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North End Historical Museum officially opens to the public

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The North End Historical Museum officially opened to the public on Tuesday, July 21, at 3 Prince St. Hours are Tuesday to Sunday: 10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The interactive museum, which was conceived and created by the nonprofit North End Historical Society, covers 400 years of North End history.

Throughout its history, the North End has served as a crucial steppingstone for Boston's earliest settlers. Beginning with the original 1630 settlers of Bos-

ton, the North End remained at the heart of the city's development throughout the revolutionary era, and over time, the neighborhood became home to waves of Irish, Jewish, Portuguese, and Italian immigrants.

Visit northendboston.org for more information, or to donate to the new museum.

Adults: \$10
Seniors, Military, Student (with ID): \$8
Youth, ages 13 to 18: \$5
Children 12 & under: Free
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An official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the museum took place last week, including, pictured left to right: Vito Aluia, Jimmy Pastor, Frank Waldron, Aaron Michlewitz, Tom Damigella, Rita Damigella, Frank DePasquale, and Justin DeMetri.

Major lighting improvements, pathways made on the Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

Major lighting and pathway improvements have been completed on Parcels 19, 20 and 21 on the Rose Kennedy Greenway, marking a new chapter for the

many visitors of the public park that runs from the North End to Chinatown.

Completed just in time as Boston experienced one of the most

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IMAGE COURTESY GREENWAY CONSERVANCY STAFF

Artist rendering of lighting and Pathway Improvements.

Midnight Ride Mural Installed at Dewey Square

By Phil Orlandella

A new large scaled mural Midnight Ride has been installed in Dewey Square alongside of the many murals placed in the area in the past.

In recognition of the special event the Greenway Conservancy held a free community celebration for the placement of the mural by Boston Born artist Rixy.

A sizable group joined the Conservancy celebration that featured music, food trucks, art activities and live performances.

In honor of the nation's 250th Independence Day, the vibrant artwork will stand in the heart of downtown Boston



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Installation view of Rixy's mural, The Midnight Ride.

EDITORIAL

WHERE IS TEDDY ROOSEVELT WHEN WE NEED HIM?

The constant cacophony of bumbling babbling from our leaders in Washington these days with regard to the ongoing conflict with Iran brings to mind the wisdom of former President Theodore Roosevelt. On September 1, 1901 -- just two weeks before he became President upon the assassination of President William McKinley -- Roosevelt offered timeless foreign policy advice in a speech he delivered at the Minnesota State Fair:

"Speak softly and carry a big stick -- you will go far. If a man continually blusters, if he lacks civility, a big stick will not save him from trouble; and neither will speaking softly avail, if back of the softness there does not lie strength, power. In private life there are few things more obnoxious than the man who is always loudly boasting; and if the boaster is not prepared to back up his words his position becomes absolutely contemptible. So it is with the nation. It is both foolish and undignified to indulge in undue self-glorification, and above all, in loose-tongued denunciation of other peoples."

Today, the United States finds itself mired in a costly conflict with Iran. Even Israel, which has the most direct interest in subduing Iran, is sitting this one out, content to let the U.S. carry the ball.

Yet our leaders are pursuing a policy that is the antithesis of Roosevelt's counsel. We boast loudly, but our diplomatic and military strategy lacks a true "stick" against an enemy comprised of zealots and fanatics who know they can outlast a traditional military campaign.

This approach fails to serve our national interests, threatens the stability of the global economy, and risks severe domestic financial fallout. Most importantly, the brave members of the military are putting their lives on the line for a vague and ill-defined policy that has no clear military objective.

Now, as both Washington and Tehran dig in their heels following a collapsed truce, we must reject empty bluster. Our leaders must return to a strategy where measured diplomacy replaces pointless and endless bombing.

THE MIRACLE OF A BAIRN

No, we are not Scottish. But we are big fans of the hit TV show *Outlander*, and "bairn," the Scottish word for a newborn or a young child, has permanently entered our vocabulary.

Two weeks ago our family welcomed a bairn of our very own. Georgia, our first grandchild, is a beautiful baby girl named in honor of her maternal great-grandmother. Her arrival has cast our world in an entirely different light.

As adults, we take for granted the complex intricacies of our own bodies. By contrast, every feature of a newborn -- from the tiny fingers and toes to the little nose -- feels like a distinct, mesmerizing wonder.

Cradling Georgia in our arms brings an unparalleled sense of calm -- a biological serenity that feels deeply imprinted into our ancient human DNA.

We are not particularly religious (despite 12 years of Catholic school). But if there is anything that might persuade us that a higher power exists in the universe, it is the miracle that is a new born baby.

LETTER to the Editor

N.E.A.A. THANKS DODGERS UMPIRE SPONSORS

To the Editor,

The North End Athletic Association would like to thank the following for their generous donations to help cover the cost of umpires & baseballs for the 15U and 13U traveling baseball programs:

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The two teams, sponsored by McGovern Auto, play a total of 34 games in the Lou Tompkins Allstar Baseball League and we

are responsible for the cost of one umpire at each game and provide game balls at all home games and we lose a lot into the pool and ocean.

If you are interested in sponsoring a game, please reach out to N.E.A.A. Sports Coordinator John Romano at jromano45@gmail.com or (617) 750-9749.

John Romano

NEWS, NOTES AND WHATEVER

By Phil Orlandella

FOCCP MAKES COLUMBUS PARK A COMMUNITY PLACE TO BE

For 25 years, a group of residents calling themselves "Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) committed to taking care of the park.

The all-volunteer nonprofit group, right from the start, worked with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department, as caretakers of the beautiful park and its gardens have kept the park in tip-top shape.

Located on Atlantic Avenue on the outskirts of the North End, Columbus Park has become an asset to the neighborhood in many ways.

In addition to caring for the park, FOCCP has presented many events, activities and programs for the community to enjoy throughout the years.

FOCCP has been dedicated and determined to continue its mission of public service for another 25 years, or more!

AUGUST ACTIVITIES AT ARMENIAN PARK

August events at Armenian Heritage Park hosted by the Friends of the park located on the Greenway are listed below.

Sunday, August 9 at 7:30pm-Let's Get Together under the August Moon. Meet and greet, old and new friends. Dan Teager's Black Sea Salsa Combo.

Sunday, August 23 at 7pm-Celebrating What Unites

Us! Highlights: Barbados (rain date August 30).

FIFA WATCH AT COLUMBUS PARK

Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue in the North End was packed with soccer fans and others to view a FIFA World Cup Soccer Game between

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A RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CELEBRATION AT THE WEST END NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The ABCD West End Neighborhood Service Center (WENSC) gathered neighborhood seniors for a festive Independence Day celebration filled with delicious food, conversation, and holiday spirit.

Guests enjoyed a classic summertime lunch featuring hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans,

fresh salad, cornbread, and ice cream sandwiches. The meal provided the perfect opportunity for friends to catch up, share stories, and celebrate the holiday together.

Victor Pelatere from Senator Lydia Edwards' office stopped by to lend a hand, helping to serve lunch and greet partici-

pants during the celebration.

With patriotic décor, plenty of laughter, and a room full of familiar faces, the afternoon

was a wonderful reminder that the best celebrations are those shared with friends and neighbors. Events like these continue

to strengthen the connections that make the West End such a special community. Happy Independence Day!



COURTESY PHOTOS

Scenes from the The ABCD West End Neighborhood Service Center Independence Day celebration.

Annual San Gennaro Feast returns to the North End August 21-23

The Saint Gennaro Foundation of Boston, founded by Pasquale Trotta, Frank DePasquale, and Angelo Vigliotta, proudly announces the return of the San Gennaro Feast, taking place Friday, August 21 through Sunday, August 23 in the heart of the historic North End.

