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### GASSY HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED

The unveiling of the Gassy Historical Marker was held on Wednesday, June 11. There was a great turnout from the neighborhood, including House Ways and Means Committee Chair Aaron Michlewitz, Ciera D'Amico, and Councilor Gabriela Coletta Zapata. The marker was installed by the Friends of the DeFilippo Playground, and Vice President Al Skinner gave a speech about how important the Gassy was to the neighborhood kids during the 1950s. President Robyn Reed thanked everyone involved in getting the marker up for the park.



COURTESY PHOTOS

## BCYF Clougherty and Mirabella outdoor pools to open for the summer

Special to the Regional Review

The City of Boston announced the BCYF Mirabella Pool in the North End and the BCYF Clougherty Pool in Charlestown will open soon for the summer season. BCYF

Clougherty will open on Saturday, June 28 and BCYF Mirabella will open on Tuesday, July 1. These outdoor pools, as well as several year-round indoor pools across the City operated by Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF),

are free resources available to residents looking to cool off. Locations and hours of operation of the pools can be found at [Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics](http://Boston.gov/BCYF-Aquatics).

BCYF Mirabella Pool, located at 475 Commercial Street, will be open six days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. BCYF Clougherty Pool, located at 331 Bunker Hill Street, will also be open six days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is free to swim at all BCYF pools but there are some protocols in place at BCYF pools heading into the summer season:

- Visitors must create a pro-

## Salem Street roof-top rejected by NEWRA

By Phil Orlandella

A proposal by the owner of 99 Charter Street to add a roof deck railing with stairs to the top of the head house on the existing roof deck was overwhelmingly opposed by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at their June monthly meeting by a vote of 1-15.

A request to change the legal occupancy at 99 Salem Street for retail/office to commercial space and a 14-room hotel with a 5-story vertical addition was changed to build condominiums. No vote was taken and will be addressed at a future NEWRA meeting.

Michael Dello Russo contractor of the project at 149 Salem Street updated his plans advising NEWRA that street closures are needed to complete his project.

Boston Police presented plans for safety at this year's feasts.

Like last year, check points would be set up at the entrance to each feast to check back packs and other items of interest. They will have additional man power in the area.

Representative Aaron Michlewitz, House of Chair Ways and Means, spoke on state initiatives and answered questions on state and local issues.

The Representative has appeared throughout the community on a regular basis presenting information on the state's status and local concerns as well.

According to NEWRA President Cheryl Delgreco there will be no July or August meetings. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11.

## Registration for NEAA fall soccer program kicked off

By Phil Orlandella

Registration for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) very popular and successful fall soccer program is currently underway, according to John Romano NEAA Sports Coordinator.

"Our program will begin on Saturday, September 6 and run through Saturday, November 8," Romano said. "But there will be no games on Saturday, October 11 as part of the Columbus Day weekend."

The program schedule:

Boys and girls ages 4/5 years old Saturdays from 9am to 10am.

Boys and girls ages 6-8 practices on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Games on Saturdays from 10:15am to 11:15am.

Boys and girls ages 9-12 practic-

es on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Games on Saturdays from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Age requirement 9/1/25.

On Saturday, November 8 the Mayor's Cup Tournament and possibly a Soccer Jamboree run by the City's Park and Recreation Department. "We are waiting on details for both events," Romano said.

Registration for the program is \$65 per player. This includes some equipment.

Space is limited, so sign up early," Romano suggested.

To register go to [www.neaasportsboston.sportngin.com/neaa-soccer](http://www.neaasportsboston.sportngin.com/neaa-soccer).

Romano noted that girls Field Hockey and Flag Football registration will be underway soon. Check emails for the fall programs.

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EDITORIAL

IRAN FINALLY REAPS  
WHAT IT IS HAS SOWN

The decision by President Donald Trump to assist the Israeli effort in setting back Iran’s nuclear weapons program should be applauded by every person who realizes that Iran’s attainment of nuclear weaponry would be disastrous for the world.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has demonstrated how a nuclear-armed dictatorship can wreak death and destruction upon another country with impunity because the rest of the world is afraid to join the fight thanks to the threats by Vladimir Putin that he will use his nuclear arsenal if provoked.

But whereas Putin is semi-rational, can one even begin to imagine how a fanatical Iranian regime that has been calling for the elimination of the State of Israel (and the United States) for 45 years would use nuclear weapons to blackmail every nation in the Mideast in order to achieve that goal, including ultimately dropping an atomic bomb on Tel Aviv?

The Iranian government has been a force of evil since its inception in 1979. For fans of the Netflix series Stranger Things, the Iranian regime is like that monster that spreads its tentacles to terrorize and control the town of Hawkins.

Similarly, Iran has provided arms and training to terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah on Israel’s doorstep with the specific aim of wiping Israel off the face of the map. The vicious attack by Hamas on 10/7 demonstrated unequivocally that Iran’s proxies are capable of achieving the goal of killing every Jew they can lay their hands on.

Only time -- and Israeli and American intelligence assessments -- will be able to determine to what extent the Israeli and U.S. military actions of the past 12 days have degraded the ability of the Iranians to make a nuclear bomb.

But if nothing else, the Iranians have been put on notice that their dastardly behavior finally will be met with more force than they ever could have anticipated.

THE GAY RIGHTS MOVEMENT  
BEGAN 56 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Although Gay Pride Month is observed for the entire month of June, we wish to make note of the specific date and events of June 28, 1969, when a series of riots and demonstrations against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn tavern in the Greenwich Village section of New York City launched the modern-day gay rights movement.

This was not the first time that the gay community had fought back against repression and persecution, but the Stonewall riots marked a turning point for the gay rights movement both in the United States and around the world.

The riot was precipitated when New York City police officers with the NYPD’s Public Morals Division (yes, that actually was its name) sought to conduct a typical raid at the Stonewall Tavern, a gay bar. At that time, men even seen holding hands with each other could be arrested on charges of violating public morality.

Almost all of the gay bars in New York City in that era were operated by organized crime. The police typically would give the owners a heads-up about impending raids, which usually took place on quiet weeknights and resulted in the arrests of a few of their customers.

However, on the night of June 27-28, the police uncharacteristically conducted a raid on a weekend night when there were more than 200 patrons in the Stonewall.

As the police began to make arrests, crowds from the surrounding community gathered outside in support of those being arrested. The ensuing pitched battle between the outnumbered police and the hundreds of area residents carried on for the next two nights.

For the first time, persons who did not conform to society’s sexual norms had made it clear that they no longer would be treated like second-class citizens.

Although the Stonewall Tavern itself was set on fire during the riots and never reopened, President Barack Obama designated the area as a national monument on June 24, 2016, thus ensuring its legacy as the spot that marked the beginning of a new day of freedom for Americans of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Boston Teachers Union announces  
endorsements for City Council candidates

Special to the Times

The Boston Teachers Union (BTU), representing more than 10,000 educators in Boston, announced its endorsements for the 2025 Boston City Council preliminary election. The union is proud to support candidates who have demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening public education and labor rights, advocating for students and families, and investing in the long-term success of Boston’s neighborhoods.

