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Viva Le Bocce Tournament winners: (l to r) Emily Horn, Vincenzo Scibelli (NEW Health CEO), Ted Wallis, Creighton Horn and Brian Foley.

Shown right, a player attempting to their get team a point or two.



NEW Health hosts successful fourth annual Viva le Bocce Tournament at Langone Park

Staff Report

On Sunday, May 31, NEW Health (North End Waterfront Health) brought the community together for its fourth annual Viva le Bocce tournament at Langone Park. Running from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the event invited local residents to watch the tournament at no cost while enjoying a festive, community-focused atmosphere.

Attendees were treated to snacks, refreshments, raffles, and giveaways, while browsing informational tables set up by various community organizations. The successful event was made possible with the backing of Platino Sponsors, which included C3 – The Community Care Cooperative, CVS Health, Eastern Bank, and the Mass League of Community Health Centers.

Donations generated throughout the Viva le Bocce tournament are critical to supporting NEW Health's expansive community outreach. Beyond providing medical, dental, vision, behavioral health, OB-GYN, and laboratory services in the North End and Charlestown, the health center funds numerous local initiatives. Proceeds from the tournament will

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Elaine Wilson Scholarship now accepting applications

Special to the Review

NEW Health is now accepting applications for The Elaine Wilson Scholarship for Community Health Outreach & Public Service. Established in 2023, the Elaine Wilson Scholarship for Community Health Outreach and Public Service was named in honor of NEW Health's founder and first

Chief Executive Officer, Elaine Wilson who joined the health center movement in 1971 and opened one of the first Federally Qualified Health Centers in the country. Through her unwavering commitment and passion to provide much needed accessible and affordable healthcare services for the residents of the North End she

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Boston Public Market announces extended hours

Watch the World Cup at Boston Public Market beginning Friday, June 12

Special to the Review

The Boston Public Market Association (BPMA) announced 16 days of extended FanFest hours in honor of the World Cup. From Friday, June 12 through Saturday, June 27, the local food and drink hub will be open late, show-

ing matches on the big screen. From savory gourmet sandwiches and craft beverages to globally inspired meals and award-winning sweet treats, experience the delicious diversity of Boston Public Market's vendors.

Options include fresh sandwiches, smoothies, bagels, crêpes, ice cream, baked goods, roasted nuts, hearty salads, New England

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CONGRATULATIONS



Local business owner George Regan and his wife Elizabeth welcomed their son, George IV, on April 10. Mr. Regan's company, Regan Communications Group, has been located in the North End for four decades. Prior to that he served as press secretary to Boston Mayor Kevin White. The Regans look forward to showing young George – who is already earning his chops as a Red Sox fan – all the neighborhood's charms.

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EDITORIAL

FDA'S APPROVAL OF FRUIT-FLAVORED VAPES IS A STEP BACKWARDS

The recent decision by those in charge at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to allow for the sale of fruit-flavored vapes in the United States represents a huge step backwards after a longstanding ban of these fruit-flavored, nicotine-based products because of their appeal to children.

Nicotine is highly addictive and affects the developing adolescent brain in ways that rival other hard drugs. The still-developing human brain is susceptible to substances (including alcohol, nicotine, marijuana, and drugs of all kinds) that alter brain chemistry that can lead to a lifetime of addiction.

For example, children who start drinking alcohol at the age of 15 are five times more likely to become alcoholics than those who do not start to drink until they are in their 20s.

As for cigarettes, a study in England found that the most-common link among heroin addicts was that they began smoking as teenagers.

The FDA's recent decision reverses a former policy that had banned fruit-flavored e-cigarettes (such as JUULS) because of their appeal to children. Given that about 90 percent of the 1.5 million American teenagers from middle school through high school who use e-cigarettes (which typically are disposable imports that are not covered by the ban on JUULS) choose flavored products, the American Academy of Pediatrics and many public health advocates have criticized the FDA's abrupt change in policy.

We should point out that thankfully, the FDA's new policy will not overrule our state law here in Massachusetts, which has banned the sale of fruit-flavored e-cigs since 2019.

In addition, Glas Inc., the Los Angeles-based company that manufactures the e-cigarettes that received FDA approval, asserts that its technology will preclude young people from being able to use their products. Their authorized devices are designed to pair with smartphones via Bluetooth, so they will not work if separated from the phone of the verified adult owner.

Technology is a great thing, and we certainly hope that the tech being embedded in these new e-cigs will prevent them from being accessible to young people.

However, e-cigarettes have been shown to cause long-term damage to the lungs of users at any age. In our view, whatever benefit there may be to allowing these fruit-flavored vapes to come on the market (in theory, to wean smokers away from cigarettes) is far outweighed by the great harm that can result from a lifetime of addiction to nicotine if begun at an early age.

NEAA rolls out soccer registration

by John Romano

Registration for NEAA 2026 Fall Soccer is now underway. Our program will begin on Saturday, September 12th and run through Saturday November 7th. There will be no games on Sat. October 10th as part of Columbus Day Weekend.

The program will run as follows:

Boys & Girls Ages 4/5 Year Olds - Saturdays from 9am to 10am

Boys & Girls Ages 6 to 8 Year Olds - Practice on Tuesdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Games on Saturdays from 10:15 to 11:15am

Boys & Girls Ages 9 to 12 Years Old - Practice on Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, Games on Saturdays from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

**All ages are as of 9/1/26.

Registration cost is \$65 per player, this includes Team Shirt, Soccer Socks and a new ball for those who need one - if you have last years' please bring it. All new players will get a new ball or those moving up to the 9 to 12 group will get the larger size ball.

Space is limited, so sign up early.

The North End Athletic Association will never prevent a child from playing in our programs due to an inability to pay our registration fee. If you need assistance, please contact NEAA Sports Coordinator John Romano at (617) 750-9749.

To Register go to: <https://neasportsboston.sportngin.com/neaasoccer>,

2026 NEAA Mayor's Cup Travel Team:

The NEAA is considering

entering a couple of teams in the Mayor's Cup Tournament this year. We are not exactly sure what ages yet but we know it will most likely be COED Teams playing in the Boys division. We don't have all the exact specifics yet but are trying to gauge interest. It will mean an extra practice session on the weekend with the "tournament team" and the tournament will take place late in our season, likely early November. There is a specific checkbox to let us know that you are interested. This will be for ages 6 and up. Players must be registered as part of our regular 2026 Fall Soccer program to qualify.

DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER AS WE HAVE LIMITED SPACE IN AGE AGE GROUP!

Any questions email me or call/text (617) 750-9749.

FOCCP Independence Day celebration

Staff Report

Join the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) for a fun-filled summer afternoon filled to the brim with family friendly events.

FOCCP will be hosting their Independence Day celebration on June 27, at the park from noon to 3:30 p.m. Marvel at a magic show with Peter the Magician. Gather

around for mesmerizing storytelling by Big Joe the Storyteller. Enjoy the NEMPAC Musical Petting Zoo. Join the Knucklebones crew for energetic lawn games. Line up to meet the artist Frankie B and her face painting crew. Little ones and not so little ones can express their creativity at our craft tables including one hosted by our very own North End Children's Librarian, Ashley. Multitalented Bruce of Bruce's Fun Company

and his partner, Lady Jane, will be there to delight with balloon twisties. The event culminates on the west lawn with Bruce amazing the crowd with GIANT bubbles. The all-volunteer members of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park are delighted to bring this fabulous event to our spectacular neighborhood park.

Check out the entertainment schedule at foccp.org/foccpvents

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seafood favorites, Mexican, Moroccan, and Asian-inspired meals, plus local hard cider, craft beer, wine, and cocktails—with even more to discover throughout the Market.

Boston Public Market at 100 Hanover St, Boston. Located across the street from City Hall Plaza.

If you are taking the MBTA, the Boston Public Market is direct-

ly above Haymarket T Station and walking distance from North Station & South Station. There is parking on-site.

From Friday, June 12 - Saturday, June 27; the extended hours for the first five days of Fanfest are below:

Friday, June 12th 8 AM-11 PM

Saturday, June 13th 8 AM-11

PM
Sunday, June 14th 8 AM-9 PM
Monday, June 15th 8 AM-8 PM

Tuesday, June 16th 8 AM-11 PM

Visit bostonpublicmarket.org/ for the full schedule of extended hours, to learn more about vendors, and follow @bostonpublicmarket for specials and updates.



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A young reader browses books in the library.

