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Boston's historic Old North Church was filled to launch the call for Sun Day.

Advocates launch “Sun Day” campaign at Old North Church in Boston

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On Saturday, Boston Mayor, Michelle Wu, and leading climate, faith, and social justice leaders gathered at Boston's historic Old North Church to launch the call for Sun Day, a new national campaign culminating in a massive day of action on September 21, 2025,

the fall equinox. The non-partisan campaign aims to celebrate how far clean energy has come—and build the power to go even further, faster.

The launch event on April 26 featured an interfaith service followed by the lighting of a solar-powered green lantern in the steeple of Old North Church,

a symbolic echo of Paul Revere's midnight ride 250 years ago. This modern signal marks the beginning of a new American revolution—this time for clean energy.

“Just as the lanterns of Old North once warned of an impending threat, we're sending a signal

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North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center appoints Stephen Buckley as Administrator

Special to the Regional Review

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center announced that Stephen Buckley has been appointed Administrator of the skilled nursing facility.

With a wealth of experience in health care administration, Buckley oversees the daily operations at the 100-bed center located in Boston's historic North End neighborhood. The center provides high-quality post-acute care, including cardiac, pulmonary, stroke recovery and orthopedic rehabilitation services, as well as long-term, 24-hour care to resi-

dents.

“Stephen has an impressive history of leadership, working for the past including 15 years at skilled nursing centers in the region, during which all facilities achieved five-star CMS ratings,” said Sharon Donaghue, New England Division President for Marquis Health Consulting Services. “His commitment to quality health care is evident in his track record of excellence.”

Buckley's career in health care spans three decades, a journey he began in the Rehabilitation



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Stephen Buckley.

NEWNC supports new Salem Street chocolate store

By Phil Orlandella

A request by the owners of Petrova Chocolates to open a retail chocolate store at 61 Salem Street with a beer and wine package license was supported by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at their April monthly meeting held at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

Special European wines will also be sold at the new store.

Mark Callahan, head developer of Copper and Hall, for information purposes only, discussed plans to convert the office space at 123 North Washinton Street for residential use.

Ky' Ron Owens of the Boston Office of Emergency Management discussed how to be prepared for emergencies in the city.

NEWNC President Kevin Fleming announced that the election of the Council's Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, May 17 at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street from 10am to 2pm.

He noted that candidates must secure 25 signatures from residents to be placed on the ballot for the six open seats for two-year terms.

He said nomination papers are available at the Nazzaro Community Center and can be returned there no later than Monday, May 5 at 6pm.

Fleming encouraged residents to take out nomination papers to serve on the community Council.

The next NEWNC meeting will be held on Monday, May 12 at 6:30pm at the Nazzaro Community Center, open to the public.

Coletta Zapata names Peracchi as North End, Wharf District liaison

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Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata has announced that Samantha Peracchi will serve as her North End and Wharf District liaison. Peracchi is a proud fourth-generation North End resident. She is also a product of the Boston Public Schools having attended the Eliot K-8 School and graduated from the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science. She earned her bachelor's degree from Bentley University and completed her master's at Cambridge College.

“I'm thrilled to welcome Samantha to my team to support

North End and Wharf District residents in making City Hall more accessible and responsive for all. She comes from a distinguished family of public servants and brings deep knowledge of the neighborhood,” said Councilor Coletta Zapata. “I am confident that she understands the unique needs and challenges that residents face and I look forward to working with her to improve the quality of life of district one,” said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

“I'm proud to serve as Councilor Coletta's North End and Wharf District Liaison,” said Peracchi.

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EDITORIAL

THE TRAGIC WAR IN VIETNAM ENDED 50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

It was 50 years ago this week on April 30, 1975, that the U.S. involvement in the War in Vietnam officially came to an end when the last U.S. military helicopter flew ignominiously from the roof of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon (as the capital of South Vietnam was known at that time, but which is now Ho Chi Minh City, named after the No. Vietnamese leader who once worked as a pastry chef in Boston's Parker House from 1911-13).

For the generations of Americans over the past 50 years who know about the Vietnam War only from their U.S. history classes, the few pages in their textbooks devoted to the war cannot even remotely describe both the upheaval that the war caused in American society at that time and the lasting impacts upon our nation that reverberate today.

More than nine million brave young Americans served during the war, of whom more than 58,000 gave their lives, while another 300,000 were wounded. In addition, there were hundreds of thousands more who suffered the psychological effects from PTSD, as well as the latent toll from Agent Orange (the powerful chemical herbicide that took its name from the orange striping on the barrels in which it was stored) and other weapons used by the U.S. military that resulted in later-life cancers and birth defects that affected tens of thousands of our soldiers and Vietnamese civilians.

For those of us who came of age during that era from 1965-75, we recall watching the war brought into our living rooms every night on the national TV news shows with reports from correspondents who were embedded with our military as they went on their infamous search and destroy missions that transformed the beautiful and placid Vietnamese countryside into a living hell for the Vietnamese people.

We recall reading with stunned disbelief in Time Magazine (Time was delivered to our home every week) about the massacre by U.S. Army American soldiers, led by Lieutenant William Calley, at the Vietnamese village of My Lai, in which hundreds of civilians, almost all of them women, children, and elderly men, were raped and murdered.

We remember the "body count" of "enemy soldiers" that was issued daily by U.S. military officials, under the direction of General William Westmoreland, which was so huge that it seemed that it would be only a matter of time before the small country of No. Vietnam would run out of soldiers.

Only later did we learn that these so-called body counts included hundreds of thousands of So. Vietnamese civilians who were killed by our bombs and assaults on their villages.

Then in 1971 came the publication of the Pentagon Papers, which had been leaked by Daniel Ellsberg to the New York Times, which detailed the secret history of the war (compiled by the Pentagon itself). The Pentagon Papers spelled out how President Lyndon Johnson and previous administrations had systematically lied both to the American people and Congress about what was going on in Vietnam.

The Pentagon Papers detailed the covert actions by the U.S. military that involved us ever-deeper into the process of escalation that culminated with the Tonkin Gulf Resolution passed by Congress in August, 1964, that basically gave Johnson carte blanche to send millions of soldiers to Vietnam without Congress ever having issued a Declaration of War.

Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska was one of only two senators to oppose the resolution with words that would become prophetic, saying he was voting against the resolution because "...we are sending our American boys into combat in a war in which we have no business, which is not our war, into which we have been misguidedly drawn, and which is steadily being escalated."

Only years later was it revealed that the basis of the Tonkin Gulf Resolution -- the supposed attack on U.S. naval vessels by No. Vietnam in the Tonkin Gulf off the coast of No Vietnam -- was a complete fiction.

Moreover, the overall justification for the war was the oft-stated Domino Theory, by which American policy-makers suggested that if one country in Southeast Asia were to fall to the Communists, the others would fall like dominoes and would become vassal states of China and the Soviet Union.

But that analysis completely ignored the simple fact that the Vietnam War was a civil war in which the Vietnamese were seeking to throw off their colonial rulers -- the country had been invaded and governed first by the Chinese, then the Japanese, then the French, and then the Americans.

Robert McNamara, who served as Secretary of Defense under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Johnson from 1961-68, and who was one of the chief architects of the American strategy, admitted 40 years later that American involvement in the war in Vietnam was "wrong."

In the aftermath of the war, trust in our government reached an all-time low and has continued to plummet ever since, even among those of us who generally believe in the values of our democracy and the need for a strong national government.

The War in Vietnam was a tragedy for everyone who even remotely was touched by it. It was a war built on lies on top of lies -- and its legacy is a large part of the reason why Americans have such distrust of our government and institutions today.

NEW Health honors Care Society

By Phil Orlandella

A special event to honor NEW Health's Community Care Society, a leadership annual giving society comprised of individuals and businesses that give generously on an annual basis to support both the North End and Charlestown sites was recently held.

Donors have provided support to the Center's crucial programs, including food access, the public

health vending machine, senior programming, substance use disorder services and more.

Their support enables the Center to advance its mission and make a positive impact in the community.

The event was hosted by co-owners of Forcella, Nino Trotta and Shannon MacGowan who donated their wine bar space and appetizers.

Support your local Health Center

By Phil Orlandella

The North End is blessed with many non-profit organizations that rely on support from individuals, businesses, foundations and corporations to continue to provide the best services, activities and events to the neighborhood.

One of them is NEW Health, a private corporation that has provided primarily health care services to all its patients and other services since 1971.

One way the Center generates revenue is through its annual signature fundraiser, Viva LeBocce, a competitive and exciting competition of 24 teams being held

at Langone Park on Commercial Street on Saturday, June 7 starting at 11am.

This year, the tournament will be a pool style format with all teams guaranteed to play at least three games throughout the six-hours of competition.

Hosted by NBC Boston's Pricilla Casper, teams of four players will contend for the top spot. Each player will be provided a free lunch. Also, a raffle will be held.

Funds raised at Viva LeBocce will be put to good use at NEW Health where they are needed most.

Tickets are going fast, so purchase them early.

