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City addresses North End outdoor dining and parking

By Phil Orlandella

When the City of Boston officially announced that for the second consecutive year that outdoor dining has been authorized in the North End until December, residents expressed some concerns about the project.

Like last year, concerns were expressed relating to noise, safety, traffic flow, social distancing, closing hours and especially replacement parking due to the loss of spaces created by the program.

Before outdoor dining began, the City held a virtual public meeting to inform the community of the proposed plan and action taken related to concerns raised.

"Residents received a complete update on outdoor dining that has started," North End Neighborhood Services Liaison John Romano, Jr. told the Review. "Like last year, the City has devel-

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HELPING OTHERS

Chicken Parm and Pasta from Saraceno's was delivered hot and fresh to the Ausonia Apartments. An Enhancement Grant made this donation possible from the Age Strong Commission.

Rose Kennedy Greenway names Chris Cook as new Executive Director

Special to the Regional Review

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy has announced the selection of Chris Cook as its next Executive Director.

"Chris' deep local experience in open space, parks, and community engagement is a tremendous asset for both the Conservancy's and The Greenway's next chapter," said Doug Husid, Chair of the Greenway Conservancy Board. "We are delighted to have Chris at the helm as we emerge from the pandemic and continue to strengthen our community connections, world-class horticulture, and remarkable art programs that are the hallmarks of The Greenway."

"The Greenway represents one of the greatest transformations of urban space in American history," said Cook. "I am honored to join the Conservancy to continue to contribute to and expand on The Greenway's success and thrilled by the opportunity to focus deeply on such an important public park and resource."

The Greenway is a park like no other. It has transformed downtown Boston and delivered on the promise of the Big Dig to create a vibrant green space that is filled with thought-provoking experiences and connections. The nonprofit Greenway Conservancy has sole responsibility for managing all aspects of The Greenway and utilizes that responsibility to create year-round beauty, robust and inclusive programming, and artistic experimentation. Cook is a local expert with deep community connections who can hit the ground running; under his leadership, the Conservancy is well-positioned to engage with and lift up the diverse communities across Boston and the Commonwealth

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Chris Cook named as the next Executive Director of The Rose Kennedy Greenway.

NEWRA opposes new restaurant closing hours

By Phil Orlandella

A request for a change in hours by Monica's Trattoria, 67 Salem Street was voted against (10-15) by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) at its April monthly meeting.

The current closing hour is 11 PM, seven days a week. Requested changes Monday through Thursday 12 AM and Friday through Sunday 1 AM.

A negative response by residents for the development of a hotel at 42 Cross Street, North End was indicated at the meeting.

Stillman Street residents and others expressed concerns relating to noise, parking, traffic flow and the suggested 55-foot structure (which meets the height requirements).

Residents also complained about the public process with one person suggesting the return of Pace's Grocery and Maria's Bakery Shop. Apparently both the city and developer have made every effort to conduct regular public meetings.

The developer has submitted and expanded PNF to the BPDA. Comment for the present proposal is April 19.

Plans call for two-ground-floor restaurants, a roof-top dining area on multi-parcels of land including a parking lot.

NEWRA has sent a comment letter to BPDA.

Nick Black, managing Director of the Trustees Boston Waterfront Initiative discussed a recently launched survey of residents, workers and business owners that seek to learn more about community preference to a developing open space along the Waterfront in the North End.

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EDITORIAL

NUMB TO THE NUMBERS

With just about all of the states now reopening their economies, the conventional wisdom among most Americans is that the worst days of the coronavirus are behind us.

Yet the reality is that hundreds of Americans continue to die and tens of thousands more are contracting the disease each and every day.

This past Monday, April 12, for example, the New York Times -- which gets its data from Johns Hopkins University -- reported that 476 Americans died from the virus and that there were 72,286 new cases on that day.

Admittedly, these numbers pale in comparison to the 3000 Americans who were dying and the 300,000 new cases that were being reported each day at the pandemic's height this past winter.

But even these lower daily figures still are huge, rivaling the numbers that were in evidence last spring and summer.

Yet despite the ongoing tragedies of friends and family members across the country who are succumbing to the pandemic, there has been a complacency developing among most Americans about the virus.

To be sure, all of us are suffering from virus fatigue, attributable to the quarantining, restrictions, and omnipresent fear of catching the disease.

In addition, with the vaccine rollout proceeding ahead of projections, most of us believe that the worst is behind us.

And while that may be true, we still have a rough road ahead. With the announcement earlier this week that the one-and-done Johnson & Johnson vaccine is linked to serious side-effects in a tiny number of recipients, the national vaccination program will be facing a slowdown.

More ominously, the so-called United Kingdom variant of the virus now is the dominant case-type in the U.S. -- and that variant has been shown to be 60% more contagious AND 67 percent more deadly.

Even more worrisome, the variants that have been attributable to Brazil and South Africa are thought to be more resistant to vaccine-efficacy AND have been shown to reinfect persons who previously had caught the disease.

The arithmetic is this: More Americans still are dying each and every week from the coronavirus than were killed on 9/11. Let that sink in for a moment.

For those of us who like to compare the fight against COVID-19 to a war, the proper analogy to WWII is this: We may have won the war in Europe (V-E Day was on May 8), but American troops still were fighting and dying in the Pacific in epic battles on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, we are not at the end of this pandemic and, in view of the huge numbers we are seeing nationwide, we may not even be at the beginning of the end.

Although we may be at the end of the beginning, it is premature to let our guard (which is to say, our masks) down.

The reality that we all must acknowledge is this: We still have a long way to go before we can declare victory over COVID-19.

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GUEST OP-ED

Mask wearing in America

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Like most everyone else, I'm tired of wearing a mask.

Every time I go to the grocery, a restaurant, church, or work I have to put on a mask. Not long ago, if we wore a mask into a bank or convenience store, the attendants would be alarmed and call 911. Today if we don't wear one, we are in trouble and not welcomed.

A lot of people have died from Covid-19 and thus I understand masks are important in this pandemic era. I don't want a disease. I have had two Pfizer shots and I wear a mask most every place I go.

Is it our American, God given right to take off our masks? While we are free to take off our masks, others are free to ask us to put them on. The business owner has the freedom to require a mask. The airlines have the freedom to require masks. The religious assembly has the freedom to require you to wear a mask. People with whom you socialize may ask that you wear a mask. Of course, you are free to not patronize those businesses, forsake religious assembly and not hang out with certain people.

You are free to go maskless if you want to. However, you aren't free to be in someone else's face without a mask if they don't want you there without one. There are many places where you aren't allowed to smoke. There are some businesses that will not allow your pet. They have the freedom to refuse you service and you have the freedom to go somewhere else. This is America.