BPL Fund launches 2026 Summer Readathon to reignite a love of reading

Special to the Review

As new national research points to a dramatic decline in reading for pleasure across the United States, the Boston Public Library Fund is launching its 2026 Summer Readathon to help readers of all ages reconnect with books, storytelling, and the joy of discovery.

From June 22 to August 22, participants are invited to set a personal reading goal and ask friends, family, and colleagues to support their progress. Whether they choose to read a certain number of books or track hours spent reading, Readathon participants will help raise critical funds for the Boston Public Library's youth programs and resources.

The Readathon comes at a pivotal moment for reading culture in America. A major national study released in 2025 found that daily reading for pleasure in the United States has declined by more than 40% over the last two decades, with the percentage of Americans who read daily for enjoyment dropping from 28% in 2004 to just 16% in 2023. Researchers pointed to increased screen time, digital distraction, and shifting leisure habits as key contributors to the trend.

This year's theme, "Unearth Your Story," encourages readers to dig into new books, revisit

beloved favorites, and rediscover the power of reading to spark imagination, creativity, and connection.

Joining is easy:

- Set a reading goal, such as a number of books or hours read.
- Create a fundraising page and share why the Library matters to you.
- Invite friends, family, and colleagues to donate, such as \$5 per book or \$1 per hour read.
- Track your progress and post updates throughout the summer.

To sign up or learn more, please visit: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/2026summer>

The mission of the Fund is to provide financial support to the Boston Public Library, ensuring that it remains viable, engaging, accessible, and free to all. The Fund fulfills this mission by working in partnership with the Library, donors, and other funders in supporting BPL programs and special initiatives. Support from the Fund supplements, but does not supplant, other BPL resources, including City of Boston funding.

Special to the Review

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced that the City of Boston will host six community watch parties for residents, families, and visitors this summer. Together with the FIFA Fan Festival hosted by Boston 26, these neighborhood celebrations will bring the excitement, energy, and spirit of the World Cup directly into communities across Boston.

"Boston is proud to welcome the world this summer, and these watch parties will help bring the excitement and spirit of the World Cup directly into our communities," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "These free, family-friendly events give residents throughout

Wu announces World Cup community watch parties

our neighborhoods the chance to celebrate the games close to home—cheering together, sharing cultures, and being part of a historic moment for our City."

From Dorchester to East Bos-

ton, Roxbury to Charlestown, neighborhoods across the city are already buzzing with anticipation as Boston prepares to host seven

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Residents are getting ready for their watch parties this summer.

SCHOLARSHIP (from Page 1)

opened the health center in 1972. The Elaine Wilson Scholarship will award \$2,500 to a resident of either the North End or Charlestown neighborhoods of Boston who is a matriculating student or applying to an institution of higher learning, (college or university) pursuing studies in health-

care, public health, or healthcare administration.

Please note that the application deadline is August 12th, 2026, and scholarship recipients will be announced on August 21st. If you have any questions, please reach out to Cristina Luna at acluna@mgb.org.

You can submit your application digitally, print out the PDF, or pick up and drop off a physical copy at our front desks at the Tufts or Hanover St. sites.

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all three teams of the Midnight Riders lacrosse program gather for a photo.



The third and fourth-grade boys are Division Champs.

NEAA Lacrosse at the Battle of Boston tourney

Special to the Review

The North End Athletic Association's Midnight Riders lacrosse program enjoyed a successful and memorable day at the Battle of Boston Tournament on Saturday, June 6, held in South Boston.

The tournament brought together 98 teams from across Massachusetts and the Greater Boston area, providing young

athletes with an opportunity to compete, develop their skills, and celebrate the sport of lacrosse.

Leading the way for the Midnight Riders was the 3rd/4th Grade Boys team, which captured its division championship with a perfect 5-0 record. The program was also represented by its 1st/2nd Grade Girls and 1st/2nd Grade Boys teams. All teams competed hard, and represented the

N.E.A.A. Midnight Riders with enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

Beyond the competition, the tournament served as a celebration of the growth of the Midnight Riders program. Players, coach-

es, parents, family members, and friends spent the day together supporting one another and enjoying the camaraderie that has become a hallmark of the program.

The N.E.A.A. is especially

grateful to David Paolisso who is the Commissioner of the North End's program. Dave and his wife Allie, along with all the volunteer coaches have really done a fantastic job in just three short years.

BLO celebrates 25 years of free orchestral music in Boston neighborhoods

Special to the Review

Boston Landmarks Orchestra (BLO), under the direction of Music Director Christopher Wilkins, announces its 25th anniversary season of free summer concerts, bringing live orchestral music to some of the city's most beloved outdoor and neighborhood spaces from June 20 to August 12, 2026. The concerts and events celebrate community and the joy of music-making with a lineup of performances at the DCR Hatch Memorial Shell on the Esplanade and throughout Boston's neighborhoods.

Highlights include the Orchestra's fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 20, featuring a collaboration with young musicians from the Sphinx Performance Academy and music by Florence Price, Jessie Montgomery, Michael Abels, and Tchaikovsky; "Best of Boston" opens the Hatch Shell series on July 22, celebrating the city's musical spirit with gospel and orchestral favorites in partnership with Everyone250, Embrace Boston, and Reverence Gospel Ensemble of Berklee College of Music; performances of Max Richter's reimagining of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons paired with Mozart's Symphony No. 40 from July 29-August 1; Verdi's monumental Requiem on August 5 in partnership with Cantata Singers and our own One City Choir; and the 25th Anniversary Con-



Music Director Christopher Wilkins.

cert on August 12 featuring Saint-Saëns' "Organ Symphony" and Respighi's Fountains of Rome.

New this year, Boston Landmarks Orchestra has launched the Music Circle, a year-round com-

munity for people who love great music and believe it should be free and accessible to everyone. It's a welcoming way to stay connected beyond the concerts through behind-the-scenes stories, learning opportunities, and special experiences with the musicians.

Everyone is welcome at Landmarks Orchestra concerts. On the Esplanade, audiences are encouraged to bring a picnic—and even dogs are invited. Join us to celebrate another summer of music-making under the stars!

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says, "For 25 years, Boston Landmarks Orchestra has brought people together through the shared experience of live music. Whether someone is hearing a symphony orchestra for the first time

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Boston Landmarks Orchestra performs with Boston Lyric Opera on the Hatch Shell last summer.

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MBTA celebrates special summer events with collectible CharlieCards

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The MBTA has announced the availability of special edition collectible CharlieCards featuring iconic Boston landmarks to celebrate an exciting summer of events taking place in Boston and the surrounding Commonwealth this year.

“The MBTA is excited to wel-

come thousands of visitors to the Commonwealth for this summer’s MA250, SailBoston, and World Cup special events,” said Interim Secretary of Transportation and MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “These special edition CharlieCards – featuring photos of iconic Boston landmarks like the Boston Public Library, the USS Constitution,

and our own South Station – are another way we’re sharing in the celebrations with the rest of the region. Designed by our Customer Experience Design Lead in collaboration with our Fares team, the collectible cards are a fun way for both riders and visitors to explore the city, discover new destinations, and commemorate their travels. We hope they add a little extra

enjoyment to every journey while showcasing the many experiences that make Boston and Massachusetts such a remarkable place to visit and explore.”

The MBTA’s Customer Experience team in partnership with the MBTA Fare Revenue Department created this series of three commemorative cards highlighting major local landmarks and events

that make Boston and Massachusetts special—and all easily accessible by the MBTA.

Cards are available now within fare vending machines at Park Street, Downtown Crossing, and Forest Hills with additional cards deployed at over a dozen more stations throughout the subway system this week.



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or returning year after year with family and friends, these concerts create a sense of joy, connection, and belonging that feel uniquely Boston. This 25th anniversary sea-

son celebrates both extraordinary music and the community that has made this orchestra possible.”

Board Chair Emmett G. Price III adds, “Boston Landmarks

Orchestra reflects the very best of what public arts can achieve: excellence, accessibility, and community. As we celebrate 25 years of free concerts, we also celebrate

the audiences, partners, musicians, and supporters who believe that great music should be available to everyone. This season honors our history while looking ahead to an

even more vibrant future.”

A full concert schedule, program notes, and accessibility details may be found at landmark-sorchestra.org.

