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THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Rev. Dr. Matt Cadwell reads the blessing prayers and awaits the response from the group at the annual pet blessing at the Old North Church. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

P-EBT comes to an end for North End families

By John Lynds

To address the fallout from the pandemic and economic downturn that increased unemployment and food insecurity locally the feds and the state extended the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program that was launched at the height of the pandemic.

P-EBT is a federal program that is jointly administered by the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). P-EBT promotes increased food security for North End families whose children receive free

or reduced-price school meals through the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program (NSLP). During the COVID-19 pandemic the program covered the cost of school meals for students in remote or hybrid learning environments.

The recent American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allowed states to continue providing P-EBT for families through summer 2021.

All North End students who received P-EBT during the height of the pandemic received a total of \$375 in P-EBT benefits in two equal payments of \$187.50 over the summer.

However, North End families

may have noticed that no additional funds were added to their P-EBT cards last month.

DTA is now reminding parents and students that the program has expired.

"Universal free school meals are available for all students this year," said DTA in a statement. "P-EBT was created to replace meals during COVID while schools were closed to in-person learning. Based on federal rules, students attending school in-person are not eligible for P-EBT, EBT/SNAP benefits."

The last payments to students was made on August 25 and once

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Mayoral candidates on NEWRA agenda

By Phil Orlandella

Both Boston mayoral candidates, Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu will be discussing their platform and answering questions at tonight's (Oct. 14) North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly public meeting via Zoom.

NEWRA will address several other issues and proposals at the

community meeting.

Tabled by Jen Royle LLC, has appealed to the City of Boston Board of Appeals to remove the proviso allowing a restaurant with takeout limited to "This petitioner only".

Operated as My Cousins Place the proposal asks to continue to operate as a restaurant with take out.

Top Pro Construction, Inc., has

appealed to the Board of Appeals on behalf of 5 Garden Court Condominiums to enlarge the living space, garden level of Unit 1.

North End Cross Street Boutique Hotel developer Bill Caulder will present updates to the hotel project located at 42 Cross Street.

The next NEWRA monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11 at 7 PM on Zoom.

Something new is coming to Cross Street, the question is what?

By John Lynds

Known as the former site of J. Pace & Sons, Maria's Pastry and Living Luxury, the property next to the Chase Bank faces the Rose Kennedy Greenway and has remained dilapidated and vacant for most of the past decade.

A proposal from local developer William Caulder who lives in the North End neighborhood has emerged which would bring a 5-story 140 room Italian themed boutique hotel to the site. While the basic height and footprint is allowed "by right" the proposal includes neighborhood amenities designed to increase community benefits including an open-air pedestrian walkway connecting the Greenway to Cuttillo Park. Project supporters believe that connecting the park and the Greenway will increase safety and security and improve its viability and functionality in conjunction with plans by the City to revitalize

the park in 2022.

On Thursday, Sept. 30 the Boston Planning and Development Agency hosted an Impact Advisory Group meeting to discuss the Request for Supplemental Information.

According to Caulder an ongoing community discussion on the revitalization of the site has included numerous ideas for alternative uses including a nostalgic return of J. Pace & Sons and Maria's Pastry. The reality is that those businesses closed and moved away years ago and will not be coming back.

"If the current plan fails to win approval, it is likely that the site will be developed "by right" meaning that the plan will be altered to conform to what is allowable under current zoning regulations," said Caulder. "The building could have the same height with minor alterations to the footprint of the building and a loss of some of the planned fea-

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Janey erases Columbus Day

By John Lynds

With one swoop of her pen Acting Mayor Kim Janey erased a holiday that local Italians in the North End and throughout Boston have been celebrating for generations.

By executive order last week, Janey established Monday, October 11, and every second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Boston.

However, while some applaud the move and agree there should be a day honoring Indigenous People, some said taking a holiday away from one culture and giving it to another only divides the city further. Given that it was done by executive order has only fueled frustration with Janey's move because many of Boston's Italian American community were caught

by surprise ahead of the holiday.

"Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates the rich cultural legacies of our Indigenous communities while also declaring Boston is ready to work with our neighbors to create a more just future," said Janey. "With Boston's long history comes an opportunity and obligation to acknowledge the difficult parts of our past and dedicate ourselves to fostering a more equitable City. Observing Indigenous Peoples Day is about replacing the colonial myths passed down from generation to generation with the true history of the land upon which our nation was founded."

President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day a one-time celebration in 1892 after 11 Italian Americans were killed by a mob in New Orleans in what

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EDITORIAL

THE PERNICIOUS EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

The recent revelations about the harmful influences of social media upon young people that first appeared in the Wall St. Journal and then before Congress with the testimony of a former Facebook employee (who had provided the Wall St. Journal with the documents for its expose) have demonstrated once again to the world what we already know about these platforms: They will do anything just to make a buck.

The former Facebook employee provided the Journal with Facebook's own internal research that shows that Instagram (which is owned by Facebook) can have a negative effect on teen mental health, especially among girls. The Facebook researchers concluded, "We make body image issues worse for one in three teen girls."

In addition, the researchers concluded that its algorithms on Instagram can steer users toward content that can be harmful.

Yet despite its own research, Facebook has done little or nothing to address this issue, as well as a host of others, ranging from spreading disinformation to human trafficking.

The reason that Facebook and other social media companies can get away with such atrocious behavior is that they are shielded from civil and criminal liability by a federal law, known as Section 230, that was enacted in the mid-1990s before any of today's popular social media platforms even existed.

Thanks to Section 230, a social media platform cannot be sued for libel (unlike traditional media such as ourselves) and cannot be prosecuted for any role it may play in enabling a criminal enterprise.

The information that was brought to light by the former Facebook employee once again has highlighted the pernicious effects of social media upon our society in general and young people in particular.

More significantly, the Facebook Papers show that these companies never will police themselves because they place profit above anything else. Their irresponsible behavior essentially is part of their business model.

Congress needs to repeal Section 230 -- it's as simple as that.

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GUEST OP-ED

All neighborhoods deserve equal funding, not just the loudest and most powerful voices

By Pam Kocher

The momentum around this year's mayoral election comes in part due to anticipation in the neighborhoods that new and diverse leadership will not only continue Boston's strong growth, but also will ensure that all neighborhoods continue to share in that growth.

A roadblock to that positive growth and continued change is in the Question 1 budgeting initiative hiding on the Nov. 2 ballot. This question shifts some of the all-important budgeting powers of the mayor to the City Council - handing over valuable resources in the City's \$6 billion annual budget to the loudest city councilors and their constituencies. That shared budget-writing power would inject chaos and dysfunction into a process that currently works well. Such a change would whisk Boston back toward a time when neighborhoods with the best representation, and the loudest social voice, came out on top in Boston's City Budget.

On Nov. 2 when voters go to the polls to select their new City leaders, they will be choosing from one of the most diverse pools of candidates in Boston history - whether by race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, gender or even by neighborhood geography. That is seen as a step in a new direction when it comes to representation and voices at the table in

City government. To preserve the strength of new voices at the table and ensure the new mayor can deliver a strong and equitable City Budget once again, as mayor's have done throughout recent history, voters in all of Boston's neighborhoods should vote 'No on 1.'

Instead of relying on the new mayor for the City Budget, Question 1 will unnecessarily give 13 City Councillors the ability to re-write the new mayor's City Budget however they and their loudest and most powerful supporters see fit. This brings politics into the process and could return the long-retired practice of robbing one neighborhood for the benefit of another. Why risk that just at the time when so many new and different voices have come to the table?

