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Teams gathered for the NEW Health's third annual Viva le Bocce tournament at Langone Park.

## Viva le Bocce Tournament at Langone Park

### A Celebration to Bring Together the Community & Raise Funds for NEW Health

Special to the Regional Review

On Saturday, June 7, NEW Health (North End Waterfront Health) held its third annual Viva le Bocce tournament at Langone Park. Members of the community were also invited to attend and spectate at no cost; the day featured refreshments, raffles, giveaways, donation opportunities to support NEW Health and tables

featuring other community organizations.

NBC Boston's Priscilla Casper emceed the event. Speakers included NEW Health CEO Vincenzo "Vin" Scibelli, NEW Health Board Chair Jason Aluia, and City Councilor Gigi Coletta. NEW Health also thanks Ciara D'Amico, City of Boston Deputy Director of Neighborhoods, for attending the event.

The donations generated from Viva le Bocce are critical to supporting NEW Health services and programs. A record \$29,336 was raised – which is more than double what was raised last year.

In addition to the community health center's medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, OB-GYN and laboratory services

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## NEWNC opposes height addition at 97 Salem Street

By Phil Orlandella

A request to change the legal occupancy at 97 Salem Street was opposed 4-1 by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at its May monthly meeting.

"Residents were concerned about the 65.5-foot height addition," NEWNC President Kevin Fleming said. (height limit in this area is 5.5 feet)

The change was from retail and

offices to commercial space and a 14-room boutique hotel.

NEWNC supported a request by Saraceno and Bella Vista Restaurants.

Holder of an all-alcohol beverages license, Saraceno plans to sell the Bella Vista beer, wine and cordial license and expand the Saraceno license to include Bella Vista both with 1am closing hour.

The elected community group also supported a request by the

owner of Petrova Chocolos, 61 Salem Street to open a retail specialty chocolate store at the site.

The owner is also seeking an off-premises beer and wine license to sell specialty European wines from the store.

NEWRA will not have an election this year, there wasn't enough candidates to fill the six two year-term annual election. However, NEWNC will conduct an election of officers.

## Coletta Zapata proposes increase to visitor parking violation fines

Special to the Regional Review

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata (District 1) introduced an ordinance to raise parking violation fines for non-residents in the North End during TD Garden events. Coletta Zapata's proposal comes in response to the North End's unique challenges as one of Boston's most densely populated neighborhoods with limited on-street parking. During TD Garden events, residents frequently face difficulty finding parking in the neighborhood due to visitors parking in resident-only zones without permits. By increasing fines, Coletta Zapata aims to deter these parking violations and ensure North End residents have access to on-street parking in the neighborhood.

"North End residents shouldn't have to compete for parking in their own neighborhood every time there's a TD Garden event. By increasing fines for unauthorized parking, we're dissuading people from using on-street neighborhood parking and protecting quality of life for North End residents

who rely on limited parking," said Councilor Coletta Zapata.

Currently, the fine for parking in a resident-only space without a permit is \$60, while event parking at nearby garages like the North Station Garage can cost up to \$65. Because the cost difference is so small, many drivers choose to risk the fine instead of paying for legal parking. Raising the fine would help make illegal parking a less appealing financial choice.

Under Coletta Zapata's ordinance parking in the North End during TD Garden events without a valid North End resident parking sticker would result in a \$100 ticket with an additional \$33 penalty if the ticket is not paid within 21 days. The Councilor's proposal comes following success in 2015 when the City of Boston implemented a \$100 fine for illegal parking in resident-only areas during Fenway Park events, which dissuaded unauthorized parking.

A hearing for the ordinance will be scheduled in the upcoming months and posted on the Councilor's social media.

## NEWRA opposes height proposal, supports license expansion

By Phil Orlandella

A request to change the legal occupancy at 97 Salem Street from retail and offices to commercial space and a 14-room boutique hotel was opposed by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at their May public meeting.

Plans included erecting a five-story vertical addition for the building with a proposed height of

65.5 feet. City code allows for 55 feet in the area.

NEWRA supported a request by Saraceno and Bella Vista Restaurants, Saraceno holder of an all-alcoholic beverages license. Bella Vista has a beer, wine and cordials license, with the owner Frank Pezzano proposing to sell Bella Vista's license and expand Saraceno's license to include Bella Vista.

Both eateries close at 1am.

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# EDITORIAL

## OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IS ON THE CRITICAL LIST

Anyone who has been to a hospital emergency room lately has seen firsthand the health care crisis that we are facing in this country.

ERs routinely are filled beyond capacity, with patients lying on their hospital beds in corridors while they wait for a room to open up -- sometimes for days.

And during the respiratory illness season, when seniors and young children flood the ERs, our overcrowded hospitals resemble something out of a developing country, rather than what is supposedly the most advanced healthcare system in the world.

The statistics tell a bleak tale: The U.S. has less than three hospital beds per 1,000 residents, while the European Union has more than five and Japan almost 13. On average, 75% of America's hospital beds are occupied on any given day, 11 points higher than in 2019.

In Boston's hospitals, the daily occupancy rate reportedly is 86%. According to some experts, the system becomes overloaded when the occupancy rate reaches 85%.

We grew up in a time (the 1960s-70s) when just about every city and town in Massachusetts had its own hospital, institutions that were the pride of their communities. But starting in the 1970s, thanks to a combination of declining reimbursement rates from state and federal governments and surging costs for modern-day equipment (such as MRI machines) and treatment, community hospitals one-by-one began to disappear, leaving us in our present predicament of too few hospitals serving too many people.

Another looming crisis in our healthcare system is a shortage of doctors. It is estimated that there are 1,010,892 active physicians in the U.S., of whom 851,282 are direct patient care physicians. (Physicians who do research or are administrators represent the difference between the two numbers.)

Anyone whose primary care doctor recently has retired knows how difficult it is today to find a new doctor. But this shortfall is only going to get worse over the next decade. By 2037, the United States is expected to face a shortage of 187,130 physicians, including 87,150 primary care physicians.

It is estimated that there already are 75 million Americans who live in areas where it is difficult to get access to primary care -- and the ratio of primary care providers is projected to decline to 76.8 per 100,000 people by 2037, from 81.6 per 100,000 in 2022.

To make matters worse, the present -- and future -- shortfalls in hospital beds and doctors do not take into account the effects of the policies in Washington that are threatening to cut back on Medicaid eligibility, to reduce Medicare reimbursements even further, to limit the loan programs available to medical school students, and to restrict (if not prevent) foreign-born doctors from coming into this country.

In short, all of the ingredients are in place to create the Perfect Storm for a healthcare crisis in our nation.

## THERE MUST BE ZERO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENT PROTESTS

We completely understand the anger and frustration on the part of many Americans with the manner in which members of immigrant communities are being arrested and deported not only without any semblance of due process of law, but also in a deliberately cruel and inhumane manner.

But the urge to respond with acts of lawlessness, including throwing rocks and dangerous objects at police officers and other law enforcement personnel, burning vehicles in the street, smashing windows of businesses, and defacing property, is not the answer.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right "of the people peaceably to assemble" -- and we would emphasize the word "peaceably."

However, the protests that we have seen the past few days in Los Angeles have not been peaceful. They are creating a dangerous situation for everybody concerned -- and it is inevitable that if the protesters escalate their actions, the outcome will be a tragedy.

