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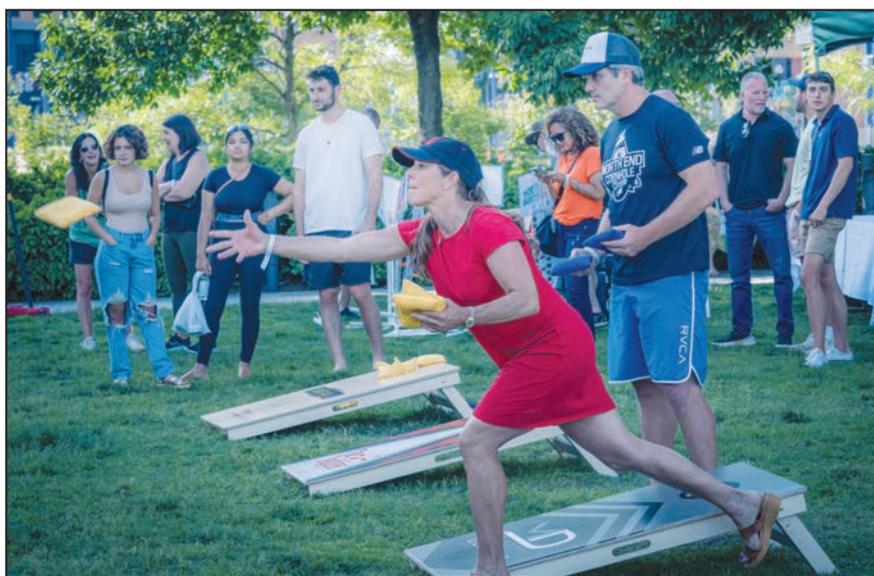
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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, City Councilor Gabriela Coletta and other City of Boston staff.

REP. MICHLEWITZ HOSTS RECORD-BREAKING CORNHOLE CLASSIC

Hundreds of people found their way to the 5th annual “Cornhole Classic” hosted by Representative Aaron Michlewitz on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.



Right, Dogfather’s Karen Ray makes the winning shot. See Page 5 for more photos.

FOCCP maintaining garden and park cleanup

By Phil Orlandella

The roses in the garden at Columbus Park Blooming.

Residents are invited to stop by to see the vibrant pink and red roses are blooming.

FOCCP members continue to add sunflowers and other annuals to the center bed and flowers in

the Crescent Garden and plant a spectacular display of daisies, daylilies and a new Red Hot Poker plant.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to work in the garden can contact Horticulture Committee Robyn Reed at robynr@foccp.org.

FOCCP provides the tools and training. Volunteer times:

Wednesdays from 8 AM to 9:30 AM and Sundays from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. No experience required.

If gardening is not your thing, you can still help the park. You can join the FOCCP “Cleanup Crew” that meets every Monday morning from 9 AM to 10 AM to pick up any loose debris to keep the park clean.

Eliot School receives EdVestors Arts Expansion Grants

By John Lynds

Students attending the Eliot K-8 school will continue to receive arts education by partnering with the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) thanks to a grant from EdVestors.

The Eliot was among 66 Boston Public Schools to receive EdVestors Arts Expansion Grants totaling \$455,000.

Throughout the 2022/2023 NEMPAC will work with students at the Eliot to expand art opportunities at the school.

“Arts education enables students to express themselves and succeed in ways they often don’t in other subjects, and is a powerful motivator for students to want to attend and engage at school,” said President & CEO of EdVestors Marinell Rousmaniere. “We couldn’t have made this much progress without our committed funders and dedicated partners who continue to support our mis-

sion of increasing equitable access to quality arts education for all of Boston’s public schools students.”

Rousmaniere said since 2009, these grants have helped increase the number of students receiving arts education in Boston by 17,000 annually by providing more opportunities for students to become involved in the arts. The grants were announced as part of the annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival, which returned to the Boston Common in person for the first time in three years.

“These grants are essential in ensuring that high-quality arts education will continue to be accessible to Boston Public Schools students,” said Boston School Committee Chair Jeri Robinson. “We all know how important in-person learning is, which is why this year’s event on the Common was such a great opportunity to help our youth

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Coletta delivers maiden speech

By John Lynds

District 1 City Councilor Gabriela Coletta delivered her maiden speech on the council floor last Wednesday while offering an order for a hearing regarding a comprehensive, district-wide planning process for Boston’s waterfront.

“Today, I rise for the first time with excitement, optimism, and endless love for the city and its people,” Coletta began. “I’m hopeful for the future we can and will create for future generations with creativity and innovation and while I’m incredibly excited for the future of this city, I am keenly aware of the unique challenges ahead.”