The list of endorsed candidates includes:

- District 1 – Gabriela Coletta Zapata
- District 2 – Ed Flynn
- District 3 – John FitzGerald
- District 4 – Brian Worrell
- District 5 – Enrique Pepen
- District 6 – Ben Weber

At-Large - Ruthzee Louijeune  
At-Large - Julia Mejia

BTU’s endorsements are rooted in the belief that every child in Boston deserves access to high-quality public education, and that educators must have the tools, resources, and respect they need to provide it. After a comprehensive review process, including candidate questionnaires and interviews, BTU members have chosen to support council candidates who share the union’s values and vision for the city.

“These are not just endorsements—they are investments in the future of Boston,” said Erik Berg, President of the Boston Teachers Union. “Our city’s success depends on strong public schools and a strong labor movement that ensures working people are treated with dignity. We

are proud to support candidates who understand that supporting educators and students is not just an education issue—it’s a housing issue, a racial justice issue, an economic justice issue, and a democracy issue. We need city leaders who are ready to fight alongside us for a Boston that works for everyone.”

The BTU will mobilize its members and community allies to support endorsed candidates through canvassing, phone banking, and voter education efforts leading up to preliminary Election Day. The union will continue to uplift policies that ensure fully staffed schools, inclusive classrooms, safe and fully functioning school buildings, and the resources every child needs to succeed.

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# Wu and Office Of Youth Engagement and Advancement celebrate 30 years of Youth Council

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the City of Boston's Office of Youth Engagement (OYEA) celebrated the 30-year anniversary of the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC). Since the first Council year commenced in 1995, the MYC has empowered nearly 1,000 Boston high school students to grow in their capacity as civic leaders, represent their peers in City government, and collaborate with City officials. The anniversary event held last Wednesday at MassArt brought together notable program alumni, current Youth Councilors, and family and friends.

Over the last three decades, Mayor's Youth Councilors have organized youth town halls and events, engaged in service projects, and created awareness campaigns to help address challenges facing Boston's youth. Youth Councilors have developed their leadership skills, commitment to public ser-

vice, and understanding of local government.

"For the past 30 years, the City of Boston has been able to directly collaborate with our young community leaders through the Mayor's Youth Council, giving members a platform to create the change they want to see," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I am proud to celebrate this anniversary and support all generations of change-makers of our City."

One of the four focus areas of the Mayor's Youth Council this year involved planning and hosting the 30-year anniversary celebration, which also served as the current cohort's end-of-year celebration. Current Councilors received awards for their accomplishments this year from MYC staff.

"I loved the planning process for the MYC 30th," said Youth Councilor Miracle Ebbi. "It was fun to find the right venue. I was excited to meet a lot of MYC alum-

ni at the 30th event and to join the alumni community myself."

"On the planning committee, we spent a lot of time finding alumni and building our network," said Youth Councilor Jolie Nguyen. "It was so interesting to learn about the history of MYC in the last 30 years."

"As a former member of the Mayor's Youth Council, it is an honor to be a part of its 30th anniversary. The Council played a critical role in helping me discover my interest in working with the City of Boston," said City Councilor John FitzGerald. "During my time on the Mayor's Youth Council, I met other members from all across the city that have become future colleagues and friends. The Mayor's Youth Council is a great opportunity for youth to get exposed to public service and it was an incredible honor then and now."

"The Mayor's Youth Council has been a launchpad for so many

of Boston's brightest young minds, including my own sister, whose experience on the Council was nothing short of transformative. I have no doubt that MYC will continue to empower young people, not only to find their voices, but to use them to shape the future of our city," said Council President Ruthzee Louijeune.

Other initiatives of the 2024-25 Council included planning and executing a series of peer-led focus groups at youth-serving community organizations around Boston to enhance the findings of OYEA's "Youth Speaks Boston" needs assessment. In addition, Mayor's Youth Councilors worked alongside community partners to identify impactful locations around the city for publicly-accessible vertical gardens that will grow fresh produce. The MYC "Safe Steps Committee" collaborated with the City of Boston Streets Cabinet to advocate for the creation of new crosswalks and educate their peers

on social media about how to request crosswalks in their neighborhoods.

"As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Mayor's Youth Council, we honor three decades of unwavering commitment to amplifying the voices of Boston's young people. This milestone reflects the powerful role youth play in shaping policies, strengthening communities, and driving meaningful civic change," said Pedro Cruz, Executive Director of the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement. "The City of Boston remains deeply proud to support a generation of leaders who continue to inspire and influence the future of our city."

Boston residents entering grades 9-12 are now invited to apply for the 2025-26 Mayor's Youth Council by Friday, July 18, 2025. To learn more about MYC, visit [boston.gov/myc](https://boston.gov/myc).

## THE WEST END MUSEUM CELEBRATES CROONER BUDDY CLARK

Buddy Clark was known for his smooth baritone voice and romantic ballads. Born on November 26, 1912, in Boston's West End, he rose to prominence in the post-World War II years. His ability to convey deep emotion through song and his collaboration with talented songwriters and arrangers helped him achieve success. Tragically, on October 1, 1949, just one day before making his CBS TV debut, he died in a plane crash.

The West End Museum, with the generous support of Boston Properties (BXP) and the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences,

is proud to present "Now is the Time: A Tribute to Buddy Clark" on June 29th at 3 PM at the Hub on Causeway Community Room. Performed live by talented vocalist Dan Gabel, accompanied by Josiah Reibstein and The Hubtones, the event honors the warmth, charm, and unforgettable voice that made Buddy Clark a beloved star of the big band era and features classic hits like "Linda," "Now is the Hour," and "I'll Dance at Your Wedding."

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at Eventbrite, the West End Museum website, or at the door.



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# South Boston Beaches’ water once again ranked among the safest for beachgoers

Special to the Times

In the 2024 Beach Season Water Quality Report Card by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, the data has shown that South Boston’s beaches remain the cleanest urban beaches in the country. Pleasure Bay and City Point each maintained a perfect 100% safety rating, and Nantasket, M Street and Carson Beaches received high grades as usual.

Meanwhile, Wollaston Beach in Quincy continued to perform well, scoring 88% for the third year in a row after improving their storm-water and sewer systems over the past several years.

“We’re so proud of America’s First Public Beach being one of the region’s cleanest public beaches,” said MBC Commissioner Rep. Jessica Giannino. “I’m incredibly pleased to see the breadth of programming being planned this summer through the Better Beaches Program, like weekly morning yoga, the West Indies cultural celebration, and of course the International Sand Sculpting Competition.”

The 2024 Beach Season Water

Quality Report Card uses data collected by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to assess water quality at public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket including Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull (see table below).

“Through decades of smart policies and investment in critical infrastructure, our beaches continue to remain safe, clean spaces for gathering and enjoyment,” said Senator Brendan Crighton, Co-Chair of the Metropolitan Beaches Commission. “With the acceleration of climate change and growing threats to this environmental progress, we must double down on that commitment to ensure our beaches remain resilient, equitable spaces for everyone.”

