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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Jaimie Crumley introduces Amber the cat to Rev Matthew Cadwell, Vicar of Old North Church, for the Blessing of the Animals this past Sunday, Oct. 2.

Shown below, Cassie Heroux holds her beloved Lily after the Blessing. See more photos on Page 9.



NEW VERSION

Officials launch 311mobile app

Special to The Review

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the launch of a new version of the Boston 311 mobile app, aimed at improving user experience with expanded language access and redesigned features. The City of Boston 311, in partnership with the Department of Innovation and Technology and the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, updated the app to offer increased language access capabilities and a user experience that is easier to navigate.

Boston 311 is a 24-hour service that works with various City departments to fulfill non-emergency service requests across the city including potholes, park maintenance, litter, and parking enforcement. Launched in 2009 as Citizens Connect, constituents can use the 311 hotline, mobile app, or online website to make a service request. Over the past 13 years, residents have submitted 1.1 million requests through the app. More than 50 percent of all the

requests that constituents report today are through the Boston 311 mobile app.

"Tackling the big challenges our city faces starts with addressing the daily constituent issues that our residents experience across Boston's neighborhoods," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The 311 app helps instantly alert City teams to neighborhood issues, and now that it is available in 11 languages, the app is more accessible and easy to use than ever before. I want to thank all the City departments who worked on this upgrade, and encourage all residents to use it where needed."

"Our goal at the City of Boston is to put our residents' needs at the forefront of our work, and to use their feedback and input to continually improve how we're delivering services online," said Julia Gutierrez, Chief Digital Officer for the City of Boston. "By providing our 311 app in the City's top 11 languages, we hope to empower

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Livingstone spearheading clean-water effort to replace state's lead pipes

By Dan Murphy

As lead pipes continue to be the cause of tainted water throughout Boston and the rest of the Commonwealth, Rep. Jay Livingstone of the 8th Suffolk is helping to spearhead the effort to tackle this pernicious problem.

Livingstone filed legislation over the summer to address the issue, and to create a grant program for municipalities in need of assistance to distribute funds to their residents. This compelled both the House and the

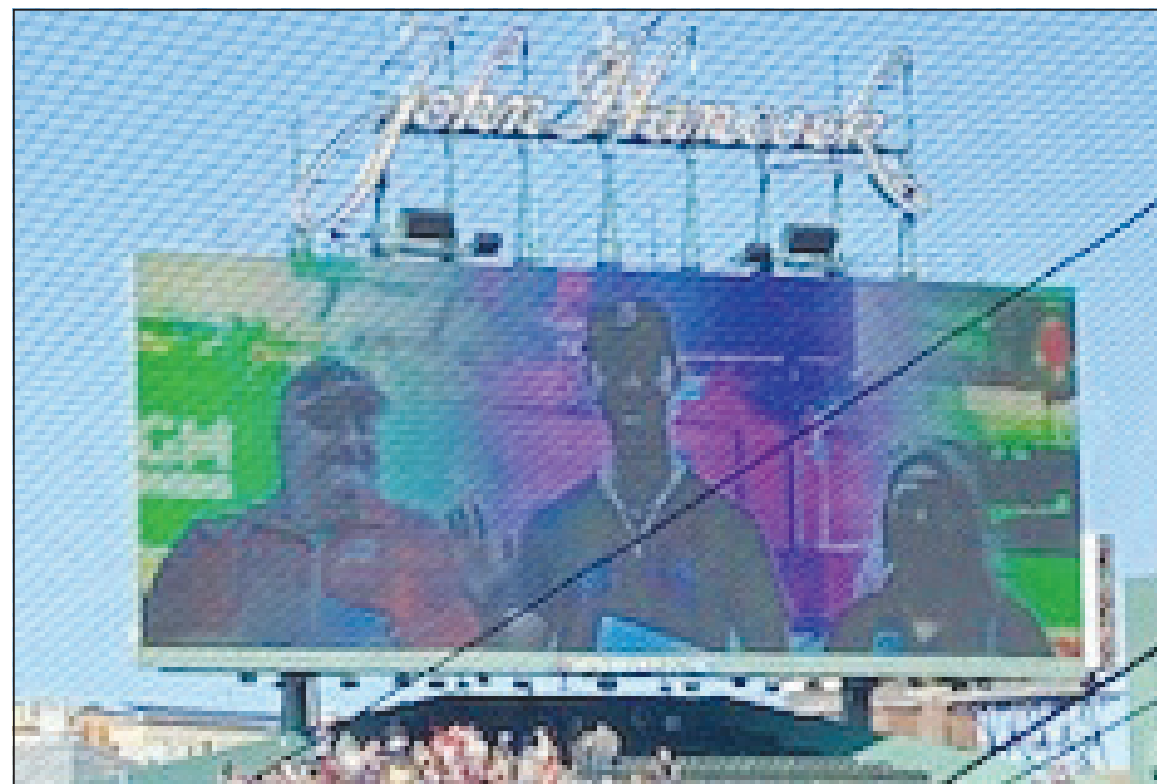
Senate to take action on the issue. In July, the Massachusetts House and Senate sent to Gov. Charlie Baker "H.5065, An Act Financing the General Governmental Infrastructure of the Commonwealth," which, according to Rep. Livingstone, included a \$20 million funding authorization and language to create a new lead service-line replacement program within the treasurer's Clean Water Trust that would distribute funds to munic-