Coletta said as the city looks directly into the face of what is a local threat to us all, and millions around the world—sea level rise

due to climate change—she is worried about our future.

“The progress we built both in our physical infrastructure as well as in our human infrastructure through the dismantling of oppressive systems and structures will all be for naught if we do not plan proactively to protect the resiliency of our coastline,” said Coletta. “So today and thinking of our collective future, I rise with urgency and I rise with the intention to expedite the conversation in implementing a comprehensive district wide planning process for Boston’s waterfront.”

Coletta said Boston is extremely lucky to have a natural and environmental treasure that is our harbor.

“The waterfront became a necessary economic engine during the

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EDITORIAL

WE URGE OUR LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT LOBSTER FISHING BILL

Most of us are environmentalists to some extent.

We doubt there are few among us who do not find it heartbreaking that there was a record number of deaths of manatees this past year in Florida because excessive algae growth fueled by fertilizer runoff into the coastal Gulf waters is destroying the manatees' primary food source, sea grass. The manatees literally are starving because of a lack of food.

In our area of the country, the right whale long has been endangered. Only a few hundred of these beautiful animals exist. The greatest threat to their extinction are boat strikes and fishing and lobster gear in which they can become entangled.

Since 2015, state regulations have banned the use of lobstering equipment from Feb. 1 until at least April 30 off Cape Cod Bay and beyond, shutting down the local industry for the winter.

Right whales are common in Cape Cod Bay during late winter and early spring, especially during March and April. The ban was further extended until May 15 this year because of the presence of right whales in our area.

Needless to say, the state-mandated ban has taken a financial toll on those who earn their livelihood from lobstering. Some lobstermen say that their annual income has been cut in half since the ban went into effect in 2015.

However, State Senator Patrick O'Connor from Weymouth has filed a bill that he has attached to the upcoming state budget that would provide some degree of recompense to lobster fishermen for their lost revenue.

The total cost of the bill is miniscue -- \$12 million out of a total state budget of almost \$50 billion.

In our view, Senator O'Connor's bill is long-overdue. Saving a species such as the right whale is a public good that benefits all of us in some way and has a direct economic benefit for our tourism industry.

Yet the only ones being asked to pay the price for saving the whales are our lobster fishermen, for whom making ends meet always has been an iffy proposition, but which, thanks to climate change (which is driving lobsters further north to colder waters) and the state regulations, is becoming even more difficult.

The bottom line is that since the state's regulations are forcing our lobster fishing industry to "Save the Whales," then it is time for the state to put its money where its slogan is.



GUEST OP-ED

A father and a child can make a great family

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Father's Day is coming one more time and you still have a chance at having a great family.

Fathers like most all people have good days and bad days. They have great seasons of life and some that are more difficult. Few fathers will look back over their lives and say, "Every day I was a perfect dad." Some days were better than others.

We all feel bad about the seasons of our lives when we had to work too much. Working all the time depletes energy we would prefer to spend on our families. The problem is that like most fathers we want to keep a roof over our heads and food in the refrigerator. Making car payments, house payments, and all the basic things of life typically keep most dads and moms very busy.

Even in a home filled with love and patience the average dad lives a juggling life. He is pulled between work, kid's ballgames, meeting the needs of his wife and housework. Add to this school meetings, homework, fishing, piano lessons, family events, all while trying to maintain and add

to his career.

Most of us looking back can think of some endeavors or activities we wish we had let go in order to spend more time with our families. For some weird reason at the time they seemed all so important but now they feel like wasted time.

Throughout life the way we typically learn is the hard way. Education is always expensive. Our vision is 20/20 looking back. People tell us what we will regret and what we should do but we rarely believe them. When we get past the "fifty-five" mark of life we start to realize what the "old timers" told us was true. You know how it is because you probably tell your kids about what is right and wrong and what they will appreciate or regret. In most cases they don't pay much attention to you.

The only season of being a father that you have is this one. No future is guaranteed and yesterday is gone. You do have today. Have a loving and forgiving heart. Extend grace and a second, third or fourth chance. Try to spend time with those you love. You are probably finding out now that your grown children are too busy for you.

They have lives of their own and you may not be a priority. It hurts some but they probably are being like you used to be. Don't lose sleep over this but be available and reach out as you are able.

Finally, you have to be more than the human ATM machine. You can't buy your children's affection for the rest of your life. Every parent wants to help their children but the best thing you can do for them is work with them to help them care for themselves. You can either teach them to fish or spend the rest of your life fishing for them and this ends up being a hard life for you and cripples them.

Today is another opportunity to be a good father. This is also a good day for you to reciprocate love and affection to your dad. A father and a child working together can make a great family.