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Boston's climate champions host Climate Leaders Awards

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Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Environment Department last week hosted the inaugural Boston Climate Leader Awards at Millennium Partners' Winthrop Center, honoring individuals, organizations, and institutions making extraordinary contributions to the city's climate and sustainability goals. The event brought together civic leaders, community partners, advocates, businesses, and innovators to recognize climate action across buildings, energy, climate resilience, and environmental protection.

"Our first-ever Climate Leader Award recipients represent the best of Boston's commitment to environmental justice and community-driven action," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "From neighborhood organizers to major institutions, these leaders are building a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable city for all. Their innovation and passion power Boston's climate leadership and fuel our collective progress to confront the climate crisis head-on."

Awardees were selected for their exemplary efforts to reduce emissions, prepare for climate impacts, and protect Boston's natural resources. This community-led process received 117 nominations for various individuals and organizations. Applicants went through multiple iterations of review by various City of Bos-

ton departments.

The Emerald Skyline Award (Buildings) - Awardees decarbonizing Boston's new and existing buildings.

The winner of the Emerald Skyline Award in the Business and Institution Category is: Boston University.

Boston University is leading on climate action with a goal of net zero direct emissions by 2040, already 65% of the way there, powered entirely by renewable electricity—including its own wind farm—and home to Boston's largest fossil fuel-free, carbon-neutral building, the Duan Family Center for Computing & Data Sciences.

The winner of the Emerald Skyline Award in the Community Engagement Category is: LISC Massachusetts.

LISC Massachusetts is building resilient, equitable communities by supporting sustainable affordable housing, clean energy careers, and local solutions, partnering with nearly 100 housing providers and training over 60 households for green jobs.

The winner of the Emerald Skyline Award in the Individual Category is: Caitlin Robillard, Allston Brighton CDC.

Caitlin has led efforts to secure over \$16 million in climate funding to decarbonize affordable housing, cutting energy use by 64% across four buildings and generating over 225 kW of solar power, advancing climate and housing affordability

in Boston.

The Boston Bright Future Award (Energy) - Awardees transforming the energy grid to more renewable sources.

The winner of the The Boston Bright Future Award in the Business and Institution Category is Found Energy.

Found Energy is a Charlestown-based MIT spinout, transforming unrecyclable aluminum scrap into zero-emission heat and hydrogen to decarbonize heavy industry, scaling its clean energy systems over 100-fold since 2022 and proudly advancing a circular, Boston-built climate solution.

The winner of the The Boston Bright Future Award in the Community Organization Category is: IBEW Local 103 - The Greater Boston Joint Apprenticeship Training Center.

IBEW's primary mission is to develop the most skilled, responsible and responsive Electricians and Technicians in the United States of America with a particular focus on efficient and sustainable buildings.

The winner of the The Boston Bright Future Award in the Individual Category is: Dr. Anna Goldman, BMC/Clean Power Prescription Program.

Dr. Anna Goldman's Clean Power Prescription Program at BMC uses solar energy to reduce electricity costs for patients, advancing climate resilience, energy equity, and healthcare solutions that align with Boston's renewable energy and climate justice goals.

Resilient Boston Award (Climate Preparedness and Resilience) - Awardees working to prepare our City for the impacts of climate change, including sea level rise, severe weather events, and extreme heat.

The winner of the The Clean, Green City Award in the Business and Institution Category is: Boston Building Resources.

Boston Building Resources has been a cornerstone of Boston's circular economy for over 30 years, diverting more than \$2 million in reusable materials annually from the waste stream while empowering residents with the skills to maintain affordable, climate-friendly homes.

The winner of The Clean, Green City Award in the Community Organization Category is: Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center.

Mass Audubon's Boston Nature Center in Mattapan achieved net zero in 2023 and continues to lead on climate and environmental justice, restoring 67 acres of urban wildlife habitat, planting micro-forests, and educating Boston youth and residents on sustainable

living and climate action.

The winner of The Clean, Green City Award in the Individual Category is: Bill Masterson of Tree Eastie.

Tree Eastie is an all-volunteer nonprofit, which has helped plant over 500 trees in East Boston and engaged thousands of residents, advancing environmental justice and cooling a community on the frontlines of heat, flooding, and pollution.

The Clean, Green City Award (Environmental Protection) - Awardees working to reduce waste in Boston, and/or working to protect the natural environment.

The winner of Resilient Boston Award in the Business and Institution Category is: A Better City.

A Better City brings together nearly 130 businesses and institutions to build a greener, more resilient Boston, partnering on climate efforts like B-COOL, PowerCorps Boston, Deployables Day, and BERDO, and proving the power of public-private collaboration to drive lasting change.

The winner of Resilient Boston Award in the Community Organization Category is: Boston Harbor Now.

Boston Harbor Now is leading the charge on coastal resilience—from re-imagining the 43-mile Harborwalk to shaping regional and statewide climate strategies—advancing bold, community-driven solutions to protect Boston's shoreline and future generations.

The winner of Resilient Boston Award in the Individual Category is: Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco of UMass Boston.

Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco of UMass Boston is spearheading a global effort on climate resilience, linking local and international action through regional summits, including one in Boston, and shaping a worldwide framework for a more sustainable future.

"The leaders we recognized

tonight are showing us what climate leadership looks like at every scale—from energy efficiency retrofits and green jobs training, to urban tree planting and climate-smart healthcare," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer. "Accomplishing our climate agenda in Boston requires leadership in every corner of the City, and we're proud to uplift their work and deepen our partnerships as we accelerate toward our carbon neutrality goals."

Nominees were evaluated based on their sustainability impact, climate innovation, and benefits to environmental justice communities. The award program reflects Boston's whole-of-government approach to climate action, prioritizing community collaboration and bold, systems-level change.

"We launched the Climate Leader Awards to shine a light on the people and organizations advancing real solutions," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Environment Commissioner And Green New Deal Director. "Every honoree is proving that Boston's climate future is not just possible—it's already in progress, whether it's a start-up with a promising new idea or a long-standing institution stewarding our environment."

Boston continues to lead by example with bold initiatives that make climate action tangible and visible in our communities. Programs like the newly launched Boston Energy Saver, the City's innovative small building energy efficiency upgrade initiative, and net zero carbon zoning for new development are pushing Boston toward a cleaner energy future. At the same time, award-winning climate-resilient parks like Langone Park and Martin's Park are transforming public spaces into models of green infrastructure and coastal protection, making neighborhoods more vibrant, accessible, and prepared for a changing climate.

NEAA to honor Gloria Pizzarella on Baseball Opening Day

By John Romano

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) will hold its Annual Baseball Opening Day on Saturday May 3, at Langone Field on Commercial Street.

Games will be held all day starting at 10:30am with Instructional Program/T-Ball followed by two Major League games and two Minor League games.

There will be a BBQ all day, face painting and balloon making for all NEAA families to enjoy throughout the day.

The NEAA will honor longtime NEAA member Gloria Pizzarella for her years as a player, volunteer and sponsor of the Athletic Association.

NEAA is grateful for members of the community like Gloria who played in the baseball program as a young girl and has given back to the program as a volunteer and has sponsored programs and affiliated with the NEAA throughout

the years.

Gloria will throw out the first pitch at 12 Noon at Opening Day Ceremonies. NEAA hopes all her friends and neighbors in the North End and beyond will join us in honoring Gloria on May 3rd.

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4/5 Year Old Instructional/T-Ball Program: Boston Red Sox Foundation/ NIKE Jr. RBI Program

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today: the climate crisis is here, but so is our solution,” said Bill McKibben, environmental leader and founder of Third Act and 350.org. “Clean energy is our shot at freedom—from pollution, from high energy bills, and from the grip of fossil fuels.”

The launch included remarks from Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Massachusetts Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer, Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, Rev. Fletcher Harper of GreenFaith, Harvard’s Hindu Chaplain Preeta Banerjee, Rabbi Shoshana Friedman, UU Minister Fred Small, along with Hip Hop Caucus’ Rev. Lennox Yearwood and grammy nominated vocalist Antonique Smith of Climate Revival, and local leaders from 350 Mass and the Better Future Project. As the lantern is lit, landmarks across Boston—including City Hall, the Prudential Tower, the UMass Boston Integrated Science Complex, and the Rose Kennedy Greenway—will glow green in solidarity.

“Here in Massachusetts, revolution is in our DNA. Boston played a key role in the national abolition movement; it was Massachusetts women who helped lead the fight for suffrage; it was the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court in Goodridge that made Massachusetts the first state to legalize same-sex marriage; and it was the Massachusetts Attorney General’s

Office that led Mass v. EPA, confirming EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions,” said Climate Chief of Massachusetts Melissa Hoffer. “We know a thing or two about not backing down and winning against the odds. We know our future is clean energy, powered by the sun, wind, ocean currents, geothermal, and we’re not going to stop until dirty energy goes the way of the dinosaurs.”

“Our sacred planet supports our lives. We must protect it - and we can,” said the Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of the interfaith climate organization GreenFaith. “This Saturday, and this coming September, people of all faiths will shine our collective green light for clean energy and climate justice. Every faith community in the country needs to be involved!”