The City moved to a strong mayoral form of government so that a city-wide elected mayor, and his or her administration, could have the ability to distribute resources equally across the city. While there's always more to be done on this topic, the current mayoral-driven City Budget process has improved how resources are delivered in all neighborhoods, and has made huge strides in making sure no corner of the city is left behind.

A 'yes' vote on Question 1 looks to derail that strong and equitable process.

What's to stop a district city councillor, elected by voters in only

one part of the city, from taking over the Council's new budgeting process and funneling money into his or her district - while leaving others starving for resources?

Boston voters should not want to create a city where one area has nice fields well-prepared for youth sports, while other parts of the city don't even have a field for kids to play on. Likewise, voters should be wary of ushering in an outcome where one powerful Council district receives large allocations for ample numbers of firefighters, while less-vocal parts of the city suffer station brown-outs, outdated fire engines and bare minimum fire protection due to chronic funding shortages. Would we want to enter into a time, unlike now, when residents have to travel to the most politically-powerful neighborhood to enjoy a safe and well-kept park where crime is absent and the grass is clipped regularly?

As the City sets out next year with a new and diverse set of leaders, such outcomes as described above are exactly the opposite of what voters going to the polls in this historic election want to see. Now isn't the time to exchange the equitable City Budget process for a budget determined by the powerful and vocal, and that's why it's critical to vote 'No on 1' this Nov. 2.

Pam Kocher is President of Boston Municipal Research Bureau.

GUEST OP-ED

Freedom to enjoy life's passions

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Steady cash flow comes from steady work. If you want money you have to do something that produces money.

Much of what we want to do in life does not always produce cash. We may experience fun, enjoyment, fulfillment and entertainment but it may not render dollars. Often, much of what we enjoy in life typically costs us money and usually a lot of money.

You may love to play golf and even aspire to make a professional tour. You could spend most of

your life and tens of thousands of dollars on green fees, memberships, lessons, travel and more and still never make a dime from playing golf.

You may love movies, theatre and plays and spend years in drama schools and Hollywood and never get a job that pays any money. This story is true for those who dream of making it big in music. I've talked to numbers of singers in Nashville, Tennessee who have spent years singing for tips and often for free. They pursued their dream relentlessly and

some ended up homeless because while they pursued their dream, dollars were not coming in to support them.

Writers have spent their lives trying to write one great book that someone would notice. Painters often paint their entire lives without much fanfare or few sales. Would be entertainers and artsy folks from all walks of life know that the road to success is filled with disappointments, constant rejection, little to no support and

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OPINION By Phil Orlandella

GOOD LUCK JOE

State Senator Joe Boncore has decided to move on leaving his seat open for a special election.

In reflecting of his time in office, the senator played a major role in assisting the North End community to resolve many issues and concerns relating to the community.

He made it his business to be

available for the community in every way possible.

OFFICE OF ARTS AND CULTURE ENHANCES CITY

Boston's Office of Arts and Culture plays a key role in enhancing the quality of life, the economy and design of the city.

Reinforcing equitably access to every community, public institutions and public places is a top priority taken by the office.

Key areas of the office are: Support for the cultural sector through grants and programs, cultural facilities and artist workplaces, as well as commissioning, reviewing and caring of art in public places.

Before Columbus Park there were train tracks

By Phil Orlandella

Before Christopher Columbus Park, there were train tracks down Commercial Street according to the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

The photo captures the Union Freight Railroad train passing by Lewis Wharf on the right and the Prince Building on the left years before anyone thought of transforming the area into a green oasis at the water's edge.

The photo was taken before 1970, that's when the rail line was taken up.

As the Friends celebrate their 20th anniversary it is a fitting time to take a look at the park's notable place in Boston's History.

The area where the park is located was once underwater. The



The train tracks running down Commercial Street.

Park and surrounding area sit on land fill that was brought in from Fort Hill in 1945.

Relocating Atlantic Avenue cre-

ated the open space for the park.

It was one man's passion, vision and energy that made the park possible.

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poverty.

I was a weird guy in high school as I aspired to be a full-time minister. Sixteen years old was an odd time in life to start shunning my electric guitar, lose my passion for basketball and aspire to be a minister. It also didn't do a lot for my dating life either. My dad thought I was crazy but never said a whole lot. Once he did say, "Why don't you get a good job and preach on the side?" I thought that was a crazy idea because I knew of too many ministers who had full time careers and seemed to do okay. Thus, I went to school until I was 29 years old to be a full-time minister. The post college degrees that I attended full-time for seven years were enough time for medical school, Law school or whatever but I pursued my calling and followed my heart.

I don't regret pursuing my dream. I had about 35 years of being an average wage earner as a

minister and sometimes did better than average. However, my dad had respectable advice as parent's usually do. Today I give the same advice. Follow your dream but you need a sawmill on the side for stable cash flow. Church has changed. Many churches are small and can't afford a full-time minister. Sadly, often ministers and congregations can't survive in harmony for more than a couple of years so this makes for a very unstable life.

When I say, "you need a sawmill on the side," I mean you need something in your life you can count on. You need a plumber's license, a teaching certificate, carpentry skills or a business of some kind that renders dollars. Why? You can't always depend on what you love doing to produce income. It may be what you love to do and you may be terrific at what you do but often you can't count on it financially.

Find a work that people must

have or want very badly. If you are in a work that someone must have then there will be financial rewards. If they want very badly want you have to offer there will be financial rewards. If they want and need it both you are golden. It may not be your passion but you will generally make enough money from your "sawmill" so you can sing, dance, paint, entertain, write, act or even preach on the side. When you do what you love to do without the constant pressure of needing money then you are free to do it enjoyably without the stress of wondering from where your next meal will come.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist - American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

FOCCP celebrates 20th anniversary

By Phil Orlandella

A special meeting celebrating the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) 20th anniversary was held on October 12.

FOCCP Board member Patricia Sabbey's fascinating photo-packed time travel from pre-colonial days to the present was featured.

Members learned why the park almost never happened and how much it has become a treasured green space for the neighborhood in the city.

John Romano, Jr the City of

Boston's Liaison to the North End/Waterfront updated FOCCP on the latest happenings in the neighborhood. Romano is passionate about community engagement according to FOCCP.

He grew up in the North End and has always been active in the community volunteering with organizations like North End Against Drugs. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

When he is not working or participating in neighborhood activities, John watches New England sports and skiing.

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school began the program was ended.

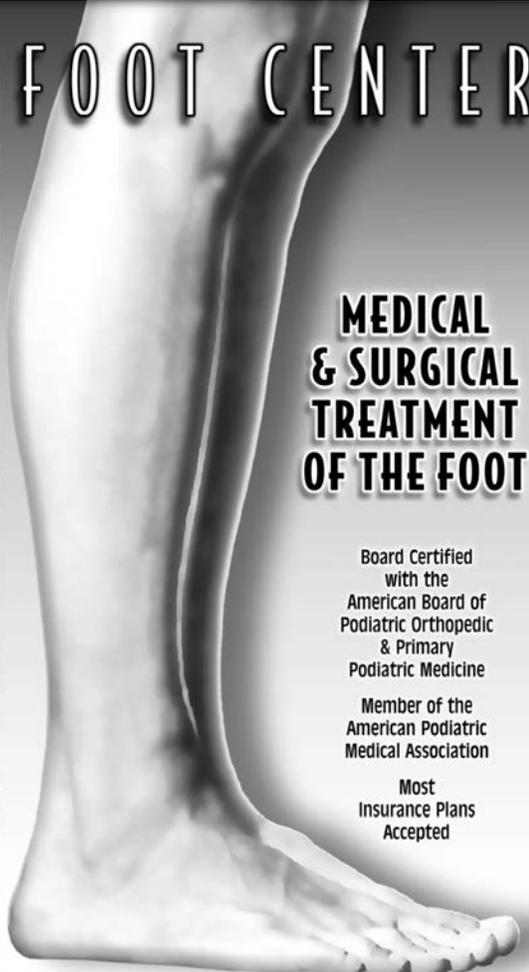
The widely successful P-EBT brought more than \$280 million into the Commonwealth's economy this summer, providing nearly \$250 million for more than 600,000 school-aged children and \$33 million for approximately 88,000 SNAP-enrolled children under the age of six.