We've all been to the funeral home around sick people. A dear friend of mine eulogized a funeral in late November. Two people were in attendance who had Covid-19. He caught the virus and was dead by mid-December. He spent his last two weeks of life isolated in intensive care. He meant well in trying to help out a family in their time of grief. It cost him his life. He had been very active and healthy.

I've spoken in churches and to groups where people would come up and shake my hand and then say, "Well, I've been sick, but I came anyway." They acted like they should have received a trophy for coming and contaminating everyone. In reality, their actions were inconsiderate of everyone else's health.

State governments may remove mask mandates. However, keep in mind that business owners still have the right to require masks. Churches still have the right to require masks. You don't have to let anyone in your home without a mask if you choose.

We have freedom in America to make choices - all of us.

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GUEST OP-ED

Don't let the pandemic delay advance care planning

By Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN

Note: This article is published in observance of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Times of our lives may be forever defined as what happened "before the COVID-19 pandemic" and everything after that.

One thing that hasn't changed is the importance of having conversations with your family and health care professionals about your preferences for medical care if you were unable to speak for yourself.

In fact, the pandemic has only highlighted why it's so important. Patients and family members who had advance care planning discussions prior to the pandemic are prepared when faced with a serious illness or medical crisis. They're comfortable sharing these discussions with healthcare professionals, as in, "IF mom gets COVID-19, and IF it is severe, she would/would not want X, Y, or Z."

Unfortunately, few families are that well prepared. Only one-third of U.S. adults have discussed or completed advance directive documents such as a health care proxy, power of attorney, or living will that help guide family members and health care professionals as to what kind of medical treatments you would or would not like to receive if you were unable to speak for yourself.

•Don't wait for a crisis

One of the biggest challenges I've seen during the pandemic is working with families who have not had any in-depth advance care planning discussions. Whether due to COVID-19 or some other illness, their loved one's health suddenly was declining, and they had not been able to spend much time together because of the pandemic. Perhaps the patient lived in a facility with visitor restrictions or the patient limited visits out of infection concerns. The patient's decline SEEMED sudden to the family, who was not seeing it happen as they normally would over days, weeks, and months. It was hard for them to believe, and thus hard to think in that moment about the crucial need for advance care planning conversations.

Many older adults have vision, hearing, or cognitive deficits and in-depth conversations over the phone or video are difficult. And video chats are not the same as in-person discussions. The conversation flow is different and there often are technical issues to overcome.

It is never too early to start thinking and talking about your wishes for care if your health status were to change. Choose a health care agent wisely who will be your voice when you cannot speak for yourself and have those important discussions about health care preferences before a crisis occurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic opened a lot of eyes about advance care planning. Giving guidance to your family and friends will help you get the care that you want. Your loved ones can feel confident they are voicing YOUR wishes, not their guesses!

Catherine Duffy, NP, ACHPN, is a palliative care nurse practitioner at Care Dimensions.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

RUFF PARTICIPATED IN SURVEY

Responsible Urbanites for Fido (RUFF) recently participated in a Affectiva survey to collect data for the company's "In Cabin Sensing" platform for animal occupant detention.

Affectiva donated $25 for every dog owner that took part in the survey. The donations will be used to support RUFF and the two local dog parks.

Owners were handlers of the canines that sat in the front and back seats for about 15 minutes per dog.

The study was accomplished with total social distancing.

NEAA LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY APRIL 26

The 2021 North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Majors (Little League) baseball season will swing into action on Monday, April 26 at Puopolo Park.

This year, only three teams, Regional Review, San Antonio Club and the St. Agrippina Club will compete. In previous years there were at least four teams.

It appears that the COVID-19 pandemic played a key role in the reduction to three teams. Parents were apparently cautious about entering their children in the program.

Opening day will also offer two games by the Minor League and a game by the girls' softball teams.

NSC PARTNER OF THE MONTH

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) Partner of the Month is Swan Society Inc. In Boston.

Swan is offering a grant for individual assistance for eligible women over the age of 65 living within 25 miles of Boston.

NSC has collected items in lieu of their annual Pasquetta, Easter party.

Ideas are being collected by the NSC to offer virtual classes for seniors, reply to 617-523-8125.

STILLMAN STREET RESIDENTS OPPOSED HOTEL

A virtual public meeting relating to the possible development of a 143-room key hotel at 42 Cross Street was held on Wednesday night to obtain opinions of residents.

Many concerns were raised opposing the project, especially by Stillman Street residents that included parking and traffic flow.

The hotel will abut Cutillo Park on Stillman Street and if approved will take approximately 24 months to complete once construction begins, barring any undetermined issue or suits.

OPINION By Phil Orlandella

BRACKENBURY HELPED MAKE THE GREENWAY A GREAT PLACE

Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, is moving on to take a new position as the CEO of the Statue of Liberty of the Ellis Island Foundation in New York City.

Brackenbury joined the Conservancy in 2009 as Chief Operating Officer and has led the agency since 2013.

Under his leadership, Brackenbury has made the Conservancy a national leader relating to park management.

He has also made The Greenway an extremely popular place to visit and enjoy the many attractions and events offered over the years.

The Greenway has become a great tourist attraction and a terrific place for residents to enjoy.

Brackenbury's dedicated hard work has made The Greenway what it is today.

ROMANO A RELIABLE COMMUNITY LIAISON

Over the years, the North End has had a dependable Neighborhood Services Department liaison, that works with the community on issues of concerns that directly have an effect on the neighborhood.

Once again, the City has provided the community with an impressive liaison who has clearly displayed his willingness to work closely with residents, community organizations and the business community.

John Romano, Jr. has proven to be a professional go-between and has effectively earned the respect of the neighborhood as a person they can count on.

Romano is the right person for the North End.

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as we emerge from the pandemic. The Greenway epitomizes the future of our cities and the ongoing importance of public parks to a thriving urban landscape.

Cook brings extensive experience working in parks throughout Boston, as the past Commissioner of the City's Parks and Recreation Department and current Chief of Environment, Energy & Open Space for the City. He has spent his career working to strategically position open spaces to foster community, adapt to climate change, and promote public health and wellness through design excellence and management. In his time as Commissioner, Cook comprehensively worked on initiatives to make Boston's open spaces more equitable and accessible. As the former Director of the previous Mayor's Office of Arts, Tourism, & Special Events, Cook also played a key role in advancing cultural tourism and fostering the growth of the cultural community.

"Chris has been a steward of Boston's parks throughout his career, and there's no one more dedicated to making sure our city's open spaces are inviting and inclusive for all to enjoy," said Mayor Kim Janey. "While we'll miss his leadership at City Hall, I have no doubt he'll bring the same passion, creativity, and collaborative spirit to charting the future of the iconic Rose Kennedy Greenway. We wish Chris the best and look forward to partnering with him in his new role."

A five-member Executive Director Search Committee was formed in October 2020 and began the months-long search process that included input and feedback from a wide variety of stakeholders. They utilized the search firm Isaacson, Miller, which sought a talented candidate pool for the position, engaging with more than 250 sources and prospective candidates.