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HONORING RICK MARTIGNETTI



Shown on the jumbotron at Fenway Park are Rick Martignetti and Red Sox pitcher, Tim Wakefield who presented the Massachusetts volunteer coach of the year award, present by the Red Sox Foundation. Rick was one of six awards given to Little League coach in the six New England states.

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ipalities for residents in areas of need.

In “Clean water should be a fundamental human right” his Sept. 22 op ed piece for CommonWealth Magazine - Rep. Livingstone wrote: “This language originated in an amendment I filed that was adopted by the House when we took up the bill in May 2022 and the conference committee, led by Rep. Danielle Gregorie and Sen. Will Brownsberger, included the language in the final conference report. It was signed into law by Governor Baker in August and will create the first state-funded replacement program. I appreciate Speaker Mariano and Senate President Spilka and the rest of the legislature recognizing this serious issue and embracing this solution.”

Massachusetts reportedly has

220,000 lead-pipe service lines connecting homes and buildings to water mains, and according to the Boston Water and Sewer Commission’s Lead Service Map (found online at <https://www.bwsc.org/environment-education/maproom/lead-service-map>), more than 3,900 addresses using lead-service pipes citywide

(Lead services indicated on this map were reported based on visual inspections performed at the water meter during installation of new water meters under the Commission’s Automatic Meter Reading program, according to BWSC.)

The Environmental Protection Agency has set the maximum contaminant level goal for lead in drinking water at zero, since toxic metals can be harmful to humans even at low levels. But despite this ambitious goal, a 2016 American

Water Works Association survey estimated that Massachusetts had more lead service lines than all but 10 states.

“The only permanent and 100 [percent] effective solution to address this issue is the replacement of lead services lines, which costs, on average, between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per line,” wrote Rep. Livingstone. “This steep price makes it difficult for many homeowners to afford a replacement, although the state has begun taking concrete measures to mitigate this harm. Luckily, there are more resources than ever to help people make this change.”

Boston is among the municipalities in the Commonwealth that offers interest-free loans to those who want to replace their lead service-lines.

Moreover, the state’s Department of Environmental Protection announced the Massachusetts State Revolving Fund 2023 Intended Use Plan on July 1.

“This revolving fund offers affordable loan options to cities and towns to improve water supply infrastructure and drinking water safety, while addressing issues such as watershed management priorities, stormwater management, and green infrastructure,” wrote Rep. Livingstone. “The Clean Water Trust, also based on federal funding, is offering grants to municipalities to figure out how many lead service lines exist within their borders.”

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er members of our communities who may not have otherwise interacted with the City.”

The new Boston 311 app, which is now available for download, enables users to submit service requests in 11 languages — English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Cape Verdean Creole, Arabic, Brazilian Portuguese, and French. These are the top 11 most common languages in Boston. The old version of the app only included an English language option.

The updated app also incorporates design recommendations based on a six-week user research study, conducted by the Mayor’s Office of New Urban Mechanics. Interviewees gave feedback on the new design and features of Boston 311. Thirty-one residents from seven neighborhoods were interviewed; they represented seniors, immigrants, people with disabilities, youth, City employees, and native speakers of Boston’s most-spoken languages. By listening to resident feedback, the City was able to identify key usability concerns and create a more accessible app with app developer Connected Bits.

Additionally, users can now view the Status of City Services, a section that was previously only available on the Boston.gov homepage, in the above 11 languages. This upgrade builds on the City’s commitment to ensuring that all residents have equitable access to City services and information. Constituents can also now submit multiple photos as part of their service request.

The City’s Community Engagement Cabinet will host a 311 app training session on Friday, October 7 to help constituents learn how to use the app and what kinds of service requests it should be used for. At the training, which will be 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Bruce Bolling Building, residents will be able to view 311 employees navigating the application on a projector and ask any questions they may have. Neighborhood liaisons

in the Office of Neighborhood Services have already been testing the new 311 app while out in the community. Interpretation will be available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Vietnamese, and Cantonese.

