



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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### FOCCP FALL FESTIVAL



GERRI PALLADINO PHOTO

Children gather around and listen to Big Joe the storyteller during the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) Fall Celebration on Oct. 15. See more photos and story on Pages 6 and 7.

## Grant used to spruce up Columbus Park

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) has used a \$50,000 grant from funds the Commonwealth received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to spruce up the park.

FOCCP along with the Boston Parks Department helped manage the parking, keeping it clean, and organized many events for neighboring communities and park

goers.

The grant is issued on a reimbursement basis and can be used for projects through 2026.

"We are thrilled to have received this grant," FOCCP President Joanne Haynes Rines said.

"In spite of the generous support of sponsors and members, there is one area of the park we have never been able to adequately attend to is the trees," said Rines.

"Every year, we have some of them pruned and fertilized, but as they age, they need more and more care," she noted.

"Now we can give it to them," she said. "There will also be some minor maintenance issues, FOCCP can now afford," she added.

A landscaping firm was hired to prune and thin some trees and lift the tree canopy by removing

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## Ready to fall back? When you change your clocks, check your alarms

Special to the Review

With the end of daylight savings time coming on Nov. 5, Massachusetts fire officials issued a seasonal reminder to check your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms and change the batteries when you change your clocks.

"Working smoke and CO alarms are crucial home safety tools," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "As we 'fall back' this weekend, be sure you have the best protection by putting fresh alkaline batteries in alarms that

use them and replacing alarms that are out of date."

Today's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have the manufacturing date printed on the back of the device. Smoke alarms should be replaced when they're 10 years old, and CO alarms should be replaced when they're five to seven years old, depending on the model. Unless you have newer alarms with 10-year sealed batteries, this is also a good time to replace the alkaline batteries in all your alarms. And remember to test your smoke and CO

alarms once a month to be sure they're working properly.

### Heating Season brings Carbon Monoxide hazards

Hyannis Fire Chief Peter J. Burke, Jr, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts, emphasized the importance of working carbon monoxide alarms as we enter the colder months.

"Carbon monoxide is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in

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## Sculpture honoring North End History and Culture heading for Peace Garden

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of the North End (FONE) in partnership with North End Historical Society (NEHC) have embarked one of its impactful projects to honor the unique North End History and Culture.

Together, they have set their sails on a fundraiser to place what is called the "Noble Journey Sculpture", a bronze replica of the gangway from the boats that brought Italians and others from Italy and Europe to America during the 1950s-1970s.

Eventually, the sculpture will be located on the iconic Saint Leonard Church/Peace Garden on Hanover Street, the first Italian Church built in New England in 1873.

When placed in the Peace Garden along the Freedom Trail, millions of visitors can walk on the interactive sculpture and reflect on

the sacrifices those that found their way to America and who made it possible for a better life.

The cost of the project is \$125,000 of which one-third has already been raised from FONE as an organization, and its individual members and families in the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) contribution of \$10,000 over a two-year period.

NEHS is giving a one-year membership for contributions of \$100 or more.

Elio LoRusso of Ornamental Iron works, Somerville will install the railings and lampposts of the sculpture at no cost.

FONE and NEHS want to complete the project in time for the completion of the 150th Jubilee of St. Leonard Church in February 2024 with a visit by Cardinal O'Malley.

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## got pumpkins?

### Compost them in the Common on Nov. 6

Special to the Review

Boston does Halloween right. We decorate our stoops with pumpkins and a skeleton (or three); we dress up in costumes, kids and grown-ups alike; the city closes our streets to traffic; and neighbors open doors to trick or treaters. This makes for a wonderful night of community and revelry preparing us for the long winter ahead.

But once this night is over, we are left with lots and lots of pumpkins. In the US, we dispose of nearly 1.3 billion pounds of pumpkins each year after Halloween. And when these pumpkins are thrown in landfills or incinerated, they get truly spooky by warming our planet.

This year, don't throw your pumpkins (or gourds!) in the trash, bring them to the Boston Common and turn them into compost instead. The Mothers Out Front Downtown Boston team,

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# EDITORIAL

## GET OUT AND VOTE ON TUESDAY

Many of us view local government in the same way that we think about the weather: Everybody complains about it, but nobody does anything about it.

However, unlike the weather, there actually is something we can do about the future direction of our local government: We can get out and vote.

We've always found it ironic that the turnout for national elections far exceeds the turnout for local elections. Local government has a much more direct impact on our daily lives than what happens in Washington. Our local government officials are responsible for just about everything that affects the quality of life in our communities, including our schools, public safety departments, trash collection, snow removal, street repair, etc., etc., etc.

Local governments are holding elections across the state this Tuesday, November 7. We urge all of our readers to take the time to get out and vote in order to elect the leaders in our community who best will reflect our values and goals for ourselves and our families.

## HOUSE DEMOCRATS: TOTAL FAILURES

It is clear that the decision by the Democrats in the House of Representatives to allow a small band of narcissistic and anarchistic Republicans, led by the odious Matt Gaetz of Florida, to throw the Congress (as well as the country and the world) into chaos when they sided with Gaetz's small band of fellow GOP anarchists to remove former House Speaker Kevin McCarthy has completely backfired.

It is axiomatic in politics that you always should have a plan (with a desired end result) before embarking on a course of action. But with the unanimous election last week by the Republicans of little-known Louisiana Congressman Mike Johnson to the speakership after three weeks of dysfunction, it is obvious that House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and his team had no plan or strategy of any kind.