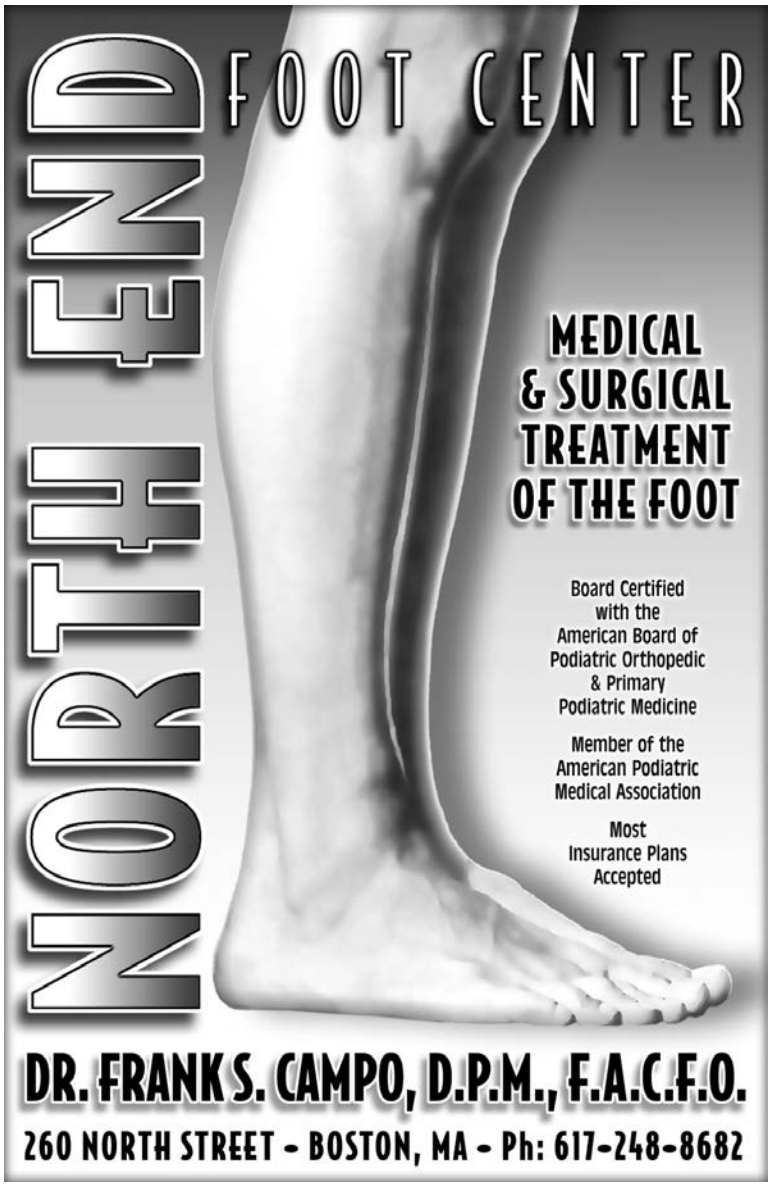
"The Executive Director Search Committee is delighted to welcome Chris to lead the organization as its new Executive Director. We had an accomplished pool of candidates with varied and impressive professional experiences that reflected the strong reputation of the Greenway Conservancy," said Search Committee Member Karen Johnson. "We are thankful to everyone who was involved in our selection process and are looking forward to working with Chris."

Cook will begin in May 2021, succeeding Jesse Brackenbury, who has been named President and CEO of The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation in New York. Cook is looking forward to working with MassDOT Acting Secretary Jamey Tesler, Mayor Kim Janey, the abutters who comprise the Greenway Business Improvement District (BID), the Conservancy's partners in local and state government, and the adjacent neighborhoods throughout Boston.

"We look forward to working alongside Chris in championing and enlivening this free and open public park," said Greenway BID Board Chair Stephen Faber. "In addition to providing $1.5 million in annual funding to the Conservancy, the Greenway BID provides support in thoughtful placemaking through enhancement funds, consensus building, and civic engagement that is critical for the future of The Greenway."

Cook joins the organization at an interesting inflection point for the future of what cities can be and will continue the work of the Conservancy as a standard bearer for excellence in park management. The Greenway played an important role as an essential respite and gathering space in 2020, and will begin the 2021 season celebrating joy, resiliency, and vibrancy in Boston and the Commonwealth.

The Greenway is the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The Greenway welcomes millions of visitors annually to gather, play, unwind, and explore. The Greenway Conservancy is the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway. The majority of the public park's annual budget is generously provided by private sources.



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North End COVID update posted

By John Lynds

Last week the North End's weekly COVID-19 positive test rate decreased after posting a 17.2 percent increase two weeks ago.

According to the latest data released by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) last Friday, 2,987 residents were tested and 3.2 percent were positive--this was a 5.8 percent increase from the 3.4 percent reported by the BPHC two Fridays ago.

Overall since the pandemic started 48,822 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents have been tested for COVID-19 and the data shows that 6.7 percent of those tested were COVID positive. This was a 1.5 percentage increase from the 6.6 reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

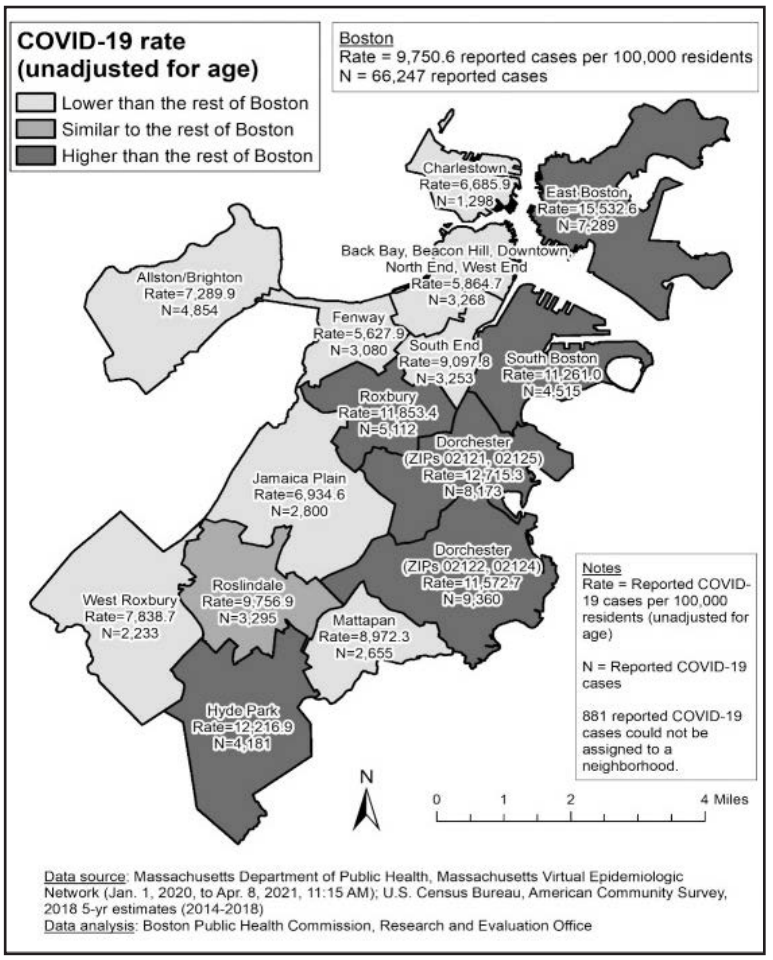
Positive test rates citywide decreased but still remain at the 5 percent threshold. According to the BPHC 28,091 residents were tested and 5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 3.8 percent decrease from the 5.2 percent positive test rate reported by the BPHC two weeks ago. The 5 percent threshold has been used to plan Boston's phased reopening strategies.