“The 311 app is a crucial tool for connecting with our constituents, but it only works if residents know how to properly use it,” said Chief of Community Engagement Brianna Millor. “The expansion of language options in the app and the upcoming City-run training are critical to ensuring residents can effectively use City services. Together we can use the experiences of our constituents to fix problems and create a Boston for everyone.”

“The new update to the 311 app is wonderful and more user friendly,” said Annie Le, President of the board of Boston Little Saigon. “It also has resources that are available in one place with direct links. The language additions open the City’s resources and lines of communication to ALL of Boston’s residents, making it easier for residents to access information and communicate their needs. The app makes it faster and easier to communicate than calling 311, which may not have a translator available.”

The new version of the Boston 311 app is free to download and is available for both iPhone and Android or can be accessed by visiting boston.gov/311. Those with the automatic update feature enabled on their mobile device would have received the new version of the Boston 311 app. Those without automatic updates will have to manually update the app in the App Store.

Please note, the app should not be used to report emergencies, such as medical emergencies or criminal activities. To report an emergency please call 9-1-1.

For questions and more information visit boston.gov/311 or call 3-1-1. Residents are encouraged to share feedback about their experience with the app via the Boston 311 Feedback Survey.

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Wu announces 2022-2023 Spark Boston Council members

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the newly-selected 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council. The diverse, 40-member group will spend the next 12 months working to connect young adults to leaders in City government, City services, and one another. The SPARK Boston Council will advise Mayor Wu on City policies and programs affecting 20- to 35-year-olds.

"The future of Boston depends on having a well-informed and connected community of leaders in every generation," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "This year's SPARK Boston Council spans many cultures, languages, and corners of our city—all united by a passion for civic engagement. I look forward to collaborating with the new members as we work to make Boston a city for everyone."

The 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council members live in neighborhoods throughout Boston and come from a wide variety of cultural and professional backgrounds. One fifth of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far away as Syria, Venezuela, and Jamaica. The new members come from a wide range of work industries, including public service, higher education, and scientific research. Sixteen members are multilingual.

"This is a pivotal moment for SPARK Boston, as Boston's first millennial Mayor appoints her first council," said SPARK Boston Director Audrey Seraphin. "I am delighted to work with these bright young minds to bring Boston's largest age group together again, both virtually and in-person, after a difficult two and half years for our community."

For the first time, new SPARK Council members will be supported by eight returning SPARK captains, who will provide mentorship and organizational assistance critical to the program's continued growth and success.

"I am excited to enter this next year on SPARK as one of the new captains," said returning council member Dianna Bronchuk of Roslindale. "I've learned about and engaged with so many new opportunities in Boston through SPARK, and I am looking forward to bringing those to the new council members in this role."

"It's such an honor to continue working to better our City, especially now as a captain," said Anthony Nguyen, a lifelong resident of Dorchester. "I'm excited to help lead the new council to reach our potential as a talented, diverse family dedicated to civic



Members poised to inspire civic leadership among Boston's young adults

engagement."

SPARK Boston, housed in the Mayor's Community Engagement Cabinet, is responsible for advising Mayor Wu on issues affecting millennial and Gen Z populations and working with City departments and community stakeholders to create innovative solutions. The Council meets monthly with City Hall leaders and creates free programming for their peers including voter resources, events highlighting the City's on-going initiatives, and professional and social networking opportunities across Boston's many neighborhoods.

Over 34 percent of Boston residents are between the ages of 20 and 34 according to the Boston Planning & Development Agency's Boston at a Glance 2022.

"I'm honored and excited to be a part of SPARK council, where I feel that our voices and lived experiences will make a difference in what public services and policies are prioritized by the city," said new council member Ki-Wan Sim from East Boston.

"I'm so grateful to be offered the opportunity to serve on the 2022-2023 SPARK Boston Council," said Kennedy Avery, new member from Beacon Hill. "Enthusiastic and innovative young people have long been committed to improving the City, and I can't wait to work with my peers to connect the innovation and energy of young people in the City to the levers of power within City Hall."

This year, the SPARK Boston program received 110 applications for the 2022-2023 Council, showing continued robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for the 2021-2022

SPARK Boston Council included the creation of the Allston-Brighton Renters' Garden Contest, the on-going Pint with a Planner series, the Haitian Migrant Household Goods Drive with IFSI, the 2021 Living & Learning Debt Survey, Rat City Arts Fest, and countless voter registration pop-ups and neighborhood social events.

