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THE HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH END



The traditional prelude to the North End Christmas Parade is the arrival of Santa Claus to the North End by helicopter. After landing, Santa pays a visit to Sadie Antolini who broke her leg while ice skating. Santa noted she'll be in the Olympics before she knows it and gave a card to her and her brother Benjamin. See Page 5 for more photos.



After Santa arrived by helicopter at Christopher Columbus Park, the North End Athletic Association held its 50th Christmas Parade in its beloved Boston neighborhood. Shown are the Aleppo Shriners clowns stir up laughs in the Parade route. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

NEWRA holds monthly meeting

Staff Report

The monthly meeting of the North End Waterfront Residents Association was a chance for residents to air their concerns about issues in the neighborhood to city officials.

Boston Police Captain Robert Ciccolo from Area A said that the North End is "one of the safest neighborhoods in the city."

He said that between 4-8 police officers have been added to help keep the traffic moving on the North Washington Street Bridge. He also told those in attendance that there will be two lanes added

to the going out after the curves that should help keep the traffic moving.

However, on the issue of bicycles, he was less optimistic. After hearing how several people had almost been hit by bicycles, scooters and vespas, he related how difficult it is for police in cars to catch those on these two modes of transportation in congested areas. These alternative vehicles do have the right to use the bike lanes, but they must follow the rules that presently are under the state's purview.

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Student curriculum at Heritage Park

By Phil Orlandella

For the second time of a three-part program students from a Boston Public School visited the Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway.

The trip is part of a lesson curriculum Geometry as a Public Arts Telling a Story program developed by 4th grade students from the Eliot K-8 Innovation School in the North End in partnership with educators of the Friends of the

Armenian Heritage Park.

The curriculum is an exciting and engaging way for students to learn more about their family heritage and reflect on the American immigration experience.

The program's thoughtfully planned lessons take educators and students on a path of self-discovery and storytelling intertwined, interactive classroom lessons and the hands-on nature of visiting the park.



Student place wishes on the wishing tree at the park.

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Edwards secures over \$2 million in funding for area

In her first year in office, Senator Lydia Edwards worked with her colleagues in the House, & with Senate leadership to secure over \$2 million of funding for housing support programs, open space, homelessness response & prevention, public safety, and legal services. “This year I was proud to secure over \$2 Million for important community projects across the First Suffolk & Middlesex District. This year the Commonwealth has a massive infusion of federal funds from ARPA & COVID relief, and increased tax revenue. We must take full advantage of this surplus and reinvest in our communities” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

This session Sen. Edwards has secured over \$1 Million in direct funding for water transportation. \$1 Million to fund regional a ferry service connecting Winthrop,

Lynn, Quincy, East Boston and Boston as mitigation resulting from the renovation of the Boston Harbor Tunnels.

“This session I have worked with a bipartisan group of my Senate colleagues, and Senate leadership to secure millions of dollars of funding for ferry programs across our district. A robust ferry system is more important than ever, as we recover from the pandemic, with Sumner Tunnel construction, the housing crunch, and issues with the MBTA. Moreover, rising housing costs in Boston are pushing people and families to look for housing further from the urban hub, we must have effective transit options for people moving to the North and South shores.” said Senator Lydia Edwards (D-Boston).

In the budget, Senator Edwards also secured \$50,000 for the

Brazilian Worker Center, which works to protect the rights of Brazilian immigrants, and domestic workers, and \$50,000 for the Friends of the Belle Isle Marsh, and \$200,000 for the Possible Zone which offers programming to youth that builds entrepreneurial skills.

In the Economic Development bill Senator Edwards secured \$100,000 for Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association, Inc. to support programming which combats racial discrimination in housing in the Commonwealth. The Senator also secured \$200,000 for Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations for outreach, resource creation and pilot programs to encourage fiscally sound, innovative methods to stop the displacement of small businesses and tenants.

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Ciccolo pointed out that the police have impounded several of these vehicles. He also that pedestrians still have the right of way above all other motorized traffic.

“There are rules for these vehicles, but they are not following them,” Ciccolo said. And he urged residents that if they see an issue to call 911.

The outdoor dining issue was another matter for residents as Clara D’Amico found out. Many residents claimed that the new regulations that the city is planning “seems like a done deal.” D’Amico pointed out that there are two regulations for two outdoor eating spaces. One set of codes focuses on permanent areas where the restaurant has outdoor space on their own land like a patio. The other set of codes is for temporary outdoor dining that takes up parking spaces. And this is where there may be some con-

fusion.

Some residents noted how some outdoor public space was being taken over for part of the day by restaurants and how the residents’ parking time on Hanover and Salem Streets decreased by restricting the residents parking from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

D’Amico urged those in attendance to write letters to the city officials to hear their concerns on outdoor dining.