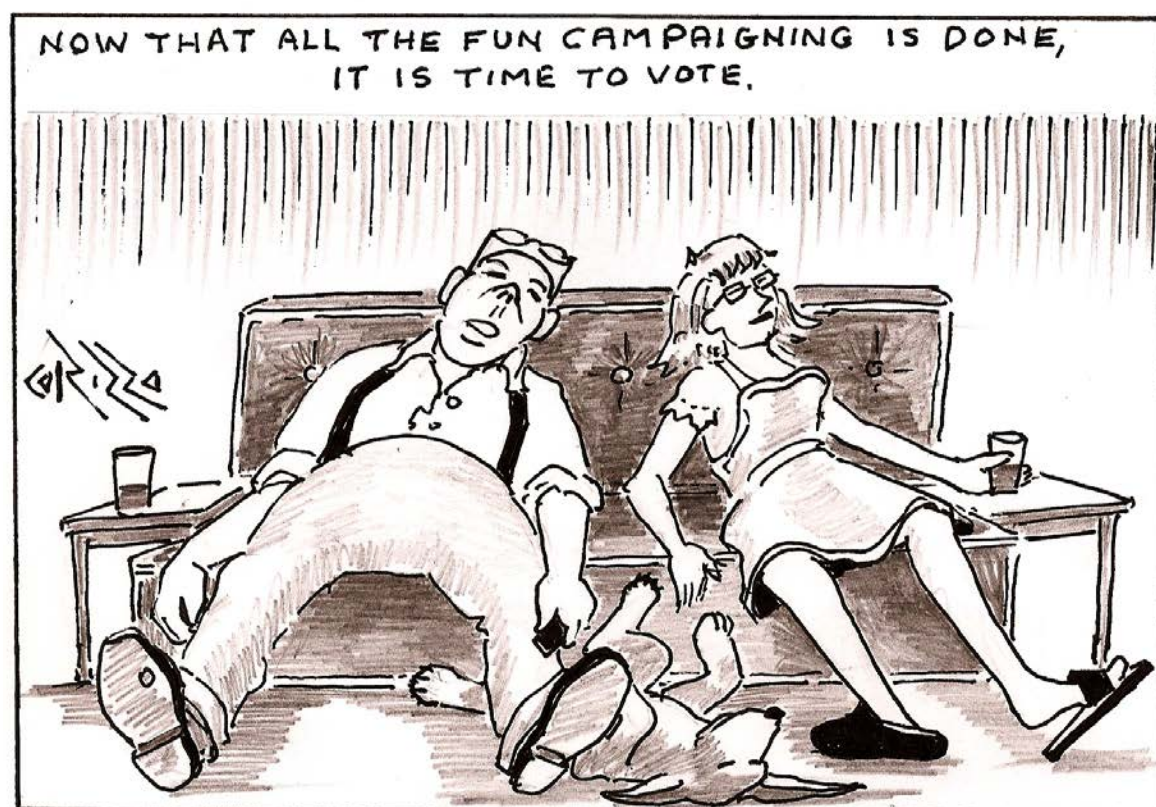
Sure, they were able to gloat for a few weeks while the Republicans stumbled and fumbled, but in the final analysis, the Democrats ended up with the worst of all possible outcomes: The Republicans now are completely united and Congress has a Speaker (a position that is second in line to become president) who is so far right-wing, that he is somewhere out in the proverbial left field on just about every issue imaginable. In addition, Johnson was a staunch supporter of Donald Trump's efforts to undermine the election and has gone on record as opposing further military aid to Ukraine.

Sometimes -- SOMETIMES — politicians have to put the good of the country above their party's perceived short-term political gain. Yes, Kevin McCarthy was a sniveling snake, but he did do the right thing in June to craft a compromise with Joe Biden to raise the debt ceiling and then again in September to pass a short term budget deal that averted a government shutdown.

Democrats complained that McCarthy could not be trusted and that he's a liar (all of which is true) — but really? All politicians are less-than-truthful to some extent, from Joe Biden on down — do they think the people don't know that?

In short, the Democrats "strategy" of just standing by and allowing McCarthy to fall has turned out to be a total disaster, with the immediate beneficiaries of their inaction and their miscalculations being Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin.

The Democrats forgot a cardinal rule of politics: The enemy of my enemy is my friend, as well as a cardinal rule of life: The devil you know is better than the devil you don't.



Vote Tuesday, Nov. 7

## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### SHOULD HAVE BEEN A NORTH END MUSEUM

A cultural and credible proposal to create a North End Museum at Lovejoy Wharf space, on Beverly Street, was scrapped by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) in favor of a visitor's bureau was simply a bad choice.

Certainly, a historic museum depicted the long history of North End culture would have been a much better choice.

Presenting the history of the North End and all it had to offer and its diversity seems to be more suitable than providing visitor's information and directions.

This was another grave mistake by BPDA just like when they approved a highly controversial 125 Room Hotel on the outskirts of the North End on Cross Street claiming more residents favored it than those that opposed.

That number was based on one BPDA hearing that apparently had more pro-hotel supporters than those opposed and certainly did not reflect the pulse of the neighborhood.

Support was overwhelmingly obvious with no real sign of opposition. Like the hotel decision, more in favor, less opposed, then why didn't a North End Museum get the okay to move forward?

Make sure the visitor's bureau has good directions advising visitors and others how to get to the North End.

### GANGS SPEND SUMMER IN THE NORTH END

This past summer, underage teenage gangs roamed the North End basically unchecked, at times creating some havoc, enough to generate residential public safety problems and other concerns.

Usually moving in groups of 20 or more, they found their way into the areas public places to hang out and consume liquor, while leaving their trash and using the area as a toilet.

For fun and entertainment, the gangs like to toss trash barrels on the sidewalks and streets creating health and rodent problems.

Traveling in large numbers they can be intimidating as they have shown to be in the local feasts.

This is not the first-time teen gangs have made their way into the North End and it won't be the last, unless everyone involved starts planning now to manage this situation.

This is the first time ever that backpacks have been opened and checked before a carrier was allowed to enter a feast location.

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# City issues reminders ahead of municipal election

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The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that the Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7. The election will determine At-Large and District City Councilors for the City of Boston. Due to redistricting, the district that residents live in may have changed. Residents can get information about which City Council district they live in and view a sample ballot.

## In-person Early Voting

In-person Early Voting runs through Friday, November 3. City

Hall is Boston's primary early voting site, with voting from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. Voters are encouraged to enter City Hall through the Hanover Street entrance to access the early voting location on the second floor.

Neighborhood early voting locations will be available throughout the city on from noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday, November 2.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check in. Voters are advised that state-issued identifications are optional for quicker

"check in," but are not required. Early voting locations are well staffed with poll workers and interpreters, and fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

## Vote-by-Mail

Vote-by-mail ballots may be returned using one of 21 drop boxes located throughout the City; in-person at the Boston Election Department located at City Hall Room 241; at an early voting location during the prescribed hours for voting; or via U.S. Mail.

Voters are asked to return all signed ballot packages, whether using a drop box or the US Mail

in the white postage paid return envelope included with their vote by mail ballot. Ballots must reach the Boston Election Department or a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7 to be counted. Ballots cannot be delivered to a polling location on Election Day.

## Accessible Voting

The Accessible Electronic Voting System allows voters who are unable to independently read, write, hold, or physically manipulate or mark ballots to submit their ballot via a secure electronic delivery system.

## Voting on Election Day

Polling locations open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. A list of polling locations can be found here. As a reminder, voters should check their registration status via the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website. Printed ballots will be available in English and Spanish. Chinese and Vietnamese ballots will be available where required. Language interpreters will also be available upon request. All voting locations are wheelchair accessible and are equipped with AutoMark Voter Assist Terminal for voters with visual or hearing impairments.

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the United States, and heating equipment is the main source of carbon monoxide in the home," Chief Burke said. "We can't see, smell, or taste carbon monoxide. Working CO alarms are the only way to detect this invisible killer."

## Replacement Alarms Should be Photoelectric With 10-Year Sealed Batteries

Replacing your old smoke alarm? The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code requires replacement battery-operated smoke alarms in older one- and two-family homes to be photoelectric and have sealed, long-life batteries and a hush feature. This makes it less likely that someone in the home will use the

batteries for another device, forget to change them twice a year, or remove them when cooking causes smoke in the kitchen.