“As a Commission, we are incredibly grateful to DCR for its commitment to maintaining a rigorous testing system for our swimming beaches, and to Save the Harbor for continuing to provide this terrific resource,” said Rep. Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the

2024 Water Quality Report Card							
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Six-year average safety rating (2019-2024)	Beach
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	Pleasure Bay
100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	City Point
97%	98%	100%	94%	98%	92%	97%	Nantasket
100%	94%	94%	94%	100%	94%	96%	M Street
100%	100%	92%	100%	91%	91%	96%	Carson
87%	100%	94%	98%	89%	86%	92%	Revere
90%	98%	91%	97%	88%	86%	92%	Constitution
88%	94%	89%	94%	94%	83%	90%	Short
78%	100%	100%	94%	82%	80%	89%	Winthrop
87%	85%	82%	88%	88%	88%	86%	Wollaston
93%	96%	77%	81%	80%	78%	84%	Nahant
83%	91%	73%	95%	76%	83%	84%	Malibu
79%	89%	70%	94%	80%	68%	80%	Savin Hill
67%	79%	63%	89%	73%	71%	74%	Tenean
79%	70%	68%	74%	55%	66%	69%	King’s
89%	93%	86%	93%	85%	84%	88%	All Beaches (avg.)

Metropolitan Beaches Commission. “The Report Card has been a great tool to show the great overall quality here in Massachusetts and I hope it will give people the confidence to get out and enjoy our spectacular state beaches.”

Though most of the region’s beaches performed consistent with

expectations, Save the Harbor did note a dramatic drop at Savin Hill in Dorchester, and a low rating for Nahant Beach, typically one of the region’s cleanest beaches.

“Nahant Beach and Savin Hill are historically clean beaches,” said Save the Harbor Executive Director Chris Mancini. “In an effort to understand what is happening at Nahant Beach, we are partnering with DCR, Save King’s Beach and Northeastern University to collect daily samples this summer. We hope the additional data will indicate either that there is a declining trend at this beach – possibly due to warming ocean temperatures or a new source of contamination – or that it’s simply coincidental variability due to the timing of the weekly test. The latter is the likely cause of the Savin Hill decline, as it is adjacent to Malibu Beach and typically performs as well as that location.”

“At DCR we’re committed to ensuring that all Massachusetts residents have access to clean water for recreation and that our beaches are welcoming spaces that provide a safe and fun environment to cool down for rising summer temperatures,” said DCR Commissioner Brian Arrigo. “DCR performs water quality testing throughout the summer at all our waterfronts, and we work with our partners at the Department of Public Health to inform the public of these results on our park alerts page and their water quality dashboard. Despite the rainfall so far this year, diligent water quality testing has shown that our beaches remain safe places for families and residents to recreate. We urge all beachgoers to wait 24 hours after heavy rainfall before hitting the water, to keep their animals away from waterfronts, and to monitor DCR’s park alerts webpage for any impacts to their favorite swim-

ming locations.”

Aside from these exceptions, beachgoers can choose from 12 other reliably clean beaches, most of which are accessible by public transportation.

Currently the beaches use a posting and flagging system to alert the public to high bacteria levels. Unfortunately, the best technology available takes 24 hours to return results, meaning by the time the posting goes up, the information is already out of date. Save the Harbor recommends people get familiar with their beach’s individual characteristics by using Department of Public Health’s interactive beach water quality website.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay thanks Dr. Judy Pederson, former Chair of their Beaches Science Advisory Committee, Bruce Berman, former Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, and Kelly Coughlin of Stony Brook Partners for their guidance in developing the methodology used in this report.

The organization commends Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano, Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Rep. Adrian Madaro of East Boston, and each of the legislative and community members of the Commission for their commitment to clean water and the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

They also thank the Healey/Driscoll Administration, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the Massachusetts Department of Conservation & Recreation, the Massachusetts Department of Environ-

## The Block at Woods Hill debuts in Boston’s Seaport

This summer, the Seaport neighborhood will welcome a vibrant new addition to its culinary scene: The Block at Woods Hill. Brought to you by the dynamic duo of restaurateur Kristin Canty and Chef Charlie Foster, this exciting concept is set to open on Friday, June 27.

The Block at Woods Hill will be more than just a restaurant; it’s designed to be a hub where friends, families, and neighbors can come together to connect and share. The heart of this experience lies in its communal seating, encouraging conversation and a sense of shared experience. The space is just under 3,000 square feet and features various seating options with a casual vibe for groups of any size. Whether guests prefer to belly up to the bar, cozy up to the communal chef’s table, delight in a traditional dining room setting or partake in patio seating - there are a multitude of options that fit everyone’s needs.

The menu will showcase the bounty of local farms and producers, featuring an array of delectable small tapas plates and large format options that highlight the freshest seasonal ingredients. Chef Foster’s passion for culinary innovation will shine through in each dish, offering a unique and unforgettable dining experience. The Block at Woods Hill is another way to experience exceptional

quality and sustainable practices on your plate with food that is healthy, clean and nourishing.

The day menu showcases sandwiches and sides with standouts such as Jamon Beurre with Woods Hill Farm Parisian style ham, a BLAT with thick cut housemade Woods Hill Farm bacon and a Lobster Roll on a toasted Milk Bun. Tallow fries and smashed cucumber salad makes this the ideal mid day experience. The night menu tapas are adventurous with Pig’s Ear Tots, Dry Aged Beef Carpaccio, Short Rib Bocadillo, Pan con Tomate and Housemade Ritz with ‘nduja. Larger formats are sumptuous with Lobster & ‘Nduja Pierogi, Seared Foie Gras with spruce tip infused maple and rhubarb tartare, Pig Foot & Truffle Croustis and Dry Aged Flat Iron Steak with huitlacoche butter and blue corn grits.

To complement the experience, Pastry Chef Kasey Geremia is taking a new twist on a New England classic and making soft serve ice cream in bold flavors and combinations that are seasonal and unexpected.

The beverage program echoes Kristin Canty and Charlie Foster’s holistic approach to agriculture, sustainability and hospitality. The wine list showcases biodynamic selections available both by the glass and bottle. Cocktails made with local spirits and house-

made shrubs are accompanied by equally thoughtful mocktails and non alcoholic beverages. Local beers from New England’s most esteemed craft breweries are available on tap and in cans as well.

The Block at Woods Hill isn’t stopping there! The space will also include a very specialized retail shop, where guests and passersby can discover a curated selection of artisanal products, handcrafted goods, and locally sourced items from The Farm at Woods Hill and other small purveyors. Some of the standout purveyors are: Ronnybrook Farm dairy, Vermont Farmstead cheese, Goodnow Farms Chocolate, Bread Obsessions, Fat Moon Mushrooms, American Ferments Vinegars, and The Farm at Woods Hill pasture raised meat, charcuterie and bone broth.

Communal classes with local guest chefs and authors will debut in the fall and topics will range from the art of fermenting to cheesemaking.

The Block at Woods Hill will be open Tuesday through Sunday. The retail shop is open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Block at Woods Hill is located at 300 Pier 4 Blvd. in Boston. For more information, please visit: [www.theblockatwoodshill.com](http://www.theblockatwoodshill.com) and follow along on Instagram @TheBlockatWoodsHill.



# First Time Since 1825

75 descendants of the “Brothers of the Battle”  
reunite in Charlestown

Special to the Times

For the first time since the 1825 laying of the Bunker Hill Monument cornerstone, 75 descendants of the men and sons who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill gathered at the Charlestown Historical Society to honor their ancestors and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle.

These descendants, representing families of the “Brothers of the Battle,” traveled from across North America—including Hawaii, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, the Carolinas, Maine, and Vancouver, Canada—to pay tribute to their eighth great-grandfathers. They came bearing powerful family heirlooms: swords, bayonets, letters, bullets, and uniforms, all displayed proudly during the Society’s special weekend of events.

