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Visitors arrive at the Madonna Della Cava Feast on Hanover Street. See Pages 8 and 9 for more photos.

NEW Health expands access to primary care with addition of three new providers

Special to the Regional Review

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health), a community health center in Boston, announces it is expanding access to primary care with the addition of three new providers to its medical staff: internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta, and family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott. The new providers strengthen the health center's ability to meet the growing demand for primary care services. New patients – both adult and pediatric – are being accepted immediately from throughout the City of Boston, with a particular focus on individuals who live or work in the North End, Waterfront and Charlestown neighborhoods

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Shown (left to right) family nurse practitioner Bianca Dias-Pigott, internist Dr. Catherine Yu, pediatrician Dr. Patricia Guglietta.

North End native is part of documenting Jewish Community before Little Italy started

By Phil Orlandella

A grant has been awarded to Old North Illuminated (ONI), which operates the Old North Church Historic Site, to research and document that before the North End Little Italy came about, it was a thriving Jewish community in the 1800s.

The grant, a Historic Makers Community Fund that will potentially place markers on sites that recognize the Jewish community in the neighborhood.

Apparently, there is a legacy of this historic fact is still visible in the neighborhood today for those who know where to look.

A faded Star of David on a building faced. An alley renamed Jerusalem Place for a synagogue that once stood nearby and a Hebrew School inscription slowly

disappearing under grime from a restaurant next door.

The grant would potentially place markers on site in the community that recognize the Jewish experience in the community.

ONI is collaborating with international recognized scholars of Jewish history and culture as well as local history and photography exports to do fact finding results.

North End native Dr. Jessica Dello Russo, a historian who has published papers exclusively on Jewish Archaeology is working closely with ONI on the historic markers project.

She is a visiting professor of art history and archaeology at Clark University.

Together, all parties will trace

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NEWRA supports a new restaurant and space for another

By Phil Orlandella

Two agenda items were voted on at the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13 held at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

The volunteer neighborhood group voted 9 to 2 in favor of a request by North End Realty Group's application to the Boston Board of Appeal for zoning relief to convert the existing building at 81 Prince Street, first

floor commercial space into a new restaurant, Nostra, and to transfer a beer and wine license for restaurant use.

By a unanimous vote 9-0, NEWRA supported construction of a one-story atrium addition Mother Anna's Restaurant, 211-213 Hanover Street.

The addition calls for moving the atrium into portions of the outdoor patio for additional seating and a new bar.

NEWRA's next monthly meeting is September 10.

EDITORIAL

GOV. HEALEY DOES THE RIGHT THING TO BAN KRATOM

The decision last week by Gov. Maura Healey and the Mass. Dept. of Public Health to issue an order classifying kratom as a Schedule 1 drug, thereby effectively banning the sale of kratom products, removes a dangerous and highly-addictive substance from store shelves in our state.

Kratom is derived from the leaves of a tree in Southeast Asia, where it has been used medicinally in its natural form for hundreds of years with a low degree of dependency when used in moderation.

However, in this country, kratom products flooding convenience and other stores bear little resemblance to that traditional herb. Instead, manufacturers are distributing highly-potent extract powders, tablets, and gummies that isolate and concentrate kratom's active alkaloid, 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH).

Because these commercial products have been completely unregulated, consumers have had no way of knowing the dosage or chemical purity of what they are ingesting. It is these hyper-concentrated products that lead rapidly to dependency, severe withdrawal, and an elevated risk of overdose—especially among curious children and teenagers.

A number of cities and towns across the state, most recently Revere, already have taken matters into their own hands by banning the sale of kratom products in their communities.

However, local ordinances create a patchwork defense that allows buyers to simply drive to the next town over. Governor Healey's sweeping statewide ban establishes a uniform line of defense, ensuring that these unpredictable and hazardous products can no longer target the health and safety of our youth anywhere in the Commonwealth.

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By Diann Baylis

As we approach the September 1 Democratic Primary, I wanted to share with voters why I decided to run to be your next Governor's Councilor. As I've traveled across the 20 communities that make up our Governor's Council district (which stretches from Marblehead to Somerville), the first question I get when I talk with voters is, what is the

By Senator Lydia Edwards, Third Suffolk

September 1, 2026, primary election day. With only Democrats running for Suffolk County District Attorney, the race will be over in September rather than in November. We have a choice to make this year, and unlike most seats that are up for reelection, District Attorney Kevin Hayden is being challenged seemingly from his left (Rachael Rollins) and his right (Linda Champion).

I have been an attorney in Massachusetts for 20 years this November. Today, I serve as the state senator for Boston, Revere and Winthrop (three of the four towns in Suffolk County). I am also Senate Chair of the Judiciary Committee and now as the legislative session has come to an end, I am serving as a bar advocate (criminal defense attorney) for people that cannot afford private attorneys. Finally, I am an adjunct law professor at Suffolk Law School and in my spare time I am a Judge Advocate General (military attorney) in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.

I want to first acknowledge

GUEST OP-EDS

Why I am running for Governor's Council

Governor's Council?

It's the right question to ask. The Governor's Council is the elected body in Massachusetts that confirms judicial nominations made by the Governor, at every level of our courts, including the Supreme Judicial Court (the Governor's Council also confirms nominees to the Parole Board, notaries public and justices of the peace, and they play an important role in our elec-

tions).

I decided to run for Governor's Council for three main reasons.

First, as an immigration attorney, I represent immigrant children as they seek a special juvenile visa that starts in the probate court (not in the federal immigration courts). I have dealt with probate judges that are not

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Justice beyond the headlines: Why I'm voting for Kevin Hayden

that I have endorsed both Rollins (2018) and Hayden (2022) for District Attorney of Suffolk County. I have written op eds about both acknowledging their work and dedication to the people of Suffolk County. I have excitedly defended them both and enjoyed their endorsements and support. I even wrote a letter

of support for Rollins' appointment to be U.S. Attorney. I know them both personally and professionally. I have spoken to Ms. Champion less so but did meet with her while she was running for District Attorney in 2018.

I lead with all the above back-

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NEMPAC 10th annual Soirée at Paul Revere Mall

Special to the Regional Review

Get ready for a night to remember: a magical evening of community, cabaret, and conviviality under the stars as the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) hosts its 10th Annual Soirée, a vibrant fundraiser supporting equitable arts access across Greater Boston.

The event will take place on Thursday, September 24th on the iconic and historic Paul Revere Mall and debut a new theme in celebration of 10 years: "Cabaret in the City," featuring themed decor and performances, and guests are also encouraged to dress the part.