The BPHC data released last Friday showed North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown had an infection rate of 586.4 cases per 10,000 residents, up 3.3 percent from the 567.6 cases per 10,000 residents reported two weeks ago.

An additional 105 residents became infected with the virus last week and the total number of cases in the area increased from 3,163 cases to 3,268 cases as of last Friday.

The statistics released by the BPHC as part of its weekly COVID19 report breaks down the number of cases and infection rates in each neighborhood. It also breaks down the number of cases by age, gender and race.

Citywide positive cases of coronavirus increased 2.5 percent percent last week and went from 65,474 cases to 67,138 confirmed cases in a week. Five additional Boston residents died from the virus last week and there are now 1,358 total deaths in the city from COVID.



On Friday the BPHC released its weekly COVID-19 stats by neighborhood that tracks infection rates and COVID testing results in Boston neighborhoods.

Gubernatorial candidate Downing outlines his climate plan

By John Lynds

Gubernatorial Candidate, former State Senator and Boston resident Ben Downing outlined his climate plan that he'd make a priority if elected to the state's corner office in 2022.

In his plan, the Pittsfield native said he wants to achieve 100 percent clean electricity in the Commonwealth by 2030 and 100 percent clean energy by 2040.

Downing, who became a clean energy business leader at a leading renewable energy company after leaving the Senate in 2017, unveiled his plan via his newly launched BEN TV (https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=305705040944045).

Downing said the first part of his campaign's policy agenda would be to focus on climate action.

"The Downing Climate Plan" is focused on urgency, equity, innovation, justice and jobs.

Aside from reaching 100 percent clean energy Downing said he's also committed to requiring 50 percent of climate spending to directly benefit environmental justice communities; undertake "Restructuring 3.0" to reform utilities and modernize the grid; create a climate impact mandate across state government; and maximize the economic benefit of a clean energy economy in Massachusetts and fortify communities shouldering environmental injustice."

"For years, the Massachusetts state government has approached climate change with sluggishness and delay," said Downing during the launch of his climate agenda. "So barely two weeks after we finally saw a major climate bill signed into law, we still find ourselves behind. It's past time we had a Governor who understands the fierce urgency of our changing climate, the disparate impact of our failures on disenfranchised communities, and the reality that if there is one resource we are flat out of, it is time. In the years ahead there is no greater priority for our state than undertaking an aggressive, all-hands-on-deck campaign to bring emissions down, reform our energy sector, maximize green jobs, build up climate resilience, and fortify communities shouldering environmental injustice."

Downing said his climate policy plan is the first of many in his campaign.

"It's critical to me that voters understand my vision and priorities from the start," said Downing. "Our campaign's policy agenda will be a living, breathing effort, and we're looking forward to sharing ideas in the months ahead, getting feedback, listening to concerns, and building out a collective vision for a fairer, stronger Massachusetts."

Downing was a leading voice for climate action during his 10 years in the state senate. He served as Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy where he passed transformative legislation to improve energy efficiency, jumpstart renewable development, and help the state meet its carbon reduction goals.

He later served as Vice President at Nexamp and also served on the board of the Environmental League of Massachusetts.

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oped off-street parking for residents," he added.

Parking alternatives are being offered at TD Garden, Government Center Garage, Haymarket Garage and Sergeants Wharf along the waterfront.

Haymarket Garage at Parcel 7 is free 24/7.

Government Center Garage is free from 4 PM to 9 AM all day on weekends.

TD Garden is free, 24/7. Not guaranteed for the length of the program.

Sergeant's Wharf parking is $300 a month, 24/7.

"Residents who meet the requirements will be eligible for parking spaces," Romano said. "Those that applied last year must reapply."

Spaces are limited and spots will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Once assigned a space, residents must use that spot for the duration of the program. No exchanging of spots will be allowed.

All applicants must have a valid residential parking permit to apply.

Residents can apply using the online form at www.hit.lylParkingNE21.

"Applicants must select a parking garage preference by ranking the options available," Romano said. "Preferences are not guaranteed."

Denied applications, can be appealed to the parking clerk by emailing, parking@boston.gov or by calling 617-635-4410.

Residents with additional concerns can contact johnromano@boston.gov.

Strict enforcements on all requirements and regulations will be imposed by the City in a timely manner.

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Summer Fun Program

The Boston Children's School Summer Fun Program celebrates its 39th year of providing exceptional summertime experiences and academic enrichment to children between the ages of 3 and 8 years old. The Summer Fun Program at The Boston Children's School is conveniently located at Charles River Park, in the historic West End section of Boston. The location is fully air-conditioned.

The school has its own private playground, which allows children to safely play outdoors away from the noise, congestion and traffic of the city streets. The location also allows children to explore the cultural richness of the City of Boston through field trips to museums, theaters, libraries and historic sites, as permitted by COVID protocols. The Summer Fun program is organized by age; each age group is supervised, taught and nurtured by certified teachers, along with teacher interns from local area colleges. All activities are designed to be developmentally appropriate for each age group.. The Summer Fun program also offers children music appreciation, gymnastics, arts and crafts, and interactive storytelling. Parent involvement and participation are always a part of the program, which begins July 12 and ends Aug. 6, 2021

If you would like your child to become part of the 2021 Summer Fun Program at the Boston Children's School, call Judy Langer, Program Director, at 617-367-6239. We are also now enrolling for the 2021-22 academic year. To learn more about all of the programming we offer, visit our website bostonchildrensschool.org.

