example of public art that is both permanent and alive..." - Joanna Weiss The Boston Globe, 2012

# Armenian sculpture on Greenway reconfigured each year

By Phil Orlandella

Reconfiguration of the Abstract Sculpture at Armenian Park on The Greenway in Boston's North End, with innovative design features of abstract sculpture is reconfigured each year since 2012.

The Abstract Sculpture is a split rhomboid dodecahedron made of stainless steel and aluminum, commemorates the immigrant experience.

It is reconfigured symbolically of all who pulled away from the country of origin and came to America to establish themselves in new and different ways.

In the spring, a crane lifts and pulls apart and reconfigures the two halves of the split rhomboid

dodecahedron to create a new sculpture shape symbolic of a new life.

The Abstract Sculpture sits atop of a reflecting pool which washes over its side and reemerges as a single jet of water at the Labyrinth's center, representing hope and rebirth.

The Labyrinth, is a circular winding path paved in grass and inlaid stone, that celebrates life's journey.

Art, Service, Science and Commerce are etched around its circle and symbolizes contributions made to American life and culture.

The Sculpture is dedicated to life lost during the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and all genocides that have followed.



## FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END ESTABLISHED 1972 FONE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER



The Friends Of The North End is again initiating an effort to raise money for the various charitable organizations within the North End this holiday season.

The charities we donated to last year were: NEAD, NEAA, NE CHRISTMAS, NEMPAC, BILL FARIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND, ST. LEONARD CHURCH, NE HISTORICAL, NAZZARO CENTER, FONE LIBRARY, ABCD AND ST. FRANCIS HOUSE

We are appealing to each member to support this cause by donating to this fundraiser. No matter how small the amount, it will make a big difference to some children and the neighborhood.

Trusting you will take this opportunity to uphold the meaning of F.O.N.E and reply before December 12, 2021.

**Make checks out to Sammy Viscione and mail to:**

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**Saturday, December 4 | 1 - 6:45 p.m.**

Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mission Hill, Roxbury,  
South End, and Brighton

**Sunday, December 5 | 1 - 7 p.m.**

South Boston, Chinatown, North  
End, Charlestown, East Boston, and Dorchester



# NEW Health offering Pfizer vaccine to children, boosters available

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 is offering a variety of COVID-19 vaccination and testing opportunities in the North End and Charlestown this season.

The health center is currently offering the recently approved Pfizer vaccine for children ages 5 – 11 as a two-shot series, 21 days apart, at dedicated pediatric vaccination clinics at both North End and Charlestown sites. Vaccination appointments are only available for primary care pediatric patients at this time, but pediatric vaccinations will expand in the near future. NEW Health has also partnered with the Warren Prescott School in Charlestown and the Eliot School in the North End to offer vaccine clinics for local students.

NEW Health is also offering Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccinations to eligible individuals\* who have received two doses of the vaccine, with the second at least six months prior. They are also offering a booster shot to any individual who received Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months prior.

NEW Health also continues to offer a third dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine to anyone with a weakened immune system, and at least 28 days since the second shot of either vaccine they received initially. NOTE: Booster shots are different dosages than third doses.

The health center is also continuing to offer COVID-19 vaccines to patients at their regularly scheduled primary care appointments as well as all Boston residents ages 12 years and older. Appointments are required and

individuals must be registered with Mass General Brigham; individuals interested in making an appointment can reach the dedicated phone lines by calling 617-643-8000 for the North End location and 857-238-1100 for the Charlestown location.

COVID-19 testing also remains available for all, regardless of symptoms or insurance, and NEW Health is offering testing at both the North End and Charlestown locations.

Hours and locations for each site are available as follows:

Pfizer Clinic for Families – Warren Prescott School

Second Dose: Thursday, December 9 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

50 W School St, Charlestown, MA 02129

## COVID-19 Booster and Vaccine – North End

• Children's Vaccines: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

• Booster: Monday through Friday 1 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

• Vaccine: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

• Testing: Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.; Thursdays, hours based on demand and availability

• Directly behind NEW Health – 332 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02113 – entrance on North Bennett St.

## COVID-19 Booster and Vaccine – Charlestown

• Children's Vaccines: Thursdays and Fridays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

• Booster: Mondays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Thursdays 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

• Vaccine: Thursdays 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. –

11:30 a.m.

• Testing: Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

• NEW Health – 15 Tufts St., Charlestown, MA 02129

Vaccines, boosters and third dose vaccines can also be scheduled at regular Primary Care Physician appointments for existing NEW Health patients.

\*Guidelines below for those requesting a Pfizer or Moderna booster shot:

• People 65 years and older

• People aged 18–64 years with underlying medical conditions, including:

• Cancer – current active cancer

• Cerebrovascular diseases like stroke, carotid artery disease

• Chronic kidney, liver or heart disease

• Lung diseases like COPD, emphysema, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis

• Diabetes

• High blood pressure

• Overweight (BMI  $\geq 25$ )

• Pregnancy and recent pregnancy

• Smoking, current and former

• Down syndrome

• Neurologic conditions, including dementia

• Sickle cell disease

• Substance use disorders

• Cystic fibrosis

• Thalassemia



Children awaiting their vaccines at a vaccine clinic hosted by NEW Health.