Massachusetts initially

launched its P-EBT program in April 2020 when schools closed due to COVID-19, was one of a few states to receive federal approval for September P-EBT benefits and was the first state in the nation to receive approval to continue P-EBT through the 2020-2021 school year.

In March 2021, the program was extended to provide P-EBT benefits for children in child care.

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N.E.A.A. 13-15 traveling baseball program season wraps-up

Once again, the North End Athletic Association provided the opportunity for seventeen boys aged 13-15 to compete in the Lou Tompkins All Star Baseball summer league.

A record twenty teams participated in the U15 division this summer in a diverse yet competitive league.

The Dodgers, under the leadership of Coach Kevin ("Sully") O'Sullivan, started their 2021 season off in a wet but winning fashion before losing momentum and ending with a final 2-8-2 record.

Their record, however, does not accurately reflect the effort and talent that the team reflected. By the end of the year, 12 members of the team traveled to North Adams to participate in the Annual LaFesta Baseball Tournament and won the 9 inning game on the road.

The next weekend they swept their North Adams opponents at Puopolo park in a 2 game series. This is the first time the North End has won 3 games in many years.

This was the final season for veteran players Oliver Barca, Richard Bova, Jordany Mak, and Niklas McHugh who will age out next year.

Barca provided a golden glove in center field. Bova's final season was marginally interrupted by a shoulder injury that prevented him from fielding but was a strong addition as DH and on the bench.

However, his absence from shortstop provided Mak with the opportunity to display his all-around talent as starting shortstop or stepping in pitching and catching.

McHugh offered both leadership to the younger players as

well as strength at the plate and on the field adding to the pitching depth and versatility in fielding positions.

Richard Wells, Max Howard, and Liam Lally were returning players that helped out in different facets of the game.

Liam was an ultimate team guy. Max gave versatility across the diamond with added help in pitching/second base.

Richard came up huge at first base in the pinch, despite being an everyday right fielder. Gunnar Larson, was the team's most improved player.

It was the Dodger's deep bench that added additional strength to the team's season. Whether it was the steadfast presence of Joe Brienze behind the plate or the exceptional pitching exhibited by Alex Parisi and Matthew Griffin.

The team always arrived ready to compete. Anthony Sapienza had a first-rate rookie season with the team showing confidence both on the field and at the plate.

Michael Murphy and Lucas Amadeo were new additions to the Dodgers squad and helped out when called upon while Patrick Keefe pitched in nicely when available. Youngsters Ryan McHugh and Alex Puopolo played sparingly but will get more playing time next year.

Year end awards from the Coach:

Co-MVP: Nik McHugh & Alex Parisi

Unsung Hero: Oliver Barca

Most Improved: Gunnar Larson

The players and coach had a great season of baseball as the N.E.A.A. continues to provide such high quality programs for

the youth of the North End/Waterfront neighborhood.

The N.E.A.A., sponsored the team, and is grateful to the parents, and friends who contributed by sponsoring the cost of the umpires.

They were: Paul Sapienza (3), Greg Henning(2): In Honor of John & Betsy Henning, Julianne McHugh(2), Janine Coppola,

Nathan Gunsch, Anne Amadeo, Donna Wells, Melissa Puopolo, Sarah & Jeff Wharton, OJ Mak, Michael Prinn, Paul Heinzelmann.

Special thank you to N.E.A.A. Baseball Commissioner Ralph Martignetti and N.E.A.A. Sports Coordinator John Romano as well as Coach Kevin O'Sullivan and Team Statistician Julianne McHugh.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEWNC ADDRESSES VARIANCE CHANGE

There was only one voting agenda item on the October North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting.

An application by Cross Street Ventures, LLC, for a variance to turn a currently finished basement space at 114 Prince Street into legal living space for one unit and roughly 550 square feet.

The next NEWNC monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 8.

BPDA HOLDS ANOTHER HOTEL PUBLIC MEETING

BPDA held another virtual public meeting on zoom regarding the proposed North End Cross Street Boutique Hotel.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Request for

Supplemental information recent filing.

The public meeting included a presentation followed by questions and answers from the public.

Thus far, residents and local organizations have clearly indicated opposition to the five-story structure luxury hotel.

Some abutters have indicated they are prepared to sue the City of Boston if the current proposal is approved. Others say they could support a downscaled plan that will work for everyone.

The hotel proposal was also be discussed at tonight's (November 14) North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) public meeting at 7 PM.

ABCD NE/WE BUONA SERA

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center's 10th Annual Buona Sera (an eve-

ning with friends) will be held in June 2022.

The special event will feature a wine reception from 5:30 PM to 7 PM at WilmerHale, 60 State Street, 26 floor. Dinner at 7:30 PM at your favorite North End restaurant.

Funds generated from the Buona Sera will help support holiday meals and food distributions, food pantry, case management and recreational programming at the North End/West End Center.

To be a sponsor call 617-523-8125.

FRIENDS ASSIST SAINT FRANCIS HOUSE

As part of one of the NEAA, soccer games, the Friends of Saint Francis House Winter Hat and Glove Drive was held at Puopolo Park.

The group sold Boston Strong T-Shirts donated by the Wild

Duck and NEAA. T-shirts were sold for \$5 and 3 for \$10 at the park during the soccer games.

All proceeds will help provide the Saint Francis Homeless Shelter on Boylston Street with funding to purchase new winter hats, gloves and scarfs for the needy.

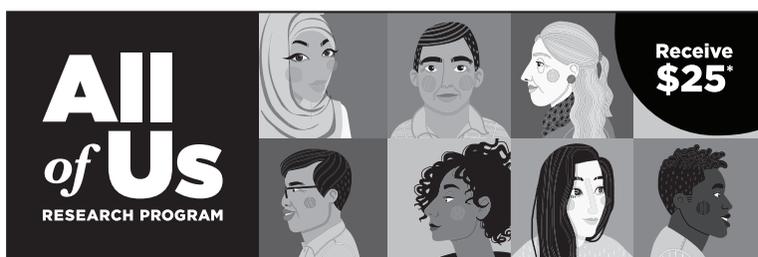
Last year, the group raised over \$3,000 for Saint Francis House.

FOCCP FUND DAY AT THE PARK

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold a Fun Day in the Park on Saturday, October 23 from 12 to 3 PM celebrating fall.

A costume parade will be held at noon followed by a Pumpkin Patch with mini-pumpkins to take home.

The event will also feature singing and dancing, lawn games, balloons, Big Bird and animals. Rain Date: Sunday, October 24.