What to expect: Guests can experience the very best of Boston's North End, with more than three dozen food vendors and iconic restaurants including Bricco, Café Dello Sport, Aqua Pazza, Forcella, and Trattoria il Panino. From authentic Italian specialties to festive street fare, the Feast offers a true taste of Naples in Boston.

The weekend will also feature: Live music and headline performances

DJs and dancing throughout the day and night

A lively Beer Garden
Raffles and family-friendly activities

A traditional religious procession honoring San Gennaro

The celebration culminates on Sunday with a moving procession of the statue of Saint Gennaro through the North End, followed by an outdoor Mass led by the priests of Saint Leonard's Church, honoring the patron saint of Naples in a deeply rooted cultural tradition.

This year's feast will once again benefit autism awareness organizations, including A Voice for Mikey. The feast is put on by the Saint Gennaro Foundation, which is a nonprofit organization named for the patron saint of Naples, Italy. For more information, please visit: www.sangennaroboston.org

Schedule for Friday, August 21:

4:00pm: The Feast Opens to the public

5:00pm: DJ Steven Virgilio performs

8:00pm: Motown Tribute Show featuring Dr. K's Motown Review

11:00pm: Feast closes for the night

Schedule for Saturday, August 22:

12:00pm: Feast Opens

12:00pm-5:00pm: DJ Steven Virgilio

5:00pm-7:30pm: Special Guest

8:30pm-10:00pm: Soul Legends with Russell Thompkins, Jr. and The New Stylistics

11:00pm: Feast Concludes

Schedule for Sunday, August 23:

12:00pm: Outdoor Mass performed by the priests of Saint Leonard's

1:00pm: Procession of San Gennaro

2:00pm-3:00pm: Autism Rocks

4:00pm-6:00pm: The Italian Connection Band

7:00pm- 9:00pm: Vinyl Groove

10:00pm- The feast concludes
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NEW Health board members honored by Mass. League of Community Health Centers

The Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers recently hosted its Annual Awards Gala with the theme, “The Courage to Care.” Among those awarded were two longtime NEW Health board members and North End residents. The Joseph M. Smith Board Member award recognizes board members who demonstrate leadership and a commitment to supporting access to care in their communities. Denise Clancy and Marilyn Stempler were honored for their dedication and support to NEW Health over many years. Clancy and Stempler are the two longest-serving NEW Health board members. NEW Health has sites in both the North End and Charlestown.



NEW Health leaders, staff, and board members at the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' Courage to Care Gala

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PHOTOS COURTESY MASSACHUSETTS LEAGUE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
NEW Health board members Denise Clancy and Marilyn Stempler were presented with the Joseph M. Smith Board Member award by Michael Curry and Sue Levine during the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers' Courage to Care Gala.

Newly established fund helps deliver free equine-assisted therapy to veterans

By Dan Murphy

A longtime local business owner, Chris Pedersen, and his wife, Lynn, have established the Lt. Col. Rhea R. McCarthy Veterans Fund at Strongwater Farm, which helps underwrite the cost of providing free equine-assisted therapy for veterans and their immediate family members at the Tewksbury nonprofit therapeutic equestrian center while also honoring the memory of Lynn's beloved aunt.

McCarthy, who died at age 75 in 2017, graduated from nursing school at Memorial Hospital in Worcester, before enlisting in the Army Nurse Corps. She then served as an Operating Room nurse at the 8th Field Hospital in Nha Trang during the Tet Offensive in 1968 – one of the largest military campaigns of the Vietnam War. After returning home to Massachusetts, she continued her service in the Army Reserve and served her community as an OR nurse for many years.

In 2002, McCarthy retired from the Army reserves at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. She returned to Vietnam twice afterwards, volunteering with Vets With a Mission to provide healthcare to those affected by the war. She also traveled to

Africa three times with Mercy Ships, volunteering there as an OR nurse.

Meanwhile, McCarthy was always a loving and devoted aunt to Lynn, and in 1976, McCarthy gave a much-needed home to Lynn's horse, Brown Sugar, in her own backyard. The horse meant everything to the 12-year-old during a difficult time in her life, and without her Aunt Rhea's generosity, Lynn would have otherwise been forced to give up Brown Sugar.

"Lynn learned at a young age how horses can help you with your problems, and that's something she's carried through her whole life," said Chris Pedersen, owner of six Boston-area UPS stores, including locations on Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and the South End, as well as the former longtime owner of the recently shuttered Charles Street Liquors.

Lynn earned a degree in stable and farm management from Cazenovia College in New York in 1983, and for about the past dozen years, she and Chris have both dedicated their free time to volunteering in equine-assisted service work.

Lynn previously served on the board of BINA Farm Center, while Chris also volunteered for the Sudbury nonprofit ther-



Lynn Pedersen is seen at age 12 with her horse, Brown Sugar.



Lt. Col. Rhea R. McCarthy is seen during her service in Vietnam.

apeutic equine center founded by neighborhood restauranter, Babak Bina, and his wife, Coryn.

Chris, who spoke enthusiastically of BINA Farm Center, said: "Lynn and I wanted to do more specifically for veterans – more unmounted, ground-based group work. That's what led us to pursue our PATH certification as Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning, so we could lead these groups and ultimately launch our Stronger Together program at Strongwater Farm."

The Pedersens first came to Strongwater Farm about three years ago, when they were seeking to log in the necessary volunteer hours to receive their certifications as PATH Certified Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning. They've since become deeply involved in the farm, with Chris now serving on the executive board.

Last May, the Pedersens established Stronger Together – a free equine therapeutic program

at Strongwater for veterans and first responders, as well as for their immediate families.

The program, which offers five eight-week sessions a year, has included around 25 participants to date, with veterans accounting for about 80 percent and their spouses and other family members making up the rest of the program's participants.

Unlike most veterans programs, which are available only to the veterans themselves, this program is open to veterans, as well as to their spouses and other immediate family members. (The program runs on Friday mornings though, often making it difficult for many children to attend, noted Pedersen.)

When an active military member is deployed for service or any time that a veteran returns home suffering from disorders like PTSD, isolation, or depression, it inevitably also impacts their families.

"Sometimes they have to learn to be together again," said Chris

of some families that have participated in the program together.

One veteran in his 80s regularly attends sessions together with his wife and their adult daughter, who works as a physical therapist.

"Once they start coming, they keep coming," said Pedersen of the program's participants. "Horses are nonjudgemental, so in some ways, they're the therapists. You actually have to build a relationship with a horse. You have to approach and work with them in a way that's not threatening. It's a learning process, to town it down and be present to connect with a horse."

Said Pedersen: "At Strongwater, our Stronger Together program is built around exactly this kind of connection. It's a non-riding, unmounted program focused on confidence, communication, teamwork, and family, and it requires no prior horse experience. Working on

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PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS PEDERSEN

Lynn (at left) and Chris Pedersen are seen with Spud, a therapy horse, at Strongwater Farm in Tewksbury.

Glasgow traffic cone welcomed as a token of hospitality and friendship between Scotland and Massachusetts during the 2026 FIFA World Cup

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Mayor Michelle Wu, Governor Maura Healey, Massport CEO Richard Davey and Meet Boston President & CEO Martha J. Sheridan celebrated the arrival of the Glasgow traffic cone to Massachusetts. Inspired by the 40-year Scottish tradition of placing traffic cones on the heads of statues, this traffic cone represents the joy, curiosity, and friendship shared between Boston residents and Scottish fans during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, and the bond built between the two cities. Additional photos from this event are available at this link.