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The Charlestown Clubhouse has a full Summer program, but everyone is looking forward to resuming regular after school programming this Spring. Visit www.bgcb.org to see what is happening "Up at the Club". The Charlestown Boys and Girls Club has been around for over 125 years thanks to the generous support of donors. To help contribute to their continued success during this difficult time, visit the website or call 617-242-1775

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Spring Storytime + Art with Essem Studio

This six week series by Charlestown Library and Essem Art Studio begins Friday April 23rd at 10:00 am and incorporates an Art Project along with a reading project. Art projects include:a cardboard robot, watercolor, a self portrait, crayon project, poppy flowers and a plate of "my favorite food".

Be A Maker by Katey Howes includes the robot project. Craft materials for this project will be available at the Charlestown Library the week of April 19th 2021. Other titles include Tiger Days by Clark, I Promise by Lebron James, In The City by Chris Rascka, The Sandwich Swap by Kelly DiPucchio,and Michelle's Garden by Sharee Miller. In addition, each session will include reading a poem from Mr Rogers' A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.

The Zoom meeting link will be given to you closer to the date of the first program. To sign up contact ewhittle@bpl.org

Also, on June 9th the BPL wil welcome Wally (the Green Monster) from The Red Sox for a virtual, interactive reading adventure. Visit bpl.org for the Zoom link for this webinar or contact the Charlestown Branch at 617-242-1248.

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Spring into Summer Sailing for ALL

After a long year indoors, kids aren't the only ones who are ready to get outside and have some fun! Courageous Sailing Center offers programs for adults, families, and workplaces. With a focus on getting you out on the water, Courageous offers Learn to Sail lessons on weekdays and weekends, 2-hour sails on Boston Harbor, and memberships to give you access to our fleet of over 35 vessels.

Adults ages 18+ can transform from landlubber to seafaring soul in just 2 short weeks with our Learn to Sail course, and families can enjoy time together out on the water on a Harbor Sail! Purchase by April 25 to take advantage of our "Spring into Sailing" event.

After spending so much of this past year working alone, this summer is also a great time to get your work team back together. Courageous offers unique team-building opportunities that get coworkers out on the water for casual cruises or racing, followed by catered treats on the pier. Contact us for more information.

Courageous Sailing is thankful for the support from our donors and sponsors that make all of our programming included in our mission based youth program possible. If you would like to make a contribution, please visit our website.

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Another safe summer planned at the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club.

Greenway Conservancy Board announces new members

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway, is pleased to announce the election of two new members of its volunteer Board of Directors: Matthew J. "Matt" Conti, retired Portfolio Manager at Fidelity Investments and owner of Matt Conti Photography; and Yvonne Garcia, Chief of Staff to State Street CEO and Chairwoman of The Greater Boston Chamber's Women's Network.

"We are delighted to welcome Matt and Yvonne to join our volunteer Board," said Doug Husid, Chair of the Greenway Conservancy Board and Director at Goulston & Storrs. "As we prepare to come out of the COVID-19 pandemic, their long-standing advocacy and deep community roots in Boston will help the Conservancy in making The Greenway a place for all to gather, play, unwind, and explore."

At public Board meetings this winter, the Greenway Conservancy Board of Directors welcomed:

Matthew J. "Matt" Conti

Matt Conti worked as a portfolio manager at Fidelity Investments before retiring in 2018 after 23 years. At Fidelity, Matt managed several mutual funds, ETFs and institutional portfolios, focusing on high-yield bonds, leveraged loans and asset allocation strategies with total assets of over $12 billion. His shareholders benefited from a long, consistent record of outperformance and he was part of the Fidelity team that won the prestigious Morningstar 2016 U.S. Fixed-Income Fund Manager of the Year award. Prior to joining Fidelity, he was an engineer at General Dynamics. He earned B.S. (Carnegie Mellon University) and M.S. (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) degrees in mechanical engineering and his MBA from Columbia Business School.

Matt is a photographer whose images have been widely published in newspapers, books, and magazines, including National Geographic, USA Today, and the Boston Globe. He releases his current work at MattConti.com and works with a variety of photography organizations, including serving on the executive committee of the local non-profit, Boston Camera Club. He was the founder and editor of the local news websites NorthEndWaterfront.com (ceased publication January 2021) and NorthEndBoston.com. Matt was nominated by the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy for a first-term concluding on 12/31/24.

Yvonne Garcia

Yvonne Garcia serves as Chief of Staff to State Street Chairman and CEO, Ron O'Hanley, and as Global Head of Internal Communications. As an active leader of local and national communities, Yvonne served as the Chairwoman for the largest Latino Professional Organization in the country, ALPFA, and currently serves as the Chairwoman for ALPFA's National's Corporate Advisory Board.

Yvonne is also the co-founding Chair of Milagros para Niños, a board at Children's Hospital in Boston, which has raised more than $14 million in funds for Hispanic children who can't afford medical care. In addition, Yvonne was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to serve on the state's Latino Advisory Commission Board and was also appointed as the Chairwoman for the Greater Boston

Chamber's Women's Network. Yvonne has been featured in Fortune magazine in partnership with ALPFA as one of the Top 50 Most Powerful Latinas in the United States four years in a row and just last year was named Boston Business Journal's Power 50. This year, Yvonne was recognized by the Boston Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business and by Yahoo Finance on their top 10 HERoes list nationally showcasing leaders who are championing women in business and driving change for gender diversity in the workplace. Yvonne was nominated by Governor Baker for a first-term concluding on 12/31/24.

"Matt and Yvonne's insights and experiences will help to guide the Conservancy and incoming Executive Director Chris Cook as we emerge from the pandemic," said Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy. "We look forward to working with them to assure The Greenway remains a beautiful, welcoming respite for all."

For a complete list of the Greenway Conservancy's Board of Directors, visit www.rosekennedygreenway.org/board.

The Greenway is the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The Greenway welcomes millions of visitors annually to gather, play, unwind, and explore. The Greenway Conservancy is the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The Greenway. The majority of the public park's annual budget is generously provided by private sources.

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Register:
virtualmeeting.link/Sumner-4-29
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Passcode: 765313
Dial-in option: 888 788 0099

These meetings will provide an opportunity for the public to hear an overview of the Sumner Tunnel Centennial Project including project overview, schedule, and traffic impacts. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments. Please note the presentation will be the same at both meetings. Spanish and Arabic interpretation will be available at both virtual meetings.
All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. All attendees who sign into the meeting and provide an email address will be entered into the project's email database to receive project updates. Prior to the meetings, if you have specific questions or concerns for the project team, please email us: sumner100@dot.state.ma.us.

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Spring blooms at the West End Library with volunteers' help

The Friends of the West End Library have been hard at work to renovate the open space in front of this branch of the Boston Public Library. The Friends began working with the Beacon Hill Garden Club to improve the space in 1989, but over years it had become a messy tangle of ivy and dying shrubs. In 2020, with the energy and funds provided by a new Friends Board and a generous grant from the Beacon Hill Garden Club, hard-working volunteers cleaned and maintained the garden spaces. They discovered attractive flagstones buried in the soil and planted more than a hundred daffodil bulbs contributed by the Beacon Hill Garden Club and the Boston Blooms program.