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NEW Health now offering Pfizer booster shots

By John Lynds

North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) has begun offering Pfizer booster shots to eligible individuals who have received two doses of the Pfizer vaccine, with the second at least six months prior.

NEW Health, a federally qualified health center and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, will offer the booster shots, along with regular vaccine shots on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1 pm to 4 pm at the 332 Hanover St. location.

COVID-19 testing remains available for all, regardless of symptoms or insurance at the North End location. COVID testing is done on Tuesdays 8:30 am to 11 am and Thursdays, hours based on demand and availability at 332 Hanover St. The entrance is on North Bennett St. for testing.

The health center is also con-

tinuing to offer COVID-19 vaccines to patients at their regularly scheduled primary care appointments as well as all Boston residents ages 12 years and older. Appointments are required and individuals must be registered with Mass General Brigham. Individuals interested in making an appointment can reach the dedicated phone lines by calling 617-643-8000 for the North End location.

People 65 years and older are eligible for the booster and other guidelines for the Pfizer booster shot are as follows:

People aged 18-64 years with underlying medical conditions, including:

- Cancer – current active cancer
- Cerebrovascular diseases like stroke, carotid artery disease
- Chronic kidney, liver or heart disease
- Lung diseases like COPD, emphysema, asthma, pulmonary fibrosis

- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Overweight
- Pregnancy and recent pregnancy

- Smoking, current and former
- Down syndrome
- Neurologic conditions, including dementia

- Sickle cell disease
- Substance use disorders
- Cystic fibrosis
- Thalassemia

People aged 18-64 years where at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission in certain occupations:

- First responders (healthcare workers, firefighters, police, congregate care staff)

- Education staff (teachers, support staff, daycare workers)

- Food and agriculture workers
- Manufacturing workers
- Corrections workers
- U.S. Postal Service workers
- Public transit workers
- Grocery store workers

COLUMBUS DAY (from pg. 1)

became the largest single mass lynchings in American history.

Since the early 1900s, many Italian-Americans in Boston and across the country observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage and not of Columbus himself.

Now, Boston Italians, which make up roughly 10 percent of the city's population, wish there was more transparency and discussion on the issue ahead of Janey's executive order.

Chair of the North End Columbus Day Committee Louis Strazzullo was quoted as saying Janey overstepped her authority as Acting Mayor and added, "to sign an executive order that is not deemed an emergency." Strazzullo added, "to take from one culture and heritage and culture and give to another...they're saying 'well, now we don't care anymore about what the Italian Americans did, and we're going to give it to someone else.'"

Strazzullo said the North End Columbus Day Committee has long supported an "Indigenous Peoples Day" but believe it should be a separate holiday and not one historically dedicated to Italian Americans' contributions to the country.

While comparing the trials and tribulations of one ethnic group to another and the experience of each group in American history is never easy, some local Italains feel it is important to note that their ancestors did not have an easy go at it when arriving in the US enmass in

the early 20th century.

Numerous studies and reports show Italians were stereotyped as criminals and discriminated against by the police, the courts, schoolteachers, college admissions officers, and Boston's Irish political bosses who had the power to distribute jobs and favors.

In 1964, when Francis X. Bellotti ran against Endicott Peabody in the primary race for governor, South Boston residents pelted Bellotti with beer cans and shouted ethnic slurs at that year's Columbus Day Parade.

As late as 2003, when Robert Travaglini, who represented the North End, became Senate President Boston Herald columnist Howie Carr opined that it was like "handing the keys to the State House to Tony Soprano" suggesting he was some sort of mob thug just because of his Italian upbringing.

With that said, Boston joins over two dozen Massachusetts cities and towns in recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day, a movement that has garnered allies within the Italian American community.

"The membership of Italian Americans for Indigenous Peoples Day is thrilled that Boston Mayor Kim Janey has listened to the voices of Indigenous people and taken this important step toward truth and justice," said Heather Leavell, one of five co-founders of the Italian Americans for Indigenous Peoples Day. "By establishing Indigenous Peoples Day, Boston

will honor the histories, cultures, and resilience of the First Peoples of this land - those who were here long before our ancestors arrived on these shores and are still here today. We welcome the opportunities this holiday will bring us to move forward together in healing and reconciliation."

Despite Janey's order the North End Columbus Day Celebration Committee still celebrated the holiday in the Paul Revere Mall Prado on Sunday.

"Columbus Day is for the Italian Americans to celebrate what they did when they came over here, all our ancestors," said the Committee as a whole in a statement. "It's more about the Italian American Heritage than celebrating the name Columbus."

This year's honored guests and recipients of the Committee's Michael A. Nazzaro Community Service Award were James Luisi and the staff of NEW Health.

"Jimmy (Luisi) and his staff have gone above and beyond the call of duty over the past year and a half helping those most in need and affected by COVID-19," continued the statement. "Mike Nazzaro, born and raised in the North End, was a small business owner and served as our State Representative. During his tenure, Mike protected the neighborhood from the era's urban development push and helped make the neighborhood the vibrant community it is."

COMMUNITY NEWS

REPORT PARK ISSUES

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park remind residents to report unusual happenings at the park to Boston Police at 911 or 617-343-4911.

MASSDOT HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO CONTEST

MassDOT's High School Video Contest-Safe Streets and Smart Trip is underway, subject-Being a Bike Friendly Driver.

A 30-60 second video is required, written and produced by students. For details call 857-383-3807.

FOUR COUNCIL SEATS OPEN

During the November 2 City of Boston general election there are eight candidates competing for four at-large seats on the Boston City Council.

NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its next monthly meeting (virtual) on Thursday, October 14 at 7 p.m.

BRIDGE SOUTHBOUND BUS LANE

Once completed in 2023, the Washington Street Ridge will have a southbound bus lane.

LIBRARY USE BOOK SALE

The North End Library use book sale is open for business. Books are abundant and can be located at the front door.

NEAA FLAG FOOTBALL

Registration for the NEAA Flag Football League is underway for grades 3-6 and 7-10. For info and to register visit www.playon.com/neaafllfootball.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots for the November final election are available online at www.secstate.com. Ballots must be returned by mail to Boston Election Department, City Hall Square, Room 241, Boston, MA 02201.

FOCCP FAMILY FESTIVAL ON THE WATERFRONT

A free family afternoon festival, hosted by the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will be held at the park on Sunday, October 23. Many activities are being planned including a costume parade around the park, led by Big Bird.

NEWRA MEMBERSHIP

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) membership renewal or new membership applications for 2022 are available by emailing newra.board@gmail.com.

SOCCER AT PUOPOLO PARK

NEAA has formed a new soccer league program with 30 teams with three age brackets competing each Saturday morning at Puopolo Park.

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. The North End Regional Review assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors in advertisements, but will reprint that part of the advertisement in which the error occurs. Advertisers will please notify the management immediately of any errors that may occur.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT BOSTON'S HISTORIC OLD NORTH CHURCH



Rev. Dr. Matthew Cadwell with "Wrangler" and his family, Kathryn, Burtun, Miles, Graydon and Chad Jackson.

Last Saturday afternoon at the Old North Church in Boston's North End District Vicar, Rev. Dr. Matthew P. Cadwell and Rev. Amy Whitcomb- Siemmer blessed all the local pets in the St. Francis Garden. They ranged from five months to 13 years, and came in all sizes and shapes, but loved one and all by their owners.

It was a brief ceremony, giving thanks for their lives here on earth, being a trusted companion to their owners. Despite the array of animals, they acted like they knew this was a special occasion and showed their best behavior to receive their blessing.