Those who are partaking in the protests should keep in mind the words of Winston Churchill during the height of WWII when England was facing a threat to its very existence:

"You do your worst and we will do our best."



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# George Wendt remembered during gathering at Hampshire House

By Dan Murphy

One week after his death at age 76, George Wendt, the late actor best known for his portrayal of beloved bar regular Norm Peterson on the classic TV sitcom 'Cheers,' was remembered on Tuesday, May 27, during an intimate gathering upstairs at Hampshire House.

Wendt earned six Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Comedy Series for playing Peterson on 'Cheers,' which aired on NBC for 11 seasons between 1982 and 1993.

"When you talk about the heart and soul of 'Cheers,' it was George Wendt," said Tom Kershaw, chairman of the Hampshire House Corporation, adding that Wendt appeared in all 275 episodes of the series.

As others in attendance noted, Wendt died on May 20 – exactly 32 years after the 'Cheers' series finale, 'One for the Road' aired on May 20, 1993. (The memorial in Wendt's honor at Hampshire House took its name from that episode as well.)

The origins of 'Cheers' date back to 1981, when the creative team behind another classic TV sitcom, 'Taxi,' was looking for a new project. This team included

director and producer Jim Burrows, whose father, Abe Burrows, had been a scriptwriter for 'Duffy's Tavern,' a situation comedy set in a neighborhood bar and broadcast on American radio from 1941 to 1951. Through a stroke of luck, they discovered the Bull & Finch (as the Cheers bar at Hampshire House was known until 2001) during a scouting trip to Boston. The Bull & Finch would become the inspiration for their next sitcom project, 'Cheers' as Kershaw first learned himself from reading about it in The Boston Globe.

While 'Cheers' would go on to be one of the most popular and acclaimed TV series in history, earning 28 Primetime Emmy Awards from a record of 117 nominations, it wasn't an immediate hit.

In fact, during its first season, 'Cheers' was teetering on cancellation until a well-placed phone call, which came as a favor to a young staffer on series, prompted then-Speaker of the House Tip O'Neil to make a cameo on the series.

"Everybody tuned in," said Kershaw, recalling how the hype surrounding O'Neil's appearance, which saw him sitting at the bar and bantering with Norm, drew the attention of the media and soon helped transform the strug-



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The crowd that gathered upstairs at Hampshire House on May 27 to remember actor George Wendt.

gling series into a success.

Kershaw told this reporter he first met Wendt in Hollywood in August of 1982 during the filming of one of the first episodes, before the series even hit the air on Sept. 30 of that year. Somewhat predictably, Kershaw and Wendt enjoyed a few beers out together afterwards.

"He was a wonderful person, friendly, and a good guy to be around," Kershaw said of Wendt.

Wendt, along with others 'Cheers' cast members, visited Boston and Hampshire House a number of times over the series' run to film lead-in sequences, and to commemorate the airing of the final episode of the sitcom, Jay Leno brought 'The Tonight Show' and the 'Cheers' cast to the Bull & Finch on May 20, 1993, for a rare remote filming.

After the initial broadcast run of 'Cheers' ended, Wendt visited Kershaw in Boston several times. Wendt was even on hand for the grand opening of Cheers at Faneuil Hall Marketplace in 2000. (That bar closed in 2020 amid the pandemic.)

A diehard 'Cheers' fan, Joe Aiello of Wethersfield, Conn., was among those on hand at Hampshire House to honor Wendt's memory.

When he graduated from Wethersfield High School in 1993, Aiello quoted one of Norm Peterson's memorable barroom quips from the TV show in his yearbook ("Women can't live with 'em – pass the beer nuts."). With more than 30 years hindsight, Aiello now readily acknowledges the joke hasn't necessarily aged well, however.

Aiello spent his 21st birthday in 1995 at the Bull & Finch and also still proudly carries a VIP card he received from the bar soon afterwards when he was living in Boston. These long-since-discontin-

ued cards, which were only available to those with a valid Boston mailing address, allowed holders and their guests to skip the line to enter the establishment, as well as to secure the first available table once inside.

But perhaps the biggest testament to Aiello's 'Cheers' fandom is the replica of the wood bar door from the TV series, adorned with a panel window emblazoned with the distinct bar logo in cursive lettering, which adorns his basement bar at home.

Aiello, who reluctantly took to the podium at the gather-

ing, said afterwards that hearing others share their own personal memories of watching Wendt on 'Cheers' help create a common bond between those in attendance.

"It was nice to embrace people who also love the show," Aiello told this reporter in a phone call after the event.

Following the gathering, Aiello and other attendees retired downstairs at Hampshire House to the Cheers bar, where they all raised a glass in Wendt's honor.

"Norm goes with having a beer," said Aiello.



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Tom Kershaw, chairman of Hampshire House Corporation, remembering George Wendt.



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Passersby wrote tribute messages to late actor George Wendt on this sign posted outside Hampshire House.

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SCENES FROM THE FOCCP SUCCESSFUL MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL

By Phil Orlandella

The main dining room at Tia's Waterfront Restaurant on the Waterfront was filled to capacity for the 2025 Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Membership Social.

Members, new members and others participated in the social event that turned out to be a fun filled night that was a free event with complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

Spectacular raffles and gifts baskets were featured at the social,

that recruits new memberships and raise funds for the care of the park on the outskirts of the North End and Waterfront communities.

Lively conversations took place with those interested in learning about the park where FOCCP hosts many programs, activities and fulfilled community events, that features something for the entire family.

Several sponsors and volunteers made the social possible.

Those who haven't joined or renewed memberships should visit [www.foccp.org/membership](http://www.foccp.org/membership).



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# Bad weather did not stop the NEAA Lacrosse season

By Phil Orlandella

Despite a lot of rain in May, the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) 2025 Lacrosse program got off to a great start and even managed to play in the Best of Boston Tournament at the end of the month.

Under the direction of Commissioner David Paolisso, the program included a clinic on Sunday afternoons at Puopolo Park and a traveling program which has 5 teams.

Two boy's first and second-grade teams, one boy's third and fourth-grade team and one girl's third and fourth-grade team.

The travel program played in the Mass Youth Lacrosse League.

"Close to 125 boys and girls participated this year, with the season ending on June 8," according to NEAA Sports Coordinator John Romano.

A year end celebration was held in the park.



Angie and her daughter Giovanna D'Amore: The Point Barre and Yoga in East Boston are sponsors of the 2025 NEAA Girls third and fourth-grade Travel Lacrosse team.



NEAA boys third and fourth-grade travel team.



NEAA Girls third and fourth-grade travel team.



NEAA boys first and second-grade travel team.

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## Mayor Wu and Parks And Recreation Department cut ribbon on Flour Bakery on the Common

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, celebrated pastry chef Joanne Chang, and community members on Friday, May 30, to cut the ribbon on Flour Bakery + Café's newest location in the Boston Common Concession Pavilion.

Flour was selected as the food vendor via a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) issued in the fall of 2024 to take over the former 'men's comfort station' located near the center of the Common, close to the athletic fields, tennis courts, and the Parkman Bandstand.

