

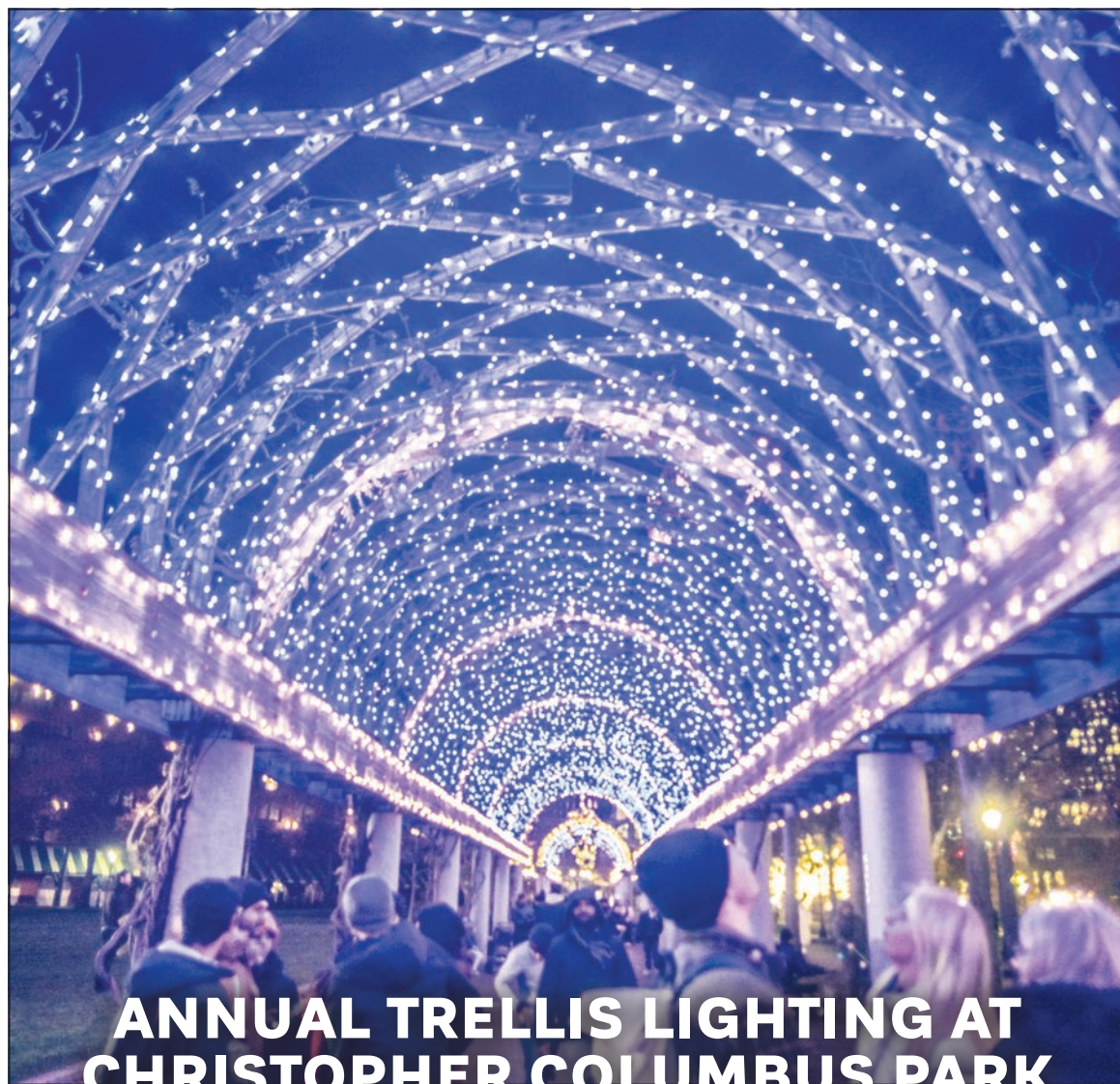


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ANNUAL TRELLIS LIGHTING AT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK

An overflow crowd of more than 1,200 people filled Christopher Columbus Park on Monday, Nov. 20, and braved the weather to celebrate the 21st Annual Trellis Lighting. Mayor Michelle Wu, with the help of neighborhood children, flipped the

switch to turn on the 50,000 blue lights that will brighten the nights through mid-April.

