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SAINT AGRIPPINA FEAST



The people from the Bencotto Restaurant pose with Saint Agrippina.

The Saint Agrippina Society held the 109th Feast to honor the Saint. She was a princess tortured by a cruel Roman Emperor but as her body traveled to its resting place, miracles followed.

Right, The statue of Saint Agrippina is adorned with a photo of Larry Mustacchio, a dedicated member of the Saint's society who passed away 10 years ago. See pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



Derek Kouyoumjian photos

Shepard, Bennett to the BPDA Board of Directors

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced two new appointments to the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Board of Directors. Raheem Shepard of Hyde Park, Regional Manager of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters for the City of Boston and a current member of the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA), is being appointed to fill a seat traditionally held by a representative of the construction trades. Shepard will fill the seat

being vacated by current member Michael Monahan, whose term expires this month. Kate Bennett of Roslindale, the outgoing Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority, is being appointed to fill a vacant seat. Current Board Chair Priscilla Rojas, whose seat is in holdover status, will also be reappointed. The new appointments will need to be approved by the City Council. Once they are confirmed, all BPDA Board member seats will be filled and current. "I join the board members in thanking Mike Monahan for his

years of service to the City of Boston and working people," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Raheem Shepherd and Kate Bennett are tremendous additions to the Board who will bring experience and focus to make Boston the best city for families—affordable and green, with opportunities connecting every generation. I thank them and Chair Rojas for rolling up their sleeves with Chief Arthur Jemison and our entire City team to build a growing and green city

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Michlewitz secures additional funds for North End/Waterfront

By Phil Orlandella

While securing \$5 million in state funds to help the city build a new Community Center on Commercial Street adjacent to the Mirabella Pool, State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz has also produced additional local funding requests through the state budget.

Recipients of funding are:
NEMPAC \$200,000 (Community Outreach)
Wharf District Council \$250,000 (Climate Resiliency Plan)
NEAA \$25,000 (Equipment and Operations)
North End Waterfront Health \$400,000
Nazzaro Center \$25,000 (After School Program)
DCR Steriti Rink \$50,000 (Lighting and upgrades)



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.

Friends of DeFellipo Playground \$35,000 (Maintenance)
RUFF \$125,000 (Renovation and Park improvement)
ABCD North End \$75,000 (Facility Upgrade)
Casa Maria \$100,000 (Front Office Upgrade)
New England Aquarium \$1,000,000

Abutter files suit against Horrace Dodd House LLC

By Phil Orlandella

The ongoing disagreements and disputes between abutters at 8 Michelangelo Street and developer Horrace Dodd House LLC., relating to two North End projects located at 190-190A Salem Street and 4 Snelling Place, have finally made its way to Superior Court in the form of a civil action suit.

The ten-page document, filed by the abutter, calls for the court to refrain the City of Boston Inspectional Services Department (ISD) from issuing any and all construction plans for development at both sites.

The civil action on file contends there were and still are allegedly several violations in place dealing with work plans, creating several problems for residents and property damage.

In addition, the court is being

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Construction and demolition debris is shown in the courtyard.

NEW GROUND MURAL ON GREENWAY

A large-scale groundwork mural, "Gateway to Infinity" an Anti-Monument by Boston-based artist Maria Molenti, has been completed and open to the public to view, photograph and enjoy.

Stretching 45 feet in diameter, the mural is located on The Greenway next to the Carousel between Columbus Park and Faneuil Hall. (Photo by Chris Rucinski)

NEW NORTH END BOOK COMPLETED

Good news from the Friends of the North End (FONE) their new book "Do You Believe in Magic", an anthology of stories (24) written by FONE members that express growing up in the community was a light in the past.

Books are \$20 make checks payable to Victor Passacantilli. Books will be available at the FONE reunion on September 16.

Proceeds will be donated to North End organizations and other worthy charities. Victor can be reached at 617-645-3424.

SELLER'S MARKET

Strolling down The Greenway on a Saturday or Sunday between 11 AM and 5 PM, stop and see what a seller's market, with all 50 vendors, have to offer at an open Market that features talented artists, stylists and independent designers on Boston's Waterfront.

RIDE THE CAROUSEL

When visiting The Greenway, take time to take a ride on the Carousel at Tiffany and Company Foundation Grove, where you can climb and circle around on board one of the native New England creatures.

The Carousel is open daily from 11 AM to 8 PM, weather permitting, and seasonal changes. Tickets available on site.

TWO BIGGEST FEASTS COMING

The North End community is gearing up for the two largest feasts that will draw thousands of people to the long-standing festivals.

Societies, police and the city are preparing to make these special religious events enjoyable for everyone.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

Fisherman's Feast-August 17, 18, 19, 20.

Saint Anthony's Feast-August 25, 26, 27.

OUTDOOR PUBLIC MARKET

If fresh produce is what you are looking for, just head to Dewey Square on The Greenway on Tuesdays and you'll find the outdoor Boston Public Market's Farmer's Market.

The market features local products like farm fresh produce, meats, eggs, fish, baked goods and an assortment of specialty foods.

UNDER THE AUGUST MOON

Armenian Park on The Greenway will host an Under the August Moon on Sunday, August 13 at 7:30 PM.

The event features meet and greet, live music, a labyrinth walk, tying a ribbon on the wishing tree and enjoying sparkling seltzers and desserts.