"Flour Bakery brings community and deliciousness to Boston Common with new treats and classic favorites, helping to build the excitement and activation Downtown," said Mayor Wu. "I am so excited to welcome this beloved local business to the center of one of Boston's most historic community spaces in time for the summer."

Led by James Beard Award-winning pastry chef and co-owner Joanne Chang, Flour is a minority- and women-owned small business that opened its first location in the South End in 2000. The Boston Common location, which is Flour's 10th bakery in the Boston area, had its soft opening on April 15.

The selection of Flour Bakery builds on Mayor Wu's efforts to revitalize Downtown Boston, which includes improving public spaces, supporting local business-



MAYOR'S OFFICE PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ROBINSON

Mayor Michelle Wu joined local leaders and staff of Flour on May 30 for the official ribbon cutting on Flour on the Boston Common.

es, and enhancing amenities for residents, workers, and tourists, according to the city. The reactivation of the Boston Common Concession Pavilion is a key piece of the Boston Common Master Plan, which calls for improved edges, seamless park-to-city connections, and a stronger sense of place throughout the park.

"Flour Bakery's arrival on Boston Common reflects our vision for parks that are vibrant, inclusive, and climate-resilient spaces at the heart of our communities,"

said Chief Climate Officer and Interim Boston Parks Commissioner Brian Swett. "We're excited to continue activating this treasured historic space and proud to support partnerships that enhance the daily experience of our parks while helping build a stronger and more welcoming Downtown."

Flour Bakery helps complement a growing lineup of seasonal activations on the Common, including the return of the UnCommon Stage and Beer Garden in partnership with Emerson College, which

brings food, beverages, and live music to the park. These initiatives also reflect the goals of the Boston Common Master Plan: including "to expand amenities that support park visitors; to create a multi-functional space welcoming to people of all backgrounds and neighborhoods; and to strengthen the park's natural, historic, and cultural character," according to the city.

"I am excited to welcome Flour Bakery to the Boston Common and look forward to seeing how

this beloved local business continues to flourish at their new location and that we reap the benefits of re-activating this space," said Rep. Jay Livingstone.

District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan said in part: "Flour Bakery's opening at the Boston Common is not just a milestone for our City, but a celebration of the nation's oldest park. Joanne Chang's leadership has helped shape Boston's food scene and economic vibrancy, creating spaces that nourish not just with food but with love and community."

Similarly, Leslie Singleton Adam, board chair of the Friends of the Public Garden, said: "Flour's arrival brings new energy to the Boston Common and reflects the power of public-private partnerships to reimagine what's possible in our parks. We're thrilled to welcome a beloved local business into this historic space and to see the Common continue to evolve as a vibrant, welcoming destination for all."

The 660 square-foot, octagonal building, now called the Boston Common Concession Pavilion, was constructed in 1916 and served as a comfort station until it was abandoned in the 1970s. A Florida-based chain, Earl of Sandwich, spent around \$1 million to transform the building into a restaurant in 2013, but that establishment, which had reportedly incurred subsequent losses of \$2.2 million, closed last August after the city allowed the company to break its 15-year lease four years early.

## Venerable sculptor Nancy Schön receives honorary doctorate of fine arts degree from Tufts

By Dan Murphy

Nancy Schön, the celebrated public artist who brought Robert McCloskey's classic children's book 'Make Way for Ducklings' to life with her iconic sculpture in the Public Garden, was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree during the all-university commencement ceremony at the school on May 18.

"You are a passionate community activist who is now creating thought-provoking sculpture inspired by modern day realities," said Tufts President Sunil Kumar to Schön in presenting the degree, describing her as "a beloved public artist, passionate activist and skilled sculptor."

The Ducklings sculpture, commissioned by the Friends of the Public Garden, was installed in the Public Garden in 1987. Four years later in 1991, then-First Lady Barbara Bush gave an identical sculpture to the First Lady of the Soviet



COURTESY OF NANCY SCHÖN

Tufts University President Sunil Kumar presents Nancy Schön with an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree during the all-university commencement ceremony at the school on May 18.

Union, Raisa Gorbachev, which Kumar described as a pivotal moment in the détente between the one-time Cold War rivals.

One night before the commencement ceremony, Schön, along with other honorary degree

recipients, delivered a speech to a group that included professors, as well as recipients' friends and family, at President Kumar's on-campus residence, Gifford House.

Schön then recounted how as a young adult, she was a college

dropout, which, she said "in those days meant that I had rejected conventional society or had lost my way."

In due time, however, Schön said she "dropped back in and ultimately graduated with honors in sculpture and earned a fifth year teaching fellowship from the Boston Museum School. She also earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Tufts in 1953, married, and became a mother to four children.

"I guess if you live to be 96, anything is possible," said Schön ahead of receiving her honorary degree. "Life is not a straight line, for any of us. Nor is my art which has always reflected the world around me."

In response to the world around her, Schön, who works from the garage studio of her West Newton home, has now turned her attention to creating political public art.

"In these days of horrific turmoil and unrest, we artists have

an obligation to bravely tell the truth," added Schön. "We must leave an honest rendition of historic events, no matter the consequences. I believe by doing this, I will leave a lasting, significant, meaningful, and powerful legacy."

Freeman Hrabowski III, the mathematician, education leader, and president emeritus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, who delivered the commencement's keynote speech, addressed the group at Gifford House after Schön. But rather than sticking to his prepared remarks, Hrabowski instead called for everyone in attendance to give her a standing ovation and then went off topic momentarily to applaud Schön for her achievements.

"It was so unselfish," said Schön afterwards of Hrabowski's gesture to her. "I was so touched. I didn't know what to do but to hug him."



## News, Notes and Whatever By Phil Orlandella

## NEWS BRIEFS

### NORTH END HISTORICAL MUSEUM ON PRINCE STREET

The North End Historical Society (NEHS) and Frank DePasquale Ventures at a recent NEWRA meeting announced that the long-awaited North End Museum will be opened on the Freedom Trail at 3 Prince Street.

NEHS President Tom Damigella noted, "The North End Museum provides a historical prenominal and iconic location. It also allows for the preservation of history and ensures the character of the neighborhood."

Damigella said the museum was made possible through the generosity of DePasquale who purchased the site and is covering the cost of what of what needs to be done to open the museum. NEHS is seeking photos of the community for possible placement in the site.

### MURAL DEPICTING THE GASSY TO BE INSTALLED

A project to install a photographic mural depicting the former gas tank that was previously on the playground site, called the Gassy, now DeFilippo Park.

Robyn Reed President of Friends of DeFilippo Playground on Prince Street is collecting personal stories of how people used and enjoyed the Gassy playground over the years.

### POLICE REPORT SEVERAL INCIDENTS

District Area A-1 Boston Police Community Service Officer Frank Ciampa along with Captain Driscoll gave a public safety report at the last NEWRA meeting.

They said there was another disturbance inside Artu Restaurant on Prince Street and there have been subsequent issues at this location in the past few months.

CVS on Hanover Street continues to be a problem according to police as they are dealing with shoplifting issues with one incident involving an employee and an offender.

There was also a breaking and entering at 185 Fulton Street.

### COUNCILOR COLETTA ZAPATO NAMES NEW STAFF

Boston City Councilor Gabriella Coletta Zapata has promoted Gabriella Ramirez as her Deputy Chief of Staff. Ramirez is a life-

long resident of Boston.