A Clean Energy Revolution Years in the Making

Sun Day draws inspiration from the first Earth Day in 1970 and from an even older American tradition: the fight for independence. Just as the original revolutionaries lit lanterns to spark resistance, today’s clean energy movement is igniting a campaign to power the nation with the sun, wind, and other renewable sources.

The launch event also commemorates the 71st anniversary of the first practical solar panel, unveiled by Bell Labs on April 25, 1954—a



MAYOR’S OFFICE PHOTO BY MIKE MEJIA

Boston’s historic Old North Church’s steeple was green with the help of a solar-powered lantern.

breakthrough that laid the foundation for the clean energy boom we see today.

Since then, solar energy has gone from scientific curiosity to a cornerstone of American infrastructure. In 2024, solar accounted for 66% of all new electricity-generating capacity added to the US grid, and the Inflation Reduction Act is accelerating the deployment of solar, wind, battery storage, and transmission. Today, more than 5 million homes in the U.S. are powered by rooftop solar, and more than 3.5 million people work in the clean energy sector, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs across the country every year.

“The transition to clean renewable energy is long overdue; big oil and the politicians they own have propped up the fossil fuel industry with our tax dollars, secured their supply lines with our military, and have made all of us pay the costs of

their pollution. Despite their desperate efforts to continue their polluting business model at any cost, the era of fossil fuel dominance is coming to an end,” said Dan Zackin of Better Future Project and 350 Massachusetts. “The proliferation of solar power aligns the economic benefits of lower energy costs with the scientific and moral imperative to address the climate crisis.”

A National Day of Action on September 21

On Sun Day, (September 21) organizers plan to coordinate thousands of events nationwide, including community solar installations, electric vehicle and e-bike parades, clean energy demonstrations, educational events, and rallies at city halls, state houses, and energy agencies to call for bold local, state, and federal action to accelerate and scale-up affordable and reliable clean energy. From

faith communities to labor groups, youth organizers to retirees, Americans of all backgrounds will take part in this powerful show of support for a just and rapid clean energy transition.

“Solar makes sense for everyone. It creates jobs, saves money, and puts people in control of their energy usage,” said Anya Schoolman, Executive Director of Solar United Neighbors. “That is why solar manufacturing tripled last year, and why we need to continue the momentum in order to fuel the clean energy transition.”

The campaign is backed by a growing coalition of local and national partners, including Solar United Neighbors, Rewiring America, Third Act, Sierra Club, GreenFaith, and dozens more. Together, they’re building a diverse movement to protect the progress we’ve made—and supercharge what’s next.

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“I’m committed to representing the place I call home, amplifying our voices and building a stronger community together.”

Samantha has always had a passion for working with children. During high school, she founded her own nonprofit, Never Alone, in partnership with the United Way of Boston; worked at the Nazzaro Community Center; taught at St. John School; and continues to tutor the young and brilliant minds of her neighborhood. She believes a better world is built on the values of love, compassion, and acceptance we instill in future generations.

Samantha comes from a long line of public servants and will be the fourth generation in her family to work at Boston City Hall as

Samantha Peracchi.

she begins her role as a liaison. She looks forward to discussing local needs and finding the best ways to support her community through empathy and open communica-

tion.

Councilor Coletta Zapata encourages all North End and Wharf District residents to contact her office on any matter by calling (617) 635-3200 or by emailing her at samantha.peracchi@boston.gov. Peracchi will be joining Judy Evers (Charlestown Liaison), Elaine Donovan (Charlestown Liaison), Sebastian Parra (East Boston Liaison), Gabriela M. Ramirez (Outreach and Communications Manager) and Ellie Sanchez (Chief of Staff) to round out Coletta Zapata’s team.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata by phone at (617) 635-3200 or by email at gabriela.ramirez@boston.gov.



PHOTOGRAPH BY MEL TAING OF BIG HOOPS TO FILL

Ja'Hari Ortega's public art installation 'Big Hoops to Fill.'

Big Hoops to Fill by Artist Ja'Hari Ortega is on display at The Greenway

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, has announced that a new public art installation from artist Ja'Hari Ortega, *Big Hoops to Fill*, is on view to the public beginning May 1, 2025 at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Seaport Boulevard.

The artwork features two oversized golden bamboo hoop earrings—also known as “door-knocker” earrings—that function as interactive swings. Cast from fiberglass and resin composite, the earrings hang from a swing set that echoes one the artist grew up playing on in Roxbury.

Ortega's sculpture emphasizes the cultural weight of bamboo hoop earrings, an iconic style of jewelry worn by many women of color that originated within early hip-hop culture and fashion.

From gracing the ears of performers such as Salt-N-Pepa, MC Lyte, Roxanne Shanté, Mary J. Blige, and Queen Latifah, to being immortalized in the song, *Around the Way Girl*, by LL Cool J, bamboo hoop earrings are a cultural signifier and symbol of resistance, identity, and pride for generations of BIPOC communities.

Ortega shares: “Jewelry to me is like photography; it captures a moment in time and special pieces are often passed down from generation to generation. These hoops are an unapologetic statement of self-expression, pride, and connection to one's roots and identity.”

By rendering bamboo hoop earrings at a monumental scale in downtown Boston, Ortega centers the everyday lives of women of color in public space and creates

a legible invitation to the artwork as a space of play, rest, leisure, and relaxation. As the artist states, *Big Hoops to Fill* creates opportunities to “heal one's inner child, strengthen healthy multigenerational relationships, and foster confidence in one's identity and culture.”

Audrey Lopez, The Greenway Conservancy's Director and Curator of Public Art, says: “*Big Hoops to Fill* is a beacon of play, rest, and joy, and an affirmation of the everyday lives of women of color. Ortega's artwork inspires us to think broadly and critically about which objects and whose histories and cultural references form the basis of monuments in Boston's public spaces.”

BUCKLEY (from Page 1)

Department at Malden Hospital. He later created his own outpatient practice, started and developed an outpatient physical therapy and sports medicine practice, and served as a rehab director. He has been dedicated to local skilled nursing facilities since 2007.

In addition to his extensive health care experience, Buckley served as Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, actively engag-

ing with the community at large to foster connections and support regional business development and advocacy.

Buckley is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, where he earned a Bachelor of Administration degree before furthering his education at Endicott College, where he received a degree in physical therapy.

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center provides res-

idents of Boston and surrounding communities with the highest levels of subacute short-term care in a compassionate and caring environment. North End Rehab is proudly serviced by Marquis Health Consulting Services, which provides administrative and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and senior housing communities along the Eastern Seaboard. For more information, visit www.northendrehab.com.

Residents participate in Project Bread Walk for Hunger

By Phil Orlandella

Two North End residents, Anna Baptista and Brooke Lochiatto, will slice their way through the 2025 Project Bread's 57th Walk for Hunger raising money for statewide relief.

Anna and Brooke will walk the three-mile loop around Boston Common or in their neighborhood for the fundraiser.

The one-day event is expected to raise more than \$1 million to support the leading statewide food security organization's approach to ensure food access for all children and families in the state.

The North Enders will join over 3,500 participants in the one-day event slated for Sunday, May 4 at 9am that will also feature family friendly activities, food and entertainment at the Common.

Walk for Hunger is the first pledged walk in the nation, started in 1969.

“This walk brings people together in such a fun way being outdoors with people who share the same mission is truly inspiring,” Baptista said.

She added, “It's an opportunity to connect with others, support a cause that is so important to me, and make a difference in the fight against hunger.”

Lochiatto has always been driven by a passion for policy and advocacy, and at Project Bread she works toward ending childhood hunger.

She is excited to be back for her second walk and looks forward to



Anna Baptista.



Brooke Lochiatto.

joining the ranks of the heart and sole of this year's fundraiser.

“Project Bread is an organization that stands out because of its commitment to ending hunger in Massachusetts,” she said.

Donate directly to Lochiatto's fundraiser at <https://give.projectbread.org/fundraiser/6141354>.

Donate directly to Baptista's fundraiser at <https://give.projectbread.org/fundraiser/6185535>.

NEMPAC Jazz in the Park Summer Series

By Phil Orlandella

Five fantastic and diverse international musical art concerts have been scheduled on The Rose Kennedy Greenway on Thursday evenings this July and August with the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) 2025, free, Jazz in the Park Summer Concert series.

The world class range of musical stylings features:

- Farayi Malek-July 10
- Samuel Batista Quintet-July 17
- Nichol-July 24

- Albino Mbie-July 31
 - Mercedes Escabar-August 7
- All concerts run from 6:30pm to 8pm adjacent to the Canopy Hotel in Boston.

NEMPAC's Artistic Director Stefano Marchese and many sponsors made this series possible.

Jazz in the Park partners and sponsors The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, City of Boston Mayor's Office of Special Events, The Lupoli Family Foundation, Rose Town Kitchen & Bar, MeetBoston, Munroe Morrow Wealth Management, North Street Grille, and Boston Public Market.

NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER By Phil Orlandella

COUNCILOR ZAPATA FOCCP GUEST SPEAKER

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata will be the guest speaker at the May 13 meeting of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Mariners House, 11 North Square.

The Councilor's districts include the North End/Waterfront community.

She will share updates on her work inside and outside of the Council and will answer questions or concerns from attendees.

