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ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PROCESSION



Photo by Matt Conti

Saint Anthony of Padua Day procession was held in the North End on Monday, June 13. Father Michael Della Penna, pastor of Saint Leonard's Church, led the procession with a relic and statue through the streets of the North End. The traditional event is the start of the feasts season in the neighborhood. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

MBTA Blue Line service changes are another headache for North End residents

By John Lynds

At every meeting leading up to the Summer Tunnel restoration project that began earlier this month, MassDOT officials promised they were coordinating with the MBTA to ensure public transit options and that the T was committed to uninterrupted Blue Line

service.

At a time when elected officials have been demanding increased Blue Line service during the Summer Tunnel project the MBTA and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) dropped a bombshell.

Two weeks ago, the MBTA announced weekday subway service changes that took effect last Monday on the Blue Line as well as the Red and Orange Lines.

MBTA officials said these changes are the result of staffing challenges among the ranks of subway dispatchers in the MBTA's Operations Control Center. With a limited number of dispatchers, the service changes will allow the MBTA to schedule dispatchers in compliance with new FTA direc-

tives after an investigation into a recent spate of derailments, crashes and railroad crossing accidents.

Last Monday Blue Line weekday trains began operating every seven minutes until 9 a.m. and every eight to nine minutes for the rest of the day. Blue Line weekday summer service is typically five minutes between trains during morning and evening peak periods, every nine to 10 minutes between trains in the mid-day mornings, and every five to six minutes between trains in the mid-day afternoons.

The MBTA said the Blue Line volume was about 44% below pre-Covid ridership levels accord-

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Our offices will be closed Monday, July 4

Advertising deadline is Friday at 12:00 noon

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July!

NEW Health launches HIV Prevention Program

By John Lynds

With Monday being National HIV Testing Day, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) announced it has launched a new and expanded HIV Prevention Program thanks to a new grant.

NEW Health was recently awarded a grant to fund and promote PrEP (Pre-exposure prophylaxis) to prevent HIV transmission and is actively seeking and accepting new patients who qualify.

The new program will include PrEP treatment and other services at both its North End and Charlestown sites.

"Ending the HIV Epidemic in the US (EHE) is a federal initiative from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) that is allowing NEW Health to expand the number of patients who need HIV prevention in its HRSA-funded health centers," said Mary Zanol on behalf of NEW Health. "Anyone who is interested is eligible to join and can do so by calling NEW Health to schedule an appointment."

A key component of the new program is PrEP, a once-a-day pill given to HIV negative individuals

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Wu announces completed audit of city-owned land

By John Lynds

Mayor Michelle Wu recently announced the completion of the Public Land for Public Good: Citywide Land Audit report. Wu said the report is the culmination of an effort to comprehensively inventory all city-owned property, identify vacant and underutilized properties, and set in motion accelerated efforts to best utilize

this property to serve Boston's communities, particularly through the development of affordable housing

At the press conference, Mayor Wu said there will be a priority to redevelop the underutilized Sargent's Wharf Parking Lot on Commercial Street in the North End.

Sargent's Wharf Parking Lot

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced the completion of Boston's audit of city-owned land. At the press conference Wu said a priority will be placed on developing the Sargent's Wharf Parking Lot.

BOSTON HARBOR FEST MARKS ITS 40TH EDITION

With events stretching from Downtown Crossing to the North End and from the Boston Common to Boston Harbor, the 40th edition of Boston Harborfest runs July 1-4, 2022 and remains the country's largest – and Boston's most expansive – Fourth of July celebration. Local and international leaders will oversee military music and pageantry during kick-off events in Downtown Crossing July 1. Harborfest highlights include a spectacular concert and fireworks display July 2 at Christopher Columbus Park, a turn-around sail of the USS Constitution in Boston Harbor and family-friendly events daily (full schedule below). Boston Harborfest ends July 4 with a 1 PM reading of an historic Frederick Douglass speech and a free ice cream social in Downtown Crossing.

"The City of Boston is known as the Cradle of Liberty for our role in the Revolution, and so it's fitting that we are home to one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations in the country," says Mayor Michelle Wu. "Harborfest is an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate our journey toward independence."

Boston Harborfest is a collaboration between the Greater Boston

Convention and Visitors Bureau (GBCVB), the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (Downtown Boston BID) and Conventures, Inc. Partners include the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, as well as the Freedom Trail Foundation and many sites along it.

Events happen each day; an updated schedule can be found at bostonharborfest.com/schedule. The current schedule includes:

JULY 1 HIGHLIGHTS:

12 Noon – Harborfest Opening Ceremony with City of Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, city and state elected officials, the British Consul General, travel and tourism industry leaders, and presence of military and historical groups. Includes a ceremonial cake-cutting, Colonial "living historians" and more.

ALL-DAY PROGRAMMING:

11 AM thru 6 PM – Family-friendly music, fashion and entertainment events in Downtown Crossing:

11 am-5 pm – DTX Arts and Crafts Market (Summer St. Plaza)

11:30 am-1 pm – 215th Army Band (Downtown Crossing Steps)

12 n-2 pm – Through Me To You Puppetry (near Downtown Crossing Steps)

12 n-2 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm – Downtown Boston Brass (roaming)

12 n-2 pm and 5-7pm – Mediterranean Band (roaming)

1-4 pm – Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums (Downtown Crossing Steps)

2-4 pm – Macy's "Red White & Blue Fashion Show" (Summer St. @ Washington St.)