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OPINION By PHIL ORLANDELLA

NEAA GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS COMMUNITY

Fundraising is the key to having a successful non-profit agency providing activities, programs, events, and more.

For over 60 years the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) has depended on support from the community, businesses and donors as well.

The NEAA's biggest fundraiser is the annual golf tournament (August 2) held at the Andover Country Club.

Participants and hole sponsors are needed to make the outing the success it usually is.

Make a hole-in-one by signing up as soon as possible.

N.E. LIBRARY HAS A LOT TO OFFER

Local residents should find the time to visit the North End Library on Parmenter Street to meet the new librarian and learn more about the many programs

being offered for adults and children.

The library is a nice place to sit down and read a book or newspaper in a quiet and friendly place with great staff willing to assist library goers needs.

While at the library, check out the goals of The Friends of the North End Library who are always seeking advice on new programs and activities that could be made possible for the general public.

JOE'S WATERFRONT A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Joe's Waterfront Restaurant has clearly been a major sponsor of many events coordinated by the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park.

The popular eatery has indicated that it is and will continue to be a part of the neighborhood's event, activities and promotions as a contributing partner.

It takes businesses like Joe's working with community non-profits to make a better and more active place to live and do business in.

COLETA (from pg. 1)

industrial era and over the years as the city expanded, contracted and expanded again, our waterfront has remained an industrial hub while also enjoying welcome investments into beautiful parks and open spaces on the water's edge," she said. "I think of places that I frequented as a child with my Abuela, like Piers Park and the iconic look LoPresti Park, with their sweeping views of Boston's skyline. We all have the right to access and enjoy Boston's tide lands protected by the Public Waterfront Act."

However, Coletta cautioned that despite these projections our waterfront is under intense pressure, both due to coastal flooding and private interests that seek to commodify its duty.

"District One in particular faces pressures," said Coletta. "East Boston, Charlestown, the North End are all coastal communities that for generations have borne significant burdens and environmental injustices. We face being hit first and worst by negative impacts of climate change in the coming years and the data is out there and it's unsettling. The Gulf of Maine, including its smaller cousin Massachusetts Bay, is the fastest warming body of ocean on the planet."

Due to this data Coletta said

Boston faces the greatest risk of flooding with more than 45% of the city's critical infrastructure at risk.

"This includes our hospitals, schools, police and fire stations," she said. "This is expected to increase by 20% by 2051. As we prepare for sea level rise, we must prioritize waterfront planning that dictates any new development while incorporating a strong plan for resiliency. We are dealing with a compounding displacement crisis, both due to development and gentrification. Looking to the very near future about 11,000 people, a majority of them low income and people of color, will soon be displaced due to coastal flooding and the city has a significant role to play in planning for our future to fortify our coastline and mitigate the effects of storm surges in stormwater runoff."

Coletta believes the city can achieve increased resiliency without depending on investments from private entities or developers.

"The urgent need for coastal flooding does consider the need for a holistic plan to solve our housing process," she said. "I am pleased to see the recent announcement by Mayor Michelle Wu to launch an Municipal Harbor Plan (MHP) for East Boston, that prioritizes waterfront resiliency and equity

North End, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test-rate drops again

By John Lynds

With the North End and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rates continuing to slowly drop week after week the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MassDPH) announced an update to its statewide mask advisory.

The updated policy now puts mask wearing in the hands of individuals regardless of vaccination status. However, all people in the state, regardless of vaccination status, are required to continue wearing masks or face coverings in certain settings, including in health care facilities.

"To protect friends and family members, residents are reminded that getting a vaccine and booster remain the best way to protect against serious illness or hospitalization from COVID-19," said Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. "Based on our

nation-leading vaccination efforts, DPH now recommends that Massachusetts residents have the option to make a personal choice about wearing a mask or face covering in indoor settings regardless of vaccination status."

MassDPH continues to advise masks for individuals with a weakened immune system, those at increased risk for severe disease because of age or underlying conditions, or who have a household member with a weakened immune system and at increased risk.

Last week, 1,072 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 11.3 percent were positive--this was a 18 percent decrease from the 13.8 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on June 6.

One hundred twenty one additional residents contracted the virus between June 6 and June 13

there have now been 11,140 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate stayed the same last week with 13,924 residents tested citywide and 9.5 percent testing positive for COVID positive.

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 0.7 percent last week and went from 190,394 to 191,740 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,478.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have put together an activity packed Independence community celebration slated for Saturday, June 25 from 12 noon to 4 PM at the park. Participants are asked to decorate bikes, tricycles and baby buggies to march around the park in a festive parade led by sailors from the USS Constitution.

FOCCP's celebration will also feature the magic of Peter the Magician and the skills of Jenny the Juggler.