RUFF (Responsible Urbanites for Fido) the local North End dog group helped organized the affair.



Meet Oz, a three-year-old English Bulldog, and not camera shy either.



RUFF, Kerry Mulvaney with "Benny", President of RUFF Lesliy Wallus and "Oz" and Emily Horn with "Pierre".

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Reading the Prayer of Saint Francis, is Anya and Hana Potter.

PLEASE RECYCLE

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS AT BOSTON'S HISTORIC OLD NORTH CHURCH



Juliana Delisia with Ruxin.



Tom Alessandro with Kenzi.



Bramble gets his blessing, with his family Janice and Walter Spokowski.



Ray gets his blessing from Rev. Matthew Cadwel.



Maria Ciampa with Willow, who is recovering from surgery.



Revered Amy Whitcomb-Siemmer and Vicar, Revered Dr. Matthew P. Cadwell prepare for the annual pet blessing at the Old North Church.

CROSS STREET (from pg. 1)

tures including beautifying Cross Street Plaza and improvements to Morton Street. Alternatively, it could be marketed and sold to another developer who may opt to maximize return on investment by leveraging the desire of regional and national chains to locate in the area.”

Caulder said he acquired the dormant property in the hopes that it could be revitalized while maintaining and protecting the unique neighborhood character of North End. Plans include two new restaurants that Caulder plans to “keep local” by working with North End restaurateurs.

Caulder said a Starbucks attempted to gain approval in the area in 2018 and failed in the face of local opposition from both residents and local business owners. Other attempts by national chains

have met similar fates but it is expected that they will continue to try to get a foothold in the neighborhood. Caulder said he is fully committed to keeping out national chains.

“I live here and walk these streets every day,” said Caulder, “This is our neighborhood and I want to make sure that this site is developed in a way that benefits and enhances the character of the North End.”

IAG member Jason Aluia said while he was not yet in full support of the project he did appreciate a lot of the changes Caulder had made since the first filing with the BPDA.

“While I’m not going to say that I am in full support of the project, I do appreciate that we are getting very much near an activation of this blighted area,” said

Aluia. “I think the word blighted was talked about a lot when we talked about Cross Street. We know we have to realize the economic realities of building and developing a project in an area such as this by making sure the developer has the resources to do it. I’d like to hear more from the public but I think it does create a new welcoming entrance and that’s something we’ve been wanting and on that street for many years now. I also want to reiterate everyone’s concerns about Cuttillo Park because Morton Street is just an awful public area. So just improving that alone is going to be something that is commendable and activating that whole street and that pocket park to make it something safe, is something that I appreciate.”

ANTHONY D'AMBROSIO

Candidate for State Senate

“I have been blessed with a world-class education and entrusted with analyzing major financial decisions in both the public and private sector. From my experiences managing the Revere Public Schools budget of over \$100 million, to evaluating multi-billion dollar deals in the technology industry, I will bring a fresh, new perspective to the State Senate and help prepare our Commonwealth for the 21st Century.”



Experience

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Led the effort for enhanced mental health services for students; led the creation of a district wide Equity Advisory Board
- **Dwight Hall Coordinator and Community Health Educator**
Managed a 3,500-person nonprofit organization that provided community based services ranging from early childhood education to homeless relief

Private Sector

- **Financial Analyst, Technology Industry**
Advised on technology sector and growth strategies for some of the world's most innovative technology companies

Education

- University of Cambridge (U.K.), Master's Degree
- Yale University (Conn.), Bachelor's Degree

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United States Postal Service rates for holiday shipping listed

It looks to be another odd year for holiday celebrations. The biggest question likely on most minds is, do we make merry in person or virtually? No matter your plans, the Postal Service is ready to do its part to handle your special holiday greetings and gifts. But we also need you to do your part, and that is to make sure you get those packages and good wishes to your Post Office location on time.

New Pricing

There are plenty of holiday- and winter-themed stamps available to adorn your greeting cards this year. You can find them in our online Postal Store or at any one of our more than 34,000 Post Office locations. On Aug. 29, the cost of a First-Class Forever stamp increased three cents, from 55 cents to 58 cents. There are also temporary price increases in place through Dec. 26, 12:01 a.m., Central time for both retail and business customers for some of our more popular shipping products, which also includes military shipping — Priority Mail Express (PME), Priority Mail (PM), First-Class Package Service (FCPS), Parcel Select, USPS Retail Ground, and Parcel Return Service. International products are unaffected. These temporary rates will keep the Postal Service competitive while providing the agency with

the revenue to cover extra costs in anticipation of peak-season volume surges similar to levels experienced in 2020.

Temporary pricing increases for Priority Mail, Priority Mail Express, Parcel Select Ground and USPS Retail Ground are as follows:

PM and PME Flat Rate Boxes and Envelopes - \$0.75

- Zones 1-4, 0-10 lbs. - \$0.25
- Zones 5-9, 0-10 lbs. - \$0.75
- Zones 1-4, 11-20 lbs. - \$1.50
- Zones 5-9, 11-20lbs. - \$3.00
- Zones 1-4, 21-70 lbs. - \$2.50
- Zones 5-9, 21-70 lbs. - \$5.00

All other retail shipping services:

- First-Class Package Service - Retail - \$0.30

A zone pricing calculator is can be found online. A complete list of business products and prices is also available online.

The temporary adjustment is part of “Delivering for America,” the Postal Service’s 10-year plan for achieving financial sustainability and service excellence, which calls for appropriate pricing initiatives. Even with the temporary increase, the Postal Service has some of the lowest mail postage rates in the industrialized world and continues to offer great values in shipping.

2021 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The Postal Service recommends

the following mailing and shipping deadlines for expected delivery by Dec. 25 to domestic addresses and APO/FPO/DPO (Air/Army Post Office/Fleet Post Office/Diplomatic Post Office) addresses*:

• Nov. 6 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) USPS Retail Ground service

• Dec. 9 — APO/FPO/DPO (all ZIP Codes) Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 15 — USPS Retail Ground service

• Dec. 16 — APO/FPO/DPO (except ZIP Code 093) USPS Priority Mail Express Military service

• Dec. 18 — First-Class Mail service (including greeting cards)

• Dec. 18 — First-class packages (up to 15.99 ounces)

• Dec. 20 — Priority Mail service

• Dec. 23 — Priority Mail Express* service

Alaska

• Dec. 18 — Alaska to/from Continental U.S.— First-Class Mail

• Dec. 18 — Alaska to/from Continental U.S.— Priority Mail

• Dec. 21 — Alaska to/from Continental U.S.— Priority Mail Express

Hawaii

• Dec. 17 — Hawaii to/from mainland — Priority Mail and First-Class Mail

• Dec. 21 — Hawaii to/from mainland — Priority Mail Express

*Not a guarantee, unless otherwise noted. Dates are for estimated delivery before Dec. 25. Actual delivery date may vary depending on origin, destination, Post Office acceptance date and time, and other conditions. Some restrictions apply. For Priority Mail Express shipments mailed Dec. 22 through Dec. 25, the money-back guarantee applies only if the shipment was not delivered, or delivery was not attempted, within two business days.

Skip the Trip and Ship Online

Consumers don’t even have to leave home to ship their packages, simply visit usps.com. The Postal Service anticipates Dec. 19 will be the Postal Service’s busiest day online with 12.5 million consumers predicted to visit usps.com for help shipping that special holiday gift. And usps.com is always open.