JULY 2 HIGHLIGHTS:

12 Noon – Chowderfest. Visitors can sample a variety of chowders from local restaurants, as a panel of judges visit each vendor and declare a chowder winner. (Summer Street Plaza, Downtown Crossing)

6-9 PM – Harborfest Pre-Fireworks Concert featuring Sweet Harmony and local talent performing Broadway standards and iconic patriotic songs, with children's activities throughout. (Christopher Columbus Park, North End)

9:15 PM – Boston Harborfest Fireworks (Inner Harbor @ Long Wharf/Columbus Park) Presented by M&T Bank, a spectacular display lights up the city sky above Boston's Inner Harbor at approximately 9:15 PM.

ALL-DAY PROGRAMMING:

11 AM-6 PM – music, auto, craft and family friendly events in Downtown Crossing including:

11 am-2 pm – Classic Car Showcase (Summer St. Plaza)

11 am-5 pm – DTX Arts and Crafts Market (Summer St. Plaza)

12-2 pm – Through Me To You Puppetry (near Downtown Crossing Steps)

Unlikely Strummers Ukulele Band (12:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Franklin Steps)

12-2 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm – Downtown Boston Brass (roaming)

12-2 pm and 5-7 pm – Mediterranean Band (roaming)

2-6 pm – Fife and Drums Showcase (Downtown Crossing Steps)

The William Diamond Junior Fife & Drum Corps (from Lexington, Mass.)

The Sudbury Ancient Fife & Drum Company (Sudbury, Mass.)

The Middlesex County 4-H Fife & Drum Corps (regional)

3-6 pm – Dancing with DJ Bruno

JULY 3 HIGHLIGHTS:

12 Noon-2 PM – Patriotic Pooch Parade (Summer St. Plaza). A beloved annual event for our four-legged loved ones with a guest

panel awarding great prizes for Best in Show, Best Team, Most Creative and Most Patriotic. Registration required here to enter.

12 Noon-6 PM – Revolutionary War Re-enactors (Downtown Crossing)

ALL-DAY PROGRAMMING:

12 Noon-7 PM – A variety of music and family friendly events in Downtown Crossing including:

12-2 pm – Through Me To You Puppetry (Downtown Crossing Steps)

12-2 pm and 4:30-6:30 pm – Downtown Boston Brass (roaming)

12-2 pm and 5-7 pm – Mediterranean Band (roaming)

1-4 pm – Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums (Downtown Crossing Steps)

4-6 pm – Opera Man and Friends (Downtown Crossing Steps)

JULY 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY HIGHLIGHTS:

9 AM – City of Boston's 246th Independence Day Celebration. A short parade steps off from City Hall Plaza and passes Granary Burying Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. The parade continues through Downtown Crossing to the Old State House.

10 AM – Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company carries on its tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence from the balcony of the Old State House.

11:30 AM – USS Constitution sails through Boston Harbor (viewing shoreside and around Boston Harbor)

1:00 PM – "What to the Slave, is the Fourth of July?," the famous speech by scholar and abolitionist Frederick Douglass gets a public reading by citizens including youth and community leaders organized by the New Democracy Coalition, with performances from gospel singers and dancers. (Downtown Crossing Steps)

1:30 PM – Ice Cream Social (Downtown Crossing Steps)

TBD – Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drums Concert (Washington Mall)

"We are thrilled to be a partner in this iconic festival," says Martha Sheridan, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau. "Harborfest brings together so many Boston neighborhoods to celebrate our rich culture, unique history, maritime heritage, and diverse offerings. We welcome visitors from our region and beyond to Boston this Fourth of July for the 40th rendition of Harborfest!"

"Downtown Crossing is at the crossroads of history and com-

merce in Boston, making it a perfect central hub for Harborfest activities," says George Comeau, Marketing and Brand Activation Manager for the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District. "The daily events here are designed for both residents and visitors, and the activities on the harbor are a short walk or ride from the heart of Downtown."