The event will include dancing on the lawn with the Cat in the Hat accompanied by Thing 1.

Many lawn games are planned, face painting, animal balloons and giant bubbles will also be part of the celebration.

After a couple of years of restricted activities on the park, FOCCP is back and ready to celebrate. The event is free and open to all according to FOCCP.

FOCCP acknowledged its members, corporate and business sponsors who support makes the event possible to the neighborhood and other park goers.

FRIENDS OF N.E. LIBRARY RECEIVE \$25,000 DONATION

A generous donation of \$25,000 was received by the local library, according to the Friends of the North End Library on Parmenter Street.

The Friends indicated the fund will primarily support historical, musical, theatrical performances and student education.

Dina Malgeri made the major gift to the Friends. "We are extremely pleased and grateful that Dina has lived her belief in

the important contributions that branch libraries make in our neighborhood with this generous contribution," the Friends said.

Dina's extensive career expands 40+ years as tenure as the Director of the Malden Public Library.

She put herself through college, taking nine years of night classes to finish her Bachelor's and Master's programs, working two jobs in order to pay for her education.

FOCCP HOLDS MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL AT TIA'S

More than 80 neighbors and friends found their way to Tia's patio for the latest Christopher Columbus Park Social to support the Friends efforts for the park.

"This is the first Social we've had since 2019 and it may have been the best ever," said Mary Gave Grizwin, FOCCP's Membership Chair.

"Our annual Social is our only membership drive during the year," she said. "Members' dues are critical to help pay for the events in the park including movies, holiday events and the Tunnel of Love and of course our signature event illuminating the Trellis and trees in the park to brighten dark winter nights."

Guests were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a chance to win one of six themed gift baskets.

FOCCP thanked their loyal supporters and to Tia's for the awesome support in making the event a success.

SOCCER REGISTRATION ONGOING

Youth ages 4-12 can now register for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) 2022 Soccer

Program.

Games are played on Saturdays at Puopolo Park. Registration can only be done online at www.neaasoccer.org.

Last year's program saw many youths' participation and the NEAA feels it will be even better in 2022.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK LABYRINTH WALK FOR WELLNESS.

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway will hold a Labyrinth Walk a Mindfulness Tool introduction at the park on Sunday, June 26 at 2 PM.

The event is part of The Greenway Fitness program and the 2022 Labyrinth Walking Wellness.

RSVP appreciated at hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org.

DONORS/STUDENTS WANTED FOR NEAD SCHOLARSHIPS

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will once again offer the annual Raymond and Michelina Costa Scholarship Funds for North End students.

Applications are available by emailing northendagainstdrugs@gmail.com.

NEAD also seeks scholarship donors to make this year's presentations a success.

NEWRA APPROVES 111 NORTH STREET ROOF TERRACE

By Phil Orlandella

A request by GRNAGRB of MA, LLC d/b/a Gordon Ramsey Burgers to transfer an all-alcoholic beverage on premises (111 North Street) currently held by Highland Boston, Inc. Hanover Street Outdoor Terrace for roof with dining, bar, seating for 99, closing hour no later than 11 PM was supported by the North End/

Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at a public meeting on June 9.

Henry Santana, Director of the New Office of Civic Organizing for the City of Boston discussed the department initiative.

Ciara D'Amico of the Office of Neighborhood Services for the City of Boston updated NEWRA on crosswalks and sidewalk repairs, outdoor patron dining, one-way Hanover Street and North Washington Street signal lights.

The next NEWRA monthly public meeting will be held Thursday, July 14 at 7 PM.

LIBRARY ADULT/ CHILDREN PROGRAMS

The North End Library on Parmenter Street is offering several programs for adults during the month of June and ongoing and special children's programs.

Adult Programs

* Chess Club for adults on Mondays at noon.

* Mah-jongg Club Thursdays at 11 AM.

* Friday movies weekly at 2 PM.

* Book Club, 4th Wednesday at 6 PM.

Children Programs

* Baby Lap Sit Tuesdays at 10:30 AM.

* Preschool Story Time Tuesdays at 11:30 AM.

Call the library for info for additional programs.

NSC DELIVERS PLANTS TO SENIORS

Mother's Day has passed but it is notable to mention the terrific efforts of ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) delivering plants for moms throughout the community.

ABCD purchase the plants and made the rounds in the North End/West End five senior housing buildings.

It was a lot of joy for both the NSC staff and the special ladies

who were surprised to receive the Mother's Day Plants.

The Center gratefully accepts donations for all holidays to make them a little better for seniors. To donate contact Johannah Malone at Johannah.Malone@bostonabcd.org.