BOCCE (from Page 1)

help sustain:

- A robust food access program, including the Community Fridge in Charlestown
- Scholarships for individuals pursuing health care careers
- Substance use disorder ser-

vices, including the Public Health Vending Machine at the Charlestown location

- A free Walking Club for the community
- A variety of dedicated programs for seniors

For information on the above and more, visit newhealthcenter.org/services-care/

About NEW Health

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, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



A bocce tournament player sets up shot.



NEW Health CEO Vincenzo Scibelli at the tournament.



Roxy’s Grilled Cheese provided lunch for the players and volunteers.

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June programming at The West End Museum continues

The West End Museum celebrates Pride and learn about the LGBTQIA+ history of the neighborhood at the Queer History West End Exhibition Opening on June 17 at 6 p.m. This exhibition was made in partnership with Queer History Boston and is exclusively sponsored by Massachusetts 250th and Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

On June 19 at 5 p.m., The West

End Museum's Scotland Versus Morocco Watch Party will take place at The Pennyweight Hotel. This event is hosted by founder of Boston Sports Tours, Kathryn Harris. Enjoy delicious food and drink while taking part in Boston's World Cup festivities. The bar opens at 5 p.m., the game starts at 6 p.m., and Kathryn Harris will be filling commercial breaks with local sports trivia and other

fun facts!

On June 20 at 11 a.m., former West End Museum curator Duane Lucia's Bulfinch Triangle Walking Tour is back by popular demand. Enjoy the beautiful June weather and learn all about the curious and storied streets of The Bulfinch Triangle during this 1.5 hour event. The tour begins at The West End Museum.

On June 26 at 6:30 p.m., WEM

is partnering with Dorchester Brewing to throw Queer History West End Pride Party. This free party celebrates Boston's Queer past and present as part of the museum's special exhibition, 'Queer History West End.' Support a fantastic local brewery, learn about local Queer history, and have tons of fun. WEM extends its thanks to generous host, Dorchester Brewing, exhibi-

tion collaborator Queer History Boston, and exclusive sponsors Massachusetts 250th and Massachusetts LGBT Chamber of Commerce.

More information and links to purchase tickets can be found online at: www.westendmuseum.org/programs

WATCH PARTIES *(from Page 3)*

FIFA World Cup matches this summer. Mayor Wu's community watch parties are one way to help ensure that the excitement, celebration, and opportunity associated with this summer's historic events extend into every neighborhood, giving residents the chance to celebrate the tournament in their own way.

"Soccer has always been a way for communities to come together, celebrate culture, and build connections across neighborhoods and generations," said City Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune. "These watch parties will create joyful, welcoming spaces where families, residents, and visitors from every background can experience the excitement of the World Cup together. In a city as diverse and vibrant as Boston, it's important that the energy and opportunities surrounding this global event are felt not only downtown, but in every neighborhood across our

city."

The City is able to host various watch parties after receiving official approval from FOX on our FIFA World Cup 2026 Public Viewing Event applications. The selected matches reflect communities with strong cultural ties and large diasporas across Boston, including Cabo Verdean, Haitian, Colombian, Brazilian and Portuguese communities.

Each watch party will feature a large viewing screen, live music, family-friendly activities, face painting, food vendors, and community programming for residents and visitors of all ages to enjoy. The events will also provide opportunities to support Boston's small businesses and local vendors throughout the tournament.

"As a community leader in Boston, I am deeply excited and proud to see the City of Boston creating spaces for communities to come together and celebrate the World

Cup through public watch parties," said Ruth Georges, Haitian community leader. "For Haitians across Boston, Haiti's return to the world stage for the first time since 1974 is an emotional and historic moment that represents resilience, culture, pride, and the enduring spirit of the Haitian people. This is bigger than soccer — it is about visibility, unity, and creating opportunities for Haitian families, youth, and communities across the diaspora to celebrate our heritage alongside the American and Caribbean communities that make Boston so vibrant and diverse. To witness Haiti's historic return in a city like Boston makes this moment even more meaningful, powerful, and unforgettable. To our community and supporters, Grenadye alaso!"

"It's exciting to see the City of Boston creating opportunities for communities with connections to World Cup teams to come

together, celebrate their cultures, and strengthen community ties," said Miguel Vargas, President of Bajucol, an East Boston-based Colombian folkloric dance troupe. "Events like these not only bring people together through soccer, but also create meaningful opportunities to support local businesses and highlight the diversity that makes neighborhoods like East Boston so special."

"Soccer has a unique ability to bring people together across cultures, languages, and neighborhoods, and these community watch parties are a beautiful reflection of that spirit," said Caroline K. Foscatto, President and Founder of Soccer Unity Project. "We are incredibly grateful to the Mayor for the City's longstanding partnership with Soccer Unity Project on the Boston Unity Cup, one of Boston's most ethnically diverse events, uniting communities through the global game. We also thank the City of Boston for stepping up during this once-in-a-lifetime moment to use soccer as a vehicle for residents to celebrate together and build unity with their friends, families, and neighbors by sharing the joy and energy of the World Cup throughout the city - especially in the communities that so love football (soccer) but may not always have access to the game. These events will help ensure that every neighborhood feels connected to this historic moment for Boston and for the game of soccer."

Below is a list of free, family-friendly watch parties the City is hosting:

Watch Party #1 - Spain vs. Cabo Verde - Monday, June 15 | 1:00 PM ET; Town Field, Dorchester

Watch Party #2 - Brazil vs. Haiti - Friday, June 19 | 9:00 PM ET; Parkman Bandstand, Boston Common

Watch Party #3 - Colombia vs. Portugal - Saturday, June 27 | 7:30 PM ET; East Boston Memorial

Stadium

Watch Party #4 - FIFA World Cup Semi Final - Tuesday, July 14 | 3:00 PM ET; Location to be announced at a later date

Watch Party #5 - FIFA World Cup Semi Final - Wednesday, July 15 | 3:00 PM ET; Location to be announced at a later date

Watch Party #6 - FIFA World Cup Final - Sunday, July 19 | 3:00 PM ET; Location to be announced at a later date

In addition to the community watch parties the City is encouraging residents to celebrate this historic summer in ways that reflect the unique character of their own neighborhoods and communities. Earlier this spring, the City launched both the Summer Block Party Grant Program and the Office of Cultural Affairs Mini Grant Program to support community-led celebrations, cultural events, and neighborhood gatherings connected to the summer's major events. The City also received financial support from the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism for the watch parties. These programs are designed to help ensure residents across Boston can celebrate in ways that are meaningful, accessible, and reflective of their communities.

The City of Boston continues to partner with The Boston Host Committee (Boston 26) for the FIFA World Cup 2026™ to ensure residents, families, and visitors are connected to exciting events and programming throughout the upcoming tournament. For more details on the FIFA Fan Festival™, please visit the official FIFA World Cup 2026™ website or the Boston 26 website.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to support local businesses during the tournament and explore the City's Neighborhood Business Guide and summer programming at boston.gov/summer.



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The City of Boston's Planning Department invites residents to participate in planning that will help shape the future of the City.

You can sign up to receive Planning Department emails and learn about opportunities to get involved here:

bosplans.org/GetInvolved



NEW HEALTH CELEBRATES 55 YEARS



NEW Health recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate their new 2nd floor expansion and 55th anniversary.

Open Newbury makes its return Sunday, July 10

By Regional Review Staff

The city's Open Newbury program will return Sunday, July 10, for another season, again transforming an eight-block stretch from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue into a vehicle-free pedestrian walkway replete with food, shopping, and outdoor dining.

Additional Open Newbury dates will include Sunday, July 19; Sunday, July 26; Sunday, Aug. 2; Sunday, Aug. 9; Sunday, Aug. 23; Sunday, Sept. 6; Sunday, Sept. 13; Sunday, Sept. 20; and Sunday, Oct. 11, along with a yet-to-be-

announced Holiday Stroll date in December with seasonal activities.

The first two open Newbury events will shut down the road but not include the event's regular programming. Residents will still be able to access local businesses in the area. In the event of severe weather, Open Newbury will be cancelled by Friday evening and not rescheduled.

During Open Newbury, which the city first piloted in 2016, Newbury Street will be car-free and open to pedestrians only from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The route will be

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Boston Beaches rank as some of the cleanest urban beaches in the country

Special to the Review

For the first time in its testing history, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has reported that every metropolitan beach from Nahant to Nantasket scored above 80% in its annual Water Quality Report Card. This is a historic achievement that reflects Save the Harbor's 40 years of persistent advocacy, public investment in water infrastructure, and rigorous testing.