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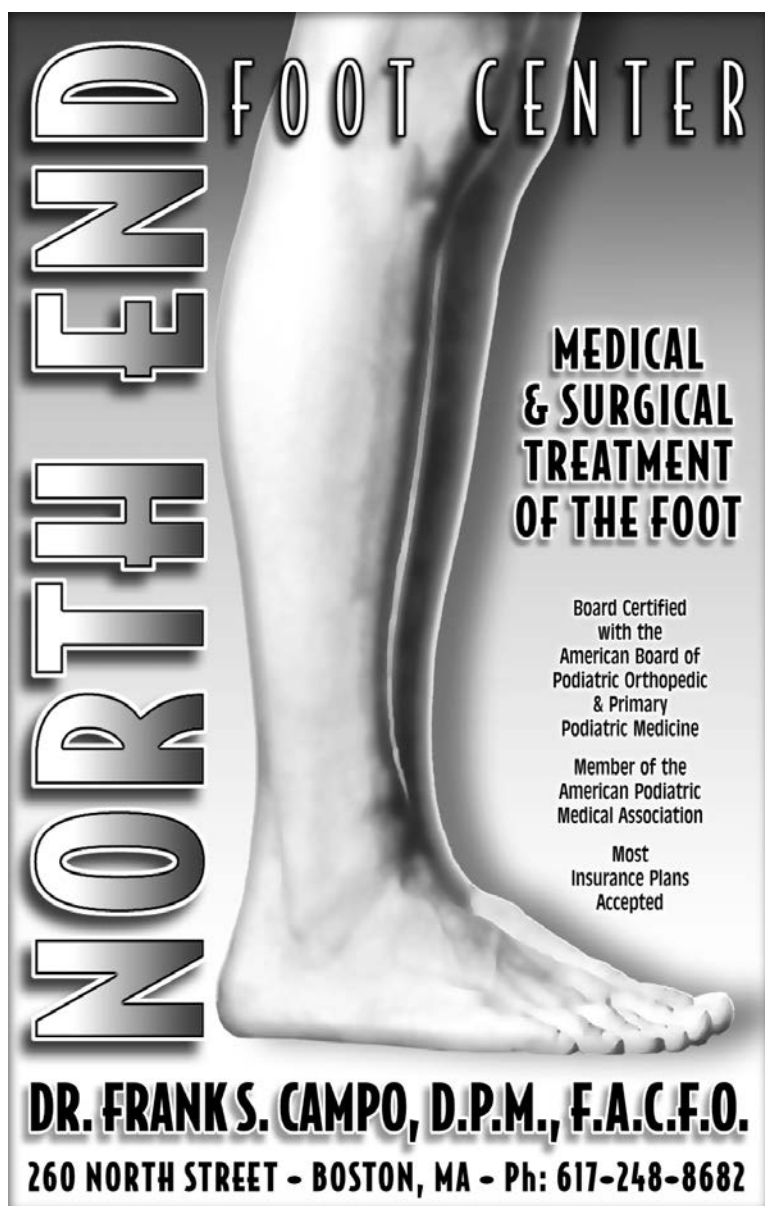
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Full information (schedule, directions and more) is available at bostonharborfest.com.

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Local officials react to Roe v Wade being overturned

By John Lynds

At a time when the country needs to unify more than ever, the US Supreme Court's decision to strike down the landmark Roe v Wade decision has only divided the country even further.

Protesters supporting women's reproductive rights immediately took to the streets after the decision was handed down by the country's conservative leaning highest court.

Local elected officials immediately condemned the Supreme Court's ruling, which gave federal constitutional protection for women's reproductive rights for 50 years.

In response to the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v Wade, Governor Charlie Baker signed an executive order to protect access to reproductive health care services in the Commonwealth.

"I am deeply disappointed in today's decision by the Supreme Court which will have major consequences for women across the country who live in states with limited access to reproductive health care services," said the Governor. "The Commonwealth has long been a leader in protecting a woman's right to choose and access to reproductive health services, while other states have

criminalized or otherwise restricted access," said Governor Charlie Baker. "This executive order will further preserve that right and protect reproductive health care providers who serve out of state residents. In light of the Supreme Court's ruling overturning Roe v Wade, it is especially important to ensure that Massachusetts providers can continue to provide reproductive health care services without concern that the laws of other states may be used to interfere with those services or sanction them for providing services that are lawful in the Commonwealth."

The order prohibits any Executive Department agencies from assisting another state's investigation into a person or entity for receiving or delivering reproductive health services that are legal in Massachusetts. The order also protects Massachusetts providers who deliver reproductive health care services from losing their professional licenses or receiving other professional discipline based on potential out-of-state charges.

Also under the executive order, the Commonwealth will not cooperate with extradition requests from other states pursuing criminal charges against individuals who received, assisted with, or performed reproductive



Local elected officials join Sen. Elizabeth Warren and representatives from the ACLU of Massachusetts, Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund of Massachusetts, and Reproductive Equity Now on the steps of the State House last week to protest the Supreme Court's ruling to overturn Roe v Wade.

health services that are legal in Massachusetts.

Sen. Lydia Edwards said it is now time to 'divest' and 'boycott'

and called on labor leaders to join the fight for reproductive rights.

"We need to learn from Divestment Movements in South Africa to today's fossil fuel movement," said Edwards. "We need to remember the Boycotts of the Civil Rights movement. I don't want our state or the City of Boston to contract with other states that take away a woman's right to abortion care."

Edwards called on labor leaders to get on board.

"Worker's Rights are Abortion Rights," she said. "I expect you (union leaders) to make sure all of

your union members have access to abortion care where ever they are, this includes health insurance, travel money, or whatever is needed. I've fought for Union jobs—it's time you step up for gender healthcare."

Edwards added any corporations with headquarters or franchises in anti-abortion states need to make sure labor workers have access to abortion care.

"If you don't, I will not buy your products," she said. "We need to support companies that will affirm the right to choose and divest from those that won't."

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is a paid parking lot along the waterfront that is owned by the Boston Planning and Development Agency. The total lot size is 81,325 square feet and it accommodates both monthly and transient parking.

Wu said in a city as dense and already developed as Boston, parcels identified in the land audit, like the North End parking lot, represent rare opportunities to utilize public space for the public good.

"Parking lots and vacant spaces across our City have the potential to be transformed into providing crucially needed affordable housing, green space, and community services," said Wu. "I look forward to a robust engagement process to ensure our planning process reflects the needs of our residents."