“This is a moment that hasn’t happened in 200 years,” says Julie Hall, President of the Charlestown Historical Society and Co-Founder of BH250. “These families are bringing the Revolution to life in ways that history books simply cannot. They are living proof

that the spirit of liberty endures through generations.”

The event was part of the Charlestown Historical Society’s Brothers of the Battle program, created to shine a long-overdue light on the everyday patriots who stood against British forces on June 17, 1775. Often overlooked in traditional histories, these farmers, tradesmen, immigrants, and teenagers made up the backbone of the Revolutionary War effort.

Among the stories shared was that of Jim Philbrick, whose fifth-great-grandfather David How served in Frye’s Regiment at Bunker Hill and later crossed the Delaware with George Washington. Matt Woodfin, another attendee, uncovered the story of his sixth-great-grandfather Michael Dalton, a fifer in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment, through detailed pension records and letters.

From June 15 to 17, the Charlestown Historical Society hosted a series of public events including a historic march in the Bunker Hill Day Parade, a local tradition known as “Townie Christmas,” a Legacy Day & Archives Tour showcasing the descendants’ heirlooms, and storytelling sessions

at the Bunker Hill Monument Museum. The commemorations culminated in the national Battle of Bunker Hill 250th anniversary ceremony, where families united in tribute by the monument.

Dr. Timothy Riordan, whose research helped shape the Brothers of the Battle program, emphasized the emotional power of the gathering: “These are the stories of real people—quiet heroes whose sacrifices are the foundation of the freedoms we enjoy today,” says Dr. Riordan. “For the first time in two centuries, their families are bringing those stories home.”

The Charlestown Historical Society also announced plans to develop a digital archive—supported by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism—so future generations can explore these personal accounts and artifacts online.

“The legacy of Bunker Hill isn’t just in monuments—it’s in memory,” says Hall. “This program ensures those memories are preserved and shared.”

To learn more about the Brothers of the Battle program or contribute to the archive, visit [www.charlestownhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.charlestownhistoricalsociety.org).



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Pictured (left to right) are Sheila Puffer, descendant of Josiah Puffer, a respected patriot from Worcester County, Massachusetts, who served in key Revolutionary War battles, later became a Massachusetts Representative, and remained an active civic figure until his death in 1806; Julie Hall, President of the Charlestown Historical Society and Co-Founder of BH250; and Matt Woodfin, a 6th great-grandson of Michael Dalton, a fifer in the 1st New Hampshire Regiment under General John Stark during the American Revolution, and also a descendant of Henry Dearborn, a significant figure in the Battle of Bunker Hill and later Secretary of War.



Seventy-five descendants of the men and sons who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill gathered at the Charlestown Historical Society to honor their ancestors and commemorate the 250th anniversary of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle.

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# Wu announces new legal services grants and resource

Special to the Times

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement (MOLA) announced a series of new initiatives to support LGBTQ+ residents across Boston. To expand access to free legal services for residents, MOLA is awarding \$125,000 in grants through their inaugural Family & Individual Legal Support Grant. Additionally, MOLA has launched a 90+ member LGBTQ+ Partner Network, a public-facing resource directory, and a new discrimination guidebook co-created with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and Northeastern University. This announcement during LGBTQ+ Pride Month builds on Mayor Wu's work to make Boston a home for everyone.

"Boston is proud to support and celebrate our LGBTQ+ residents across every neighborhood. As we work to make Boston a home for everyone, we are focused on uplifting our LGBTQ+ community organizations and better connecting all of our residents to City services," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These investments will create space for joy and inclusivity for residents while putting resources directly into the hands of trusted community organizations. Wishing everyone a Pride full of freedom and love."

"The City of Boston remains committed to our vision of being a home for everyone, and we recognize that families in Boston are very diverse," said Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion. "By investing in legal support, community partnerships, and access to information, we're ensuring that LGBTQIA2S+ residents are tangibly supported across every part of city life."

"In the face of hostility from the Federal Government, now is the time to rally around our LGBTQ+ community in Boston. I'm grateful for Mayor Wu and MOLA's tireless work to ensure that every Bostonian, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation, has the support and resources they need to feel at home in our City," said City Councilor Liz Breadon, District 9. "Our community is our biggest strength, and the LGBTQ+ Partner Network MOLA is launching will build upon that grassroots strength to provide a safety net for



Mayor Michelle Wu.

those seeking support or a community to call their own."

"I'm proud to stand with Mayor Wu and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement as we kick off Pride Month with bold, tangible investments in our LGBTQ+ communities. These new legal service grants and community-driven resources reflect the City's ongoing commitment to equity, safety, and belonging," said City Councilor Henry Santana, At-Large. "By expanding access to justice and connecting residents with trusted support networks, we are making it clear: LGBTQ+ Bostonians deserve to thrive in every neighborhood. This is what inclusive governance looks like, rooted in care, led by community, and committed to lasting change."

"As we enter Pride Month, and as a gay man, this year feels very different. Yet in the face of attacks on the LGBTQ+ community coming from Washington, it is heartening to note that we live in a city and state that values diversity and human rights," said State Representative John Moran.

"I'm proud to be out and visible in a city like Boston. The work the Mayor and her team do to ensure Boston is a city for everyone who wants to be here is Herculean. While we can always be better and do more, I can't think of a better city under a better mayor to dig in and lead during times like these," said State Representative Sam Montano.

MOLA is awarding two Family & Individual Legal Support Grants to GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS). GLAD and GBLS aid residents in navigating legal systems by providing services like legal

name and gender marker changes, relationship protections, domestic violence legal support, and educational workshops, making processes more accessible to promote the wellbeing of all residents. The funding of these grants was made possible through the City's annual operating budget.

"GLAD Law Answers is here to help LGBTQ+ people understand their rights and what they can do when they face discrimination. Since November we've seen an increase of 47% in calls as people worry about protecting their families, getting the healthcare they need, and the ability to go to school, work at their jobs, and do everyday things like drive and shop for groceries without harassment. Our ID Project provides no-cost legal support to help transgender folks get accurate state identification, which is more important than ever as the federal administration tries to block access to accurate federal IDs," said Gabrielle Navarro, Senior Manager of Public Information, GLAD Law. "We're grateful for this generous support from the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement which recognizes the critical need LGBTQ+ people and families have for legal information and support at this moment. This grant will help us continue to meet the moment and the needs of our community with clear and compassionate information and support."

"GBLS is grateful for the Mayor's support and excited for this opportunity to stand with our LGBTQIA2S+ partners and community members," said Laura Gal, Managing Attorney of Greater Boston Legal Services' Family Law Unit. "This funding will enable GBLS to expand outreach during a critical period of time nationally. GBLS wants to make sure we are accessible to our low-income LGBTQIA2S+ community members and responsive to their current family law needs."

To ensure improved coordination amongst LGBTQ+ organizations, MOLA launched their Partner Network, a city-supported coalition of over 90 LGBTQ+ affirming organizations working together to advance shared goals and foster inclusion. Through monthly meetings, the network has brought various organizations together, expanding the diverse communities they are able to reach

and creating new programs and events to reach community members.

"This network builds collective power and coordination among the people and organizations who know our communities best," said Jullianne Lee, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement. "It's a vital space for collaboration, resource-sharing, and joy."