FOCCP at this meeting will elect officers.

MIRABELLA POOL CLOSING FOR 2026-27 SEASON

It appears that due to much needed mechanic repairs, the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street will be closed the summers of 2026-2027.

The city informed residents of the closures at a public meeting relating to plans to build a new community center adjacent to the well-used community pool, managed by Boston Centers for Youth

and Families (BCYF).
More details to come.

NEWRA ZONING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) Zoning and Licensing Committee met on Tuesday, April 22 at 7pm at The Mariners House, 11 North Square.

There was one agenda item: Petrova Chocolate LLC d/b/a Petrova Chocolates submitted a request to the City Licensing Board for a beer and wine license for a package store license at 61 Salem Street.

Only cosmetic changes will be made to the premises, proposed hours of operation 11am to 7pm daily.

NEW HEALTH HYGIENE DRIVE

A Hygiene Drive was recently held at NEW Health along with students from the Eliot School, which has spearheaded the drive for seven-years.

The Comfort Hygiene Drive is also held in partnership with Project Paulie and Compassion, Hope

& to benefit the North End/Charlestown communities served by NEW Health.

NAZZARO CENTER SEEKS SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR

A program director for the Nazzaro Community Center Summer Camp program is open for the month of August.

For a listing of job duties, responsibilities and qualifications and to send resumes email: nazzarocentercouncil@gmail.com.

NEWNC BOARD ELECTION MAY 17

Each year, six of twelve seats on the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) are up for election for two-year-terms.

Nomination papers are available at the Nazzaro Community Center. Each candidate must secure 25 signatures of residents to qualify to be on the ballot. Papers must be returned to the Center by Monday, May 5 at 6pm.

NEWNC is the only elected community group in the North End. Residents are encouraged to run for a seat on the Board.

LIBRARY RENOVATIONS DISCUSSED

Friends of the North End Library (FONEL) at their recent board meeting discussed future library renovation plans.

Joining the community volunteer group was Patricia Foley, Director of Neighborhood Service.

Foley shared the city's plans for future renovations of the Parmenter Street facility.

TRELLIS LINED WITH DAFFODILS

Once again, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) lined the trellis with more than 200 potted daffodils through the conclusion of the Boston Marathon in conjunction with the non-profit Marathon Daffodils that oversees the distribution of more than 5,000 potted plants across the city.

Following the Marathon, after 3pm FOCCP volunteers took some potted plants to a local nursing home. They also offered people passing by one to take home.

LITTLE LEAGUE SPONSORS

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Little League (Majors) four teams have been sponsored for many years by: The Regional Review, Ted Tomasone, St. Agrippina Society and St. Anthony's Feast and Society.

NEAA TO HONOR GLORIA PIZZARELLA

Longtime NEAA member Gloria Pizzarella will be honored at the 2025 Baseball Opening Day on May 3 at Langone Field, for her years as a player, volunteer and sponsor of the Association.

Gloria will toss out the first pitch.

N.E. LIBRARY TALK

Friends of the North End Library, 25 Parmenter Street held another Author Talk, "The Battalion Artist".

Author Janice Blake, Editor Nancy Bellantoni and the book's illustrator's daughter Jean M. Connan discussed the three years, three months and three days of Nat Bellantoni's life on the Pacific front during World War II.

Future talks will be held.

Boston officials to host annual Disability Community Forum

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Commission on Persons with Disabilities and the Disability Advisory Board announced that the City's annual Disability Community Forum will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. The event, held at Suffolk University Law School, is open to the public, with hybrid attendance options allowing participation both in person and on

Zoom. To register for this event, please visit boston.gov/disability-forum.

"As we continue our work to make Boston a home for everyone, we are working to ensure that residents with disabilities are connected to services and community," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Boston's Disability Community Forum is an important way for residents to shape the City's ongoing efforts, provide feedback, and build community. I encourage

everyone to attend this critical forum and help inform the work we do across Boston to make our city more inclusive and accessible."

This year's event will feature a brief presentation from Kristen McCosh, ADA Title II Coordinator and Disability Commissioner for the Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities. She will share the Commission and Board's Annual Report. The event will then open for public comment from Boston residents and a Q&A session with Commissioner McCosh and Disability Advisory Board members. The event will provide an opportunity for Boston's disability community to help shape ongoing City services, share their feedback on initiatives across neighborhoods and ask questions to various City departments. The forum will also provide City officials an opportunity to listen to residents with disabilities and learn more from their perspective across Boston neighborhoods. The public is encouraged to sub-

mit questions and comments in advance of the forum on the registration form found at boston.gov/disability-forum.

"Boston's annual Disability Community Forum provides a valuable opportunity for people with disabilities to connect directly with City officials," said Boston Disability Commissioner Kristen McCosh. "We work hard to ensure that Boston is an accessible and inclusive city, but we want to hear from you. I encourage everyone who is involved in the disability community to attend our forum this year so you can tell us your priorities for accessibility and inclusion in the City of Boston."


Last year, Mayor Wu and the Commission on Persons with Disabilities welcomed over 100 attendees in-person and on Zoom. Issues such as accessible housing, transportation, sidewalk safety, and disability discrimination were discussed. The opportunity to listen to Boston's disability community provided City officials valuable information that improved

city departments ability to plan for increased disability accessibility and inclusion in every corner of the city.

"The Disabilities Commission Advisory Board looks forward to the Disability Community Forum every year because it is a direct way to hear from the community. It is a great way to highlight accessibility work, and get feedback on issues that are directly impacting disabled residents, commuters, and visitors to Boston," said Jerry Boyd, Chair of the City of Boston Disability Advisory Board.

This event will be recorded by the City of Boston's Cable TV channel, and following the end of the event a video recording will be available to stream on the City's YouTube channel, Xfinity channel 24, RCN channel 13, and Fios channel 962.

To learn more about the Disability Community Forum, visit boston.gov, email disability@boston.gov or call the Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities at 617-635-3682.



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Wu, Boston Emergency Medical Services celebrate new EMTs

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu, Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS), and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) celebrated the graduation of 35 EMT-Recruits and 13 recent promotions in a ceremony at Boston Public Library's Rabb Hall. The EMT-Recruits were hired as state-certified EMTs and successfully completed the Boston EMS Recruit Academy, an intense training program to ensure residents receive the highest quality emergency medical care. The new graduates now join Boston EMS to respond to medical emergencies in Boston, enhancing 9-1-1 staffing for ambulances and dispatch operations.

"Congratulations to the newest class of EMS graduates. Today marks not just the end of your training, but the beginning of a lifelong commitment to service," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "You are now part of a proud tradition of EMS professionals who respond with skill, compassion, and courage when our residents need it most. Whether in moments of crisis or quiet care, your work is a lifeline for our city—and we are deeply grateful for your dedication."

"Becoming an EMT or paramedic is more than just a job—it's an honorable calling. It requires courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to others. Every shift offers you the chance to make a lasting impact on someone's life when they need it most," said Boston EMS Chief James Hooley. "With call volume at an all-time high and our team responding to more than 385 medical emergencies every day, your role is more important than ever."

As you graduate today, know that you are now equipped with the knowledge, skills, and resolve to face the challenges ahead. You are ready to serve, and we are incredibly proud of you."

The Boston EMS Recruit Academy is a full-time, paid program featuring both classroom instruction and field training to prepare EMTs for a variety of life-threatening emergency situations—including mass casualty events, hazardous materials exposure, active shooter incidents, and human trafficking response. During their training, the graduates collectively responded to over 4,300 9-1-1 calls, treating patients experiencing everything from cardiac arrest to childbirth, serious trauma, and behavioral health crises.

"Congratulations to our new EMTs and to those who are being promoted. Boston EMS is one of the most highly regarded emergency service providers in the country and is critical to ensuring health and wellness in our city," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "Though the work to provide emergency services is challenging, EMS personnel continue to provide high-quality, compassionate care in times of crisis every single day. We are proud to have you on the team at the Boston Public Health Commission."

Boston EMS continues to expand access to EMS careers through its multi-pronged recruitment strategy. Notably, nine members of this graduating class were part of the relaunched Cadet Program. The initiative fully funds EMT training for individuals, paving the way to fulfilling careers in public service. Additionally, six of the new graduates participated in the City Academy training



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY ISABEL LEON

EMT-Recruits are sworn in as the newest graduates of the Boston EMS Recruit Academy.

program, managed by Worker's Empowerment Cabinet, that prepares Boston residents for various jobs including as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) with Boston EMS.

At the ceremony, the department also formally acknowledged the advancement of six Emergency Medical Technicians to the rank of Paramedic. This achievement follows the successful completion of a paramedic program, departmental promotional examinations, and a rigorous three-month internship program.

Promoted to Paramedic:

Brian Cameron, Daniel Chatell, Christopher Hamilton, Kathryn McLean, Eldar Pehilj, Kimberly Zion

The department also recognized the promotions of three personnel to the rank of Captain and four to the rank of Lieutenant. These individuals collectively contribute nearly 100 years of combined service and leadership experience to the department's supervisory ranks.