The Sargent's Wharf Parking Lot was among the 1,238 City parcels identified in the audit as vacant or underutilized, most of which are modestly sized.

The report identified the park-

ing lot as a "high opportunity site" and has been prioritized for community planning efforts.

"This audit presents us with real opportunities to address our city's housing needs and build affordable housing across Boston," said Chief of Housing Sheila Dillon. "With this information and transformative investments from the American Rescue Plan, we look forward to significant, community focused affordable housing investments in Boston."

At the press conference Wu said in the coming months, the BPDA and the Mayor's Office of Housing will use the report to accelerate community visioning for the Sargent's Wharf Parking Lot. Wu said the process will analyze the opportunities to build transit-oriented affordable housing and meet other neighborhood needs identified by the neighborhood and stakeholders.

All sites located in active planning studies will have a separate dedicated public process as a follow-up to visioning completed

through a neighborhood planning study.

Under city government guidelines all BPDA and City-owned parcels in Boston will include the process of sending out Request for Proposal (RFP). These RFPs released for public land will be required to respond to the BPDA's Diversity and Inclusion evaluation requirements, and outline commitments to include Minority and Women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs) in all aspects of their development. The criteria is weighted at 25 percent of the total evaluation of each proposal.

"This work offers a great starting point to accelerate the use of underutilized public land for public good," said Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. "We look forward to a robust community process to ensure that the development of any of the sites identified is responsive to the neighborhood's needs, while creating new opportunities for mixed-income rental, homeownership, and open space in our communities."

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ing to data collected last week.

Earlier this month, Sen. Lydia Edwards signed onto a letter drafted by Mayor Michelle Wu that was submitted to MassDOT. The letter called for a plan to be put in place to increase capacity on the Blue Line when needed, especially during the full shutdown of the Sumner Tunnel in 2023.

In a statement last week the MBTA said it is exploring multiple options to add capacity at the Control Center, including an aggressive recruitment campaign, offering bonuses, and potentially

hiring back former dispatchers.

"If dispatch capacity permits, there may be days when the MBTA can increase the number of trains in service," said the statement. "And as soon as sufficient dispatch capacity exists, the MBTA will revert to its previous level of service."

There is one exception to the revised summer schedule. In the afternoon and evening of Monday, July 4, the MBTA will provide regular weekday service in order to accommodate people attending Independence Day festivities.

EDITORIAL

FOURTH OF JULY MEMORIES

This weekend brings the Fourth of July, the celebration of the birth of our nation and an opportunity for all of us to partake in summertime fun with friends and family.

The Fourth of July brings back fond recollections from our youth, when we celebrated the Fourth with cookouts at our grandmother's house at Yirrell Beach on Pt. Shirley in Winthrop.

Those happy summer memories of sparklers, smores, and bonfires on the beach with family members, many of whom are no longer with us, are etched indelibly in our mind's eye and always bring a smile to our face as if they were just yesterday, though they occurred decades ago.

However, the Fourth of July also brings back a sad memory of a friend, an athletic young man in his 20s who was one of our basketball buddies, who became intoxicated at a backyard barbecue. He fell off a small porch when he missed a step and fractured some vertebrae, leaving him a paraplegic and wheelchair-bound for the rest of his life.

That tragic event happened almost 30 years ago, but the shock of hearing of our friend's accident, and then seeing him for the first time in a wheelchair, is something we never will forget.

All of us should make it a priority to do what we can to ensure that our loved ones and others with whom we'll be spending the holiday do so in a safe and reasonable manner.

That is doubly true if any of our activities are water-related or if driving is involved. We should keep in mind that over-imbibing in alcohol always is an invitation for a tragic situation, even in our backyards.

In addition, the illegal use of dangerous fireworks will result in many trips to the emergency room by those who suffered eye injuries, severed fingers, and burns.

In the 1800s and early 1900s, the Fourth of July served as a convenient excuse for young men to go on a rampage throughout their communities, vandalizing public and private property. The term "a safe and sane Fourth" was introduced at the start of the last century to discourage such wanton acts of rowdiness.

Although we no longer celebrate the Fourth as recklessly as our ancestors did, nonetheless we all must do our part to make sure that we observe the Fourth's festivities safely and sanely, both for ourselves and our loved ones.

We wish all of our readers a happy, fun-filled, and safe Fourth of July.

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GUEST OP-ED

Time for a second look at Proposed Hotel

By Cheryl Delgreco and Kirsten Hoffman

Like every other neighborhood in Boston, the North End has evolved to meet the needs of a growing city. Change and development are inevitable, but recently the city has been growing at a pace that is putting pressures on residential communities, and some of these pressures come from the absence of transparent and responsive planning.

North End Waterfront Residents Association (NEWRA) and its members feel strongly that every neighborhood should play an active role in shaping its future and that our development and growth must not be driven by project-specific proposals of developers that leave residents with little input or voice into the final projects.

There has been much discussion regarding the many projects that violate multiple provisions in the city's Zoning Code. Much of the city, including our neighborhood, is being rezoned not by city-wide or district planning, but by the issuance of parcel-by-parcel zoning variances. The zoning code for the North End District, like the zoning codes for other neighborhoods, resulted from

district planning many years ago that included community input. Height, density and use limits and other provisions in the Zoning Code are intended to support the city's growth while also supporting and protecting each district, residential or otherwise.