The possible development of a 700-foot tower being built in the Bulfinch Triangle was also brought up at the meeting. While there still has been no formal application submitted to the Boston Planning and Development Agency, members of the committee promised to alert residents at the first sign of the proposal.

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, presents Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong

In Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong, heroes face off in mighty clashes with their enemies; charming animals growl at one another, vying for superiority; and troubled souls retreat into murky caves, searching for inner peace. The exhibition, on view at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA), starting January 13, 2023, marks the artist’s U.S. museum debut.

Wu (born 1978) grew up in a family of artisans who created sculptures and murals for local temples in their southern Chinese village. Immersed in China’s folklore throughout his childhood, he became fascinated with European painting and the heroes of ancient Greek mythology after arriving in art school. His work reflects all these influences, seamlessly blend-



ing diverse historical traditions with his contemporary experience to express human emotions, conflicts and aspirations that transcend time and borders.

Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong features more than a dozen mixed-media works on paper, where, beneath playful imagery, exuberant brushstrokes and riotous color, dark truths hide and serenity awaits in secluded haunts.

Museum visitors will have a unique opportunity to see painting performances by the artist at the

MFA’s Lunar New Year celebration on February 2. The annual event will offer \$5 admission for the evening (5–10 pm), lion dances and Spotlight Talks in the galleries.

The press release is available in English and Chinese on mfa.org.

“Otherworldly Realms of Wu Junyong” is generously supported by Bonnie Huang. Additional support from Eva Hu, the Joel Alvord and Lisa Schmid Alvord Fund, the Diane Krane Family and Jonathan and Gina Krane Family Fund and the Dr. Robert A. and Dr. Veronica Petersen Fund for Exhibitions.

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NEAD holds challenge in basketball Bonanza

By Phil Orlandella

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) following a two-year absence has reorganized its Bonanza at the Nazzaro Community Center.

"Youth age 3-8 fill the gym for three hours of basketball drills and skills and most of all a fun filled night," NEAD member John Romano said.

The popular event drew about 45 participants along with 10 teen workers from the Center.

Awards were presented in several categories. Medals or basketballs or both depending on what events were won. Awards were donated by Mickey "Fud" Giannasoli.

Following the Bonanza, everyone was treated to pizza donated by Rocco's Cucina and Bar and a free raffle to win Celtics merchandise.

Participants also received T-shirts and water bottles donated by Representative Aaron Michlewitz and a NEAD backpack containing information on

drugs.

NEAD thanked Center Director Alicia Simpson and her staff for use of the facility and helping make the Bonanza a success. Michelle Deveau and Manny Montrond.

Other volunteers included: Adam Moniz, Patricia Romano, Marilyn Fitzgerald and Mary O'Neill.

NEAD board members Mike Giannasoli, BPD Police Officer Frank Ciampa, and Fitzgerald, Olivia Scimeca and John Romano also helped out.



Participants also received T-shirts and water bottles donated by Representative Aaron Michlewitz

NSC provides turkeys and gift cards for the needy

By Phil Orlandella

Thanksgiving was a bit of a more traditional holiday this year for many people.

"The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) was no exception," according to Johanna Malone, Fundraising Specialists for the NSC.

"Although the Center did not have its annual turkey dinner, the Center had a special holiday experience for all who knocked on our doors for Thanksgiving meal staples or other assistance," she said.

Fifty-two turkeys and 36 pumpkin pies were donated by Robin Sidell of North Street Grille and Deann Connolly, the team at Church on the Hill that provided 25 Star Market gift cards, Saint Joseph Society chipped in with 30 turkeys and 30 Stop & Shop gift

cards.

In addition, 20 Thanksgiving totes filled with typical holiday sides and 20 turkeys were donated by Samantha Slater, Senior Project Manager and Faith Mark, Administrative Assistant of Sanborn Head & Associates and team.

The 7th grade class at the Eliot Upper School, the Federated Hermes, Strada 234 and the Water Connect organized food drives to help stock the Center's food pantry shelves.

North End/West End seniors visited the Center on November 18 to pick up their gift cards.

Staff from Representative Jay Livingstone's Office, Counselor Kenzie Bok and Counselor Gabriella Coletta bought Star Market gift cards for their constituents.

The NSC provided pumpkin

pie and hot coffee. Counselor Coletta helped serve the refreshments.

Many seniors opted for the gift cards because a whole turkey was too much food for them. They liked the option.

This holiday season, NSC received over 100 turkeys and 75 gift cards from donors.

The North End Rehabilitation and Health Center sponsored a meal and as they do every month, the Regina Pizzeria donated 20 large cheese pizzas.