Promoted to Captain:

Thomas Hooley, Sean Morgan, Kassim Zion

Promoted to Lieutenant:

Michael Devlin, Elizabeth Hazelton, Kaitlin Joyce, Bethany Wylde

"Congratulations on stepping into these vital leadership roles," said Chief Hooley. "Our city is

stronger and safer because of your clinical expertise, dedication, and leadership. As you take on these new responsibilities, know that your influence will extend beyond our department, making a lasting impact on the entire community."

Boston EMS is one of the busiest municipal EMS providers in New England, responding to more than 140,000 emergency medical incidents per year.

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PATRIOT DAY PARADE LAUNCHES BOSTON 250 CELEBRATION

This year's Patriot Day Parade marked the 250th anniversary of Patriots' Day and the launch of Boston 250 celebrations.

The parade began at City Hall Plaza with a brief speaking program at the flagpoles led by Mayor

Michelle Wu. The parade then marched from City Hall Plaza to Tremont Street, halted at the Old Granary Burial Ground where historic figures were honored and then continued through Downtown and into the North End on

Hanover Street, ending at the Paul Revere Mall. A brief speaking program took place at Paul Revere Mall followed by the handing of the scrolls to Paul Revere who then embarked on the reenactment ride.

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Wu announces return of Boston Playoff Hub on Canal Street

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu announced the return of the Boston Playoff Hub on Canal Street, creating a car-free zone for fans to gather before and during home playoff games at TD Garden.

“As the city of champions, Boston is lucky to have another round of playoff games to watch at TD Garden. With the Boston Playoff Hub on Canal Street, we’re again making it easier to gather with friends and family to cheer on the Celtics,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “I encourage basketball fans to celebrate responsibly and enjoy what makes Boston so special.”

The Playoff Hub will be free and

open to the public, providing more space for residents and visitors to gather outdoors and celebrate the Celtics. Canal Street closure times will vary based on game day start times and will be posted on boston.gov. Canal Street will remain closed to traffic through one hour after the game ends. Parking regulations will be posted on Saturday, April 19 ahead of the first Celtics playoff game. Vehicles in violation of posted regulations will be towed.

“The City continues to find new ways to partner with important stakeholders like the Boston Celtics and the Downtown North Association in order to bolster its efforts to revitalize our downtown core

and to bring a needed infusion of energy to support the lifeblood of our economy: our small businesses,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “The Boston Playoff Hub on Canal Street is an important way to advance Mayor Wu’s vision of a Boston that is a home for everyone. We look forward to Canal Street and TD Garden becoming a welcoming space for visitors, residents, and a new championship banner.”

“Few places capture the excitement of game day like TD Garden, especially with the Celtics in the playoffs,” said Rich Gotham, Boston Celtics Team President. “We’d like to express our gratitude to

Mayor Wu and the City of Boston for reintroducing the Playoff Hub on Canal Street, giving fans the chance to come together, rally behind the team, and shine a spotlight on local businesses. We’re looking forward to another strong playoff run with the best fans in the world.”

“We are proud to once again welcome the NBA Playoffs to TD Garden,” said Glen Thornborough, president of TD Garden and COO of the Boston Bruins. “Celtics playoff basketball is an incredible experience and we are grateful to Mayor Wu, City of Boston and the Downtown North Association for bringing the Playoff Hub back to Canal Street. It extends

the exhilarating and electric atmosphere that defines our venue into the community and enhances the excitement for neighborhood and local businesses.”

“The Downtown North Association is excited to see the return of Canal Street as the Playoff Hub. We look forward to welcoming Celtics fans to the area and to create an exciting festive atmosphere,” said Jay Walsh, Downtown North Association Director. “We are grateful to Mayor Wu and the City of Boston and we look forward to seeing the Celtics defend their championship.”

Massport announces new hires for Climate and Resilience, and Strategic Planning Officers

Special to the Times

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is pleased to announce Jill Valdes Horwood as the Authority’s first Chief Climate and Resilience Officer, and Emir Skokic as Chief Planning Officer.

“We are thrilled to welcome Jill Valdes Horwood and Emir Skokic to our leadership team at Massport,” said Massport CEO Rich Davey. “Jill brings a strong track record in climate policy and advocacy that will be critical as we continue our Net Zero initiatives and prepare for the long-term impacts of climate change. Emir’s strategic insight and broad experience across complex industries will strengthen our planning efforts and support key projects across aviation, maritime, and real estate. Their leadership and expertise will be invaluable as we continue to position Massport for a more sustainable and resilient future.”

As Climate Chief, Horwood will focus on Massport’s various Net Zero initiatives as well as preparing for and successfully managing the impacts of climate change. Previously, Horwood served as the director of the Boston Waterfront Initiative at the Barr Foundation. Prior to joining Barr, Horwood served as Boston Harbor Now’s Director of Policy. In this capacity, she worked closely with City and State permitting agencies and waterfront stakeholders on all state, municipal and federal waterfront policy issues affecting Boston’s waterfront, harbor and islands, especially regarding waterfront development, public access, and climate preparedness. Before shifting her focus to Boston Harbor, she did legal work to support students with special education needs, victims of domestic violence, and underserved populations facing court-ordered media-

tion foreclosure proceedings.

Horwood holds a J.D. with a certificate in Public Interest Law from DePaul University College of Law and an LL.M. in Maritime Law from the University of Miami where she also received her undergraduate degree in Psychology. She also holds a Master of Science in Maritime Business Management at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Horwood serves on the boards of the Disability Law Center and City Parks Alliance. Horwood was proud to serve as Conservation Commissioner for the City of Boston, appointed by Mayor Martin J. Walsh.

As Strategy Chief, Skokic will guide big-picture planning for transportation and environmental systems, leading key projects that support Massport’s main areas of business: aviation, maritime, and real estate. He has extensive experience in management consulting, primarily with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), where he has held roles ranging from Associate to Principal since 2012. His work spans large-scale transformations, growth strategy, cost optimization, and operational improvement across industries such as transportation, chemicals, food ingredients, and beverages. Notable achievements include leading cross-functional teams to develop strategic plans, conducting market and competitive diligence for acquisitions, and driving cost savings and operational efficiencies. Skokic earned a Master of Business Administration from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with concentrations in strategy and entrepreneurship. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, majoring in Government with a minor in Economics.

Massport’s sustainability initiatives build on a strong legacy

of environmental leadership and green innovation. In her role as Climate Chief, Horwood will not be starting from scratch but will instead expand on the strong groundwork already laid. Massport has had a climate resiliency program in place for over a decade, and Boston Logan was among the first airports to adopt a resiliency plan, including operational guides and a Floodproofing Design Guide.

Climate Change

Climate change is causing significant impacts in New England, such as rising sea levels, extreme storm events, heavy precipitation, coastal flooding, and extreme heat. As a result, Massport protects critical infrastructure and surrounding communities to ensure it can maintain its role as an essential economic engine for the region, and protect the quality of life of our neighboring communities.

Net Zero

In 2022, Massport announced an ambitious goal of Net Zero by 2031, the Authority’s 75th anniversary. Since announcing a goal to achieve Net Zero, Massport has made significant progress, paving the way for continued advancements in sustainability. Massport joined the MIT-led Zero Impact Aviation Alliance to establish an SAF (sustainable aviation fuel) hub in the Northeast. Boston Logan has the highest percentage of passengers taking HOV/ transit modes of any major airport in the U.S. The airport has the most airside EV chargers of any major airport in the U.S. with 372, and our airline partners are responding by transitioning more of their airside equipment to electric. Logan Express (LEX) served a record number of passengers in 2024, with over 2.5 million passengers utilizing the five services.

Massport has committed over \$500M in investments to Net Zero

projects over the next five years, which will set the groundwork for future reductions. These investments allow the Authority to lay the groundwork for the “big ticket” items coming in the years ahead – by working to secure renewable energy sources, expand its capacity to support electric vehicle charging, and bring large scale infrastructure

– like its Central Heating Plant – from plan to building. In November, the Authority announced an additional \$60 million project in South Boston to bring shore power to two berths at Flynn Cruiseport Boston, which will make Boston the first port in New England to have it.

Lyric Stage Boston presents Hello, Dolly!

The Lyric Stage 2024/25 season closes the 2024/25 season with the classic American musical comedy Hello, Dolly!. Directed by Maurice Emmanuel Parent, Music Direction from Dan Rodriguez†, and Choreography by Ilyse Robbins°, and featuring classic songs like “Before the Parade Passes By”, “It Only Takes a Moment”, and “Hello, Dolly!”, audiences will leave their worries at the door and be taken away on a cloud of pure exuberance.

With Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman and Book by Michael Stewart, Hello, Dolly! Is a must-see, feel-good treat for audiences of all ages this spring.

Brimming with classic musical theater tunes, endearing characters, and good-humor all around, Hello, Dolly! is the perfect balm for the soul. With a twinkle in her eye, Dolly Levi orchestrates matters of the heart for those looking for love as the incomparable matchmaker that she is. As romance blossoms and comedic adventures ensue, Dolly makes friends around every corner and charms her way into the hearts of

everyone she meets. But is there hope of moving on from a lost love and finding a sweetheart of her own “before the parade passes by?”