The North End is facing impacts from large projects like the proposed Cross Street Hotel, which would replace a one-story neighborhood retail plaza with a 55-foot high, 140-room hotel with rooftop dining.

The hotel would abut multi-family residential buildings, Vincent Cutillo Park and a heavily traveled traffic and pedestrian section of Cross Street. Our community and others could realize serious impacts directly related to the several zoning violations for which the developer seeks variances from the Zoning Board of Appeal, with little, if any, community benefit from this project proposal. These variances apparently are supported by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), whose board approved the hotel project this past March despite considerable community opposition and documented impacts.

The height and massing of the proposed hotel could limit light

and sky in Vincent Cutillo Park and other impacts documented in comments of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and park users will have to coexist with hotel and hotel restaurant operations.

The developer proposes to convert a publicly-owned pedestrian area to accommodate hotel access and outdoor restaurant dining narrow the two already narrow traffic lanes in Cross Street to accommodate deliveries and drop-offs/pick-up, which in turn will increase traffic and create further congestion for the North End and the city. The hotel proposal includes no parking spaces and would reduce public parking, placing further burden on existing public parking facilities.

For these impacts, the neighborhood and the city will get two more restaurants and a hotel shoe-horned into a residential neighborhood. The North End is already home to over 90 restaurants with alcohol licenses, a surplus of visitors, and unending traffic.

The city apparently is no longer suffering from an insufficient number of hotel rooms, as the BPDA board recently approved the replacement of a hotel proposed

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MICHELEWITZ HOSTS SUCCESSFUL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

The 2022 Cornhole Classic held at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway was a major success, attracting hundreds of people raising, \$49,000 for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund.

The Classic is hosted annually by State Representative Aaron Michlewitz. This year, the event set a record for the money raised.

It was a terrific community event that produced fun for all, while raising scholarship funds.

NORTH END NON-PROFITS COULD USE VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

Fund raising and volunteering for neighborhood groups is important for local organizations to continue to provide meaningful programs, events and activities for the community.

Local businesses should consid-

er making a financial donation to a non-profit neighborhood organization or even adopt one on a continuing basis.

Residents can make a contribution or volunteer some time to help with a fundraiser or coordinating a community event.

There are numerous outstanding non-profit agencies in the North End to choose from. Make a phone call and get involved in the community.

NEAA BASEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA IS A GRAND SLAM

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) hit a Grand Slam with its terrific Baseball Extravaganza that featured two All Star games between teams from Charlestown and all six teams from the 6-8-year-old program playing games between each other.

Many spectators attended the family event that included refreshments and numerous attractions.

It was a Grand Slam event!

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directly across the Rose Kennedy Greenway at Government Center Garage with a proposed lab/life sciences building, at the developer's request.

Boston now has a new mayor and a new Chief of Planning who have committed to putting planning ahead of development and reforming Boston's generations-old development process. While this will take time, the time to start is now, in every neighborhood. To that end and in that spirit, we ask Mayor Michelle

Wu and Chief of Planning/BPDA Director Arthur Jemison to put aside the BPDA board's approval of the Cross Street Hotel project, so that the city can conduct, with public involvement, proper planning and potential rezoning to ensure development in the North End is fair and equitable for all.

Cheryl Delgreco is President, North End Waterfront Residents Association and Kirsten Hoffman is President, Friends of Cuttillo Park.

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North End resident and author Alexandra Salmon's novel 'Can't Turn Back' now sold at I Am Books

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"Can't Turn Back," the debut novel of local North End resident and author Alexandra Salmon, is now sold at "I Am Books," the North End's Italian-themed bookstore on Salem Street. Salmon, who has lived in the North End for over 6 years and wrote parts of it while living in the neighborhood, published the novel in late 2020. "I Am Books" is the only physical location where readers can purchase a copy. They are also available on Amazon.

"Can't Turn Back" is about a family from Massachusetts who is forced to enter the witness protection program after its father's ties to organized crime are revealed. They attempt to re-start their lives in northern Michigan with a blank slate and repair their relationships with one another while forging new identities, but find many of the same challenges they left behind waiting for them as they move forward.

"It's not a true story, or based on my life," says Salmon. "It's fiction."

"I Am Books" recently re-opened a brick and mortar location in the North End after moving exclusively to online sales from their North Street storefront



North End resident and author Alexandra Salmon.

during the height of the pandemic. They returned to the North End with their Salem Street location in December of 2021.

"Ever since I heard 'I Am Books' was coming back to the North End, it was a dream of mine to be able to sell my novel in their store. I love having them as neighbors, and I love the North End.

Everyone's support has been so incredible, I'm so grateful. It's the perfect fit," says Salmon. "I am honored they chose to carry my book, especially because I'm not actually Italian! And their new location is amazing, I still can't believe it. I'm very humbled."

Salmon is currently working on her second novel.

North End area's COVID positive test-rate increases

By John Lynds

The North End and the surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increased slightly last week after weeks of decline according to the latest data by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC).

This week the BPHC announced it is recommending that all Boston children and infants ages six-months and older get vaccinated against COVID-19. BPHC's recommendation follows recent guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommending COVID-19 vaccines.