OLD NORTH NAMED SITE OF CONSCIENCE

Old North Church and Historic Site in Boston, the city's oldest surviving church, in recognition of its efforts to transform a more accurately tell the nation landmark's story, as it pertains to racism and slavery in the country, has been named a Site of Conscience.

In doing so, it has become one of two members of the International Coalition of Site of Conscience in Boston.

A symbol of the American

Revolution, the historic site has transformed its programming in recent years, providing an honest and in-depth look into the founding of the nation.

NO AUGUST NEWRA MEETING

There will be no August public meeting of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA).

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center on North Bennet Street. The agenda will be announced. The public is welcome to attend.

NEW HEALTH CELEBRATES NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK

NEW Health celebrated National Health Center Week with a free community open house at its Charlestown site.

The event included a tour of the building, an ice cream truck, a pizza truck, face painting, balloon twister and a gardening class and a raffle.

NEW Health has also launched a fundraising campaign during National Health Center Week so residents can help support the health center so it can continue serving the North End and Charlestown and surrounding communities.

BOUNA SERA

ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Services Center's

(NSC) 11th annual Bouna Sera, an evening with Friends has been scheduled for Thursday, October 12. The fundraising has a wine reception at the WilmerHale, 60 State Street, a table for 10 at a premier North End restaurant, paired with a celebrity who will dine at your table. Contact Fundraisers specialist Johanna Malone at 617-523-8125 for more details.

MONEY SMART WORKSHOP

A Money Smart Workshop presented by the City of Boston Age Strong Commission and Ameri Corps Senior will be held at the Nazzaro Center on Tuesday, August 22 from 11am to 1pm.

The workshop will help seniors, recognize/reduce the risk of financial exploitation, learn helpful tips on reporting financial exploitation and learn about different types of scams and how to avoid them.

"SACCO AND VANZETTI DIARY" AT LIBRARY

Many people have heard the story of Sacco and Vanzetti or watched the movie but really no facts from fiction or various stories told over the years.

Attending the North End Library on Wednesday, August 23 at 5 PM for a documentary "Sacco and Vanzetti Diary" by David Rothaus.

Vito Aluia will share real photos about the setting and trial with a question session with the director and North End Historical Society President Tom Damigelli.

The event is open and free to the public.

NEW Health announce temporary third-floor closure

By Phil Orlandella

NEW Health (North End location) will temporarily close the third floor until September 3, for roof renovations and to install a new ceiling.

During the needed work, the rest of the facility will remain open. Dental and vision departments will be relocated to the

Center's Charlestown site at 15 Tufts Street.

The podiatry service will remain but moved to the first floor.

Patients with scheduled appointments will receive updated information via Patient Gateway or phone.

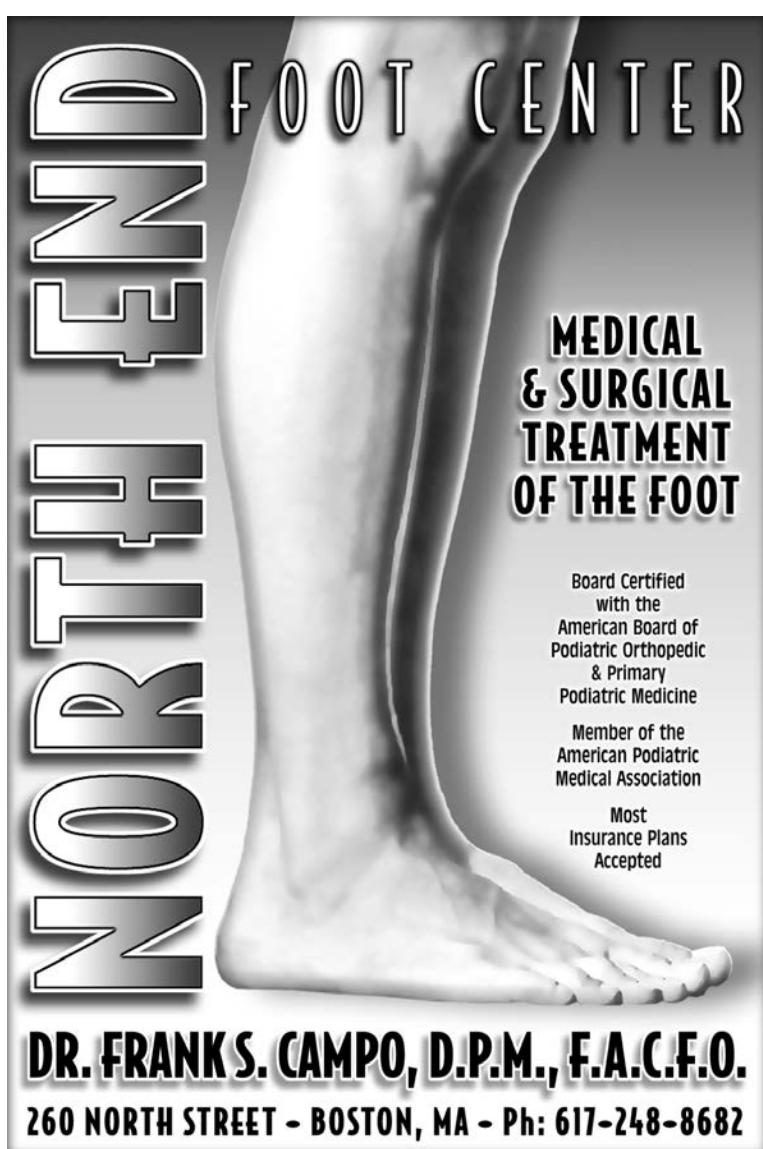
If the work takes longer than expected, the Center will make all the necessary advisories.