This annual gathering raises critical funds for NEMPAC's Community Music School and Performing Arts Center, helping to ensure that exceptional music education and performing arts programs are accessible and affordable to all.

The evening will feature captivating live performances by NEMPAC artists and musicians and a live auction and fund-a-need, followed by a dance after-party at Mia Roof Deck, thanks to DePasquale Ventures.

Funds raised at the Soirée will directly support NEMPAC's year-round programs that reach over 2,900 artists of all ages and abilities, through music lessons, musical theatre and movement classes, programming in local Boston Public Schools, a year-round teen internship and youth development program in partnership with the City of Boston, and continued expanded offerings at the Charlestown Working Theater.

It also helps sustain NEMPAC's professional performing arts season, including the free Jazz in the Park Summer Series and the Artist Series, and will kick off NEMPAC's upcoming 25th Anniversary Season.

This year's Soirée will honor two distinguished contributors to the arts:

- Traci Walker Griffith, Executive Director of the Eliot K-8 Innovation School, is retiring this summer after more than 34 years of leadership advancing equity, arts education, and student success in Boston.

- Robin Sidell, Chef and Owner of North Street Grille, a beloved North End restaurant, and a longtime community leader whose support of local orga-

nizations, including NEMPAC, has helped strengthen Boston's cultural and civic life.

Join us in making arts education accessible to everyone. Event proceeds fund life-changing programming and instruction by more than 40 NEMPAC faculty members across disciplines from piano and voice to trumpet, ukulele, and more.

Tickets and

Sponsorship Opportunities

Tickets, tables, and sponsorship packages are now available! To learn more or reserve your spot at this inspiring celebration, visit www.cho.io/app/public/bidapp/nempac2026

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the story of Shalom Street as Salem Street was once nicknamed and to explore new questions about how Old North Church's own congregation interacted with the neighborhood's Jewish residents.

The grant is funded by the

Edward Ingersoll Brown Fund to research and document this overlooked history and purpose permanent historic markers across the North End.

Public presentations and feedback sessions are planned for this fall.

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BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

THERE'S A CHARACTER WAITING FOR YOU ON THE GREENWAY CAROUSEL

This season, the Greenway Carousel is open until January 3 for families to visit and take a ride on this unique ADA accessible carousel that features 36 hand carved characters.

Tickets are available on site at the ticket booth, with bulk tickets at discounted prices.

There is a carousel birthday party package also available.

In addition, the Greenway will have free carousel days and family programs soon.

Visit www.rosekennedygre-

enway.com for further information.

LAST MOVIE AT COLUMBUS PARK

Get a blanket or chair ready for the last movie of the summer on Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue hosted by the Friends of the Park.

Find a favorite spot on the park to view the movie, Field of Dreams on August 23 at 7:15pm.

This summer, sponsors for the popular movie program on the park include: North End Boston. com, Meat Boston, Joe's Waterfront, Tavistock and Matt Conti Photography.

NEMPAC 10TH ANNUAL SOIREE SEPTEMBER 24

Under the watchful eye of the Paul Revere Statue the North End Music and Performing Arts (NEMPAC) will host its 10th annual Soiree at Paul Revere Mall on Hanover Street on Thursday, September 24.

The annual gathering raises funds for the community Music School and Performing Arts Center.

For more ticket and sponsorship information visit www.cho.10/app/public/bidapp/nempac26.

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FOCCP SUNSET BOSTON HARBOR CRUISE



Guests enjoying the cruise.

This year’s Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) annual Harbor Cruise saw about 100 people enjoying a sunset cruise on Boston Harbor.



The FOCCP hosted its annual sunset cruise.

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Cruise committee members Allison Seavey and Laurie Cadigan.

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THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END 54TH ANNUAL REUNION

The 54th Annual Reunion will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2026, starting at 12 p.m. at Spinelli’s, 10 Newbury Street in Peabody, MA. \$110 per person will cover the meal. There will be a cash bar available. If you plan to attend, please send a \$110 Check by September 5, payable to:

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If your email address is not on file with FONE,

please include it with your remittance so we can email you future invitations and include you in our monthly newsletter.

Coppola’s challenge is submitted by Vito Aluia:
What was the name of the fruit and vegetable store on Cross Street to the left of Guiffre’s Fish Market? The person(s) who can correctly answer the question will have a chance to win this year’s WOZ award.

Good luck!
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MaryGaye Grizwin ready for the raffle.



Neil Denenberg and friends.



Shown are guests enjoying themselves on the cruise.



Smiles all around.



Todd Bennett and Tom Kelly.



Shown are guests enjoying themselves on the cruise.



FOCCP Vice president MaryGaye Grizwin, Clerk Audrey Tortolani, President Joanne Hayes-Rines, and Membership Chair Angela Marquez.

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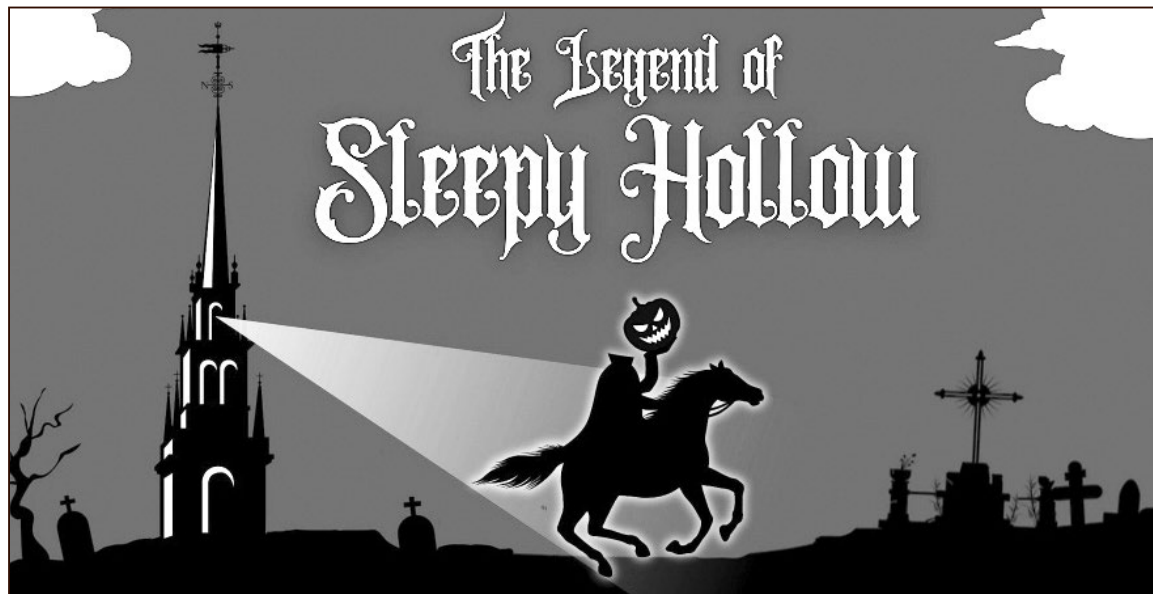
The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: A musical reading at Old North Church

The candles will be lit, the pews will be full, and the Headless Horseman will ride again inside Boston's oldest surviving church. On Friday, Oct. 9, Old North Illuminated will partner with Crescendo Productions to present "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: A Musical Reading," bringing Washington Irving's classic tale of Ichabod Crane to life inside the candlelit, 303-year-old sanctuary of Old North Church.