She also announced that Samanta Peracchi of the North End as her North End/Wharf District liaison.

### WALK THE BEAT WITH POLICE

The Boston Police Area A-1 Community Service Department meet every Tuesday (weather permitting) at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street at 10am for its "Walk the Beat" community initiative that officers walk around the neighborhood with residents.

The group meets and greets neighbors and business owners on their weekly walks.

Interested in joining the community walk call Chrissy at 617-343-4627.

### FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will celebrate Independence Day on Saturday, June 28 about 12pm.

The day will be filled with magic, crafts, a parade around the park, special visitors and much more.

The event has always been a family fun day that usually attracts hundreds of residents.

### FOCCP ELECTS OFFICERS

The Friend of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have elected officers following its annual board membership election.

All of FOCCP members are volunteers with the non-profit orga-

nization that cares for the park with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department and support from the business community conducts various programs in the park for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Elected were: President Joanne Hayes-Rines, Vice President Ann Babbitt, Treasurer Allison Seavy, Cleark John O'Reilly, Director At Large Susanne Lavoie and Patricia Sabby.

### MOVEMENT AND WALKING MEDITATION

On Tuesdays through September 30, a movement and walking meditation classes are taking place at the Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway.

Katrina Piehler, wellness coach and mindfulness educator will lead the short Qigong classes, a simple body-mind practice followed by a meditative Labyrinth Walk.

The program is offered free for everyone to enjoy.

### TWO LIBRARIES COMING TO COLUMBUS PARK

Christopher Columbus Park is about to have a new amenity in the Park.

"Thanks to the efforts of our Art Curator Robyn Reed, we will install a little free Library this summer near the entrance to the playground," Joanne Hayes Rines FOCCP President said.

"There will be two libraries, one for adults and one for children," she added. "This is one of our many projects that are only made possible because of the generosity of our members and our business sponsors."

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS OFFERED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, presents 'The Battle for Boston,' with Don Gillis, on Tuesday June 17, from 6 to 7 p.m.

This author talk by Don Gillis will focus on his book, 'The Battle for Boston: How Mayor Ray Flynn and Community Organizers Fought Racism and Downtown Power Brokers.'

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1359589110629?aff=oddtcreator> for more information and tickets.

The museum will also offer 'Now is the Hour: A Tribute to Buddy Clark' on Sunday, June 29, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at The Hub on Causeway Community Room at 52 Causeway St.

This musical tribute celebrates the life and legacy of West Ender Buddy Clark, one of the golden voices of the 1930s and '40s performed live by talented vocalist Dan Gabel, accompanied by Josiah Reibstein and The Hubtones.

Visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1359635720039?aff=oddtcreator> for more information and tickets.

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### COMMUNITY MEETING TO SHARE A PROGRESS UPDATE FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE NORTH END

Please join Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department, and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services for a community meeting to discuss the progress on a new community center in the North End. The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the BCYF Nazzaro Center, 30 North Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113.

The City is committed to a transparent, inclusive community process. To learn more about this project, how the location was selected, and review the presentation from past meetings, visit [Boston.gov/BCYF-Nazzaro](https://www.boston.gov/BCYF-Nazzaro).

Interpretation, translation, and disability accommodation services are available to you at no cost. If you need accommodations, please contact [LCA@boston.gov](mailto:LCA@boston.gov) or 617-504-0897 by June 19.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court  
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Boston, MA 02114  
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION  
Docket No. SU25P1191EA  
Estate of: William French  
Also known as: William C. French  
Date of Death: 02/01/2025  
To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Nancy French of Woburn, MA requesting

that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Nancy French of Woburn, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/09/2025.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections

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

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Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.  
Register of Probate

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## BOCCE (from Page 1)

in the North End and Charlestown, NEW Health also extends even further into the community with its robust food access program, including the Community Fridge in Charlestown, scholarships for those pursuing health care careers, substance use disorder services including its Public Health Vending Machine at the Charlestown location, a free Walking Club for the community, and a variety of programs for seniors.

This year's winning team was the Friends of the North End.

NEW Health is grateful to Monument Restaurant & Tavern, Waverly Kitchen & Bar, Duca-li Pizzeria, Pizzeria Regina and North End Creamery for donating food for the event.

A special thank you to the event sponsors:

- Platino Level Sponsors: C3 – The Community Care Cooperative And Eastern Bank.

- Oro Sponsors: Forcella, Gardner Resources Consulting, Mass League Of Community Health Centers

- D'argento Sponsors: Artu Restaurant And Aafcpas

- Bronzo Sponsors: Anzalone Realty, Climatwin (Climate Risk Intelligence Solutions), Commonwealth Purchasing Group, The Gilardi Group, Next Stage Benefits, North End Athletic Association, And Regan Communications Group, As Well As Local Civic Leaders: State Senator Lydia Edwards, Stephen Lynch For Congress And City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata.

Raffle donors included: Bella Vista, Bruins Foundation, F45 North End, Format, Golden Goose, Handle Bar, I Am Books, Joe's Waterfront, La Summa, Little Sage, MyPilates, NBC Boston, Neptune Oyster, New

England Aquarium, Oh Cheese, Paul Revere House, Pauli's, Pink Carrot, Polcari's, ROSE Town Kitchen & Bar, Soma Yoga, Star Market, Sunny Girl, TD Garden, Theo's Cozy Corner, Umberto's, and a special event-exclusive silent auction item donated by Wynn Resorts/Encore Boston Harbor.

As a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) extends its world-renowned healthcare services to people who live and work in and around Boston's North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods. NEW Health is committed to improving the quality of health and life for those it serves by providing high quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood-based, affordable, and produces positive outcomes. NEW Health is a 2023 Health Center Quality Leader (HCQL), the only Massachusetts health center to receive a Gold badge from the Health Resources and Services Administration, among the top 10% of health centers nationwide.

NEW Health has been serving the North End of Boston and the surrounding community since 1971. In addition to primary care services for all patients, many specialty services are also offered including dental, vision, behavioral health, obstetrics, gynecology, laboratory services and x-ray services. NEW Health is a private, non-profit corporation that is governed by a community-based Board of Directors and licensed by the Department of Public Health. More information at [www.newhealthcenter.org](http://www.newhealthcenter.org), on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



NEW Health Board Chair Jason Aluia and NBC Boston's Priscilla Casper who emceed the event.



City Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata said a few words.



The winning team was Friends of the North End. Shown (left to right) are John Spinale, Joe Testa, Joe Blazo and NEW Health Public Affairs Coordinator Danny Coakley.



A large number of players and spectators attended the event.

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SCENES FROM THE VIVA LE BOCCE TOURNAMENT AT LANGONE PARK



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# State Fire Marshal highlights summer fire safety

Special to the Regional Review

State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine is asking residents to practice outdoor fire safety in the weeks and months ahead.

“As the weather gets warmer and we start spending more time outside, outdoor fires also start to increase,” State Fire Marshal Davine said. “Unfortunately, many of these fires cause serious injuries and property damage – but almost all of them can be prevented.”