"It is the amazing generosity and support of neighborhood businesses and neighbors that have enabled the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park to create the mag-

ical winter wonderland of blue lights for 21 years," says FOCCP President Joanne Hayes-Rines. "The winter trellis has become an iconic image of Boston and we will again transform it into the

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DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS

Shown top: The trellis at Christopher Columbus Park is lit for the Holiday Season. Shown bottom: Boston Mayor Michelle Wu along with civic leaders and elected officials, including Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Councilor Ruthzee Louijuene and Councilor Gabriela Coletta as well as a multitude of young Bostonians, flip the switch to turn on the trellis lights. See more photos on Pages 6 through 8.

North Washington Street Bridge nearing completion

By Regional Review Staff

The end of construction seems to be coming into sight for the new North Washington Street Bridge. The project that has taken several years, and is years beyond the original completion date, is entering a significant milestone when vehicular pedestrian traffic will be relocated from the temporary bridge to the permanent bridge on the east side by next Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023.

Department of Transportation official John Romano announced the news at the November meeting of the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council.

DOT officials laid out the work that has been completed by November 2023 that include:

- Cracked welds repaired
- All structural steel is installed
- Waterproofing of the bridge deck

- 100% of concrete deck placements are completed

- 100% of the permanent utilities are installed and completed

- Most concrete sidewalks are

completed

The upcoming work to be completed in December 2023, includes:

- Vehicular and pedestrian traffic will move from the temporary bridge to the east side of the permanent bridge.

- The left turn land inbound to Commercial Street off the bridge will remain open.

- Demolition and removal of the temporary bridge to begin once all traffic has been shifted to the new bridge.

- Lovejoy Walkway beneath the bridge will not be constructed or open until the end of the project in Fall 2024.

- The new bridge will be fully open to traffic, pedestrians and bicyclists in December 2024 with a project closeout in March, 2025.

District 1 Councilor Gabriela Coletta after the meeting said, "I'm pleased to see incremental progress and graduation from the use of the temporary bridge. I'll still be advocating for the safety of all pedestrians, cyclists, and

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Bouna Sera event raises \$50,000

By Phil Orlandella

Bouna Sera: An Evening with Friends, as it has been in the past, was a totally successful fundraising event netting \$50,000 for low income and senior clients of ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, that offers many activities and events throughout the year.

A wine reception began the evening at WilmerHale, followed by a great dinner at many North End restaurants, including Artu, Antico

Forno, Assaggio, Arya Trattoria, Boston Sail Loft, Cantina Italiano, LaFamiglia Giorgio's, L'Osteria, Ristorante Euno, Ristorante Fiore and Ristorante Saraceno.

Local elected officials join the guests at each table along with many other celebrities and city department officials. Senator Lydia Edwards, Counselor Gabriela Coletta and Representative Jay Livingstone mingled and had conversation with those seated at each table.

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times."
-- Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by the after-effects of record-high inflation, continues to afflict almost every American household, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to unemployment rates that are near historically record-lows.

However, the strong economy (from an employment standpoint) that is being enjoyed by the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job. To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our recent history. One in eight households (12.8 percent) experience food insecurity, defined as the lack of access to an affordable, nutritious diet. An estimated 44.2 million Americans live in these households. A recent Feeding America survey found that 80% of network food banks reported either increased or steady demand for emergency food services, with almost 35% of responding food banks reporting an increase in the number of people they serve.

In addition, thanks to the lack of affordable new housing and sky-high rents, far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because our economy literally has left them out in the cold. Millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable. This dichotomy is most evident and acute in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and right here in Boston (most notably at the infamous Mass. and Cass intersection in the South End). Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless Americans, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what exists in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunities in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate, whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even just dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas.

There simply is no excuse for those of us who are among the more fortunate for failing to make some effort over the next four weeks to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

GUEST OP-ED

Bay Staters deserve opportunities to build a better financial future

By State Reps. Jeffrey Rosario Turco and
Francisco E. Paulino

Whether you grew up in Revere, Winthrop, Lawrence, Brighton, or Boston, every community in the Commonwealth values kitchen-table issues; an honest day's work, safe streets, affordable homes, good schools, access to quality and affordable healthcare, and the ability to earn a good living and save for the future.

Just last month, we were able to pass a historic Tax Relief Bill which will make the Commonwealth more affordable, competitive and equitable by putting real dollars directly back into the pockets of hardworking Bay Staters. Whether it's by increasing the child and dependent tax credit for families or lowering the capital gains tax so folks see more of their money when they invest in their Robinhood or Fidelity accounts, this legislation will provide immediate relief and opportunities for working class people fighting hard every day to make a living.