The 2022-2023 Council includes:

Sydney Neugebauer, Allston
Anthony O'Neil, Allston
Bianca Beltran, Back Bay
Kennedy Avery, Beacon Hill
Janine Jay, Beacon Hill
Olivia S. Harris, Brighton
Cristen Mathews, Brighton
Steven Murnane, Jr., Brighton
Christopher Rockwell, Charlestown
Liza Perry, Charlestown
Abby Jamiel, Dorchester
Brenna Galvin, Dorchester
Alexa Monfort, Dorchester
Yakeish Gray Sinclair, Dorchester
Tania Jaime Lopez, Dorchester
Taufiq Dhanani, Dorchester
1Emmy Carragher, Dorchester
Ki Wan Sim, East Boston
Liz Cory, Fenway-Kenmore
Ashley Garrett, Hyde Park
Katharine Martinez, Hyde Park
Jenn Meakem, Jamaica Plain
Eryn-Ashlei Bailey, Jamaica Plain
Lendsey Thicklin, Mattapan
Hannah Hooen, Mission Hill
Hannah Schur, North End
2Melissa Mazzeo, North End
Daniel Semeniuta, Roslindale
Melissa Beltran, Roxbury
Shaikh Hasib, Roxbury
Jasmine Rose, Roxbury
Aly Madan, Roxbury
Nohely Vargas, Roxbury
Kyle Miller, Roxbury/Jamaica Plain
Rafael Trujillo, Seaport
Sarah Ballinger, South Boston
Nicholas Fils-Aime, South End

Ihsan Kaadan, West End
Zachary Kinnaird, West End
Eduardo Sanchez, West Roxbury

The SPARK Council captains for the 2022-2023 term are:

Alessandra Panares, Allston-Brighton
Richard Meinke, Allston-Brighton

Anthony Nguyen, Dorchester
Kristyn Berry, Dorchester
Mia Healy-Waldron, East Boston
Thomas Pelkey, Jamaica Plain
Dianna Bronchuk, Roslindale
Caitlin Zeytoonian, South Boston
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EDITORIAL

TAKE A FOREST BATH

When we saw a headline about a “forest bath” in an on-line publication the other day, we initially took its meaning literally.

But the article was not about physically bathing in the woods. Rather, it pointed out that there have been some studies which have suggested that spending time in heavily-treed areas can decrease blood pressure and stress and boost overall mood, particularly if there is a stream or lake nearby. Exercising in the woods also has similar unique benefits (which made us recall some of our cross-country runs.)

The article further noted that the sounds and smells of the forest, as well as the chemicals released by trees, can have a calming effect. (Though we assume this does not include the growling of a bear...)

After we read the article, we realized that a “forest bath” simply is a new-agey term for taking a hike in the woods.

Here in New England, the change to the fall season provides us with the ultimate opportunity to take a nice hike. Summer’s humidity is gone and the cool, crisp air is perfect for taking a long walk amidst the splendor of the foliage season.

Although our most-memorable hikes have been in the mountains of northern New England, we don’t have to travel that far to enjoy a forest bath. The nearby Blue Hills, Arnold Arboretum, state parks, and parks under the auspices of the Trustees of Reservations provide many nearby opportunities to enjoy the solitude of nature with our friends and family members.

So whether you call it a hike -- or a forest bath -- we encourage all of our readers to get outside in the coming weeks.

SUNDAYS AREN'T FUN ANYMORE

Some years back, amid the Patriots’ long string of success, we wrote that New England fans should enjoy the ride, because it inevitably would come to an end.

We’ve been Pats’ fans since the 1960s, so unlike younger fans, we’ve known many more years of failure than success, which gave us a much-greater appreciation for the Pats’ amazing and unprecedented run of Super Bowl appearances and league titles from 2001-2019.

Societies have worshiped their athletic heroes dating back to the ancient Greeks. In the modern age, sports have served as a form of entertainment that uniquely brings people together, where we can forget ours and the world’s problems, even if it’s for just a few hours each week. In addition, success on the athletic field (or track or arena) is the ultimate meritocracy -- unlike just about every other aspect of our society -- which is why cheaters in sports are so reviled.

The Patriots’ success became part of the local culture, with fans -- and even non-fans -- partaking of game-day parties and tailgating that helped us endure the long fall and winter seasons. Studies have shown that sharing the experience of a successful sports team with friends brings noticeable psychological benefits that last for a couple of days -- and New England fans had almost 20 years of joy.

But New England no longer is the center of the pro football universe. We’re now the ones on the outside looking in, as was the case for so many others for two decades. When the hometown newspaper writes that your 1-3 team can take comfort in the positives after another loss -- well, you know that it’s going to be a long season.

We were listening to the 1960s station on our Sirius XM radio in our car the other day when we heard one of our favorite tunes, Sundays Will Never be the Same by Spanky and the Gang. The lyrics are about a lost love and how their Sundays together were special, but they seem appropriate for New England Patriots fans these days:

Now I wake up Sunday morning
Sunday’s just another day
Sunny afternoons that made me feel so warm inside
Have turned as cold and gray as ashes
As I feel the embers die
Sunday will never be the same

GUEST OP-ED

When devastation happens

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Life changes all the time. Nothing is permanent. The only constant is change.

