



# THE NORTH END REGIONAL REVIEW

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Shown (left to right) are State Representative and Chairman of Ways & Means Aaron Michlewitz, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy Chris Cook, Mayor of Boston Michelle Wu, Mayor's Office North End Liason Ciara D'Amico, Executive Director of NEMPAC Sherri Snow, and City Councilor Gabriella Coletta Zapata.

## Coletta Zapata seeks to hire more police officers

Special to the Regional Review

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata introduced a Home Rule Petition to raise the maximum age requirements for entrance to the Boston Police Academy. Coletta Zapata's petition would raise the current maximum from forty (40) years of age to forty-five (45) years of age. Co-sponsors include Councilor At-Large Henry Santana and Councilor Enrique Pepen (District 5) of Hyde Park.

"Boston is lucky to have willing and able individuals who want to become police officers but don't meet the age qualification," said Coletta Zapata. "They are

deserving of a chance even if they are over the current maximum age requirement," said Coletta Zapata. "This is a crucial measure to help fill personnel shortages in the Boston Police Department, reduce overtime spending, and decrease police officer burnout due to limited precinct capacities. I look forward to conversation and working collaboratively with my colleagues."

The current process to gain consideration to the Boston Police Academy if an individual over the maximum age requirement is such that the individual must petition through a special law both the City Council and then the State

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## Annual San Gennaro Feast returns to the North End

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The Saint Gennaro Foundation of Boston, founded by Frank DePasquale, Nick Varano, Angelo Vigliotta, and Pasquale Trotta, along with the North End founded Pastene brands, is bringing back the much-acclaimed San Gennaro Feast in Boston's historic North End on August 30 through September 2. Friday 5-11 p.m. and Saturday- Monday: 12-11 p.m.

San Gennaro Feast is returning this summer and features delicious food and drink from North End restaurants and vendors, live music and dancing, and culminates with a mass and procession with the statue of San Gennaro.

The three-day feast will take place in the Paul Revere Mall on Hanover Street in the North End and will conclude on Sunday with an outdoor mass, followed

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## The Ultimate Sunday Funday welcomed over 500 at the 2024 North End Cornhole Classic

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The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) welcomed over 500 community members, supporters, and cornhole enthusiasts to the Rose Kennedy Greenway North End Park on Sunday, June 5th for the ultimate Sunday Funday - benefiting NEMPAC and the Marshall Scholarship Fund.

The tournament was hosted by Chairman of Ways & Means Aaron Michlewitz. City leaders, including Mayor Michelle Wu and City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, were in attendance. Big Night Live provided live entertainment, Ward 8 and Pauli's provided food and a bar, and NBC's Emmy award-winning Tevon Wooten emceed the event.

Winners of the all-day 2024 North End Cornhole Classic Tournament, which had 131 teams participating, were:

First Place Winners: Paul Coutoumas and partner Roe

Second Place Winners: John and Luke Bailer

Third Place Winners: Nabil Hamouti and Christopher Snow

Representative Michlewitz remarks, "Thank you to all of those who helped sponsor, volunteer, participate, and make the 7th Annual North End Cornhole Classic the best one yet! We continue to be amazed by the growth of this event and the impact it has on children's access to the arts."

NEMPAC thanks the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy for their continued partnership. Thanks also to all the North End

Cornhole Classic sponsors, including Artù, Big Night Entertainment, Boston Barber & Tattoo Co., Boston Bottle, Caffè Vittoria, Cini's, The Dogfather, Ducali, The Flamingo, Florentine Cafe, Gee How Oak Tin Association, Heart and Sole, Michael Kelly Injury Lawyers, Moretti Designs, New Balance, Pauli's, Pink Carrot, Regina Pizzeria, Salumeria Italiana, The Tall Ship, Tavern on the Square, In Your Court Marketing, and Ward 8.

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. Established by Geraldine's son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, 10 years ago, the fund awards

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Courtesy photo

Shown at a previous feast are Frank DePasquale, Nick Varano, and Pasquale Trotta.

**Happy July 4th from the North End Regional Review**  
Our next publication will be on July 18



# EDITORIAL

## IT'S HEATING UP

A heat wave officially comprises three straight days of 90+ temperatures and forecasters are telling us that we could have four 90+ days with little relief at night. Our readers may be surprised to learn that more than 1200 Americans die every year from extreme heat, making heat the deadliest kind of extreme weather. By contrast, flooding, though more sensational when viewed on our TV screens, kills fewer than 100 Americans each year. In addition, it is widely believed that those 1200 deaths are a significant undercount because persons with health issues who succumb to heat may not have been deemed to have died from heat.

Although senior citizens and those with underlying health conditions are the most susceptible to the dangers of excessive heat, even young and healthy individuals can succumb to heat stroke if they do not take it easy. With our region plunging from typically cool, spring weather right into the heat, those who work outside (or who work out on a daily basis) have not had time to adjust, both mentally and physically, to the onset of the extreme heat.

However, we are not the only ones facing extreme heat these days. Extreme heat is a world-wide phenomenon thanks to the effects of climate change. Heat records have been set in recent days across the globe, from Greece to India to the Philippines. Every month for the past 12 months has set a world record for that month (in other words, May was the hottest-ever May, April the hottest-ever April, etc.) and June is on track to make it 13 months in a row (which means that this June will break last June's record for the hottest-ever June).

The National Weather Service is providing a new way to gauge the risk from extreme heat. In collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it has launched a tool called HeatRisk which allows users to search a map of the United States to figure out their level of threat, ranging between one (little to no risk) and four (extreme risk).

For those of us lucky enough to live near the coastline, a dip in the ocean will offer a respite from the heat wave. But those of us who have sampled the ocean in the past few weeks have noticed another ominous sign of climate change -- the water temperature already has been far above normal. Instead of the extremity-chilling temps that are typical for May and early June, the water temp at the beaches around Boston Harbor actually has been pleasant. So the good news is that it's been warm enough to go for a swim -- but the bad news is that the record high ocean temps are a threat to all marine life and a major contributor to rising sea levels.