There's more work to be done. It's no secret that for much of this country's history, the financial system has been largely closed off to most Americans. Teachers, plumbers, steamfitters, steelworkers, nurses, members of the military, and men and women in uniform simply have not always had the same opportunities to save and build wealth as the one percent.

Until recently, owning

stocks was largely reserved for older, wealthy, and less diverse Americans, including those with the means to pay a financial professional to do it for them. Fortunately, recent innovations aimed at empowering a new age of investors tore down these barriers, reshaped our financial system, and paved the way for a massive influx of new investors into the stock market. These millions of new investors are younger, more diverse, and come from every community and every part of the country, including hundreds of thousands of people right here in Massachusetts.

Not only did this transformative shift expand access to the stock market for an entirely new generation of Americans, it has made finance and investing more approachable and relevant to millions of people who had previously avoided it because of its intimidating and exclusive nature. Today, technology has democratized investing with easy-to-use, low-cost mobile platforms like Robinhood that for the first time provide tools allowing ordinary Americans to save a little more, make a few extra dollars in income, and invest in great American companies they believe in, including companies that are based here in the Commonwealth. These new platforms have not only simplified the act of purchasing a stock, they've increased the overall relevance and interest

in personal finance. Whether it's through podcasts, newsletters, or in-app education modules, these platforms are using technology to communicate with and educate investors, making financial literacy more accessible by breaking-down complex concepts such as compounding and dollar cost averaging, as well as the differences between a traditional and Roth IRA and the implications of a 'wash sale' or capital gains.

We must encourage these platforms, who are uniquely positioned, with their reach and resources, to continue prioritizing financial literacy with the understanding that developing a new generation of informed investors will lead them to a more sustainable financial future. We also need to promote sound policies that will help keep these new investors involved for the long-term while protecting them from fraud and abuse. Unfortunately, recent efforts by financial regulators are threatening to throw these new investors right back out of the markets. At both the state and federal levels, securities regulators are considering new rules that, while intended to protect investors, would strike at the very heart of the online model most prefer to use to invest today. These rules could even make it impossible for financial providers to use the very same innovative technologies that

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have brought millions into the stock market in the first place. And they are likely to disproportionately harm those underserved populations that for decades have been told they aren't smart enough or wealthy enough to invest.

We reject this narrative, as do many of our colleagues. We've personally spoken to our neighbors – construction workers in Lawrence, firefighters in Revere, cab drivers around Boston, and the staff here in the State House – many of whom tell us that they feel

more empowered and equipped than ever before to make their own financial decisions. These are normal people who don't necessarily have the resources, the need, or the desire to completely turn the management of their finances over to expensive professionals. Instead, they've gravitated toward affordable and easy-to-use mobile platforms that allow them to take a more hands-on approach in managing their finances. These investors deserve strong, sensible regulations that protect them from

fraud and abuse, but they also deserve the opportunity to participate fully in our financial system and achieve the American dream. We will continue to fight in the State House for policies that give our communities both.

Jeffrey Rosario Turco, Esq., is a State Representative, and represents the 19th Suffolk District and Francisco E. Paulino, is a State Representative, and represents the 16th Essex District.

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"This event continues to exceed our expectations, thanks in no small part to Becky Mattson, Principal of Sagebrook Development who has served as Buona Sera's fundraising chair since 2011, as well as the new support of Kaitlyn McCarthy, Founder and Owner of Iconic Development," NSC Acting Director, Julie Powers said.



ABCD President and CEO Sharon Scott-Chandler with Age Strong Commissioner Emily Shea.



Chief Arthur Jemison BPDA Delivers Keynote Address.

The 11th annual Buona Sera fundraiser was held just in time to provide holiday meal baskets, turkey, or gift cards and other assistance to seniors.

"We are enthusiastically heading up preparations for year 12," Powers noted.



L-R Becky Kaitlin McCarthy Ionic, Development; Becky Mattson, Sagebrook Development and NE WE NSC Fundraising Chair; Chief Arthur Jemison, BPDA.

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IN BRIEF

By Phil Orlandella

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE HATS AND GLOVES DRIVE

For many years, the Friends of St. Francis House, endeavor to collect new hats and gloves is once again underway.

Partnering with Greenway

Reality Group, 169 Salem Street, the drive is currently doing well and it is expected to be bigger and better than past years.

If you can't get out to a store to purchase these items, the Friends will do it for you. Just drop-off a check or cash to the Realty Group.