The 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). Water samples are tested for the number of colony forming units of enterococci bacteria; this is the standard unit used to determine safe swimming conditions, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

South Boston's beaches continue to lead the way. City Point maintained a perfect 100% water quality rating for another consecutive year. M Street Beach and Carson Beach posted a 94% and 95% rating respectively, continuing the region's tradition of excellence. In addition, Nantasket Beach also scored very well last year, up from 92% in 2024 to 100% in 2025.

"It is gratifying to once again see so many of our spectacular urban beaches consistently testing at safe bacteria levels," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Executive Director, Chris Mancini. "The region-wide scores above 80% are a testament to what sustained investment and scientific rigor can achieve. As we mark our

40th anniversary this year, we are as committed as ever to ensuring anyone can confidently get into or out on the water without worrying about bacteria and other pollution."

Several beaches' water quality ratings made remarkable comebacks. Nahant Beach rebounded to a 95% rating after four years of hovering around 80%. Meanwhile, Savin Hill Beach, Dorchester jumped to 100% after its dramatic drop to 68% last year.

"We're proud that Massachusetts continues to have some of the cleanest urban beaches in the country," said DCR Commissioner Nicole LaChapelle. "These results reflect decades of collaboration and stewardship focused on protecting and improving our public waterfronts, and we're grateful for our partnership with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in helping make that possible. It makes a real difference in how people experi-

ence our beaches and waterfronts. Clean water is essential, and access to it for recreation is a matter of equity. We remain committed to ensuring these coastal spaces stay resilient, accessible, and welcoming for generations to come."

Meanwhile, Kings Beach in Lynn had the largest jump in its rating, receiving a 90% water quality rating. This is a significant jump over the six-year average of 69% and 2023's record low of 55%. The pilot UV treatment program is one factor that contributed to the beach's water quality improvement. Other factors include the dry summer weather and the improvement to the sewage pipes over the years.

"The Water Quality Report Card by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay remains one of our most valuable tools for evaluating water quality trends and identifying where additional investment and attention are needed for the

communities that rely on these beaches," said Adrian Madaro, Co-Chair of the MBC. "It's encouraging to see the continued progress at beaches across the region, while maintaining a strong focus on the beaches that still need additional attention and investment."

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 the Department of Public Health's interactive beach water quality dashboard and to not swim 24 hours after a heavy rain fall event (0.3inches/hr).

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 Cornell University for their guidance in developing the methodology used in this report.

Additionally, Save the Harbor 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.

Finally, Save the Harbor also thanks 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 Environmental Protection, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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2025 Water Quality Report Card

| Beach | Six-year avg. water quality rating (2020-2025) | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Pleasure Bay | 100% | 97% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| City Point | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Nantasket | 97% | 100% | 92% | 98% | 94% | 100% | 98% |
| M Street | 95% | 94% | 94% | 100% | 94% | 94% | 94% |
| Carson | 95% | 93% | 91% | 91% | 100% | 92% | 100% |
| Revere | 94% | 95% | 86% | 89% | 98% | 94% | 100% |
| Constitution | 92% | 93% | 86% | 88% | 97% | 91% | 98% |
| Winthrop | 91% | 89% | 80% | 82% | 94% | 100% | 100% |
| Short | 90% | 84% | 83% | 94% | 94% | 89% | 94% |
| Wollaston | 87% | 91% | 88% | 88% | 88% | 82% | 85% |
| Nahant | 85% | 95% | 78% | 80% | 81% | 77% | 96% |
| Malibu | 85% | 91% | 83% | 76% | 95% | 73% | 91% |
| Savin Hill | 84% | 100% | 68% | 80% | 94% | 70% | 89% |
| Tenean | 77% | 84% | 71% | 73% | 89% | 63% | 79% |
| King's | 71% | 90% | 66% | 55% | 74% | 68% | 70% |
| All Beaches (avg.) | 89% | 93% | 84% | 85% | 93% | 86% | 93% |

North End Italian Feast and Processions guide

Here is a handy list of the North End Italian Feasts and Processions for Summer 2026.

July 30 - August 2
(Thu – Sun | First weekend in August)

St. Agrippina di Mineo Feast
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Thursday; 12pm-11pm Fri., Sat. & Sun.
Hanover & Battery Streets (12:00pm Sunday Procession)
www.SaintAgrippinaBoston.com

August 5-8 (Fri-Sun)
Madonna Della Cava Feast
Feast opens at 7:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.
Hanover & Battery Streets (1:00pm Sunday Procession)
www.MadonnaDellaCava.com

August 13, 14, 15, & 16
(Thu – Sun)
****Fisherman's Feast' of the Madonna Del Soccorso di Sciacca**
The Fisherman's Feast is an annual event that began in Boston in 1911 and is based on a tradition

that goes back to the 16th century in Sciacca Sicily.

Thursday, 6pm, Blessing of the Fishing Waters to Christopher Columbus Park

Feast opens at 6:00 pm on Friday; 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.
Fleet, Lewis & North Streets

Sunday 1:00 pm Grand Procession starts; 8:00 pm Flight of the Angel
www.FishermansFeast.com

August 27
St. Lucy's Feast
Thacher & Endicott Streets

7:00 pm Thursday Night Procession (12 Barz Band beginning at 6:00pm)
<https://stanthonyfeast.com/StLucy.html>

August 27-30 (Fri – Sun)
Saint Anthony's Feast
Named the "Feast of all Feasts" by National Geographic Magazine, this authentic Italian street festival has it all for people of every age: parades, strolling singers, live entertainment, contests and religious services are held daily. (Last weekend in August)

Endicott, Thacher & N. Margin Streets

Feast opens with ceremony and procession at 7:00 pm on Friday 12pm-11pm Sat. & Sun.

Sunday: 12:00 pm Grand Procession starts
www.StAnthonysFeast.com

September 5
Santa Rosalia di Palermo
(TBD)
1:00 pm – Procession only – North Square
www.facebook.com/SantaRosaliaBoston

USS Constitution Museum launches Boston's most revolutionary mini golf course

Special to the Review

The USS Constitution Museum has launched USS Constitution Mini Golf, a new free 9-hole course on the Charlestown Navy Yard designed to give residents and visitors a fun, accessible way to engage Boston's role in the story of American independence.

Celebrated with a ceremonial First Putt event, the new course opened with a ribbon cutting by sword before civic leaders took the first putt. The newly designed course offers a fresh summer activity on Boston Harbor while inviting players to experience the city's Revolutionary history in one of its most historic waterfront settings. Created especially for the 2026 season, the course combines play, place-based storytelling, and public access at a moment when Boston is looking ahead to America250.

Set beside the USS Constitution Museum, the course offers families, neighbors, and visitors an outdoor activity that is both entertaining and meaningful. As players move through the course, they encounter moments inspired by

Boston Harbor's central role in the Revolution, from protest and conflict to a broader path toward independence.

As Boston looks ahead to America250, the course provides a timely and accessible way to celebrate the city's role in the course of independence while offering a free activity in one of its most historic and scenic settings. USS Constitution Mini Golf is made possible with the generous support of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism.

"At its heart, this is about access," said Jeff Draeger, President & CEO of the USS Constitution Museum. "We wanted to create something free, fun, and engaging for the public, while also connecting people to this extraordinary place and to Boston's role in the story of American independence. It is a summer experience that reflects the Museum's mission in a fresh and engaging way."

"USS Constitution Mini Golf is a creative and welcoming way to bring Massachusetts history to life during this celebratory year," said Kate Fox, Executive Director at the Massachusetts Office of Travel

and Tourism. "Experiences like this help visitors and residents connect with Boston Harbor and the stories that shaped America, while highlighting the history, culture, and sense of discovery that make destinations across Massachusetts so special and engaging for all ages."

The launch event brought together civic and community leaders, including Representative Daniel Ryan, Senator Sal DiDomenico, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism Kate Fox, and CAPT (sel) Crystal L. Schaefer, Commanding Officer of USS Constitution.

"I want to thank the USS Constitution Museum for creating this exciting and inclusive new program for families in our neighborhood and throughout the region. Mini golf is fun for people of all ages and will bring even

more people together to see the Museum's award-winning exhibitions and programs," said Senator Sal DiDomenico.

Representative Daniel Ryan added, "This is a fun and exciting way to kick-off the summer season. Families can enjoy their time together putting around while learning some of our illustrious Naval History here at the USS Constitution Museum. I thank Commander Schaefer for taking time out of her duties to help us get the season underway."