People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission in certain occupations:

• First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)

• Education staff (teachers, sup-

port staff, daycare workers)

• Food and agriculture workers

• Manufacturing workers

• Corrections workers

• U.S. Postal Service workers

• Public transit workers

• Grocery store workers

## FOSSIL FUEL ORDINANCE (from pg. 1)

O'Malley on this proposal and for their continued leadership on climate issues.”

The ordinance also requires that the city divest its funds from private companies that operate or maintain carceral facilities. The ordinance would apply to approximately \$1.3 billion.

“The City of Boston continues to lead on environmental, economic and social justice issues. With the passage of this ordinance, we are headed another step closer toward a more resilient city,” said Councilor O'Malley. “Through codifying our values through this ordinance, we are demonstrating our commitment to addressing global climate change and its impacts on our city for

future generations to come.”

The ordinance unanimously passed the City Council last week and builds on Wu's commitment to growing a low-carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive economy in Boston.

“It's so important for every bit of leverage that we have to be put towards making sure we're addressing our climate crisis,” said Mayor Wu. “I'm excited to be able to take the pen to a piece of legislation that I've been working on for many years on the Council with community advocates and colleagues to say the City of Boston is going to step up and do our part and push for urgency on the issue.”

THANKSGIVING DAY TRASH COLLECTION

There is no collection on **Thursday, November 25.**

For neighborhoods with two collections a week on Mondays and Thursdays, **Thursday is canceled.**

The next collection will be **Monday, November 29**

For more info visit: [boston.gov/trash](https://boston.gov/trash)

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# WEST END MUSEUM HONOREES NIGHT



Martha Maguire, of the West End Community Center.

By Marianne Salza

The West End Museum (WEM) held its Third Annual Heritage Night on November 12 to recognize three individuals who have deeply impacted the neighborhood: State Representative Jay Livingstone, City Councilor Kenzie Bok, and the late, Donald Zerendow, a healthcare attorney.

Livingstone and Bok have been supporting the preservation of the West End neighborhood and its history as Mass General Hospital plans the demolition of several buildings; and have helped the museum acquire an endowment to hire staff members.

Born and raised in the West End, Zerendow, was an early founder of the museum, and advocated for the development of affordable housing for former West End residents who were displaced by Urban Renewal in the 1950s.

“We’ve worked hard to bridge the gap between the new and old West Enders by focusing on the positive history that we share. The board is diverse and representational,” said Duane Lucia, WEM President. “There is a lot of work to do looking to the future. We have schools in the West End. There is also climate change and affordable housing.”

Attend the next WEM event, City on a Hill: Urban Idealism in America from the Puritans to the Present, with Harvard professor and author, Alex Krieger, on Thursday, November 18, 6:30pm, at 150 Staniford Street, Unit 7, Boston.



Duane Lucia, WEM President, and Representative Jay Livingstone.



WEM board members: Bill Kuttner, Charlestown resident, and Chad Kindregan, West End resident.



Councilor Kenzie Bok greeting WEM board member, Jane Wilson share a hug.

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Duane Lucia, WEM President, speaks at the event.

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Candidate for State Senate

# WEST END MUSEUM HONOREES NIGHT



Visitors exploring the West End Museum.



Jane Wilson, WEM board member, Joseph McDonald, lifelong West End resident, and Representative Jay Livingstone.



Sebastian Belfanti, Museum Director, Councilor Kenzie Bok, and Jane Wilson, WEM board member.



Bill and Jessie Younker, daughter of honoree, Donald Zerendow.