Finally, the combination of the hot atmosphere and the hot ocean increases the chances of extreme weather events such as hurricanes and inundating rainfall, which is occurring in southern Florida right now.

We urge all of our readers not to underestimate the effects of extreme heat and to take it easy over the next few days.

## BANNER NO. 18!

The Celtics' convincing victory in Game 5 on Monday that clinched the Celtics' 18th NBA championship was great fun for fans old and young alike.

For those of us who cherish our "Havlicek Stole the Ball" album and who recall watching the Bill Russell-led Celts clinch their 1969 NBA title in Game 7 at Los Angeles in dramatic fashion (we had to stay up late on a school night because the game was played on the West Coast), the chance to surpass the hated-Lakers for the most NBA titles was one of the most-satisfying aspects of the 2024 title.

In addition, this edition of the Celtics laid to rest whether they had that special quality that separates champions from the rest of the pack. After the disappointment of being knocked out in the first round last year, and the collapse against Golden State in the finals two years ago, even the most-ardent Celtic fans had to wonder whether JT, JB, & Co. had what it takes to be the best -- and they answered that question in commanding fashion.

Still, when we consider that this was the Celtics' first title in 16 years and only the second in almost 40 years, it makes us realize how special these championship moments are in the world of sports today. By contrast, the Celtics won 16 NBA titles over a 30-year span from 1957 to 1986. That's more than half of the NBA crowns spanning two generations of Boston sports fans.

But those days when Bill, Dave, and Larry ruled the NBA are long gone. The NBA is big business now -- the extended playoffs literally are a second season -- and attracts the best players from all over the world. The post-game commentators noted that there are more excellent teams who will be shooting to knock off the Celtics than at any time in the history of the NBA. As good as this talented young group may be, we cannot expect that they can create the sort of dynasties that marked the Celtics' teams of the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s.

So let's savor the moment -- and get ready for a joyous victory parade!

## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### FALLER COMPLETES TERM AS PRESIDENT OF NEWNC

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) president Joel Faller, after serving a three-year term, due to the group's by-laws, could not seek re-election for a second term at the helm of

the community civic organization that was formed to be the North End's voice at City Hall.

NEWNC goal is to protect the community's well-being that is challenge consistently in many categories.

Faller during his term as president, handled the challenges in a professional, productive and community minded man-

ner that has clearly been recognized by NEWNC members and the community.

He is a dedicated elected member of NEWNC and a truly concerned North End/Waterfront resident that cares about the neighborhood he resides in.

Maybe? NEWNC should change its by-laws.

### FUNDAY (from pg. 1)

annual tuition assistance funding to youth at the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) and the Community Music Center of Boston (CMCB). Since the fund's conception in 2014, \$45,000 has been awarded to 42 aspiring young artists and musicians.

"Thank you to all the incredible community members who supported this annual fundraiser, which helps us to grow and sustain the Marshall Scholarship Fund. Your unwavering dedication is a testament to the strength and generosity of our community. Until next year!" - Sherri Snow, Executive

Director of NEMPAC.

Applications for the 2024 Marshall Scholarship Fund and NEMPAC's Tuition-Assistance Program, which awards 25-30% of the organization's annual program revenue back to students in need, will be available this summer.

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is a 501(c)(3) community music school and a professional performing arts center with a strong focus on serving the North End/Waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods of Boston by making quality music and arts programming accessible for all.

As a music school, NEMPAC reaches over a thousand students per week, offering music education programs across several art disciplines including dance, movement, and theatre. As a highly-respected performing arts center, NEMPAC presents public concerts and professional performance projects each year involving hundreds of local Boston artists.

NEMPAC believes we are all musicians and performers and prepares individuals to be the best version of themselves through music education programs and transformative artistic experiences.

### OFFICERS (from pg. 1)

Legislature. The Boston City Council had five petitions in the first six months of the 2024 legislative session. In 2007, then Councilor Michael Flaherty sponsored a similar home rule petition to increase the maximum age requirement in an effort to fill personnel shortages. The measure was ultimately passed by the Council and Legislature.

"Boston Police Officers have to exercise integrity, maturity, judgment, discipline, and physical fitness every day in their roles. No age group has a monopoly on these traits that are critical for the job. This change allows for individuals with years of diverse experiences to join the BPD, combating recruitment challenges and ensuring our department remains committed to improving our city." said Councilor Enrique Pepen (District 5).

"We need more police officers in Boston, and the Police Academy and Police

Department both have appropriately rigorous requirements -- there's no reason to block qualified applicants just because they've celebrated a few extra birthdays," said Councilor At-Large Henry Santana and Chair of the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee. "Officer shortages force our police to work too many hours,

and we spend more on overtime and get less public safety services, so this is a fiscally responsible opportunity too."

This docket was referred to the Committee on Government Operations chaired by Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) of East Boston. A hearing will be scheduled in the upcoming months.

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# Council invests in city services, community safety, housing in recommended budget

Special to the Regional Review

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata joined her colleagues in voting for an omnibus amendment package on the FY 25 Operating budget. Following the Council's first of two votes on the amended budget, it goes to Mayor Michelle Wu for acceptance, rejection, or amendments. The Council will then vote again later in the month on a final FY25 Operating budget which will commence July 1, 2024. Additionally, the Council may only reject or pass the Boston Public Schools and the Capital budget without amendment power.

"With broad consensus, the Boston City Council has maximized its new budgetary authority, diligently and in a fiscally responsible manner, by only utilizing unspent funding sources. We have spent countless meetings analyzing every dollar of taxpayer money. The resulting amendments invest in basic city services and quality of life issues, community safety, housing, youth career and college readiness, and more," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. "I stand by the prudent process put forth by the Chair of the Ways and Means. The Council is utilizing its newfound authority to provide an independent check on the Mayor and invest directly in Bostonians."

"These amendments invest in top city departments and ensure

there will be no personnel cuts to community safety. The Council maintained the collective bargaining reserve hike while also calling attention to the numerous job vacancies across the city. Hundreds of job vacancies across City departments provide hundreds of millions of dollars to reallocate without any anticipated job or service losses."