"Disabling a smoke alarm puts you, your loved ones, and everyone in the building at risk," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Never remove batteries from a smoke alarm except when putting fresh ones in."

## Alarms Should Be Listed by an Independent Lab

Massachusetts requires that all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms be listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Intertek (ETL). Listed devices will have the laboratory's mark on

the back. In recent years, fire officials have seen numerous smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that were purchased online and either have counterfeit marks or no mark at all.

"If the price seems too good to be true, then it probably is," said Chief Burke. "Smoke and CO alarms can be the difference between life and death, but only if they work properly. If you're purchasing a new alarm, choose one from a well-known, national brand."

## Create & Practice a Home Escape Plan

"In the average house fire, you could have less than three minutes to escape after the smoke alarm

activates," said State Fire Marshal Davine. "Creating and practicing a home escape plan that includes two routes out will help you make the most of that precious time to get outside before poisonous gases and heat make escape impossible."

## Senior SAFE

Adults over 65 are at disproportionate risk of dying in a fire, especially if they live in one- or two-family homes. Hundreds of fire departments across

Massachusetts have grant-funded Senior SAFE programs that may provide assistance with alarm installation and testing. Seniors who need help testing, maintaining, or replacing smoke alarms should contact their local fire department or senior center for assistance.

For more information on smoke alarms or the Senior SAFE program, visit <http://www.mass.gov/dfs> or contact your local fire department.

## PUMPKINS (from pg. 1)

with permission from the city, has arranged for Black Earth Composting to bring a truck into Boston Common to take our pumpkins away and turn them into nutrient rich soil. On November 6, the Black Earth truck will be parked in the Common near the corner of Charles Street and Beacon Street and available to take your pumpkins from 2:30-5:00.

Why compost? Composting reduces greenhouse gas emissions. In Massachusetts, food waste accounts for more than 25% of our waste stream after recycling. Across the country, municipal solid waste landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions and ~40% of that methane is generated from food scraps.

Methane is a very powerful greenhouse gas—it absorbs ~84 times more heat than carbon over a 20-year time frame and is responsible for 30% of the planet warming we've seen so far. The good news is that methane is a short acting gas—after about 11 years, it dissipates in the atmo-

sphere. This means that reducing methane emissions now is the best lever we have to slow the pace of temperature rise, helping to avoid climate tipping points and enabling us to reach the goals of the Paris Climate Accord.

Composting also creates rich soil—soil with increased microbial activity that suppresses plant disease and with better soil "structure" which improves water retention preventing floods, drought, and erosion, and reducing the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Compost creates healthy soil with rich organic matter that not only supports plant health and growth, but also sequesters carbon deep in the earth where we need more of it to go. Compost is just wonderful stuff, and your pumpkins can help.

Composted pumpkins need to be as natural as possible—paint, stickers, and other added doodads cannot be composted, so please clean them as well as you can before composting. Wax is also a problem so using battery operated lights is preferred over candles or

you can clean out any wax before composting. Basically, make the pumpkin scary, but keep it natural.

The Mothers Out Front Downtown team will be on hand at the truck on November 6 to help out and answer any questions you may have about composting.

If you find yourself inspired to start composting the rest of your food scraps, Boston is planning to expand its composting trial again this fall. You can sign up at [www.bostoncomposts.com](http://www.bostoncomposts.com). Contrary to some bad information out there, composting will help our rat problem by keeping food scraps off the streets.

We look forward to seeing you and your pumpkins on November 6 between 2:30 and 5:00 on the Boston Common. The truck will be there rain or shine. If you would like to learn more about the Mothers Out Front Downtown team and join with your neighbors to help the climate, you can email us at [info.ma.downtown.boston@mothersoutfront.org](mailto:info.ma.downtown.boston@mothersoutfront.org)

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# North End resident Teri Groome to be honored at ABCD Community Heroes Celebration

Special to the Review

On Friday, November 3 at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, ABCD will honor North End Teri Groome at Boston's most empowering event, the ABCD Community Heroes Celebration – who as a partner, collaborator, and leader uplifts underserved and under-represented people throughout Greater Boston and who advocates for social justice and equity in all its forms. Groome is among 18 nominated from across the region by ABCD neighborhood centers and programs for their selfless contribution of time, energy, expertise and compassion

Boston native Lawrence

O'Donnell, host of MSNBC's The Last Word, and Tennessee State Representative Justin J. Pearson of the "Tennessee Three" will engage in a keynote conversation during the gala. Ronald M. Drucker, President of The Druker Company Ltd. is chair of the dinner committee, and NBC 10's Glenn Jones will emcee the event.

According to ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler, advocating with and empowering underserved and under-represented communities is part of the organization's DNA. "Since our inception during the tumultuous 1960's, ABCD has blazed a trail in every aspect of anti-poverty and social justice work in Greater



Teri Groome.

Boston," she said. "Society is once again at a tipping point. This crucial conversation between leaders and advocates who use their platforms to forward the dialogue about social issues is vital, and it will bolster our 2023 Community Heroes who are on the frontlines making a difference in communities throughout Greater Boston and the Mystic Valley." Scott-Chandler continued, "I am proud and honored to recognize all of our 2023 Community Heroes. ABCD doesn't do this alone. Collaboration and community are at the core of our work and beliefs."

This is a crucial time in society, much like 1960's when ABCD became designated as Boston's anti-poverty agency. We've had two major adverse Supreme Court decisions in the past year, gun violence is still an almost daily occurrence, the U.S. House of Representatives has been historically shaken and 2024 is a critical election year. In its role as an advocate for community change and development, ABCD is hosting this keynote conversation to encourage and embolden those on the frontlines of social justice, and to help articulate how everyday people can lift their voices and become civically engaged to improve not only their communities, but society at large.

An entrepreneur and teacher, Teri Groom has long been dedicated to expanding opportunities and supporting underserved communities, as well as fostering the arts. For eight years she volunteered with Dress for Success Boston, and she now serves on the Board of Advisors at the Celebrity Series of Boston and is a member of its Racial Equity Committee, Patron Engagement Committee and Co-chair of the 2023 SHINE! Gala.

Dorchester native and Harvard College graduate Lawrence O'Donnell is the host of MSNBC's The Last Word. An Emmy Award-winning executive producer and writer for The West Wing, earlier in his career he served as senior advisor to Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-NY), chief of staff to the Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works and the Senate Finance Committee. O'Donnell is the author of Deadly Force and his writing has appeared in The New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times among others.

Representative Justin J. Pearson – one of the "Tennessee Three" – rose to prominence in April 2023 after being expelled from the Tennessee legislature along with another Black Democrat, Representative Justin Jones, following a peaceful protest for gun safety in response to a mass school shooting. Their shocking expulsion was possible due a disciplinary rule only used twice since the 1800's, while Representative

Gloria Johnson, who is white, was spared although she also participated in the peaceful protest.

Both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Jones were reinstated and went on to win the general election last summer.