**Happy Thanksgiving!**

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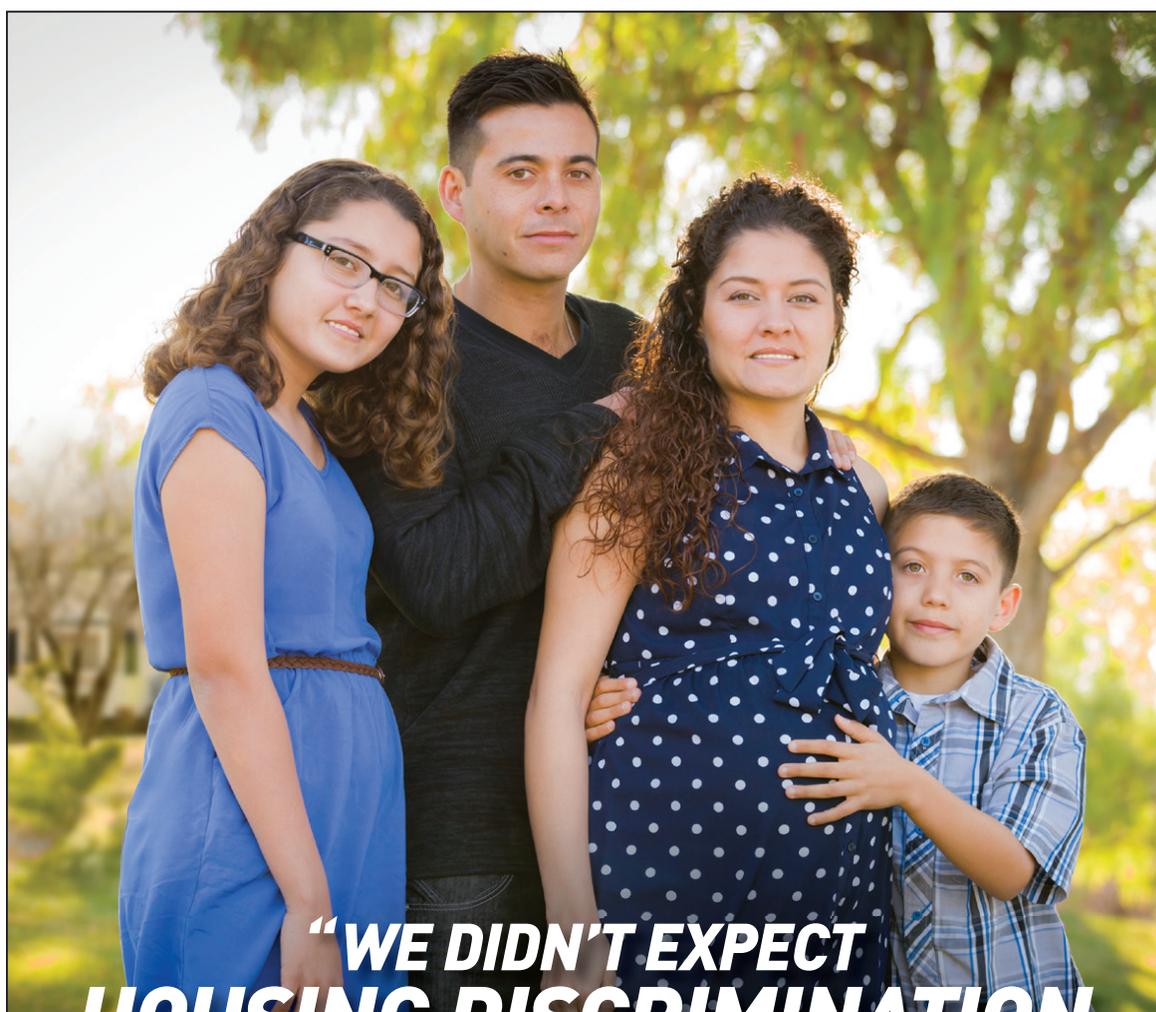
# FRIENDS OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK HOST FALL FESTIVAL



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Big Bird hugs little girl.



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Lots of kids came prepared and in costume for the Festival. Shown above, this little girl is dressed as a pig!



Daniel the Tiger hugs one of the children at the event.

# Michelle Wu sworn in becoming the first female and first woman of color to serve as Mayor of Boston

By John Lynds

On Tuesday inside the Boston City Council Chambers, Michelle Wu made history and was sworn in as the first female and first woman of color to ever serve as Mayor of Boston in the city's history.

After Reverend Dr. Arlene Hall delivered the invocation and Acting Mayor Kim Janey provided brief remarks, Wu was administered the Oath of Office by Boston Municipal Court Associate Justice Judge Myong Joun with her husband, Conor Pewarski, and two

City Hall was when she was first elected as an At-Large Councilor in 2013.

"Since we're here today, I must share that the Council floor wasn't always this way," she began. "When I joined the Council, this space wasn't fully accessible to everyone. The floor that some are sitting on right now, was much lower, designed as a pit three steps down — a striking feature part of what many or I would call the beautiful architecture of City Hall. Three steps prevented Bostonians in wheelchairs and with mobility challenges from coming down directly to testify on this floor



Distinguished guests Tuesday included Senator Warren, Senator Markey, Congresswoman Pressley, Governor Baker, and many other of Wu's colleagues in state, county, and local government.

make City Hall more accessible, we are all raised up. When we communicate in many languages, we all understand more. Most of all, when we connect the power of city government to the force of our neighborhoods and communities, we see how much is possible for our city."

Wu said she always felt city government was special.

"City government is special. We are the level closest to the people, so we must do the big and the small," said Wu. "Every street-light, every pothole, every park and classroom, lays the foundation for greater change. Not only is it possible for Boston to deliver basic city services and generational change — it is absolutely necessary at this moment. We'll tackle our biggest challenges by getting the small things right, and by getting City Hall out of City Hall and into our neighborhoods, block by block, street by street. After all, Boston was founded on a revolutionary promise: that things don't have to be as they always have been. That we can chart a new path for families now, and for generations to come, grounded in justice and opportunity. And we can take steps to raise us all up to that promise, together."