It’s estimated nearly 500,000 consumers will use the Click-N-Ship feature and other online services on Dec. 14 to order free Priority Mail boxes, print shipping labels, purchase postage and even request free next-day Package Pickup.

Busiest Time

The busiest time of the season for the Postal Service begins two weeks before Christmas. It’s

expected that customer traffic at all Post Office locations will steadily increase beginning the week of Dec. 6, with the week of Dec. 13-18 anticipated to be the busiest mailing, shipping and delivery week of the season.

More tips for a successful holiday mailing and shipping season:

- Use free Priority Mail Flat Rate boxes. They are available at local Post Office locations or online at usps.com/freeboxes.

- Make it easy with Click-N-Ship. You can create shipping labels and pay for postage online at usps.com/ship.

- Schedule a free Package Pickup when the carrier delivers your mail. It’s free regardless of the number of packages. Or, pickups can be scheduled at usps.com/pickup.*

- Mail and packages that weigh more than 10 ounces and/or are more than a half-inch thick using stamps as postage cannot be dropped into a collection box or left for a carrier to pick up. Instead, take them to a window clerk at a Post Office.

*Boxes are delivered within the U.S. with you regular mail, usually within 7 to 10 business days. Exclusions apply,

or detail and to order, visit <https://store.usps.com/store>.

Author talks about mutiny and slavery ties to Old North Church

On the night of June 1, 1743, terror struck the schooner *Rising Sun*. After completing a routine smuggling voyage where the crew sold enslaved Africans in exchange for chocolate, sugar, and coffee in the Dutch colony of Suriname, the ship traveled eastward along the South American coast. Believing there was an opportunity to steal the lucrative cargo and make a new life for themselves, three sailors snuck below deck, murdered four people, and seized control of the vessel.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Old North Church and Historic Site will host historian Jared Ross Hardesty, who will discuss Old North Church’s connection to the mutiny as detailed in his new book, *Mutiny on the Rising Sun: A Tragic Tale of Slavery, Smuggling and Chocolate*. His years of research on Boston’s oldest surviving church and its congregants shows how illegal trade created demand for exotic products like chocolate, and how slavery and smuggling are integral parts of Old North’s history.

Hardesty will narrate the history of smuggling, providing an incredible story of those caught in the webs spun by illicit commerce.

In the 18th century, this crime was much more commonplace as European empires designed trade laws to prohibit trade outside of their colonies. The case generated a rich documentary record that illuminates an international chocolate smuggling ring, the lives of the crew and mutineers, and the harrowing experience of the enslaved people trafficked by the *Rising Sun*. Involved were Boston residents, prominent members of Old North Church’s congregation, who recruited ships and captains and acquired tools in exchange for chocolate.

“Even by 18th century standards, these men were buying and selling children and smuggling across imperial lines in time of war which raises questions about their patriotism,” says Hardesty. “How do you save your reputation? You become a standing member of the community by donating to the church, attending religious services, and helping those in need. The congregation members doing all of these unsavory things are the same philanthropists giving back. Old North Church was at the center of reputation laundering and Boston’s economy.”

Like many northern historic

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Digital Speaker Series

**Mutiny on the Rising Sun:
A Story of Slavery,
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Jared Ross Hardesty,
Associate Professor of History at Western Washington University

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A TRAGIC TALE OF
SLAVERY, SMUGGLING,
and CHOCOLATE

JARED ROSS
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sites, Old North Church sits at a paradoxical intersection of freedom and unfreedom. To many, its steeple is an icon of American liberty and independence. Yet, the steeple was built with the proceeds of human trafficking and enslavement that filled the coffers of early congregants. In 2019, Hardesty’s research revealed that Captain Newark Jackson - colonial congregant and chocolatier, and namesake of the historic site’s chocolate program - was murdered in a mutiny while he was transporting 15 enslaved individuals,

13 of whom were children. This horrific discovery has been the catalyst for a new reckoning for one of the most visited attractions on the Freedom Trail.

Hardesty is no stranger to Boston. He holds a Ph.D. from Boston College and previously lectured at Old North Church & Historic Site. Currently, he is an associate professor of history at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA. A scholar of colonial America, the Atlantic world, and the histories of labor and slavery, he has authored three

books: *Unfreedom: Slavery and Dependence in Eighteenth-Century Boston* (New York: NYU Press, 2016), *Black Lives, Native Lands, White Worlds: A History of Slavery in New England* (Amherst & Boston: Bright Leaf, 2019), and *Mutiny on the Rising Sun: A Tragic Tale of Smuggling, Slavery, and Chocolate* (New York: NYU Press, 2021). All of his peer-reviewed publications have examined the economy, social structure, and global entanglements of eighteenth-century Boston.

State health officials announce eighth human case of West Nile Virus in Massachusetts

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) last week announced the eighth human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in the state this year. The individual is a male in his 50s who was exposed to WNV in Middlesex County.

Twenty-seven communities in Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Suffolk counties are at high risk and 71 communities are at moderate risk. There are no additional risk level changes associated with this new case.

“The risk from WNV is starting to decline but some risk will remain until the first hard frost,” said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margret Cooke. “Although people over the age of 50 are at greater risk from West Nile virus, all ages can be affected. People should remember to take steps to prevent mosquito bites

anytime they are outdoors.”

In 2020, there were 11 human cases of WNV infection identified in Massachusetts. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

People have an important role to play in protecting themselves and their loved ones from illnesses caused by mosquitoes.

Avoid Mosquito Bites

Apply Insect Repellent when Outdoors. Use a repellent with DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide), permethrin, picaridin

(KBR 3023), oil of lemon eucalyptus [p-menthane 3, 8-diol (PMD)], or IR3535 according to the product label. DEET products should not be used on infants under two months of age and should be used in concentrations of 30% or less on older children. Oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under three years of age.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours. The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many mosquitoes. Consider rescheduling outdoor activities that occur during evening or early morning.

Clothing Can Help Reduce Mosquito Bites. Wear long-sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep mosquitoes away from your skin.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home
Drain Standing

Water. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Limit the number of places around your home for mosquitoes to breed by either draining or discarding items that hold water. Check rain gutters and drains. Empty any unused flowerpots and wading pools, and change the water in birdbaths frequently.

Install or Repair Screens. Keep mosquitoes outside by having tightly fitting screens on all of your windows and doors.

Protect Your Animals

Animal owners should reduce potential mosquito breeding sites on their property by eliminating standing water from containers such as buckets, tires, and wading pools – especially after heavy rains. Water troughs should be flushed out to reduce mosquitoes near paddock areas. Horse own-

ers should keep horses in indoor stalls at night to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. Owners should also speak with their veterinarian about mosquito repellents approved for use in animals and vaccinations to prevent WNV and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). If an animal is diagnosed with WNV or EEE owners are required to report to the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources' (MDAR) Division of Animal Health by calling 617-626-1795 and to the DPH by calling 617-983-6800.

More information, including all WNV and EEE positive results, can be found on the Arbovirus Surveillance Information web page at www.mass.gov/MosquitoesandTicksor by calling the DPH Epidemiology Program at 617-983-6800.

North End, surrounding area's COVID cases drop again

By John Lynds

Two weeks ago, the North End and the surrounding area's COVID weekly positive test rate dropped 25 percent and the positive cases continued to drop and dipped for a second week in a row.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,358 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 1.4 percent were positive. This was a 22 percent decrease

from the 1.8 percent of residents that tested positive between September 27 and October 4.