Over the two weeks that the Tartan Army visited Boston, Scottish fans placed cones on the Bill Russell statue at City Hall Plaza, the Make Way for Ducklings statues in the Public Garden, the Kevin White statue, and other notable sites.

“The memories from this World Cup in Boston will be passed down for generations. We’ll remember how “No Scotland, No Party” echoed throughout our city for weeks, how fans connected across all different cultures through shared pride and beloved traditions, and how the Tartan Army and Bostonians became one big family,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “This partnership is one for posterity, and Boston is honored to receive this hallowed cone as a symbol of the bond we’ve built with the Tartan Army, the City of Glasgow, and the people of Scotland.”

“The World Cup gave Massachusetts an incredible opportunity to welcome visitors from around the globe and show exactly what makes us so special,” said Governor Maura Healey. “We’re excited to welcome this Glasgow icon to Massachusetts and celebrate a connection with Scotland that goes far beyond the World Cup, one that is built on shared history,



Danny Cambell, Mayor Michelle Wu, Massport CEO Richard Davey, Governor Maura Healey, and Andrew Dobbie pose for picture with Glasgow Traffic Cone

creativity, and a sense of humor. From culture and tourism to business and innovation, we’re looking forward to building even stronger ties across the Atlantic.”

“The Glasgow traffic cone has captured the warmth and spirit that the Tartan Army brought to Boston and to Massachusetts throughout this World Cup. But beyond the fun and goodwill, this cone also represents something more enduring: the deep connections between our peoples, our cities, and our economies,” said UK Consul General to New England David Clay MBE. “Scotland and Massachusetts share a remarkable history, and this moment gives us a wonderful opportunity to build on it. We are proud to support the growing sister city relationship between Glasgow and Boston, and we look forward to seeing that partnership develop in commerce, in innovation, and in friendship for many years to come.”

As part of the ceremony, Mayor Michelle Wu issued a proclamation declaring July 14, 2026 as ‘Boston Cone Day’ in the City of Boston to mark the cone’s arrival. By issuing this proclamation, Mayor Wu encouraged res-

idents to recognize ‘Boston Cone Day’ as a day of celebration and commemoration in the city. The Glasgow traffic cone began its route at Boston Logan Airport, where it was officially signed by Mayor Michelle Wu, Governor Maura Healey, and Massport CEO Richard Davey. It will then travel to landmarks across the city, including the Massachusetts State House, duck boats, Faneuil Hall, the North End, the Freedom Trail, the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the New England Aquarium, View Boston, Fenway Park, and Boston Common, and Dunkin’. The full itinerary of the trip, along with real-time monitoring, is available at bostoncone.com

“Boston and Glasgow have always shared a special bond, but this summer has strengthened that relationship in a truly remarkable way,” said Richard Muir, deputy chief executive of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce. “The friendships formed during the FIFA World Cup have created a platform for something much bigger. From world-class universities and pioneering life sciences to technology, renewable energy and advanced man-

ufacturing, our cities have enormous potential to work together to drive innovation, attract investment and create high-quality jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. The Glasgow traffic cone is a light-hearted symbol of the warmth and hospitality that brought our people together, but it also represents a lasting commitment to closer collaboration between our businesses, institutions and communities. We are excited about what comes next for Glasgow and Boston.”

The Glasgow traffic cone carries the phrase “No Boston, No Party,” the Red Sox logo, a roll and square sausage, and bagpipes. It also has the signature of Stuart Patrick, marking the City of Glasgow’s intention to twin with Boston, and tap-to-donate technology to raise funds for Scottish Action for Mental Health and the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health.

On June 18, 2026, the City of Boston and the City of Glasgow advanced plans for a formal international partnership, building on the strong connections formed during the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The two cities plan to sign a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding during Tartan Week in April 2027, outlining specific areas of cooperation and establishing a framework for long-term collaboration.

“Since the start of this World Cup, tens of thousands of Scottish fans have been welcomed to Boston having flown through Logan International Airport,” said Massport CEO Rich Davey. “It’s an honor to host a symbol of Scotland here at Logan and raise the Scottish flag in our Hall of Flags, permanently showcasing the special relationship Boston has with Scotland.”

“Boston tourism partners are elated to welcome the Glasgow traffic cone to our city, where it will enjoy an experience that

follows in the footsteps of the famous Tartan Army,” said Martha J. Sheridan, President & CEO of Meet Boston. “We will always remember the magical moments that took place in June of 2026, when an indelible transatlantic bond was formed between Boston and Scotland. The cone symbolizes how that bond endures. A big thanks to our friends at Delta Air Lines for making this visit a reality.”

The Glasgow traffic cone visit and campaign was created by influencer and MadeBrave founder Andrew Dobbie and architect and BBC Scotland’s Home of the Year presenter Danny Campbell, turning the joy Scotland fans brought to Boston during the World Cup into a lasting symbol of connection between Glasgow and Boston.

“I still can’t quite believe the reception we’ve had from the people of Boston. It really does feel like Glasgow and Boston are soulmates. What started as a viral moment has become real life, creating real human connection between people who might never otherwise have met,” said Andrew Dobbie. “So much of what we see online can feel heavy, but this has been the opposite. It has brought people together, made them smile and reminded us that joy can travel a very long way. We have been here for about 24 hours and it has been absolutely bonkers. This amazing cone has connected us with so many brilliant people, one magic duck and a city that has welcomed us with open arms. We are hugely grateful to Mayor Wu, Governor Healey, Massport, MeetBoston and everyone in Boston for their hospitality and for making this feel so special. Now we can’t wait to take the cone around the city, keep sharing that good feeling and raise money for two incredible mental health charities on both sides of the Atlantic.”

Boston Public Library Fund announces new members of the Board of Directors

The Boston Public Library Fund (BPLF) announced that two new board members joined the nonprofit's work to support the Boston Public Library (BPL), ensuring that it remains a strong and vital resource for the residents of the City of Boston and the Commonwealth.

The new board members began their terms this summer:

- Marta Garcia is a Principal in the Intellectual Property Litigation Group at Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP and represents leading technology and life sciences companies in complex patent and intellectual property disputes. Marta is a longtime resident of Boston and is raising her young family here. As the first



Marta Garcia

lawyer in her family, she cares deeply about education, mentorship, and public institutions.

- Preston F. "Skip" Kodak is Senior Vice President, Global Commercial Operations for the LEGO Group. Skip played a key role in establishing a transfor-



Preston F. Kodak

mative partnership between the LEGO Group and the Boston Public Library, which the company announced at the opening of its new US headquarters in May 2025. The two-year initiative will bring play-based learn-

ing opportunities to children and families across Boston. Skip is passionate and committed to advancing the needs of underserved children and families at risk.

"We're excited to expand our Board of Directors with two new members who are passionate about the BPL's ability to empower individuals and families," said BPLF Executive Director Paula Sakey. "They bring tremendous experience, and we're delighted to have their expertise and insight."

Private support of the BPL plays an essential role in providing bold and innovative programs that address the broad needs of Boston's communities.

"On behalf of the Board, I want to express a warm welcome to our new members," said BPLF Board Chair Jeff Hawkins. "Their work will help the Library accelerate its ability to create new ways to drive social and economic equity."

The Boston Public Library Fund helps drive bottom-up innovation, giving the Boston Public Library the flexibility to respond to the broad and evolving needs of our communities.

While the City of Boston supports the Library's essential services, the Fund fuels the experimentation and exploration that empowers the people of Boston to shape and realize an audacious future for our city.

Annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava returns to the North End August 7-9

The Annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava will be held on Hanover Street (between Charter St. & Commercial St.) on August 7-9.

Friday: 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday: 2 - 4 p.m. and 8 - 10:30 p.m.

Sunday: 2 - 4 p.m. and 5 - 8 p.m.

Hosted by the Society of the Madonna Della Cava, a North End-based religious and cultural organization founded by Sicilian immigrants. The Society honors the Madonna Della Cava, the patron saint of Pietraperzia, Sicily, where the original festival continues to this day. Many society members are descendants of the original Italian-American

families who settled in Boston's North End.

A time-honored tradition, the feast features a grand procession through Boston's historic North End, during which a beautiful cloth banner bearing the Madonna's image is carried through the streets. As is customary, residents and visitors contribute money and other offerings during the procession to support local causes. The streets are filled with music, faith, and festivity — with more than 100 food and craft vendors lining Hanover Street. The celebration includes live entertainment, traditional Italian fare, games, and a family-friendly atmosphere that draws thousands each year.

Founded in the early 20th century by immigrants from Pietraperzia, Sicily, the Society of the Madonna Della Cava is a religious and cultural organization based in Boston's historic North End. Dedicated to preserving the spiritual and cultural traditions of its founders, the Society organizes the annual Feast of the Madonna Della Cava each August — one of the neighborhood's most treasured events. Through its festivities and fundraising efforts, the Society supports local churches, youth initiatives, and community-based charities, keeping the spirit of devotion and generosity alive for future generations.

WHATEVER (from Page 2)

France and Morocco on a huge wide screen.

The quarter final game won by France 2-0 was hosted by the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP),

With the American team out of the picture, fans quickly found the best spot possible to cheer and watch the game.

ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 19

A celebration of culture, tradition and heritage through music, dance, cuisine, storytelling and community in honor of Armenian Independence Day will be held on Saturday, September 19 from 1-8pm at Armenian Heritage Park on the Greenway.

Celebrate Armenia is a collaboration of Kamurjner (Bridges) Cultural Connections and Friends of Armenian Heritage Park, an initiative of the Arme-

nian Heritage Foundation, together with everyone joining in the celebration.

NEWNC SUPPORTS 139-140 RICHMOND STREET PROPOSAL

A request to change the legal occupancy at 139-140 Richmond Street to 20 residential units, restaurant with takeout, retail store, beauty salon, wireless communications equipment and roof deck was supported by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at their July monthly meeting.

NEWNC's agenda also included a request to build a four-story, single house with an in-law unit on the first floor with a garage on the bottom level at 6 Thacher Street.

NEWNC did not take any vote on this request because the owner/contractor Abdel Khalil was a no show.

MURAL (from Page 1)

during the city's most historical summer.

Produced in partnership with Embrace Boston and Everyon250, the mural serves as a new

cultural landmark welcoming thousands of visitors that pass-through Dewey Square.

"Public art has always had the power to challenge, inspire

and bring people together and that feels especially meaningful today, Dr. Audrey Lopez Director and Curator of Public Art for the Greenway said.

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REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The theme of this year’s Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival was titled “Boston Welcomes The World” recognizing the World Cup and Sail Boston events in the metro area.



“Odyssey” by artist Jobi Bouchard from Canada took First Place, as well as People’s Choice and Sculptor’s Choice.



“Overprotection” by artist Marie-Line Gagné from Canada took Second Place.



The C4 Energy Drink sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors. They were a prominent sponsor of the festival.



Visitors to the Festival ensure the rain that stayed coming down Saturday evening.



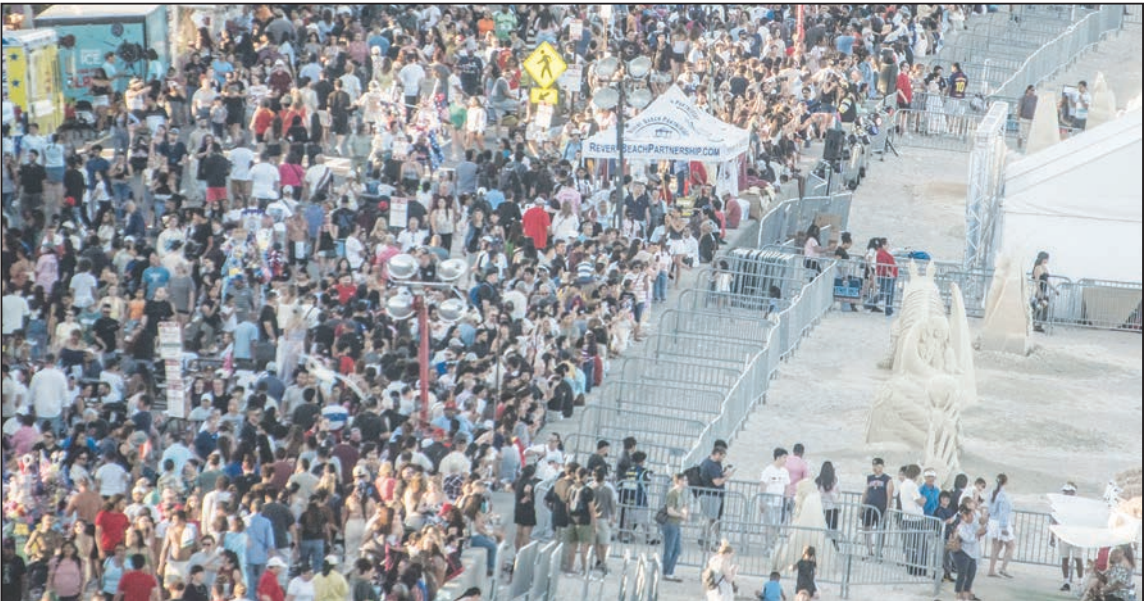
“Birds View Of Your City” by artist Bouke Atema from The Netherlands.



“Shape Shifting” by artist Morgan Rudluff from California.



Volunteer Emma Casey takes pics of visitors at the Revere Welcomes You sculpture that was made by the community of sculptors.



The view of Revere Beach Blvd from the Spider Wheel.

REVERE BEACH INTERNATIONAL SAND SCULPTING FESTIVAL

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“Digital Hideout (in real life)” by artist Hanneke Supply from The Netherlands took Third Place.



“It’s The Final Countdown!” By artist Ndrim “Jimmy” Bejko from Boston.



“Told You So...” by artist Sèveline Beauregard from Canada.



“Don’t Look Inside” by artist Joon Park from California.



Spectators enjoy the fireworks show at Revere Beach.



Sunday presented better weather for people to come out and enjoy the sand sculptures on Revere Beach.



The Spider Wheel brings visitors back to the time when Revere Beach was home to an amusement park.



Spectators enjoy the fireworks show. See more photos on next page.

Celebrating 25 Years

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Wu, USACE announce draft plan to protect Boston against sea-level rise

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Mayor Michelle Wu announced the release of the US Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) draft Boston Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study, a once-in-a-generation study to protect Boston against coastal flooding and sea level rise. This study, projected to be completed by 2028, will allow the City of Boston to access up to 65% federal cost-sharing to construct coastal resilience projects to prevent an estimated \$41 billion in damages from coastal flooding. The proposed projects outlined in the draft report are open to public comment from July 24 through September 18. Residents and stakeholders can submit their feedback and learn about upcoming community meetings and webinars at boston.gov/flood-prevention.