NORTH END SERVICE CENTER SEEKS FATHER'S DAY ITEMS

Since the cancellation of the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NCS) Father's Day celebration, the NSC is seeking, supermarket gift cards, individually packed treats, boxes of chocolate, small bags of popcorn or nuts, toiletries such as soap, hand soap, shampoo, conditioners, and body wash.

Call 617-523-8125 or email johannah.malone@bostonabcd.org.

NEWNC ELECTS OFFICERS

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) has elected officers for the community group.

President Joel Faller, Vice President Roy Harrington, Secretary Amy Pollutro and Sergeant at Arms Tanyia Green.

NEWNC will not meet in June. The next meeting will be Monday, July 11.

FOCCP OFFICERS ELECTED

During the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) the annual election of officers and two Directors at Large was held.

President Joanne Hayes Rines, Vice President Ann Babbitt, Treasurer Allison Seaver, Clerk John O'Reilly, Director at large Susanne Laviorie and Patricia Sabbey.

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re-engage with the community and showcase the magic that comes from being back in the classroom inspiring one another through the arts."

Robinson added that BPS Arts Expansion is marking its 13th year, having built a partnership

that has continued to improve access to quality and equitable arts education for all students. "This collaborative effort has allowed Boston to emerge as a leader in arts education," she said. "BPS arts teachers working in partnership with community-based

teaching artists and organizations have made this work possible. The initiative continues to focus on expanding access to equitable arts education and deepening arts experiences, while building systems to sustain a high level of arts education long into the future."

REPRESENTATIVE MICHLEWITZ HOSTS RECORD-BREAKING CORNHOLE CLASSIC

By Phil Orlandella/ Photos by Matt Conti

Hundreds of people found their way to the 5th annual "Cornhole Classic" hosted by Representative Aaron Michlewitz on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.

The competition raised a record number of funds for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund.

NEMPAC Director Sherri Snow said, "We are appreciative

of all the local people and friends that helped make the event the best one ever raising \$ 49,000 for scholarships."

Boston Mayor Michele Wu and local elected officials, Sen. Lydia Edwards and Councilor Gabriela Coletta also attend the event.

The organizing committee was made up of Rep. Michlewitz, John Pregmon, Patrick Lyons, Luigi Natale and Connor Finley.

The winning team was Eric Leavitt and Karen Ray from the Dogfather in the North End.



State Senator Lydia Edwards and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



Organizing Committee, l-r, John Pregmon, Patrick Lyons, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Luigi Natale, Conor Finley.



The 5th Annual Cornhole Classic moved to the Rose Kennedy Greenway.



Democratic candidate for Governor, Maura Healey and State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



Gilardi Group's Michael Salvati and Greenway Conservancy Executive Director Chris Cook.



Matthew Imbergamo takes a throw at the 2022 Cornhole Classic.



Winning team Erica Leavitt and Karen Ray with host State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow.

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North End's Eva Scapicchio joins Councilor Coletta's staff

By John Lynds

This week District 1 Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta announced the appointment of the North End's Eva Scapicchio as her newly hired North End Liaison.

Born and raised in the North End, Scapicchio attended the Eliot K-8, was admitted to Boston Latin Academy and graduated from Umass Amherst.

Scapicchio has always been involved in her community and worked at the Nazzaro center, babysitting and tutoring local children.

She grew up in the halls of City Council when her father, former District 1 City Councilor Paul Scapicchio was in office. Since then, she has had the pleasure to volunteer and work for the many city councilors after him.

Scapicchio spent the last six

months working as a Paralegal in the City of Boston Law Department.

Scapicchio said outside of work she loves to travel and has studied abroad in Spain. She speaks Italian conversationally and is fluent in Spanish and can be usually found walking around the North End with her dog, Romeo.

"There are no words to describe how honored I am to work with Councilor Coletta who has been a

role model to me since 2018 when I was an intern in the city council," she said. "The passion that Councilor Coletta exerts in her work is so rare and needed which is why I am thrilled to join her office and serve as the North End Liaison for District One."

Coletta also announced Elvira Mora will join her staff as Director of Civic Organizing and Sebastian Parra will join as East Boston Liaison.

"I'm incredibly excited to have Sebastian, Elvira and Eva join my office," said Councilor Coletta. "Each individual brings key credentials, experience and passion for communities within District One. They all have the skill set for this moment to ensure that together, we are building an energetic and inclusive community across the district."

West End student honored at Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon

By John Lynds

For over two decades the Boston Public School's (BPS) annual valedictorian luncheon has honored students from every neighborhood that have the highest academic achievements in their respective high schools.

After a two year hiatus the 24th Annual BPS Valedictorian Luncheon returned in person at Fenway Park with Mayor Michelle Wu, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and the Boston School Committee paying tribute to the best and brightest graduating seniors.