"Everyone that went to the Center received a feast for Thanksgiving," Malone noted. "It's our goal to give each senior family in need a gift card or turkey and thanks to charitable supporters, we did."

The Center is preparing for the December holiday and once again is seeking donors and assistance.

OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

FATHER MICHAEL SIMPLY THE BEST

Father Michael Della Penna, Pastor at Saint Leonard's Church may not perform miracles but he has made the church a positive and active part of the community.

Since his return to the North End, he and the church have regained its identity as a real part of the neighborhood.

Father Michael has become a figurehead throughout the area and has been involved with many community organizations while performing his duties as a priest and pastor.

He is recognized everywhere he goes throughout the community and is well respected.

He was born and raised in the North End and participated in many programs, activities and events. He played in the local Little League where he made lots of friends and is still making them.

Over the years the North End has had many church pastors but one would be hard-pressed to find or remember a better one than Father Michael.

FOCCP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

In order to continue to provide quality fun-filled family events the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) heavily depends on memberships and sponsorships.

FOCCP volunteers, year in and year out work diligently to create events and activities for all ages at the popular and well used park.

Membership renewal and new members working together with sponsors and public agencies make the park a special place to enjoy and host events and activities for everyone to participate in.

Local families love all of the open space and playgrounds. The park is a great place to unwind, sit and read a book or newspaper, have a picnic and connect with friends or make new friends.

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EDITORIAL

HAPPY HANUKKAH

The eight-day observance of Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, starts this Sunday evening, December 18, and will culminate on Monday, December 26.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days by lighting the candles of the Menorah, one on each day of the eight-day celebration. (The Menorah itself consists of nine candles, one of which typically stands above the rest and is used to light the other eight.)

Hanukkah commemorates the victory of the Maccabees -- a group of fierce warriors who used guerilla tactics against an occupying army -- in 166 BCE when the Maccabees liberated the Jewish people from the Greek-based rulers who essentially had outlawed the Jewish religion.

When the triumphant Maccabees captured the city of Jerusalem, they quickly entered the Holy Temple, tossing out the images of the Greek gods that had been installed there by the occupying rulers. When the Maccabees went to light the Menorah candles in the Temple, they thought they only had one day's worth of oil. However, the candles remained lit for eight days -- hence the miracle of the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is a joyous occasion for Jews world-wide, marked by gatherings of friends and families and the playing of traditional games such as the dreidel and eating traditional -- and delicious! -- foods such as latkes.

We want to take the opportunity to wish our friends and readers of the Jewish community a happy, healthy, and joyful Hanukkah season.

LET'S GO MOROCCO!

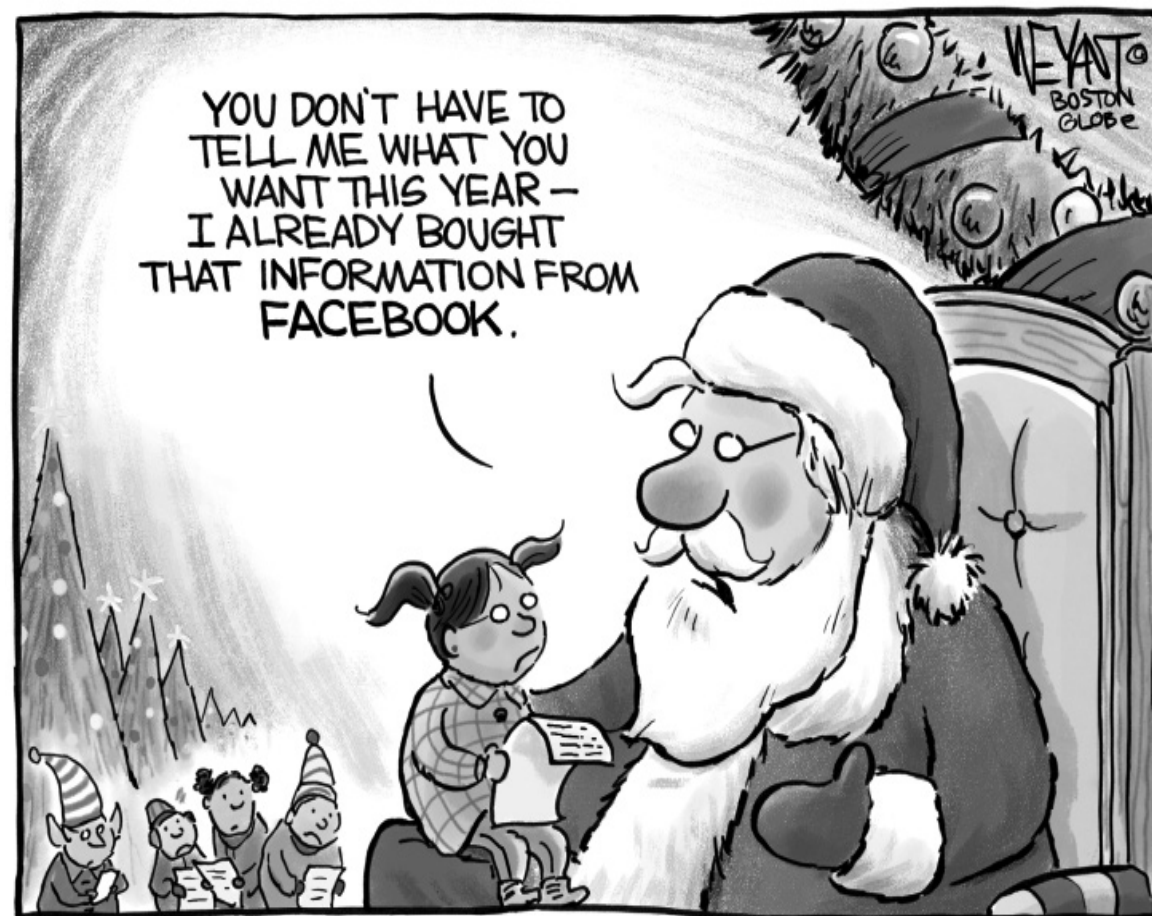
Even those who have been casually following the World Cup for the past few weeks are aware of the amazing run by Morocco, a team that has ignited the imagination of sports fans around the world after knocking off two European powerhouses, Spain and Portugal, this past week en route to becoming the first team from Africa ever to reach the cup's semi-final round.