"Boston leads with bold action to protect our communities and our future," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "The future of our city depends on the steps we take now to build resilient communities. With more frequent flooding in vulnerable areas during extreme weather events, the Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study is critical to understanding how to protect inland neighborhoods most at risk and unlocking resources to take action. I'm grateful for all our partners working to ensure Boston is resilient, prepared, and beautiful."

"Today marks a major milestone in our shared mission of community resilience," said Lieutenant Colonel David MacPhail, Deputy Commander of the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The reality is that doing nothing is not a viable option. Without action, the costs to public safety and economic vitality from coastal flooding will only be compounded."

Flood Risk in Boston

Roughly one sixth of Boston is built on filled tidelands and is in danger of flooding due to sea-level rise and extreme



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Major flooding on Atlantic Avenue in January 2018

weather. Since 1991, Boston has experienced 24 severe storm events that triggered federal or state disaster declarations, 14 of which caused major flooding. Flooding already affects many coastal neighborhoods even on blue sky days, and flood paths on Boston's low-lying land will carry coastal storm flooding deep into neighborhoods in the decades to come.

Boston is at greater risk of coastal flooding due to expected increasing storm intensity and sea-level rise. According to USACE, over 40 percent of Boston residents (an estimated 284,000 total) live in areas that are at risk of coastal flooding, and approximately 20,000 buildings are at risk of severe flooding.

Building coastal infrastructure is critical to protect inland parts of Dorchester, Roxbury, the South End, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, East Boston, Charlestown, and even Allston, as well as access to hospitals, the MBTA, I-93, the Mass Pike, Logan Airport, and more. Without any action, some neighborhoods over a mile away from the ocean could experience severe flooding in the next 25 years.

USACE Boston Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study

The draft Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study outlines a multi-decade scope of work consisting of over 20 infrastructure projects along 16 miles of Boston's 47-mile coastline, largely in alignment with Boston's Climate Ready Boston neighborhood plans. These projects would permanently close 20 long-term coastal flood pathways (inland areas that could flood during extreme weather events). These sites have been identified by the federal government as key areas of risk that could compromise the safety and economic future of both Boston and the country at large.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) estimates \$54 billion in projected losses by the end of the century if Boston takes no action to improve its coastal resilience. However, USACE estimates that every \$1 invested in Boston's resilience through these projects will save residents, businesses, and the public sector at least \$4 in future avoided disaster losses. According to USACE's draft report, it will cost approximately \$10 billion for the baseline infrastructure to close all of Boston's coastal flood pathways. This draft report does not include additional cost estimates for project upgrades to improve public access to Boston

Harbor. As these projects are further designed in the years to come, the City expects to invest billions of additional dollars through federal, state, and private funding streams to enhance USACE's baseline coastal resilience infrastructure and improve residents' access to green space and recreational opportunities along Boston Harbor.

By partnering with USACE, the City of Boston can access up to a 65% federal cost-share for construction of the baseline infrastructure to protect Boston from flooding. Boston will work closely alongside the Commonwealth and private-sector partners to secure the remaining funding needed to finance these critical projects as they are further designed and delivered over the coming several decades. On June 1, the Boston Green Ribbon Commission announced the launch of a one-year study to identify how Boston and its government and private sector partners can fund and finance the 35% non-federal cost share to deliver on these critical coastal resilience projects. This study will analyze the total cost of inaction, the benefit and Return on Investment (ROI) of resilience investments, the funding gap to fill, funding and financing options from public and private sources, and a recommended financial strategy.

The USACE draft Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study report contains:

- Locations for projects to protect Boston against coastal flooding
- Different types of infrastructure projects proposed by the Army Corps of Engineers, such as floodwalls, berms, and floodgates
- Neighborhood characteristics, such as the environmental resources, cultural institutions, and local history, that will affect what types of projects are constructed.

Public Feedback

The locations for coastal resilience infrastructure proposed by

USACE in this study are not final. As of today, the public can visit boston.gov/flood-prevention to see:

- A summary of the USACE draft study report,
- A storymap, an immersive multimedia presentation highlighting maps, proposed coastal infrastructure projects, and notable features of the draft study report,
- Proposed neighborhood plan summaries, including the possible locations and types of coastal infrastructure projects, and
- Upcoming community meetings and webinars, including a webinar on best practices for providing public comment on August 6 at 10 AM.

USACE will publish the full draft Boston Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study on their website later this week. Residents and stakeholders can submit their feedback by September 18 at 5 PM.

Coastal Resilience Planning in Boston

This work to protect Boston would not be possible without the collaboration and perspective of our communities. Over the last decade, the City of Boston has engaged thousands of residents and stakeholders across coastal neighborhoods, making this one of the most extensive community-driven resilience planning processes in the country.

In 2016, the City of Boston published its Climate Ready Boston plan, which outlined the adaptation efforts to protect Boston from extreme heat, storm-water flooding, and coastal and river flooding. It also identified climate resilience initiatives to enable Boston to address these risks and continue to thrive in the face of climate change.

From 2017-2022, the City of Boston created local Coastal Resilience Solution Plans to identify the location of flood risks and opportunities for flood prevention infrastructure

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Wu announces launch of summer meal sites across the city providing healthy meals at no cost to youth

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu announced that all children and teens can receive free nutritious breakfast and lunch this summer through the Boston Summer Eats program. Meals are currently available to all youth 18 and under at over 60 locations across the city, such as community centers and schools. Site locations, hours, and program details can be found at boston.gov/summer-eats. For statewide Summer Eats locations, residents can call Project Bread's Food-Source Hotline at 1-800-645-8333.

No identification or registration is required to receive free summer meals. While operating hours vary, most locations serve both breakfast and lunch, and select sites provide snacks. All meals follow USDA nutrition guidelines and include milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, and proteins. Due to updated federal regulations, "grab and go" options are unavailable this year, and all meals must be consumed on-site.

"Reliable access to healthy food is one of the most important ways we keep our young people safe after school and

during the summer — reducing hunger, providing structure, and keeping them connected to their communities instead of becoming vulnerable to outside pressures," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm proud of the strong relationships we've built with our community and state partners to make this program possible, extending nutritious, no cost meals for young people beyond the school year."

The goal of the Boston Summer Eats program is to expand access to free and healthy meals for youth and teens while school is out of session. This program is a partnership between the Mayor's Office of Food Justice (OFJ), Boston Public Schools, the YMCA of Greater Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and Project Bread. Boston Summer Eats is a federally funded Summer Food Service Program administered by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, who oversees summer meal programs throughout Massachusetts.

"Summer doesn't have to mean empty stomachs or worried parents. Summer Eats is a vital resource ensuring kids and teens in Boston and beyond

have access to nutritious meals when school is out," said Erin McAleer, President and CEO of Project Bread. "Families across the state are facing rising costs of groceries, housing and other necessities. Summer Eats provides essential support in helping families bridge that gap. We are proud to partner with the City of Boston and other dedicated organizations across the state to keep kids fed during the summer months."

Many of these meals are being prepared at the Boston Public Schools' Central Kitchen in Dorchester by BPS Food and Nutrition Services culinary staff. Preparing meals in-house strengthens food quality, food safety, and operational oversight while generating cost savings not possible when relying on packaged meals from outside vendors.

"Every child deserves access to healthy, nutritious meals year-round. Through Boston Summer Eats, we're helping ensure that young people have the nourishment they need to learn, grow, and thrive throughout the summer months," said Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper. "I'm

proud of the incredible work of our Boston Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services team, who are preparing fresh meals each day in our revitalized Central Kitchen for children and teens across the city. BPS is committed to supporting students' health and well-being, strengthening our partnerships with families and the community, and making sure every young person has the resources they need to succeed. We're grateful to the City of Boston and our community partners for making this important program possible."