Cash donations can be made by Venmo@PatriciaRomano-24.

YEAR OF THE DRAGON ART COMING TO THE GREENWAY

There are so many things to do

when visiting the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Recently, the Conservancy announced a new public art installation, "Year of the Dragon" which will debut in early 2024, in collaboration with artist Ponnappa Parkkamakul.

This event is available with a donation of any amount to support Old North Illuminated's educational programs.

To register visit: www.oldnorth.com/events.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE

Friends of the North and Library will host its free annual Holiday Open House at the library on Parmenter Street.

The seasonal event has been an enjoyable activity for the community, with great food, music and a 50/50 raffle on Saturday, December 9 from 11 AM to 1 PM.

FONE CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER

Friends of the North End (FONE) is conducting its fourth annual Christmas fundraiser to help support various charitable organizations within the North End.

The group is asking its membership and others to support the fundraiser that will be distributed to many local organizations that make a difference in the community.

Some of the groups that will benefit from the fundraiser are: NEMPAC, Bill Faria Scholarship Fund, Saint Leonard Church, N.E. Historical Society, Nazzaro Center, Friends of the North End Library, West End Museum, NE/WE Community Center, Friends of St. Francis Society and NEW Health.

Checks should be made out to: Sammy Visconti and mailed to 80 Haystack Road, Reading, MA 01867.

Donations accepted until December 16, 2023.

POSSIBLE NEW SCULPTURE FOR PEACE GARDEN

A replica, "The Journey Sculpture" by 2024, will be installed at Saint Leonard Church Peace Garden on Hanover Street in the North End.

The sculpture, a bronze replica of the gateway from the boats that brought Italians and others from Italy and Europe from the 1850s-1920s has been proposed by the Friends of the North End (FONE) and the North End Historical Society (NEHS).

Designed by Nancy Schon who sculptured "Make Way for Ducklings" in Boston Common and "The Tortoise and Hare" in Copley Square will be a gift to current and former North End

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The Massachusetts Department of Transportation

invites you to attend a

In-Person Public Information Meeting

for the

Richmond Street Bridge Preservation Project

Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
Nazzaro Community Center

30 N Bennet St, Boston, MA 02113

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the public with the opportunity to become fully acquainted with the proposed Richmond Street Bridge Preservation project. All views and comments made at the meeting will be reviewed and considered to the maximum extent possible.

The project is scheduled to begin in April 2025. During construction there will be parking restrictions and a 6-week full closure of Richmond Street between Fulton Street and North Street. Pedestrian access will be maintained on one side of Richmond Street at all times and access to abutters will be maintained throughout the project. The contractor will stage construction so that the North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center parking lot and the dog park will remain open and accessible throughout construction. Nightly single lane reductions on Route 1A North (the Callahan Tunnel approach) will be in place to assist with work on the underside of the bridge.

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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residents.

The goal is to raise \$ 125,000 to create the sculpture in order to make FONE/NEHS goal a reality in time for the 150th Jubilee of St. Leonard Church in February of 2024, with a possible visit by Cardinal Law.

For more details email adcor-tese@gmail.com.

HATCHLINGS A NEW WINTER LIGHTING DISPLAY

A new and exciting display of winter lighting, Hatchlings will be installed on The Greenway and Charles River Esplanade for the general public to enjoy, use as a photo backdrop, caroling and performances.

Hatchlings, was created by a design team from Studio HHH and was selected as the winning

design via The Greenway Open Call process in the spring of 2023.

The project visually links two of downtown Boston's most popular connections, while showcasing an innovative and sustainable approach to holiday lights.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy will host caroling at the Hatchlings in the North End Park on December 14.

The Esplanade Association will host Frosty Fridays, an event series at the Hatchling location on the first Friday during the activation period December 1, January 5 and February 2.

Visitors can also enjoy life performance and a free hot chocolate.

NORTH END SERVICE CENTER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Sponsored by North Street

Grill, a hot chicken potpie, a movie and treats will take place at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, 1 Michelangelo Street on Friday, December 8.

In addition, the Center will hold its holiday celebration on Friday, December 15. Both events begin at 12 noon.

ABCD will announce any weather-related closures online and in the local news network.

NEMPAC SEEKS RECEPTIONIST VOLUNTEERS

Receptionist volunteers are being sought by the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC), 50 Tileston Street Headquarters. Monday to Friday between 12 noon and 2 PM to meet and greet guests at the front

desk.