Mr. Pearson also has roots in Boston. Upon graduation from Bowdoin College, he served as special assistant to the CEO at Year Up, a national workforce development nonprofit that focuses on social, racial and economic justice, and attended the Union United Church in the South End where he still Zooms services regularly. At the start of COVID, Mr. Pearson returned to Memphis and co-founded Memphis Community Against the Pipeline, a Black-led environmental justice organization that successfully defeated a multi-billion dollar crude oil pipeline project that would have poisoned Memphis's drinking water and stolen land from South Memphis residents. He is also President and founder of Memphis Community Against Pollution (MCAP).

Learn more about the 2023 Community Heroes Celebration here along with a complete list of the 2023 ABCD Community Heroes.



**The Massachusetts Department of Transportation  
invites you to attend  
In-Person Public Information Meetings  
for the  
North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project  
Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus  
545 Medford St, Charlestown, MA 02129  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.  
Nazzaro Community Center  
30 N Bennet St, Boston, MA 02113**

The purpose of these two meetings is to update the public on construction activities on the North Washington Street Bridge. During the meetings, MassDOT will provide an overview of the estimated project milestones, including when traffic will begin shifting onto the new bridge. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Both meetings will share the same information. MassDOT is hosting two meetings to accommodate everyone's schedules as much as possible.

All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested persons are invited to attend these meetings. There will be a presentation followed by a question-and-answer period. Spanish, Mandarin, and Cantonese interpreters will be available at the meeting held in Charlestown.

For more information and to sign up for project email updates, please visit the project website:  
<https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement>

Note: This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. MassDOT provides reasonable accommodations and/or language assistance free of charge upon request (e.g., interpreters in American Sign Language and languages other than English, live captioning, videos, assistive listening devices, and alternate material formats), as appropriate. For accommodation or language assistance, please contact MassDOT's Chief Diversity & Civil Rights Officer by phone at (857) 368-8580, Relay Service at 7-1-1, fax (857) 368-0602 or by email to MASSDOT.CivilRights@dot.state.ma.us. Requests should be made as soon as possible prior to the meeting, and for more intensive services including sign-language, language translation, and interpretation, requests should be made at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

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## In Brief

By Phil Orlandella

### NEWRA ELECTS OFFICER/CHANGES BYLAW

At its October monthly public meeting, at the Nazzaro Center, the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) members elected officers of the community non-profit organization, and voted to change a bylaw pertaining to election terms.

NEWRA changed an election bylaw limiting the president from serving more than two terms. A unanimous vote.

Elected offices were: Cheryl Del Greco President, Jenn Crampton Vice-President, Kirsten Hoffman Secretary, Gregory Heald Treasurer, and Gretchen Gallagher Sergeant at Arms.

Senator Lydia Edwards updated NEWRA regarding state budget legislation priorities. A public safety update was given by Boston Police Officer Frank Champa.

NEWRA's next meeting will be held Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 PM at the Nazzaro Center, 31 North Bennet Street.

### NEWNC SUPPORTS NEW EATERY

Members of the Wharf District Council presented an update of their Climate Resiliency Plan at the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) October meeting.

A proposal for a new Mediterranean Restaurant at 115 Salem Street was supported by the Council. The 32-seat restaurant will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner to go service. No delivery. The establishment has no liquor license.

### FOCCP QUARTERLY MEETING

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park's (FOCCP) quarterly meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 730 to 8:30 PM at the Mariners House, 11 North Square.

### FIRST ITALIAN AMERICAN HEALTH CENTER

Opening its doors in 1971, the

North End Community Health Center (NEW Health) was the first ever established Italian American Health Center in the country.

Located in the middle of the North End, the original mission, by a group of local residents, who were determined to secure an affordable and convenient place for healthcare for the prominently Italian neighborhood. Obviously, the mission was not impossible.

### ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrating Italian Heritage Month was time to reflect on the many contributions, history, arts and culture contributed by the Italian American community and their notable scholars that helped make America a great place it is to live, work, play and learning.

It's attribute to all Italian Americans that came to America seeking a better life and work hard to do so.

### NAZZARO CENTER RECEIVES LANDMARK STATUS

Four years of hard work and dedication by the Save the Nazzaro Building Committee and the North End Historical Society (NEHC) has finally become a reality as the structure was given a landmark status.

With major support from local residents, community organizations and elected officials the mission for a landmark destination became a reality.

Besides the land map status, the other good news recently came when Representative Aaron Michlewitz secured \$5 million in state funds for renovations of the old bathhouse with a condition that the building be used only for community services.

Two community organizations have expressed an interest in placing community related programming in the building.

Both the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and NEW Health made it public that they can provide community related programs and activities in the building if they are given the opportunity to do so.

### TRELLIS LIGHTING USHERS IN SEASON

A great way usher in the upcoming holiday season is to be a part of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) annual Trellis Lighting Ceremony held in the park.

The ceremony will start with opening remarks, quickly followed by the pulling of the switch at 5 PM, brightening up the park and sky with beautiful blue lighting. Quite a sight to see.

Many local residents usually join FOCCP members, elected officials and park goers attend the special evening that has become a traditional ceremony in the North End/Waterfront community and beyond.

### STAR MARKET WORKSHOP

Seniors at the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) located on Michelangelo Street, were part of a Star Market Pharmacy Workshop, that focused on medication, pharmacy information, immunization followed by Q + A.

Vaccines were available on site. Lunch was provided and the first 35 people that signed up for the workshop received a Start Market gift card.

### SAINT LEONARD'S DINNER DANCE

The original Saint Leonard's Church 150th anniversary dinner dance is expected to be a sellout.

Events will be held at the parish hall and Prince Street on Saturday: November 11 at 6 PM. There is limited seating (150). Tickets are \$65 and will be sold only in person on a first-come first basis.

The event will feature a buffet, songs from the 70's and 80's played by a DJ and a raffle will be held.

### CO-FOUNDER OF NEHS LIBRARY SPEAKER

The age-old question, "Is the North End Still Italian?" Was once again brought to light at the North End Library. North End Boston

University Master Lecturer and Co-Founder of the North End Historical Society, James Pasto, presented what "The North End means and what it means to be an Italian American in America today".

The talk focused on the changes that have taken place in the neighborhood since the early 1900's to the present time.

### REVIEW ONLINE

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In addition, stories and other information, pictures accepted, can be sent to regionalreview1945@gmail.com.

### YEAR OF THE DRAGON ART WORK COMING TO THE GREENWAY

In early 2024, the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy will install new public art the "Year of the Dragon" at Auntie Kay and Uncle Frank Chin Park, in collaboration with artist Ponnana Prakkam-kul.

Dragons, in Chinese mythology, are associated with rain, wind, bodies of water and protectors of the landscape.

Apparently, the history of The Greenway inspires the artist to visualize the 1.5 miles of The Greenway as a green Dragon that protects and brings joy to the neighborhood along the Boston Waterfront.