Hurricane Ian proved again that life is unpredictable and so is the weather. One reminder from Hurricane Ian is that we can’t fight the weather and come out very well. Category four hurricanes are certain to bring devastation and loss of life to what or who is in its path.

Dozens of people in Florida lost their lives to Ian last week. Hundreds of millions of dollars of damage occurred. We can always hope that the weather will not be as bad as forecasted. We can always hope we will hold out, hang on, and survive but bad weather is a formidable foe.

California fires, Midwest tornadoes, Appalachian flooding and now a gulf coast hurricane proves again that it’s best to get out of the way of mother nature. This often

means hurrying to a place of safety depending on the threatening weather.

Hindsight always sees better. It’s easy to say this is what people should have done. We hope that the bad weather won’t be as bad as forecasted. We hang on hoping we will be able to ride out the storm.

The best that we can do is try to stay ahead of dangerous weather if we can. Relocate, or put ourselves in as safe a place as possible is vital.

Ft. Myer’s Beach has been dear for many years. My wife and I have visited there often. We have become very familiar with the very small island that is only about seven miles long. We know some of the people impacted and who are hurting. We can’t imagine how they will ever overcome last week’s horrific hurricane. Some will likely never reopen their businesses or even consider trying to rebuild. Some will try but the climb back

to any semblance of normalcy will be long and hard.

Overcoming devastation is never easy, sometimes impossible and at best takes a long time. Your devastation may not be a hurricane. Your devastation may not be weather related. We all must keep in mind that if we live long enough, we will face some kind of devastation that hurts or even cripples us. Rendering prayer, kindness, emotional and financial support is being a good neighbor and treating others the way we hope to be treated when it happens to us.

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Beat Food Inflation

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

The Department of Agriculture has reported the Consumer Price Index for food-for-home from June 2022 to July 2022 was 13.1 percent higher than the same period in 2021. This is no surprise to those who do grocery shopping and meal planning. However, there are many steps you can take to control what you're spending on food.

Reducing food waste is the most significant opportunity to beat food inflation. Forbes Magazine reported, "...the average U.S. household wasted 31.9% of its food. The total annual cost of the wasted food was estimated to be \$240 billion or \$1,866 per household."

Meal Planning

Winging it is not a great way to spend your food budget. Making decisions about what you want to eat when you're hungry, tired, or

hangry can result in a decision to go out to dinner, or order a pizza.

Our meal planning starts by looking at the week ahead. There are days when cooking will fit into the schedule and days when that's not an option. That means Penny has to make food ahead for days when she's busy. When our planning isn't perfect, but there is a lot of food on hand, we have an "everyone is on their own for meals" day. Not only does this give the cook a day off, but it also uses leftovers.

Shopping Lists

We have a shared shopping list that we add to throughout the day. Penny checks it and decides how she will deal with each item. Some products are a better value when ordered online and delivered. The remainder is used to decide what store she'll visit next.

Once you're at the store, use your list. Think about some items sitting in your pantry or food

you've had to throw away. Were these impulse buys? Shopping with a list keeps you focused on what you need. Feel free to swap items if, for example, the broccoli looks better than the cauliflower or is on sale, but try not to buy more than you need.

Use What You Have

Shop your supplies as you check your grocery list. Perhaps you already have something you can substitute for an item you were about to buy. Using what you already have will reduce what you'll spend at the store, and make space in your pantry to buy more of the items you use the most when they are on sale or at a warehouse store. Finally, it will ensure you use what you have before a "Best if used by" date tempts you to throw out the product.

Use more of most parts of the food you purchase. Use those greens when fresh root vegetables



(Photo by Tim Bish)

When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock.

like beets, turnips, or even carrots come with the greens attached. Look for recipes for braised or sautéed greens. One chef has served us carrot tops as an herby garnish on a dish that included baby carrots.

When buying protein, consider buying a whole chicken or fish. Then use the bones and scraps to make a stock. Penny makes small batches of stock with every rotisserie chicken she buys and freezes it for future use.

This is just the tip of the list of

ways you can beat food inflation. Many articles about this topic are being published in the press, and many share excellent ideas. What's more, the food shortage solutions we've learned since the beginning of the pandemic have sharpened our food preparation skills. With a little planning, you can beat food inflation.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

Boston kicks off free fall fitness series

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) are pleased to announce the 2022 Boston Parks Fall Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. The series will offer free weekly classes both virtually and in City of Boston parks through November 19.

The series offers Bostonians healthy activities including Chair Yoga, Dance Fit, HIIT, Kick-It, Strength & Conditioning, and ZUMBA®. There are a variety of programs including age-friend-

ly classes for families and older adults as well as those who may be new to fitness classes.