## Grilling Safety

About two-thirds of grilling fires in Massachusetts occur between May and August. About 75% take place on residential properties – most often one- and two-family homes. Memorial Day is a leading day for cookouts with family and friends, so stay safe when using your gas or charcoal grill:

- Always grill outdoors, never inside.
- A burning grill should always be attended by an adult.
- Never use a gas or charcoal grill on a porch, balcony, or fire escape.
- Place grills at least 10 feet away from buildings and deck railings. Make sure grills are not under eaves or overhanging branches.
- Gas grills may be used on first floor decks or patios only if there is an outdoor stairway to the

ground, or it is at ground level.

- Always keep matches, lighters, and lighter fluid away from children.

- Create a three-foot “circle of safety” around grills. Keep children and pets at least three feet away on all sides.

When using a gas grill, open the lid before you light it to avoid the ignition of built-up propane. If you smell gas while cooking, turn off the grill, move away, and call 9-1-1 from a safe location. Do not move the grill. Always turn off the burners and close the propane cylinder when you’re done cooking.

If using a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. Do not use gasoline or kerosene to start a fire in a grill, and never add any flammable liquid to burning briquettes or hot coals. Allow the coals to burn out completely and then cool for 48 hours before disposal. If you must dispose of ashes before they are completely cooled, thoroughly soak them in water before putting them in a metal container.

## Fire Pits and Chimineas

Outdoor burning is prohibited in Massachusetts from May 1 to January 15. While regulations allow exceptions for fires that are used for cooking, local fire chiefs and municipalities may prohibit or impose additional restrictions on these fires, including the use of fire pits and chimineas. Even where

allowed, an adult must always be present with the tools necessary to extinguish such a fire immediately because of the inherent risk. Brush and structure fires in Agawam, Florida, Goshen, and Haverhill in recent weeks all started with fire pits that were unattended or improperly used. Any burning that creates a nuisance, a condition of air pollution, or hazard to others is always prohibited.

## Gasoline Safety

Serious gasoline-related burns peak in the summer months, with about 40% reported from June through August. Always be cautious when using gasoline, especially in the area of any heat source:

- Gasoline should only be used as fuel for an engine, not as a solvent.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire or add it to any fire.
- Store gasoline only outside the home, such as in a locked shed, and always in an approved container. Never store gasoline in the home or basement.
- Refuel lawnmowers, leaf blowers, mopeds, and other devices only when the engine is cool. Never refill while it is hot.
- Keep gasoline away from all heat sources, such as smoking materials, campfires, and grills.

## Smoking Safety

Smoking materials have been

the leading cause of fire deaths in Massachusetts for decades, and carelessly discarded cigarette butts are a common factor in structure fires that start on porches and nearby dry vegetation. Mulch is especially prone to combustion caused by careless smoking. Smoking fires are particularly dangerous because they may smolder undetected and then erupt into flames that grow rapidly. A fire that starts on a porch, balcony, or exterior stairway can extend to the home before smoke alarms inside detect them and alert you to the danger.

“If you still smoke, or if you have guests who do, please do it responsibly,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “Always use a deep, sturdy ashtray or a can with sand or water. Don’t toss smoking materials into the mulch, leaves, grass, or planters, and don’t stub them out on the porch railing or stairs. Remember to put it out, all the way, every time.”

## Brush and Wildland Fire Safety

Almost all outdoor fires are caused by human behavior. In the warm, dry weather expected Sunday and Monday, these fires may spread to dangerous sizes quickly and require numerous firefighting resources to contain and extinguish. And because about 50% of Massachusetts homes are in Wildland-Urban Interface or Intermix zones, outdoor fires can easily

threaten people and property.

- Practice fire safety with grills, flammable liquids, smoking materials, and power equipment.
  - Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted by checking with the local fire department.
  - Clear away dry leaves and sticks and overhanging low branches and shrubs.
  - Keep campfires small so they are easier to control and attend to them at all times.
  - Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire.
  - Make sure your campfire is out cold before leaving.
  - If using an ATV, dirt bike, or other off-road vehicle, be sure the spark arrestor is properly installed, as required by Massachusetts law.
  - Don’t park a vehicle or power equipment such as a lawnmower on or near dry vegetation. A hot engine or exhaust can ignite dry grass, leaves, or debris.
- “We saw last fall just how quickly brush and wildland fires can grow to sizes that require a large response by local and regional fire departments,” said State Fire Marshal Davine. “These fires strain our resources and make it harder to respond to other emergencies. If you see an outdoor fire, please call 9-1-1 to report it as soon as possible.”

# Department of Correction lowers minimum age to become a correction officer to 19

Special to the Regional Review

The Massachusetts Department of Correction is proud to announce a change in its hiring policy, lowering the minimum age requirement to become a Correction Officer from 21 to 19. The adjustment is part of a broader effort to expand recruitment, attract younger candidates, and establish a new path-

way for individuals interested in a career in public service.

The newly established minimum appointment age was implemented to attract motivated candidates who are eager to serve their communities. By expanding the candidate pool, the Department is creating new opportunities for young adults to serve their communities and explore long-term

careers in corrections.

“Reducing the minimum age to become a Correction Officer will allow us to recruit more dedicated, highly skilled workers to these important roles,” said Governor Maura Healey. “This change will help us build the next generation of corrections professionals to deliver on our goals of protecting public safety and supporting rehabilitation.”

“The change in the minimum appointment age allows the DOC to address staffing needs while also cultivating a future workforce dedicated to upholding our core values,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “I encourage anyone who is eligible and interested in making a positive impact on public safety to consider pursuing this rewarding opportunity.”

“Expanding the candidate pool enhances our ability to inform individuals about the rewarding career opportunities available at the Massachusetts Department of Correction,” said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. “It is essential that we

adapt and find innovative ways to recruit more professionals into our public safety system.”

“The implementation of this age of appointment gives the DOC the flexibility to bring in more qualified applicants while providing them with early access to a fulfilling career in corrections,” said DOC Commissioner Shawn Jenkins. “The Massachusetts Department of Correction appreciates working collaboratively with Massachusetts Correction Officers Federated Union and their support as we work together to increase our professional workforce.”

Program participants will receive training at the DOC’s Recruit Academy, exposure to correctional facility operations, and mentorship from experienced professionals. This initiative’s goal is to create a steady pipeline of qualified and committed individuals ready to carry out the DOC’s vital mission and uphold the highest standards of service.

Eligibility Requirements for the Correction Officer Position:

- High school diploma, an

equivalency certificate or served at least three years in the Armed Forces of the United States

- Correction Officers hired under the age of 21 will not be assigned to posts or duties that require a firearm; however, any individual hired for the position must maintain eligibility to obtain a license to carry a firearm
- All applicants will undergo a comprehensive screening process and enter a 12-week Recruit Academy upon acceptance

The DOC is actively recruiting motivated individuals to join its dedicated team. The DOC offers competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits, ongoing professional development, and the opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Individuals interested in pursuing a rewarding career in corrections are encouraged to call 1-866-WRK-4DOC, email [DOC-Recruitment@mass.gov](mailto:DOC-Recruitment@mass.gov), or visit the Department’s website for more information on career opportunities and upcoming academy classes.

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# Markey calls for urgently needed funding for flood resilience project

Special to the Times

U.S. Senator Edward J. Markey hosted a press conference on Wednesday, May 28 to call attention to the urgent need to address flooding along the Island End River in Chelsea and Everett that is part of the Mystic River watershed area and threatens homes, the fresh produce supply and transportation to the North Shore. A much-needed flood barrier project is endangered by the cancellation of a federal program that the project relied on for funding, according to Markey and officials from Chelsea and Everett.