Interest people will be invited to participate in a monthly coffee hour volunteer social.

This is a great opportunity for adults looking for a regular weekly activity one on one or more days, get more involved in the community and support a non-profit like NEMPAC.

CANDLELIT LABYRINTH WALK

Friends of Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway and Age Friendly Boston will hold a Candlelit Labyrinth Walk on Sunday, December 10 at 4:45 PM.

The event includes, meet and greet, the walk and some hot chocolate and sweet treats.

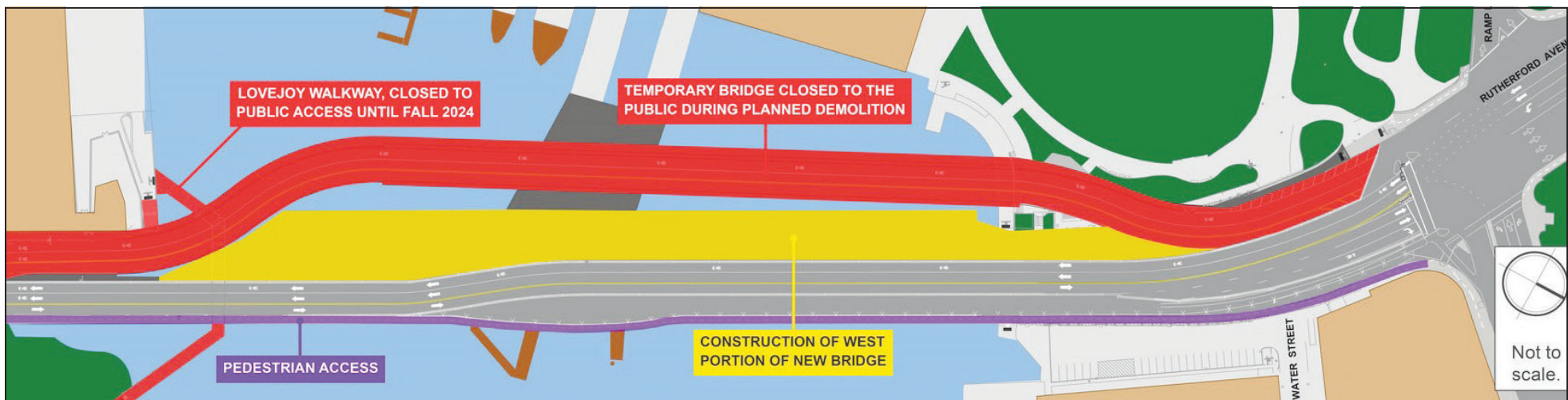
MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

Boston's Enchanted Trolley Tour continues the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout Boston.

For the 27th year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will continue the festive tradition of lighting holiday trees while bringing holiday spirit to children across Boston. The event is sponsored by Bank of America, and includes visits with Santa, tree lightings, and more.

This year, the Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour will start on Saturday, December 2, and end on Sunday December 3, in neighborhoods throughout Boston.

The Mayor's Trolley will be stopping by North End's Paul Revere Mall on Sunday, Dec. 3 at 4 p.m., before heading off to Charlestown and East Boston.



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motorists as the project continues. We still encourage individuals to reach out to MassDOT and the offices of both the North End and Charlestown delegation should there be issues.”

The Construction look-ahead through December 9 includes:

Traffic and Pedestrian Shift to East Portion of New Bridge

- Beginning the morning of Saturday, December 9, 2023, all vehicle and pedestrian traffic will move to the east portion of the new bridge. The shift will be completed by the evening of Saturday December 9.

- The pedestrian sidewalk will be located on the east portion of the new bridge.

- Signs will be mounted to request that bicyclists dismount and walk their bikes along the pedestrian path as there is no bike lane during this stage of construc-

tion.

- After the weekend traffic shift, MassDOT will begin the process of demolishing the temporary bridge on Monday, December 11 in preparation for construction of the western portion of the new bridge.

- Please see the image below for more information.

Scheduled Work

- Off-bridge approach barrier and sidewalk work
- Off-bridge utility work and cutovers to permanent bridge
- Temporary line striping

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 when traffic shifts onto the new bridge 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 contra-flow.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the temporary bridge and eventually the east portion of the new 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:

- BRUINS: Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.,- Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., and 1Dec. 9 at 1 p.m.
- CELTICS: Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Potential tournament games

(locations and times TBA): Dec. 4,5,6 and 8.

- OTHER EVENTS: Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 6 at 8 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.