For more information and a link to the full schedule, please visit Boston.gov/fitness.

By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, the Parks Department and BPHC aim to further reduce barriers to active living and ensure that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active.

The 2022 Summer Fitness Series was a huge success with hundreds of Bostonians participating in the 27 weekly classes

throughout the city and virtually. The fall series provides an opportunity for Boston residents to continue exercising virtually during the week when sunrises are later and sunsets are earlier, and on weekends with activities outside and in person. All classes are free and open to the public.

Stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @boston-parksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

Autism Speaks invites Greater Boston to walk

The Greater Boston Autism Speaks Walk is back to promote acceptance and raise vital funds for people with autism. This year, the Greater Boston Autism Speaks Walk will be held in person at Boston Common, bringing the community together to fuel the Autism Speaks mission and help create a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. Whether you have autism, love someone who does, or are looking to support a diverse, accepting and kind com-

munity – you're invited!

The Greater Boston Walk will be held on Sunday, October 9 at the following location:

Boston Common
115 Boylston St
Boston, MA 02116

There are many ways to participate nationwide. To find an event in your area that meets your needs, go to autismspeaks.org/walk to learn more.

In the US, autism affects 1 in 44 children and 1 in 45 adults. Autism Speaks is

dedicated to promoting solutions across the spectrum and

throughout the life span, for people with autism and their families. Autism Speaks has aided more than 26 million people with free resources, services and support. The Walk raises vital funds that empower us to provide crucial resources, research, advocacy and support to meet urgent needs today and create a kinder, more inclusive world.

To join the conversation on social by finding @autism-speaks on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter and using #AutismSpeaksWalk.



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PETS FLOCK TO OLD NORTH CHURCH & HISTORIC SITE FOR THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

On Sunday, Oct. 2, Old North Church held its annual Blessing of the Animals. The North End celebration drew people of diverse faiths and backgrounds and is an opportunity to find joy and honor our faithful companions who are a source of comfort for so many.

This year's event, in partnership with RUFF, the North End Dog Group, included a ceremony led by Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell, Old North's Vicar-in-Charge, and assisted by Rev. Dr. Jaimie Crumley, the new Research Fellow for the Old North Foundation.

Local canine celebrity Oscar, an 8-year-old yellow Labrador who works as an Explosive Detection K9 for the National Park Service in Boston, was onsite to receive a blessing.

The Blessing of the Animals is held in honor of St. Francis, who lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226 and is revered for his love of nature. Born into wealth and privilege, he preferred a life of poverty and simplicity. He founded the Franciscan religious order embracing the same values. Canonized as a saint in 1228, St. Francis is honored across Christian denominations and beyond.



Rev Matthew Cadwell with Oz after the Blessing.



Amber the cat arrives at the courtyard begging the Old North Church unsure of what to expect.



Malia is a skeptical about losing interest in barking at Amber once the Blessing is done.



Sarita Rogers brings in an unsuspecting Rosalia to be blessed.



Jaimie Crumley holds Amber the cat while her boyfriend Luke Hartman controls their dog Malia. The photographer was assured that this activity was normal for the two of them but perhaps the Blessing Of The Animals will bring a better sense of calm to the relationship between feline and canine.



Luke Hartman hugs his other cat Ryker, named after the Star Trek character.



Leslie Wallus brings her friend Oz in for a Blessing.

IN BRIEF

FOCCP INSPIRES RENEWED SUPPORT

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have and continue to provide residents with the opportunity to savor summer and early fall special pleasures of the park, the vibrant harbor activities, cooling fountains, colorful gardens and lively entertainment.

After two-years of social restrictions, FOCCP's membership motto for 2022 has been to restore in park events and programs to reconnect with the community.

FOCCP's goal, through its membership and sponsors is to inspire renewed support for the special park.

NAZZARO CENTER PROGRAMS

Many activities and programs are or will be available at the Nazzaro Community Center for North End youth, adults and seniors. Call the Center at 617-635-5166 for a schedule of ongoing or upcoming events.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will conduct its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 13. Agenda, time and location to be announced. All residents are welcome to participate.

NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) next monthly public meeting will be held on Zoom on Monday, October 10 at 7 PM. Agenda to be announced all residents are welcome to participate.

FOCCP FALL FESTIVAL

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) is organizing another family friendly fall Festival at the park for Saturday, October 15 from 12 noon to 3:30 PM.

The event features Curious George bearing gifts and prizes, magic, storytelling, facepainting, October theme games and crafts, dancing with Minions, lawn games and giant bubbles.