Their presence underscored the broad community support for a new free, public activity that combines fun with learning and offers a fresh way to connect residents and visitors to Boston's historic role in the Revolution.

USS Constitution Mini Golf is made possible with the generous support of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, whose partnership has helped

make this accessible public experience available for a third year, with an entirely new course debuting for 2026.

The course is now open to the public in the Charlestown Navy Yard, inviting all to grab a putter and join the Revolution.

For more information, visit usscm.org/events/minigolf/

The USS Constitution Museum serves as the memory and educational voice of USS Constitution, America's Ship of State, also known as "Old Ironsides." Through award-winning exhibitions and programs, the Museum engages more than 300,000 visitors annually with the people, stories, and ideals that have shaped our nation. Located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, the Museum is a non-profit organization that relies on the generosity of members and donors. Learn more at usscm.org/



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It's a blockade. USS Constitution Mini Golf course tells the story of Boston's role in the Revolution.



USS Constitution Museum President & CEO Jeff Draeger and Kate Fox, Executive Director of Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (center) cut the ribbon on the new USS Constitution Mini Golf Course. Joining them are special guests, flanked by members of the 1812 Marines, (l-r) Phil Carr, Bunker Hill Associates; Senator Sal DiDomenico; John Caldwell, Bunker Hill Associates; Suzanne Taylor, Executive Director of the Freedom Trail; Representative Daniel Ryan; Sheila Green, Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism; and Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn.

MAAM announces summer 2026 outdoor programming

Special to the Review



MassArt Art Museum's Art on the Plaza last July.

The MassArt Art Museum (MAAM) announces its Summer 2026 season, featuring a dynamic lineup of free, outdoor programs and community-centered events that celebrate creativity in unexpected places.

While MAAM hits pause on indoor programming this summer as it transitions and prepares its spaces for the fall season, the museum will continue to offer a robust schedule of outdoor experiences that center the people, natural beauty, and cultural vitality of the neighborhood. Visitors are invited to engage with art, performance, and hands-on creative activities throughout the season. More information and program registration is available at maam.massart.edu/summer-at-maam.

Summer 2026 Events:

MAAM's signature Art on the Plaza series returns as a neighborhood favorite, featuring free, family-friendly evenings with live performances, creative activities, and refreshments.

Made at MAAM: July 23, 6-9pm

Sounds of Summer: August 20, 6-9pm

A new MAAM Outdoors series transforms the surrounding neighborhood into an open-air studio, offering free, weekly artful experiences, workshops, and social gatherings designed to engage participants in creative exploration.

Select Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm:

June 24 – Into the Sun: Cyano-

types: After foraging for flowers, leaves, and other natural materials in Fenway's iconic Emerald Necklace, craft your own unique composition on fabric and paper and let the sun do the rest.

July 8 – Pages Will Fly: Sketchbook-Making: Looking to turn over a new page this summer? Step outside and make a custom sketchbook or journal to document your outdoor adventures. Explore basic bookbinding techniques and embellish your journal with natural elements.

July 15 – Neighborhood Textures: With the urban landscape as your canvas, transform the textures of the Fenway/Mission Hill neighborhood into art. Use tactile clay to create temporary stamps or experiment with rubbings to translate the world into one-of-a-kind compositions.

July 29 – Gelli Plate Printing: Create vibrant one-of-a-kind prints using natural elements foraged from the lush local landscape.

August 5 – Foraging with Friends: During the workshop, learn about sustainable foraging in public parks and gather natural materials along the way. Then, head back to MAAM to create a reusable eco-print tote of your own!

August 12 – Neighborhood Flavors: Experience the richness of the local landscape during an evening of hands-on art and sensory exploration, sample curated flavors and hear a soundscape of

local ambient sounds.

These events are free with advance registration. MAAM may accommodate unregistered walk-up guests on the evening of the event only as capacity allows. Evening events often sell out; please plan ahead and register in advance.

Art on the Plaza is supported in part by generous grants from the Boston Planning and Development Agency and The Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust.

The MassArt Art Museum (MAAM) is Boston's only free contemporary art museum, where visitors can experience groundbreaking art from extraordinary artists at the forefront of contemporary practice. MAAM is core to the creative community that is Massachusetts College of Art and Design (MassArt), and a major draw to the vibrant Avenue of the Arts. MAAM is a kunsthalle, or non-collecting museum, showing groundbreaking and resonant temporary exhibitions that feature the work of professional working artists at all stages of their careers. As an extension of MassArt's public mission, the Museum offers pathways to education in the arts and free programming for the public, including high-profile panels and lectures that address timely and pressing issues. MAAM is located at 621 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. For more information visit maam.massart.edu.

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the same as previous years, with Newbury Street closed to cars from Berkeley Street to Massachusetts Avenue. Parking will be restricted on Newbury Street and adjacent streets, with enforcement beginning at 5 a.m. Signs will be posted informing drivers of the change.

"Every year, Newbury Street comes alive as neighbors, shoppers, and visitors enjoy one of our most iconic streets," Mayor Michelle Wu said in a press release. "I'm excited to bring back this beloved tradition of opening Newbury Street for strolling for every generation in our community, while creating new

opportunities for local businesses to connect with the community and welcome new customers. Thank you to all the local businesses and neighbors whose feedback has helped shape this program."

This year's Open Newbury Street dates were selected with consideration to various major events happening this year, including but not limited to Student Move-In Weekend in August and various cultural parades and holidays, according to the city.

"I'm thrilled that Open Newbury is returning this year! Our city will be full of energy this summer, and Open Newbury gives residents and

visitors a unique way to experience one of Boston's most iconic streets, home to more than 400 businesses. I hear how much residents look forward to Open Newbury days where they can stroll and support small businesses. Open Newbury transforms the street into a space designed for pedestrians, bringing people together and creating opportunities for community. I look forward to seeing everyone on Newbury Street this summer!" added District 8 City Councilor Sharon Durkan.

For more on the city's summer programming and additional events, visit boston.gov/summer.

BPHC encourages Mpox vaccinations in light of uptick in cases nationally and in Boston

Special to the Review

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) and partners at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health are monitoring an uptick in mpox cases in Boston and are encouraging at-risk individuals to get vaccinated. There is no widespread public health threat from mpox at this time, but at-risk residents, including gay and bisexual men and other men who have sex with men are encouraged to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated. The mpox vaccine is two doses given 28 days apart. It is extremely effective in preventing severe illness from mpox and is the best tool to stop the spread of disease. For more information about mpox and how to protect yourself and others, visit boston.gov/mpox.

This year, BPHC and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement (MOLA) are partnering together to offer mpox vaccinations at the Pride flag raising at City Hall on June 1, 2026 on the 3rd Floor Mezzanine from 1:00-4:00pm. Additional clinics will be hosted with City partners throughout the summer; dates will be available at boston.gov/vaccine as they are scheduled.

Mpox vaccinations are also currently available at Mass General Hospital, Boston Medical Center, and Fenway Health. Recently, numerous pharmacies in Boston have also begun administering mpox vaccine. A full list of vaccination locations is available here.

"Boston's diverse LGBTQIA2S+ community is part of what makes our city great, and as we prepare to celebrate Pride month, I'm proud that we are offering services to keep everyone safe and healthy. The best way individuals can protect themselves from mpox is by getting vaccinated and avoiding physical and sexual contact with anyone who has a new rash or sores," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health for the City of Boston. "While we are monitoring cases in Boston, residents should rest assured that there is no widespread public health threat at this time."

"At the Mayor's Office of LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement, we are proud to partner with the Boston Public Health Commission to ensure our communities have access to accurate information and affirming care," said Jullianne Lee, Executive Director. "Offering mpox vaccinations at our Pride Kick Off celebration on June 1st at City Hall Plaza is about meeting people where they are and making it easier to take care of ourselves and each other. We encourage our community to consider getting vaccinated and to stay informed so we can keep our communities healthy, safe, and connected."

"As we celebrate Pride, our time of visibility, resilience, and joy, getting vaccinated against mpox is one more way we show up for each other," said Dr. Will Giordano-Perez, Fenway's Chief Medical Officer. "Taking this step means we protect the health of our chosen family and keep Pride a

CALL TO ARTISTS!