The most-inspiring aspect of Morocco's ascent to the Final Four of the World Cup is that unlike many of the other teams, who are led by superstars such as Messi, Mbappe, Ronaldo, or Harry Kane, the Moroccans do not rely on one man to win. Their unselfish play and team defense (the Atlas Lions have conceded only one goal in the tournament, and that was an own goal) epitomize the notion of what the "beautiful game" is all about -- 11 players working in sync and harmony to vanquish more highly-regarded opponents.

Morocco's success is a life-lesson not just for aspiring athletes, but for all of us in whatever endeavor we undertake.

Morocco's next contest is this Wednesday at 2:00 EST when they take on defending world champion France in what promises to be the Moroccans' most challenging contest of the tourney.

We know we join with sports fans everywhere who love to root for the underdog in wishing the Moroccan team and their fans good luck -- h'ad saâid!



GUEST OP-ED

Celine Dion, Kirstie Alley, Christmas, good news and bad

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Award winning actress Kirstie Alley was diagnosed with cancer shortly before her untimely death at the young age of 71. Grammy award winning Celine Dion has recently been diagnosed with a neurological disease called Stiff Person Syndrome. The disease attacks about one in a million and is a very debilitating disease. She is 54 years old.

Disease, death and bad news can attack anyone at any age and none of us are immune.

Good news came to Britney Griner who spent 10 months in a Russian prison for allegedly having hashish oil in her suitcase at a Moscow airport. She was recently released and is now back in the United States. The bad news is that arms dealer Victor Bout who smuggled millions of weapons to the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa was released from prison in exchange for Griner's release.

Paul Whelan a former United States marine received bad news in that he is still being held in a Russian prison accused of spying. Russia is apparently holding onto him for another deal with the United States. It's tragic that he wasn't

released with Griner.

Please stay out of Russia, North Korea, Iran and China. There are other places to avoid as well but there are plenty of nice places to visit.

My deceased wife was 37 when she received the bad news that she had multiple sclerosis. The diagnosis was very bad news and Karen died one day at a time for 12 years. The last four years of her life she could do nothing. She required 24-hour care. She became a person trapped inside a body. She died at the age of 49. The toll that such a disease took on our family and my young sons was severe. Such an illness changes the lives of the entire family. Everyone to some extent is involved in the caregiving and are changed by the emotional drain of sickness and death. However, no one suffers as much as the person struggling with the disease.

Such life struggles play havoc with holidays such as Christmas. Our family never had a normal Christmas for at least 12 years. However, it became our new normal.

Jesus is good news at Christmas. He was bad news to King Herod of Judea. Herod was a mental ill-

ness case who ordered the death of all male babies two years old and under in the vicinity of Bethlehem. He hoped to eliminate Jesus because wise men from the East had come to worship him.

We must pray for the families of Kirstie Alley, Celine Dion and Paul Whelan and many others. These families are suffering. Fame and fortune never provide a way of escaping bad news and the results of bad news. We should also pray for one another and rejoice with any good news that comes each other's way.

We are all sojourners in this life. The message of Christmas is a Savior is born, Christ the Lord, peace on earth and good will toward all.