Wu said her administration's

charge will be to reach every corner of Boston and listen to the questions and concerns of all.

"Our charge is to see every person and listen. To meet people where they are. To give hope and deliver on it. To find joy, in the words of the amazing Kim Janey, and spread it. Let history note not just who she was in this office, but all she got done, and all she will continue to do for our city," she said.

Wu said the first time she set foot in Boston City Hall, she felt invisible but today she sees what's possible in the building. "I see all the public servants raising us up — frontline workers, first responders, teachers and bus

drivers, building inspectors, city workers," she said. "I am deeply honored to work alongside you and I ask everyone to join me in expressing our gratitude for your service. And I ask everyone to join us in service of our communities. Boston, our charge is clear. We need everyone to join us in the work of doing the big and the small, getting City Hall out of City Hall, and embracing the possibility of our city. The reason to make Boston for everyone is because we need everyone for Boston, right now."

"We have so much work to do, and it will take all of us to get it done. So let's get to work," she concluded.



Michelle Wu sworn in becoming the first female and first woman of color to serve as Mayor of Boston

boys Cass and Blaise at her side.

Keeping with her campaign promise of rolling up her sleeves and getting to work as soon as possible the short inaugural exercises took less than a half hour.

Wu started off her inaugural speech with a metaphor of how

and advocate for change. Those three steps were a barrier between our government and the people we are here to serve. So we changed what this space could be, reshaped it to be accessible for everyone, and brought the floor level up three steps. When we

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## ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

### Mayor Michelle Wu endorses Lydia Edwards for 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat

By John Lynds

In her first political endorsement since taking the oath of office as Mayor of Boston, Michelle Wu endorsed District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards' candidacy for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat last Thursday at Belle Isle Marsh Reservation in East Boston.

Edwards is hoping to win the seat vacated by Sen. Joseph Boncore earlier this fall, which includes the North End, East Boston, Beacon Hill, Bay Village, Chinatown, parts of the South End, Revere, Winthrop and Cambridgeport. Edwards ran for the seat unsuccessfully in 2016 in a crowded field of seven candidates. This time around she will face Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio during the Special Election Primary set for Tuesday, December 14.

"Not two days ago I stood on the rostrum on the City Council floor and took the oath of office before a community that represents the hope, the energy, the excitement for doing more in our city," said Mayor Wu. "People are ready to take on big challenges and to do so in a way that truly brings everyone into the conversation. There is no better partner to do this work at the Statehouse than Lydia Edwards and to make sure that so much of what we're fighting for in Boston and in the communities across this district line up with the urgency that our families are facing."

Wu said while Edwards stood with her during her mayoral race her endorsement and support last week goes beyond just one campaign.

"We have been working together for years, taking on the chal-

lenges that people told us would be impossible to get done in Boston, and at the City Council," said Wu. "When you're in the room with Lydia, you see she will leave no stone unturned fighting for people who are not in those rooms, fighting to make sure that the stories that she has heard out in the community—whether as a legal advocate fighting for those who have been stripped of their workers rights, fighting for those who have been put in impossible situations and being a voice and a champion for everyone to have the safety, health, and economic well being that they deserve as well as housing justice and ensuring that we are fighting for a roof over people's heads, housing stability and pathways to homeownership that each one of our families deserves."

Wu concluded that Edwards is, "A friend, a confidant, and a true partner in this work. I need Lydia as our partner at the statehouse at this moment to make sure the charge from residents to get things done, to do it in a big way and to bring everyone into that work is happening across all levels of government."

Of Wu, Edwards said, "We are sisters and colleagues. We get things done. So to have Mayor Wu's endorsement today is the validation that a lot of people need to see. She's the first woman to lead this city and for me to be her first endorsement and move her political will in my direction leaves me speechless. I'm so honored. We must lead. We must continue forward. We have to be at the table. We have to be in the Senate. We have to be in the rooms where things are happening and that's why I'm running."



Last Thursday in East Boston Boston Mayor Michelle Wu endorsed District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards' candidacy for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex senate seat. The Special Primary Election will be held on Tuesday December 14.

### Sheriff Tompkins endorses Edwards in Senate Race

Special to the Review

Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins has endorsed Lydia Edwards in her bid to become the next senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate district.