FOCCP CLEANUP CREW

Every Monday morning, weather permitting, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) cleanup crew meets at 9 AM and picks up debris from the sidewalks, stairs, flowerbeds, monuments, playgrounds and grassy areas around the park.

FOCCP has pick up tools, brooms and trash bags for the project. The crew can always use more help. Show up at the shed for the necessary tools.

FOCCP MEMBERS TREAT GARDENS

Adjusting to the summer heat wave and drought, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) enjoyed and adjusted to the situation by starting the Sunday gardening a little earlier to beat the heat and provide watering of the plants by hand.

This season, challenges were made easier with the addition of new volunteers joining the group.

NEW FERRY SERVICE

The MBTA has started a new ferry service project that will operate between East Boston at Lewis Mall and downtown Boston at Long Wharf. Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Chair of the House Ways and Means Committee said, "This ferry service will be a critical link in further activating the inner Harbor and connecting the North End and East Boston."

NEAA FLAG FOOTBALL REGISTRATION

A North End Athletic

Association Flag Football program (6 weeks) has started on Friday nights at Puopolo Park starting.

The program is being coordinated by Stephen Siciliano and is not a drop off program.

Grades 3-6 will play from 6 PM to 6:45 PM. Grades 7-10 will play from 7 PM to 7:45 PM.

There is a \$20 fee for each participant. Payments can be made payable by check or money order to NEAA and can be dropped off at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennett Street attention Stephen Siciliano.

Venmo payments to @JR baseball 63 and note flag football.

No cleats are permitted on the field. Sneakers or turf shoes only. More specific rules are on the website.

"If you know about is that maybe interested in participating, pass on this information," Siciliano said.

Volunteers are needed and are required to complete a CORI check.

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Every year, National Hispanic Heritage Month is observed from September 15 to October 15 to recognize the immense contributions that Hispanic and Latino Americans bring to our city and country and celebrate their rich cultures and histories.

According to the 2020 Census, there are over 62 million Hispanic and Latino Americans here in the United States. In Massachusetts they make up 12.8% of the state's population, and in Boston they comprise 19.5% of the population.

Hispanic and Latino Americans contribute significantly to the City of Boston. Small businesses, laborers, teachers, police officers, restaurants and Elected Officials make up an indispensable part of our city's workforce, keep our city and economy running, and have helped our city grow strong.

During this week's Council meeting, the Council adopted a resolution celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, paying tribute to the Hispanic and Latino community in Boston.

NEWS AND NOTES FROM RUSSELL MUSEUM

The roof garden of the Russell Museum on Cambridge Street in Boston is looking lush and green thanks to the new plants that were added this month. Please visit.

Officials are pleased to announce that beginning the week of Oct. 10, the Russell Museum will be open four days a week, Tuesday through Friday, from 10 am to 2 pm. Unfortunately, the Ether Dome continues to remain closed to the public.

As Hurricane Ian continues to wreak havoc along the Southern coasts, we are reminded that September is National Preparedness Month. The MGH is an old hand at preparing for disasters. Take a look at some the pages of this 1942 hospital air raid and casualty preparedness pamphlet from the hospital's archives. It provides detailed instructions for staff in how to plan for casualties during disasters and touts that "An Emergency Prepared For Ceases to be an Emergency." These instructions could not have been timelier; later that year, a devastating fire at the Cocoonut Grove Nightclub would shatter the city. The hospital's high level of disaster preparedness was a key factor in managing and treating those who were hurt in the fire and admitted to the MGH.

The Russell Museum lecture series will resume next month. We will send you the schedule soon. These lectures will remain virtual for the time being. We will keep you updated on changes on our website www.russellmuseum.org.

As always, we are interested in hearing from you. Please write to us at mghhistory@partners.org with any questions, concerns or news you might have.

LOCAL POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY

Post Offices across the Commonwealth will be closed on Monday, October 10, in honor of the federal holiday Columbus Day. Retail services will be unavailable and there will be no street delivery of mail on October 10. Full retail and delivery services will resume on Tuesday, October 11.

You can celebrate by exploring an expansive offering of job opportunities and discovering a new career path at usps.com/careers. Join the proud ranks of postal employees nationwide who take pride in being a part of America's most trusted federal agency.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon St. Boston, MA 02114 CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN Docket No. SU22P0625GD In the Interests of: Zhi Q Gan Of: Boston, MA RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Lawrence General Hospital of Lawrence, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Expand the powers of a Guardian

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.

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 11/11/2022. 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 petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in

this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 28, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 SUFFOLK, Docket No. SU-22-P-2198-EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: JAMES F. DARCY Date of Death: 08/30/2022 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel G. McAuley, Jr. of Woburn, MA, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for

such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Daniel G. McAuley, Jr. of Woburn, MA, be appointed as Personal Representative of said Estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: You have a right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/03/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC). A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 29, 2020, Felix D. Arroyo, Registry of Probate

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CITY PAWS

Reserve now for holiday care

by Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the "Before Times," we would remind friends and readers to make their reservations for holiday appointments with their pet sitters, kennels, dog walkers, and groomers in a few weeks. Considering the shortage of pet professionals we've had since the pandemic's beginning, we suggest you do this now.