NEW Health CEO Vin Scibelli has sent out letters to patients and local community members alerting them of the closure.

The City of Boston Inspectional Services Department (ISD) and the George Robert White Fund that manages the building have ensured the Center that the building is structurally sound and safe for occupancy.

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Edwards secures funding for local projects in State Budget

The Massachusetts legislature convened last week to enact the state budget. Senator Lydia Edwards secured over \$2.4M in state funding.

Investment in the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts

Senator Edwards secured \$400,000 for the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts (ULEM), which supports adults of Eastern Massachusetts in accessing employment and economic development opportunities by providing support to overcome racial, social, economic, and sexual and domestic violence barriers. Their programs and services offer an array of crucial skills-training classes and workshops at no cost.

Winthrop Ferry Funds for the continued closure of the Sumner Tunnel

An incredible win for the Town of Winthrop includes \$1 million allocated to subsidize ferry services while the Sumner Tunnel is closed July 5 – August 31, 2023. Notably, the Winthrop Ferry has a stop at the Logan Airport Ferry Terminal, making travel from East of Boston to Downtown Boston more accessible and dependable. Investing funds in these ferry services will provide a much-needed alternative method of transportation for residents and is set to decrease traffic congestion on neighborhood roads.

Funds to Aid the Local Food Shelters in East Boston and Back Bay

East Boston and Back Bay will receive \$30,000 to support local food services, including the East Boston Community Soup Kitchen, the Grace Church Federated in East Boston, and the Arlington Street Church's Friday Night Supper Program in the Back Bay section of Boston. The East Boston Community Soup Kitchen in Maverick Square is open every Tuesday at 9 am and is the go-to destination for those facing food and resource insecurity. The Grace Church Food Pantry is open every Saturday from 10 am – 12 pm. East Boston residents can access the food pantry once per month to receive several bags of food to take home. The Arlington Street Church's Friday Night Supper is one of the oldest food shelters in Boston and has served thousands of meals every Friday night, including on holidays and through snow, storms, power outages, and pandemics. Friday Night Supper is located at Arlington Street Church on Boylston Street. Funds for these incredible services promises the community that we can meet one of their most basic human needs: adequate nourishment.

Budget Win Invests in East Boston Latin American Arts and Culture

East Boston will see \$50,000

funding the Veronica Robles Cultural Center (VROCC), a central community resource which promotes Latin American arts and culture as an engine for stronger communities and economic growth. The VROCC offers a safe space for immigrants and their families, as a source of connection to their cultural heritage, and for people of all backgrounds to celebrate Latino cultures.

An additional \$50,000 will be provided to support the East Boston Latino Festival in Summer 2023, presented by ZUMIX and Senator Lydia Edwards. Last year, Senator Edwards partnered with ZUMIX to celebrate the diverse Latin American cultures of East Boston and their vibrant music. This year, the Latino Festival will be hosted on September 9, 2023 at the East Boston Memorial Park.

Along with showcases of talented performers and community events, ZUMIX offers programs and lessons to help young people reach their full potential and create a safe space for youth to explore who they are and who they want to be.

Progress for the Green Workforce and Environmental Resiliency

To help protect the largest surviving salt marsh in Boston Harbor, this budget win will allocate at least \$50,000 in funds for Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, Inc., a grass-

roots organization that preserves the Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston, Revere, and Winthrop.

Additionally, \$75,000 will go to other green workforce and environmental resilience programs, including Eastie Farm, Inc., Mass Save, and Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) Eastie Farm, Inc. These programs aim to create green job pathways for teens and young adults in environmental justice communities, including the development of skills in energy efficiency, conservation, and clean energy. Funds are also provided to increase the utilization of ecosocial state and city programs like Mass Save and Community Choice Electricity (BCCE). Mass Save helps homes and businesses become more energy efficient, and BCCE gives Boston residents greater control over the electricity that powers their homes, places of worship, and small businesses. These programs will create more access to Massachusetts-grown fresh produce for low-income families in environmental justice communities.

Expanding the Boston Common Public Bathrooms

Boston Common and Public Garden will receive \$50,000 in funds for the purpose of providing public restrooms. In these spaces the lack of public bathrooms in this area amounts to an ongoing public health crisis, shining the

light on community inequities in the ability of unhoused residents to access dignified bathrooms. This budget win will create more public access to restrooms for all Bostonians traveling through the Boston Commons.

Financial Assistance for First-time Homebuyers

To help first-time homebuyers with financial stress and hardship, this achievement will provide \$25,000 to the city of Revere to create a pilot program for grants of \$5,000 for eligible first-time homebuyers in Revere. With this funding, the new pilot program will be able to distribute grants over the next year and a half.

Support for survivors of the April 21st fire in the town of Winthrop.

A four-alarm fire broke out in Winthrop on April 21, 2023, leaving over 100 individuals and families without a home. After 64 apartments were no longer available, Winthrop residents were placed at the Senior Center, and then provided services through the support of the Red Cross, Winthrop Foundation, and other local organizations. The Town Manager Tony Marino said that about 15 families are still in need of another apartment. Senator Edwards secured \$100,000 in the budget to support those who lost their homes in the fire.