"The MOLA Partner Network helped bring The History Project and Ethos together — we first connected at one of their meetings. It was a natural fit: combining elder care and LGBTQ+ oral history to create an intergenerational space for storytelling. The result was *Brewing Connections*, a living oral history in motion that focuses on the material needs, lived realities, and collective experiences of LGBTQ+ communities. That's why programming like this matters: it brings people together across generations and identities, in real space, to honor what makes us different and stronger together," said Matisse DuPont, Director of Engagement and Advancement, The History Project.

"Collaborating with the History Project has allowed Ethos to present our LGBTQ+ elders with a new 'Brewing Connections' event in a shared, safe space," said Mackenzie Valencia, LGBTQ+ Program Manager, Ethos. "This partnership and event allowed our LGBTQ+ elders to create relationships across generations while sharing their lived experiences with younger individuals of the community, an opportunity that would not have been possible without MOLA's assistance and the Partner Network."

Building on the launch of the Partner Network, MOLA has also launched two new resources for residents — an online LGBTQ+ Resource Directory and a Discrimination Guidebook. The resource directory will better connect residents to housing, legal services, mental health care, education resources, and local events. Residents will be able to search for resources by neighborhood, cost, eligibility, and service type. Additionally, MOLA collaborated with Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) and Northeastern University to create a new Discrimination Guidebook. The guide helps residents determine which agency to

contact, understand eligibility criteria, and file complaints, making Boston a more inclusive city for residents and families.

"The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) was pleased to partner with the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement (MOLA) and Northeastern University's Capstone program to create this essential guidebook," said Michael Memmolo, Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, Executive Director. "Aimed at informing Massachusetts residents and visitors about their civil rights, and the agencies that protect those rights, this resource is intended to make an often-daunting process more accessible."

"We are incredibly proud of our NU Policy School Capstone graduates for their civic research work that supported the development of this Guidebook," said Dr. Kellee Tsai, Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern University. "We are also thankful to be able to participate in this amazing partnership with MOLA and MCAD to create this Guidebook that will undoubtedly support many residents in the Commonwealth. This is the kind of meaningful work that good university-government partnerships like ours can—and do—produce."

As we kick off Pride Month, in celebration of resilience and diversity, Boston City Hall is currently showcasing a variety of art and creations throughout the month.

Currently on display is "Ways of Making People Disappear," a solo exhibition that explores the lack of safety of queer and trans folks in America, now until July 18, 2025 at Boston City Hall.

"For the past few years, I have been making portraits of LGBTQ folks simply living," said Michelle Shapiro, Boston Photographer. "I document participants sitting on their front steps, riding their bicycles, commuting to their jobs. I photograph friends and neighbors, living their lives and their truths. These images hold power on their own, but I then make another frame with the subject gone from the image, speaking to the literal and figurative erasure of queer lives. The empty space where a human being once stood is a powerful reminder of what's at stake if queer and trans lives are erased."



## NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER By Phil Orlandella

### NEWNC UPDATE ON SALEM STREET PROJECT

An update involving the construction taking place at 149 Salem Street was presented by the constructor Bob Dello Russo at the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) June monthly meeting.

Dello Russo advised of street closures needed to work on his project.

The next NEWNC meeting will take place on Monday, July 14 at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street at 6:30pm.

The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome according to President Kevin Fleming.

### BCYF MEETING ON NEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF), local residents, Boston's Public Facilities Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will meet on June 26 at 6:30pm in the Nazzaro Community Center to discuss the progress on a new community center in the North End adjacent to the Mirabella Pool on Commercial Street.

Reportedly, the city is committed to a transparent, inclusive community process.

Learn more about the project, how the location was selected, and review the presentation from past meetings visit [www.boston.gov/bcyf-nazzaro](http://www.boston.gov/bcyf-nazzaro)

### NORTH END HISTORICAL MUSEUM MEETING

A special community meeting was recently held to update the progress of the North End Historical Museum, a project honoring the rich heritage of the neighborhood.

Special guest included: Representative Aaron Michlewitz, North End Historical Society President Tom Damigella and Frank DePasquale who are champions of this important culture initiative.

The topic included how the

museum is taking shape, what's ahead and how people can get involved.

### LIBRARY RECOGNIZED FOR 60 YEARS OF SERVICE

Both State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Councilor Gabriella Coletta Zappata recognized the North End Library's role and contributions to the community at the 60th anniversary celebration recently held.

A huge thank you went out to all the staff, along with the Friends of the North End Library for their continuous commitment in ensuring the community is well read, informed and welcomed when anyone walks through the doors.

### FOCCP INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Just two days from now, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold its annual fun-filled, entertaining Independence Day Celebration on Saturday, June 28.

The Independence Day event has always been an enjoyable day for community residents and their families.

The event is filled with magic, crafts, a parade, special visitors and much more.

### NSC NEW COMPUTER LAB

A new computer lab has been installed at the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center on Michelangelo Street.

The new system provides seniors and others, with a modern welcoming space to stay connected and engaged.

It provides an opportunity to check e-mail, shop online or browse the web and is easy to use.

### FONEL BOOK DISCUSSION HELD

Boston Furniture maker and author Thomas J. MacDonald discussed the art of furniture making, joined Jay Stewart printer of his book at the recent Friends of the North End Library (FONEL)

recent book discussion series.

Other book discussions events will be held in the near future.

### ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK EVENT

Another Let's Meet at the Park event was held at Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway.

The event "Under the Strawberry Moon" featured Meet the Greet with old and new friends.

Attendees enjoyed luscious chocolate dipped strawberries provided by Ovenbird Café owner chef Jason Reed.

### YEAR OF THE SNAKE ARTWORK ON THE GREENWAY

A new public art installation has taken place on the Greenway at Chin Park.

"Year of the Snake" is a new piece of artwork that features a two-part installation composed of fabric flags and aluminum prints with photo collage elements that honor the legacy and resilience of Cambodian diasporic communities.

### MAYOR'S GARDEN CONTEST APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Mayors 2025 Garden Contest submission deadline is July 9.

This is the 29th annual contest, celebrating the creativity and dedication of Boston's gardeners.

Submit photos through online application at [www.boston.gov/gardencontest](http://www.boston.gov/gardencontest).

### MAYOR WU'S NORTH END COFFEE HOUR

North End/Waterfront residents can join Mayor Michelle Wu and her staff, tomorrow, Friday, June 27 for a neighborhood coffee hour and community conversation.

The community event will be held at Langone Field on Commercial Street starting at 11am.

Rain location Boston Center for Youth and Families, Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERED BY WEST END MUSEUM

The West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford St., Suite 7,

will 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.

The museum will also host 'Boston Sports and the Struggle for Racial and Gender Equity' - a lecture by Dr. Mark Herlihy of Endicott College on the athletes who pioneered diversity and inclusion in Boston sports - on Wednesday, July 9, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.51 each and available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boston-sports-and-the-struggle-for-racial-and-gender-equity-tickets>.

### PARKS AND RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

Looking for outdoor fun this summer? Check out the Boston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Guide, a complete schedule of free events and activities for all ages. Visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks) to view the Summer Guide

in a PDF version or visit our offices at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, to pick up your copy. Summer Guides are also available at Boston City Hall, Boston Public Libraries, and select BCYF center locations while supplies last. The guide features free activities throughout Boston's parks, including concerts, movies, fitness classes, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and fun children's activities.