"Summer is prime time for youth development and joy, but it all starts with meeting the food and nutrition needs of our young people, especially when access to school meals are not available," said David Shapiro, CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston. "As part of the Y's year-round approach to providing stable access to nutritious food for our neighbors, we are proud to work with the city, state, and community organizations as an implementation partner of Summer Eats. We work to ensure Y and partner sites are welcoming, inclusive, supportive, and provide young people with the fuel

and enrichment they need to thrive."

Additional resources are available to help families access nutritious food throughout the summer months. SUN Bucks (Summer EBT) provides \$120 in federal grocery benefits for eligible families with school-aged children over the summer. These benefits are loaded onto a dedicated SUN Bucks card. If you received and used that card in 2025, you can keep the same card for 2026. Residents who are new to the program, need to apply, or require assistance can visit the Massachusetts DTA SUN Bucks website or call the SUN Bucks hotline at 855-425-8770.

The Office of Food Justice encourages residents who receive SNAP, Summer EBT, and WIC benefits to shop at local farmers markets. SNAP recipients can use the Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) at markets throughout Massachusetts to receive an extra dollar of fresh produce for each SNAP dollar spent on fresh produce.

Visit the Office of Food Justice website for more information on free or low-cost food resources in Boston.

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across each neighborhood. As a result, the City developed coastal resilience solutions and an implementation roadmap that outlines the timing by which strategies need to be constructed and next steps for advancing each proposed project in each neighborhood. USACE will be a critical partner in implementing these projects.

Following the completion of the neighborhood coastal resilience plans, the City has taken action to implement priority

projects across the city's waterfront to reduce near-term coastal flood risk for Boston's communities. The City projects underway in each coastal neighborhood include 11 projects currently in design, two projects actively in construction, and three projects that have been constructed and are open to the public. Progress on project implementation are available through the City's Coastal Resilience Project Tracker.

"All of Massachusetts ben-

efits from the protection of Boston's coastline," said Brian Swett, Chief Climate Officer for the City of Boston. "Failure to protect our city jeopardizes the entire region's economic prosperity and access to critical infrastructure, including hospitals, higher education, rail networks, highways, and job opportunities. The more we invest in Boston's resilience now, the more we will all prosper in the future."

"If we do not act, many people in Boston and across the

region could have their home, work, school, commute, or medical care affected by coastal storms and sea-level rise," said Chris Osgood, Director of the Office of Climate Resilience. "Investing in resilience will not only save lives. It will protect our regional economy and critical services, as well as enhance recreational, and natural spaces along Boston Harbor."

"The Army Corps partnership is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to unlock significant fed-

eral funding to protect Boston's major job centers and our state's economic competitiveness," said Lindsey Butler, Executive Director of the Green Ribbon Commission. "With this plan as our foundation, now is the moment for pragmatic collaboration to protect not just the coastline but the economic vitality of our city for generations to come."

Sign up for project updates on the US Army Corps of Engineers Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study.

BizUnlocked Boston Business Access Program celebrates 14 graduates

Special to the Regional Review

On Saturday, June 28, the Office of Small Business celebrated the 14 graduates of the BizUnlocked Boston Business Access Program. This is the inaugural year of BizUnlocked Boston, which is executed by Tessi Consulting.

BizUnlocked Boston is a business access program that connects small business owners to the resources, expertise, and relationships they need to build lasting businesses that create jobs, stability, and sustainability in our communities. Designed for early-stage entrepreneurs, the program connected the selected business owners with resources, expertise, and peer support to help strengthen and grow their businesses.

The pilot program took place from May 13 to June 27 and blended collaborative in-person workshops, interactive virtual sessions, and group technical assistance with small business experts.

"This program came from a need to equip early stage businesses with the information and resources to avoid common pitfalls businesses make in their beginning years," said Director of Small Business Aliesha Porcena. "It has been years in the making. Over the years, we have learned a lot from businesses and their varying experiences, and adapted that information into this program. We wanted businesses to feel part of the Boston small business ecosystem from the start, and support them as they unlock their full potential."

Applications for BizUnlocked Boston launched on March 17 and attracted 168 applicants. Applications were reviewed based on demonstrated commitment, readiness to fully participate, and alignment with the program's goals. The Office of Small Business and Tessi Consulting selected 14 business owners for the pilot cohort. The participants represented a diverse range of industries, including



The 14 graduates from the inaugural year of BizUnlocked Boston Business Access Program.

print and publishing, education and social impact, and health and wellness.

"Entrepreneurs thrive when they have access to the right tools and support at the right time," said Christie Lindor, Founder and CEO of Tessi Consulting. "BizUnlocked Boston was created to equip entrepreneurs with the knowledge, confidence, and community they need to navigate challenges, seize opportunities, and grow thriving businesses. It has been an honor to partner with the City of Boston to help make that vision a reality."

Over five weeks, these businesses participated in a dynamic blend of collaborative in-person workshops and interactive virtual sessions. This pilot program included a combination of live instruction, technical assistance, and self-guided assistance designed to support their learning and business development. Through the program, business owners strengthened business operations, leveraged technology to improve efficiency, developed marketing plans, and built a stronger foundation for long-term growth.

"Throughout the program, we

gained useful tools and knowledge that successfully helped me develop a full business plan and pitch deck to support the operations and functions of my business," said Shawn McNamara of Odd Jobs Media LLC. "It was a huge success in further developing the business to make it better serve the Boston community and beyond."

During the program, business owners gained a clear understanding of business planning, operations, marketing, and financing. They also completed

an initial business plan that will serve as a roadmap for growth or be used to pursue funding opportunities. After the program, participants have access to six months of support sessions led by technical assistance service providers. Following graduation, business owners will continue to receive support through six months of group technical assistance sessions led by small business experts.

The BizUnlocked Boston cohort is as follows:

Bak and Beverage, Food and Beverage

BlackBrownBoston, Education and Social Impact

Boston Fire Escape Pros, Construction & Safety Services

BostonToSalemTours, Tourism & Hospitality

Corte Visual, Media and Creative Services

DMS Consulting, Professional Services

Groovy Thrifty LLC, Retail and E-commerce

Locd in Boston, Beauty

Lovey Ledgers, Professional Services

Mats Boston, Health and Wellness

Odd Jobs Media LLC, Printing and Publishing

Salon25, Beauty

Tugboat Toy Company LLC, Retail and E-commerce

Valet Waste Solutions LLC, Cleaning Services

"I truly appreciate the support

and exposure BizUnlocked provided during my startup journey. The encouragement from fellow participants and the connections I made along the way were invaluable," said Sofia Baliakhova of Tugboat Toy Company. "The program challenged me to think outside the box and consider diverse perspectives, which helped me grow immensely as an entrepreneur. Having such a comprehensive wealth of knowledge consolidated into a single program was incredibly helpful. Ultimately, I feel like BizUnlocked gave me the exact key I needed to unlock both my personal potential and the full potential of my business."

The Office of Small Business is dedicated to connecting entrepreneurs with tools, resources and guidance to successfully start, grow, and build a business in Boston. Through the Office of Small Business, the City seeks to provide support to business owners to enhance their economic impact on our communities. Since 2022, the Office of Small Business has provided over 11,608 hours of one-on-one Technical Assistance for over 530 businesses; funding over 70 storefront signage and facade renovation projects; and streamlining the process and reducing financial barriers for participation in the annual Outdoor Dining program.

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vibrant and internationally celebrated summer in recent history.