Among the students honored at Fenway Park this year was a West End resident named valedictorian

of her class and had the privilege and honor of delivering the keynote address at her high school graduations this month.

Boston Latin Academy valedictorian Sara Rhouate was among the 33 BPS valedictorians honored at the luncheon. Rhouate will head to Harvard College in the fall.

"I am so excited to see you all," Mayor Wu told the honorees. "I've been really looking forward to this and my heart is bursting with pride for each one of you knowing how much you have fought through and barreled forward over the last couple of years. You are truly the pride of your families, your city, your communities, and you are the future



Sara Rhouate, of the West End, was among the 33 BPS valedictorians honored by Mayor Michelle Wu, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius and the Boston School Committee at BPS's 24th Annual Valedictorian Luncheon at Fenway Park.

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that we're counting on. So I'm really excited and very honored and grateful to be here and to share this stage."

Wu told the graduating valedictorians that as they move on for high school they will face a really challenging moment.

"It's a challenging moment for each one of our families after what we have experienced over the last couple of years," said Wu. "I hope the valedictorians in this room recognize what they have experienced will be a source of strength as they forever move forward. The fact that you are where you are right now, despite the impossible happening at home, at school, in all the lives of people across the neighborhoods of Boston, shows just how ready you are to emerge and carry forward our city."

Superintendent Cassellius took the opportunity to thank the student's parents and guardians for their unwavering support of each valedictorian during these trying two years.

"A special recognition to the parents and guardians who are here at our tables," said Cassellius. "Parents and families are our children's first teachers and moments like today are just a testament to the unwavering support and guidance that you all bring to your children. So to all the adults who have guided our young minds, helping them to become the students and scholars and leaders that they are today. Well done and thank you so much."

Cassellius then went on to offer some advice to the students.

"I thought of three things to

share with you," she said. "The first is to never let others define you. You get to decide your identity. You get to decide who you love, and you get to decide what your contributions are going to be in this world. Second, be mindful of the choices that you make these next several years as you embark on this new journey because the choices you make today, impact what choices are available tomorrow. And third, don't beat yourself up. If you do make a poor choice or mistake, look at what went wrong and think through it and learn from it. I wish I had learned this earlier. All of us here know that you are already hard working and that you certainly know how to persevere through tough times and that you don't give up."

Boston Public Market welcomes the Pine Bar, celebrating New England beers, wines and spirits

Boston Public Market, the indoor, year-round marketplace featuring New England artisans and food entrepreneurs, is proud to announce the long-awaited debut of its much-anticipated venture with a great local partner: The Pine Bar, a full-service cocktail bar serving beers, wines, and spirits made in New England. Other cocktail ingredients like produce, dairy, juices, and sweeteners will highlight Boston Public Market vendors. The Pine Bar, owned and operated by The Filmark Hospitality Group and managing partner Phil Frattaroli will open Thursday, June 16.

“From the conception of the Boston Public Market, it’s been our goal to add a bar, a place for locals and visitors alike to convene and raise a glass to the unifying power of food and to celebrate the bounty of New England,” said Boston Public Market CEO Cheryl Cronin. “To check this item off our bucket list, while partnering with a local entrepreneur who understands our region’s history and the importance of local sourcing is a dream we can’t wait to share with all our patrons.”

The Filmark Hospitality Group — the team behind North End restaurants Ristorante Lucia, Filippo Ristorante, Ducali Pizzeria and Caffé Ducali, and East Boston’s Cunard Tavern — aims for The Pine Bar to be another example of their commitment to both the North End and New England. The Pine Bar patrons and Boston Public Market visitors can pull up a stool at the bar to enjoy their beverages, or place an order and wander the Market drink-in-hand. Hungry patrons can also purchase food from any Boston Public Market vendor to enjoy at the bar with their local libations.

“With our restaurants in the North End, we strive to give our customers a taste of our family’s native Italy,” said Philip Frattaroli. “Nearly five decades after my father Filippo moved to Boston and opened Ristorante Lucia on Hanover Street in 1977, our family is proud to be opening The Boston Public Market’s first bar, where we can celebrate our adopted neighborhood of the North End, and the New England region. Bringing local flavors to a modern space, surrounded by innovative

small businesses, is the perfect way to usher in a new chapter for our restaurant group.”

Boston Public Market visitors will be able to spot The Pine Bar thanks to its vintage-inspired neon sign above the space that pays homage to The European Restaurant, the first Italian restaurant in Boston which operated a few blocks away from where the Boston Public Market stands. The Pine Bar’s industrial design utilizes materials like steel, wool, glass and concrete. A 10 tap, cast iron draft system is the centerpiece of the space. Split letter menu boards will showcase the bar’s rotating offerings and specials.