This spring, the Friends' Landscaping Committee, under the leadership of Sheryl Man and Laura Guadagno, has already added three elevated beds and paving stones by the gates. The beds will include a variety of kale, beets, lettuces, peppers, tomatoes, and herbs. Additional plantings of native flowers, both perennials and annuals, will encourage pollinators as well as enhance this area of Cambridge Street. Laura Guadagno, a Master Gardener, has headed the garden design.

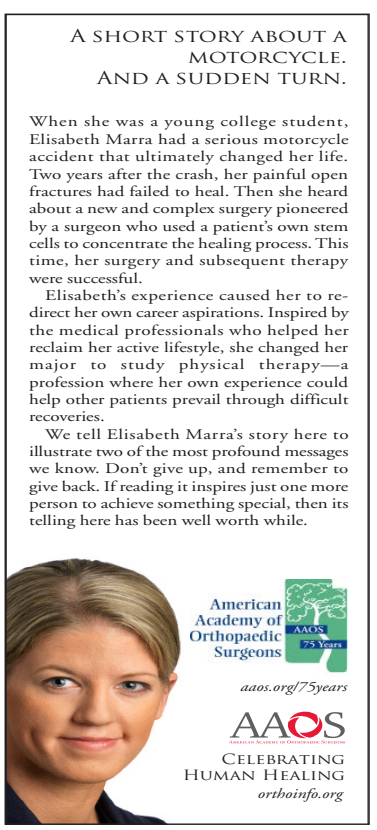
The Friends of the West End Library is a 501c(3) organization, led by Robin Al-Khatib, which works with Branch Librarian Helen Bender to help the Library in many other ways. The group raises funds to finance and support events, supplies, and services that are not part of the Library budget to benefit all who use of the West End Branch Library. You can learn more about the Friends of the West End Library by visiting their website, https://friendsofthewestendlibrary.org.

If you would like to help care for the gardens, please sign up on the website or email friendswestendlibrary@gmail.com.

Volunteers from the West End and Beacon Hill Anne Fitzgerald, Lisa Gannon, Likam Lie, Betsy Peterson, Laura Guadagno, and Sheryl Man.

Sheryl Man, Lisa Gannon, Likam Lie, and Robin Al-Khatib.

A look at the library grounds before, (above) and after (beelow) the volunteers hard work.



COMMUNITY NEWS

NEWRA MAY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly virtual meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 7 PM.

NEWNC MAY MEETING

The next North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly virtual meeting will be held on Monday, May 10 at 7 PM.

CITY SUMMER JOBS

Applications are now available for SuccessLink Summer Youth Jobs in the City of Boston.

The City's website www.youthboston.gov is open through May 9 for teens ages 15-18.

EMERGENCY SICK TIME

Legislation that allows all state workers to access five days of emergency paid sick time for Covid 19 related sicknesses, quarantine, caregiving and vaccination is now in the books.

MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Dawn Irish, Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department has been appointed Chief Operations Officer by Mayor Kim Janey. She has also appointed Justin Sterritt Chief Financial Officer.

RECONFIGURATION OF ABSTRACT SCULPTURE

American heritage Park on the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway will hold its annual reconfiguration of the abstract sculpture on Sunday, April 18 at 7:30 AM. Rain date April 25.

The annual event is supported by the Park's Charles and Doreen Bilezikian endowed fund.

ROUTE 1 RIGHT LANE CLOSURE

MassDOT has advised the temporary right lane closure on Route 1 Southbound through Friday, May 7. Closure is needed to facilitate work on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves rehabilitation project.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM REPLACED

At the beginning of May, the Boston Parks Department is having the irrigation system replaced for the central bed of the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Garden. FOCCP will be able to plant 10 new rosebushes on the central bed.

The new irrigation system should secure the rosebushes survival.

FOCCP EARNS GOLDEN TROWEL

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) was the winner of the 2020 Mayor Walsh's Garden Contest earning the Golden Trowel Award and the Michael A. Nazzaro Jr. Committee Leadership Award.

APRIL IS FOCCP MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) are conducting their April Membership Drive as they celebrate their 20th anniversary.

Current members can renew their membership and email the name of a new joining member to info@foccp.org. New business members are accepted as well.

Membership materials have been mailed out. Respond to www.foccp.org/membership.

FREE ONLINE EVENTS

The Boston Public Library (BPL) is offering free online events. For details call 617-536-5400.

FOCCP BEGINS GARDEN PROJECT

Last year, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) had to abandon their group gardening times. Everyone came to work on the garden when they could.

This year, FOCCP is comfortable and familiar with social distancing, so the group is going back to the twice-weekly garden times on Monday mornings 8 to 9:30 AM and Sunday mornings 9:30 AM to 11 AM starting April 18.

If interested call Robyn Reed, Horticulture Co-Chair at info@.org. All tools and guidance will be provided. Wear closed toed shoes.

FOOD STOCK EXPANDED

Funds raised during NEW Health's holiday greeting card fundraiser has filled the stock shall for the Stable Ready Food Patients program.

RMV EXPANDS HOURS

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) has expanded designated Wednesday appointment hours for seniors 65 or older during April.

COVID 19 TESTING

NEW Health, 332 Hanover Street is testing for Covid 19 on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Enter on North Bennet Street side. Must make an appointment by calling 617-643-8000.

OLD NORTH OPENING

The Old North Church and Historic Site is reopening to visitors on April 16, 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be moving to a fuller schedule in the summer.

FREE ID UPGRADE

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) conclusion of the opportunity to qualify for Free Real ID Upgrade is April 30. Visit www.Mass.Gov/RMV for more details.

RUFF WINTER SERIES

RUFF's winter walk series continues on April 17. Meet at Starbucks, 2 Atlantic Avenue at 10 a.m.

RSVPs are required as spots are limited for proper social distancing requirements. Masks must be worn and all dogs must be leased.

LANTERN 2021

Lantern 2021, a benefit event for the Old North Church and Historic Site will be held on Sunday, April 18 at 7 p.m. Virtual.

The annual lantern lighting will take place at the conclusion of Lantern 2021.

For more information email development@oldnorth.com.

RENEWAL OF INSPECTION STICKERS

Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles reminds customers to renew expired inspection stickers.

Almost 600,000 active vehicle registrations currently need annual emissions and safety inspections.

CITY NOT TICKETING EXPIRED DISABILITY PLACARDS/PLATES

The Boston Transportation Department will not ticket expired disability placards/plates if they expired during the public health emergency, given potential challenges for people to renew at this time.

The Registry is only processing request for disability placards/plates by mail.

STREET CLEANING UNDERWAY

Street cleaning in the North End has started and will be enforced by ticketing and subject to towing.