TRELLIS LIGHTING *(from pg. 1)*

Tunnel of Love for the month of February."

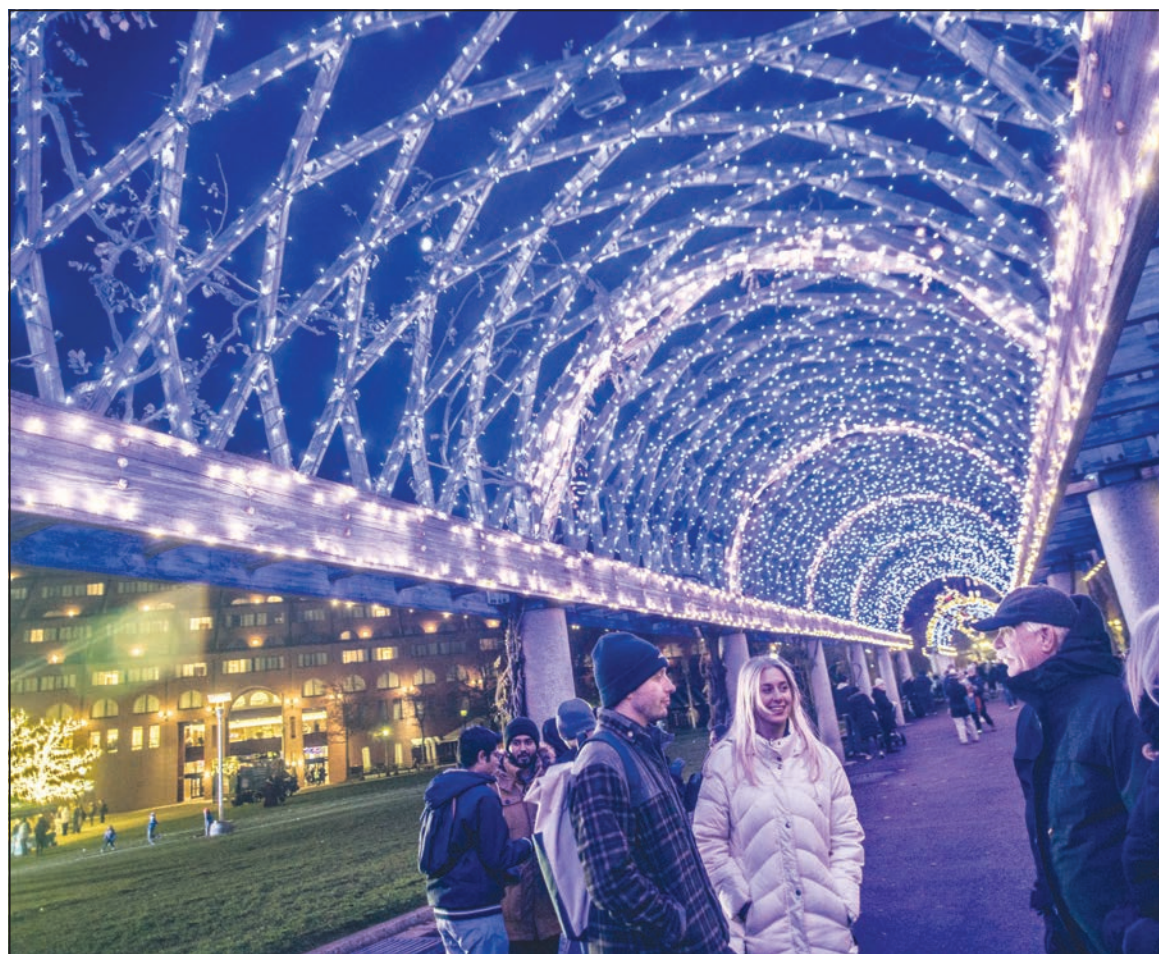
The Boston Parks and Recreation Department provided the entertainment for the Trellis Lighting Ceremony and worked with local merchants to provide refreshments. This year's celebration was sponsored by H.P. Hood LLC, PNC Bank and LEGO Discovery Center Boston. Entertainment included the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, vocalist Phadedra perform-

ing holiday classics, Northeastern University a cappella group Pitch, Please!, and special guests Santa Claus and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.

Refreshments included Drake's Cakes, eggnog from H.P. Hood, clam chowder from Joe's Waterfront, water from Roche Bros., coffee from New England Coffee, and hot chocolate and cookies from the Boston Marriott Long Wharf.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and City Hall Liason Ciara D'Amico hang out with Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer and Santa as they meet with the kids.