A portion of the Council's amended FY25 budget omnibus package includes:

- \$200,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase overtime for pest control inspections

- \$65,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Building Inspectors by 1 FTE to proactively prevent building collapses and hold short-term rentals accountable

- \$700,000 within Boston Police Department (Personnel Services) to the Boston Police Crime Lab to increase the number of lab techs and to fill the director vacancy

- \$300,000 within Boston Police Department (Equipment) to Boston Police Crime Lab to purchase new sexual assault testing equipment

- \$230,000 within the Inspectional Services Department (Personnel Services) to increase Plans Examiners by 2 FTE to relieve a backlog of plans.

- \$100,000 increase for trash

containerization for rodent mitigation in Inspectional Services Department's Supplies & Materials

- \$50,000 increase for youth programming in district one Boston Centers for Youth & Families

- \$125,000 increase for 2 additional housing crisis coordinator positions in Mayor's Office of Housing

- \$300,000 increase to support ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) parent classes across the city in Office of Immigrant Advancement Contractual Services

- \$100,000 increase for route optimization - street sweepers in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment

- \$9,999 increase for clean water pilot in East Boston and Mattapan in the Office of Food Justice Contractual Services

- \$750,000 increase for Community Land Trust in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations

- \$1,500,000 increase for City Housing Vouchers in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations

- \$100,000 increase to provide seed money to create an emergency relief fund for residents impacted by disasters in Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriation

- \$500,000, within Boston Public Health Commission (Special Appropriation) to the Family Justice Center to support

survivors of sexual assault

- \$500,000 increase for Right to Counsel in the Fair Housing & Equity's Contractual Services

- \$75,000 increase for a Parks Administrator at the Christopher Columbus Park in the Parks & Recreation Department's Contractual Services

- \$50,000 increase for landmarks personnel in the Office of Historic Preservation Personnel Services

- \$1,500,000 increase for Down Payment Assistance in the Mayor's Office of Housing Special Appropriations

- \$75,000 increase for a neighborhood traffic study in Office of Streets Contractual Services

- \$200,000 increase to support workforce language training programs in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services

- \$50,000 increase to create hybrid meeting locations throughout the city in the Department of Innovation & Technology Equipment

- \$100,000 increase for small business mini-grants in the Office

of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Contractual Services

- \$200,000 increase to support workforce training nonprofits for newcomers in the Office of Workforce Development Contractual Services

- \$150,000 increase to support burial services for homicide victims in the Parks & Recreation Department Contractual Services

The Boston City Council commenced its budget hearings on April 22, 2024, and all hearings were led by Councilor Brian Worrel (D4), chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. This cycle is the third time the Boston City Council can reject, reduce, pass, or amend line items (i.e., accounts such as personnel, contracted services, equipment, etc.) in the City's Operating Budget.

To prepare for the budget cycle, Coletta Zapata hosted a round of listening sessions and budget town halls across the district to gather feedback from residents about their priorities for the fiscal year operating and capital budget.

## FEAST (from pg. 1)

by a procession of Saint Gennaro and a Sunday Supper sponsored by North End's legendary brand, Pastene, which is celebrating 150 years. The Sunday Supper is a sit-down, family-style Italian meal where tables of ten will be sold for guests to enjoy an authentic North End meal, reminiscent of the way the families in the neighborhood enjoyed dining every Sunday.

There will also be a Beer Garden, Espresso Martini Bar sponsored by DrinkThat Espresso Martini, a dozen North End restaurants, live DJs, musical performances by Sal The Voice, France Joli, and many more. The feast is put on by the Saint Gennaro Foundation, which is a nonprofit foundation named for the patron saint of Naples, Italy. Proceeds from the feast will benefit Autism Awareness. For more information, please visit: Community — North End Chamber of Commerce.

The Saint Gennaro Foundation of Boston is an IRS approved 501

C3 non-profit organization. All current and future donations will be used to help autistic children. Our mission is to build a structure that houses an educational center that will comprise of about thirty furnished rooms, a cafeteria, a laundry, and a chapel for prayer. Outside will include a farm-like space with pets that serve as excellent therapy for children. This center will give hospitality to families who come from within and outside our region without means to take care of their children. That is the goal we have set ourselves and this we will do thanks to the generous support we have received.

Pastene is a legacy brand that has been bringing family and friends to the table with premium specialty foods for 150 years. The company got its start back in 1848 when founder, Luigi Pastene, emigrated from Italy to the United States and started a modest pushcart operation in Boston, Massachusetts. His entrepreneur-

ial spirit laid the foundation for what would become one of North America's oldest family-run businesses. In 1874, Luigi's son, Pietro began importing Italian ingredients and products to Fulton Street in Boston's historic Italian North End neighborhood and Pastene & Co. was born. Now, 150 years later, Pastene continues to be known for its unrivaled quality and taste, carrying nearly 150 specialty products including premium canned tomatoes, pasta, sauces, grated cheese, oil and vinegar, beans, breadcrumbs, condiments, fish products, rice, polenta, gourmet vegetables and peppers, as well as hard-to-find varieties of olives and artichokes. It remains a family-run business and is owned by brothers Mark and Christopher Tosi, fifth generation family members of Pietro Pastene. More information can be found at Pastene.com and on Instagram and Facebook.

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## NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER By Phil Orlandella

### NEWNC VOTES TO DEFER BEER AND WINE LICENSE REQUEST

Due to the applicant not providing the required paperwork, the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) following a lengthy discussion voted to defer a request by Mother Anna's Restaurant, 211-213 Hanover Street for a beer and wine license to replace the license they sold.

The Council voted to support a zoning variance to expand the existing blueprint for a new restaurant Pappare at 358-364 Hanover Street into adjacent office space with a bar and additional seating.

The Council at its June monthly meeting also held elections of officers. President Kevin Fleming, Vice President Adam Balsan, Secretary Alex Chilton and Sergeant at Arms Rory Harrington.

The next NEWRA monthly public meeting will be held at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street at 6:30 PM.

### NEWRA SUPPORTS VARIANCE RELIEF FOR NEW RESTAURANT

By a vote of 9-7 the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) supported a request filled by Frank Pollino for zoning relief to expand the space at 358 Hanover Street to 84 seats and a small bar.