Actor Johnny Kinsman will deliver a dramatic recitation of the story, paired with an original score performed live by a three-piece ensemble: Josiah Reibstein on bass, Joe Kessler on fiddle, and Tev Stevig on banjo. Guests

who want to delve further into the church's past can add a 20-minute guided Crypt Tour, descending beneath the floorboards of Old North Church to learn the stories of the 37 brick tombs holding the remains of roughly 1,100 early Bostonians.

Two performances will be held, at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., with doors opening 30 minutes before each show. Crypt Tours run at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. The event takes place at Old North Church, 193 Salem St., Boston, MA 02113. Tickets are available for advance purchase only: single seats are \$36, and private pews seating three, four, or five guests range from \$100 to \$160. The Crypt Tour add-on is \$12 per



person. Seating and crypt tours are limited. To purchase tickets,

visit: <https://oldnorth.com/event/sleepy-hollow/>. To learn more

about Old North Illuminated, visit www.oldnorth.com.

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NEW HEALTH FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE

The North End Health Center's fundraising year runs through September 20, with a challenging gift of \$5,000 from EQengineer if NEW Health reaches its fundraising goal of \$10,000.

Every donation brings NEW Health closer to unlocking this challenge and trigger the additional funds.

Join North End residents and community activist Toni Gilar-di, NEW Health board member and the rest of the board to meet this challenge. Donations are tax deductible.

GREENWAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

The Wharf District will be the site of the annual Greenway Food Truck Festival on August 22 to close out the summer.

There will be 15 food trucks,

artisan vendors, family friendly crafts and activities for all ages including mini-golf, an inflatable obstacle course, free face painting and much more.

Get the family to this event.

GREENWAY CALLS FOR MODELS

Kids and families, ages 5 and up, are wanted to participate in a Greenway video session to highlight their Birthday Party program at the Carousel.

The videoing will take place on Wednesday, August 26 at the site of the carousel from 9-11am.

Participants will receive a free one-year pass to the carousel or discounts on 2026-2027 birthday parties.

Email info@rosekennedygreenway.org.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS ON THE GREENWAY

Lantern Festival

Vendors, lion dancing and

cultural performances will be a part of the returning Chinatown Main Street Lantern Festival scheduled for September 12. This event usually draws a large crowd.

Boston Local Food Festival

Sustainable Businesses Network's Boston Local Food Festival will take place on the Greenway on September 20.

The festival features nearly 100 fresh produce and local artisan food vendors, a seafood cooking competition, chef demos, family activities and more. Try it you might like it.

Let's Dance Boston

Dewey Square will be the site of the returning Let's Dance Boston from September 23 to 27.

The event offers free lessons from top dance instructors including Salsa Lindy Hoop and line dancing. Dance the night away with new found skills from live bands.

Do you want to dance.

COUNCIL *(from Page 2)*

being open minded to these kids' unique circumstances and as a result are delaying their progress, leaving them vulnerable to deportation. I want to better vet and educate these judges, so that we can streamline this process and protect immigrant kids.

Second, in my past work as a family law attorney, including as a pro bono attorney for the "Lawyer of the Day" program at the Essex Probate Court, I have supported women and children in proceedings involving restraining orders, divorce, custody, and child support. I have seen first-hand the sometimes arbitrary decisions that probate judges make, that fundamentally affect the lives and safety of women, children and families. I have seen women and children who would show up in desperate need of the court's services but were very wary to face a judge without some support which we provided. I want to make sure they are dealing with judges that will show fairness and compassion.

The third reason is that I want to make sure, as a lifelong Democrat, that every vote is counted

and that our democracy is protected and preserved for future generations. The Governor's Council is the body that certifies state election results before they are considered final. In the current political climate, with democracy under threat, this role could become vitally important.

As your Governor's Councilor I ultimately want to make sure that judges that are nominated are not only educated but also open-minded, with integrity and compassion. I have traveled to all 20 communities in this Governor's Council district and have talked to many residents who share the same concerns as I do. I will represent these views as your representative on the Governor's Council.

Please vote by mail, vote early, or vote in person on September 1, but I am asking for your vote in the Democratic primary. Learn more on my campaign website at <https://www.votefordiann.com>.

Diann Baylis is an immigration attorney, and a candidate for Governor's Council in the 6th Governor's Council District.

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Healey-Driscoll Administration awards \$15.5 million to train jobseekers for in-demand careers

Special to the Regional Review

The Healey-Driscoll Administration recently announced \$15.5 million in Career Technical Initiative (CTI) grants to 24 organizations to train 1,636 individuals for careers in high-demand occupations within the skilled trades, construction, and manufacturing sectors across Massachusetts. The administration also awarded a planning grant to one organization to support the design and development of a future CTI training program.

“Massachusetts employers need skilled workers, and people across our state are looking

for good jobs that can support their families,” said Governor Maura Healey. “The Career Technical Initiative brings those needs together by giving people hands-on training for in-demand careers and helping our businesses find the talent they need to grow.”

“There are so many people who are ready to take the next step in their careers but need the right training and opportunity to get there,” said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. “These programs give adults a direct pathway to good careers while building the skilled workforce that keeps Massachusetts com-

petitive.”

The CTI program partners with Career and Technical Education (CTE) Schools to provide adult learners, especially unemployed and underemployed individuals from underserved populations and underrepresented groups, with career training and technical skills to meet the needs of Massachusetts employers. Commonwealth Corporation, a quasi-public agency of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), administers the CTI program. In partnership with the Executive Office of Education (EOE), CTI transforms career and techni-

cal education schools across the state to become “Career Technical Institutes” that run three shifts a day for skill-building programs in the trades, construction, and manufacturing career pathways.