The improvements enhanced the Greenway's ability to be prepared for the great number of visitors that gathered through the city for the FIFA World Cup soccer games, Sail Boston, the Tall Ships and the many 250th celebrations of America's Independence Day held in the city and state,

The major work extended

the park's long-term capacity for year-round public programs, cultural and community events and activities while making the park safer and possible nighttime events as well as winter activities.

Improvements made a better walking, running and plowing surface.

"The Greenway has become one of Boston's most important public places connecting neighborhoods, welcoming visitors

and creating opportunities for community gatherings in the heart of our City," State Representative Aaron Michleweitz, Chair of Ways and Means said.

He added, "Seeing these improvements completed during such an exciting moment for Boston ensures this park will continue servicing residents and visitors alike while strengthening the downtown experience for years to come."

New England Aquarium releases 10 rehabilitated sea turtles off Cape Cod

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Ten sea turtles were released Wednesday evening into the waters off Cape Cod, Mass., in the New England Aquarium's second local beach release of the season. The group included six Kemp's ridleys, two loggerheads, and two green sea turtles, all equipped with a combination of satellite and acoustic tags for researchers to collect data on the animals' movements.

For the past seven months, staff at the Aquarium's Sea Turtle Hospital in Quincy, Mass., treated the hypothermic turtles for a variety of life-threatening medical conditions, including pneumonia, dehydration, and trauma. Staff veterinarians cleared the sea turtles to return to Nantucket Sound from West Dennis Beach.

"Each sea turtle release reminds us of what this rescue and rehabilitation work is all about,"

said Adam Kennedy, Director of Rescue and Rehabilitation at the New England Aquarium. "We dedicate months to the turtles' recovery, and sending them back to the ocean is exactly what we work toward. This work is critical to the long-term survival of these species."

Under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, loggerhead, green, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles are threatened or endangered, facing threats including climate change, ocean pollution, and degradation of their habitats. Rescue and rehabilitation efforts help to conserve these species.

Scientists from the Aquarium's research arm, the Anderson Cabot Center for Ocean Life, worked with the Rescue team to tag the turtles for post-release monitoring. The tags collect information about the turtles' behavior, habitat use, and survivorship, which



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Kemp's ridley sea turtle "Snowcone" heads into Nantucket Sound from West Dennis Beach on July 8, 2026.

helps inform sea turtle conservation and protection efforts, espe-

cially in New England where little is known about these species. This season, the team is using a combination of satellite tags for real-time data and acoustic tags for longer-term tracking; some of the turtles will be added to the Aquarium's Sea Turtle Tracker for the public to follow their journey. This sea turtle work is permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through Permit Number ES69328.

"The tracking data we gather after each release helps us better understand and protect these species for the long term," said Dr. Kara Dodge, research scientist in the Aquarium's Anderson Cabot Center. "Research like this is what allows us to make meaningful, lasting progress for science-based sea turtle conservation."

Several of the turtles released this week were treated for traumatic fracture injuries that have since healed. "Curlz," a green sea turtle, sustained a head fracture, while "Buckaroo," "Leelawadee," and "Modern Love," all Kemp's ridley sea turtles, each sustained plastron fractures. "Cavolini," also a Kemp's ridley, also sustained a fracture injury.

Aquarium staff, volunteers, and interns have a tradition of naming the turtles receiving long-term care, with this year's theme being font-inspired names.

During the 2025 cold-stunning season, the Aquarium treated nearly 500 live sea turtles that were rescued from the shores of Cape Cod from November to December by staff and volunteers with Mass Audubon's Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. Getting these turtles back to full health requires a collaborative effort between biologists, veterinarians and researchers. There are 19 turtles remaining at the Aquarium's Quincy facility, which will be released off Cape Cod this summer once medically cleared by Aquarium veterinarians.

The New England Aquarium is a nonprofit research and conservation organization that has protected and cared for our ocean and marine animals for more than 55 years. We provide science-based solutions and help shape policies that create measurable change to address threats the ocean faces. We inspire action through discovery and help create engaged, resilient communities.

CAVA OFFICIALLY OPENS AT LOGAN'S TERMINAL B

MarketPlace Logan, which manages the concessions program at Boston Logan, and the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) celebrated the official arrival of CAVA to the concessions program at Boston Logan International Airport's Terminal B.

CAVA has officially landed at Boston Logan, bringing its signature Mediterranean-inspired cuisine to passengers traveling through Terminal B. Known for its fresh, customizable bowls, pitas, and salads, CAVA's menu is rooted in bold Mediterranean flavors and a commitment to

serving food that's both wholesome and craveable—making it the perfect option for travelers looking for a healthy, flavorful meal before takeoff.

Please find attached photos with caption information below (Photo credit: Michael Blanchard Photography).



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Shown (left to right) Michael DiCosola, President, MarketPlace Development; John Jamison, President, Paradis Lagardère; Rich Davey, CEO, Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport); and Wade Sterns, Senior Vice President, Operations, CAVA.

Boston Family Golf Nights at city courses announced

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Mayor Michelle Wu joined the Boston Common Golf and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department to celebrate the launch of Boston Family Golf Nights, a new pilot program that makes it easier and more affordable for families to learn and enjoy the game of golf together. Beginning in August at both George Wright and William J. Devine Golf Courses, this program is designed to introduce families to golf with beginner friendly introduction followed by discounted evening rounds of golf on both of the City's top-rated municipal courses.

The announcement coincides with the launch of Common Ground, Boston Common Golf's community platform dedicated to expanding access to golf throughout Greater Boston and New England. Through this partnership, Boston Common Golf will invest in programs and resources that help make golf

more accessible, including the donation of three Full Swing golf simulators to the City of Boston, two of which will be installed at the City's municipal golf courses to support instruction and year-round programming.

"Boston is a national leader in creating opportunities for young people to learn, grow, and reach their dreams. Through partnerships like this one, we're expanding access to recreational programs and helping more young people learn how to play golf without barriers," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We're grateful to Boston Common Golf and The Busyhead Project for investing in our youth and helping make the game more accessible across our city."

To celebrate the launch, more than 70 youth from across Boston participated in golf instruction at George Wright alongside 2x Grammy-nominated multi-platinum singer-songwriter and Boston Common Golf Limited Partner and Ambassador

Noah Kahan as well as Boston Common Golf player and Massachusetts native Keegan Bradley. The event was hosted in partnership with Boston Common Golf and The Busyhead Project with young golfers from Boston Public Schools, Boston Parks and Recreation programs, and Youth On Course in attendance.

"At Boston Common Golf, we believe the game should be accessible to more young people across our region," said Mark Lev, President and CEO of Boston Common Golf. "Common Ground reflects work we've been committed to since day one and provides a framework for how we'll continue to invest in opportunities that introduce more kids and families to the game. We're grateful to our partners and to the City of Boston for helping make that possible."

The Boston Family Golf Nights pilot program is designed specifically for beginner golfers aged 7-17 and their fam-

ilies. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the game, including golf etiquette, equipment, course safety, and basic techniques through hands-on instruction, including practice in the simulator. After completing the introductory sessions, families will have the opportunity to put their new skills into practice during reserved evening tee times at George Wright or William J. Devine Golf Courses, where they can enjoy an affordable round of golf together with continued guidance from staff.

"Our municipal golf courses are some of Boston's most beautiful public spaces, and they belong to everyone," said Boston Parks Commissioner Diana Fernandez Bibeau. "We're grateful to partner with Boston Common Golf to help remove barriers to the game and create new opportunities for Boston families to experience golf together. Through Boston Family Golf Nights and the broader Common Ground initiative, we're

expanding access to our municipal golf courses with affordable tee times and welcoming programming that will inspire the next generation of golfers."