### CUTILLO PARK OPENING STALLED

Renovations at Cutillo Park are still ongoing due to weather problems that have set back the official opening of the park, but it appears the park will have an opening day ceremony.

Over the years Cutillo Park has had its share of problems dealing with drugs and alcohol use during evening hours.

Currently, there has been no reports of any of these problems occurring in the park or any signs that it will happen again once the public pack is reopened.

Police and residents working

together are encouraging people to call 911 immediately if they encounter any problems. They also cautioned not to take any action on their own if a problem exists, simply call 911.

Apparently, 6 m developers once they get the official okay and required documents to begin working creating a 135-room hotel on Cross Street will as committed donate \$100,000 for capital projects.

### LET'S MEET AT THE PARK SERIES

Friends of Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway held another successful social event highlighting the Dominican Republic, sharing immigrant experience and signature dishes from Las Palmas.

The monthly series builds community and cross-culture understanding while promoting active, healthy engaged living.

### YOU TOO CAN BE PARANOID

Author Robert Dinsmoor, local author and deadpan humorist, will speak at the North End Library on Wednesday, November 15 at 6 PM. Robert has written for MTV and Nickelodeon as well as several books of short stories combining horror and science fiction with humor (and a little hidden social commentary).

Dinsmoor's first short story collection, titled, Toxic Cookout, opens with a quote from iconic science writer Philip K. Dick: "Strange how paranoia can link up with reality now and then." Dinsmoor will read a few of his most "delightfully creepy" passages from his fiction, and answer any questions attendees may have about his writing and the writing process in general.

For more information concerning the Friends of the North End Library, .org. email, Info@FriendsNELibrary.

## Noble Journey (from pg. 1)

Nancy Schon, a world-renowned sculpture and private artist, most famous by the sculpture of "Make Way For Ducklings"

in the Boston Public Garden and "The Tortoise and the Hare" in Copley Square will design Noble Journey Sculpture.

To make donations visit North End Historical Society at [www.northendboston.org/donate](http://www.northendboston.org/donate), go to donate button then go to

Donate to Our Noble Journey Fund. Contributions can be made by check, PayPal, or credit card. Make checks out to, The North

End Historical Society, indicate Noble Journey Sculpture on the check and mail to PO Box 130512, Boston, MA 02113.

FOCCP FALL CELEBRATION A FUN-FILLED FAMILY EVENT

By Phil Orlandella

When it comes to presenting quality fun-filled family activities, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) has a

handle on it. FOCCP recently held its annual Fall Celebration with a daylong community under the trellis. The free, well attended celebration, began with a great spooky

Halloween parade through the park with children dressed in Halloween costumes. Singing and dancing with Doc McStuffins and Brobee from You Gabba Gabba kept the children busy. Participants were treated to a magic show, balloon twisting, a storyteller and a giant balloon display. The event was made possible by FOCCP members, community residents and by businesses and organizations including Greater Boston Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Boston Harbor City Cruises, Joe's Waterfront Tavistock, Marriott Long Wharf and Boston Parks Department.



GERRI PALLADINO PHOTOS

Faisal and his spider.



Beautiful sand art.



Crafts are a family affair.



Bruce Making Magic Bubbles.



Eastern Massachusetts Girl Scouts led the parade.



City Councilor Gigi Colleta joined Rita Pagluica, Joanne Hayes-Rines, Greg Marengi and Ann Babbitt.

## FOCCP FALL CELEBRATION A FUN FILLED-FAMILY EVENT



*Eva is the perfect Minnie Mouse.*



*FOCCP Members Laura Benvenuto and Pat Gowdy had as much fun as the kids.*



*Giulia and her eyebrowed pumpkin.*



*What family fun day would be complete without reptiles? Shown above, a child pets Natasha, the Russian Tortoise.*



*A large crowd gathers for Peter's Magic Show.*



*Lionel, Tyler and the haystacks.*

## NEWS FROM OLD NORTH CHURCH By Phil Orlandella

A ten-month restoration and preservation crypt project at the Old North Church and Historic Site has been completed.

In partnership with the National Parks Service, the project also included extensive repointing and brick preservation, along with archaeological research. Archaeologist work on and throughout the project, observing the contents of each tomb and documented the findings without disturbing the burials.

The crypts below Boston's oldest active church, contains 37 tombs which were used for burials from 1732 to 1872.

While the crypts are no longer used for new burials, the church said, "There is still work done underground."

The crypt is the final resting place for about 1,100 individuals.

The first longest serving minister Reverend Timothy Culter and Captain Samuel Nicholson,

Commander on the USS Constitution, are a few of the notables buried in the crypt.

### Saint Francis Chapel

Built in 1913, St. Francis Chapel is located next to the church and shares status as a national landmark and is named for St. Francis who lived in Italy from 1181 to 1226 and revered for his love of nature.

Each year, the church, in honor of the saints, hosts, "The Blessing of the Animals" in the courtyard at the historic site.

Born to wealth and privilege, he preferred a life of poverty and simplicity and build a chapel in 1918 as an Italian missionary to meet the needs of thousands of Protestant Italian immigrants living in the communities adjacent to the church.

In the 1950's, the chapel became the home of the Old North Church. Many of the chap-

el's architectural features remain in the shop and his statue stands in the garden behind the building.

### Pipe Organ 100<sup>th</sup> Tuning

Built in 1759, the pipe organ at the church has been a focal point in the church's sanctuary for nearly three centuries.

Anthems from the organ have played an invaluable role in the congregation's church services and its melodies have graced the ears of American Presidents, the Queen of England and millions of visitors.

One man, or for the past 25 years, Stefan Maier, of Stefan Maier Tracker Organs, has been responsible for keeping the organ pitched and cleaning its pipes.

Maier 62, for an estimated time of 100 turnings of the historical instruments, has tuned and cleaned the organ piece is which plays a music integral role in Sunday services at the church.

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# Boston Police celebrate graduation of new recruits

Special to the Review

The Boston Police Department (BPD) celebrated the graduation of the most diverse class of recruits from the Police Academy. Class 63-23 spent 29 weeks training in physical, tactical, and classroom activities. Additionally, for the first time, the recruits received language access training. The Boston Police Department and the Office of Language and Communications Access (LCA) partnered to embed robust language access training into the Boston Police Academy so the new officers are able to serve all residents regardless of the language they speak. This training helps ensure the City of Boston’s workforce is trained to be cul-

turally competent, bolsters trust with community, and eliminates barriers to access to resources and services for Boston residents.

The first half of the language access training provided an overview of the City’s language and communications policy, the City’s language standards, and the responsibility of all departments to ensure all residents have access to City services and resources. The second half of the training outlined the specific steps officers will take to assist constituents in need of interpretation over the phone or through the City’s video remote interpretation, an instantaneous interpretation service provided on a webcam-enabled device for languages such as American

Sign Language. Language access training was also offered to Boston Police cadets.