May good news find its way to you this season of the year and may we all with God's grace be there for each other when the news is not so good.

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SANTA ARRIVES IN THE NORTH END BY HELICOPTER

The traditional prelude to the North End Christmas Parade is the arrival of Santa Claus to the North End by helicopter as his sleigh

is being serviced. It happened in front of an enthusiastic gathering in Christopher Columbus Park and was an excellent way

to kick off the Holiday fun. The North End Athletic Association was happy to have organized this event before their Parade.

Derek Kouyoumjian photos



Miss Massachusetts Skarlett Ramirez.



Abby Blazo and Ruby Imbergano may not get to claim that they know Buddy the Elf but they do know Vitianna D'Amico (center).



Santa waves to the gathered crowd as the helicopter landing is completed.



Bynson Saignaphone points Santa out to his mom Sys.



John Bonacorsi-Lee (right) takes a selfie with his wife Jaime, and their kids Gabriela and Calvin.



Amelia Paine is hoisted up on the shoulders of her dad Jaimie for a better view.



The Boston Fire Department Marching Band practices for their parade performance in Christopher Columbus Park.



North End Girl Scout Troops 89169 and 72123 combine forces to march in the Parade later, witness Santa arrive by helicopter, and of course, sell cookies.



Santa meets with his many fans.



The gathered crowd in Christopher Columbus Park waits patiently for Santa.

NEAA HOLDS 50TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Derek Kouyoumjian photos

The North End Athletic Association held its 50th Christmas Parade in its beloved Boston neighborhood. After Santa arrived by helicopter at Christopher Columbus Park and met with his many fans, the Parade began. The Grand Marshall was legendary Boston Bruins player Zdeno Chara but Santa was the star for the many children in

attendance. Marching bands from Woburn and Danvers along with the Italian American Band and Boston Firefighters Band marched the streets. The Aleppo Shriners were present as well in their many unique vehicles. Characters from Disney and Star Wars as well as many other spectacles captivated the audience along the Parade route. The holidays are here!



Santa waves to Parade spectators.



Danvers High School student Willow Whitcomb is ready to march with her school's band.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta and Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards (right) hang out with parade spectators as it begins including Brian Derrick (center) who is dressed for holiday attention.



Aleppo Shiner Bill Manning rides a miniature car with one of Santa's Little Helpers to back him up.



The Aleppo Shriners had many entertaining vehicles to add to the energy of the Parade.

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Horse-drawn carriages added a 19th Century element to the Parade.



Mason Capodilupo armed with his drum hopes to be a part of the Parade too.



A trumpet player with Woburn High School Marching Band preforms.



Members of the Italian American Band performed in the Parade.



The Grand Marshall for the Parade was none other than Boston Bruins legend Zdeno Chara.



Joey Chirenta crooned Sinatra songs as the Parade wound through the North End.



Members of the Shriners Drifters ride their motorcycles on Hanover Street.



Another Disney princess from Frozen, Anna, rides in the Parade.

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THE ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR MAKES A STOP IN THE NORTH END

The Enchanted Trolley Tour makes a stop in the North End at the Paul Revere Mall. Everyone was welcome to participate in a Santa sighting as well as the light-

ing of the Holiday Tree place there. Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was there with other civic leaders to celebrate the fun.

Derek Kouyoumjian photos



Santa and Mrs. Claus take to the stage to light the Holiday Tree.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards offers remarks.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu addresses the gathering.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta offers remarks.



The Paul Renee Park is filled with spectators waiting to see a lit Holiday Tree.

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Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with Wally.



Grant Essleman gets a ride on his dad's, Matt, shoulders for a better view of the fun.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO BRING IN THE NEW YEAR

A spectacular fireworks display will be held on Boston Harbor to bring in the New Year (2023).

Through the hard work of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) and Boston Harbor Now hundreds of people can enjoy viewing the display from the park starting at 12 midnight.

“FOCCP and our friends at Boston Harbor Now have worked high again this year to keep the tradition of New Year’s Eve fireworks alive and well,” FOCCP President Joanne Hayes Rines said.

“Besides being a beautiful way to bring in the New Year, the fireworks positively impact businesses in the neighborhood and celebration to the area,” she added.

The event is made possible through generous support from many sponsors including: Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau, North End Boston.com, Fan Pier, Hyatt Regency Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Port Authority, Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment, Boston Haber City Cruises, Yacht Haven/Charlestown Marina, Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Seaport Community Grant Program.

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN THE NORTH END

Many holiday events and festivities have taken place in the North End Waterfront area. Several fundraising events also took place.