Last December, the Healey-Driscoll Administration celebrated five years of the Career Technical Initiative (CTI). With yesterday’s announcement, the Administration’s investment in CTI now totals \$68.4 million since January 2023, bringing total investment in the program to \$81.8 million since its launch in 2020. Across completed programs, 85 percent of individuals

completed their training, and 84 percent of program completers went on to secure employment post-training. To date, CTI has served over 6,500 participants across the state and has engaged nearly 800 employers to inform curricula in partnership with CTE schools and provide participants with mentorship and career opportunities.

Labor and Workforce Development Secretary Lauren Jones made the announcement at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School in New Bedford. The

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ground experience and political decisions to state, unequivocally, that District Attorney Kevin Hayden should be resoundingly re-elected. It is not just politics for me, it is my profession and it is personal.

Let’s talk about his qualifications. Kevin has dedicated decades of his life to community representation. He worked his way up from a young Assistant District Attorney to his appointment as District Attorney. It’s true, he didn’t run initially for this office – Governor Baker had to find a qualified public servant to replace then District Attorney Rollins when Rollins left to become the U.S. Attorney. Since starting his position as DA, Kevin has proven publicly what so many people know of him personally: he just wants to do the work. He is not flashy. You won’t find him tweeting tirades, he doesn’t come with the quick comebacks and he doesn’t play politics.

That is why we need him. If there is anything we are growing tired of its prosecution and advocacy by clicks and social media. The real work doesn’t happen on screen most of the time – it’s in the moments of crisis, it’s holding the surviving loved ones, it’s praying for the safe return

of people who are missing, it’s house calls. Kevin does all of

that. Kevin genuinely leads with his heart and most of that work is unseen.

It’s easy to judge a district attorney, or abandon one, when you don’t like the decisions they make. To bring charges against a police officer (who is innocent until proven guilty) was a difficult decision that only a district attorney can make with discernment. While some may like or may not like the decision, I don’t think there is one person that can say Kevin did it due to politics or to curry favor with the police. I would argue the same when it comes to his choice to prosecute crimes that Rollins chose to ignore. He isn’t making political decisions. He is making prosecutorial ones based on what is best for public trust and public safety.

That’s what I want in my district attorney – to just do the job – and we are getting more than that with Kevin. He has creatively approached public safety and continued programs that worked to keep people out of jail and communities safe. Fundamentally, Kevin is a man of deep faith and believes that people deserve a second chance. He supported eviction record sealing knowing that housing stability was fundamental to recovery and recovery was fundamental to staying out of jail. Kevin expanded the Services Over Sentencing pro-

gram with \$400,000 of seized drug money because “traditional court involvement is not the answer for many of the vulnerable individuals in the center or fringes of Mass and Cass. We need to present alternative solutions that identify and address the issues that brought them there in the first place..., and... money seized from drug-related convictions is a fitting method to fund it.”

Another example is Hayden’s new initiative for young adults. While Beacon Hill is deciding whether to raise the age for court involved youth to 18 years for Juvenile Court, Hayden already piloted a program. Hayden’s Emerging Adult Program follows science and creates “diversionary pathways to prosecution for emerging adults, (18-25 years old) connecting them with established non-profit organizations like ROCA to create individualized service plans in conjunction with an ongoing criminal case. The program is in 4 phases and can last 6 to 18 months during which participants meet with wrap-around services, are held accountable for their mistakes and hopefully graduate with a clean record. That is justice centered prosecution. It is also community focused accountability that allows the young person to earn a new beginning and the

community to heal.

My final example (though there are many more) of Hayden’s justice centered prosecution is his recent support and contributions to the Protect Act. This new law protects court houses, schools, and hospitals from ICE (Immigration Enforcement). For District Attorney Hayden that means prosecutions of defendants won’t be interrupted by federal agents. It means victims and witnesses will come to court and testify without fear of being detained. It means people will report crimes to the police keeping us all safer. Hayden was also a leader in ensuring U and T visa (special visas for human trafficking and domestic violence survivors) certification reforms were practical and included in the Protect Act. The process will be faster, more consistent and the reforms have been lauded by non-profits dedicated to ending sexual exploitation and abuse.

Finally, I want to say Kevin, unlike his predecessor, has the immense respect of his fellow district attorneys. Kevin was elected by his peers to lead the Massachusetts Association of

District Attorneys. In that role Kevin leads monthly meetings about criminal justice reforms policies and trends. He is a statewide leader and voice for all justice-minded prosecutors.

There is a long list of why Kevin’s opponents are not the kind of district attorneys we need. Both have continued distracting controversies. Rollins displays hers on a daily basis on social media. Champion, in a demonstration of thin-skinned vindictiveness, recently filed a lawsuit against the Globe for \$50,000 because she was “defamed” by a Globe story discussing where she lived. And, yes, Hayden was fined for campaign missteps while running for district attorney. But the difference between Hayden and his opponents is that he paid the fine and it no longer serves as distraction. He also has not made the mistake again. Essentially, the “buck” and the controversy stopped with him.

In conclusion, I am asking you, the voters of Suffolk County, to vote for Kevin Hayden on September 1. If what I described above is new to you, it’s because Kevin was focused on the work and not on politics or marketing. Kevin is a public servant that has earned your trust and your vote.

Lydia Edwards is the State Senator to the Third Suffolk District of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, that includes the North End.

MADONNA DELLA CAVA FEAST

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

The Madonna Della Cava Feast celebrated is 106th year of bringing the tradition of faith and celebration from Pietraperzia Sicily to the New World of the Boston. It is one of the many Feasts and neighborhood festivals of the North End which are open to all.



Tony Guerra eats cherrystone at the seafood booth of Anthony “The Captain” Fallano.



Hanover Street is transformed into a neighborhood party for the Madonna Della Cava Feast.



Angelina and The Unit preform on the Hanover Street stage.



Angelina and The Unit preform on the Hanover Street stage.



A bachelorette party celebrates together at one of the beer gardens at the Feast.



The Madonna Della Cava Society Clubhouse is open to age appropriate visitors to enjoy age appropriate beverages.



Matthew Doyle with Wicked Dick Tease has a t-shirt with a cheeky, Boston-based message of humor for everyone.



David Rao offers visitors done of his homemade fudge at his Chocolate Moonshine booth.



Members of the Madonna Della Cava Society toast “Viva Madonna”!

MADONNA DELLA CAVA FEAST

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN



Visitors come to pay their respects at the Madonna Della Cava Shrine on Battery Street.



Members of the Madonna Della Cava Society in front of the Banner of Madonna. The current one will be retired next year after the new one arrives from Italy after it is blessed by the Pope.



Longtime member of the Madonna Della Cava Society John Micciche (seated) with his family in front of the Banner of Madonna. The Society uses a banner of the Madonna rather than a statue as the latter could fall and break.