"To rip away \$50 million of federal funding from Chelsea and Everett is an act of climate injustice," Markey said. "The Trump administration's reckless decision to terminate disaster resiliency funding not only harms communities on the frontline of the climate crisis but also has repercussions far beyond. This funding isn't a budget line—it's a lifeline for our constituents."

"Cancelling it will directly harm our constituents and our economy. It will cost us as we pay and pay and pay again to clean up and rebuild flood after flood that are only becoming more frequent and more severe," Markey continued. "It is penny wise and billions of destruction and damage foolish. For months, the Trump administration has made it clear they do not care about our health, safe-



Senator Ed Markey tours the Island End River site along with John Walkey, State Senator Sal DiDomenico, and Chelsea Director of Planning and Community Development Ben Cares.

ty, or resiliency, and they do not care about the long-term, long-dreamed visions of our communities to build a future safe from climate change."

Joining Markey were State Senator Sal DiDomenico, State Rep. Judith García, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, and GreenRoots Director of Climate Justice & Waterfront Initiatives John Walkey.

The planned Island End River Flood Resilience Project includes a barrier, tidal gates, and restored wetlands, which together will protect thousands of people and billions of dollars in economic activity from flooding that is growing

worse every year, according to the officials.

The saltwater river, which forms the Everett-Chelsea border, already floods often during high tide, even in calm weather. Every year, flooding closes businesses and roads, and firefighters rescue stranded drivers from their vehicles.

Some flooding will happen almost weekly within five years and twice per day by 2050. More severe flooding on the scale of Hurricane Sandy will eventually happen every year.

"We welcome Senator Markey's attention to this urgent project," said Maltez. "One way or another, we will find a way to build this



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State Senator Sal DiDomenico, Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez, La Colaborativa Executive Director Gladys Vega, Senator Ed Markey, GreenRoots Director of Climate Justice & Waterfront Initiatives John Walkey, State Representative Judith Garcia, and owner of the Chelsea Marina Rob Waters at last week's press conference along Island End River.

project because we simply must build it. Not just for Chelsea and Everett, but for the millions of people who depend every day on critical infrastructure in this floodplain every day."

The project will protect 5,000 people, three schools, the MBTA commuter rail serving the entire North Shore, a major postal distribution center, and other critical infrastructure. Notably, it will protect the New England Produce Center, the main produce hub serving 8 million people across six

states, stated the local officials.

Altogether, they stated the project will deliver \$3.7 billion in benefits, more than 30 times the cost of the project—far exceeding FEMA's standards for a cost-effective project.

"Cities like Everett and Chelsea are vital contributors to greater Boston and the entire state," said Everett Mayor Carlo DeMaria. "This project is about more than the two cities where it is located, and two cities can't build it alone."

## Echoes of Valor: A Boston concert commemorates 250 years of service and sacrifice

Special to the Regional Review

Boston will come alive with the sound of patriotism this June 17 as the city hosts "Echoes of Valor," a powerful tribute to 250 years of American service and sacrifice. This free public event honors both the founding of the United States Army and the Battle of Bunker Hill, two defining moments in the nation's history.

The evening features a rousing concert by the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus at the Hatch Memorial Shell, offering a moving program of patriotic music, ceremonial tributes, and

military pageantry.

Schedule of Events

- 6:00 PM – Ceremonial Procession

Begins at the Edward Everett Statue in the Boston Public Garden. The procession route includes Arlington Street and the Arthur Fiedler Footbridge, leading to the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade.

- 7:00 PM – Concert Begins

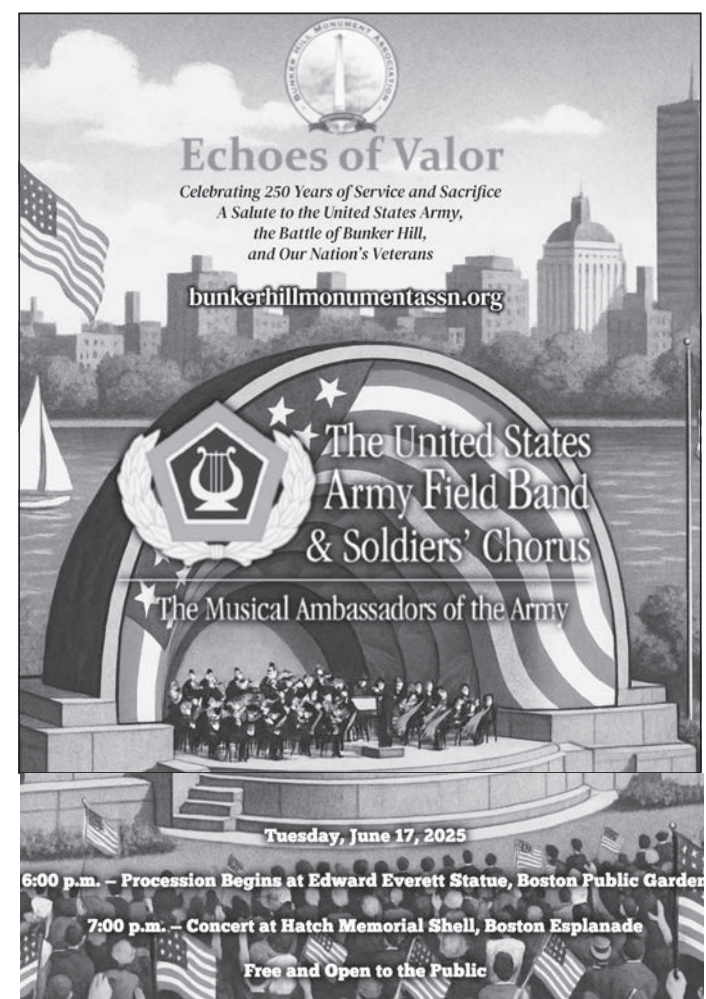
The concert will include stirring musical selections, military flyovers, cannon salutes, and remarks by civic and military leaders—all honoring America's enduring legacy of service.

Presented in collaboration with

the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Veterans Services, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Massachusetts National Guard, and State Police), the City of Boston (Veterans Services and Boston Police Department), and a wide coalition of federal officials, military personnel, and historic and patriotic organizations—including AHAC, MASSAR, MASSDAR, NSCAR, and Friends of Lafayette.

This event is free and open to the public. All are warmly encouraged to attend and take part in this evening of reflection, honor, and celebration.

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## NEMPAC ANNOUNCES MARSHALL 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) is excited to announce the nine recipients of this year's Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund, the beneficiary of the annual and treasured North End Cornhole Classic fundraiser event in the North End of Boston.

Congratulations to Lola Bruno, Emilia Bruno, Alexandru Cristescu, Isabella Ireland, Adrian Huang, Annette Huang, Ryan Mendes, Noah Mendes, and Stephanie Payne.

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund is entering its 11th year and continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The Scholarship Fund was established by Geraldine's son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz. Ms. Marshall, who passed away ten years ago at the age of 68, was born in Dorchester in 1946, moved to the North End at the age of 21, and settled here for almost 50 years before her passing.