The trellis at Christopher Columbus Park is lit for the Holiday Season.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta.



A young member of the NEMPAC Holiday Show Cast has a worthy prop while she helps sing Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer.



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Gabriela Coletta, Erin Murphy, City Council President Ed Flynn, and Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz.



Dao and Lou remind us that you're always young enough to meet with Santa.



Imran Kanu is happy to meet with Santa with his mom Tricia.

SCENES FROM THE TRELLIS LIGHTING AT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu noted that this will be the first of many neighborhood Holiday Tree lightings for this season.



Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods.



Friends of Christopher Columbus Park President Joanne Hayes-Rines thanked everyone for their support.



Maria and Emma Villar visited Boston from Spain and were happy to attend the event.



Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz.



Kiran and Saba Reddy get their picture taken with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu.



Phaedra performed Feels Like Christmas and Silent Night.



Boston-based vocalist asked the audience to use their cell phone flashlights to create ambience for her performance of the song Feels Like Christmas.



Northeastern all female acapella group Pitch Please performed Sleigh Ride and Christmas, Baby Please Come Home.



Parke MacDowell with his daughter Rada sing in the NEMPAC Community Choir.

SCENES FROM THE TRELLIS LIGHTING AT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK



NEMPAC Community Choir, conducted by Anna Samoilava, sing Deck The Halls and Holiday Rock.



Rev Mariana White Hammond introduces Mayor Michelle Wu to the podium.



Sherri Stone of North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC).



Rebecca Morris with son Elliot Litzenberg.



Under the lit trellis are Boston Park Rangers Sgt Emma Papargiris on Henry and Ranger Luis John Bonilla on Mystic.

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10. BUNGALOW HAIR CO.
11. BOSTON BOTTLE
12. HEART & SOLE
13. SOMA
14. GOOD TASTE RECORDS
15. PROJECT PAULIE
16. JOI SALON



'Tis The Season! Ho! Ho! Ho!
Merry Christmas
 St. Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society

*28th Annual
Christmas Program for
North End Children Only*

**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING WITH GIFTS FOR
ALL THE NICE BOYS & GIRLS.**

**on Sunday, December 10th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm
at St. Agrippina's Chapel at 459 Hanover Street**

★ All who wish to attend please call **617-363-2678** between November 20 and December 3rd. To confirm you must supply your child's name, age, gender, address and phone number so that we can report to Santa's elves.

★ Please, you must confirm no later than **December 3rd**. All children 10 and under will receive a picture with Santa and a gift. Children must be present & accompanied by an adult. Also: Face Painting, Balloons, Characters, Gift Bags. Please Bring a Camera!

★ **Saint Agrippina's Christmas Program is for North End Residents Only.**

OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

NEWRA WISELY ELECTS CHERYL DEL GRECO PRESIDENT

Any successful non-profit community organization has to be made up of dedicated and concerned membership that bands together to take on the many challenges that directly impact the community they proudly represent.

While solid membership is the heart and soul of any community-based group, leadership certainly plays a key role in the success of a community group's ability to protect the well-being of its residents in all shapes and forms.

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) has recently elected its current leadership that will steer the group in the right direction.

Once again, NEWRA has elect-

ed Cheryl Delgreco as President for another two-year term.

Cheryl, over the years, has paved the way for the community to be recognized and become an important influence to determine its own destiny.

Cheryl, clearly understands the pulse of the neighborhood and strives to make sure it has a direct say on any and all issues and concerns that impact the community.

NEWRA made a wise decision electing Cheryl as their leader for another term. She has become an important community leader, that can be dependent on.

BABBITT CHAIRED FUN-FILLED FALL FESTIVAL

Chaired by Anne Babbitt,
this year's annual Friends of

Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) FESTIVAL was the busiest and possibly the best family-fun-filled activity held at the park.

She opened the festival with a parade led through the park by local Girl Scouts, followed with many things to do for the hundreds of children that crowded craft tables all afternoon and enjoyed magic and limbo dancing that brought fun and laughs to the community events.

In addition, happy faces were painted while crafts kept little and big hands busy.

Many more events entertain those who attended FOCCP's Fall Festival, thanks to the efforts of Babbitt who loved to see so many smiling faces and was pleased to be a part of holding a successful neighborhood event.