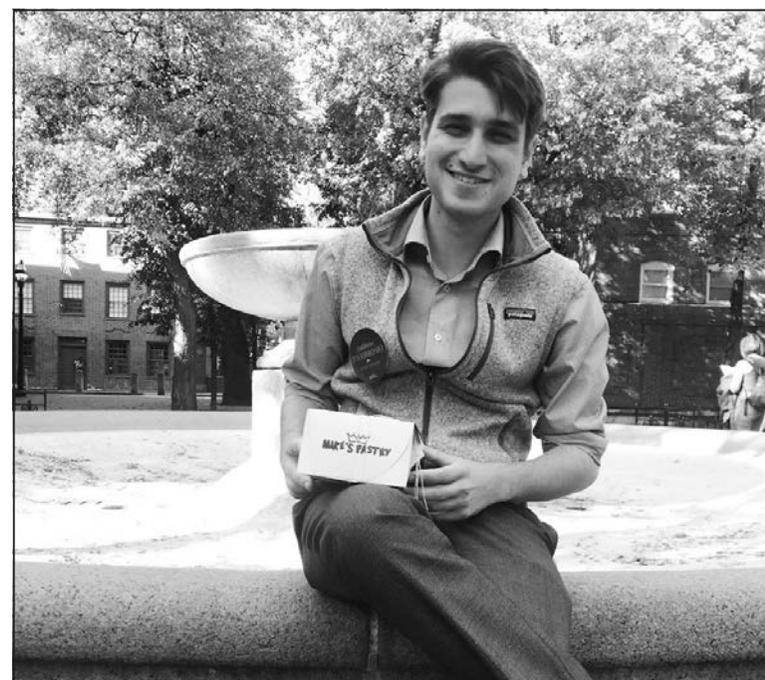
"I am endorsing Lydia for Senate for a number of reasons," said Sheriff Tompkins. "Working with her for several years now, I know what a powerful advocate she is for her constituents,

fighting for housing that is truly affordable, insuring the rights and protections of the immigrant population in the City of Boston, and many other quality of life issues that contribute to the health and public safety of our communities. I look forward to continuing that work with Lydia on the state level as Senator of the First Suffolk and Middlesex District."

Currently the City Councilor for Boston's District 1, Lydia Edwards has shown her com-

mitment to the people of Boston and beyond, serving as the deputy director within the Mayor's Office of Housing Stability; as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services where she focused on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking; and as an activist fighting for working people across the state.

### D'AMBROSIO AROUND THE NORTH END



Shown above and below, candidate for State Senate Anthony campaigning and enjoying the pastry in the North End.



### IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

#### NORTH END TREE LIGHTING DEC. 3

The mayors' 25th Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting the holiday tree while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston including the North End at Paul Revere Mall.

Presented by Bank of Boston, the seasonal event which includes a visit by Santa Claus and a tree lighting and much more.

The special holiday festivities will be held on Sunday, December 5 at 3 PM.

#### NEWNC APPROVES HANOVER STREET THREE-STORY ADDITION

A request by Fiore Colella, owner of Fiore's Restaurant,

to renovate the facility at 250 Hanover Street by adding three stories to the site was unanimously approved by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at its last monthly meeting.

The addition will create nine residential units and the height is under the 55-foot city mandate in the North End.

The other two requests, to change the legal occupancy of the building at Golden Bananas, Salem Street and a change of occupancy at 166 Salem Street from 8 unit to 9 units were both tabled, in agreement with NEWNC and the petitioners.

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 13 at 7 PM via Zoom.

**IN BRIEF** *from pg. 12*

**NEAA 49TH NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE**

The 49th annual 2021 North End Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 1 PM with the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter, hosted by the North End Athletic Association (NEAA), at Christopher Columbus Park.

Many cartoon characters like Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Pluto, Donald Duck and others will participate in the popular parade. Several bands will also be a part of the fun event for children and their families.

The parade is held in association with The Taste of the North End, the Nazzaro Center, North End Against Drugs, Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports, Entertainment and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

Rain date or other bad weather conditions, the parade will be moved to Sunday, December 19 same time, same location.

**NEWRA OPPOSES THREE-STORY HANOVER STREET ADDITION**

A proposal by Fiore Colella owner of Fiore's Restaurant, 250 Hanover Street to construct a three-story addition for 9 residential units was opposed by a vote of 10-2 by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at the group's last public zoom meeting. The proposed height is 54.9 feet just short of the 55-foot rule imposed in the North End.

NEWRA also supported a proposal to add fourth-story addition with a deck and to make a finished garden level space legal living area at 114 Prince Street.

Both Senate candidates may presentations and participated in questions and answers.

Plans to renovate Faneuil Hall Marketplace were presented on an informational purpose only.

The next NEWRA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM via Zoom.

**NORTH END LIBRARY HAS TEMPORARY MANAGER**

Maija Meadows Hasegawa is covering the North End Library until a new manager is replaced.

She started out in Lower Mills in 2008 and eventually went to the Central Library where she served as a Youth Services Librarian. She is getting herself re-acclimated to grown-up-books so she can make useful recommendations to patrons.

Maija started working in her Junior High School Libraries in Kansas. She attended Leslie College and then Simmons College for her graduate degree.

She is a patron of the library's Book Sale, bringing in new books each week.