Director Maurice Emmanuel Parent says, “I am overjoyed to be telling this classic story with Lyric Stage, which has a treasured history of presenting classic musicals in a way that both honors the legacy of the show and sees it with a fresh perspective. I hope this show will inspire us to grab onto the things and people we love, to hold them tight before the parade passes us by.”

Performances begin Friday, May 16 and run through Sunday, June 22.

Email heather_darrow@lyricstage.com for tickets.



North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra presents 'Wild Symphony' at Children's Concert Sunday

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra presents a Children's Concert and Instrument Petting Zoo on May 4 at the First Baptist Church in Beverly beginning at 2 p.m., led by guest conductor Marshunda Smith, Music Director and Conductor of the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra.

The concert program will feature Dan Brown's "Wild Symphony", based on the best-selling author's book of the same name that details the adventures of Maestro Mouse and his companions from the animal kingdom.

Tickets are available online at NSPO.org or at the door for \$12, \$5.75 for ages 5 to 18, and children four and under are admitted free.

The events will begin with an Instrument Petting Zoo, where youngsters can get to feel what it's like to hold and play a classical instrument. A variety of crafts and

student performers will highlight the pre-concert festivities.

Dan Brown, creator of the Wild Symphony, is renowned as author of such thrillers as "The DaVinci Code" and "The Secret of Secrets," among others. His delightful "Wild Symphony" features two dozen musical portraits drawn from the animal kingdom, such as Bouncing Kangaroo, Wondrous Whale, and Brilliant Bat, to name a few. The symphony has been welcomed and enjoyed world-wide since its release five years ago.

Guest Conductor Marshunda Smith has enjoyed a stellar career as a cellist with numerous orchestras in the Boston area and now is making her mark as a conductor. Smith is in her second year as Music Director with the Lowell Philharmonic. In February of 2018, she became only the second female—and first African-American—

to conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in a ground-breaking performance that became the focus of a YouTube/ReverTV production "The Democracy of Sound: The Marshunda Smith Story."

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra recently completed its 76th Concert season. The Orchestra strives to develop, train and provide opportunities for young and amateur musicians, while providing a large range of programs covering the full range of symphonic and pops repertoire for a diverse public. For full concert information, visit www.nspo.org or contact info@nspo.org.

The Childrens Concert is supported in part by a grant from the Beverly Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.



Marshunda Smith, Music Director of the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra, will conduct the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in a Children's Concert on Sunday, May 4 at the First Baptist Church in Beverly.

Wu announces Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah as Boston's next Poet Laureate

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture announced that Ghanaian American poet, editor, and educator Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah will serve as Boston's next Poet Laureate. Oppong-Yeboah will officially assume the role in July 2025 and serve until July 2029. Established in 2008, the Boston Poet Laureate Program has been a cornerstone of Boston's creative sector, drawing residents into the rich and transformative world of the literary arts. It is a ceremonial appointment with a term of four years.

"I'm honored to announce Emmanuel as Boston's next Poet Laureate. Their voice, vision, and deep commitment to community will inspire and amplify our city's voices over the next four years," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "In a time where we need to challenge, uplift, and connect, I'm proud to know that Emmanuel will carry out this role with care for our communities."

"I am very excited to serve the City of Boston in this role," said Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah. "In so much of life I feel a profound sense of indebtedness to those who have done the work before me. No less so here. Boston's two most recent poet laureates, Porsha Olayiwola and Danielle Georges, have created so much space in this city for the flourishing of poetry and poets, and I am grateful to them and eager to expand on their work."



Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah.

Oppong-Yeboah grew up in Boston and holds the city close to their heart. They are currently a BPS educator working as a school librarian at the Joseph Lee School in Dorchester. For six years, they taught 11th grade English at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, and prior to that served as a teaching artist for 10 years at organizations throughout Boston, including the Massachusetts Literary Education and Performance Collective, the Cambridge Arts Council, Northeastern University, and the Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston. Emmanuel's poem, "kra-din" (Kweli Journal), is a past recipient of the Pushcart Prize (XLIII).

"We are thrilled that Emmanuel Oppong-Yeboah, a beloved member of our BPS community,

has been named Boston's next Poet Laureate," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. "As a school librarian at the Lee K-8 School, Emmanuel nurtures curiosity, creativity, and a deep love for words in our students every day. Their passion for poetry and education exemplifies the transformative power of the arts in young people's lives. We are proud to see a BPS educator in this role and excited for the inspiration they will spark across our city."

Oppong-Yeboah will be Boston's poet laureate, following Porsha Olayiwola, Danielle Legros Georges, and Sam Cornish, all of whom helped elevate the city's poetry scene. Oppong-Yeboah is committed to expanding on their legacies by fostering new opportunities for poets of all ages to thrive.

For Oppong-Yeboah, working with young people in the city where they were raised is especially meaningful and a source of personal joy. They hope to use this role to bring people together to build connections and provide resources to support poets and the organizations that make space for them.

They plan to work with the Boston Youth Poet Laureate on initiatives that activate the youth poetry scene in Boston; transform community spaces in Boston Public Libraries to host all-ages open-mics and draw engagement from BPS school communities nearby these library sites; partner with Boston's School Libraries to connect Boston-area students to

living poets; and host a contest that invites local poets to engage in writing based on Boston Public Library's archives.

Applications for the role were reviewed by a Selection Panel consisting of a distinguished group of local literary professionals. The Selection Panel evaluated all entries and held interviews with the final candidates.

"The Selection Committee was impressed by both Emmanuel's creative work, but equally his balanced thoughtful intentionality; he will bring to this role a deep appreciation of community engagement; and his skills and connections as an educator; and a passion for

mentoring our young people in their creative endeavors," said David Leonard, President of the Boston Public Library.

Oppong-Yeboah's upcoming events include co-leading an open mic and poetry slam on April 18 and May 2 with poet Crystal Valentine at Just Book-ish in Fields Corner, Dorchester (1st and 3rd Friday of every month). Additionally, they will be doing a feature performance on Wednesday, April 23, at the Cantab Lounge in Cambridge, home of the Boston Poetry Slam.

To learn more about the Boston Poet Laureate Program, visit www.boston.gov/poetry.

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The Chestnuts Group – PWAP Newborn Necessities

Story & Photos by Marianne Salza

The Chestnut Group – a non-profit social organization for Boston women over 50-years-of-age – held its Party with a Purpose (PWAP) fundraiser on April 10 at The Vincent Club (TVC) to support their Newborn Necessities program.

The Vincent Club’s Newborn Necessities committee began in 2008, and serves disadvantaged new mothers at MGH’s Chelsea HealthCare Center. A majority of the women are unemployed and

uninsured, are often homeless, or immigrants confronted with hardships such as a language barrier.

“There is great need,” emphasized Sandy Bigelow, Chairperson, Newborn Necessities, The Vincent Club. “We work with social workers, and they choose supplies. Once a month, we get together and send a full bag. This year, members have given 40 knit hats. They say, ‘handmade especially for you with love from Newborn Necessities.’”

Prior to the pandemic, Newborn Necessities would deliver maternity clothes to the clinic and

help mothers choose items they were most in need of. Now the cause focuses on providing mothers with the essentials: diapers, wipes, ointment, onesies, fleece and swaddling blankets, a package of baby clothes, books, and even cribettes for families living in shelters.

“We so appreciate the sup-

plies,” expressed Bigelow, who misses getting to meet and hold the infants. “It shows that somebody cares about them and is thinking about them.”

Beacon Hill Chestnuts, Lea DeCosta and Jill Severino, agreed that Newborn Necessities was the perfect charity to be recognized for their first PWAP as co-chairs of

the group because the two organizations share many members and philanthropic ideas.

“This is such a great space and organization,” beamed Severino, who is also a Vincent Club member. “The Vincent Club has been around for over a century and supports research. We fund the salary

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Cheryl Lynch enjoying conversation with friends.



Julie Morse, Tricia Lloyd, and Gayle Slattery.



Party with a Purpose Co-Chairs Jill Severino and Lea DeCosta.



Martha McAllister, President, The Chestnuts Group, with Diane Rooney, and Gayle Slattery.



Genean Stec, Sandy Bigelow, and Melanie Bertani.



Carolyn Shannon and Susie Shafer.



Friends laughing together during the April 10 Chestnuts’ Party with a Purpose at The Vincent Club.

CHESTNUTS (from pg. 8)

for the women who help women with post-partum depression.”

The mission of The Vincent Club, a women’s organization located in Beacon Hill, prioritizes the health and wellness of women. Its educational and fundraising opportunities support the Vincent Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology at Massachusetts General Hospital.

“Newborn Necessities is what we’re raising money for tonight to help underserved new moms,” said Severino. “They provide necessities to women who can’t afford to get them. Both of us know how important it is to have support when babies are newly born.”

As mothers themselves, Severino and DeCosta understand how critical a strong foundation is to begin a child’s future, and were touched by The Chestnut’s immediate eagerness to participate in the fundraiser.

Parties with a Purpose started some nine years ago as large gatherings hosted at the home of a Chestnut. Members would contribute towards the hosts’ costs; but now, since The Chestnut Group collects nominal dues, the organization pays for the party so that members can support the local charity being sponsored.