“This is one of the largest and most diverse classes of BPD recruits the City has welcomed, with 134 new police officers ready to serve and protect our communities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I’m thankful for the leadership of Commissioner Cox, Academy staff, and all the community partners who helped train these officers. Most of all I’m grateful to this newest class of Boston Police officers focused on building trust and community throughout our neighborhoods.”

“This recruit class truly represents the City that they will be swearing an oath to serve and protect,” said Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox. “Not just in race, ethnicity, and culture; but in lived experience and commitment to serving all communities with fairness and respect. Congratulations to the class of Class 63-23 for the tremendous hard work and sacrifice that it took to become Boston Police Officers.”

The graduating class totals 133 recruits. The class is the most diverse class yet, over 60 percent of graduates are people of color. Fifty nine of the recruits

speak another language other than English, representing 16 other languages. Additionally, the recruit class includes the first Somali officers and an officer who is hard of hearing. The new officers include 18 who served in the military, with 14 veterans who served in the National Guard, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy, or U.S. Marine Corps.

As part of their academy training, recruits volunteered at and attended several community events, working directly with the constituents they will serve. They attended community meetings, recreational programming with youth and older Bostonians, park openings, welcomed students to schools, and visited houses of worship. The recruits’ engagement in community underscores BPD’s intentionality about training officers in community policing to build trust with residents and be culturally knowledgeable.

“Boston has over 105,000 residents who identify as speaking a Language other than English (LOTE) and needing language assistance. Our office’s citywide efforts to make systemic change are only possible through these intentional partnerships across departments that focus on integrating language and communi-

cations access at the forefront of each and every program,” said Jeniffer Vivar Wong, Director of Language and Communications Access. “The Boston Police Department’s commitment serves as a model for implementing language access throughout the City’s departments to eliminate barriers to city services for our residents. This work also couldn’t have been possible without the hard work and dedication from the LCA team, especially Robbie Adams, Florence Glynn, Gayana Daniel and Felida Milhomme.”

Beyond the work with the Boston Police Department, LCA has also collaborated with other departments to ensure their front-facing programs and initiatives are in compliance with the City’s language standards. Currently, the office of Emergency Management has one of the largest multilingual text alert systems and is available in Boston’s top 11 languages. The Mayor’s Office of Housing provides multilingual forms and the Disability Commission’s ADA grievance complaints are also translated into 11 languages. Residents can call BOS:311 and request an interpreter over the phone or use the BOS:311 app available in the City’s top 11 languages.



The graduating class of new recruits is sworn into the Boston Police Department during a ceremony held recently.

## NEAA SOCCER (from pg. 8)

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6-8 McGovern Auto Group GREEN Coach Sarah Duncan Coach Dave Connlley Coach Kurt Ronan Abigail Kendall Charlotte Fredette Dante Dean Dylan Ronan Larkin Cooney Maren Connolly Max Hayek Max McGovern Sebastian LaRandeau Will McGovern William Kendall	6-8 Orzo CHARCO AL Coach Robert Saklatvala Coach Lindsay Mahoney Coach Michael Saxe Aliza Engel Dasha Dean Ella Saxe Graydon Jackson Harrison Mahoney Jack Harrington Luciano Dechiario Margot Saklatvala Max Harrington Maya Blake Rodney Almkhlef	6-8 B's Club PURPLE Coach Tom Ryan Coach Sean Drummy Coach Jose Truzman Achille Bettanti Ana Truzman Andrew Drummy Henry Trahon Jack Sullivan Leanna Crampton Luke Marci Pearl Keefe Tevel Kadosh Smith Weston Keefe William Ryan	9-12 Casa Amici NAVY Coach Michael D'Elia Coach Nate Crampton Aiden Carpenter David Carroll Friede Jacob Giulia Midiri Imran El jamia Jack Hennelly Lenore Crampton Liam Caracciolo Nicholas Anderson Oliver Binns Paolo Tizzano Ryan Nehill	9-12 Knights of Columbus PURPLE Coach Ignacio Gomez Coach Sarah Duncan Domenic Danna Gianluca DeMarco Hudson Walker John Fahy Milania Perez Naia Manchanda Parker Watson Santiago Gomez Silvia Bucci Thomas Kelley Vihaan Singh
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# USPS, Inspection Service continue nationwide effort to crack down on postal crimes

Special to the Review

The U.S Postal Service (USPS) and U.S. Postal Inspection Service (Inspection Service) provided an update on their Project Safe Delivery campaign to crack down on postal crimes, including attacks against postal employees. Announced in May 2023, Project Safe Delivery is a USPS initiative to combat the recent rise in threats and attacks on letter carriers and mail theft incidents by protecting Postal employees and the security of the nation's mail and packages. Multiple departments within USPS, including the Inspection Service, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, and the Office of the Chief Retail and Delivery Officer are working together to support the ongoing campaign. To help strengthen this effort, the Inspection Service has also significantly increased monetary rewards for information leading to the arrest or conviction of a perpetrator of postal crimes.

“As our nation continues to address a sustained crime wave, our targeted focus to crack down on postal crime is progressing,” said Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer Louis DeJoy. “The safety of our letter carriers — and all postal employees — is our top priority. We will continue to work steadfastly with our law enforcement partners to increase the safety of our employees and protect the sanctity of the nation’s mail.”

“We have effectively focused our efforts with USPS on hardening both physical and digital targets to combat threats to postal employees and secure the mail. We continue to turn up the pressure and put potential perpetrators on notice; If you attack Postal employees, steal the mail, or commit other postal crimes, Postal Inspectors will bring you to justice,” said Chief Postal Inspector Gary Barksdale. “We ask that the public assist us with our mission. Our rewards for information have increased substantially, highlighting the importance of the safety and security of our employees and the mail. If you see something, say something, and help us bring to justice those that cause harm to postal employees, steal mail, or commit other postal crimes.”

## Project Safe Delivery Progress To Date

Since the launch of Project Safe Delivery in May 2023, the Postal Service and Inspection Service have taken the following actions to address postal crime nationwide:

- Law Enforcement Surges Completed In Chicago, San Francisco, Ohio; More than 600 Individuals Arrested for Postal Crimes. Postal inspectors completed a series of targeted law enforcement surges in Chicago, San Francisco, and cities across Ohio, major metropolitan regions facing significant threats from organized postal crime. Each operation used wide-ranging law enforcement partnerships including with the Department of Justice, Postal Service Office of the Inspector General, other federal agencies, and local law enforcement. Postal Inspectors conducted more than 700 investigative actions, including the execution of arrests and other court authorized law enforcement activities and more than 375 prevention activities, including presentations to postal employees on employee safety and mail theft prevention.

Since May, the Inspection Service has made 109 arrests for robberies and more than 530 arrests for mail theft. The Inspection Service will continue to collaborate with local, state, and federal law enforcement and conduct targeted surge operations focusing on those high postal crime areas.