The new eatery Pappare is also seeking a beer and wine license.

Also, at NEWRA's June monthly public meeting, Police Captain Zach Crosson gave an update on public safety for this year's North End society feasts.

Feast goers will not be allowed to take large items into the area for precautionary reasons.

### KRISTEN HOFFMAN GIVES UPDATE ON CUTILLO PARK

Kristen Hoffman President of Cutillo Park Committee gave an update on the long-awaited opening of the Stillman Street Park.

Hoffman told NEWRA members that the city has invested two million in Cutillo Park renovations and the long-awaited opening of the community park has been delayed by contractor issues.

She noted that "The Parks

Department told her they were aiming to open the park in the next couple weeks." No confirmation has been reported.

Hoffman claimed the "opening is also complicated by rat issues in the area adjacent to the park" on Morton Street.

She added, "Right now there are rat traps all over the park and maybe they (BPD) can't open with that going on."

"The real issue is the condition that exists on Morton Street that has been covered with trash since the 70s and the situation has only become worse since the city in 2018, gave a few (6) restaurants the right to store trash there."

She said, "It is so bad that even the neighbors are not able to clean it up anymore."

### NORTH END THE POOL OPENS JUNE 27

It looks like the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street, will open June 27. This summer the pool will be closed on Mondays.

Registration forms for pool goers can be obtained at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

### MOOD CAFÉ OPENS ON SALEM STREET

A couple of weeks ago, a new restaurant opened in the North End-Mood Café, 115 Salem Street.

The Mediterranean eatery is serving breakfast, lunch and dinner five days a week and also serves fresh juice and lattes.

The 40-seat restaurant is open Monday and Tuesday's 8 AM to 10 PM, Thursday, Friday 8 AM to 11 PM and Sunday 9 AM to 10 PM.

Owner Mahmoud Osman, General Manager Fatima Ibrahim.

Word on the street is Mood Café has great service, a nice atmosphere and good food.

### NEW SCULPTURE PROPOSED FOR GREENWAY NORTH END PARK

In partnership with The Greenway Conservancy, Public Art Program, Artist Larissa Rogers will conduct an "Open Call for Soil" looking for the community to collect soil from a place of significance for the production of her sculpture "Going to the Ground".

The proposed sculpture on The Greenway, North End Park along Cross Street will highlight the legacy of Zipporah Porter Atkins, the first known black woman to own a house in Boston, back in 1670.

Her home was on land now cared for by The Greenway.

### CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED PLAY 'REVOLUTION'S EDGE' PLAYING AT OLD NORTH CHURCH

Live community plays offer audiences a close-up view of the production that generates a feeling of being a part of the performance while placing them in the center of the show.

This summer, the second season of the original production, the critically acclaimed "Revolution's Edge" will be performed by the cast of Plays in Place at the sanctuary of the Old North Church and Historic Site located on Salem Street in Boston's North End.

The 45-minute play will run four nights a week in partnership with the Old North Illuminated which operates the historic site.

Set in Boston's oldest surviving church, on April 18, 1775, the day before the Battle of Lexington and Concord and before the famous "One if by Land Two if by Sea" lantern signal that warned Patriots of British troops movement, the play engages in conversation that explores the intersection of faith and freedom on the edge of the American Revolution.

Written by Patrick Gabridge, directed by Alexandra Smith and produced by Jesse Meyer the play explores the nation's complex origins breaking down the misconception that cause the labeling of Patriots and Loyalists as "good and bad" or "us and them".

For information visit [www.playsinplace.com](http://www.playsinplace.com).

### NEW HEALTH PARTICIPATES IN STATE HOUSE HEALTH CENTER DAY

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) recently participated in the Massachusetts League of Community Center's Health Center Day at the State House.

Non-profit health centers joined NEW Health to educate legislators, state officials and the

community on the importance of health and hygiene.

The focus of NEW Health was dental hygiene showcasing its services such as implant restorations, oral surgery, pediatric dentistry, and root planting.

### NEW DIALYSIS DEN

North End Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, 70 Fulton Street has enhanced its chronic disease management program with the opening of an onside hemodialysis unit.

The new "dialysis den" is designed to improve patients' quality of life and recovery process within the subacute care setting.

### FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

This year's Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) friendly, entertaining family fun filled Independence Day Celebration offers something to do for the entire family.

FOCCP said, "On Saturday, June 29 from 12-3:30 PM get ready for a fun filled summer afternoon with friends, neighbors and family members for a day of activities for everyone to enjoy."

Featured at the annual popular FOCCP event will include:

Peter the Magician.

Big Joe will present wonderful and funny stories.

Paul's Reptile Circus, a hands-on experience.

Balloon animals and giant bubbles presented by Bruce Fun Company.

Lawn games, face painting and fall crafts will also take place at this special FOCCP community event.

There will also be a parade around the park.

Volunteers will be selling raffle tickets to win passes to the Aquarium, the Greenway Carousel, the Tea Party Museum, Boston by Foot "Little Feet" tours and more.

All activities are open and free to the public.

### NEAA SOCCER REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Registration is currently underway for the 2024 North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Fall

Soccer Program, with a deadline of August 1.

The program is made up of three coed age groups including an instructional program on Saturdays 9AM to 10AM for 4-5-year-olds,

The 6-8-year-old program has practices on Tuesday evenings at 5:30PM with games on Saturday mornings 10:15AM to 11:15AM.

A program for 9-12-year-olds have practices on Thursday evenings at 5:30PM and games on Saturday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM.

All events are held at Langone Park on Commercial Street.

The program runs for 8 weeks starting September 7 running through November 2, 2024.

Registration is \$65.00 per player. To register go to [www.neaasportsboston.sportsgin.com/neaasoccer](http://www.neaasportsboston.sportsgin.com/neaasoccer).

Register early, space is limited.

### NEAA END OF THE YEAR BASEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA JUNE 22

Are you ready for some good youth baseball?

Well, that's what the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) End of the Year Baseball Extravaganza on Sunday, June 22 promises to be, with six schedule games at Langone Park and Puopolo Field on Commercial Street.