Expired inspection stickers and vehicle registration will also be enforced.

NEWNC ANNUAL ELECTION

Nomination papers to become a board member of NEWNC are currently available at the Nazzaro Community Center or online at newncboston.com.

Deadline to return papers is May 1. Ballot positions will be determined by the luck of the draw. There are six of twelve seats available.

Candidates must secure forty signatures of residents to be placed on the ballot.

FREE TAX HELP

Residents that earn $57,000 or less per year can receive free tax assistance preparation through the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

Qualified residents must call 311 or visit www.bostontaxhelp.org for appointment.

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Stanley Alfonso Reppucci

Grew up in the North End

Stanley A. Reppucci, 84, was called to Heaven on Wednesday, January 6, 2021. He joins his mother, Elizabeth (The Boss) Reppucci, his father, Alfonso Reppucci, sister, Philomena Cordisco and nephew, Peter Cordisco.

He is survived by his loving wife, Patricia Reppucci, sister, Mary Keller, brother, Joseph Fiorino, daughters; Sharisse Snyder and Suzanne Klang, many nieces and nephews. Especially close to his nephew, Joseph Stanley Cordisco, who he thought of as a son.

Stanley was a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren; Jessica and Daniel Snyder. He cherished his time with his great-grandchildren; Ethan and Noah Hill, who loved him dearly.

Stanley grew up in the North End of Boston and embraced his Italian Heritage. He would regale his family with stories of the early days in Boston and his days as a Push Cart Operator. He enjoyed playing cards "with the guys". He will be remembered for living a life that was full and he traveled each and every highway, and much more than that, he did it his way.

A celebration of his life will held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the staff of Lourdes Hospital 3 Medical took exceptional care of Stanley and donations in his name can be made to Lourdes Hospital Covid Staff, C/O Lourdes Foundation, 169 Riverside Dr. Suite 103, Binghamton, NY 13905.

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FEMA to reimburse families up $9,000 who lost a loved one due to COVID-19

By John Lynds

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. With many families struggling through the pandemic with loss of jobs and income the added expense of providing a funeral for a loved one that succumbed to the virus has been a heavy burden.

This has been especially true for many in the North End but a new program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aims to ease some of those financial burdens.

Last week FEMA launched a new program that began providing financial assistance for funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 for deaths related to COVID to, "help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic".

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the new program will reimburse local residents who lost a loved one to COVID up to $9,000 for funeral expenses.

"At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters," said Acting FEMA Administrator Bob Fenton. "The COVID-19 pandemic has caused immense grief for so many people. Although we cannot change what has happened, we affirm our commitment to help with funeral and burial expenses that many families did not anticipate."

Over at the J.S. Waterman-Langone Funeral Home on Commercial Street in the North End, the staff is encouraging customers who lost a loved one due to COVID-19 to sign up for the program.

"If you lost a loved one due to COVID-19 and paid for that loved one's funeral, interment or cremation after January 20, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has stepped up to provide reimbursement for those expenses," said the funeral home in a statement. "You may qualify for up to $9,000 for funeral costs related to a single loved one and up to $35,500 for funeral costs related to multiple COVID-19 deaths.FEMA does not permit us to submit documentation on your family's behalf. In fact, no one can register you for FEMA Funeral Assistance but you. FEMA has received reports of scammers reaching out to people offering to register them for funeral benefits. FEMA has not sent any such notifications and will not contact you before you register for the program."

Families should keep and gather documentation. The types of information should include an official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. Other important documents are funeral expenses documents that include the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.

To be eligible for FEMA's funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.

The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.

The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

FEMA began accepting applications Monday, April 12 and additional Information may be found at https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance.

Send us Your News

The North End Regional Review encourages residents to submit birth and engagement announcements, news releases, business briefs, honor rolls, social news, sports stories, and photographs for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at **385 Broadway, Citizens Bank Building, Revere, MA 02151**. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. The Independent also encourages readers to e-mail news releases to **editor@reverejournal.com**.

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The Old North Church and Historic Site re-opens for tourists

On Saturday, April 17, the Old North Church & Historic Site will kick-off Patriots' Day Weekend by re-opening its doors to visitors after a 13-month closure in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Known for "One if by land, and two if by sea," and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the city's oldest surviving church is one of the first institutions to re-open along the Freedom Trail.

Built in 1723, the Old North Church's enduring fame began on the evening of April 18, 1775, when church sexton Robert Newman and vestryman Capt. John Pulling, Jr. climbed the steeple and held high two lanterns as a signal that the British troops were heading to Lexington and Concord by sea across the Charles River. That is when Paul Revere embarked on his journey, igniting the American Revolution. In 1860, on the brink of the United States Civil War, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow penned "Paul Revere's Ride," citing the Old North Church, to appeal to Northern readers' patriotism and rally readers behind the abolitionist cause with the tale of a hero who bravely stepped forward to change the course of history. Once again, the Old North Church helped to inspire a nation.

"Although founded nearly 300 years ago, we believe that the legacy of Old North Church is as important today as ever," says Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of the Old North Church & Historic Site. "We aim to inspire our visitors to consider the roles that active citizenship, hope, sacrifice, and patriotism can play in their lives in 2021 and beyond. When individuals and families leave the Old North Campus, we hope they feel a sense of American pride and are empowered to create meaningful change in each of their own communities."

Like all museums and public institutions, the Old North Church & Historic Site shut down onsite visitor operations in March of 2020. As a result, the Old North Church Foundation shifted to a virtual strategy, launching an online lecture series featuring historians, authors and artists, and equipping K-12 educators with engaging content that combines a core history curriculum with thought-provoking discussions about active citizenship, liberty, and personal values. The legacy of Old North Church is discussed in history and civics classrooms nationwide.

"The loss of revenue over the past 13 months has been devasting to us as over 90 percent of our operating budget is earned income through ticket sales, tours, school trips and merchandise," says Stewart, who took the reins amidst the COVID-19 crisis in June of 2020. "April through October is usually peak tourist season for Freedom Trail sites. We are excited to be back in some capacity this spring."

Tickets will be offered at the reduced price of $5 per person. Self-guided tours will offer a more in-depth view of the building that once served wealthy merchants, government officials, and skilled tradesmen. Visitors can walk through box pews, admire the 17th century angels flanking the church's 1975 organ, and view the stairs of the famous steeple, known as a beacon of American independence. All visitors must be masked as the Old North Church & Historic Site adheres to all CDC health and safety guidelines. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

About The Old North Foundation of Boston / Old North Church and Historic Site

Established in 1991, The Old North Foundation of Boston is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is responsible for historic site operations and interpretative, educational, and preservation programs at the iconic Old North Church and Historic Site. A secular organization that is independent of Christ Church in the City of Boston, Old North Church welcomes approximately 150,000 visitors annually while overseeing the use and preservation of an enduring symbol of American independence. The Foundation serves a wide audience by creating meaningful experiences through educational outreach, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. Old North Church works collaboratively with the City of Boston, the U.S National Park Service, the Freedom Trail Foundation, and other non-profits to foster educational and interpretive programs for students and visitors while engaging the public in Old North Church's history and its role in inspiring liberty and freedom. For more information, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

North End restaurants featured in new digital cookbook

By John Lynds

Two popular North End restaurants that have made a name for themselves outside the confines of the neighborhood are now featured in The Food Lens's first digital cookbook "Dining in Boston".