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for everyone.”

“I want to thank Mike Monahan for 22 years of service – to the ZBA for 12 years and to the BPDA for the last 10. He has been an important voice for the growth of the City,” said Chief of Planning and Director of the BPDA Arthur Jemison. “I look forward to working with Kate and Raheem, who are experts in their own right on building Boston in a thoughtful way. I am confident they will help guide growth that will make our City more resilient, affordable, and equitable.”

Kate Bennett has worked in affordable housing development, policy, and planning for more than 25 years, with a particular focus on public housing revitalization as the former head of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA). Bennett has spearheaded over \$2 billion in redevelopment activity currently underway at several BHA sites

across the city. She has also been instrumental in the development of the BHA's green, healthy housing and sustainability programs, and in the expansion of resident empowerment and self-sufficiency initiatives. Bennett holds a Masters in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has also managed affordable housing programs for the City of Chelsea and the City of Newton.

“As someone who has dedicated my career to housing for Boston residents and families, I share the Wu Administration's belief that our growth depends on government, community, and developers coming together to build a stronger City,” said BPDA Board of Directors nominee Kate Bennett. “I am very grateful to Mayor Wu for this opportunity to continue to serve our community.”

Raheem Shepard is the Regional Manager of the North Atlantic

States Regional Council of Carpenters for the City of Boston. His appointment upholds Boston's longstanding tradition of including union representation on the BPDA Board. As a member of the ZBA, Shepard reviews development proposals which require zoning relief, and works with his fellow ZBA members and Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison to help advance the Mayor's goal of rebuilding trust with communities through planning-led development, while advancing equity, affordability, and resilience across all functions of the City's development review process.

“Serving on the BPDA Board of Directors is not only a great professional and personal honor, but it's an opportunity to work closely with Mayor Wu's Administration to chart a course for Boston's future,” said BPDA Board of Directors nominee Raheem Shepard.

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“I am grateful to Mayor Wu for reappointing me to a new term on the BPDA Board, and I am eager to welcome Raheem and Kate,” said BPDA Board Chair Priscilla Rojas. “I appreciate the opportunity to continue supporting smart planning and development that serves the City and its residents.”

These appointments are part of Mayor Wu's ambitious growth agenda for Boston, which is focused on advancing the City's resilience, affordability, and equity goals. Under the Mayor's leadership, the agency approved Inclusionary Zoning for the first time in the City's history, completed the Western Avenue Corridor Rezoning Study and PLAN: Mattapan, which includes zoning recommendations, and completed a land audit of all City-owned parcels to unlock opportunities for new housing and growth. The agency is

undertaking the first major reform to Article 80 of the zoning code, which governs Boston's development review process, to modernize development review and increase efficiency and predictability for development.

The Mayor's agenda also includes the creation of a City Planning and Design Department and Planning Advisory Council operating under the direction of Chief of Planning Arthur Jemison. The staff of that new City agency will support the work of the BPDA Board. The Mayor has also committed to completing the neighborhood planning initiatives in Downtown, Charlestown, East Boston, and Newmarket in the coming months, and to launching a rezoning effort of Boston's squares and corridors to create thousands of additional housing units across the City.

EDITORIAL

DID YOU LIKE BARBIE?

Barbie, the blockbuster movie that is this year's mass culture phenomenon, has drawn a mixed reaction from critics and the public alike.

Some love it -- they're the ones who have gone multiple times to see the movie -- while others either have shrugged their shoulders, "It was okay...." or have been outright hostile to it.

It is both surprising, but not shocking, that Barbie has grossed more than a billion dollars. While it has had the good fortune to come out in a summer of fairly-boring movies, it also undeniably is a film that is like no other in recent memory. It appeals to young and old alike, featuring an all-star, multi-generational cast, including two of Hollywood's Most Beautiful People (Ryan Gosling and Margot Robbie), Rhea Perlman, Issa Rae, Kate McKinnon, Dua Lipa (in a cameo role), Will Ferrell, America Ferrera, Simu Liu, and Helen Mirren (as the Narrator).

For those of us of an older generation, Barbie brings to mind the Wizard of Oz (though the plot of Barbie is the reverse of Dorothy's journey from reality to fantasy), both on a superficial level (the bright visuals and use of music) and its deeper meaning (the loss of innocence).

Barbie is not without its flaws and, as with any work of art, has its proponents and detractors. However, it undeniably is just plain fun and accomplishes the goal of every great summertime movie -- it transports us to another world for two hours in an air-conditioned theatre, far removed from the searing heat and troubles of the world outside.

HAVE WE REACHED THE TIPPING POINT?

The steady stream of news reports this summer about the ever-worsening effects of climate change have been depressing, ranging from the 100% loss of coral reefs off the Florida Keys (because water temperatures have reached 100 degrees), to the unprecedented floods in China, to the daily heat records in the American Southwest (where people are being treated for serious, third-degree burns if they touch the asphalt pavement).

Although the dire effects of climate change brought about by the burning of fossil fuels have been predicted for decades, the off-the-charts anomalies we are seeing this summer have far exceeded even the starkest of predictions. It is clear that scientists' warnings about climate change have been greatly understated and that climate change is happening faster than anyone had predicted.

During the height of World War II, after England had thwarted the Germans in the air (known as the Battle of Britain) and then defeated Rommel's army on the battlefield in North Africa, Prime Minister Winston Churchill uttered these famous lines, "Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

Churchill's message was one of hope -- the war that Hitler had begun finally was turning against him and in favor of the Allies.