**200 DAFFODILS PLANTED AT COLUMBUS PARK**

Two hundred daffodils, provided by the City of Boston, were planted in the Columbus Park Crescent Garden by Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) volunteers within 40 minutes on a Sunday morning.

The flowers will bloom next spring as part of the Boston Strong effort to have daffodils blooming along the entire route of the Boston Marathon.

Other planting projects are being planned by the FOCCP Horticulture Committee for a spring effort at the Crescent Garden.

Part of the summer flowers will include 10 azalea plants donated by Jen Royle owner Table Boston Restaurant in the North End.

The azaleas were planted in place of the roses that had not been thriving for years.

**26TH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR NORTH END CHILDREN**

Saint Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society will hold its 26th annual Christmas Program for North End children (only) on Sunday, December 12 with Santa giving out gifts from 12 noon to 2 PM at the Chapel located at 459 Hanover Street.

Children under 10 years of age that sign up by December 5 will receive a picture with Santa and a gift.

The holiday event will also include face painting, making balloon characters and gift bags.

**ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK CELEBRATION**

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway in conjunction with Boston's Children's Chorus, the Greenway Conservancy and Friends of Armenian Heritage Park recently held a Giving Thanks celebration in the park.

The celebration featured a performance by Boston Children's Chorus, a song from its repertoire and Armenian folk songs.

Participants could tie a ribbon giving thanks on The Wishing Tree, walked the Labyrinth, meet and greet new and old friends and

enjoy refreshments.

**LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AT COLUMBUS PARK**

Friends of Christopher

Columbus Park (FOCCP) were pleased with the Boston Park's Department for the latest planting on the park's pathway to Richmond Street and along Atlantic Avenue.

The landscaping team led by

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After careful consideration and an abundance of caution, the City of Boston has decided to cancel the in-person application distribution period. If you cannot complete the application online, please call us at (617) 567-7755, to request that we mail you one and to ask us for any support or guidance you might need to complete the application.

We will be holding 2 virtual informational meetings through <a href="#">Zoom</a>	
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# Massachusetts Unemployment & Job Estimates for October

Staff Report

The state's October total unemployment rate increased by one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.3 percent, the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development announced Friday.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' preliminary job estimates indicate Massachusetts gained 25,000 jobs in October. This follows last month's revised gain of 13,500 jobs. The largest over the month private sector job gains were in Professional, Scientific, and Business Services, Leisure and Hospitality, and Educational and Health Services. Since December 2020, Massachusetts has gained 186,500 jobs.

From October 2020 to October 2021, BLS estimates Massachusetts gained 197,200 jobs. The Largest over the year gains occurred in Leisure and Hospitality; Professional, Scientific, and Business Services; and Trade, Transportation and Utilities.

The October unemployment rate was 0.7 percentage point above the national rate of 4.6 percent reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The labor force increased by 5,600 from 3,720,700 in September, as 1,600 more residents were employed and 4,000 more residents were unemployed over the month.

Over the year, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was down by 3.2 percentage points.

The state's labor force participation rate – the total number of residents 16 or older who worked or were unemployed and actively sought work in the last four weeks – was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 66.0 percent. Compared to October 2020, the labor force participation rate is up 0.7 percentage points.

## October 2021

### Employment Overview

- Professional and Business Services gained 9,700 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 43,400 (+7.6%) jobs were added.

- Leisure and Hospitality gained 4,900 (+1.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 51,100 (+19.7%) jobs were added.

- Education and Health Services gained 4,900 jobs (+0.6%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 26,000 (+3.5%) jobs were

added.

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities gained 4,600 (+0.8%) over the month. Over the year, 26,300 (+4.9%) jobs were added.

- Manufacturing gained 1,100 (0.5%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 9,400 (+4.1%) jobs were added.

- Information gained 700 (+0.8%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 7,000 (+8.1%) jobs were added.

- Construction gained 500 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 11,300 (+7.2%) jobs were added.

- Other Services gained 200 (+0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 5,100 (+4.5%) jobs were added.

- Financial Activities lost 700 (+0.3%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 1,500 (+0.7%) jobs were added.

- Government lost 900 (-0.2%) jobs over the month. Over the year, 16,100 (+3.8%) jobs were added.

## Labor Force Overview

The October estimates show 3,529,400 Massachusetts residents were employed and 196,900 were unemployed, for a total labor force of 3,726,300. The unemployment rate was up one-tenth of a percentage point at 5.3 percent. Over the month, the October labor force was up by 5,600 from 3,720,700 in September, with 1,600 more residents employed and 4,000 more residents unemployed. The labor force participation rate, the share of working age population employed and unemployed, was up by 0.1 percentage point at 66.0 percent. The labor force was up 38,000 from the October 2020 estimate of 3,688,300, as 156,100 more residents were employed and 118,100 fewer residents were unemployed.

The unemployment rate is based on a monthly sample of households. The job estimates are derived from a monthly sample survey of employers. As a result, the two statistics may exhibit different monthly trends.