ABCD HOLDS THANKSGIVING PARTY

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

ABCD held a Thanksgiving party to celebrate the arrival of the holiday. Guests came from around the North and West End neighborhoods to enjoy a meal and great company.



A fantastic turkey meal helped guests celebrate the coming of Thanksgiving.



ABCD Acting Director Julia Power hives Tommy Iantosca.



The hall at ABCD was filled with guests enjoying a great turkey meal and warm company.



Sunny Davidson and Alberta Bridgeman.



Marie Rere Bamonte and Partrick Lyons.



Salvatore and Giavanna Firicano Lobono are greeted by Maria Cuccienello.



Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards says hello to the guests.



Robert Frasca shares the sentiment for a Happy Thanksgiving.



Volunteers Irene Pien and David Roderick.



Guests were offered fresh fruit to take home.



Gertrude Cantea and Sasha Israel.

NEW Health distributes thanksgiving meals

Special to the Review

On Thursday, November 16, NEW Health that is located in North End and Charlestown gave away more than 140 complimentary fully-prepared Thanksgiving meals for residents to enjoy this season. Distributions took place at Charlestown and deliveries took place in the North End.

Community members and patients had an opportunity to sign up in advance at the health center to receive their meals. The meals will include traditional favorites such as turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, stuffing, cranberry sauce and pie.

The Community Fridge is also located at NEW Health Charlestown, just outside the health center and is open at all times, stocked with free, healthy food for everyone in need. Throughout the month of November, the NEW Health Food Insecurity Program is initiating another #fillthefridge campaign to drive donations and combat food

insecurity. NEW Health is asking residents to fill the fridge one day.

Acceptable Community Fridge food donations include: whole fruits and vegetables, commercially packaged refrigerated foods (eggs, milk, cheese, butter, tortillas, bread, bagged salad, etc.), and commercially packaged frozen foods (vegetables, fruits, prepared meals, etc.).

NEW Health's Food Insecurity Program, serving both its North End and Charlestown sites, was established in 2016. NEW Health is Charlestown's first full-service health center and is committed to improving the quality of health and life for its over 5,000 patients in the neighborhood. The health center continues to increase their food insecurity efforts to help families in need with the help of the community.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in

and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold badge from the Health Resources and Services Administration, among the top 10% of health centers nationwide.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health.



Some of the Thanksgiving meals distributed by NEW Health.

Sen. Edwards to host in-district meeting on housing issues

Special to the Review

Senator Lydia Edwards is hosting an In-District Meeting (IDM) focusing on issues of housing justice, scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, from 6PM to 7PM at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center. This meeting, organized in collaboration with Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and its partners, will address topics related to public housing, affordable rental and homeownership opportunities, and reentry support for those returning from incarceration.

The purpose of the IDM is to facilitate a discussion on these housing issues and gather public commitments from lawmakers

for addressing these concerns. The meeting will include testimonies from community leaders and individuals with direct experience in these areas.

Senator Edwards will be present at the meeting to listen to constituent perspectives and discuss potential policy solutions. This event is open to all constituents interested in housing justice matters within Senator Edwards' Senate district.

Those wishing to attend are advised to register in advance. Event details are as follows:

- Date: Thursday, December 7th
- Time: 6PM - 7PM
- Location: East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Community Room, 250 Sumner St, East Boston, MA 02128

Edwards named recipient of 2023 Winners Circle Award

Special to the Review

Senator Edwards is honored to announce her recognition as a recipient of the prestigious Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC) 2023 Winners Circle Award. This award celebrates distinguished business, community, and civil leaders who have made significant contributions to advancing policies and programs that empower women and communities.

Senator Edwards' commitment to fostering gender equality and empowering women in all spheres of life, including in the workplace, education, and politics, aligns with the MWPC's mission. Her advocacy for equal pay, comprehensive healthcare, and educational opportunities for women and girls has been a cornerstone of her legislative work.

The MWPC's Winners Circle

Award not only acknowledges achievements but also encourages continued leadership and advocacy in key areas affecting women, including economic independence, political participation, and access to healthcare.

Senator Edwards, considering this recognition, reaffirms her dedication to championing the rights and advancement of women in all sectors of society. She also congratulates her fellow honorees who have shown exceptional leadership and commitment to these crucial issues.

The Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing the number of women elected to public office and appointed to public policy positions. The MWPC offers programs that provide women with the tools and resources they need to become effective leaders.



Luisa Siniscalchi and Danny Coakley.



NEW Health employee cutting pies for patients.



New Health staff packing Thanksgiving meals.

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