But in terms of climate change, we fear we are witnessing the reverse of Churchill's words: Climate change already has begun. But, unlike World War II, it will not be taking a turn for the better -- it's only going to get worse, with far-reaching consequences that we do not even want to contemplate.

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By Dr. Glenn Mollette

You may have heard this before. I went out to find a friend and none were to be found. I went out to be a friend and found them all around.

Where do you find friends?

Your best friends may be your family. You may be close to siblings, cousins, and others related to you. Growing up, I was blessed to be around a lot of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, siblings, and parents. I didn't have to think much about searching for friends because so many relatives were always around. This is not always the case. Many people have small families or maybe even no family. Some families go in different directions, live in different places, or move on with different interests and lives.

We often find friends in school. Some of the people we shared elementary and high school with become lifelong connections. Even if we don't see each other much, we still have those great past times that help us reconnect quickly.

We connect with people at our places of employment. Some of the people you spend hours with

every day become lifelong friends.

Houses of faith are often good places to make new friends. People get to know each other in Bible study classes and other small group religious settings. The people you share your faith with will often become like brothers and sisters.

The local gym is often a place where people socialize. If you become a routine attender of an exercise class you will eventually develop some friends.

The Internet and social media have become the world's biggest connection place. To many people this is their only connection. All their "friends" are on Facebook or Instagram. Many people have thousands of social media friends. Too often the loneliest people on the planet are those who are only connected by a keypad.

There are many more places where you can connect. Many communities have baking, quilting, hunting, sports clubs, and more. Civic groups from Kiwanis, Rotary, and Ruritan groups will often meet weekly and do community projects.

You might make some friends volunteering at the hospital or

nursing home. There will be people in most of these places who will be glad to make a new friend. Talk to your local nursing home about your interest and you may be surprised how quickly your talents are utilized. You will also find some people who will be glad to make a new friend. Keep in mind this is not always easy as you will be trying to make friends with many who feel alone and forgotten.

You can always become active in the local political circles. This all depends on your level of desperation and if you don't mind being shunned by whichever party you don't declare affiliation.

Don't try to have too many friends. The Bible says a person of many companions may soon come to ruin. However, you need a few friends and hopefully you will have some good ones.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

PROTECT OUR PLANET

To the Editor,

We have all felt the horrendous weather this summer. Heat, humidity, rain, thunderstorms, floods, and tornadoes have wreaked havoc on our country.

The Southwest has gotten clobbered. The heated ocean waters off the coast of Florida are destroying the coral reefs. Whales are dying as they beach themselves on our shores. Ice caps are melting causing sea levels to rise. Firestorms have hit Canada hard, destroying Canadian forests and causing a tremendous amount of smoke to permeate our air.

The Copernicus Climate Change Service has stated that "July is poised to be the hottest month ever on record."

Recently, the New York Times exposed the area known as the Fertile Crescent (Israel, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iran, West Bank, and Gaza) to be devastated by the effect of the shriveling up

of the Euphrates River. This has caused the Mesopotamia Region to be without water in many regions. Forty percent of Iraq, an area roughly the size of Florida, has been overtaken by blowing

desert sands.

Italy and Greece have also been hit hard by record setting temperatures. Severe wildfires have

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NEAD HOLDS ANNUAL NORTH END FAMILY PRIDE CELEBRATION

Derek Kouyoumjian photos

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) held its annual North End Family Pride celebration at Christopher Columbus Park. There was music, magic, complimentary food, arts and crafts, and more for the whole family to celebrate.



At the Reptile Circus table Paul LaRosa holds Blue the Skate.



Gloria, Arianna, and Freya Finnegan find some crafts to do at the Lyons Club table.



Legendary childrens' magician Peter O'Malley performs to a captivated audience.



North End Against Drugs staff Karen D'Amico and Maria Lanza with craft materials and raffle tickets.



Sandy the Sand Boa with Lindsey and Penelope Henderson.



Doug and Henry Halchak play cornhole with Lorna Heron with Age Strong City Of Boston officiating.



Jim Racca with Metro Boston Vending worked the grill to provide attendees with complimentary sausages, hot dogs, and hamburgers.



Volunteers Stephen Wheeler, RJ Garfield, John D'Amico, and Max Mendoza provided complimentary sausages, hot dogs, and hamburgers.



Christopher Columbus Park was filled with family activity.

THE SAINT AGRIPPINA SOCIETY HOLDS 109TH FEAST

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

The Saint Agrippina Society held the 109th Feast to honor the Saint. She was a princess tortured by a cruel Roman Emperor but as her body traveled to its resting place, miracles followed. The Feast is the first of many to come in the North End thorough August with food, entertainment, and community conjoined in celebration.



Saint Agrippina Society members Nick Mustacchio and Dante Bono, otherwise known as the “handsome guys.”



Saint Agrippina Society members bring the procession onto Hanover Street.



Merle Barber conducting the North Star Alumni Corp in a performance of Sweet Caroline.



Steven, Adrianna, and Avery Castonova has their photo taken after placing a wreath on the statue.



Gabriela and Marcela Melguizo.



Spectators line the streets to witness the procession and take pictures.



Saint Agrippina Society members Jack Campo and Anna Mustacchio, Larry Mustacchio’s daughter in law.



Spectators enjoy a performance of the Roma Marching Band.