The program will be offered after 6:00 p.m. on alternating weeknights at both George Wright Golf Course and William J. Devine Golf Course and will include discounted evening tee times at \$25 for a foursome with families with up to two adults and two children. Free club rentals will also be available, helping remove barriers for families trying the sport for the first time. Each instructional session is limited to 12 participants.

Registration for Boston Family Golf Nights opens August 3 at boston.gov/family-golf. To stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks visit 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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the ground with our gentle herd, veterans rebuild trust and resilience in a safe, non-judgmental environment alongside others who understand what they've been through.

"Just as importantly, the program brings in families and first responders, too, because healing rarely happens in isolation. The horses give people a shared, hands-on experience that lowers defenses and opens the door to connection, both with the animals and with each other," added Pedersen.

In a testimonial on his participation in the Stronger Together program, David A. Pais, a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserve/National Guard, said in part: "I have become more mindful when I am working with the horses and the relationship I

have developed with them. It has helped me with my other relationships with people. I am more aware of my interactions with them based on what I learn from working with the horses.

"The staff is amazing and really take a low-key approach to therapy, it is far from your typical group therapy sessions where people sit in a circle and talk about their issues endlessly. They teach us how to be aware of the horse's behavior based on my emotional state that day and help me be grounded in the moment instead of getting wrapped up in my anxiety," added Pais.

With the launch of the Lt. Col. Rhea R. McCarthy Veterans Fund, which supports programs like Stronger Together, no veteran will ever be turned away from Strongwater Farm's pro-

gramming now due to an inability to pay. (Strongwater's veteran programming is offered free of charge to participants.)

And to give the Veterans Fund an initial boost, the Pedersens have established a \$100,000 Challenge Grant, pledging to match every donation to the fund, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000.

The launch of the fund also comes as Strongwater Farm is marking its milestone 25th anniversary.

Since its inception, Strongwater Farm, which sits on 12 acres in Tewksbury on land leased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and offers a stable for a dozen horses, has "improved the quality of life and health for thousands of children and adults with special needs in the Greater Boston area through

professional Equine-Assisted Services (EAS)," according to the organization's website.

Strongwater Farm is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization (so every gift is tax-deductible), as well as one of only two EAS centers in northeast Massachusetts with Premier Center accreditation from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH Intl.).

Reflecting on McCarthy and how this fund will now serve as a lasting tribute to someone who had such a profound impact on her personally, Lynn recalls how first as a child, and then again as an adult, her life was "forever changed by the power of horses."

With a single act of kindness, her beloved her Aunt Rhea sparked a 50-year journey with

horses for Lynn that eventually led her to Strongwater Farm, where as a program facilitator, she now helps veterans find peace and healing via equine-assisted therapy.

"Rhea was a deeply private person whose life was defined by humility," wrote Lynn. "She would have been astonished by the publicity this campaign has generated but utterly overjoyed by its mission. When all is said and done, my ultimate hope is that Rhea is looking down from Heaven, proud of what we at Strongwater Farm are doing to help heal those who have served."

To support Strongwater Farm and the Lt. Col. Rhea R. McCarthy Veterans Fund at Strongwater Farm, visit: <https://strongwaterfarm.org/donate/>

CITY PAWS

Pet cleanup, home and away

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

When we brought our first Westie, Sassy, home, Penny was working for a total dog person. Jean, her boss, visited our home within hours of Sassy's arrival. Naturally, she wanted to meet the puppy. However, with her extensive doggie experience, she arrived with a basket of items we didn't know we'd need, since we were new to dog guardianship.

Today, if we were to welcome a first dog into a family, we'd fill our basket with cleaning supplies and items to prevent having to clean up after the dog, both at home and away.

At Home Necessities

Think for a moment about the types of clean up you might have to do for a dog or cat. There will be accidents around the house that require an enzymatic cleaner/stain remover to address evidence of bodily fluids. We use

Nature's Miracle Enzymatic Formula Urine Destroyer Plus Dog Stain & Odor Remover. You'll also need a gentle pet shampoo to clean the animal if needed.

Next is a basic animal first-aid kit, which should include a thermometer, self-adhesive bandages, sterile saline wound wash, chlorhexidine wash for skin issues, gauze pads, and scissors or a mini shaver to remove hair around a wound.

Preventative Measures

We've found many ways to prevent the need for cleanup or at least make it easier. We invested in waterproof throws for our furniture and bed. We love the Mambe brand and have sent these as gifts to friends to celebrate the arrival of a new dog. And, we take them with us when we travel to protect the furniture and beds in hotels or rental homes.

Puppy pads in various sizes

are great for incontinence or GI upset. If you've ever tried to pick up loose stools on the sidewalk, you know it's difficult. Our solution is to carry small pads and a plastic bag. We slip a corner of the pad under our dog when she sets up to poop, and do our best to make sure it catches what she produces. If successful, you not only leave the sidewalk as you found it but also prevent the spread of diseases from the waste.

When faced with GI issues inside, we put larger puppy pads around our Poppy's favorite resting spots and can grab one quickly if she shows signs of vomiting or diarrhea. We also used these in rental cars with our last Westie, Maggie Mae, who suffered from motion sickness.

For dogs with incontinence, in heat, or being housetrained, there are belly bands for boys and disposable diapers for girls. If you choose to use these, you

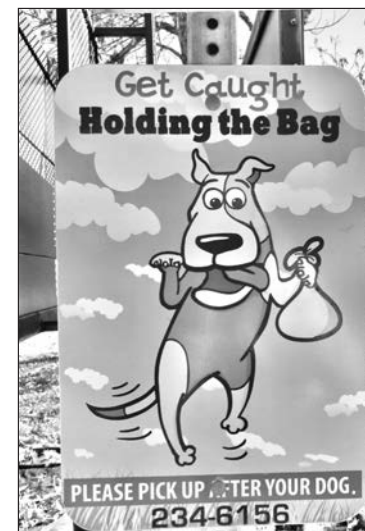
have to be very careful to change the absorbent material and clean the area as soon as it is wet to prevent skin damage from the moisture.

Always Pick Up Dog Waste

When you are out and about, there is no excuse for not picking up after your dog. It's the law, and what's more, not picking up and off-leash dogs are the weapons dog haters use to restrict access to parks, beaches, and other places we would love to take dogs.

Despite having a supply of pickup bags in our pockets, we keep an extra roll on our leash. We can share these with other dog guardians who've run out of their supply and are considerate enough to ask another dog person if they have an extra bag.

However, we also supply bags to potential scofflaws when we catch them in the act. If they know we saw them, we'll ask



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if they need a bag. If they've already walked away, we use a line that always stops them in their tracks: "Excuse me, you dropped something!" When they turn back, we offer them a bag. So far, this has not proved dangerous for us, but we suggest you use it with common sense and your own safety in mind. We all know how nasty some people can be these days.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston MA, 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, ss5-304
Docket No.SU26P1228GD
In the matter of: Lee Wells
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 Lee Wells is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Mass Dept. of Mental Health of Westborough, 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 disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 07/23/2026.

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. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 26, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
Register of Probate

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street

Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMALADJUDICATION
Docket No.SU26P1369EA
Estate of:Barbara J. Dunay
Date of Death: 06/20/2026
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Karol Jamrok of Florence SC requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Karol Jamrok of Florence SC be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/19/2026. 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 day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS

UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Janine D Rivers, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 15, 2026
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.
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Send legals to legals@eastietimes.com or call the office at 781-485-0588

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://stanthonysfeast.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