## NOTES:

The labor force is the sum of the numbers of employed residents and those unemployed, that is residents not working but actively seeking work in the last four weeks. Estimates may not add up to the total labor force due to rounding.

For further information on seasonal adjustment methodology, please refer to the Bureau of Labor Statistics website <https://www.bls.gov>.

Local area unemployment statistics for October 2021 will be released on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. The preliminary November 2021 and revised October 2021 unemployment rate, labor force and job estimates for Massachusetts will be released on Friday, December 17, 2021. See the 2021 Media Advisory annual schedule for a complete list of release dates.

Detailed labor market information is available at [www.mass.gov/lmi](http://www.mass.gov/lmi).

## FBI announces reward for information leading to location of missing person John Tran

Special to the Review

The FBI, Boston Police Department, and Randolph Police Department Announce a \$10,000 Reward for Information Leading to the Location of Missing Person John Bui Tran

The Federal Bureau of Investigation Boston Division, the Boston Police Department, and the Randolph Police Department are investigating the suspicious disappearance of John Bui Tran and are asking for the public's assistance in locating him or his remains.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 to anyone with information leading to Tran's whereabouts.

Tran was last seen on April 2, 2005 at a party on Mitchell Street in Randolph, Massachusetts.

Tran is an Asian man with black hair and brown eyes. At the time he went missing, he was 28 years old, approximately 5'4" in height, and weighed approximately 130 pounds.

Tran was born in Saigon, Vietnam on November 11, 1976. He is a naturalized U.S. citizen who moved from West Covina, California, to Dorchester, Massachusetts, in the summer of 2004 to attend Quincy College on a part-time basis. He majored in liberal arts with the goal of writing screenplays for movies and televi-

sion. He lived on Church Street in Dorchester and was employed at a pet supply store in Quincy and routinely donated blood through the American Red Cross. Tran was often seen on his bicycle, carrying a dark-colored backpack.

There have been no reported sightings of or contacts by Tran since his suspicious disappearance. The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the successful resolution of this missing person case.

A missing person poster which includes new photos and an age-progressed photo to 45 years can be found here.

"Mr. Tran's family deserves to know what happened to their loved one, and we believe someone in our community possesses the critical clues. The FBI is offering a substantial reward to anyone who may have information, no matter how minor, that will help us close this case and provide his family with the answers they deserve," said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI Boston Division.

"John Bui Tran was reported missing to the Boston Police Department 16 years ago, and we continue to work with our law enforcement partners to locate him," said Boston Police Department Superintendent Paul R. Donovan. "We are asking any-

one with information about the circumstances that lead to his disappearance, or his present location, to come forward and report it to us."

Randolph Police Chief Anthony Marag added, "Sixteen years ago, John Tran vanished. Despite the passage of time, we have not given up on finding him. Together with the FBI, we are continually re-examining this case and aggressively going after every single piece of credible information that could help bring John home to his family."

Chien Nguyen, a close friend of the family who grew up with Tran, added "It's very difficult knowing that John's out there and not knowing where he's at, or what happened to him, it's very difficult. We need closure basically. John's never left my mind, he's always been in my heart, and I've always thought about him since all this has happened."

Photographs of John Tran are attached and a portion of an interview with his closest, childhood friend, Chien Nguyen can be downloaded here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSmOjp-PfqX8>

Anyone with information is asked to contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). Tips can also be electronically submitted at [tips.fbi.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov).

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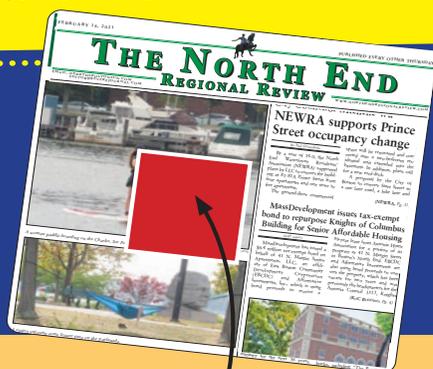
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# Online Commuter Rail schedules to display typical seat availability for each train

Staff Report

The MBTA and Keolis Commuter Services (Keolis), the MBTA's operating partner for commuter rail, announced that online train schedules at [mbta.com/commuterrail](http://mbta.com/commuterrail) will now display ridership information for all trains. In combination with more frequent commuter rail service throughout the day, providing insight into typical seat availability will allow passengers to better plan their travel and make adjustments according to their preferences.

"As we continue to see increased ridership return to commuter rail, this new seat availability data will enable riders to have an understanding of what ridership looks like on their particular train and on alternatives," said MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "With all-day frequency now in place at regular and predictable intervals across the network for more of a regional rail system,

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Ruggles	4:01 PM	4:08 PM	4:33 PM	5:01 PM	5:08 PM	5:49 PM	6:0

we hope riders will benefit from both flexible service and enhanced transparency around ridership as they plan their travel."