TRELLIS LIGHTING

The annual Trellis Lighting at Christopher Columbus Park on The Greenway kicked off the holiday season with a flare. Friends of Christopher Columbus Park and the Boston Parks Department put the well-attended festivities together for the hundreds that attended the annual seasonal event.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

The Friends of the North End Library held a Holiday Open House at the library with food, fun and music. Many library goers and others attended the holiday festivities.

N.E. CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 50th annual North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Christmas Parade attracted well over 200 participants to see Santa arrived by helicopter at Christopher Columbus Park.

Following the meet and greet with the jolly old gent, Santa was paraded through certain streets of the North End accompanied by several bands and many cartoon characters.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

This year’s North end Christmas Luncheon held at Filippo’s Ristorante was sold out. The annual luncheon is held to benefit local needy families and elderly of the community.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Saint Agrippina Society again held a successful Christmas Program for kids at its Hanover Street Chapel. Children 10 and under took photos with Santa and received a gift, balloon, a gift bag and free face painting.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Gilardi Group’s Toys for Tots fundraiser was once again a huge success. Many toys and donations were dropped by friends, customers, families and residents who enjoyed some food and good entertainment.

ENCHANTED TROLLEY

The 26th North End Holiday Mayor’s Enchanted Trolley visit and tree lighting took place at Paul Revere Mall bringing the holiday spirit into the community. The special event featured a

visit by Santa, Wally, Blades and Mayor Wu.

Mike’s Pastry provided cookies, Locale supplied hot chocolate, North End Against Drugs (NEAD) also provided goodies and an ornament decorating station was made available by Representative Aaron Michlewitz.

HOLIDAY STROLL

The 14 annual North and Holiday Stroll to support local businesses was also held.

FAMILY DINNER/FAMILY TALK

The North End Against Drugs (NEAD) held a successful Family Dinner/Family Talk at Saint Leonard’s Hall which was filled to capacity. NEAD plans to conduct further family events in the near future.

CANDLELIGHT WALK

Friends of Armenian Heritage Park held a candlelight labyrinth walk at the park on The Greenway.

Many Boston residents, The Greenway Conservancy, and the Boston Children Chorus attended the walk which also featured hot chocolate and festive cookies.

A collection of winter hats, scarfs and gloves took place for the ABCD Winter Drive.

OUTDOOR DINING MEETING

The City of Boston held two community listening lessons focused on hearing from residents and businesses on the goals of a permanent outdoor dining program and an updated from the committee’s team on the program.

TURKEYS AND GIFT CARDS

ABCD’s North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center with the help of many sponsors presented needy local residents with turkeys and gift cards for the Thanksgiving holiday. Now they are working on Christmas giveaways.

FOCCP MEETINGS

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) quarterly meetings will be held Tuesdays, February 7, May 9, August 8 and November 14. Meetings are held from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Locations will be announced.

BPH ADVISE

Boston Public Health (BPH) is encouraging people to get COVID-19 booster and annual flu vaccinations. BPH also notes that masking indoors is very effective for lowering the risk of contracting respiratory viral illness.

EXCEEDS GOAL

NEW Health’s Tuesday benefit exceeded its goal of \$2,500 raising \$6,500 including a generous donation from Garner Resources Consulting.

NEW Health help strengthen the community that relies on its quality healthcare, reliable and affordable options for nutritious food and help with ongoing mental health problems.

RMV LICENSE UPDATE

The Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has alerted the public the US Department of Homeland Security has extended the Real ID full enforcement date from May 3, 2023 to May 7, 2025.

Every air traveler 18 years of age or older will need a Real ID driver’s license card on a TSA acceptable form of identification for domestic air travel and to enter certain federal facilities.

Credentials can include in RMV issued Real ID or a valid US passport.

DROP OFF LETTER TO SANTA

Today, December 15 is the last day to drop off your kids’ letter to Santa at the special mailbox that will go directly to Santa who will write back. Leave a return address.

The mailboxes located by the Christopher Columbus playground. Drop off a written letter into Santa’s mailbox address to Santa or use the pens, pencils, paper and addressed envelopes in the bag next to the mailbox to write down this year’s Christmas wishes.

FOCCP member Patty Kendell came up with the mailbox idea.

HARBORWALK SCULPTURE STROLL

Columbus Park will once again be a part of the annual Harborwalk Sculpture Stroll organized by Boston Harbor Now.

The stroll runs from 1-5 PM on Saturday, December 31 with sculptures decorating the Harborwalk from the North End to the Seaport.

This year’s sculptures are snowman and snowflakes will celebrate the New Year.

COVID 19/BOOSTER SHOTS

A Covid 19 vaccine and booster clinic took place at New Health North End site. The clinic was fully booked and recipients were entered in a raffle to win a prize package that included Celtics tickets and a \$150 Tavern in the Square gift certificate.