ART in the 2026 PARK

Saturday, September 12
City Square Park, Charlestown

10:00 AM to 5:30 PM | Rain Date: September 13

Glass Art by Martha Zackin
Photo By Adrian Sipos

To Apply: ArtistsGroupofCharlestown.com
Deadline: July 23, 2026 at Midnight

Massachusetts Opioid-related overdose deaths fall under 1,000 for the first time in over a decade

Special to the Review

For the first time in over a decade, total annual opioid-related overdose deaths in Massachusetts fell below 1,000, according to Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) preliminary 2025 data recently released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

There were 978 confirmed and estimated opioid-related overdose deaths among Massachusetts residents last year – marking the first time since 2013 (992 deaths) that Massachusetts recorded fewer than 1,000 annual opioid-related overdose deaths. It also marks a nearly 60 percent decline in fatal opioid overdoses in the state since the devastating record high of 2,364 deaths in 2022.

“This projected decline represents thousands of lives saved, families kept whole, and communities strengthened,” said Governor Maura Healey. “It also represents the tireless efforts of clinicians, service providers, community support programs, and advo-

cates across the Commonwealth who continue to dedicate themselves to this life-saving work.”

Opioid-related overdose deaths in 2025 are estimated to be 27 percent lower than in 2024, and build on a recent, and sustained, downward trend in fatal opioid overdoses in the state, which include a 36 percent year-over-year reduction in 2024 and a 10 percent reduction in 2023.

This major public health milestone is a direct result of sustained, statewide investments in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, and community-based wrap-around supports.

“This progress, experienced by families across the Commonwealth as years of extra joy and life, is the result of a comprehensive and collaborative public health response that has prioritized evidence-based care, community partnership, and compassion,” said Health and Human Services Secretary Kiame Mahaniah, M.D., MBA. “Data show us that providing access to housing, harm reduction, treatment options,

and supportive peer communities works to prevent overdose—and the Commonwealth will continue its commitment to supporting and expanding access to these tools and services.”

DPH is conducting further data analysis and, by late summer, will be able to share more in-depth insights into how this decrease is reflected in Massachusetts communities and subpopulations. These data will be shared on the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) Dashboard.

DPH recently published its 2024 Opioid-Involved Overdose Report, which provides a comprehensive overview of the state of the opioid overdose crisis in Massachusetts and reviews trends in fatal and nonfatal opioid overdoses. The report outlines three primary hypotheses for the nearly 37 percent decrease in deaths seen in 2024, including a potentially safer street drug supply resulting in reduced risk of fatal overdose; a decrease in the number of people at high risk for overdose; and the positive impact of expanded overdose prevention resources and treatment policies.

“Massachusetts remains steadfast in its commitment to expanding access to treatment, overdose

prevention tools, recovery supports, and community-based services in ways that are equity-based and responsive to community needs,” said DPH Commissioner Robbie Goldstein, M.D., Ph.D. “The recent decreases in overdose deaths reflect the positive impact and reach of this work and remind us that these efforts must persist. Overdose deaths are completely preventable. DPH will continue to invest in data-driven and dignity-affirming approaches to substance use.”

The overdose declines seen in the Massachusetts data reflect a broader national trend of declining overdose deaths; however, Massachusetts continues to rank among the leading states demonstrating the most substantial reductions in mortality.

“While a 27 percent decrease in opioid overdose deaths is encouraging and reflects the impact of sustained investments in prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support, we must never lose sight of the fact that behind every data point is a person — a loved one, a family member, a friend, a neighbor,” said DPH BSAS Director Deirdre Calvert, LICSW. “Nobody is a nobody, and everyone has a somebody.

Our work is ultimately about people, about saving lives, and about ensuring that every person struggling with substance use knows that they matter and that recovery is possible.”

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is committed to supporting public health strategies and resources to address substance use and substance use disorders. From 2023 to the present, the Administration has invested more than \$1 billion in substance use prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery programs across the state.

In fiscal year 2025 alone, this included funding over 150,000 naloxone kits for community organizations, over 10,000 naloxone kits for first responders, and nearly 400,000 fentanyl test strips for community use. Additional supports include funding SafeSpot, a virtual overdose spotting hotline; fostering access to inpatient, residential, outpatient, and other forms of treatment through the licensing and regulation of over 500 treatment programs; funding low-threshold housing; and investing in 39 peer-recovery support centers that serve over 13,000 individuals across the Commonwealth.

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safe celebration for all.”

The Mpox vaccine is safe and proven to be most effective two weeks after the second dose is administered. The vaccine is 80% effective at preventing illness and highly effective in lessening symptoms. Residents who have already received both doses do not need a booster. If someone believes they have Mpox, they should seek medical attention immediately and avoid contact with others and pets. Symptoms include:

Painful, itchy rash that presents as pimples, blisters, or scabs

Fever

Headache

Muscle aches

Exhaustion

Swollen lymph nodes

Regardless of vaccination status, individuals with mpox symptoms should abstain from sexual activity and see a doctor. mpox spreads through close, direct contact with an infected person’s skin lesions, scabs, or body fluids. It can also spread through extensive contact with surfaces or materials such as clothing or bed linens. Mpox does not spread through incidental contact like brushing up against someone on a crowded train car, or shopping in the same store.

Wu, Brighton Marine announce \$1 million partnership to support Boston veterans

Special to the Review

Mayor Michelle Wu and Rosye Cloud, CEO of Brighton Marine, have announced a new \$1 million public-private partnership to support Boston veterans and other communities. As part of this initiative, the City will launch a veterans

grant program to provide direct financial support to neighborhood nonprofit organizations. Through this program, veterans will gain access to expanded wraparound services including housing, transportation, health and wellness, and legal assistance.

Brighton Marine will also host

an Office of Veterans Services satellite office on their nine acre campus in Brighton, MA. The office will offer services to veterans and their families to ease access to and streamline navigation of eligible services.

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Mayor Wu, alongside CEO of Brighton Marine, Rosye Cloud and officials at the announcement last Friday.

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Portuguese Diaspora food

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Today, we explore three cuisines, Portuguese, Brazilian, and Cape Verdean, presented by Chef Markus Samuelson in his Boston episode of “No Passport Required,” available on YouTube.

We had the pleasure of living in a Portuguese community in Rhode Island. We learned to love the warmth, food, and culture of our Lusophone (Portuguese-speaking) neighbors. Fortunately, in the Greater Boston area, we have communities from these groups.

New Bedford and Fall River

The chef begins his map of the Portuguese Diaspora in the port of New Bedford and the markets of Fall River. We're very familiar with these places from our years in Rhode Island. They were local stops we would visit and buy ingredients.

He takes you from a stew made on a fishing boat out of New Bedford to the heart of Portuguese resources in Fall River, the Por-

tugalia Marketplace. The owners describe it as a “...one-of-a-kind Portuguese specialty food grocer dedicated to promoting Portuguese culture and cuisine. Founded over 30 years ago by Fernando Benevides and now run by his two children, Michael and Jennifer, the 20,000-square-foot store has become the leading provider of Portuguese specialty foods and home goods in the United States.”

With the growing love of high-quality tinned fish and other products, we often recommend a road trip to this treasure trove of products imported from Portugal. This country is known for canning. The selection of fish, the creation of recipes, and the careful production of these shelf-stable ingredients are taken seriously.

A few tins of fish, a crusty loaf of bread, and you have the making of a lovely picnic, a wine and fish party with friends, or a snacky meal when you are not up to cooking. And, yes, the Portugalia Marketplace has an excellent selection of wines.

Cape Verdean

At Izzy's Restaurant in New Bedford, the chef found traditional Cape Verdean cuisine. We would suggest that this port could be a day trip with breakfast or lunch at Izzy's. The hours here reflect their presence in a place where fishing begins early.

You might also make this a weekend and visit the New Bedford Whaling Museum, take in some of the music and cultural events scheduled throughout the months ahead. July is a great time to visit, as a series of early-July festivities celebrating Cabo Verdean culture culminate in the Cape Verdean Recognition Parade.

Brazilian

We also enjoy the food and culture of Brazil, with the music of composer Antonio Carlos Jobim among our favorite playlists. Chef Samuelson says when he thinks of Brazilian food, he thinks of Muqueca Restaurant in Cambridge. This place is known for



Portuguese pastéis de nata (custard tarts) are one of our favorite Portuguese food icons. Flake in Brookline makes great ones.

authentic Brazilian food. He also visited Fogo de Chão at Copley Place to indulge in Brazil's love of grilled meat.