"Many parents and caregivers have been anxiously awaiting approval of COVID-19 vaccination for the under 5 age group after two very difficult years of worrying about the health and safety of their children," said Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the BPHC Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. "Some parents may be uncertain about getting their child vaccinated

because there is so much information to consider. The vaccines are safe and protective against serious illness in this age group. Parents with questions or concerns should talk to their child's pediatrician to get the facts about the vaccine."

Last week, 858 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 11 percent were positive--this was a 8 percent increase from the 10.2 percent that tested positive between June 13 and June 20.

Ninety four additional residents contracted the virus between June 20 and June 27 there have now been 11,342 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week

According to the BPHC, 12,787 Boston residents tested citywide and 7.3 percent were positive—a 5 percent decrease from the 7.7 percent that tested positive between June 13 and June 20.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its week-

ly 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 0.67 percent last week and went from 192,591 to 193,870 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

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

Dr. Ojikutu said the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine, which consists of three pediatric doses, is available for children ages 6-months to 5-years old.

The Moderna mRNA vaccine, consisting of two pediatric doses, is available for those ages 6-months to 5-years old. COVID-19 vaccines are already available to those ages 5 and up. Ensuring your child is up to date on their COVID-19 vaccinations is the most effective way to keep them safe at summer camps, family outings, and other in person gatherings.

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY PROCESSION

Matt Conti photos

Feast season has begun in Boston's North End! On Saint Anthony's traditional Feast Day, June 13, Fr. Michael Della Penna of Saint Leonard Church led the procession with a relic and statue through the streets.



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which can prevent HIV infection when taken as prescribed.

PrEP is one of a number of HIV prevention strategies for people who are HIV negative but who also have a higher risk of acquiring HIV, including sexually active adults at increased risk of HIV, people who engage in injection drug use, and serodiscordant sexually active couples.

According to studies PrEP can reduce HIV transmission through sex by 99 percent and through sharing of needles by 74 percent. PrEP is recommended for those whose partner has HIV, individuals that don't always use condoms during sex, people who have been diagnosed with a sexually transmitted disease in the last six months, and for those who share needles to inject drugs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), roughly one in 10 new HIV diagnoses occur among people who inject drugs. Drug use also increased greatly during the COVID-19 pandemic; according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), around 275 million people used drugs worldwide between 2020 to 2021, a 22 percent increase from 2010.

NEW Health's new HIV Prevention Program also includes HIV Testing, Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), outreach, education, and counseling services. Outreach includes the distribution

of videos on what PrEP is and the basics of HIV testing.

Zanor said Medication Payment Assistance is also available and more information can be found at <https://accesshealthma.org/prevention/prepdap/>. Appointments can

be scheduled by calling 617-643-8000 (North End.) or 857-238-1100 (Charlestown).

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MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR

Jon Seamans photos

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Dunkin' Donuts, Star Market, and City Express was held at Langone Park in the North End on June 15. The citywide series provides residents an unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments.



Local attorney Lavinia Weizel and daughter Zella Dantos check out the recently-renovated ballfield at Langone Park during Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour on June 15. Participants enjoyed Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats along with fresh fruit from Star Market with additional support provided by City Express.

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Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Diana MacDowell took advantage of the chance to speak one-on-one with Mayor Michelle Wu in support of her handling of the COVID crisis in regard to Boston's children during the Mayor's Neighborhood Coffee Hour held in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express at Langone Park in the North End on June 15. The citywide series provides residents with a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments.



Denise Clancey of the North End is clearly pleased with the flowers she received from the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Horticulture Division at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour held at Langone Park in the North End on June 15. Attendees received free flowering plants from the Parks Department, Dunkin' Iced Coffee and assorted Dunkin' MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats, and fresh fruit from Star Market. Residents at each event were also eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin' including Dunkin' swag and ground coffee.

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Chad Wolfson and his 9-month-old Boston terrier Gnocchi enjoy a beautiful morning on the waterfront during Mayor Michelle Wu's June 15 Neighborhood Coffee Hour held in partnership with the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express at Langone Park.



District 1 City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta greets the crowd at Mayor Michelle Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hour held by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department in partnership with Dunkin', Star Market, and City Express at Langone Park on June 15. Among the fellow City officials joining her and Mayor Wu were City Councilor-at-Large Michael Flaherty and Neighborhood Services North End, Waterfront, and West End Liaison Ciara D'Amico (left).



Three-year-old Satsuki Goto of the West End, pictured with her mom Yukie, adds her contribution to a communal painting of the USS Constitution provided by the Boston Mural Crew at Mayor Michelle Wu's Coffee Hour held at Langone Park on the waterfront. The citywide series brings the Mayor and staff from City departments to neighborhood parks where they can meet directly with residents.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

GIRLS FALL FIELD HOCKEY

An all-girl fall field hockey program is being formed by the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) for ages 8-10 and 11-14.

"Field hockey is an exciting, fun game," NEAA Sport's Coordinator John Romano said. "We (NEAA) are thrilled to present this program to young girls that offers them the opportunity to learn the game and have fun at the same time."

Romano noted, "Kids can still play in our soccer program and field hockey too, because they will be played and scheduled on different days."

Anyone that wants to play field hockey should send an email to NorthEndFieldHockey@gmail.com.

NEAD NORTH END PRIDE DAY

Residents can enjoy a fun filled and educational afternoon at Christopher Columbus Park as North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will host its North End Family Pride Day.