THE SAINT AGRIPPINA SOCIETY HOLDS 109TH FEAST

DEREK KOUYOUNJIAN PHOTOS



Corbyn McCarthy and Lynda Rose Vecchiarello.



Taylor Barrese, Kelly O'Brien, Vitianna and Ciara D'Amico, and John Pregmon.



North Star Alumni Corp member Bernadette Clark.



Fabio and Wendy DiCenti at Bencotto Restaurant offer Saint Agrippina Society members a proper feast during their procession.



The statue of Saint Agrippina adorned with wreaths of dollar bills.



Saint Agrippina Society member Jillian Melito holds a wreath.



Saint Agrippina Society members contribute their musical talents to the North End Marching Band.



Saint Agrippina Society members bring the procession onto Hanover Street.



The statue of Saint Agrippina partakes in the 109th procession in the North End.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

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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JOHNNY PAOLO TOURNAMENT RAISES \$2,300 FOR PERKINS INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND



First place (l to r) Joe Blazo, Sr., Linda Lopriore, and Natalie Demarco.

By Phil Orlandella

It was a beautiful Sunday morning and afternoon (July 30) for the 11th annual Johnny Paolo Memorial Bocce Tournament held at Langone Park at Paolo Bocce Courts on Commercial Street.

Coordinated by Johnny's daughter Linda Lopriore, the 13-team tournament was its usual success, raising \$3,200 for the Perkins Institute for the Blind.

"Dad passed away 10 years ago from Trauma Brain Injury," Linda said. "This was the 11th year without him at the Tournament."

The 2023 winners were:

Joe Blazo, Sr. and Natalie DeMarco who captured first place along with bragging rights.

Joe Testa and Nino Gugliamo secured a second-place finish.

Sergey Kuperman and Mike O'Keefe finished third respectfully.

Held as part of the North End Against Drugs Annual Family Fund Festival, the tournament was the first of many other programs and events held at many sites throughout the neighborhood.

"What a way to start off our festival then the Johnny Paolo Bocce Tournament," NEAD former President John Romano said. "The tournament set the stage for all our other events."



Second place (l to r) Joe Testa, Linda Lopriore, and Nino Gugliamo.



Third place (l to r) Sergey Kuperman, Linda Lopriore, and Mike O'Keefe.

Many people were involved in making the tournament the success it was.

Michael Bonetti, City of Boston Special Events Department secured the necessary permits to conduct the event.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department made sure the courts and the park were in tip top shape for the event.

They also set up an area and table for Olivia Scimeca and Karen Ventola to sell raffle tickets.

Joe Blazo and Sarah Forino helped the tournament and set up.

Tournament Donors included:

Joyce Papa and the Boston Bruins St. Lucy Society, Madonna Della Cava, Saint Anthony's Society, Cirace Liquors, Bodega Canal, Artu, Ward 8, Tony & Elaines, Ciau Roma, L'Osteria (raffle + food), Representative



Olivia Scimeca and Karen Ventola managed the raffle table

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NAZZARO SUMMER CAMP GOES TO WOO SOX GAME

By Phil Orlandella

The Nazzaro Community Center Summer Camp, sponsored

by the North End Athletic Association, through the efforts of Ted Tomasone, took in a Worcester Woo Sox game.

The camp kids enjoyed going to the Woo Sox game accompanied by Nazzaro Camp and NEAA members.



The Summer Camp Kids with Teddy in the Center along with NEAA members Paul Cuccinati, Afredo Vilar and John Romano, at the Park.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through August 19

The Construction Look-Ahead through August 19 for the North Washington St. Bridge is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete bridge barriers and sidewalks
- Off-bridge utility work and cutover to permanent bridge
- Off-bridge approach barrier and curb work

Work Hours

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

Contraflow Pilot

- The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

- Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

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:

- Other Events: 8/11 at 7:30 p.m., 8/15 at 7:30 p.m., 8/16 at 7:30 p.m., and 8/19 at 6:30 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement

Project email: NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us

ABUTTERS (from pg. 1)

asked to cancel or revoke any and all permits issued by the ISD, claiming the permits are clearly in violation of the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal ordinances and the Code of Massachusetts Regulation (CMR) 780.

Reportedly, abutters attempted to resolve this issue without going to court, but failed. Elected officials and various city departments provided no assistance. They were told to “get a lawyer”.

An attempt to obtain the construction jacket also failed as the city reportedly was unable or unwilling to produce the document, according to the abutter.

The suit outlines numerous violations by the developer Horrace Dodd House LLC., calling for the legal system to take action relating to having the appropriate city departments cancel or revoke any and all permits based on what the abutter referred to as blatant work violations by the developer, without proper paperwork permits.

The abutter tried to have city departments to conduct a public hearing, that also failed.

“No real or actual formal public meeting was held in the North End by the City,” abutter Anthony Pepicelli said. “No public information or notification

pertaining to the proposal was originally provided to abutters and the community so there could be a comment period established,” abutter Anthony Pepicelli said.

“During this time construction preparation work continued including demolition and excavation without both sites not properly permitted or any posted signs placed where they could be viewed,” Pepicelli said.

According to the abutter, workers at times, were tossing debris off the roof and other parts of the building, possibly hazardous material, into the courtyard without required chutes or protective safety barriers and there was no dumpster on site creating sizeable plumes of dust and other material into the air through the construction site, abutting buildings and through the community.