Workers at the seafood stall of Anthony "The Captain" Fallano serve up fresh cherrystones as well as fried shrimp and calamari.



A young couple show off their hard-won prizes at the carnival games on Hanover Street.



The lights of the Madonna Della Cava Feast light up the night on Hanover Street.



Rob with No Country For Beardless offers products for men looking to put their best beard forward.



Pete and Matt with Tony And Elaine's serve up meatballs from the famed North End establishment on North Washington Street.



Brooke and John show off their unicorn won at one of the game stalls on Hanover Street.



Nick Buccellato Jr puts a freshly prepared pie in the traveling wood oven of PieSons Pizza. They're at all of the Feasts in the North End this month.



The Madonna Della Cava Society Clubhouse is open to age appropriate visitors to enjoy age appropriate beverages.

Mayor Wu announces City Of Boston to host second-ever National Urban Rat Summit

Special to the Regional Review

Mayor Michelle Wu has announced that the City of Boston will host the second-ever National Urban Rat Summit this fall, from September 23 to 24. The two-day summit will bring together leading experts, academics, researchers, public health professionals, and municipal officials from across the country and the world to advance urban rodent mitigation solutions.

“Boston is a home for everyone—except rats. We’re proud to host the second-ever National Urban Rat Summit this September, where we will share our progress, hear directly from residents, and learn from other cities,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “Since we launched the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP) in 2024, our rodent control team has been deploying new technologies to target rodent activity, better coordination of City services based on data and analytics, and tailored strategies to eliminate rodent populations in different areas. We look forward to bringing cities together to burrow under barriers, gnaw through nagging issues, and scurry toward solutions for the highest quality of life for our human residents.”

The summit will focus on practical, evidence-based approaches to one of the most persistent challenges facing cities: managing and reducing rodent populations. Guided by the annual theme of innovation, collaboration, and data-driven action, the event will help cities exchange best practices and continue developing strategies that improve resident’s quality of life.

“The upcoming Rat Summit is an important opportunity to bring together experts, municipal leaders, researchers to exchange ideas and strengthen our collective approach to rodent management,” said John Ulrich, Assistant Commissioner of Environmental Services, Inspectional Services Department (ISD).

“Rodent activity is a challenge that extends beyond city boundaries, making collaboration and the sharing of proven strategies essential. By learning from one another and building on successful practices, we can continue developing innovative, coordinated solutions that improve public health, enhance neighborhoods, and improve the quality of life for residents in Boston and communities across the region.”

“Under Mayor Wu’s leadership, Boston launched the Boston Rodent Action Plan in 2024 to manage and reduce our rat population through improved coordination, data collection, community engagement and innovation,” said Dion Irish, Chief of Operations. This initiative has made significant progress by piloting innovative tools and technologies, improving systems that influence rodent populations, and collaborating with many city departments to help tackle this challenge. We’re excited to host the second National Rodent Summit to continue to learn new strategies and share our progress.”

“Boston is proud to host the second National Rat Summit, bringing together experts to share strategies and advance the science of urban rodent control,” said Tania Del Rio, Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department. “Boston has emerged as a leader in developing practical, evidence based strategies to reduce rodent populations in dense urban neighborhoods. The Summit reflects our commitment to learning from others while sharing what’s working in Boston.”

Boston hosting the second National Urban Rat Summit reflects the City’s emergence as a national leader in urban rodent

mitigation through the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP). Launched by Mayor Michelle Wu, BRAP is a coordinated, cross-departmental initiative that brings together more than 20 City departments, agencies, and external partners to address one of Boston’s most persistent urban challenges.

The summit will also showcase the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), which has transformed how Boston manages rodent activity. Since its launch, BRAP has:

- Quarterly meetings with City departments and partner agencies to coordinate on rodent mitigation and build a City wide integrated pest management system

- Piloted innovative technologies, including sewer and surface traps in partnership with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission and Boston Housing Authority

- Expanded integrated pest management practices while reducing reliance on traditional rodenticides.

- Improved inspection, enforcement, sanitation, and construction coordination to address the root causes of rodent activity.

- Installed rodent-resistant trash receptacles and advanced public education on proper waste storage and disposal.

- Used data, mapping, and analytics to prioritize interventions and measure outcomes across neighborhoods.

- Strengthened partnerships with residents, businesses, institutions, and community organizations to support long-term rodent prevention.

“Through the Boston Rodent Action Plan (BRAP), we are focused on improving quality of

life for all residents by reducing rodent activity and addressing the factors that contribute to it, including how we manage waste, keep public spaces clean, and limit access to food sources,” said Mike Brohel, Superintendent of Basic City Services. “The 2026 National Rodent Summit builds on this work by creating a space for cities and partners to exchange ideas, share best practices, and strengthen collaborative approaches.”

“The Boston Housing Authority is proud to be a part of the multiagency effort to reduce rodent activity and improve public health and quality of life city-wide,” said Kenzie Bok, Administrator of the Boston Housing Authority. “In our work under the Boston Rodent Action Plan, the Boston Housing Authority has transformed our rodent control protocols and technologies, creating dedicated teams that have reduced rat burrows and colonies at a rapid pace. The Boston Rodent Action Plan has brought together experts across our city, and we’re excited to share what works in Boston with partners nationwide.”

“Boston’s parks are where residents gather to play, build community, connect with nature, and keeping them clean and welcoming requires thoughtful stewardship and innovative solutions,” said Diana Fernandez Bibeau, Commissioner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and Deputy Chief of Open Space. “From proactive maintenance and landscape management to installing new rodent-resistant trash receptacles, the Parks and Recreation Department is helping reduce rodent activity in our public spaces. We encourage residents to join us in caring for our parks by properly disposing of trash and cleaning up after their pets. Through the Boston Rodent Action Plan, we’re proud to work alongside our City partners to share what’s working in Boston while learning new strategies to create cleaner, healthier

parks and neighborhoods.”

“We’re excited to welcome leaders from across the country and around the world to address one of the biggest challenges facing cities today,” said Dennis Roache, Superintendent of the Waste Reduction Division. “Tackling rodent challenges requires collaboration, sharing what we’ve learned, and developing solutions that make a real difference for residents. This summit is an opportunity to learn from one another and advance strategies that help create cleaner, healthier communities.”

“Boston Water and Sewer Commission is proud to partner with the City of Boston and other stakeholders on an innovative pilot program to address rodent activity through improvements to our sewer infrastructure. By testing new sewer trap and monitoring technologies, we are taking a proactive, data-driven approach to better understand and reduce rodent movement within the sewer system,” said Chase Berkeley, Chief of Operations at Boston Water and Sewer Commission. “This collaborative effort reflects our commitment to protecting public health, enhancing the reliability of our infrastructure, and supporting cleaner, healthier neighborhoods for Boston residents and businesses.”