Highlights from the opening cocktail menu at The Pine Bar will include:

- Edmonia:
- GrandTen Gin (Dorchester), Short Path Cordial (Everett), Handmade Grenadine, Lemon, Cherry, Apricot
- Parcel 7:
- Boston Harbor Distillery Dark Rum (Dorchester), Handmade Rosemary Simple Syrup, Fresh Lime Juice, Deacon
- Giles Absinthe (Salem)
- The Sacred Cod:
- Triple 8 Vodka (Nantucket), Local Cranberries, Fresh Limes
- Parquet Sour:
- Bully Boy Whiskey (Roxbury), Lemon Juice, Locally Sourced Egg Whites, Simple Syrup, Handmade Fernet Bitters
- 576:
- Putnam Malt Whiskey (Dorchester), Demerara Sugar, Lemon Juice, Lemon Peel
- Bobby’s:
- Short Path Gin (Everett), Fresh Squeezed Oranges, Homemade Grenadine, Dash of Handmade Orange Bitters

The Pine Bar is located near the Hanover Street and Garage Entrances of the Boston Public Market across from Q’s Nuts. The Pine Bar opening hours will be Monday - Wednesday 11AM-10PM; Thursday and Friday 11AM-11PM; Saturday 9AM-11PM; and Sunday 10AM-10PM. For more information and to follow progress, follow the Boston Public Market (@bostonpublicmarket) and The Pine Bar on Instagram (@thepinebarbpm), or visit bostonpublicmarket.org



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[org](https://bostonpublicmarket.org) and pinebarboston.com.

About the Boston Public Market Association:

The Boston Public Market is an indoor, year-round marketplace featuring 30-plus artisans and food producers housed under one roof offering fresh foods, prepared meals, crafts, and specialty items. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in Massachusetts or New England, as the seasons allow, including fresh produce, meat and poultry, eggs, dairy, seafood, baked goods, specialty items, crafts, and prepared breakfast, lunch, and dinner options.

As a nonprofit organization, the Boston Public Market Association is a Market on a Mission to nurture local entrepreneurs, educate visitors, celebrate the bounty of all of New England, and cultivate a diverse community around food.

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Elected officials demand better mitigation for Sumner Tunnel Toll project

By John Lynds

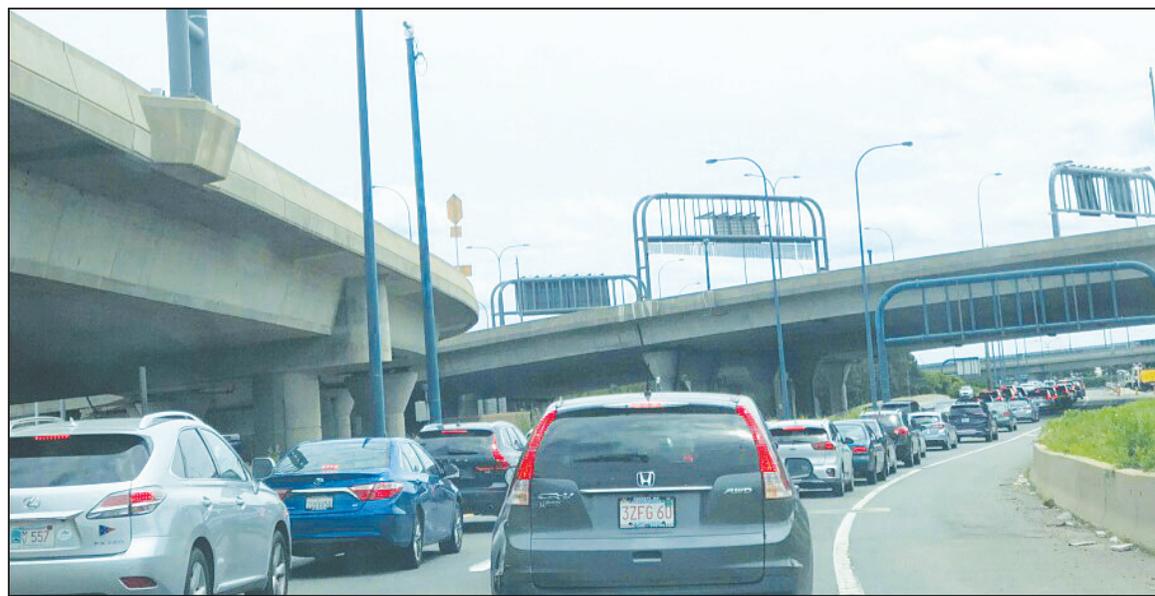
Local residents got the first taste of what it is going to be like living with the scheduled weekend closures of the Sumner Tunnel for the next 36 weeks that will culminate in a full closure of the tunnel for four months next spring.