Representative Michlewitz says, "The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund was created to give children in the North End access to the arts and this year's recipients will take us to nearly 50 scholarships since we started in 2015. I want to thank NEMPAC for continuing to honor my mother's aspirations in allowing greater opportunity for the arts."

Marshall's love of the arts and passion for the North End has inspired \$54,000 in scholarships awarded to 49 youth students over the last 10 years who are seeking to participate in an arts enrichment program, such as private music lessons, enrollment in a group instrument program, or in after-school musical theatre.

"NEMPAC is deeply grateful for the generous support of

the Marshall Fund, which has a meaningful impact on the lives of many children in the North End and beyond. We see firsthand the transformative power of participation in the arts, and how it enriches a child's life in countless ways. Thank you to all who make these opportunities possible!" -Executive Director of NEMPAC, Sherri Snow

On June 1, NEMPAC will host its 8th Annual Cornhole Classic, which continues to support the fund and the ability to make exceptional music programs more accessible to youth in the North End and City of Boston. More information on how to attend and participate as a spectator can be found here, or make a donation to the fund here.

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

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

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



Some of the students are pictured with Chair of House Ways and Means and State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, NEMPAC Executive Director Sherri Snow, and CMCB Senior Director of Development and External Affairs Jessica Chen.



Students with their certificates.



Everyone enjoyed playing cornhole.



NEAA T/BALL IN FULL SWING

North End Athletic Association’s Instructional/TBall program takes place on Saturday mornings for 4 and 5 year olds. The program is run by Ralph Martignetti with help from his wife Janine and daughter Trinity and Alex Puopolo. The program’s sponsor is the Boston Red Sox Foundation’s Jr RBI program.



Scenes from the NEAA TBall event.



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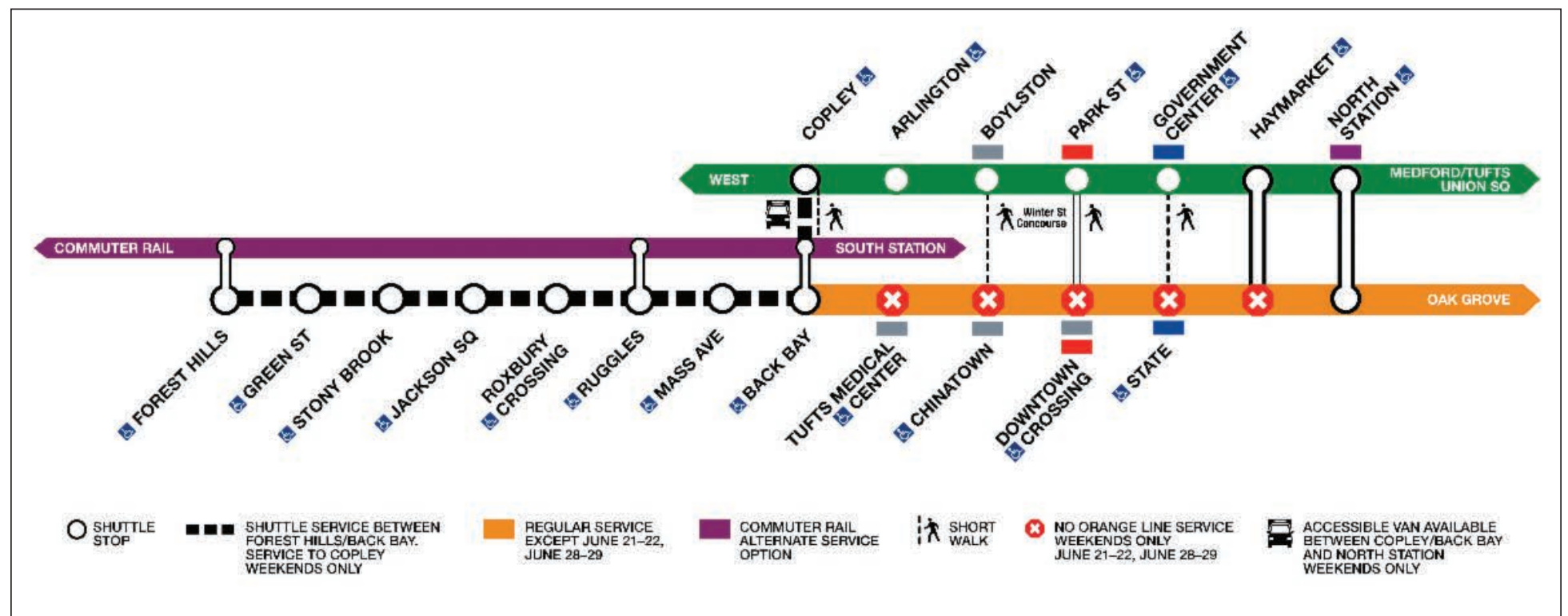
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## Orange Line service suspended June 21 to 29

Special to the Regional Review

Between North Station and Forest Hills on Weekends, Between Back Bay and Forest Hills on Weekdays

This notice serves as a reminder of the upcoming Orange Line closure previously announced on May 20.

The MBTA is today reminding riders that Orange Line service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills on weekends and between Back Bay and Forest Hills on weekdays all day, every day, for nine days, June 21 to 29.

Riders can find complete information at [mbta.com/OrangeLine](https://mbta.com/OrangeLine). More information on these service changes and alternate travel options is below:

During the weekends of June 21 – 22 and June 28 – 29, service will be suspended between North Station and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between

Forest Hills and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line for parallel service through downtown to North Station.

The Green Line C Branch will also be extended to serve North Station during this time period.

An accessible van will directly serve stations between North Station and Back Bay as well as Copley on the Green Line. Riders should see onsite personnel to request this van service.

On weekdays, June 23 – 27, service will be suspended between Back Bay and Forest Hills:

Free and accessible shuttle buses will make all stops between Back Bay and Forest Hills.

The Commuter Rail will be fare-free between Forest Hills, Ruggles, Back Bay, and South Station during this service outage. Riders should note that regular fares should be purchased beyond Forest Hills.

Travel time between Forest Hills and Back Bay on the Frank-

lin/Foxboro and Needham Commuter Rail Lines is approximately nine minutes. Trains operate approximately every 30 minutes during the weekday peak periods. Schedules are available at [mbta.com](https://mbta.com).

Bus Route 39 will be fare-free and additional service will be provided.

Riders using shuttle buses should budget ample extra travel time. For example, a rider traveling to Downtown Crossing from Forest Hills should budget an additional 30 – 45 minutes of travel time in addition to their regular commute.

This service change is in place to accomplish signal upgrade work on the Orange Line. By upgrading its signals, the MBTA expects to significantly increase operational efficiency and improve scheduling reliability for all riders.

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/OrangeLine](https://mbta.com/OrangeLine) 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](mailto:mediarelations@mbta.com). For the latest updates on MBTA services, projects, and initiatives, visit [MBTA.com](https://mbta.com) or follow @MBTA on social media.

## Project Bread welcomes Michele Carroll as COO

Special to the Regional Review

A passionate advocate for equity and systems change, Michele Carroll steps into the role of Chief Operating Officer at Project Bread, bringing over 20 years of experience across corporate leadership, nonprofit innovation, and community empowerment. From leading startups to mentoring future leaders, Carroll has built a career focused on impact—and now joins Massachusetts' leading statewide food security organization to

help drive bold, lasting solutions to hunger.