As cities across the country look for more effective and sustainable approaches to rodent mitigation, Boston is proud to host the National Urban Rat Summit as a forum to share lessons learned, evaluate emerging research, compare innovative technologies, and strengthen partnerships that will help cities reduce rodent populations and improve quality of life for residents.

“Significant advances have been made in both the science and the practice of controlling rats in modern cities over the past several years. The 2nd Nation-

New England Aquarium applauds Boston flood protection plan

Special to the Regional Review

Given its location on Boston's waterfront, the New England Aquarium is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, experiencing flooding during storm surges, king tides, and other extreme weather. Since 2019, the Aquarium has been among those leading the conversation about sea level rise and the importance of coastal preparedness, advocating for a comprehensive resiliency plan for Boston and championing a downtown waterfront for all—one that is resilient, accessible, and inclusive. The Aquarium is a member of A Better City, Boston Waterfront Partners, the Coal-



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New England Aquarium.

tion for a Resilient and Inclusive Waterfront (founding partner), the Green Ribbon Commission, and the Wharf District

Council—all entities invested in advancing this vision. For the last two years, the Aquarium has engaged with the City of Bos-

ton and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) as they conducted the Coastal Storm Risk Management Study for the City of Boston.

In response to the release of the full Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic Environmental Assessment, the New England Aquarium is sharing the below statement from President and CEO Vikki N. Spruill.

“The New England Aquarium applauds the City of Boston and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, whose Draft Integrated Feasibility Report would protect lives and billions of dollars in public and private assets along the waterfront and inland from future coastal flood events and sea level rise, while paving the way for an accessible, resilient, and inclusive waterfront for all. The proposed comprehen-

sive system plan is a necessary and wise investment in Boston's future, created through a process that provides a pathway to federal investment. Now, Boston has the ability and the opportunity to demonstrate what is possible when public leadership, private investment, scientific expertise, and civic ambition come together around the common goal of making our great city a global model for coastal resilience.”

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.

NEW HEALTH *(from Page 1)*

of Boston. Patients who live or work in Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett and Somerville are also accepted.

“As our communities continue to grow, so does the need for accessible, high-quality primary care,” said Vincenzo Scibelli, CEO of NEW Health. “We’re excited to welcome these talented providers, whose experience, compassion, and commitment to community-based care will help us continue delivering exceptional care to patients of all ages and of many cultural backgrounds. All our new providers are bilingual.”

Dr. Catherine Yu joins NEW Health as an internal medicine physician with additional specialty training in infectious diseases. She earned her medical degree from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and completed her residency at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. Fluent in both English and Spanish, Dr. Yu is passionate about improving access to care and serving the diverse medical needs of the community.

Joining the pediatric team is Dr. Patricia M. Guglietta, an

experienced primary care pediatrician who graduated from Harvard College and the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Before coming to NEW Health, she spent more than 20 years at MGH Chelsea, where she served as the sole pediatrician in the refugee program. During her tenure, she was part of a team recognized with a Partners in Excellence Award and was a finalist for the Schwartz Center Compassionate Caregiver Award. Fluent in Spanish, Dr. Guglietta has extensive experience in complex pediatric care, school advocacy, and caring for refugee families. She looks forward to growing NEW Health's pediatric practice while providing compassionate, equitable, and collaborative care to children and families.

Bianca Mara Dias-Pigott, MSN, APRN, FNP-C is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in Family Medicine. She is fluent in English and Portuguese and brings a diverse healthcare background shaped by her training and experience in both Brazil and the United States. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Duke University and com-

pleted her Family Nurse Practitioner clinical training at NEW Health, caring for pediatric, adult, geriatric, and OB/GYN patients. She chose to return to NEW Health because of its commitment to compassionate, culturally sensitive care and its mission to improve the health and well-being of the community. Passionate about building lasting relationships with individuals and families, she strives to empower patients through education and partnership in their healthcare journey.

Patients can make appointments with new providers at www.newhealthcenter.org or by calling (617) 643-8070.

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.

More information at www.newhealthcenter.org, on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

SUMMIT *(from Page 10)*

al Urban Rat Summit of 2026 hosted by the City of Boston brings together the essential collaborations of rodent scientists, municipality specialists and local governments involved in urban rat management programs,” said Bobby Corrigan, Ph.D. Urban Rodentologist. 2026 National Urban Rat Summit Planning Committee Member. “The goal of the summit is to bring the perspectives of national and international minds to share collective findings, new technologies, and innovations in city operations that promises collaborative cutting-edge updates towards the centuries-old challenge of controlling urban rats.”

“Rats have increasingly become a plague on cities nearly everywhere,” said Dr. Richard Pollack, Ph.D. Parasitology and 2026 National Urban Rat Summit Planning Committee Member. “Rat-centric municipal planners, regulators, practitioners, and academics will assemble in Boston for the sec-

ond ever National Rat Summit to share experiences, scrutinize new research findings, and compare strategies aimed to protect the health of the public and the integrity of buildings and infrastructure.”

“The National Urban Rat Summit is a unique opportunity to convene the relatively small group of rodent experts that deal with rats at the municipal level,” said Dr. Matthew Frye, Professor at Cornell University. “The second of its kind, the Boston Summit will showcase innovative, practical strategies that city leaders and practitioners can take home and put into action immediately. Over two days, academics, industry leaders, and government professionals will exchange ideas, share lessons learned, and explore emerging approaches to rat mitigation, while building the relationships and partnerships that strengthen our collective ability to create healthier, more resilient cities.”

Suffolk County DA Hayden is proud of his many accomplishments

By Cary Shuman

When Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden was introduced at a recent political event in Revere, the applause was substantial.

Revere Mayor Patrick Keefe praised Hayden in his remarks, stating, “We’re here to celebrate our public safety. We have the most sworn officers, police and fire, that we’ve had in over two decades. We haven’t had a homicide in the City of Revere in over four years.”

A week later at an event in Chelsea, residents gave Hayden an equally enthusiastic and respectful welcome as City Councilors Leo Robinson and Calvin T. Brown hailed the district attorney’s many accomplishments during his four-plus years in office.

“Kevin Hayden has done a tremendous job working with our law enforcement officials in protecting our residents and



Kevin Hayden

engaging with our community,” said Robinson. “He has been highly visible at events promoting public safety and his office has always been accessible and professional in its immediate response to correspondences and phone calls from our residents. He always has a team present at such events as National Night Out and public meetings.”