The special event will be held from 12 noon to 4 pm on Sunday, August 7 and include refreshments, games, crafts, art contest, pet a snake exhibit and music by three North End performing groups, Crosstown, Street Magic and Groove.

The event is free and open to the public.

FOCCP FREE SUMMER SUNDAY MOVIES

Every Sunday night from July 17 through August 21, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) holds Summer Sunday Movies at the park starting at dusk. Bring a picnic basket and settle in on the grass while watching a great movie.

- July 17- The Sandlot.
- July 24- Dirty Dancing.
- July 31- The Philadelphia Story.
- August 7- Meet the Parents.
- August 14- Selma.
- August 24- Batman Begins.

The movies are free.

MIRABELLA POOL OPENS

It's summertime and the Mirabella Pool is open. Registration is required.

Call the Nazzaro Community Center for more details regarding rules, regulations, times and how to sign-up.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway will celebrate the park's 10th anniversary on Sunday, September 18 at 3 pm.

Enjoy Leon Janikian Ensemble, hoodies, a find someone game and refreshments.

RSVP: hello@armenianheritagepark.org.

FOCCP HOLD INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

A well planned and fun filled Independence Day Celebration was held in the North End/Waterfront community, hosted by The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

The community celebration was one of many Independence Day Celebrations organized by FOCCP.

Many local residents and park goers attended the special event and were treated to many activities and refreshments throughout the event.

The day started off with a parade led by the USS Constitution Color Guard, followed by residents, colored decorated bikes, tricycles, carriages, families and FOCCP members.

NEW HEALTH TRIVIA NIGHT

The Fisherman's Club on Lewis Street was the site of NEW Health's Trivia Night to benefit

its Food Insecurity Program a fun night out with family and friends with pizza and prizes.

Tickets were free and a Vespa was the top prize.

Varano Food Group and Redemption Studio, Boston donated prizes and food to support the event.

NEWRA ZLC COMMITTEE ADDRESS REQUEST

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) Zoning and Licensing Committee public meeting on June 28 discussed a request by Ryan Meadows, owner of unit 2 of these three-story buildings and two condominium units at 47-48 Snow Hill Street.

He is seeking variances to permit after demolition of the attic, the addition of an approximately 17 to 18 feet high structure to existing building and roof-deck.

Zoning violations are floor area ratio excessive, rear yard insufficient and roof structure restrictions.

COALITION COMPLETES WELLNESS WEEK

The Coalition for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront has concluded its Waterfront Wellness Week with a live show at the Institute of Contemporary Art/ Boston.

The event focused on the intersection between an accessible and inclusive waterfront and public health.

Both the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) and the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) are members of the Association.

THE OLD NORTH CHURCH CELEBRATES INDEPENDENCE DAY

On July 4, The Old North Church and Historic Site will celebrate Independence Day with a one-day family friendly event. Known for "One if by land, and two if by sea," and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the legacy of Boston's oldest surviving church as a symbol of liberty and active citizenship is discussed in history and civics classrooms nationwide.

This year's celebration will include the MIT Guild of Bellringers' ringing of Old North Church's eight change ringing bells; performances by the Griswold Ancients Fifes and Drums; a historical scavenger hunt; children's story time sessions; a pre-recorded reading of Longfellow's Paul Revere's Ride poem with the voices of visitors from across the country; demonstrations of a colonial-style printing press; and guided tours of the church's crypt, gallery, and bell tower.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE FRESH PRODUCE

Fresh Produce was distributed to North End residents through the community starting at the

Casa Maria Apartments by NEW Health.

Bagged fruits and vegetables were dropped off door to door, to needy residents as part of the NEW Health's Food Insecurity Program.

Established in 2016, the program has provided assistance to the community.

Patients receiving food are referred by their primary care providers.

UNDER THE STRAWBERRY MOON

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway was the site of Under the Strawberry Moon event that attracted a large group of participants who walked the Labyrinth and wrote wishes placing them on The Wishing Tree.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK CARE BENEFIT

A Park Care Benefit to care for and maintain the park's Legacy Fund will be held on Wednesday, September 21 at the InterContinental Hotel in Boston.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to July 9

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

HOLIDAY

• There will be no work done during the weekend of July 4th

SCHEDULED WORK

• Forming the East bike barrier at the northern approach (Charlestown workzone)

• Install rebar for the bike barrier

• Install electrical boxes in the location of the bike barrier

WORK HOURS

• Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

TRAVEL TIPS

For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share

the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge side-walk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

• There are no events scheduled during this look-ahead period

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Summer Dog Days

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Summer has now officially begun. However, this year, we've experienced summer heat in spring. That is just the start of what may be a hot, wet summer. WBUR reported, "... In the case of New England, NOAA predicts a 50-60% chance of warmer-than-normal temperatures, and for the southern part of the region, a 33-40% chance of higher-than-normal rainfall."

For those of us with dogs, this

means making plans to prevent heat emergencies. Part of this is understanding how our animals react to heat and doing what is needed to keep them safe. Remember, heat exhaustion can be a matter of life or death for your furry pal.

Tips for Hot Days

Arrange your walk schedule so that long walks are in the cooler parts of the day. If you use a dog walker, ask them to adjust how long your dog is out in the heat.