Portuguese

Cambridge is where we found the types of restaurants we loved in Rhode Island. Since the Sports Bar the chef visited is no longer open, we suggest you try some of the other options for Portuguese cruising. In Cambridge, we suggest Restaurant Casa Portugal,

Faialense Sports Club, and the Midwest Bar and Grille. In Somerville, you might visit the Neighborhood Restaurant and Bakery.

We suggest you begin a plan to explore these foodways by popping over to YouTube to watch Chef Samuelson enjoy the cuisines, culture, and arts of the communities united by a shared language and a love of food, as he would say, “No Passport Required” to try Lusophone cuisines in this area.

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“In the birthplace of America, we hold ourselves to the highest standards for serving those who have made our freedom and quality of life possible,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “At a time when many veterans and their families are facing uncertainty, Boston is taking every possible step to get them the support they need, when they need it. This partnership with Brighton Marine will take our shared work to the next level, setting a standard for all sectors coming together to care for our veterans and military families.”

This initiative reflects a continued, close collaboration between the Mayor's Office and Brighton Marine, focused on ensuring veterans and military-connected families continue to receive consistent support worthy of their service.

“Brighton Marine will always stand with the City of Boston in supporting our veterans and their loved ones,” said Rosye Cloud, CEO of Brighton Marine. “Our mission is to deliver healthcare, housing, and hope to those who have given so much to our nation. This initiative recognizes the critical contributions of nonprofits to the veteran community in our region.”

The City of Boston's Veterans' Services will help design and launch the grants program. These funds will advance efforts to eliminate veteran homelessness, address food insecurity, and support economic stability and workforce preparedness. Additionally, the funds will more broadly support recreational activities for the elderly, many of whom are veterans or service-connected family members.

“As Commissioner of the City of Boston Office of Veterans' Services and as a veteran myself, I am proud of this partnership with Brighton Marine and grateful for their unwavering commitment to the veteran community, local servicemembers, and their families,” said Robert Santiago, Commissioner of City's Veterans' Services Department. “Together, we are investing directly into the organizations and support systems that continue to uplift and care for the veterans of Boston every single day.

“Boston's veterans and their families have done so much for the residents of our City and we all owe them our gratitude,” said House Majority Leader Michael Moran (D-Brighton). “I want to

thank Mayor Wu and Rosye for their unwavering commitment to the veterans community, particularly in Allston Brighton and I applaud their partnership to continue important services even during these challenging fiscal times.”

“I'm incredibly grateful to Brighton Marine for stepping up and partnering with the City to fund our veterans community in these challenging times,” said City Council President Liz Breadon. “As the City Councilor representing Allston-Brighton, I know that Brighton Marine has always been there for those who serve and their families. I also want to thank Mayor Wu, Commissioner Robert Santiago, and my Council colleagues, particularly Councilor Flynn, for their work in this effort. Those who serve our country are owed a debt of gratitude and support; with this funding Boston will continue to repay our veterans for the sacrifices they've made.”

“Restoring funding for vets in next year's budget was a major priority for the City Council,” said City Councilor Benjamin Weber, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. “I am grateful for the strong advocacy of my colleagues

and the hard work of the Mayor in finding a way to help our vets in need.”

“Boston was built on the service and sacrifice of our veterans and military families,” said City Councilor Ed Flynn, U.S. Navy (Retired). “Our Veterans Services Department provides critical assistance on housing, employment and social services for all veterans and military families - including women veterans and veterans of color. Especially in difficult economic times, we must always keep our promise and ensure earned benefits remain in place. It's about respect for veterans and military families.”

As the City's Veronica B. Smith Senior Center undergoes a 18 month renovation, Brighton Marine has worked closely with Age Strong to transfer over the center's programming for older adults to their space during construction. Age Strong will continue to partner with Brighton Marine to provide outreach, health services, and housing support to older adults and veterans in the Allston-Brighton neighborhood.

“We are incredibly grateful to Brighton Marine for their generosity in opening their doors to the

Veronica B. Smith Senior Center community,” said Emily K. Shea, Age Strong Commissioner. “At a time when our beloved community space will undergo much needed renovations, Brighton Marine stepped up to ensure that Allston/Brighton's older adults won't lose access to vital resources. This collaboration represents the very best of this neighborhood, one that honors older adults by ensuring they always have safe, welcoming, and vibrant spaces to connect and access the programs and services they need.”

The partnership showcases the growing role private and nonprofit social enterprises can play as civic partners, working alongside government to respond quickly, responsibly, and collaboratively to emerging community needs. Last week, Mayor Wu also announced a partnership with Dana Farber Cancer Institute to support cancer screenings for firefighters. These efforts reflect the City's commitment to meeting the needs of our communities and leveraging partnerships to help supplement community-based programming.

37TH ANNUAL BEACON HILL ART WALK



Beacon Hill Market had their own display going in a rear window of their storage room.

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

Since 1990 with every first Sunday of June, the Beacon Hill Art Walk is a showcase event for local artists to show their work. About 100 artists show their work in the many alleys and hidden pathways around Beacon Hill. Visitors can explore the unique landscape of art and architecture in this classical, inspiring neighborhood.



Artist Arlene Greenspan (right) talks about her oil and watercolor paintings.



Artist Lisa Murphy with her dad and assistant Oscar.



Art Walk visitors continue their exploration from the Putnam Ave alley.



Artist Stacy Shorr



Debbie Trujillo bought a watercolor painting of a chickadee from artist Mary C Sullivan.



Artist Mary C Sullivan paints watercolors of birds.



Victoria Milotte explores the many artists and their works with her friend Winston.



Artist Mark Erwin with acrylic paintings of Bostonian scenes.



Lola Van Duzer shows off the illustration she bought from artist Coco Berkman.



Artist Coco Berkman with her illustrations.



Artist Jamie Tara lives in Beacon Hill.

37TH ANNUAL BEACON HILL ART WALK



Visitors explore the artist's located at Champney Place.



Visitors explore the Primus Ave alley and the artists located there.



Artist Kim Tynan with her acrylic paintings.



Artist Sherwin Long with his vibrant work.



Visitors check out the artists located at Lindall Court.



An audience applauds musical performers at Rollins Place.



ArtWalk started at the Putnam Avenue alley.

Wu highlights City's readiness for summer events and announces coordinated preparation efforts across Boston

Special to the Review

Mayor Michelle Wu today joined City leaders and public safety officials at the Boston Summer Events Command Center (BSECC) to provide an update on the extensive planning and coordination efforts underway to prepare for a summer that will bring millions of residents and visitors together for major events across Boston.

This summer, Boston will host multiple major events: FIFA World Cup, Sail Boston and Boston 250. With the World Cup set to begin in a few days and Tall Ships arriving in Boston Harbor later this summer, the City has spent more than two years working alongside local, State, and Federal partners to ensure these events are safe, successful, and enjoyable for residents and visitors alike.

"As Boston welcomes residents and visitors alike for a summer filled with world-class events, our teams are working every day to ensure everyone can enjoy a safe, fun, and memorable experience," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "From neighborhood celebrations to major international events, we are proud to welcome guests from around the world while continuing to deliver the excellent City services that make Boston a great place to live, work, and visit."

The City's preparations span every aspect of City operations, including transportation planning, emergency management, public health readiness, installing wayfinding, public safety coordination, and basic city services.

"Boston is ready to welcome the world this summer. While the FIFA Fan Festival at City Hall Plaza will serve as the center of

our downtown activation, our planning and preparations extend across every neighborhood," said Chief of Operations Dion Irish. "For more than two years, City departments and our local, state, and federal partners have worked together to support tournament activities and community events throughout Boston while continuing to deliver the high-quality services residents rely on every day."

The Boston Transportation Department is anticipating increased traffic activity across neighborhoods on match day at Boston Stadium and has ensured the City is well prepared. Preparation work includes: implementing designated rideshare pick-up and drop-off zones, targeted curb regulation changes, and operational plans designed to improve traffic flow and support safe, efficient travel to and from major event sites. Transportation teams will actively monitor conditions throughout the summer and make adjustments as needed to minimize impacts on residents, businesses, and daily city operations.

"Our priority is to keep residents, businesses, workers, and visitors moving safely and reliably in Boston," said Interim Chief of Streets Nick Gove. "We are coordinating closely with our public safety, transportation, and regional partners to ensure the City is ready to safely and efficiently manage increased activity on our streets and additional demands on our transportation network."

The Office of Emergency Management has led extensive planning efforts across City departments, state agencies, federal partners, and event organizers to ensure a unified approach to summer operations. The office has

developed comprehensive contingency plans for a range of scenarios, including severe weather, public safety incidents, transportation disruptions, and other emergencies, ensuring the City is prepared to respond quickly and effectively if needed.