Parties with a Purpose typically occur some five times a year, and have been held in Beacon Hill, Downtown Boston, the Seaport, and Back Bay. The events have raised thousands of dollars for local non-profits.

In addition to Party with a Purpose events, The Chestnut Group gathers for luncheons, walks, cooking, travel, book and documentary film discussions, special events, and more.

“The Chestnuts is a great organization for women over 50 to find each other and get together in the community and area,” said DeCosta. “You can go to any Chestnut event and people will come up and talk to you. You can be involved as little or as much as you like. There are so many things to do.”

Severino, who moved to Boston a couple of years ago, describes The Chestnuts as a “welcoming and friendly” group. She enjoys attending Small Spots because she can comfortably engage in conversation in the intimate gathering of four to 12 members over drinks.

“It opened up this whole group of friends,” smiled Severino, who now feels like Boston is her home. “It’s a great place to find new friends and do fun things together.”



Sandy Bigelow, Chairperson, Newborn Necessities, The Vincent Club, with The Chestnuts Group Party with a Purpose Co-Chairs, Lea DeCosta and Jill Severino.



Cheryl Lynch, Melanie Bertani, Julie Morse, Jill Stansky, and Monica Noether.



Melanie Bertani, Jill Stansky, and Julie Morse.



Chestnuts enjoying the Newborn Necessities Party with a Purpose fundraiser at The Vincent Club.



Melissa Winters, Claudia Liberatore, Anna LeBlanc, and Regina Fuertes.

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Wu, B.A.A. announce recipients of the fastest Bostonian awards at the Boston Marathon

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) announced the recipients of the third annual awards for the Fastest Bostonians, given to the Boston residents with the quickest finish times at the 129th Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America. For the first time this year, a Fastest Bostonian award is being presented to the fastest male in the marathon's wheelchair division, along with the fastest man, woman, and non-binary runners.

The awards will be given to Erik Linden, a data scientist from Beacon Hill and a Boston College graduate, who ran his first Boston

Marathon in 2:21:25; Jacqueline Gaughan, a Beacon Hill resident who works in finance and finished the race in 2:32:07; and Danielle Bishop from Allston who works at New Balance, ran their eighth Boston Marathon and finished the race in 3:42:14. Boston is also proud to honor Jason Fowler, a South Boston resident and 21-time Boston Marathon participant who competed in the wheelchair division of the marathon and finished in 2:00:43. Mayor Wu and the B.A.A. will celebrate these four athletes at a reception in the coming weeks.

"Congratulations to everyone who competed in one of Boston's most treasured traditions and represented our communities. I am especially proud to recognize Erik Linden, Jacqueline Gaughan, Jason Fowler, and Danielle Bishop as this year's Fastest Bostonians, showing their determination and grit in the marathon known around the world," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "Thank you to the B.A.A. for their continued partnership and continuing this great tradition in our city."

"The theme for the 129th Boston Marathon presented by Bank of America was 'Meet the Moment' and these four outstanding Bostonians certainly did that," said Jack Fleming, President and CEO of the Boston Athletic Association. "Representing themselves and the City

of Boston in our marathon of the same name, we congratulate them on their efforts as we know their achievements inspire others in the City. We celebrate them in their hometown marathon."

The Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon. This is the third year that Boston residents with the quickest time crossing the Finish Line will receive a commemorative glass bowl engraved with the phrase "Fastest Bostonian." This year's marathon marked the 50th anniversary of the Wheelchair Division at the Boston Marathon, and for the first time this year the City and B.A.A. will honor the fastest Boston-based male wheelchair athlete. There

were no women from Boston competing in the wheelchair division this year.

Last year's Fastest Bostonian Award went to three Boston runners. Dr. Miles Batty from West Roxbury won for the fastest Boston man, finishing the race in 2 hours and 25 minutes. Arianna Maida from Jamaica Plain, was the fastest Boston woman with a time of 2 hours and 48 minutes. Nonie Anderson from Brighton, a Boston College Law School student, finished the race in 3 hours and 44 minutes.

The reception to honor Boston's fastest runners will be announced soon.

8300.

The Foundation and City of Boston also celebrates Preservation Month in May with an array of tours, events, exhibits, and activities along the Freedom Trail for adults and children, history buffs and curious visitors. For more Preservation Month information, please visit [HYPERLINK "https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month"](https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month) <https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month>

For more information about the Freedom Trail and Freedom Trail sites, please visit [TheFreedomTrail.org](https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month) or call (617) 357-8300.

Freedom Trail Foundation expands tours in May

Special to the Regional Review

As the weather warms, the Freedom Trail Foundation's 18th-century costumed guides are out on the Trail in full force offering an expanded menu of fun and educational tours.

Starting May 3, the Freedom Trail Foundation's current spring tour schedule offers Walk Into History Tours from the Boston Common Visitor Information Center on the hour every hour, daily, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as well as 2:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Additionally, the Foundation offers tours departing from the ArtsBoston booth including Walk Into History Tours on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30

a.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m., as well as North End Tours on Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m.

"Boston's iconic Freedom Trail, its historic sites, and the Foundation offer an array of activities to experience this spring and year-round," said the Foundation's Executive Director Suzanne Segura Taylor. "The expanded tours schedule gives residents and visitors more opportunities to enjoy learning about 250 years of history on the Freedom Trail for Preservation Month and as the Commonwealth and City commemorates the sescentennial."

Walk Into History Tours are the official 90-minute walking tour

of the Freedom Trail featuring tales of high treason, mob agitations, revolutionary actions, and partisan fights, walking to 11 of Boston's historic Freedom Trail sites to and from Boston Common and Faneuil Hall. The North End Tour features stops along the Trail including the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, Copp's Hill Burying Ground, and other historic places in Boston's oldest neighborhood.

Led by 18th-century costumed guides, Freedom Trail Foundation walking tours are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students, and \$8 for children, and include a \$1 donation to the Freedom Trail Foundation's Preservation

Fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center and The BOS Traveling Mobile Visitor Center (various locations), Artists for Humanity and Crabby Jack's shops inside historic Faneuil Hall, Samuel Adams Downton Boston Taproom next to historic Faneuil Hall, Old Town Trolley locations and ticket booths, and online at [TheFreedomTrail.org](https://www.boston.gov/departments/landmarks-commission/boston-preservation-month).

All walking tours are available for group tours year-round by appointment and are perfect for tourist groups, family outings, birthday parties, company parties, corporate activities, team building, and more, and may be booked via phone reservation at (617) 357-

8300.

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Docket No.
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Migdalia Burgos
Plaintiff
vs.
Heriberto Arroyo
Defendant
To the Defendant:
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court.
An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party.

SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Migdalia Burgos 60 Brookledge St. Apt. 1A Boston, MA 02121, your answer on or before 06/10/2025. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, Esquire, First Judge of this Court.
Date: April 11, 2025
Stephanie L. Everett,
Register of Probate
05/01/25
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LEGAL NOTICE
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR TERMINATION OF
A GUARDIAN OF AN
INCAPACITATED PERSON
Docket No.
SU08P1893G11
Commonwealth of
Massachusetts

The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
In the interests of:
Damien Oliver
of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT Incapacitated Person/Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department Of Mental Health of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Guardianship.
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must

file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 05/08/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 10, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE
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In the matter of:
Sharnita Jones
of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT Alleged Incapaci-

tated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Mass. Dept. Of Mental Health of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Sharnita Jones is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond.
The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of 05/15/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: April 17, 2025
Stephanie Everett, Register of Probate
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NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction Look-Ahead:
April 27 through May 10

Scheduled Work

- Temporary traffic realignments
- South approach full depth roadway construction and paving
- East roadway barrier concrete formwork and placements
- Marine fender work
- Lovejoy walkway handrail installation
- FRP fascia screening installation

Work Hours

- Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk 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:

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, 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

Register for the 37th Annual Jimmy Fund Walk

Registration is open for the 2025 Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 5, funds raised from the Jimmy Fund Walk support all forms of adult and pediatric care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk will aim to raise \$9.5 million this year in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer.

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted to use the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options:

- 5K walk: Starting at Dana-Farber's Longwood Medical Campus
- 10K walk: Starting in Newton
- Half Marathon walk: Starting in Wellesley
- Marathon walk: Starting in Hopkinton

All along the route, walkers will be motivated by poster-sized photographs of patients—Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes—that are the heart of the event and appear along the course as inspiration. Walkers will

also be treated to refueling stations with refreshments throughout the course.

The event will conclude at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line at Boston Common, by the corner of Charles and Beacon Streets. Finish line activities will include a celebration with food, entertainment, and more. Walkers who prefer to participate virtually can complete their chosen distance from any location

Register as an individual walker, team member, or start a team. Take advantage of this unique opportunity and bring a group of your family, friends, or colleagues together against cancer. To register for the Walk (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call 866-531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt. You can also sign up to volunteer on Walk Day.

Orange Line service suspended between North Station and Oak Grove night of May 9 and every day through May 18

Special to the Regional Review

The MBTA is today reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Oak Grove beginning at approximately 8:30 PM on Friday, May 9, and continuing every day for the following nine days, May 10 – 18.