Highlights include:

- Summer Fitness Series
- The opening celebration at the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 24
- Arts & Craft Workshops for children ages 3 to 10
- Watercolor Workshops in June
- Movie Nights in parks city-wide
- ParkARTS Neighborhood Concerts
- Sports Centers in East Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Jamaica Plain
- Intimate concerts on our golf clubhouse patios
- The Tito Puente Latin Music Series in the South End, East Boston, Mission Hill, and Jamaica Plain
- Leagues and tournaments for basketball, baseball, softball, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, flag football, and street hockey
- And much more!

To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit [boston.gov/parks](http://boston.gov/parks), call (617) 635-4505, join our email list, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on X, Facebook, Instagram, and @parks.boston.gov on Bluesky.

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# Ducklings sculptor Schön gets political with new exhibit

By Dan Murphy

Though she is likely best known for her whimsical public art creations, including the 'Make Way for Ducklings' sculpture in the Public Garden and the Tortoise and the Hare sculpture in Copley Square, venerable local artist Nancy Schön is now squarely taking aim at the Trump administration and current political landscape with her latest exhibit 'My Truth.'

"I was energized beyond belief to show my anger," said Schön, now 96. "Artists have an obligation to put their footprints in history, and we have to be able to

tell the truth. I had to tell my truth about the horrible things going on in this political world. I've lived long enough to see we're on a dangerous path."

The exhibit, which will be on display on Friday, June 27, from 5 to 9 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday June 28-29, from noon to 5 p.m., in Schön's Newton garage studio, comprises 25 works, including 10 of her signature bronze sculptures, as well as 15 mixed-media pieces. All works in the exhibit will be available for purchase.

Schön had originally intended to call the exhibit 'Truth' but then modified the name to 'My Truth,'

since she said it specifically reflects her personal truth.

"I don't know that it's everyone's truth, but it's my truth," she said. "I'm willing to take anything that anyone thinks is their truth. Theoretically we live in a democracy."

She has allowed a handful of guests (including this reporter) to preview the exhibit, and they have told her that it conveys what they feel but often can't articulate.

"In a sense, it's a liberating time for viewers to express their own feelings, and I seem to have

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D. MURPHY PHOTO

Nancy Schön is seen inside her Newton garage studio displaying 'Immigration,' one of her recent mixed-media creations.



'Justice,' a bronze sculpture included in Nancy Schön's 'My Truth' exhibit.



Nancy Schön's mixed-media piece, 'Love Affair.'



Nancy Schön's mixed-media piece, 'Hope,' which conveys optimism with the recent inauguration of the new American pope.



Nancy Schön's bronze sculpture, 'Guns.'



## NORTH END REHABILITATION & HEALTH CARE CENTER HOLDS A SENIOR PROM

North End Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center will hold a “Senior Prom” for its residents on June 5. The prom theme is “Amalfi Coast” and

includes residents’ family and friends. Local businesses are supporting the skilled nursing facility’s prom with donations and entertainment.



North End Rehabilitation & Health Care Center’s “senior prom” king, Michael Ennis (left), and queen, Loretta Daley (right).



North End Rehabilitation & Health Care Center residents and staff celebrating the 2025 “senior prom.”

## NORTH END EXECUTION CAPTURE 2025 MAYOR'S CUP

The 2025 version of the North End Execution got tournament season off to a great start when they captured the 2025 Mayor’s Cup in the 18U Division. The Execution have reloaded this year and they looked more than ready. Led by the rocket right arms of Ashlyn Brady and Graziella Foster the Execution crushed their way through the tournament with dominant pitching and stifling defense. The combined score of the Execu-

tion’s weekend victories was 36-3. Besides the dominant pitching the Execution also had their hitting shoes on. Dee Nee had 5 hits and 2 walks from the lead off hole setting the table all weekend. Jenna DaSilva in the two hole as had 4 hits and a walk. Once the tables were set Caleigh Joyce with 4 hits and 2 rbi and Trinity Martignetti with 4 hits and 3 rbi made sure the bases got cleared on a regular basis. Graziella Foster also had 5

hits and 4 runs scored and Fran Indrisano with 3 hits and 3 walks also played a huge part in the Execution onslaught. One of the Execution newcomers Madison Tsafoinas was a revelation as she played flawless in center field and banged out 4 hits with 3 walks enabling her to score 6 runs and drive in 5. Maddy Bergeron joined the hit parade as well with 3 hits and 1 walk allowing her to score 4 runs. Katy Bergeron, Katie Hughes and Ashlyn Brady also joined in the

fun with each girl banging out a hit during the tournament sweep. For their efforts the girls were awarded championship rings as well as hoodies. Said coach Adam Foster, “We worked hard for the last month to make sure we were ready to hit the ground running. It was great to see the girls execute all the things we’ve been practicing.” Coach Chuck Bilikas added, “It’s a great start but we have 5 more tournaments left in our season. Hopefully this weekend’s per-

formance was only the tip of the iceberg.” The North End Execution will battle for the title of Massachusetts State Champions this weekend in Methuen when they square off against 24 other teams from the state of Massachusetts. If they play like they did this weekend it could be a long tournament for the other teams. The team is sponsored in part by the North End Athletic Association.



The players with the Championship Trophy.



The players with the Mayor’s Cup Banner and Championship Trophy.



**EXHIBIT** (from pg. 8)

been able to do that,” said Schön. “It feels good to be able to vent through my art.”

While most of her previous work had contained little or no political subtext, Schön was compelled to turn her attention to world affairs when Russia invaded Ukraine in late February of 2022. She soon began working on a sculpture that would set the tone for her latest, self-described “collection of outrage.”

The piece, called ‘Ukraine,’ is a 12-inch tall, 18-inch tall bronze sculpture depicting a military boot, its toe taking the form of a fanged bear face, about to crush a tiny nightingale, the state bird of Ukraine. A hammer and sickle adorn the top of the boot, which sits in a pool of rubble.

From there, Schön went on to create ‘Justice’ – a 12-inch tall, 23-inch wide bronze sculpture depicting the far-right, male Supreme Court justices clustered together as robed Klansman. On either side of them are the more-moderate, unhooded female justices who have seemingly been pushed aside.

Her next project, called ‘Guns,’ was a 16-inch tall, 18-inch wide bronze sculpture of a Republican

elephant with a handgun in place of its trunk. Schön describes the piece as a statement on “a country controlled by the gun lobby with no regard for horrendous consequences.”

To keep up with the rapid pace of her ideas for new art, Schön then moved away from bronze and began working in mixed-media.

“I can say more complicated things in mixed-media that I can’t say in bronze,” she said, adding that working in mixed-media also takes significantly less time than working in bronze.

Schön also loved creating dioramas as a child, she said, so working in mixed-media has allowed her to revisit that different form of artistic expression.

One of her mixed-media pieces, ‘Lost Science,’ offers a barbed commentary on the current state of the national healthcare system, with a bomb emblazoned ‘RFK Jr.’; a red-circle ‘do not’ sign showing a crossed-out vaccination syringe; a coronavirus particle; and a despondent-looking smiley face riddled with measles, among other images, on a blue background.