They also received a \$50 Amazon gift certificate and a \$25 Door Dash gift certificate.

Incentives were provided by a grant from Mass League of Community Health Centers.

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NEAA wraps up successful fall sports program

By Phil Orlandella

This past November, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) completed its most robust fall sports programming in its 60+ year history of providing quality events, activities, sports programs and social events to the community.

The fall sports included soccer for boys and girls 4-12 years old, a Flag Football League for boys and girls grades 3 to 10 and Girls Field Hockey for ages 8-14.

Soccer had 185 participants, Flag Football had over 50 players and Field Hockey attracted 15 players in its inaugural season.

"Not only did we have over 250 participants in these fabulous programs, we had over 60

volunteers, volunteer coordinators, coaches and commissioners that helped make these programs possible," NEAA Coordinator John Romano said.

"We also had 20 sponsors partnering with Boston Police Area A-1 Community Service Office, that provided a free Ice Cream Day for the soccer program," he said. "Over 20 parents and businesses provided donations to help cover part of the cost of the end of the year celebration with pizza, hot chocolate, donuts, munchkins, water and medals for all three programs."

Two soccer games between the NEAA and Hill House, 9-12-year-old girls were held. "Something we look to build on next year," Romano noted.



The North End Athletic Association recognized those who participated in the fall sports programs, including soccer, field hockey and flag football.



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BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Moreno, Kimberly K	Korff, Erica	38 Appleton St #1	\$575,000
Robichaud, Colin J	Goldberg, Carol R	270 Beacon St #B	\$682,000
Boston Wolf LLC	391 Beacon Street RT	391 Beacon St #2	\$4,275,000
Spahija, Junida	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #11D	\$314,000
Dinh, May	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #2B	\$770,000
White, Zuri	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #3E	\$164,800
Tuyet-Vo, Nhung	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #3J	\$164,800
Luu, Samson	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #408	\$242,200
Allen, Justin M	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #5F	\$635,000
Saville, Luke	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #5G	\$269,200
Lindhe, Pamela	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #6B	\$242,200
Tejada, Kate S	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #6D	\$314,000
Parent, Matthew J	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	47-55 Lagrange St #7H	\$242,200
Gadh, Adit	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1008	\$889,000
Finz, Rakel L	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #1509	\$980,000
Sun, Ding	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #205	\$585,000
Washington 3rd, Philip	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #407	\$795,000
Huang, Christie X	FPG Lagrange Owner 1 LLC	55 Lagrange St #606	\$780,000
Lunder, Elissa	C N&Elsa Reddy FT	400 Stuart St #26E	\$5,000,000
528 Tremont LLC	Gillis, Jennifer L	528 Tremont St #2B	\$365,000
52 Beacon Street RT	52 Beacon Street Dev LLC	52 Beacon St #2	\$7,700,000
Wang, Alexander Z	Rochford, Timothy	534 Beacon St #307	\$635,000
Siegel, Matthew	Cucinatti, Steven	234 Causeway St #718	\$1,000,000
Hanley FT	Hanley, Ariana R	121 Charles St #4	\$74,161
Yolanda Villamil 2017 RET	Kabir, Chuttani	362 Commonwealth Ave #21	\$335,000
Chamut, Facundo	Eikenberry, David K	21 Father Francis Gilday St #307	\$3,100,000
Parrish, Aaron J	Miller, Daniel	100 Jamaica St #2	\$749,000
Mculty, Kimberly	Decimo Terry O Est	41 Park Dr #1B	\$695,000
Forrest, Allison E	Clerico, Robert J	143 W Brookline St #302	\$950,000

City of Boston traffic advisory to December 18

Events happening in the City of Boston this week will bring some parking restrictions and street closures. People attending these events are encouraged to walk, bike, or take public transit. Information on Bluebikes, the regional bike share service, may be found on the Bluebikes website and information on the MBTA may be found online. The MBTA advises riders to purchase a round-trip rather than a one-way ticket for a faster return trip. Walking is also a great way to move around.