"As part of our preparations for the summer season, we have established a new Special Events Coordination Center on behalf of the City. This center will serve as the central point of coordination for public safety, public health, transportation, and other key agencies," said Chief of Emergency Management Adrian Jordan. "By bringing these partners together, we can maintain a heightened state of readiness, enhance situational awareness, and ensure we are prepared to implement contingency plans quickly and effectively should an incident occur."

"Through close coordination with our public safety and healthcare partners, we have spent months preparing for this summer," said Boston EMS Chief James Hooley. "Our responsibility is twofold: providing medical support for these world-class events while continuing to deliver emergency care in every neighborhood across Boston. We will strategically position resources, expand specialized capabilities, and ensure our members are trained and ready for both the expected and the unexpected."

In addition to emergency preparedness and making sure hospital and healthcare systems are equipped for various types of emergencies, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is tracking infectious diseases and environmental hazards that could impact Boston this sum-

mer. BPHC monitors wastewater to provide real-time visibility to make rapid, coordinated decisions around illnesses and diseases. To protect against diseases, BPHC has expanded access to vaccines across the city, including working with Boston Public Schools to ensure families are up-to-date on vaccinations ahead of the summer and increasing mpox vaccinations for those at-risk. BPHC also monitors heat, air, and water quality and works with the City to issue alerts and guidance on boston.gov/summer and on social media.

BPHC has strengthened existing systems and trained public health staff to respond to domestic violence and sexual assault incidents during major events. In partnership with survivor-serving organizations and youth workers, BPHC has built capacity to ensure survivors from all backgrounds can access safety resources and support. BPHC has also led trainings for personnel at restaurants, bars, airports, and hotels, covering CPR, overdose response, drink spiking, domestic violence, sexual assault, and up-to-date prevention practices such as handwashing.

"We want to ensure that all Boston residents and visitors are safe and healthy while enjoying these events," said City of Boston Commissioner of Public Health Dr. Bisola Ojikutu. "We are working collaboratively with our partners and with community members to create a healthy and memorable summer in Boston for everyone. Public health is a team sport and takes all of us. So look out for one another, make sure that your vaccinations are up-to-date, stay home when you are sick, and take care of yourself and those around you."

To support visitors navigating

the city, the City is deploying temporary wayfinding signage throughout Downtown Boston that will help direct people to major destinations, including South Station, City Hall Plaza, and key event locations. Streets Cabinet teams have also completed extensive preparations to ensure Boston's streets and core city services are ready to support increased activity throughout the summer.

City officials emphasized that preparations extend beyond event venues and Downtown Boston. Throughout the summer, Boston will support community celebrations and neighborhood activations across the city while working to ensure that residents and small businesses share in the economic and cultural benefits generated by these major events.

"We are a world-class City and whether it is Sail Boston, FIFA, July 4th or Boston 250, we are working with our City, State and Federal partners to make these safe and enjoyable events for all. As always, we need the public to work alongside us, as a critical partner in these efforts," said Boston Police Commissioner Michael Cox. "We are prepared for these major summer events, and we are ready to keep our neighborhoods safe, and to continue to work with our residents and businesses."

Residents are encouraged to visit boston.gov/summer for the latest event information on schedules, transportation resources, and operational updates, as well as heat, water, and air quality guidance throughout the season. Residents can also contact 311 with questions, concerns, or requests for City services.

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Guests enjoying Yappier Hour at the Liberty.

The Liberty Hotel kicks off summer Yappier Hour with 'Dog Days of Summer' party

Staff Report

Located at 215 Charles St. The Liberty Hotel has officially kicked off the summer season by inviting guests and their four-legged friends to a “Dog Days of Summer” party on Wednesday, June 3. The event marked the seasonal return of the hotel’s popular Yappier Hour series.

The kickoff gathering brought guests and their dogs together in The Yard for a relaxed summer social experience. Attendees enjoyed several event highlights,

including:

- Refreshing dog-friendly treats
- Curated pet vendors
- A live DJ set

The Yappier Hour series remains free and open to the public. Following the kickoff, gatherings continue every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., running through October, weather permitting.

The Liberty Hotel, an imaginative transformation of the historic 1851 Charles Street Jail, is located at 215 Charles Street in Boston.

Riddle Answer:

I have a spine, but I have no bones.
I have many leaves, but I am no tree.
I can tell you great secrets, but I speak only in silence.

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Massachusetts House passes landmark data privacy legislation with strong consumer protections

Special to the Review

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has passed comprehensive legislation establishing essential consumer data privacy rights for residents of the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Consumer Data Privacy Act provides consumers with greater control over their own data. The bill increases accountability for companies and grants user data privacy protections to residents of and those present in Massachusetts. Highlights include strong privacy protections for minors and a blanket ban on the sale of precise geolocation data.

“This legislation is about ensuring that the Commonwealth’s laws keep pace with the challenges of an increasingly data-driven world, where technology is embedded in nearly every aspect of daily life. Consumers deserve meaningful protections for their personal information and greater control over how that information is collected, used, and sold,” said House Speaker Ronald J. Mariano (D-Quincy). “This bill establishes common-sense safeguards for sensitive data, strengthens transparency, and promotes accountability for entities that profit from personal information – striking an important balance between encouraging innovation and protecting the privacy rights of Massachusetts residents. I want to thank Leader Moran, Chair Farley-Bouvier, and all my colleagues in the House for recognizing the importance of these critical reforms, and for voting to advance them.”

“This bill is first and foremost a consumer protection bill,” said

Representative Michael Moran (D-Brighton), Majority Leader. “This bill is an important step forward to ensure data privacy and gives consumers control of how their personal information is collected and used by companies and the right to access, correct, and delete their data.”

“The Massachusetts Consumer Data Privacy Act centers the consumer and is a must for the 21st century. Through the technology that we have come to rely on daily, companies collect and legally sell our data, including sensitive data, without our knowledge or consent,” said Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), House Chair of the Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity. “The Massachusetts Consumer Data Privacy Act is a critical step to hold companies accountable, protect minors, and establish strong consumer protections. It is the result of public hearings and thoughtful deliberation with privacy experts, advocates, and

industry representatives.”

Limit Collection to What is Reasonably Necessary

The bill requires that personal data collection must be proportionate to providing requested services, and data must be protected and deleted when no longer necessary or required by law.

Data Subject Rights

Under the bill, data subject rights extend to all residents in Massachusetts. These rights include the right to access their personal information, the right to correct inaccurate information, the right to opt out of certain processes such as targeted advertising, the right to transport personal data, and the right to delete certain information.

Protections for Sensitive Data

The bill specifies that sensitive data, as defined below, cannot be sold or shared without a user’s affirmative consent. Companies

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MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOUR COMES TO NORTH END



Mayor's Office Photo by Jeremiah Robinson

Mayor Michelle Wu, along with other officials made they were over to Langone Park on Tuesday morning, June 9 for the annual Coffee Hour in the North End. Residents got the chance to meet with their elected officials, express their concerns, and learn more about the programs and happenings going on in the North end and across Boston.



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cannot sell sensitive data without additional unambiguous, affirmative consent from a consumer.

Sensitive data includes information such as biometric or genetic information, precise geolocation data, health and wellness information, reproductive and sexual health data, data of a minor under 18, government-issued identifiers, and data that reveals an individual's racial or ethnic origin, national origin or citizenship or immigra-

tion status, religious beliefs, sex life, sexual orientation, status as transgender or non-binary, union membership, status as a military service member or veteran, and status as a victim of a crime.

Protection for Children and Minors under 18

The bill provides special protections for individuals under 18, including a prohibition on targeted advertising to minors.

Ban on the Sale of Precise Geolocation Data

The bill includes a ban on the sale of precise geolocation data. Restricting the trade of location data helps protect people from surveillance, stalking, and the misuse of sensitive personal information. This protection is extended to both residents of Massachusetts and visitors, which is especially important now to protect

people who travel to and within Massachusetts, including for reproductive and gender affirming health care.

Enforcement

The bill grants the Attorney General rulemaking authority and includes a private right of action. A private right of action allows consumers to hold the largest data holders accountable for any violations they may make. Rulemaking

authority will allow the Attorney General to keep up with the pace of technological change and provide greater clarity in areas where it is needed.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 146-0 and now goes back to the Senate for further consideration.