Citywide, the weekly positive test rate also decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,542 residents were tested and 2.5 percent were COVID positive--this was a 7.4 percent decrease from the 2.7 percent reported by the BPHC on October 4.

Thirty-three additional residents have been infected with the virus between September 27 and October 4 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,333 cases overall since the pan-

demic began.

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 1 percent since October 4 and went from 80,885 cases to 81,716 confirmed cases in a week. There were nine additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,438.

NEWS BRIEFS

D'AMBROSIO RESPONDS TO JANEY'S EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CHANGE THE NAME OF COLUMBUS DAY

Senate candidate Anthony D'Ambrosio has issued the following statement on Boston Mayor Kim Janey to change the name of the Columbus Day Holiday to Indigenous Peoples' Day:

“Mayor Janey’s actions have caused more division and anger in Boston and throughout Massachusetts. I am proud of my Italian immigrant roots. No insider politician’s decision will change that.

This could have been done in a way that recognizes the plight of Indigenous people while not offending many Italian Ameri-

cans.

When will political insiders learn that true leaders unite people not divide them.”

LEARN TO SKATE CLASSES OFFERED AT 10 BOSTON RINKS

The 2021-2022 skating season is about to begin. Bay State Skating School is one of Greater Boston's most established and popular skating programs. We have taught Learn-To-Skate classes to children ages 4-18 in the Greater Boston area for over 50 YEARS.

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New FALL lessons begin September, October and November. Lessons are held at 10 Greater Boston Rink locations including: Brookline-Cleveland Circle, Cambridge, Medford, Newton-Brighton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, West Roxbury, and Weymouth.

Our emphasis is on having fun while learning to skate. We have taught over 90,000 students to ice skate. Come skate and feel great!

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Contact Information

Varnie Jules, Finance Unit Manager
617-635-4920 x 2149

The City of Boston, Boston Centers for Youth & Families (the City), acting by its Commissioner, hereinafter referred to as the Official, invites sealed bids for the performance of the work generally described above, and particularly set forth in the Invitation for Bids. **The bid documents will be accessible online from Monday, October 04, 2021 through Monday, October 18, 2021 by visiting the City of Boston Public Procurement website at boston.gov/procurement/ and clicking on the supplier portal button to access event ID # EV00009824**

Sealed bids shall be opened electronically by the Official on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 4:00 PM. The contract awarded pursuant to this invitation to bid will commence on or about Monday, November 01, 2021 and will end on June 30, 2022.

All bidders are hereby notified that they shall provide a unit price for each category of service to be procured under this contract subject to the following terms that will govern price adjustments. Bidders are further notified that they shall submit a unit price for plowing & salting of all selected locations after occurrence of snowfall of 5" (Five Inches) or more, and a unit price for salting only of all of the selected locations for snowfall occurrence of less than 5". The bid prices shall be compared on the basis of the unit price for each category of service.

The attention of all bidders is directed to the provisions of the Invitation for Bids and contract documents, specifically to the requirements for bid deposits, insurance, and performance bonds as may be applicable. All bids for this project are subject to **M.G.L. c.30, s. 5** and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the contract documents.

The City of Boston affirmatively ensures that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), Small Local Business Enterprise (SLBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and Veteran Owned Small Business Enterprise (VOSBE) firms shall be afforded full opportunity to submit qualifications in response to this and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, gender, transgender status, political affiliation, age, sexual orientation or religion in any consideration leading to the award of contract. No qualified disabled person shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participating in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise subjected to discrimination in any consideration leading to the award of a contract.

The award of any contract shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor of Boston and the Awarding Authority. The maximum time for bid acceptance by the City after the opening of bids shall be ninety days (90 days). The City/County and the Official reserve the right to reject any or all bids, or any item or items thereof if found to be not in the best interest of the public.

William Morales, Commissioner
(October 04, October 11, 2021)

FRESH AND LOCAL

Curries, curried and curry powder

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the description of the book "Curry: A Global History," the publisher writes, "... food writer Colleen Taylor Sen describes in detail the Anglo-Indian origins of curry and how it has been adapted throughout the world. Exploring the curry universe beyond India and Great Britain, her chronicles include the elegant, complex curries of Thailand; the exuberant curries of the Caribbean; kari raisu, Japan's favourite comfort food; Indonesian gulai and rendang; Malaysia's delicious nonya cuisine; and exotic Western hybrids such as American curried chicken salad, German currywurst and Punjabi-Mexican-Hindu pizza."

We were introduced to the world of Indian curries by a couple who had lived in India. They were kind enough to give us some cultural etiquette in addition to an overview of the food. One thing we still remember is that it was an insult to tell a curry cook that their curry was exactly like someone else's. (Unless, perhaps, you were referring to their parent.)

As each cook dips a spice spoon into their Masala Dabba (the traditional round stainless steel tin containing their most-used spices) they proudly create their unique flavor profile.

The choice of aromatics takes a curry to a different region. In India, onion, garlic, and ginger are added to many curries. In Thailand, shallots, garlic, and chiles are a starting point. Jamaican curries add Scotch bonnet or habanero peppers to their onion and fresh thyme blend.

While we think of curries as soupy dishes, there are also dry curries. Some like Jalfrezi or

Panang are made by marinating the meat, seafood, or vegetables in a coating of spices and "frying" them in oil or coconut milk. This process creates a thick rather than soupy sauce.

Curried Foods

We think of curried foods as those seasoned with the flavors of curry or curry powder. Often they don't resemble a traditional curry at all. One meal in our regular meal rotation is curried chicken salad. Penny adds left-over chicken to a mixture of apple chunks, raisins, shredded carrots, green onions, and celery. She then adds a healthy dose of curry powder and Aleppo chili to the vinaigrette as she mixes it.

Curry Powder

Great Britain has a serious curry culture. Some food writers contend that Chicken Tikka Masala is the country's national dish. However, we consider curry powder the nation's most significant

contribution to the curry world.

What started with Indian merchants sending spice blends like Garam Masala to England soon took on a local British accent, with companies like Crosse & Blackwell creating and selling their versions of curry powder. Isabella Beeton's Book of Household Management had recipes calling for curry powder as early as 1861.

There is a vast difference in flavors among curry powders. Some of the best online spice retailers like Penzeys Spices and Spice House will let you purchase 1 or 2-ounce packages of their curry blends. Small samples are a great way to try a few and find the one that is your family favorite.

One origin story for the word curry is on Wikipedia. That source traces it to "... the Tamil word kari meaning 'sauce' or 'relish for rice' that uses the leaves of the curry tree (*Murraya koenigii*)." Seeing curry as a sauce or relish for rice, bread, or whatever staple served as the bulk of the meal explains why many countries have a curry culture. These are flavorful toppings that add interest and variety to daily meals often centered on a staple carbohydrate.

Do you have a question or topic for Fresh & Local? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your suggestion.



Here are two of our Masala Dabbas. One contains whole seeds and the other has our most-used spices and blends including our favorite curry powder.

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Docket No.
SU21P2084EA

Estate of:

Ersilia Torra

Date of Death

06/23/2017

A Petition for Late and
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by Antonietta Torra of Boston,
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enter a formal Decree and
Order and for such other relief
as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:
Antonietta Torra of Boston,
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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to this proceeding. To do so,
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objection at this Court before:

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
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Date: October 08, 2021

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH
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PROBATE AND
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Suffolk Probate
and Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

Docket No.
SU21P1888EA

Estate of:

Cora Malone

Date of Death

12/30/2020

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal
Appointment of Personal
Representative has been filed
by Kim Malone of Boston,
MA requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and

Order and for such other relief
as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Kim Malone of Boston, MA
be appointed as Personal
Representative(s) of said
estate to serve Without Surety
on the bond in unsupervised
administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain
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the Petitioner or at the Court.
You have a right to object
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10:00 a.m. on the return day
of 11/12/21.