Hayden, who is seeking a sec-

ond term as district attorney for Suffolk County that encompasses Boston, Revere, Winthrop, and Chelsea, said, “We have accomplished a lot of things in the short time that I’ve been in office, and we need to make sure that good work continues.”

Statistics indicate that there has been a significant decline in incidents of crime across the county that has 800,000 residents.

“Historically low crime rates don’t happen by accident, and a lot of what we’ve done over the course of the first term has helped achieve that,” said Hayden, a graduate of Dartmouth College and Boston University Law School. “Whether that’s dealing with our Juvenile Alternative Resolution (JAR) Program helping our young people and keeping them away from our criminal legal system – a program which we’ve expanded to emerging adults – it has been extraordinarily successful so far.”

Services Over Sentences (SOS), an alternative-to-prosecution program launched in 2022 by Hayden, has been a focus of the DA’s office in addressing the opioid crisis.

“The opioid epidemic continues to be a problem for us, particularly in our South End neighborhood right now, and our focus is on recovery, on getting people we call high-risk, high need, into the treatment that they need, the housing access that they need, and to give them the opportunity to build a life that they need, and hopefully, first and foremost, to get clean and sober. That’s how we address that problem. That way we can prosecute people less, and it saves lives – we have real proof of having saved lives through our Services Over Sentences program.”

Speaking about the intervention and prevention aspects of his office, Hayden, who oversees approximately 165 attorneys and 310 staff members overall, noted, “We have our Fraud Fighters piece, which is primarily geared toward our elder community, but as time goes on, we’re finding that our younger folks are very interested in it as well. When you talk about online fraud, phone scams, and the things that are happening now, particularly in this new age of AI, it’s a rampant problem. It’s one that’s hard to prosecute, so we know and we’ve learned that intervention and prevention are our most useful way of combating that problem, telling people exactly what scammers are doing, and staying up-to-date and one step ahead of them, and letting our communities know how they can prevent themselves from being defrauded.”

Hayden said that retail theft continues to be “a real issue.”

“The reality is there is no one-size-fits-all solution in how you tackle that problem,” said Hayden. “Someone who’s homeless and down and out, and starving for food who is stealing is a lot different than someone who’s running out of a store with thousands of dollars of merchandise at a time and doing that for a profit. So, we have partnered with our retailers and with law enforcement to make sure we are dealing with shoplifting and retail theft in a comprehensive and effective way.”

Hayden emphasized that his office “will always focus on the most serious and most violent crimes, first and foremost.”

“That’s what keeps people up at night, that’s what people are concerned about – everyone wants and deserves to be safe,” said Hayden. “And we continue

to focus on violent crime, and how to drive it down, and how to be better. But we’re doing very well in that area. We are seeing historically low crime rates across the board.”

Hayden smiled when he was asked about the rousing receptions he has garnered at local events. He knows that there is work still to be done.

“I’m just extraordinarily humbled by the response I’ve received in our communities – it’s humbling to know that people have the confidence in my staff and me and the work we’re doing,” said Hayden. “I’m proud of the work we’ve done during my term. Rome doesn’t get built in a day. It takes time to establish things that we’ve established – the extraordinary successes across every major area. We’ve also improved the office internally as well, from a professional development standpoint, from raising the salary of our assistant district attorneys and all our staff. We’ve been able to work very closely with our legislature to get salaries increased for our staff – that’s very important when it comes to retention and being able to keep people around. And we’ve also increased the number of staff. We have 40 more people working in the office than we had before, and we continue to work on adding some more, because if you don’t have the people to do the work, then it’s hard to get it done. I’m so proud of the work we’ve done. We have some of the best public servants in the entire state doing this work. We’re proud of what we’re doing in Suffolk County, keeping our communities safe while also continuing to advance important ideas around criminal and legal reform. But we’re not resting on our laurels.”

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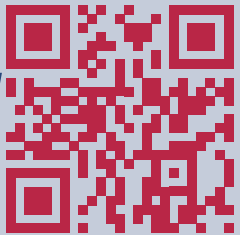


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Emerald Necklace Conservancy encourages everyone to celebrate Labor Day by enjoying Boston's public parks

Special to the Regional Review

This Labor Day weekend, the Emerald Necklace Conservancy is encouraging residents and visitors alike to celebrate the holiday by spending time in Greater Boston's most treasured public landscape: the Emerald Necklace parks.

Labor Day honors the contributions of working people who have built and continue to shape our communities. One meaningful way to celebrate that legacy is by enjoying the public parks that were created to be accessible to everyone. That vision was at the heart of Frederick Law Olmsted's design for the Emerald Necklace. Widely regarded as the father of American landscape architecture, Olmsted believed parks should serve as democratic spaces where people of all backgrounds, occupations, and walks

of life could find rest, recreation, inspiration, and connection with nature—and with one another.

Boston's parks are now easier to discover than ever. The Emerald Necklace Conservancy recently launched an interactive map as part of its newly transformed and enhanced website, putting the entire 1,100-acre park system at visitors' fingertips. Designed to inspire exploration and make the parks more accessible to everyone, the map allows users to discover scenic pathways, landmarks, destinations, amenities, and access points—and easily plan their own adventures throughout the Emerald Necklace. Whether looking for a new place to walk, a favorite destination, or a hidden gem to explore, the interactive map makes it easier to find your way and experience all that Boston's iconic park system has

to offer.

“This Labor Day, we hope everyone will experience the Emerald Necklace and celebrate the enduring idea that great public parks belong to all of us,” said Karen Mauney-Brodek, President of the Emerald Necklace Conservancy. “Whether you're taking a walk, riding a bike, enjoying a family barbecue, or simply finding a quiet place to contemplate, the Emerald Necklace offers something for everyone.”

From the winding trails of the Riverway to the broad meadows of Franklin Park and the scenic shores of Jamaica Pond, the Emerald Necklace offers countless opportunities to enjoy the outdoors over the holiday weekend and throughout the year. Time spent in nature and green space supports both physical and mental well-being—providing opportunities to walk, exercise, recharge, reduce stress, and connect with the natural world. The Emerald Necklace offers space for everyone to move, breathe, and reconnect.

To explore the interactive map and learn more about the Emerald Necklace, please visit www.emeraldnecklace.org

The Emerald Necklace Conservancy is a non-profit organization founded in 1997 to steward and champion the Emerald Necklace, Boston's largest park system. The Conservancy protects, restores, helps maintain and promotes the Emerald Necklace's seven distinct parks

designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, and comprises 1,100 acres of meadows, woodlands and paths. In collaboration with its public partners, the Conservancy provides maintenance of the parks and capital restoration projects, free cultural events, vis-

itor services and environmental education. The parks serve as a respite from the city, a valuable commuting connector and a community convener for more than one million residents and tourists each year. www.emeraldnecklace.org.