The Food Lens, an online dining resource that helps readers discover the best food, drink, and happenings in Boston, has included recipes from Neptune Oyster on Salem Street and Union Square Donuts at the Boston Public Market.

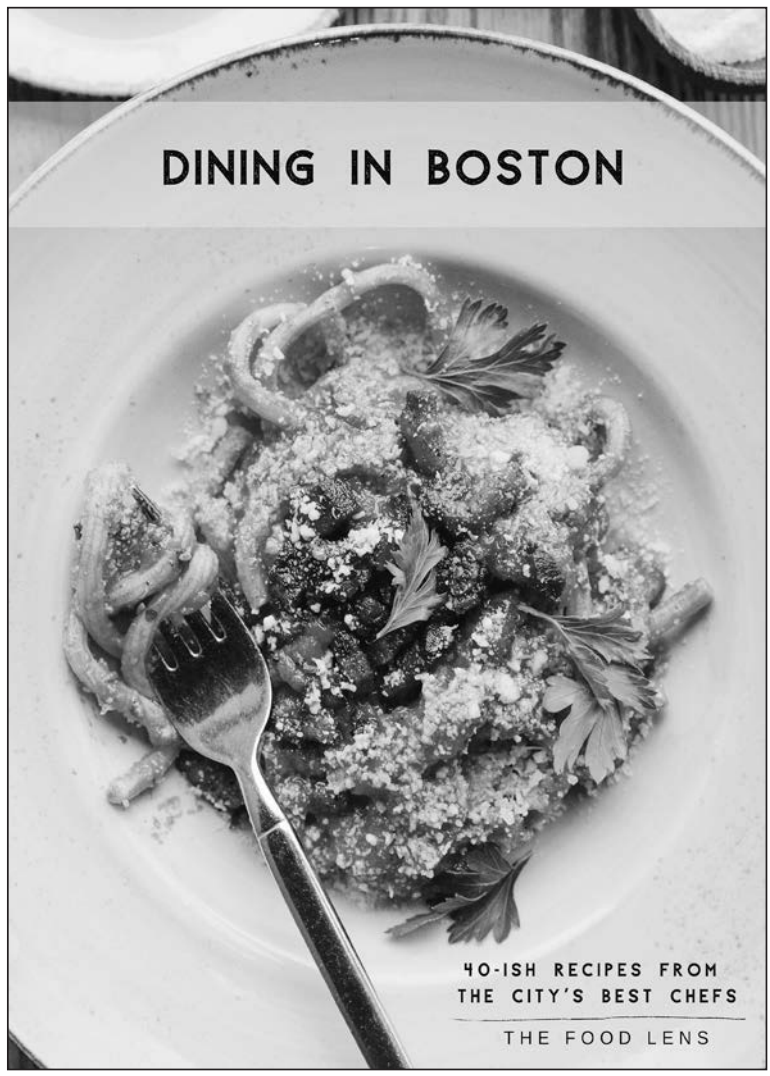
The Food Lens's founders Molly Ford and Sarah Jesup also compiled more than 38 other recipes from the area's best chefs and restaurants in an effort to bring their readers a new way to experience local dining at home during Covid-19.

A portion of proceeds from Dining in Boston will benefit Massachusetts Restaurants United (MRU) to help strengthen and support the industry after a challenging year.

"We find purpose in our work to showcase the area's many talented chefs every day, but this effort feels particularly meaningful as we look back on a year of Covid-19 and the devastating toll it has taken on the city's hospitality industry," said The Food Lens Co-Founder, Molly Ford. "Our hope is to not only offer our readers with another fun and dynamic way to experience their favorite spots, but also to give back to the restaurant community that we love so deeply," added Co-Founder Sarah Jesup.

The digital cookbook includes Neptune Oyster's recipe for their famous Cioppino, an Italian seafood stew and Union Square Donuts's recipe for Apple Cider Donuts

The Food Lens' digital cookbook, Dining in Boston is available for purchase at thefoodlens.com/shop for $14.00, with 10% of every sale contributing to MRU's mission to not only help local restaurants survive the pandemic, but to keep them open and thriving long after the spread of Covid-19.



The front cover of The Food Lens's new digital cookbook that features a recipe from a popular North End restaurants and cafe on Cambridge Street.

NEAA planning for Fall Soccer and Flag Football

By Phil Orlandella

Besides all the baseball and softball programs established by the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) for the 2021 season. The longtime community non-profit organization is working on a fall soccer program for boys and girls ages 4-12.

"Registration will begin in May," NEAA member John Romano said.

In order to provide a successful program, the NEAA needs to get a real idea on how many participants in each age group to order uniforms, equipment and secure coaches.

"The NEAA is currently putting together a new soccer website," Romano said. "Look for more details in the coming weeks," he added.

"Soccer programs will be held about eight weeks in September and November if everything goes well," Romano said.

"Coaches and Sponsors for many teams will be needed to get this program started," he added.

Romano can be contacted at 617-750-9749 or by emailing jromano45@gmail.com.

In addition, the NEAA and the Nazzaro Community Center are teaming up to start a Friday Night Under the Lights Flag Football program in the fall as well.

Ages for the program have not been determined but details will be available soon.

EASTER BASKETS/CRAFT BAGS PROVIDED TO NORTH END YOUTH

Not even a pandemic could stop the Easter Bunny from hopping by the Nazzaro Center before Easter Sunday. Peter Rabbit, once again, delivered Grab-N-Go Easter baskets and Craft bags for North End youth and members of the Nazzaro Center. "Youth ages eight and under were able to stop by the Center and pick up Easter baskets filled with two different crafts, a stuffed animal and egg yolk slime," NEAD President John Romano said. "Older children ages nine and over received canvas bags with various craft items like watercolor pencils, a sketchpad and more," Romano said. "All donated by the Museum of Fine Arts."

North End Against Drugs (NEAD), the Nazzaro Center and Mickey "FUD" Giannasoli (In memory of his mother Florence) put this special event together. Patricia Romano and Michele Deveau assisted Peter Rabbit in assembling all the items. "We hope to be able tool hold our regular Easter party next year," Romano said.

SUPPORT THE PROPOSED NORTH END HOTEL

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THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS TOMORROW, SO SUPPORT NOW!

The Proposal Hotel Will:

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