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a deadline by which you must
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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Rep. David Biele backs Erin Murphy for City Council At-Large

State Representative David Biele, who represents South Boston and parts of Dorchester, has endorsed Erin Murphy to be Boston's next At-Large City Councilor, praising her commitment to public safety and her heartfelt efforts to eradicate the scourge of substance abuse and addiction.

With less than a month before the November 2nd Municipal Election, Rep. Biele's support represents the latest sign of Erin's surging support across the city. United States Representative Stephen F. Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, and City Councilor Ed Flynn -- all of South Boston -- have previously endorsed Erin's candidacy.

"Erin has proved both during her campaign and in her long history as a community activist that she is responsive, she is accessible, and she shows up," said Rep. Biele. "I know she will bring those same qualities to City Hall. And she is fiercely devoted to ensuring that every neighborhood in our city is a safe neighborhood, and that we have enough resources to provide recovery services for those dealing with addiction. She has always been an independent voice and she will make a fantastic city councilor."

"People are looking for leaders who can understand what their lives are like," Biele added. "Erin taught in the Boston Public Schools for 22 years, has raised her family here as a single mother, and been an outspoken advocate for her neighborhood. That's the character and type of person we want to represent everyone across the city."

Erin finished a strong fourth in a crowded field of 17 in the September 14th Preliminary Election, and has continued to amass support in the weeks since. Her outreach has extended to every neighborhood in the city, the same energy she would bring to the City Council.

"Representative Biele has been an exemplary legislator and representative of South Boston and Dorchester, and I'm thrilled to have his support," Erin said. "We care about a lot of the same things: safer streets for our families and our seniors, an escalated government and private-sector response to the substance abuse crisis, and doing everything we can to say 'thank you' to our veterans."

The Vice Chair of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security, Rep. Biele was first elected to the House of Representative in 2018 and chosen by his colleagues earlier this year to chair the Boston delegation.

In addition to South Boston, Rep. Biele's district includes parts of Dorchester: Columbia Point, the Polish Triangle, and South Bay.

Erin's campaign has been gathering



State Representative David Biele with Erin Murphy.

steam all year, with a string of high-profile endorsements and a surge in grassroots support and volunteerism across the city. Erin has also been endorsed by, among others, activist and mentor and former At-Large candidate Said Abdikarim, State Representatives Dan Hunt, Michael J. Moran, Ed Coppinger, and Dan Ryan, City Councilor Frank Baker, and former City Councilor Sal LaMattina, Register of Deeds Stephen J. Murphy, Teamsters Union Local 25, AFSCME Council 93 (which represents Boston municipal employees), the Massachusetts Nurses Association, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Laborers Local 223, the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus, and Boston EMS.

A lifelong Dorchester resident, Erin has centered her campaign around being Boston's go-to call at City Hall.

Erin's vision for Boston and her campaign are built on her core beliefs:

Thriving, best-in-class public schools for every student in every neighborhood

A friendlier city for seniors, with a more compassionate policy focus

Stronger outreach to veterans, out of respect for their service and supporting their needs

Safer streets and policing across the City, prioritizing community policing

A firm plan to relieve the crisis at Mass & Cass that respects all stakeholder

Reducing income inequality by promoting good jobs for all Bostonians

AAPI Action Group of Boston endorses Annissa Essaibi George for mayor

AAPI Action Group, a grassroots organization, founded by prominent Asian Americans of different descents proudly endorse Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George's bid for mayor of Boston. Annissa's work ethic, commitment to strong education, safe neighborhoods, and compassionate citizenship exemplifies the kind of individual we would like to see lead Boston forward.

AAPI Action Group takes pride in our group which establishes the largest diverse coalition of Chinese, Indian, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Nepalese Americans in Boston.

"Annissa is the true Asian American candidate for Mayor of Boston. She might not look like us, but she shown moral courage in standing up for the most vulnerable members of our population when it matters the most, especially when our own Asian American political leaders who are suppose to represent us, are painfully silent. We support her because like us, she deliberately seeks to unite all communities to make Boston stronger through togetherness. At this time, with everything we are facing we need the next mayor to be a unifier. Annissa is the unifier we need. She summons our inner angels to unite and celebrate as Bostonians of different descents and heritages," Sanjay Kaul, co-founder of the AAPI Action Group.

"Annissa is homegrown and intimately understands the unique needs of each neighborhood as well as embrace the differences. She does not preach to us from an elite ivory tower, but listens to our needs and concerns. We are excited to support Annissa as the next mayor of Boston because she has lived experience and will use her common sense as tough decisions are made," Joe Wong, a Chinese American civic leader from Chinatown said.

"Annissa is running to be Boston's mayor for all the right reasons. Annissa is a mother and all her children attend our public schools. As a Boston Public School

teacher for 14 years, she understands the challenges of our public education system and the needs of our educators and students. She inspires young Americans like me to thrive, to be the best in school and reach my full potential," Sandhaya KC, a young Nepalese American leader said.

"Annissa is a woman warrior. She's been in trenches, paid her dues, has proven to be a qualified leader, and ready for greater responsibility to create a stronger Boston through togetherness, as the next mayor of Boston. I appreciate the most her boots on the ground and direct style. Unapologetically with moral courage, she has made difficult decisions as City Councilor because she knows the stakes are high," said Frank Celozza, a Filipino-American war veteran.

"As an American educator of Asian descent, I know firsthand that Annissa will ensure that the history and contributions of Asian Americans to American society will be taught constructively so we can share our common humanity with each other," said 72-year old Southeast Asian Betty Lim King, a published author and animal rescuer.

"Annissa understands that Vietnamese Americans are shop owners and small business entrepreneurs who depend on public safety. She has the work experience as a small business owner in Boston to meaningfully address the challenges faced by immigrant store owners and bring economic development to areas across the city in need. She has been in our neighborhood listening to our needs, not just during elections. I am confident she is realistic and grounded to lead Boston forward," said Binh Nguyen, a lifelong civic and community leader of Vietnamese descent.

AAPI Action Group as Americans of diverse Asian descents believe that Annissa Essaibi-George is the authentic leader to lead Boston forward as our next Mayor. We ask every Bostonian to cast your vote on November 2 for Annissa.



Boston City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George with members of the AAPI Action Group.

NORTH END FLAG FOOTBALL UNDERWAY

By Phil Orlandella

The first game of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Flag Football League kickoff under the lights was held at Puopolo Park.

The inaugural season, under the direction of Commissioner Steven Siciliano with assistance from Michele Deveau and Manny Montross of the Nazzaro Center and John Romano of the NEAA.

Fifty plus youth, boys and girls, in two age groups played in their first games.

Divisions are broken down by grades, 3rd to 6th grade and 7th to 10th grade will participate in a 6-week initial season.

Registration was capped to a small number this year to get the program off the ground and running at a manageable number NEAA Sports Coordinator John Romano said.

The NEAA is grateful to Steven and all the volunteers that made this season possible.

Romano noted that there was a "near capacity" crowd the first night.

Games are all on Friday nights starting at 6:15p.m. and 7:15p.m.



Scenes from the 7th - 10th grade game.



Scenes from the 3rd - 6th grade games.



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