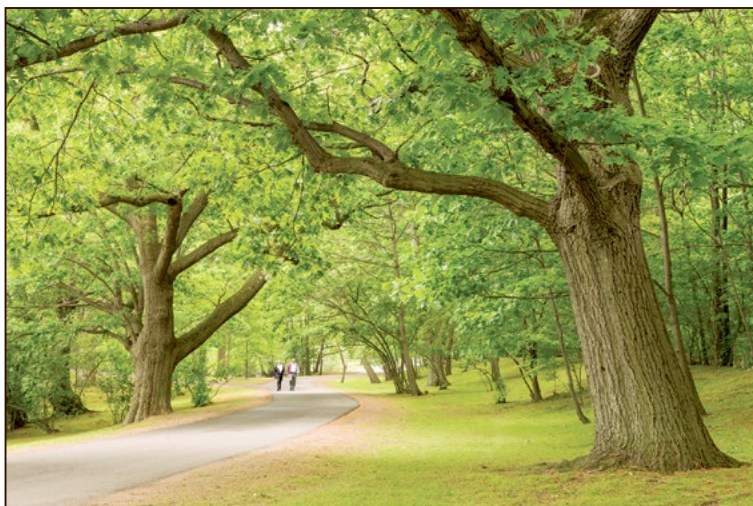


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Park in Emerald Necklace.

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City of Boston Election Department issues reminders ahead of State Primary, issues call for poll workers

Special to the Regional Review

The Boston Election Department is reminding voters that the State Primary will take place on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. This election will determine the candidates on the ballot in the upcoming State Election on Tuesday, November 3.

Poll Worker Recruitment

The Election Department is recruiting poll workers for the upcoming State Primary on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. Poll workers are paid a stipend ranging from \$160-200 in addition to payment for required training. Being a poll worker is a meaningful way to give back, participate in democracy, and help neighbors vote in elections. Residents can request to be assigned a location close to their home. Bilingual applicants are strongly encouraged.

Residents can apply or get more information at boston.gov/pollworkers, by emailing the Election Department at pollworkers@boston.gov, or by calling 617-635-0905.

Voter Registration

The voter registration deadline for the State Primary on September 1 is Saturday, August 22, 2026.

Voters may register:

- In person: At the Boston Election Department, 1 City Hall Square, Room 241, Boston, MA 02201, by Saturday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.
- Online: At voteinma.com by Saturday, August 22, 11:59 p.m.
- By mail: Registration forms must be postmarked by August 22

In-Person Early Voting

In-person early voting will run from Saturday, August 22 through Friday, August 28. Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location.

Boston City Hall will serve as the primary early voting site, with voting on:

- Monday, August 24, Wednesday, August 26, and Friday, August 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 25 and Thursday, August 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Voters are encouraged to enter Boston City Hall using the North side entrance on Congress Street (across from the Haymarket T-Station).

Additional early voting locations are available in neighborhoods throughout the city on the following dates:

- Saturday, August 22 and Sunday, August 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 25, and Thursday, August 27 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

All early voting sites are equipped with electronic poll books for voter check-in. Early voting locations will be well-staffed with poll workers and interpreters. All sites are fully accessible to voters with disabilities.

Vote By Mail Application

The vote by mail application deadline is Tuesday, August 25 at 5:00 p.m. Voters may apply for a vote by mail ballot through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website, by visiting the Election Department in room 241 at City Hall, or by mailing an application. Voters should not place applications in ballot drop boxes as this will delay processing.

Voters can track vote-by-mail or absentee ballot at trackmyballotma.com.

Accessible Voting

The Accessible Electronic Voting System allows voters who are unable to independently read, write, hold, or physically manipulate or mark ballots to

submit their ballot via a secure electronic delivery system. Voters who qualify for an Accessible Electronic Ballot may apply online. The deadline to apply for an accessible ballot is Tuesday, August 25, at 5:00 p.m. To get access to the electronic ballot, voters will need to provide their email address.

Poll Pads Electronic Check-in

Poll Pads will be used to check-in voters at each Early Voting location. The voting process for voters remains the same: voters will check in with a poll worker, receive a paper ballot and envelope, mark their vote, seal it in the envelope, and return it to be counted on Election Day or processed in advance at an authorized facility.

Central Tabulation

On Monday, August 24, the City of Boston will begin processing mail-in and in-person early voting ballots cast in the State Primary for all 275 precincts. Ballots will be removed from their envelopes and fed into a tabulator at Boston City Hall, One City Hall Square, Room 801, Boston, MA 02201.

Only ballots received prior to Friday, August 28, 2026, will be removed and deposited in Room 801.

Advance Processing Schedule

Ballot removal and processing will occur daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning on Monday, August 24 through Tuesday, September 1, 2026, with processing beginning at 7:00 a.m. on September 1 (if necessary) and continuing until all ballots have been processed.

• All ballots advance processed by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026, will be centrally tabulated.

• All other ballots received by 2:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, September 1, 2026) will be

delivered to their respective precinct for processing.

• Ballots received after 2:00 p.m. on Election Day will be processed after the close of polls at 8:00 p.m., once the voter lists from each precinct have been received by the Election Department.

The list of precincts to be processed can be found on the public notice.

Media Guidelines

Where To Stand: Members of the press must remain behind the guardrail. While many polling places are not equipped with a physical guardrail, the area within the "guardrail" encompasses the check-in table, the voting booths, and the ballot box. Only poll workers and voters should be within this area.

Interacting With Voters and Poll Workers: Members of the press, like all other observers in the polling place, may not interact with voters while they are in the polling place. Further, observers who have questions about where they should stand and what they are allowed to do while observing should ask to speak to the warden. The warden may provide members of the press with information regarding

their rights as observers.

Photography: Photography of the voting process in the polling place is permitted, though marked ballots may not be photographed. Photographers are allowed inside the polling place to photograph the area from outside the guardrail. The warden may instruct the photographer not to take photos of any marked ballots.

Video and Audio Recording: As with photography of the polling place, video recording of the polling place is allowed. Audio recording of the polling place is not permitted under state law. Anyone recording in the polling place must have the ability to record without capturing audio and should be instructed to do so by the warden. Those who are using electronic equipment may not use the electricity in the polling place to power their equipment.

Exit Polling: Exit polling and interviews of voters are permitted outside, within 150 feet of a polling place, as long as it does not interfere with a person or voter on their way to an election. Only voters leaving the polling place may be stopped. Voter access to the polling place should not be impeded in any way.

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North End Italian Feast and Processions guide

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

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

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