"This is going to be a great family fun filled day," NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano said.

"Besides six good games of youth baseball, we'll have face painting, a balloon artist, pizza and soft beverages."

The Extravaganza features two games between the 9-10- and 9-12-year-old players from the Charlestown Little League and the North End All Stars.

First game starts at 4:45 PM with the second contest beginning at 7 PM. Awards will be presented following each game.

Baseball events. Instructional League (4-year-olds) Langone Field 10:15 AM.

T-Ball (5-year-olds) Langone Field 10:30 AM.

Minor League Games, Rockies vs Orioles 1 PM, Puopolo Park, Pool side, Padres vs Rays 1 PM, Puopolo Park Bocce side, Athletics vs Phillies 2:30 PM, Puopolo Field, Bocce side. Awards will be presented after each game.



# WU HOLDS COFFEE HOUR AT LANGONE PARK

Mayor's Office Photo by Mike Mejia

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department recently hosted a 2024 Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in partnership with Dunkin'® in the North End on June 11, at Langone Park for residents.

Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours offered North End residents a unique opportunity to speak directly with the Mayor and staff from City departments about open space and their neighborhoods.

"Every neighborhood and every resident has their own diverse set of concerns that deserve to not only be heard, but to be acknowledged and addressed," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am excited for all of the conversations and connection that came from Neighborhood Coffee Hours."

"Coffee Hours with the Mayor is an intentional effort to meet community members in the heart of their neighborhoods," said Brianna Millor, Chief of the Community Engagement Cabinet. "I encourage residents, including our youth, seniors, civic organizations, business owners, and local leaders to attend this neighborhood-centered event.

Boston 311 will be present to connect residents to essential city services."

Dunkin' was on-site with freshly brewed Iced Coffee and MUNCHKINS® donut hole treats. Dunkin' will have lawn games and gift card giveaways. Residents at each event will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin'. Individuals in attendance will receive a free flowering plant provided by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, while supplies last. Fresh fruit will be provided by Star Market.

"Mayor Wu's Neighborhood Coffee Hours are vital for community engagement, allowing residents to share their thoughts directly. We're grateful for their participation," noted Ryan Woods, Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Department. "These events not only foster dialogue but also mark the kickoff for our exciting summer calendar of events. From outdoor concerts to movies to arts and crafts workshops for kids, our programming breathes life into our parks, fulfilling our core mission of creating vibrant spaces for all to enjoy."



Residents of all ages showed up to visit with Mayor Michelle Wu.



Shown (above and below) Mayor Wu talking with residents.



Mayor Michelle Wu meets with members of the community and answers their questions during the North End coffee hour at Langone Park.



North End residents visited Langone Park to listen to Mayor Michelle Wu during her Coffee Hour event, and take the opportunity to have a photo with the Mayor.



# NEAA WRAPS UP LACROSSE SEASON



Courtesy photos

NEAA's Midnight Riders Lacrosse travel team and Lacrosse Clinic scrimmage at Puopolo Park.

By Phil Orlandella

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Midnight Riders Lacrosse travel team season and the Lacrosse Clinic recently wrapped up its second year with an end of the year celebration at Puopolo Park.

A scrimmage game between the two traveling teams, and all of the members of the weekly clinic held one last session to close out a successful season.

Each player received a Midnight Riders custom lacrosse ball and a custom water bottle and enjoyed refreshments from Boston Ice Cream Truck.

The celebration was sponsored by several people and businesses.

Dave Paglissio Commissioner, did a good job with the program having about 80 children, boys and girls in the clinic and added two boy teams in the Mass Lacrosse League.

The NEAA was also able enter in the Battle of Boston Tournament playing four games.

"The season was a huge success with the participants making tremendous improvement in just six short weeks," NEAA Coordinator John Romano said.

Dick House Sports donated some team equipment and numerous neighborhood sponsors for the two traveling teams.



Players enjoy refreshments after the scrimmage.

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## Independence Day LUNCHEON CELEBRATION

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Celebrate Independence Day with us on June 28th! Join your fellow community members for a festive luncheon as we commemorate the birth of our nation. Enjoy delicious food, good company, and patriotic spirit as we come together to celebrate the values of freedom and unity.

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# NEAA WRAPS UP LACROSSE SEASON

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A scrimmage game between the two traveling teams was held to end a successful second season.



One final scrimmage between the Midnight Riders Lacrosse travel team and Lacrosse Clinic.



The program has about 80 children, boys and girls in the clinic and added two boy teams in the Mass Lacrosse League.

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# NEW HEALTH HOSTS FREE MONTHLY SENIOR LUNCHEONS AT NAZZARO COMMUNITY CENTER

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) hosts complimentary senior luncheons at the Nazzaro Community Center, located at 30 North Bennet Street, on the second Friday of each month starting at 12 p.m. Local restaurants provide a healthy lunch for a group of seniors to enjoy while a NEW Health employee provides a health talk. Topics include vision, dental, nutrition, podiatry and more. Other guest educators and vendors periodically join. NEW Health is grateful for the donors who generously dedicate their time to help the community.

Upcoming dates through summer:

- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- Ongoing through December 31, 2024

Transportation services can be provided for those who need it. Please contact NEW Health's Public Affairs and Outreach Coordinator, Danny Coakley at 617-643-8105 to coordinate a ride.

**How To Register:** Reach out to Danny Coakley to confirm which date and how many people will be attending in your party

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 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. More information at [www.newhealthcenter.org](http://www.newhealthcenter.org), on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Seniors enjoying a previous luncheon.

Photo courtesy NEW Health.

## JUNETEENTH TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE



Delayed pick-up service begins on Wednesday 6/19.

### Neighborhoods on a **Regular** Pick-Up Schedule:

- Back Bay
- Bay Village
- Beacon Hill
- Charlestown
- Chinatown
- Downtown Boston
- Fenway-Kenmore
- Mission Hill
- Wharf District
- North End
- Roxbury
- South End
- West End

### Neighborhoods on a **Delayed** Pick-Up Schedule:

- Allston
- Brighton
- Dorchester
- East Boston
- Hyde Park
- Jamaica Plain
- Mattapan
- Roslindale
- South Boston
- West Roxbury

Please note that all neighborhoods will run on a regular collection schedule on Monday & Tuesday.