"By giving passengers more information for planning trips on commuter rail, we hope to provide them with a better sense of what to expect during their journey and an understanding of how ridership is returning on specific trains across all 14 commuter rail lines," said Keolis Vice President of Service Delivery Richard Dean.

Developed as a joint effort between the MBTA and Keolis, the commuter rail seat availability information is regularly updated to reflect a trip's typical ridership

based on automated and conductor data from the past 14 - 30 days. As shown below, indicators are displayed on the online train schedules to reflect seat availability across all coaches on each train. The levels are constantly updated based on a trip's median seat availability within a rolling 14-30 day period.

Riders should also be mindful that on a given train, some coaches may be more crowded than others. If a coach appears more crowded than typical, riders can choose to move to another less crowded coach on the train. It is also important to note that the new ridership information is not real-time seat availability and

that, due to the nature of public transportation, trains may operate at a lighter or fuller capacity than typical on any given day. The MBTA reminds riders that federal law requires face coverings while using public transit, including at all platforms, stations, and while onboard, and that increased cleaning and sanitation practices are in place across the system. Customers are encouraged to learn more at [mbta.com/RideSafer](http://mbta.com/RideSafer).

This commuter rail seat availability information joins additional ridership information provided by the MBTA at [mbta.com/crowding](http://mbta.com/crowding). The MBTA also provides real-time crowding information all

day, every day for most MBTA bus routes on [mbta.com](http://mbta.com), E ink screens, and in the Transit app. Recent crowding trends on the Red, Orange, and Blue lines are also available by using the MBTA's subway crowding tool.

For more information, please visit [mbta.com](http://mbta.com), or connect with the T on Twitter @MBTA, or Facebook /TheMBTA, or on Instagram @theMBTA.

Keolis Commuter Services operates and maintains the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority's commuter rail system, the sixth largest commuter rail operation in North America. KCS is a subsidiary of Keolis North America (KNA), both headquartered in Boston, and employs approximately 2,500 people throughout the region. KCS and KNA are part of Keolis Group, an innovative global leader in transit services with more than a century of passenger transportation experience and operations in 16 countries.

# As Thanksgiving nears, State Fire Marshal offers safety tips

## Thanksgiving #1 day for home fires in Massachusetts

Staff Report

As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey offered a safety message in advance of the #1 day for residential fires in Massachusetts.

"Over the past five years, there have been more than twice as many fires on Thanksgiving as on the next-closest day," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said.

"Thanksgiving is a time for coming together with family, but it's also a time for fire safety. You can start now by making sure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that can alert you to danger."

### Cooking Safety Tips

There were 711 Thanksgiving Day fires from 2016 to 2020, and 86% of them started with cooking activities. These fires caused seven civilian injuries, eight fire service injuries, and more than \$3 million in estimated losses. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered cooking safety tips that everyone can follow to keep their kitchens fire-safe this year:

- Check to make sure your oven is empty before turning it on.
- Wear short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward over the stove.
- Remember to "stand by your pan" and stay in the kitchen when boiling, frying or broiling.
- Use a timer when baking or roasting and never leave the house with the oven running.
- The best way to respond to a stovetop fire is to "put a lid on it" and turn off the heat.
- The best way to respond to an oven or broiler fire is to keep the oven doors closed and turn off the heat.
- If the fire is not quickly snuffed out, leave the house and call 9-1-1 from outside.

### Thanksgiving 2020

Firefighters responded to 145 fires across the Commonwealth last Thanksgiving, including one in a New Bedford apartment building that spread to nearby structures. The fire started with an attempt to cook a turkey in a gas-powered deep fryer. One occupant was severely injured and nearly 30 people were displaced. The combined estimated damages incurred totaled \$1 million.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) strongly dis-

courages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that immerse the turkey in hot oil. There are no outdoor turkey fryers that have a listing from an independent testing laboratory such as UL or ETL. The NFPA states that home use of "turkey fryers that use cooking oil, as currently designed, are not suitable for safe use by even a well-informed and careful consumer." This risk of an oil spill or the ignition of spilled oil is quite high. They recommend using new "oil-less" turkey fryers.

### Gas Ovens: A Source of Carbon Monoxide

Generally, the confined space of a closed gas oven used for cooking does not produce enough carbon monoxide (CO) to present any dangers, unless it is used for several hours consecutively like when roasting a turkey. If you have a kitchen exhaust fan, use it; if not, crack a window for fresh air when using the gas oven for a prolonged period.

### Home Heating: #2 Cause of Fires on Thanksgiving

Heating is the second leading cause of fires on Thanksgiving. Give your furnace an annual check-up, have chimneys cleaned and inspected by a professional at the beginning of heating season,

and place space heaters on flat, level surfaces where in locations where they won't be bumped or tripped over. Keep a three-foot "circle of safety" around all heat

sources.

For more information, contact your local fire department or the Department of Fire Services' Thanksgiving web page.

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