Travel plans have some added requirements when you have dependent creatures in your life. If your furry family members are going with you, there are restrictions on where you can stay and how they may travel. If they remain behind, you have to arrange for their care.

Don't Wait!

Now is the time to reserve the transportation, lodging, and pet care you'll need this holiday season for your pets and guests who might be coming to Boston for a holiday visit. Fortunately, Boston has many pet-friendly hotels. Finding a place for your sister and her dog to stay (if your building

does not allow pets) should be easy.

Finding someone to pet sit or dog walk during the holiday season is not as simple. If you have a regular service, ask about boarding, sitting, or if you will have a visiting dog to walk over the holidays. As much as they'd like to accommodate regular customers, there's a limit to how many animals a pet sitter can accept.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail.

Family, Friends, and Exchange Agreements

If you don't use a dog walking or pet sitting service regularly, it

may be impossible to find someone to provide services on an ad hoc basis. You may have to turn to family or friends to arrange pet care.

Informal agreements with family, friends and other pet lovers should also be arranged well in advance. If you're counting on Mom or Dad to take Fluffy while you are away, check now to see if a feline visitor will fit with their holiday plans.

A dog lover who hasn't found a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Taking Them Along

Airlines limit the number of pets allowed in the cabin. Make your pet reservation now if you plan to fly with your dog or cat. Accommodations that do allow pets may have limits on the number of pets, the size of dogs, and even the number of rooms they have that are pet-friendly.

A couple of phone calls now could take the stress out of your holiday planning. The shortage of pet pros may require you to adapt your travel plans or find alternative solutions. You may also have to visit your vet to bring your pet's vaccinations up to date. Many pet care facilities require specific certificates of vaccination.

Holidays can be fun, especially when you've eliminated stress by arranging for pet care as early as possible.

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



NEAA Fall Soccer Program underway

by Phil Orlandella

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Fall Soccer Program is underway at Puopolo Park and will run until November 12.

Over 180 children between the ages of 4-12, girls and boys are participating.

There are 20 teams in the program, 6 volunteer coaches, 19 sponsors a commission and two deputies.

Games are played each week starting at 9am and run through 12:30pm (weather permitting).

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Suffolk Sheriiff's Department warns of impressive scam

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department is issuing a warning to Massachusetts residents about an elaborate scam being attempted by people impersonating Department employees.

In one reported case, a woman received a telephone call from a man falsely identifying himself as "Chief Deputy Alphonso Johnson from Civil Process." The caller then told his potential victim that she was in contempt of court for failing to appear for jury duty and she would need to pay a stated amount of \$625.00 to settle a bond so that they can close the matter. The scammer also told the woman that she would need to pay in the form of prepaid credit cards.

While many people believe that they could never be the victims of such a seemingly obvious attempt at deception, the perpetrators of

this crime are continuously updating and enhancing their methods to convince their intended targets. Scammers are now using equipment and software that "spoofs" the telephone numbers of actual businesses and organizations, so that it appears on Caller ID that the caller is actually from the place that they are claiming to be from.

In an additional attempt to enhance the caller's appearance of authenticity, the scammer created a fake "Summons for Jury Duty" form with the intended victim's name and current address printed on it, marked with a date that has already passed, indicating the date that the scammer claims their intended target failed to report for jury duty.

In past scams, callers have even asked their intended victims to purchase prepaid credit cards and bring them to the front of the

Department's Civil Process building.

Once again, the Department wants to emphatically reiterate that it does not call to collect money and, if anyone should receive a call resembling the examples given above, they are advised not to give out any personal information and to call their local police department to report the caller. Above all, they should not, under any circumstances, take out money and go to meet these callers at any location, nor should they wire or send any money or other form of currency.

The Department also asks that you call the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department's Investigative Division at: (617) 704-6514. You may also reach the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Civil Process Division at: (617) 704-6999.

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17. IF RETIRED, YOUR OCCUPATION BEFORE RETIREMENT	18. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR FEDERAL CRIME PROSECUTED BY A GRAND JURY FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR?		19. IF "YES" WERE YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORED?
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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through October 15

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.

Scheduled Work

- Temporary Bridge Maintenance
- North approach barrier backfill

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 sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- CONCERT: 10/11 at 7:30 p.m.
- BRUINS: 10/8 at 7:00 p.m., and 10/15 at 7:00 p.m.

How can I find more information?

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