## Boston Lyric Opera's free outdoor "Street Stage" series returns

Boston Lyric Opera's (BLO) popular mobile performance venue Street Stage returns for free live performances to locations throughout Boston this summer. Sponsored by HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Street Stage brings opera and popular music performances to neighborhoods from Charlestown to South Boston; the series kicked off June 1 on the Rose Kennedy Greenway.

Conceived and created as a way to bring music to the public during COVID shutdowns, the 26-foot-long Street Stage vehicle is a semi-trailer engineered to open on three sides and offer a 270-degree view of performers. Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or lawn chairs to the open-air performances.

"There's no more exhilarating experience than hearing beautiful music on a gorgeous warm summer day," says BLO Artistic Director Nina Yoshida Nelsen. "The artists performing this summer season are some of the most accomplished performers in Greater Boston. Different programs and activities are planned at each site, so multiple visits are

encouraged!" Nelsen says support from HarborOne Bank and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture is crucial to make the series available for free across the city. "It's quite fitting that three of our concerts are in places where the Harbor figures prominently."

Details on the performance listings below, and information on BLO's other summer events is available at [blo.org/events](http://blo.org/events).

### Upcoming Events

Street Stage Returns to the South End's Villa Victoria

Date/Time: June 13, 2024 @ 4:30 PM

Location: Plaza Betances, IBA's Villa Victoria, 100 W. Dedham Street, South End

Details: Street Stage makes its anticipated return to Villa Victoria. This family-friendly program will highlight Spanish-language arias, and poetry by local residents and youth program participants, all to celebrate the cultural heritage of the community.

Street Stage Debut at Charlestown Navy Yard

Date/Time: August 3, 2024 @



# BCYF Mirabella Pool to open Friday, June 28

The BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End will open for the summer season on Friday, June 28, 2024. This outdoor pool, as well as several indoor pools across the City operated by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF), are available to residents looking to cool off. Locations and hours of operation of the pools can be found at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics).

BCYF Mirabella Pool, located at 475 Commercial Street, will be open Tuesday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. with lap swim available at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday through Friday. It is free to swim at all BCYF pools but there are some protocols in place at BCYF pools heading into the summer season:

- Visitors must create a profile in the system at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration).

- While pre-registration will not be required on weekdays, due to the increased demand on weekends, you must register for a swim time slot at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Mirabella](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Mirabella) for Saturdays and Sundays. There will be staff onsite to assist. To guarantee a slot and prevent lines, please register in advance.

- Registration will go live 24 hours before the following day's sessions and will remain open until all spots are taken or until the session is half over, whichever comes first.

- Swim sessions will be 90 minutes.

- Preference will be given to Boston residents.

- Children under eight need an adult in the water with them at all times.

- Three children under 12 are allowed per adult.

- All pools will be staffed by trained lifeguards.

- Please bring your own water and snacks.

When near water there are several things to keep in mind to keep you and your family safe:

- Always watch children near any body of water. Make sure to swim in the designated areas and know where the lifeguards are present.

- Swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

- Learn the basics of swimming. If you don't already know how to swim, contact your local BCYF pool to get a proper lesson. BCYF offers limited summer lessons and will offer additional swim lessons

in the fall.

- Obey "No Diving" signs and do not dive into shallow water.

Because of a collaboration between Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City is on track to have more pools open this year than in previous summers, including the BCYF

Clougherty, Hennigan, Marshall, Mattahunt, and Perkins pools. BCYF Marshall Community Center pool opened in fall 2023 and the BCYF Mattahunt opened recently. The Hennigan and Perkins are expected to be open this summer as is the Clougherty Pool, which is undergoing a two-year renovation. This fiscal year, Mayor Wu allocated \$34.3 million in the FY24-FY28 capital plan for repairing and renovating the city's pools.

A full list of the City's pools and their operating hours can be found here. Additionally, the City's splash pads and water features are already operational. A map of those water features can be found here.

BCYF is also operating programming for registered youth at community centers across the city this summer. Learn more about BCYF's programming at [Boston.gov/BCYF](http://Boston.gov/BCYF). These programs are in addition to a variety of expanded

BCYF programming for teens and 900 youth jobs hosted at BCYF community centers through the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 35 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs.

## 2024 North End Feasts Schedule

**Thursday, August 1, to Sunday, August 4 -**

**St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast**

**Friday, August 9, to Sunday, August 11 -**

**Madonna Della Cava Feast**

**Friday, August 9, to Sunday, August 11 -**

**Saint Rocco's Feast**

**Thursday, August 15, to Sunday, August 18 -**

**Fisherman's Feast of the**

**Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca**

**Thursday, August 22 & 23 - Saint Lucy's Feast**

**Friday, August 22, to Sunday, August 25 -**

**104th Annual Saint Anthony's Feast**

**Date TBD - Saint Padre Pio Procession**

**Date TBD - St. Joseph Procession**

**Date TBD - Santa Rosalia di Palermo**



# 2024 Boston Harborfest returns for its 42nd edition runs July 1-4

Special to the Regional Review

The 2024 edition of Boston Harborfest – the country's largest and Boston's most expansive July Fourth celebration – runs July 1 through 4 with events stretching from Downtown Crossing to the North End and from the Boston Common to Boston Harbor. The Downtown Boston Business Improvement District (Downtown Boston BID) is a co-sponsor of Harborfest, with the City of Boston, Meet Boston and others listed here. A full press release is available here.

Harborfest kicks off in Downtown Crossing July 1 with a noon opening ceremony featuring local and international public officials, hospitality leaders and military representatives; Downtown Boston BID President Michael J. Nichols hosts.

"The rich history and culture of Boston comes alive for Harborfest," Nichols says. "Down-

town is the perfect backdrop for recalling the American Revolution, honoring our country's move to freedom, and celebrating the dynamic city and country that has emerged ever since. Residents and 4th of July visitors will love the events, the music, the art and the people-watching here and on the waterfront during Harborfest week."