This is especially important if your dog is in fragile health, elderly, or one of the flat-faced breeds that are susceptible to brachycephalic syndrome, a condition that makes breathing more difficult.

Carry water for your dog. Most pet supply shops sell water bottles with attached caps or covers that serve as a dog cup. There are collapsible water dishes that you can fill from a water fountain or your own bottle of water.

In a pinch, put a clean pickup

bag over your cupped hand and pour in some water. All our dogs have been able to enjoy a drink like this since a kind woman in the Public Garden showed us her trick.

Check the heat of the pavement by pressing your hand on it for 10 seconds as a way to determine if it will be uncomfortable or dangerous for your dog. On hot days, let your dog walk on grass or dirt as much as possible to give those paws a break.

Signs of Overheating

It also means knowing the signs of an overheated animal, what steps to take to correct the situation before it becomes an emergency, and what to do on your way to the ER if it does.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) writes, "Early signs of heatstroke include: heavy panting and rapid breathing, excessive drooling, dry mucous membranes, bright red gums and tongue, skin hot to the touch, and a higher heart rate. Affected dogs become hyperactive and may have difficulty maintaining balance."

If you notice any of these symptoms, the AKC recommends that

you take steps to lower your animal's body temperature including, stopping activity, moving to a cool, well-ventilated place, spraying or sponging with cool (not cold) water.

If possible, take your dog's temperature. The AKC explains, "If the temperature is higher than 105F, try to cool the dog down, and after a few minutes retake the temperature. Don't reduce the temperature below 103F, because the temperature may descend to critical levels." If it is not going down or is above 105 you should go to the closest veterinarian because it is a heat emergency.

In the case of cats, the symptoms are the same including a dangerous temperature point of more than 105F. Since city cats spend most of their time indoors, we noted that falls from open windows with loose or damaged screens are a danger in hot weather that their guardians should prevent.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

MassDOT advises travelers to plan ahead for busy holiday weekend travel

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is advising travelers to plan ahead and expect increased volumes of traffic for the Fourth of July holiday period. If traveling, MassDOT recommends utilizing "real time" travel tools, looking into holiday schedules for public transportation, and using public transit if possible. Additionally, MassDOT recently launched the new travel time dashboard to find the best times to leave over the weekend or for normal weekday commutes: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/roadway-travel-time-dashboard>

"Traffic volumes are expected to increase as we get closer to the weekend so we are recommending that members of the public plan their trips in advance to leave at the best times and to take the most efficient routes," said MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. "Many people will be out and about, so we ask everyone whether driving, walking, or bicycling to be courteous, obey the rules of the road, and take it slow so everyone can enjoy the holiday."

With Monday, July 4, being Independence Day, all Commonwealth of Massachusetts offices are closed, including Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) customer service locations. More than forty RMV transactions can be done online: www.mass.gov/RMV. Any resident who is a member of AAA can also make appointments at AAA locations for some Registry transactions.

In addition, the MBTA has released the following information:

All subway, bus, and The RIDE services will operate on a Saturday schedule on Saturday, July 2, and Sunday, July 3.

The MBTA Commuter Rail will operate on a weekend schedule from Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4. Customers should note that routes that do not typically run on weekends will not be in service.

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The Hingham - Hull - Logan Airport - Long Wharf ferry will run on a Saturday schedule from Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4.

No service will be provided for the Hingham - Rows Wharf ferry from Saturday, July 2, through Monday, July 4.

All bus, Silver Line, and The RIDE services will operate on a Sunday schedule on Monday, July 4.

All subway services will operate on a modified Saturday schedule until 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4. After 1:00 p.m. the subway will run on a weekday schedule.

The CharlieCard Store will be closed on Monday, July 4.

For full details regarding MBTA service, <https://www.mbta.com/holidays>.

The I-93 Boston-Quincy High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane will deploy early for the holiday weekend, opening at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1. The HOV lane will not be deployed on Monday, July 4, and will return to normal deployment times on Tuesday, July 5. The Sumner Tunnel Swing Lane will not be deployed on Monday, July 4, and will return to normal deployment times on Tuesday, July 5. The Sumner Tunnel will be open for drivers to use during the holiday weekend, as the total of 36 weekend closures for maintenance

work is suspended on holiday weekends.

For those flying in and out of Boston Logan International Airport, Massport is expecting an increase in passengers around the holiday weekend and is urging the use of public transportation and HOV modes such as the MBTA's Blue Line and Silver Line (FREE from Logan), and Logan Express. For those picking up loved ones, Massport asks you use the Cell Phone Lots until your party is ready at the curb. There are ongoing construction projects at the airport, and drivers should pay attention and follow signage. Passengers can now download the free FlyLogan app to access information about the airport, flight status, purchase Logan Express tickets, reserve parking, order food for pick up or delivery, and for other services.

For more information about Logan Airport, please visit www.massport.com/logan-airport/.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

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all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by North End Rehabilitation And Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Walter McCarthy in need of a Guardian and requesting that Rachael Stanton of Marion, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/21/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the

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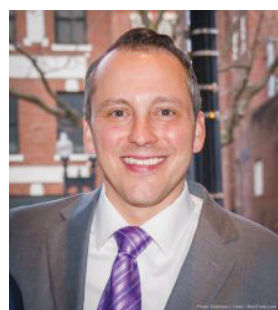
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