Another mixed-media piece

in the exhibit – the 9-inch tall, 16-inch wide ‘Love Affair’ - depicts wax busts of President Trump and Adolph Hitler seemingly about to share a kiss, with a small red heart perched beneath their noses.

‘My Truth’ ends on a note of optimism, however, with ‘Hope’ – a mixed-media piece with that word emblazoned in gold lettering on a 24-inch base. Atop the base sits a white, red-lined pontiff hat adorned with gold material. This piece, according to Schön, expresses hope for the future arriving with the arrival of the new American pope, Pope Leo XIV.

Despite all her recent mixed-media work, Schön hasn’t abandoned working in bronze, having just finished a commission three weeks ago for Dana Hall School, a private girls grammar and high school in Wellesley.

As for what’s next, Schön said, “I don’t know what’s next, but something always comes up. Something will happen, something always does.”

To schedule to view her ‘My Truth’ exhibit between June 27-29, email Nancy Schön at nancyschon1@gmail.com.

**BEACHES** (from pg. 4)

mental Protection, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

This work is supported by Jet-Blue, the Richard M. Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, The Barr Foundation, and The Rose Family Foundation.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is the region’s leading voice for clean water and continued public investment in Boston Harbor, the region’s public beaches, and the Boston Harbor Islands. Since 1986, our mission has been to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment, and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

Save the Harbor is committed to making Boston Harbor, the Islands, our beaches, and our programs inclusive, equitable, diverse, and accessible to everyone and anyone. We provide free programs, events and create opportunities for people to experience Boston Harbor and our spectacular urban natural resources first-hand, with an emphasis on breaking down barriers of race,

language, income and ability.

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to take an in-depth look at the Boston metropolitan region’s 15 public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull which are managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

The MBC is comprised of elected officials and community leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. Its work is facilitated by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which has served as lead consultant to the Commission since its inception.

The MBC is charged with making findings and recommendations to the Legislature and DCR on ways to improve the metropolitan region’s public beaches. Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Representative Adrian Mada-ro of East Boston are the MBC’s Co-Chairs.

**POOLS** (from Page 1)

file in the system at Boston.gov/BCYF-Registration.

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

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

- Swim sessions will be 90 minutes.

- Boston residents only.

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

- Three children under 12 are allowed per adult.

- All pools will be staffed by trained lifeguards.

- Please bring your own water.

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

- Always watch children near

any body of water. Make sure to swim in the designated areas and know where the lifeguards are present.

- Swim near a lifeguard and never swim alone.

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

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

Mayor Wu, the Public Facilities Department, BCYF, and Boston Public Schools have prioritized investing in the city’s pool infrastructure and streamlining processes to prevent the deferred maintenance that has caused pool closures in recent years. The BCYF Draper and Curtis Hall Pools reopened in April. The new Clougherty Bathhouse will be completed early this summer, wrapping up a two year, \$35.5 million renovation to the pool and bathhouse. The BCYF Condon Pool is expected to finish renovations and reopen in the coming months. Despite national

challenges, BCYF has hired lifeguards to fully staff City pools for the summer season.

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

BCYF is also operating programming for registered youth at community centers across the city this summer. Learn more about BCYF’s programming at Boston.gov/BCYF. These programs are in addition to a variety of expanded BCYF programming for teens and 900 youth jobs hosted at BCYF community centers through the Mayor’s Summer Jobs Program.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston’s largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs.

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N.E.A.A./ BELGIOCO SOCCER SKILLS CLINIC

The North End Athletic Association in conjunction with Angela Cornacchio held a free soccer skills clinic Sunday June 22nd at Puopolo Park. Despite the heat over 20 players participated. Ange helped the NEAA in the early stages of the soccer program and always willing to help out and give back to the kids of the North End.

And Ange offers individual and small group private lessons. If interested, you can reach her at [angela@belgioco.media](mailto:angela@belgioco.media). Coach Ange Cornacchio is a licensed and current coach, current club level, private one on one sessions and junior academy director. Cornacchio played professionally here in the United States, and was the first American woman to play professionally in Italy in the Serie A Femminile with Brescia. Ange is still a current semi-professional level player here in the Boston region, and avid supporter of the North End Community as it is her home. The NEAA is thankful to Angela for her ongoing support to the youth of the North End. Special thanks to Sean Drummy of the NEAA Soccer program for his support.



The 10am Group



The 11am group



Shown (above and below) scenes from the soccer skills clinic.



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Mayor Michelle Wu was on hand when the city’s annual Pride Parade made its way down Boylston Street in the Back Bay on Saturday, June 14.

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MAYOR’S OFFICE PHOTO BY ISABEL LEON

A miniature model of City Hall comprised of Legos was on display June 11 for the city’s second annual International Day of Play – a family-friendly and free public event on City Hall Plaza



# The Greater Boston Food Bank celebrates hunger relief champions at GBFB Awards

Special to the Times

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB), the largest hunger-relief organization in New England, honored the individuals and organizations that demonstrated extraordinary leadership in supporting GBFB's hunger-relief efforts throughout 2024 at its new GBFB Awards event, held at GBFB's Yawkey Distribution Center in Boston. Awardees represent those who partnered with GBFB to advance its mission to end hunger here through food donations, volunteerism, advocacy, philanthropic support, and agency partnerships, empowering the 1 in 3 Massachusetts residents facing food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts to access nutritious meals.

Formerly known as the Partner Appreciation Awards, the event marked the evolution of a two-decade tradition started in 2003, which now reflects the broader, cross-sector efforts fueling hunger relief across Eastern Massachusetts. The event spotlighted six individuals and organizations selected from GBFB's network of food distribution partners, volunteers, public officials, donors and advocates who have shown dedication to mitigating the food insecurity crisis and providing wide-ranging contributions to support hunger relief efforts in Eastern Massachusetts.

"Every person and organization we honored this year has made a lasting impact on our collective duty to empower everyone with access to healthy food," said GBFB President and CEO Catherine D'Amato. "In a time when millions of our neighbors are finding it harder than ever to make ends meet, these outstanding partners remind us that hunger-relief can take many forms. Whether through advocacy, volunteerism, or strategic support, these champions step up to meet the moment with action and compassion."

GBFB also celebrated the Framingham-based United Way of Tri-County (UWTC), the recipient of last year's GBFB Transfor-



Wendy Zinn, YMCA of Greater Boston Chief Partnerships & Social Responsibility Officer; Gaby Jimenez, Captain at Trader Joe's Seaport; Will Walls, Regional Vice President at Trader Joe's; State Representative Christine Barber; Catherine D'Amato, GBFB President and CEO; Candice Stover, Delta Air Lines General Manager New England Sales; Jenny Zamora, Delta Air Lines Senior Sales Account Executive; Volunteer of the Year Paul Weber; April Strack, YMCA of Greater Boston Executive Director of Collaborative Food Access Hub.

mational Community Investment Grant. Over three years, GBFB has committed \$500,000 to fund capacity-building enhancements that will increase UWTC's ability to serve more clients, distribute more food, and assist communities in need by launching a mobile food pantry, purchasing vehicles for food distribution, and acquire additional equipment and supplies for its food pantry and hot meals programs.

The celebration also spotlighted the 2024 Change Maker Award honorees (previously announced in November 2024), Wellesley Girl Scout Troup 64049, who graciously donated their cookie sales profits to GBFB, as well as the 2024 GBFB Team Members of the Quarter for their dedication to driving GBFB's mission of hunger relief forward.