This year, Harborfest deepens its ties to Boston's rich maritime history with a Navy Week collaboration including special events, demonstrations and performances. This year will mark the first Navy Week in Boston since 2012.

Harborfest coverage highlights in Downtown Crossing:

**DAILY:** Daily events July 1-4 comprise live entertainment from local performers and musicians from two stages in Downtown Crossing, as well as roaming musicians, historical re-enactors, and costumed characters. A beer garden pops up on the Summer

Street Plaza (Summer St. @ Washington St.) from July 1-3, 12 noon to 5 pm, in partnership with Democracy Brewing and Distraction Brewing.

**JULY 1:** 12 noon to 1 pm - Opening Ceremony. A ceremonial cake-cutting with public officials and other city leaders kicks off Boston Harborfest festivities. Roving re-enactors and staff from the USS Constitution engage with visitors, and the fife-and-drum group Liberty performs. Includes cutting and serving of the ceremonial cake. To honor Boston's Navy Week, the Navy Band performs prior to the ceremony. FREE. (Summer Street Plaza)

**JULY 2:** In addition to the evening's Boston Harborfest Fireworks, viewable at Long Wharf at 9:15 pm, and the Pre-Fireworks Concert at Christopher Columbus Park at 6 pm, today's Downtown Boston highlights include daylong free entertainment and:

2 to 4 pm - Chowderfest Chowder Tasting. Restaurants from around the Boston area offer up tasty samples of the celebrated New England summer staple for visitors to enjoy and pick their favorite. DJ Whysham spins tunes while visitors chow(der) down. FREE. (Washington Street at the Downtown Crossing Steps)

**JULY 3:** 2 to 3 pm - Macy's All American Fashion Show. Macy's Independence Day-themed fashion show highlights streetwear looks on citizen models from the neighborhood, including the best of new summer trends. FREE (Downtown Crossing Steps)

4 to 8 PM - Salute To Service Block Party. Boston Navy Week and Harborfest merge at this festive "shore leave" block party, taking over Summer Street with live musical entertainment, a DJ, and giveaways that honor sailors and the military community. FREE and open to 21+. (Summer Street Plaza)

**JULY 4:** City of Boston's 248th Independence Day Celebration.

9 AM - A short parade steps off from City Hall Plaza and passes the Granary Burial Ground, where wreaths will be laid on the graves of patriots. FREE. Parade viewing all along the route.

10 AM - Parade continues to the Old State House where the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company continues its tradition of reading the Declaration of Independence from the State House balcony. FREE.

1:30 PM - "A Day of Unity: Reading Frederick Douglass." A community-led reading of Frederick Douglass's abolitionist speech, "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?" Embracing stirring historical and joyful contemporary elements, the event includes live music, gospel vocalists, a local DJ, and African dance performances. Event concludes with an ice cream social. FREE (Steps at Downtown Crossing)

## Boston Public Health Commission promotes LGBTQ+ health and wellness during pride month

June is Pride Month, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) launched a new campaign to reduce the impact of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, particularly within the LGBTQ+ community. The campaign, led by BPHC's Infectious Disease Bureau and in partnership with Boston Pride for the People, can be found in MBTA stations, buses, and various digital platforms, including social media and dating apps. The campaign's website, [safeissexyboston.com](http://safeissexyboston.com), also has information on medical providers and additional

resources. The goal of the campaign is to normalize conversations about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), encourage people to get tested and treated, and reduce STIs in Boston.

"It is important to have these conversations and to stay educated in order to ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Our goal as a City is to provide equitable access to educational resources and healthcare services to all residents."

"The rates of sexually transmitted infections, including gon-

orrhoea, Chlamydia, syphilis, and HIV in Boston are among the highest in the state," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, the Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "This campaign is designed to decrease stigma and increase testing for everyone who is sexually active, including some members of the LGBTQ+ community who are disproportionately impacted."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV at least once in their lifetime. People with certain risk factors should get tested at least once a year. Those who have multiple or anonymous partners should be tested more frequently. Testing-specific questions, such as how to get tested, who should get tested, and symptoms, should be discussed in detail with a medical provider. Find one near you at [safeissexyboston.com](http://safeissexyboston.com).

"While HIV and STIs are not exclusive to the LGBTQ+ community, members of this community are disproportionately impacted because of heightened

stigma and significantly less societal supports," said Tegan Evans, Interim Bureau Director of the Infectious Disease Bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission. "We are proud to partner with Boston Pride for the People on this campaign so that one day groups such as the LGBTQ+ community will no longer be marginalized or impacted."

According to State data, the number of persons living with HIV infection in Massachusetts increased by 13% between 2012 to 2021. Compared to neighboring cities, Boston had the highest number of new HIV infection diagnosis from 2019-2021. Fewer than half of respondents said they received education on how to prevent HIV transmission and were taught how to talk to partners about using condoms.

"We aim to promote a safe and positive culture to reduce STIs in Boston," said Teakia Brown, Director of the Education and Community Engagement Division of the Infectious Disease Bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission. "That's why we partnered with theSTUDIO to develop authentic and empowering messages to advocate for HIV and STI awareness, testing, and treatment."

In addition to this campaign, BPHC will be participating in the Pride Parade on June 8 and giving out free sexual health education materials. BPHC is also encouraging people to participate in national HIV testing day on June 27 by scheduling an appointment with a trusted provider. Find more Pride events at [boston.gov/pride](http://boston.gov/pride).

### BLO (from pg. 8)

3:30 PM and 4:30 PM

Location: Charlestown Navy Yard, 23 2nd Ave., Charlestown, Boston

Details: For the first time, Street Stage visits the historic Charlestown Navy Yard. In partnership with the National Parks Service of Boston, this event will feature operatic arias and music inspired by the sea, set against the backdrop of the Boston Harbor. Performances will take place on the lawn of the 1805 Commandant's House, with alternating musical sets at 3:30 PM and 4:30 PM. The program will also include meet-the-artist interviews and family-friendly educational content.