Gridlock on Saturday and Sunday in Boston, Chelsea and Revere was horrendous as traffic heading into Boston was rerouted to the Ted Williams Tunnel and Tobin Bridge.

This week, Mayor Michelle Wu sent a letter to MassDOT administrators that was signed by elected officials, as well as elected officials in Revere, demanding more meaningful mitigation as the project progresses like a free Blue Line for residents as well as continuing ferry service between Eastie and the North End.

“With thirty-six weekend closures and a continuous four-month closure next year, this project will have major impacts on the people who live and work in the neighborhoods that rely on the tunnel,” wrote Wu in the letter. “The impact will not only be felt on the highways, but also on local streets near the Sumner and along alternative routes. Travel between East Boston and Downtown will be disrupted, and the resulting congestion is likely to impact emergency response and bus service. In addition to the transportation impacts, the nature of the construction work is likely to be disruptive to residents in East Boston and the North End who live near the tunnel.”

While Wu said her Administration and her elected colleagues representing the neighborhood appreciate the mitigation measures



With the Sumner Tunnel closed, traffic was at a standstill Saturday morning leading into the Ted Williams Tunnel. MassDOT kicked off its Sumner Tunnel restoration project last weekend and the tunnel will be closed every weekend for the next 36 weeks. Elected officials are now calling on MassDOT to provide more meaningful mitigation for residents impacted by the project.

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MassDOT has already committed to—including greening and beautifying the tunnel portals, extending toll discounts for tunnel communities to the Tobin Bridge, and undertaking efforts to minimize noise, vibration, dust, and pest-moore needs to be done.

“However, we believe that additional steps are needed to address the impacts of this project on our neighborhoods,” wrote Wu. “Alongside toll discounts, MassDOT should direct project mitigation funds to the MBTA to provide free fares on the Blue Line whenever the tunnel is closed. This will encourage people to use transit rather than drive on alternate routes and will

reduce the financial strain on residents. Fare gates should be opened along the entire line so that residents are not burdened with enrolling in a special pass program.”

Wu also called for resuming the ferry service that successfully ran between Eastie and the North End during a two week closure of the Blue Line by the MBTA in May.

“This service, which was successfully piloted during the recent Blue Line disruptions, should be continued throughout the upcoming tunnel closures,” she wrote.

“We support the \$1 million in funding secured by the Massachusetts Legislature to expand ferry service. Offering weekday and weekend ferry service prior to the full closure next summer will help people adjust their travel patterns to incorporate water transportation and can serve as a “dry run” for potential permanent service.”

To further encourage MBTA ridership Wu called on MassDOT’s parking lot near the Wood Island station to be opened for use by East Boston residents. In addition, MassDOT should look for other opportunities to secure parking near Blue Line stations.

Wu would also like to see MassDOT work with Massport to reduce airport car traffic.

“Reducing car trips to and from Logan Airport will help manage congestion in the Ted Williams Tunnel,” Wu wrote. “We would like to see more substantial collaboration with Massport, including outreach, traveler and employee incentives, and enhanced transit, including Logan Express service.”

Aside from MassDOT officials at previous community meetings leading up to the start of the project that MassDOT is “working with” emergency agencies and “planning” for emergency situa-

tions no one has seen a concrete plan. At a press availability with MassDOT officials last week there were calls for Eastie residents to be provided with a solidified plan of emergency vehicle routes, designated hospitals that will be used, and projected travel times for emergency vehicles to Downtown during rush hour when the tunnel is closed.

“We are gravely concerned about the impact of the tunnel closures on emergency response times, especially for those in need of urgent transportation to a hospital,” wrote Wu. “To address these concerns, MassDOT should share a detailed plan for ambulance access across the harbor and the steps taken to ensure that precious minutes are not lost in a medical emergency.”

Wu also called for MassDOT to fund an overnight shift for Eastie’s second EMS unit, which currently operates 16 hours/day. This will support adequate coverage when transport time for patients increases due to tunnel closure and allow proactive positioning of EMS units. Wu added that MassDOT should also establish a real-time link between the Highway Operations Center and Boston EMS dispatch to provide alerts on severe congestion or incidents in the Ted Williams Tunnel when the Sumner Tunnel is closed.

Wu’s letter was signed by State Representative’s Adrian Madaro, Jessica Giannino of Revere, Jeff Turco of Winthrop, State Senator Lydia Edwards, Boston City Councilors Gabriela Coletta and Ed Flynn and Revere Mayor Brian Arrigo.

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