BEACON HILL
National Guard's Birthday Celebration – Tuesday, December 13, 2022
An event celebrating the birthday of the National Guard will take at the
Massachusetts State House. Parking restrictions will in be in place from 6 am to 3 pm on the following street:
• Beacon Street, Both sides, from Walnut Street to Park Street

CHINATOWN
Josiah Quincy School Event – Tuesday, December 13, 2022
The Josiah Quincy School will be hosting a wheelchair basketball game and parking restrictions will be in place to allow for buses to have curb-side access close to the school from 8 am to 12 pm on the following street:
• Shawmut Avenue, East side (school side) from Oak Street West to Marginal Road

DORCHESTER
Shop with a Cop Event – Tuesday, December 13, 2022
Boston Police Department will host the annual “Shop with a Cop” event. Temporary parking restrictions will be in place from 3 pm to 6 pm on the following streets:
• Worrell Street, Both sides, from Pope's Hill Street to the Murphy School (where Worrell Street bends and heads towards Tillesboro Street
• Popes Hill Street, Both sides, from Worrell Street to Selina Road

FENWAY
Football at Fenway Park, Wasabi Bowl – Saturday, December 17, 2022
Fenway Park will be hosting the Wasabi Bowl which is a football game between the University of Louisville Cardinals and the University of Cincinnati Bearcats. For various public safety reasons and logistical needs of the event several temporary parking restrictions will be in place at the following locations:
• Lansdowne Street, Both sides, from Brookline Avenue to Ipswich Street
• Ipswich Street, Northside (Fenway Park, Mass Pike side), from Charlesgate East to Van Ness Street
• Van Ness Street, Both sides, from Ipswich Street to Kilmarnock Street
• Jersey Street, Both sides, from Van Ness Street to Brookline Avenue

State Fire Marshal reminds residents to handle candles with care

Special to the Times

Candle Safety Day is observed on the second Monday of December, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey is reminding residents to follow safety guidelines as we enter the period when most candle fires start.

“There have been more than 1,000 candle fires in Massachusetts over the past 10 years,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “Together, they caused nine deaths, 192 injuries, and over \$32 million in damages. More of these fires started in December than in any other month, and especially on the days leading up to Christmas. If candles are part of your celebration or decoration, be sure to use them carefully.”

Candles are part of many holiday traditions this time of year, including Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. State Fire Marshal Ostroskey offered the following safety tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- No matter the season, have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside bedrooms, at the top of open stairs, and at the base of cellar stairs.
- Keep a one-foot “circle of safety” around candles, free of anything that can burn.
- Always extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to sleep, and don't leave them unattended.
- Use a non-combustible saucer or candleholder.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets, and store matches and lighters up high where kids can't access them.
- Consider switching to battery-operated flameless candles.

There were 93 candle fires in Massachusetts last year and 75 took place in residential settings. The most common location was the bedroom, followed by the kitchen, bathroom, and living room. One such fire in Boston began when a candle ignited bedroom curtains and spread, causing half a million dollars in damages and displacing five people from their home.

“Candle fires peaked in Massachusetts in 1999, when we recorded 342 of them,” State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. “The following year, we began observing Candle Safety Day on the second Monday of December to promote awareness of the problem. Since that time, we've observed a 73% decrease in candle fires. Let's continue to practice safe candle use, especially around the holidays.”

For more candle safety resources, including Spanish-language information, visit the DFS website.

TO PLACE YOUR AD CALL 781-485-0588

Fire regulations in the City of Boston prohibit open fires and charcoal and gas grills on roofs, fire balconies and fire escapes.

ST. AGRIPPINA HOLDS 27TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Courtesy photos

St. Agrippina's membership held its 27th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday, December 11. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age-appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. The Boston Celtics Dancers made a special guest appearance to help Santa Claus! A very merry good time was had by everyone that attended.

The membership would like to thank the following for their continued support of the program. The VFW Post 144 North End, Bencotto Resteraunt, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Ballons Over



Boston, Hill Side Press and The Boston Celtics.

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina!



ANTONIO'S Cucina Italiana Party Platters

	Half Tray (4-6 people)	Full Tray (8-10 people)
House Salad	\$40.00	\$80.00
Caesar Salad	\$50.00	\$85.00
Antipasto	\$50.00	\$100.00
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$55.00	\$110.00
Ziti Saldade	\$45.00	\$80.00
Baked Ziti	\$50.00	\$90.00
Fusilli & Broccoli	\$50.00	\$90.00
Fusilli, Eggplant, Garlic & Oil	\$50.00	\$90.00
Chicken & Ziti Saldade	\$60.00	\$120.00
Chicken, Pasta & Broccoli	\$60.00	\$120.00
Chicken Marsala	\$60.00	\$120.00
Chicken Cutlet Parmigiana	\$60.00	\$100.00
Sausage Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$65.00	\$130.00
Chicken Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$65.00	\$130.00
Shrimp Margarita	\$70.00	\$140.00
Swordfish, Pasta & Broccoli	\$70.00	\$140.00
Shrimp Cacciatore w/Ziti	\$70.00	\$140.00
Veal, Pasta & Broccoli	\$70.00	\$140.00
Veal Marsala	\$70.00	\$140.00
Veal Parmigiana	\$60.00	\$115.00
Chicken w/Sausage, Vinegar, Peppers and Potatoes	\$70.00	\$140.00

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