They eventually picked up the debris placing it in an open truck, driving it through the neighborhood, a possible health issue, according to Pepicelli.

“The legal action sites the structure has been wrongly built, causing a burden to abutters from unlawful elevation creating loss of air, light and solar heat,” Pepicelli said.

“Horrace Dodd House LLC,

knowingly started the project without the proper permitting and continued to work before proper permits were issued,” Pepicelli claims.

He continues to maintain that, “No real community meetings or direct contact with abutters were ever held, not allowing the opportunity for the community to comment on the proposed project,” he said.

A call and message were left at Horrace Dodd House LLC, asking if they would like to comment on the allegations of the legal actions made. No call or email were returned.

Named in the civil action suit are: Horrace Dodd House LLC, Gregory McCarthy manager, Anthony Ballanti general contractor, Mayor Michelle Wu, ISD and the Boston Zoning Board of Appeal.

No trial date or hearing has been established at this time.

Rumors apparently have been circulating throughout the community that abutters may start a petition calling for the mayor and/or the State to investigate the process issues raised in the civic action suit.

Boston Children's Rec Fest returns

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department invite city youth to come celebrate the summer at the 2023 ParkARTS Boston Children's Rec Fest on Tuesday, August 15 at Franklin Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Boston Children's Rec Fest is presented with the support of title sponsor Bank of America and presenting sponsors College H.U.N.K.S. Hauling Junk & Moving and H.P. Hood, LLC. Additional support is provided by LEGO Discovery Center Boston.

Children and families from throughout Boston have the opportunity to participate in a variety of free activities from various exhibitors including Rosalita's Marionette Puppets, ParkARTS arts and crafts, and face painting. The event will showcase active sports and play with exciting inflatable attractions such as the All-In-One Sports Arena, a family

Zumba class, and hands-on clinics hosted by sports professionals teaching tennis, baseball, and soccer skills. The event will also include free treats from HP Hood LLC.

The location of the festival is at 25 Pierpont Road in Roxbury near the rear entrance of the Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #15 bus to the Zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive. Ample free parking is available and the park is ADA compliant.

Visit boston.gov/childrens-rec-fest to learn more. Stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks by signing up for our email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and following our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

LETTER (from pg. 4)

scorched and devastated forests, homes, farms and animals.

All regions on our Earth have been affected. Climate change has become real and not just words. It is not a time to be frightened but it is a time for ACTION! We must all join hands in an attempt to work together to stop this “BEAST.”

We all acknowledge that there are wars across our world, destroying lives. But climate change is destroying our whole world!

It is vital for all global governments to band together to find and implement solutions to “Climate Change.” We must stop supporting the oil and gas producing

industries that create the fossil fuels causing the emission of poisonous gases into our atmosphere and cause climate change.

Wealthier countries need to financially support under-developed countries, so they will be able to share in our goals.

Finally, we all have an obligation to protect our planet but more importantly, our first obligation is to take care of our children and the generations of children to come.

Please join your environmental community in supporting the fight against fossil fuels, thus protecting our children and our Earth.

Maryalice Sharkey
Mothers Out Front

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CITY PAWS

Summer pet care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We often think of summer dog companionship as walking, exercising, tossing balls, and other active pursuits. That's perfect for some dogs but not for all. Age, health, breeding, physical limitations, and personality might call for a calmer time together.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke

It's essential to recognize the symptoms of heat stroke in dogs and cats and get prompt emergency help if needed.

The ASPCA says you should "Know the symptoms of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees."

On the way out the door to the emergency vet, you can begin treatment by wetting your dog or

cat with cool (not cold) water and grabbing an ice pack or bag of frozen vegetables to place under your animal.

Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

Water On the Go

Carry water to offer to your dog on walks. There are special bottles and bowls designed for dogs on the go. Slipping a plastic bag over a cupped hand will form a workable water bowl for a thirsty pal.

Exercise Early or Late

Some dogs need lots of exercise, even in the heat. If you have one of these athletes, take long walks or runs early in the morning or after dark. Mid-day heat may be too much for even a healthy dog. Canine companions can push

themselves into the danger zone to please us. Dogs are stoic animals and may not show distress until it's too late.

Don't Leave Your Dog in a Car

A stop for a quick errand could result in a dog in trouble. Or, you could find your car window broken by a first responder or good Samaritan trying to save your pup.

The MSPCA has the information you need if you should discover a dog in trouble in a hot car. They say Massachusetts law, "Enables animal control officers, firefighters, and law enforcement to remove animals kept in vehicles in a manner reasonably expected to threaten the health of the animal due to extreme heat or cold." It also, "... allows individuals to remove an animal when in immediate danger in a vehicle and no other options exist."

Window Caution for Cats

Open windows can be a danger to cats. The ASPCA has warned about animals, especially cats, falling from windows this time of



Animals with flat faces, like this pup, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. (Photo by Mirko Sajkov)

year. "Cats who never leave their residence may not realize how high up they are, and if they are distracted by what's going on outside, they can jump out of the window, or lose their balance and fall," said Dr. Louise Murray, vice president of the ASPCA Animal Hospital."

Enjoy Quiet Time Together

Slow down in the heat and enjoy quieter times together. Seniors, and any dog on the mend from illness

or injury, may need to take a lot of breaks when out and about. While outside, relax on a bench or blanket in a shady spot. Offer your pal some water and perhaps a treat. And remember, some dogs of all sizes and ages simply love to sit quietly and watch the world go by.