The evening event was concluded by GBFB unveiling its new Wall of Fame, recognizing over 40 of GBFB's top corporate philan-

thropic donors by displaying their logos on the wall of the Yawkey Distribution Center's main gathering place, where the event was held.

Food insecurity remains an enduring and widespread challenge in Massachusetts. The latest installment of GBFB's annual study on food insecurity and access in Massachusetts, set to be released in full on June 17, estimates that 1 in 3 adults in the Commonwealth continue to struggle with food insecurity and the total number of food-insecure individuals continues to steadily increase.

The 2024 GBFB Award honorees are comprised of the following individuals and organizations:

## Kip Tiernan Award – Dr. Regina Wu

The Kip Tiernan Award is named in honor of GBFB's founder, honoring an individual or organization that demonstrates extraordinary leadership in philanthropic and human services and exemplifies GBFB's mission through outstanding involvement, dedication, and collaboration to help end hunger in the community. Dr. Wu is a primary care physician at Mass General Brigham, was honored for her leadership in hunger relief and community-based philanthropy. A long-time advocate for food access in Newton, Dr. Wu began volunteering at local mobile markets before stepping into her role on the Newton Food Pantry's Board of Directors. Dr. Wu made transformational contributions to the organiza-

tion, including the onboarding of professional staff, launching the innovative "Freedge" program to expand access to fresh food, and securing a land donation for a new pantry set to open in 2026. She now serves on the board of GBFB partner Food for Free, continuing to advance food justice throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

## Corporate Partner of the Year – Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines was honored for deepening its commitment to GBFB through sustained giving and active employee engagement. Since 2009, Delta has contributed \$560,000, including \$100,000 in 2024. The company actively sponsors GBFB's signature events and campaigns including Spring for Meals and Taste the Food Bank, and hosts regular volunteer shifts, setting the bar for corporate involvement.

## Food Donor of the Year – Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's was honored for donating 1.7 million pounds of food in 2024, through its Neighborhood Shares Program. With 19 stores across GBFB's territory that work with 26 agency partners, Trader Joe's provides fresh, culturally relevant, and nutritious food with at least four pickups per week per store. These food recovery efforts play a vital role in reducing food waste and getting high-quality food into the hands of neighbors who need it most.

## Agency Partner Award – YMCA of Greater Boston

YMCA of Greater Boston was honored for its innovative, client-centered approach to hunger relief. Since becoming a GBFB agency partner in 2020, the YMCA has grown to distribute more than 2 million pounds of food annually through a well-organized network of mobile markets and community-based food pantries. Their willingness to collaborate with smaller, grassroots organizations have extended food access across the city. Recent efforts include the leasing of a new warehouse to support regional food storage and plans to open two community "storefront" food access sites offering client-choice shopping. Their forward-thinking model continues to serve as best practice across GBFB's network.

## Advocate of the Year – State Representative Christine Barber

State Representative Christine Barber (D-Somerville) was honored for her commitment to advancing hunger relief through public policy since 2015. A long-standing supporter of the Massachusetts Emergency Food Assistance Program (MEFAP), Rep. Barber has helped direct state investments to agency partners like the Mystic Valley YMCA. Now serving as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, she continues to champion food access and food systems innovation, including expanding GBFB's ability to partner with local farms and food producers.

## Volunteer of the Year – Paul Weber

Paul Weber was honored for his years of dedicated volunteer service to GBFB. A retired math teacher and Natick resident, Paul began volunteering with GBFB in 2018 and has since logged over 430 hours. Known for his positivity, flexibility, and teamwork, Paul is trusted to help train new volunteers and adapt quickly to any new task. He exemplifies the dedication and compassion needed to fulfill GBFB's mission to end hunger here in Eastern Massachusetts.

## 2024 GBFB Team Members of the Quarter

- Adrian James, Warehouse Associate II
- Kristiana Le, Manager of Community Engagement
- Samantha Prescott, Agency Relations Manager
- Trish Vallery, Senior Manager of Human Resources and Administrative Services

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## NORTH WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead through Junly 5 for the North Washington Street Bridge is as follows:

### Scheduled Work

- Opening of all inbound and outbound traffic lanes
- Opening of West Sidewalk
- Opening of Lovejoy Wharf
- Pavement markings
- 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 direc-

tions, 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 6/22 – 7/5.

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](http://Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

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## Leave fireworks to the professionals!

Fires, explosions, and serious injuries related to illegal fireworks spike each summer in Massachusetts, and fire service leaders are asking residents and visitors to leave those dangerous devices to the professionals.

"Here in Massachusetts, fireworks have caused over 500 fires and explosions, more than 200 emergency department visits, and nearly \$1 million in damages over the past five years," said State Fire Marshal Jon M. Davine. "They are illegal without licensing and certification because they are so dangerous. Please don't risk a fire, an injury, or a day in court – leave fireworks to the professionals."

"The weeks around July 4th are extremely busy for your local fire department," said Westborough Fire Chief Patrick J. Purcell, president of the Fire Chiefs Association of Massachusetts. "Fires

and injuries spike as people put themselves, their families, and their neighbors in harm's way with illegal fireworks. These incidents can draw firefighters and EMTs away from other emergencies in your city or town. If you want to watch a great fireworks show this summer, please check out one of the many safe, permitted displays scheduled in communities across Massachusetts."

Of the 220 fireworks-related visits to Massachusetts emergency departments from 2020 to 2024, 111 took place during June and July. These months also accounted for 366 of the 559 fires and explosions caused by fireworks during the same five-year period. Both injuries and fires held relatively steady last year and reflect a decline from the historically high numbers in 2020, when 75 ER visits and 187 fires or explosions

were reported statewide.

Massachusetts law requires police to seize any illegal fireworks they encounter in the course of their duties. This includes fireworks that were purchased lawfully in another state and transported to Massachusetts. People who use or possess them illegally are also subject to a fine, while the unlawful sale of fireworks is an arrestable offense that carries potential jail time. The law is effective: the Massachusetts fireworks injury rate is about .5 per 100,000 residents compared with a national rate of 2.89 per 100,000 residents.

The Department of Fire Services posts a list of permitted fireworks displays and updates it each week through the summer. To view the list – and to learn more about the dangers of illegal fireworks – visit the DFS website.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### LEGAL NOTICE

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ALLOWANCE OF  
ACCOUNT

Suffolk Probate  
And Family Court  
24 New Chardon St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
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Docket No.  
SU249984

In the matter of:  
Caroline W.  
Fuller

Date of Death:  
07/09/1931

To all interested  
Persons:

A Petition has been filed by Thomas P. Jalkut of Boston, MA requesting allowance of the 24th through 28th account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

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 07/17/2025.

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 (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice

to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,  
First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 09, 2025

Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

Register of Probate

06/27/25

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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PETITION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF  
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Docket No.

SU25P0361GD

Commonwealth of

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The Trial Court

Suffolk Probate

and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

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In the matter of: Nimo Bashe

Adan of: Boston, MA

RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated 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 Nimo Bashe Adan

is in need of a Guardian and

requesting that Sara Spooner,

LICSW of Auburn, MA (or

some other suitable person)

be appointed as Guardian to

serve 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 07/10/2025. 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: June 17, 2025

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