Riders can find complete information at mbta.com/Planned-Work. More information on these service changes and alternate travel options:

- Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between North Station and Oak Grove.
- Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Oak Grove should budget an additional 45 – 60 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.
- Express shuttle buses will also serve Oak Grove, Malden Center, and North Station.
- Accessible van service will be available on weekdays during this service change, directly serving all

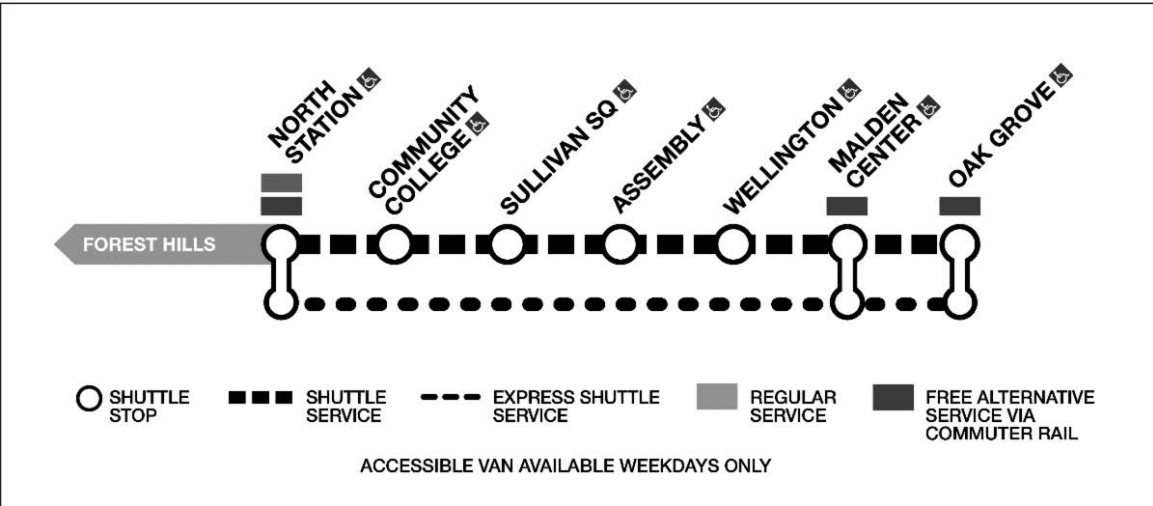
Orange Line stations between Oak Grove and North Station. Please see onsite personnel to request the accessible van.

- Riders are strongly encouraged to consider the Haverhill Commuter Rail Line for fare-free service to and from Oak Grove, Malden Center, and North Station. Regular fares should be purchased beyond Oak Grove.

- Travel time between Oak Grove and North Station on the Haverhill Line is approximately 20 minutes.

The service change is in place to support MassDOT's Maffa Way/Mystic Avenue Bridge Superstructure Replacements project, which will replace the two deteriorated bridge superstructures and improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit facilities.

More information is also available through in-station signage and public announcements. Transit Ambassadors and MBTA staff will be available on-site to offer information and assistance during these service changes. Riders are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts or to follow the MBTA on



X @MBTA for up-to-date service information.

For more information, please visit mbta.com/PlannedWork or connect with the T on X @ MBTA, Facebook /TheMBTA, Instagram @theMBTA, Threads @thembta, or TikTok @thembta.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) opened America's first subway tunnel in 1897, pioneering public transportation in the United States. Today, the MBTA is one of the largest public transit systems in the country, operating an extensive network of subway, bus, Commuter Rail, ferry, and paratransit services across 176 cities and towns. The MBTA is undergoing a transformative period, focusing on cultivating a culture of safety and excellence, modernizing infrastructure, and

improving reliability and accessibility. Current priorities include accelerating critical infrastructure repairs, expanding accessibility, and reducing emissions. The MBTA is committed to providing dependable, frequent, and accessible service that riders can rely on while supporting the region's economic vitality. Through initiatives like the unprecedented Track Improvement Program, Bus Network Redesign, and Rail

Vision, the MBTA aims to connect communities and improve riders' daily experiences and trips. For questions or assistance, riders are encouraged to contact the MBTA Customer Center at 617-222-3200. Members of the press are encouraged to contact mediarelations@mbta.com. For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit MBTA.com or follow @MBTA on social media.

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FRESH AND LOCAL

Old-fashioned food

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In these uncertain times, we may find comfort in caring for ourselves, our families, our friends, and our neighbors. When faced with shortages, increasing prices, a lack of oversight, and dangerous Federal practices, we can step in and manage our budgets and health, and support local businesses by turning to old-fashioned foods and habits.

Historical Perspective

The convenience of prepared foods, fast food, food delivery, and easy take-out has changed how we think about meals. The American Heart Association, in its article “Too Much of a Food Thing,” interviewed Dr. Marion Nestle, professor emerita of nutrition, food studies, and public health at New York University.

“Nestle said that after the war, processed products started appearing in packages that resembled the original foods that they came from less and less, with an ‘enormous’ emphasis on convenience.” “There was a real concerted effort to make cooking look like drudgery and to take away the idea that cooking was something that was fun and pleasant that you wanted to spend time on,” she said.

Making some of your food at home will cost time and effort. However, it will save money and

calories and reduce exposure to the salts, sugars, chemicals, and taste enhancers that make ultra-processed food addictive and unhealthy.

Oldways

The group Oldways’ (www.oldwayspt.org) mission statement is, “We inspire people to embrace the healthy, sustainable joys of the ‘old ways’ of eating.” They provide the resources we need to eat better by embracing heritage diets from around the world with recipes, cooking classes, and food tours.

Other sources of recipes include family recipes on index cards or notebooks. One of Penny’s cousins published a book of family favorites. Older family members may have older cookbooks from before the world turned to processed foods. We’ve added many older cookbooks from used bookstores and library book sales to our bookshelves.

Of course, changing how you source your food means changing to some old-fashioned habits, too. That begins with shopping. We often recommend reading the labels and buying items with the fewest ingredients. To help guide you to better choices, researchers at Mass General Brigham have created a database (www.true-food.tech) to help you identify



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the most and least ultra-processed foods in many categories.

Shop Local

The historians who traced the changes as large corporations replaced small businesses in supplying food to us noted how this increased the growth of ultra-processed foods. Before supermarkets, out-of-season foods flown worldwide, and “big-agra” businesses, people shopped at small family-owned grocers, butchers, bakeries, and general and hard-

ware stores.

We can take advantage of today’s opportunity to keep our dollars local. Ask around, and you will find recommendations for places with high-quality products and personal service. Remember that prices will be higher at some of these businesses and farms because they face economic uncertainty, cuts in government programs, and increased prices for goods and labor. But you will protect our local farmshed of fresh food when you sign up for a CSA

or visit markets and farm stands.

Finally, don’t waste the food you buy. Nothing was wasted in the olden days, especially in times of scarcity. Sunday’s roast dinner became hash on Monday, tacos on Tuesday, or a big pot of soup or stew ready to accept more vegetables to feed more people when needed.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Email Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.

BLO presents free family-friendly performance of “Noah’s Flood”

Special to the Regional Review

Boston Lyric Opera (BLO) presents a special free public performance of composer Benjamin Britten’s 1958 work, NOAH’S FLOOD (Noye’s Fludde) on May 3 at 2pm at Symphony Hall. This participatory, family-friendly opera brings together professional artists, community musicians and young performers for a vibrant retelling of the classic story of a man driven to save his family, his community, and the Earth’s animals from an existential flood.

Part of BLO’s ongoing commitment to accessible, community-centered performances, NOAH’S FLOOD is designed for audiences of all ages, offering an introduction to opera through

Britten’s charming score. The production will be conducted by BLO Music Director David Angus and is directed by Dayron Miles. Performers include David McFerrin, a BLO Jane & Steven Akin Emerging Artist alumnus, in the title role, and Alexis Peart, a current Emerging Artist as Mrs. Noah, alongside hundreds of local schoolchildren, instrumentalists and choral singers in an inclusive, participatory musical experience.

Community partners and performers include Boston Children’s Chorus, Boston String Academy, Back Bay Ringers, VOICES Boston, Boston Recorder Orchestra, Community Music Center of Boston, Boston Symphony Orchestra, New England Conservatory Preparatory School and Artists for



Humanity.

The production is part of BLO’s “Rising Waters/Rising Voices” initiative, which aims to use its performances and other resources to bring attention to environmental concerns that threaten its communities. For ten years before NOAH’S FLOOD premiered, Britten had been interested in writing operas accessible to children and based on biblical stories and

as a vehicle to teach young people about music creation. He was asked to write a piece for a summer music program and looked to adapt one of the medieval “Chester ‘Miracle Plays’” that are among the first dramatized biblical stories. Poignantly – and by some accounts his impetus to create this work – Britten’s hometown of Aldeburgh, England and the areas around it had been devastated by

a string of storms that destroyed homes and flooded communities years earlier.

This free performance (donations of \$25 suggested) continues BLO’s tradition of bringing opera to new locations in and around the heart of Boston. Reservations are required due to anticipated demand.