An Evening Concert at South Boston's Moakley Park

Date/Time: August 7, 2024, 5:30-7:30 PM

Location: Moakley Park Picnic Area, 450 Old Colony Ave., South Boston

Details: Street Stage brings a multicultural music program to historic Moakley Park for the first time. The event, perfect for a family-friendly evening, will feature food, games, and kid-centered art activities provided by Boston Harbor Now. Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a first-come basis, with attendees encouraged to bring their own seating. Registration is recommended at [blo.org/events](http://blo.org/events).

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# House passes bill to prevent opioid-related overdose deaths

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts House of Representatives passed a wide-ranging opioid bill which covers the licensure of recovery coaches, makes opioid overdose reversal drugs more accessible, protects harm reduction providers, and removes barriers that new mothers in recovery face at the time they give birth.

“As families across Massachusetts know all too well, the impact of opioid addiction can be utterly devastating for the individual and for their loved ones, which is why a continued focus on combating substance use is a critical responsibility that we have as elected officials,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “I want to thank Chairman Michlewitz and Chairman Madaro for their tireless work on this legislation, as well as all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the need for reforms that will help those dealing with addiction on their journey to recovery.”

“This legislation will help the Commonwealth to address the opioid epidemic by expanding treatment options and by making it easier for those in need to seek assistance,” said Representative Aaron Michlewitz (D-Boston), Chair of the House Committee on Ways & Means. “By making treatment options more accessible and by removing barriers for thousands of people seeking help, we can help people rebuild their lives and stay on the road to recovery. I want to thank Speaker Mariano for his commitment and dedication to this issue, as well as Chairman Madaro, and all my House colleagues for their work and dedication to addressing substance use disorder.”

“The bill passed today builds on the commitment of the House to support individuals and communities across the Commonwealth who are dealing with the effects of the opioid crisis,” said Representative Adrian C. Madaro (D-East Boston), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery. “By ensuring greater access to overdose reversal drugs, protecting harm reduction workers, removing barriers to mothers in recovery, and licensing recovery coaches, we are empowering health care providers, community members, and individuals to save lives. Thank you to Speaker Mariano for your leadership and guidance on this issue,

and to Chair Michlewitz for your partnership in passing this critical legislation.”

In 2023, there were 2,125 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths, according to the latest data published by the Department of Public Health (DPH). In 2023, there were 232 fewer confirmed and estimated deaths than 2022.

## Recovery coaches

Recovery coaches help people with substance use needs become and stay engaged in their recovery process. The bill passed today establishes recovery coach licensing and oversight within DPH, and mandates that all health plans cover recovery coach services without cost-sharing or prior authorization. The bill also directs the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) to study and report on barriers to certification, credentialing, and other employment and practice requirements for recovery coaches, and requires them to create a peer support program for recovery coaches consisting of mentorship, technical assistance on billing and employment practices, and resources.

“This marks a pivotal moment for our community and for those battling substance use disorders,” said Representative Jim O’Day (D-West Boylston), Fourth Division Chair and lead sponsor of the bill. “With the passage of H. 4743, we are taking significant steps to enhance treatment options, expand coverage, and, crucially, to recognize the indispensable role of recovery coaches. This legislation builds on our historical commitment to reducing stigma and providing comprehensive support for individuals in recovery. By embracing harm reduction strategies, patient education, and compassionate care, we are advancing public health and offering renewed hope to those affected by substance use disorders. Together, we are forging a path towards a healthier, more supportive future for all. Let us stand proud of this achievement and continue to champion the cause of recovery.”

## Opioid overdose reversal drugs

The bill passed today mandates that all health plans cover opioid overdose reversal drugs, such as naloxone, without cost-sharing or prior authorization. It also requires substance use disorder treatment facilities to educate on and dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to

an individual upon discharge, as well as requires hospitals to educate on and prescribe or dispense at least two doses of opioid overdose reversal drugs to an individual with a history of opioid use or opioid use disorder upon discharge.

It also requires pharmacies in areas with high incidence of overdose to maintain a continuous supply of opioid overdose reversal drugs and to report to DPH if they are unable to maintain compliance with this provision due to insufficient stock or supply.

## Patient education

In an effort to prevent opioid misuse, the bill requires prescribers to be educated on pain treatment, including appropriate non-opioid alternatives to pain treatment. It also requires pharmacists to provide printed educational materials issued by DPH on non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of pain to patients prior to dispensing an opioid.

## Harm reduction

The bill protects public health or harm reduction organizations and their agents who provide drug-checking services, such as needle exchange programs, to reduce the risk of accidental overdose from civil liability or professional disciplinary action from a board of registration, as well as from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the Controlled Substances Act (the CSA).

It also protects individuals who seek drug-checking services on substances intended only for personal use from being criminally charged or prosecuted for possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of controlled substances, and conspiracy to violate the CSA while on the premises of a public health or harm reduction organization providing said services.

## Ensuring

### non-discriminatory treatment

The bill clarifies DPH’s authority to enforce anti-discrimination protections for people with substance use disorder who are on public health insurance. It also prohibits life insurance companies from limiting or refusing coverage to individuals solely because they obtained an opioid overdose reversal drug for themselves or others. It also prohibits discrimination on the basis of lawful possession and use of a medication for the treat-

ment of an opioid-related substance use disorder, such as methadone or buprenorphine.

Pregnant people on medications for addiction treatment

The bill passed today removes “physical dependence upon an addictive drug at birth” from the conditions necessitating a child abuse and neglect report, thereby exempting pregnant people taking medications prescribed by their doctor from automatic

investigation by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). It requires DCF, in consultation with DPH, the Office of the Child Advocate (OCA), and stakeholders, to promulgate regulations on the care, treatment, and reporting of substance-exposed newborns (SENs).

Having passed the House of Representatives 153-0, the bill now goes to the Senate for its consideration.

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Date of Death:  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Carole A. Palmer of Penacook, NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Carole A. Palmer of Penacook, NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
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Date: June 12, 2024  
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
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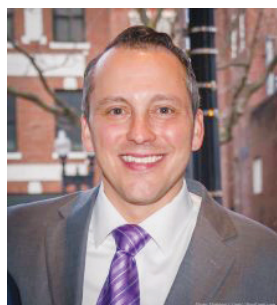
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