- 10,000 High-Security Blue Collection Boxes Installed Nationwide. The Postal Service is installing high-security blue collection boxes making access to their contents more difficult for criminals. Since May, over 10,000 high-security blue boxes have been deployed in high-security risk areas.

The Postal Service will continue to evaluate replacing additional existing blue collection boxes with these enhanced boxes and anticipates installing several thousand more boxes in the near future. In specific locations where a blue box is a repeated crime target and/or mail density is very low, collection boxes may have to be removed entirely when access is not meaningfully diminished due to nearby access points.

- Ongoing Replacement of Antiquated Arrow Locks with 49,000 Electronic Locks. There has been an increase in letter carrier robberies nationwide where criminals are targeting letter carriers for their Arrow and Modified Arrow Lock (MAL) Keys. Criminals use Arrow and MAL keys to steal mail from secure mail receptacles to commit financial crimes, including altering checks to commit check fraud. To make Arrow Keys less valuable for criminals, the Postal Service has replaced more than 6,500 antiquated arrow locks with

electronic locks in select cities. In coming months, the Postal Service plans to deploy an additional 42,500 electronic locks nationwide. The Postal Service and the Postal Inspection Service are also increasing Arrow Key accountability reviews in select high Postal crime areas.

- 99.3% Reduction In Fraudulent Change of Address Submissions After Implementation of Electronic- and In-Person Authentication Procedures. The Postal Service processed more than 29 million change of address (COA) transactions in Fiscal Year 2023. Across the globe identity theft is on the rise driven by a financial motive. The Postal Service is not the intended target, however implicated due to the fraudster intercepting financially oriented mail such as credit cards or checks. To combat the rise in fraudulent submissions, the Postal Service has strengthened authentication processes for all methods of COA submissions, electronic and hardcopy submitted in person or through the mail stream.

Since expanding enhanced in-person change of address protocols and implementing additional identity verification services for online change of addresses, fraudulent submissions have decreased by more than 99.3% compared to the same period last year.

- 50% Reduction in Counterfeit Package Postage In Postal Network Due to Increased Controls and Enforcement. The Postal Service is committed to protecting the integrity and security of the mail system and ensuring that customers receive the service they pay for. Customers are urged to use only authorized and legitimate labels for their packages, and to report any suspicious or fraudulent labels to the USPS or the Inspection Service. Customers who use counterfeit or hijacked labels may face legal consequences and lose their mailing privileges.

The USPS has developed a sophisticated system to identify, intercept and retain counterfeit or hijacked labels on packages, using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analysis. Since the start of the interception program, counterfeit package postage in the postal network has significantly reduced by more than 50%. In May, analysis conducted by the Inspection Service led to the arrest of a Chinese-national in Los Angeles for running an alleged counterfeit postage scheme and shipping more than 9 million pieces of mail with \$60 million in counterfeit postage.

The Inspection Service continues to expand actions to crack down on fraudulent postage including:

- Interdictions of packages with counterfeit labels affixed
- Reviews of shipments on Postal Service docks and during warehouse outreach visits
- Shut down of websites and closure of eCommerce accounts selling counterfeit postage
- Engagement and partnership with eCommerce companies to disrupt activity
- Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collaboration

## Increased Monetary Rewards

The Inspection Service is authorized to issue monetary rewards for certain types of offenses against the United States Postal Service. The agency along with its partners has enacted regulatory changes to reflect increased monetary reward amounts for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. Relevant criminal behavior includes homicide, assault, mail fraud, mail theft, counterfeiting and forgery, and destroying, obstructing, or limiting the passage of mail.

In August, the Inspection Service increased monetary rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator of mail crime. See the inset chart for examples of some of the increased

(USPS Pg. 11)

USPS MONETARY REWARDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF A PERPETRATOR OF MAIL CRIME* (Effective August 21, 2023)		
Offenses Against USPS Employees/Contractors		
Murder or Manslaughter of a Postal Service Employee or Contractor	\$250,000	The unlawful killing of any officer, employee, or contractor of the Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties.
Assault on Postal Employees	\$150,000	Forcibly assaulting any officer or employee of the Postal Service while engaged in or on account of the performance of his or her official duties.
Robbery	\$150,000	Robbery or attempted robbery of any custodian of any mail, money, or other property of the United States under the control and jurisdiction of the Postal Service.
Offenses Involving Theft of Mail or USPS Property		
Burglary Of Post Office	\$100,000	Breaking into, or attempting to break into, a Post Office, station, branch, a building used wholly or partly as a Post Office, or any building or area in a building where the business of the Postal Service is conducted, with intent to commit a larceny or other depredation therein.
Theft Of Mail Or Postal Service Property	\$100,000	Theft or attempted theft of any mail, or the contents thereof, or the theft of money or any other property of USPS under the custody and control of the Postal Service from any custodian, postal vehicle, railroad depot, airport, or other transfer point, Post Office, or station, receptacle, or depository established, approved, or designated by the Postmaster General for the receipt of mail; possession of any item above which was stolen from Postal Service custody; or destroying, obstructing, or retarding the passage of mail, or any carrier or conveyance carrying the mail.
Postage Or Meter Tampering	\$100,000	The unlawful use, reuse, or forgery of postage stamps, postage meter stamps, permit imprints, or other postage; or the use, sale, or possession with intent to use or sell any used, forged, or counterfeited postage stamp or other postage.
* Reflects select rewards. Read the full list of increased monetary rewards online at the USPS website.		

# Lindsey Santana named Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services

Special to the Review

Mayor Michelle Wu announced Lindsey Santana as a new Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) The Office of Neighborhood Services plays an integral role in connecting residents to City services and resources, facilitating resident input in all aspects of local government, ensuring the appropriate City departments respond to constituent service requests, attending neighborhood meetings, and responding to emergencies such as fires to help displaced residents. “I’m thrilled these two accomplished leaders are joining our

Office of Neighborhood Services. Lindsey knows every corner of City Hall and leads with compassion and expertise,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Lydia has a proven track record of advocating on behalf of South Boston families and building community. I look forward to working with both of them to better address the daily concerns of our residents.”

Santana started her career in City Hall as a Community Project and Marketing Coordinator for the Office of Public Service, which is now known as the Mayor’s Office of Civic Organizing. She later became the Jamaica Plain liaison in ONS and served in that role for two years. Santana



Lindsey Santana. has also served as Community Engagement Manager for the

Environment Department and most recently served as the Chief of Staff for City Councilor Brian Worrell.

“Lindsey’s return to the Office of Neighborhood Services is a win for the team,” said Community Engagement Cabinet Chief Brianna Millor. “Her background as a former neighborhood liaison and her experience in local government makes her fit to be an effective leader to support our neighborhood liaisons in delivering impactful constituent services.”

In her new role within the Office of Neighborhood Services, Santana will build on the Office’s work to provide essential services

to constituents and work towards deepening the City’s relationship with local businesses, organizations, and residents. She currently resides in Brighton and is pursuing her Master’s in Public Relations at Boston University.