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.

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CITATION ON

PETITION FOR

ORDER OF

COMPLETE

SETTLEMENT

Docket No.

SU20P1266PM

Estate of:

Magdalena Goode
Pierce

A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Public Guardian Services, LLC of Briantree, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account as Temporary Conservator and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the 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 08/24/2023.

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 written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 19, 2023

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SU23P1572EA

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Nicholas Peter
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Date of Death:

09/20/2022

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Marie G. Palazzolo of Boston, 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: Marie G. Palazzolo of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the 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 09/05/2023.

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 days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Boston's Fisherman's Feast returns to the North End for its 113th Year

Boston's Fisherman's Feast is back for the 113th anniversary, bringing the one-of-a-kind festival back to Boston. Boston's longest-running Italian festival will be celebrated from Thursday, August 17 through Sunday, August 20, on Fleet, North and Lewis Streets.

Dating all the way back to 1910, this hugely popular annual Italian festival is held throughout the streets of Boston's North End district to celebrate the devotion of immigrant Sicilian fishermen

to the Madonna del Soccorso di Sciacca (Our Lady of Help). This year will see the usual enticing selection of entertainment, food, cooking demonstrations, and traditional parades, including a religious procession through the district's narrow streets carrying a statue of the Madonna, street vendors, and the 5th Annual Best Meatball Competition.

Boston's most beloved festival will once again perform the 'Flight of the Angel.' Called a

"spectacle not to be missed" by National Geographic, this year's Flight of the Angel will close out the 113th Fisherman's Feast at 8 pm on Sunday, August 20th. This year's Flying Angel is April Palazzolo Cedano (9) with side angels Jillian Fialkosky (13) and Sarah Bramante (11).

The festival is free to enter for all. A full schedule of events can be found at fishermansfeast.com.

The Fisherman's Feast is an annual event that began in Boston

in 1910 and is based on a tradition that goes back to the 16th century in Sciacca Sicily. The Feast is based on the devotion of the fishermen from Sciacca to the Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help). Each August since 1910, the Feast has been held in Boston's historic North End on North and Fleet Streets, making it the North End's oldest continuously running Italian festival. The Feast traditionally starts on Thursday when the statue of the Madonna

is moved from her home in the Fisherman's Club to a chapel at the center of the feast. This will be her home throughout the week-end. Each night and during week-end days there is entertainment on the bandstand and vendors selling food as well as crafts. The Feast culminates on Sunday night with the spectacular "Flight of the Angel". For more information, please visit www.fishermansfeast.com.

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AUGUST 17-20, 2023

North, Fleet & Lewis Streets in Boston's North End

Thursday Aug 17th	Saturday Aug 19th	Sunday Aug 20th
6:00pm Opening Ceremonies: La Madonna Del Soccorso will process to Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park for the Annual Blessing of the Fishing Waters. 7:30pm Italian American of the Year Award Presentation to: 	12:30pm Join the Children of the Fisherman's Society as they process their statue around the festival. 1:00pm-2:00pm Classic Italian Games and activities on the Mainstage 2:30pm-5:30pm The 5th Annual Fisherman's Feast Best Meatball Competition: 10-12 Restaurants competing for who has the best meatball, Featuring special guest MC and judges. Take part in choosing who has the best meatballs! 3:30pm-4:30pm & 6:30pm-7:30pm Music by Enzo Amara 8:00pm-10:30pm BILLY AND THE JETS: Singing the hits of Elton John and Billy Joel	10:30am High Mass at St Leonard's Church 12:30pm Nine Hour Grand Procession of La Madonna through the streets of the North End, accompanied by several Marching Bands 1:00pm-2:00pm Children's Activities: At the Main Stage 2:30pm-7:30pm Old Time Favorites by the Reminisants 7:30pm-10:30pm Doo-Wop Acapella by <i>Street Magic</i> 8:00pm THE FAMOUS FLIGHT OF THE ANGEL The statue of the Madonna Del Soccorso returns to North Street for the Grand Finale . She is welcomed back by devotees, and a crowd of enthusiastic spectators, for our ANGEL CEREMONY Upon the completion of the ceremony spectators are showered with confetti that fall from the rooftops. This years Flying Angel is April Palazzolo Cedano with side angels Jillian Fialkosky and Sarah Bramante National Geographic calls it "A spectacle NOT to be missed!"
8:30pm-10:30pm Introducing Una Serata Italiana Featuring Recording Artists: Charlie P. Lisa Mesina John Micalizzi , and Angelo Venuto	ALL WEEKEND Fisherman's Feast Cooking Demonstrations: Bono Olive Oil and Lilly's Pasta Present: MasterChef 10 contestant Kenny Palazzolo, along with various local and celebrity chefs will showcase their talents and share recipes. Stop by and witness each demonstration and learn secrets from the experts  	 <p>JOIN US FOR GOOD</p>   
Friday Aug 18th 4:30pm Fisherman's Feast Carnivale Show: Parade through the Feast grounds with a Carnivale style float and dancers. 5:00pm-6:00pm Beverly Richard's Dance Studio 7:00pm-8:00pm Italian American Favorites by Jimmy Geany 8:30pm-10:30pm An additional performance by Recording Artists : Charlie P. Lisa Mesina John Micalizzi , and Angelo Venuto	        	 

More info at FISHERMANSFEAST.COM

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