"My commitment to this work is grounded in both personal values and lived experience," says Carroll. "I was raised in a family where food was not just nourishment, but a way of life—my grandparents were farmers in Arkansas, and every summer I spent time learning about the food system firsthand. Today, my mother continues that legacy by running a church food pantry, where I've gotten to see

my own children help pack and distribute meals. I've seen how access to food builds dignity and opportunity, and I'm proud to now be part of an organization making that possible for every family in Massachusetts."

As COO, Carroll will lead cross-functional strategy and support infrastructure development to ensure the organization remains effective, inclusive, and nimble as it scales its impact. Before joining Project Bread, she held

leadership roles at Duet and The Partnership, Inc., where she built systems, coached emerging leaders, and fostered inclusive workplace cultures. Earlier in her career, she spent a decade at Procter & Gamble, where she developed foundational expertise in sales, coaching, and mentorship.

"Michele brings a powerful combination of heart and systems-thinking to Project Bread," says Erin McAleer, President and CEO. "She's

joining us at a time when our mission has never been more urgent, as we fight against federal attacks on critical nutrition programs and seek to uphold the autonomy of every Massachusetts resident. With her passion for equity, her operational insight, and her deep respect for the communities we serve, I know Michele will be instrumental in helping us end hunger for good in Massachusetts."



## NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through June 21 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

- Pavement markings
- Marine fender work
- 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:

- There are no events from 6/8 – 6/21.

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.

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## Four tips for preventing dog attacks on mail carriers

Can you picture a member of your family attacking a mail carrier? Of course not, but it happened over 6,000 times last year across the nation.

"I was bit by a dog on my leg recently and my mail satchel helped protect me," said Francisco Juarez, a letter carrier who delivers in Houston, TX. "The sound of a dog barking while on my route puts me on high alert and I try to be ready to protect myself."

Juarez recognizes the importance of the safety training he's received as a letter carrier to help protect himself from dog attacks while delivering the mail. Even though he diligently follows dog bite safety protocols while on his route, he was still attacked by a dog.

When a dog attacks a letter carrier, the dog owner could be held liable for all medical expenses, repayment of lost work hours, replacement of the uniform and other costs, which can run into thousands of dollars. The Postal Service makes the safety of its employees a top priority and dedicates time each year on Dog Bite Awareness.

Here are four simple tips to prevent dog bite injuries year-round:

**Door Delivery:** If a carrier delivers mail or packages to your front door, place your dog in a separate room and close that door before opening the front door.

Some dogs push through screen doors or plate-glass windows to attack visitors. Dog owners must keep the family pet secured. Never let your child take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet, as the dog may see this as a threatening gesture.

**Restrain Your Dog:** Carriers may assume that if they see no physical fence around a property that the property is animal-free. This can be a dangerous mistake. Postal Service officials request that you keep your dog restrained or inside when the mail is delivered. Although the electronic fence may keep your dog from wandering, it does not

protect your carrier, who must enter your property to deliver the mail. Even homes with curbside mailboxes may have oversized packages or signature-needed items that require the carrier to approach a doorstep and cross the boundaries of the electronic fence. This poses a serious risk to carrier safety.

**Dog in the Yard:** Make sure your dog is properly restrained on a leash and away from where your mail carrier delivers the mail. If the carrier deems a residence unsafe because of an unrestrained dog, mail delivery service can be interrupted. When service is interrupted at an address or in a neighborhood, all parties involved will have to pick up mail at their local Post Office. Service will be restored once assurance has been

given that the animal will be confined during regular delivery hours.

**Tracking:** Dog owners who have access to postal notification features, such as Informed Delivery ([informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com)) for letter mail and package tracking, are urged to use these features to determine when the carrier is on their way and to ensure their dog has been properly restrained. Expecting a postal package delivery on Sunday? Postal officials urge dog owners to restrain their animals on Sundays as well, since more residences now receive deliveries throughout the weekend.

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## LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

### NORTH END RESIDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY ITALIAN IN FLORENCE FROM THE ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

Donna Lubrano, North End Resident, Professor and Grant Consultant has received the good news that she was awarded a full academic scholarship to study Italian at the Accademia Europea Firenze for one month in Fall, 2025. She will spend the month studying the language in class, participating in cultural activities and traveling throughout the country. The scholarship will support her studies at the intensive language institute where she will join other international students in language classes and cultural excursions.

Her passion and love for language began when she was very young, speaking the Neapolitan dialect for her grandparents who lived with her. She also translated

business letters for her father, studied Italian in high school and received a scholarship to study Italian at the Università Per Stranieri in Perugia as an adult. She lived in Rome, worked for Panorama Magazine and supervised cultural exchange programs.

"Learning the language will deepen my connection to my heritage and enhance my ability to develop exciting and meaningful international programs. I will never forget the joy it gave me to speak to my grandparents, who didn't speak English. I remember at the age of 10 pushing my grandfather in his wheelchair to the dinner table and telling him to lift his feet in my broken and less than perfect Italian. I remember calling my relatives in Procida and being able to get to know them through our love of the language." Memories to last a lifetime.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities through the Italian Cultural Institute visit their website at [Italian Cultural Institute](https://www.italianculturalinstitute.org).

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Boarding pets

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

This week, we'll cover two aspects of pet boarding. First, planning for a safe and happy experience for you and your pet when you board them at an established kennel, or as some are called, a pet hotel. Second, the alternatives to boarding. These include engaging a pet and house sitter for the time you are away or leaving your

pet with a trusted friend or family member.

**Begin with Your Pet**

What option would be a good fit for your pet? Several factors influence this decision, including age, health, exercise requirements, and personality. Does your dog get along with other dogs? Does your cat interact with humans other than family? What specific tasks

would the care provider have to perform? Some animals may need medications multiple times a day. Others could need intravenous fluids for kidney disease.

**Investigate the Facilities**

We are firm believers in recommendations from other pet guardians who show the same standards of care that you have. Even then, we would check on how that spe-

cific kennel would work for our dog, who is anxious and an escape artist.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers a "Board Safely Checklist" on the website [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org). It leads you, step-by-step, from "See it for Yourself" to "Get it in Writing. The Whole Dog Journal has its own checklist that takes a different approach, asking questions like

Is the facility staffed at all times? How do they handle health emergencies? Is drinking water always available to your pet?

Once you have one or two places in mind, recheck your referrals by asking as many pet people as you can about specific places. Should you come across someone who used to leave their animal there but switched to another place, ask why.



Some facilities may offer training services in addition to boarding. (photo by Ahmed)

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**Stay at a Home Options**

A pet sitter is one option if you prefer to allow your pet to stay in your home or theirs. Begin with the service providers you already trust. Your dog-walker may be willing to board your dog.

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail. Groomers or the staff at your grooming facility may be another source of pet sitters.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

A dog lover who hasn't found

a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Family, friends and neighbors might be willing to host your dog or provide care for your cat as a part of a reciprocal agreement.

Finally, do a test run if it is a new adventure for your pet or a new person. Let the dog or cat experience the boarding option you choose for a day or two before you embark on a longer trip.

It's better to make any necessary changes while you're nearby than when you are hundreds of miles away on your own adventure.

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