“I am excited to contribute my knowledge and expertise to make the Office of Neighborhood Services stronger than it has ever been,” said Office of Neighborhood Services Deputy Director Lindsey Santana. “As the deputy director, I will empower liaisons to continue to be motivated leaders that deliver excellent constituent services for our neighborhoods.”

## USPS (from pg. 10)

monetary rewards.

### Action the American Public Can Take To Help Prevent Mail Theft

Customers can take several steps to protect their mail and their letter carriers, including:

- Don’t let incoming or outgoing mail sit in your mailbox.

You can significantly reduce the chance of being victimized by simply removing your mail from your mailbox every day.

- Deposit outgoing mail through a number of secure manners including inside your local Post Office or at your place of business or by handing it to a letter carrier.

- Sign up for Informed Delivery and get daily digest emails that preview your mail and packages scheduled to arrive soon.

- Become involved and engaged in your neighborhood via neighborhood watches and local social media groups to spread awareness and share information.

- Keep an eye out for your

letter carrier. If you see something that looks suspicious, or you see someone following your carrier, call 911.

Customers are encouraged to report stolen mail as soon as possible by submitting an online complaint to the Postal Inspection Service at [www.uspis.gov/report](http://www.uspis.gov/report) or calling 877-876-

2455. Additionally, individuals are encouraged to report allegations of Postal Service employee misconduct, including attempts to corrupt a Postal Service employee, to the USPS OIG at 1-888-877-7644 or [www.uspsoig.gov](http://www.uspsoig.gov).

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304  
Docket No. SU23P2346GD  
Suffolk Probate and Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 788-8300  
In the matter of: Vincent DiGregorio, Jr.  
Of: Boston, MA  
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Vincent DiGregorio, Jr.

is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Jessica Libby of Milton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/28/2023. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken

in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 27, 2023  
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THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT  
Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
24 New Chardon Street  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU23P2097EA  
Estate of: Eberhard Stiegele  
Also known as: Eberhard K O Stiegele  
Date of Death: 12/19/2022  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Olympia L. Stiegele 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: Olympia L. Stiegele 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 11/24/2023. 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 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. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised ad ministration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 13, 2023  
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Of: Boston, MA  
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Vincent DiGregorio, Jr. is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jes-

sica Libby of Milton, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 11/28/2023. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance,

you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 27, 2023  
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# Prestigious Position

## Sen. Edwards sworn in as JAG in Massachusetts Army National Guard

By Cary Shuman

Sen. Lydia Edwards was sworn in Monday, Oct. 30 as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

Edwards continues her family's outstanding tradition of military service that began with her mother, Retired Master Sergeant Bridgett Edwards, who enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1971 and served with distinction for 23 years.

Lydia Edwards is a graduate of American University's Washington School of Law.

Her formal title will be First Lt. Lydia Marie Edwards of the Massachusetts Army National Guard.



Sen. Lydia Edwards, pictured at the reception following her commissioning ceremony as a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

"As a Judge Advocate General (also known as attorney), I will have the honor to serve and advocate on behalf of those who serve our country," said Edwards, who will continue in her position as state senator in the First Suffolk and Middlesex District that includes East Boston.

Following are some background facts and personal observations from Sen. Edwards on her prestigious position as a JAG in the Massachusetts Army National Guard:

### Her Background

"I was born on St. Patrick Air Force Base in Florida and lived 'on base' at various locations mostly in Florida, two bases in England, and KI Sawyer Air Force Base in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan until I was about 15 years old.

"Base is a small bubble, but it amounts to an entire ecosystem and culture of service. Everyone on base is there to serve. My mom had two girls to raise, and we didn't want for a babysitter, helping hand, or rides home. I am forever grateful to those adults who helped us. I want to give a special shout-out to the base wives. They really connected with my mom and helped her."

### The reasons for her decision

"I think it's normal for people to do what their parents did. I had interviewed for the JAG while in law school and took an offer from a law firm in Boston. I always wondered about the opportunity I had given up. I actually made it to a second round with JAG. Then I met Sen. John Velis and Sen. Mike Rush.

I learned they were very much serving the country and commonwealth. I started the 18-month process soon thereafter. I was 'old' and needed a waiver. I had support from Council President Ed Flynn, Mayor Michelle Wu, former Gov. Charlie Baker, and various attorney supervisors from my past that could speak to my legal chops.

I chose the Army because of the comradery and excitement of the people I met. I talked with Hank Naughton, a former state representative, and Jerry Parisella, a current state representative. Both served as Army JAG attorneys.

The National Guard is something special. At its very essence is the concept of the citizen soldier. The person who lives an everyday normal life but when the country calls, you respond. The Guard is often called during natural disasters and was recently called to respond to the migrant crisis. Many of the soldiers deploy to various locations as well. At each major point, a JAG officer is there to provide legal advice to a commanding officer or to directly represent soldiers (such as writing wills). This aspect really spoke to me. I am essentially a legal services attorney for soldiers.

I also deeply believe in civil liberties and that everyone including soldiers should have the right to due process. JAG has defense and prosecutorial aspects. Soldiers are people who need help. Some need to fight to keep their jobs as their civilian employer may not want to hear about you deploying for several months. Some need advice on family matters such as divorce, adoption etc. Some soldiers have committed horrible crimes and



U.S. Air Force Ret. Master Sergeant Bridgett Edwards is pictured with her two outstanding daughters, Sen. Lydia Edwards, and UTEP Professor Erika Edwards.

need a defense attorney."

### What's next?

"Well, I have been to drill already. I will continue to go once a month and two weeks a year. I will continue to be East Boston's senator and advocate on Beacon Hill. I won't be alone with Sen. John Velis (Major -MA NG) and Sen Mike Rush (Commander US Navy) already in the State House.

### Colleagues offer their congratulations to Sen. Edwards

Colleagues in government of Sen. Lydia Edwards extended their congratulatory wishes on becoming a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Following are their remarks:

#### State Rep. Adrian Madaro

"I congratulate Senator Edwards on becoming a Judge Advocate General in the Massachusetts

Army National Guard. This is a wonderful accomplishment and an amazing way to continue her mother's legacy of service in the Armed Forces."

#### State Rep. Jessica Giannino

"Senator Edwards is a shining example of a strong woman who is continuing a family legacy of military service. I wish her all the best in this journey, and I know that she will bring the same commitment she brings to the State House to our soldiers."

#### State Rep. Jeff Turco

"Congratulations and best wishes to Lt. Lydia Edwards. From the first time I met Lydia, she has always spoken so well and admirably of her mother's service in the U.S. Armed Forces. As she joins the ranks of the Massachusetts National Guard as a JAG office, she honors her mom and all of us."



From left, BHA Administrator Kenzie Bok, Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune, Winthrop Town Councilor Hannah Belcher, guest of honor, Sen. Lydia Edwards, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Rep. Jay Livingstone, Boston City Councilor Frank Baker, Sheriff Steve Tomkins, and Rep. Jeff Turco.

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