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PUMPKIN PAINTING



North End children decorate pumpkins on the Prado last Thursday as part of NEMPAC's annual Pumpkin Painting on the Prado event. Alba Produce and Dave Crocini supplied the pumpkins for this year's event. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

North End, city kick off early voting for November's Municipal Election

By John Lynds

North End voters had the opportunity to vote early for the Nov. 2 Municipal Election over the weekend and voters here can continue to vote at City Hall until Friday or utilize early voting drop boxes across the city until election night.

Unlike traditional polling, early voting allows voters to vote at locations other than their assigned polling location.

While early voting occurred at various locations across the city over the weekend, North End residents can drop off ballots at the nearest location at City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 27 from 9 am to 5 pm, Thursday, Oct. 28 from 9 am to 8 pm and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

North End residents can also utilize the voting dropbox that is outside City Hall seven days a week until 8 pm election night.

The Boston Election Department is encouraging voters to utilize early voting because voting early makes it easy to ensure a voter's voice is heard.

Aside from the City Hall dropbox, registered North End voters can vote at any early voting location throughout Boston. A list of all early voting locations can be found at <https://www.boston.gov/news/early-voting-locations-boston-2021-municipal-election#map--626701>.

On the ballot voters will choose between Michelle Wu or Annissa Essaibi George for Mayor of Boston.

Voters will also narrow down the At-Large field from eight to four on Nov. 2. Voters can choose up to four candidates and David Halbert, Bridget M Nee-Walsh, Julia Mejia, Carla Monteiro, Ruthzee Louijeune, Althea Garrison, Michael Flaherty and Erin J. Murphy will all be on the ballot.

There will also be three ballot questions during the November 2 Municipal Election.

The first question will ask whether or not to reverse the decision in the 1990s to go from an elected Boston School Committee to an appointed School Committee. Boston is the only city in the Commonwealth that does not have an elected school committee.

There's also a ballot question introduced by city councilors on the Boston Budget Process Amendment that has been sent to the State House. It would allow the city council to engage back and forth with the mayor to check the mayor's power on the city's \$3.7 billion budget. It will give the council, just like every other legislative body, the ability to amend and to override the mayor's veto.

There's also a non-binding bal-

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NEWRA clearly opposes Cross Street Hotel

By Phil Orlandella

Additional opposition has been expressed for a proposal by Cross Street Ventures, LLC to construct a five-story, 140 room boutique hotel in the North End.

The North End/Waterfront Residence' Association (NEWRA)

at its annual meeting voted unanimously to send a letter opposing the Cross Street proposed hotel, expressing numerous concerns.

Hotel plans call for two first floor restaurants with a total capacity of 234 seats and the seasonal rooftop dining area with 285 seats.

The structure will rise to 55

feet, not including the mechanicals over the entire project site from the Chase Bank building adjacent to a residential building on Endicott Street.

The site contains 2 one-story buildings that once housed retail establishments, along with an ancillary surface used for some

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North End Outdoor Dining Committee schedules meeting

By Phil Orlandella

Although other restaurants will remain open to provide outdoor dining, North End restaurants will shut down service on November 1.

The earlier closure is, according to the city, is for planned construction, parking, traffic and other reasons.

Current conditions and status of the temporary pilot outdoor dining program that has been in place for two seasons will be discussed at a scheduled virtual Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 28 at 6 PM, called for by the North

End Outdoor Dining Committee established by the City.

City departments will explain the difference between the current program and the allowances made in response to the COVID-19 pandemic virus that requirements and a permanent program would have to abide by under the current legislation once the allowances have been lifted, Boston Neighborhood North End Liaison John Romano Jr. advises.

The departments reportedly attending the meeting included: Boston Transportation, Public Works, Disabilities Commission,

Boston Fire Operations and Boston Fire Prevention.

Each department will talk about the benefits and challenges this program faces as it relates to their respective departments.

Based on the information provided, the city can plan for future outdoor dining in the community that will have changes. One possible change relates to the city paying for displaced residential free parking being provided and paid for by the city.

Romano encourages everyone to get involved by asking

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NEWNC supports two proposals

By Phil Orlandella

Two proposals before the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) were approved 7-0, while there was no action taken on the Cross Street Hotel proposal which was labeled as an informational item.

Approved was an application for variance relating to 114 Prince Street seeking to turn current finished basement space into legal

living space for

Unit 1 and about 500 square feet 4th floor addition with deck access from 4th floor living space.

Also approved was an application for variance seeking to excavate basement at 5 Garden Court Street to extend the living space to garden level, unit count to stay at 4. The garden level will become part of Unit 1 living space.

The next monthly NEWNC meeting will be held on Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m.

EDITORIAL

BE SURE TO VOTE THIS TUESDAY

The historic election in the City of Boston is set for this coming Tuesday, November 2, with the main event being the mayoral contest between Annissa Essaibi George and Michelle Wu. Boston voters for the first time will be electing a woman as mayor, and both candidates are the children of immigrants.

However, as much as they may have in common, Wu and Essaibi George have presented very different visions of how they intend to govern, both in style and in substance, for the voters' consideration.

In addition, there is a full slate of City Councillor at Large seats, with eight candidates vying for the four slots. Among the nine district council seats, six are contested.

There is a lot on the line for every Boston resident in Tuesday's election. The future direction of our city will be determined by the choices we make on Tuesday.

We urge all of our readers who are eligible voters to get out and vote.

REMEMBERING THE PERFECT STORM

It was 30 years ago this week when the Perfect Storm struck the East Coast of the United States, bringing powerful winds and gargantuan waves that pummeled the Massachusetts coastline on Wednesday, October 30, and continued into the next day.

Although the storm eventually affected the entire East Coast from Canada to Florida, the most-costly damage occurred in Massachusetts, with more than 100 homes destroyed, especially along the South Shore in Marshfield.

The damage would have been much greater, given the 30-foot waves that ravaged the coastline, but the storm struck during a neap tide, the time of the month when the high tides are at their lowest.

If it had occurred during one of those King Tides -- we can only imagine the devastation.

The storm originally was called the No-Name Storm or the Halloween Storm, but eventually became known as the Perfect Storm, after the book by journalist Sebastian Junger and subsequent movie (starring George Clooney) that chronicled the fate of the crew of the Gloucester fishing vessel, Andrea Gale, which sunk amidst the storm and its 100-foot waves.

Junger got that name from a Boston meteorologist, who told Junger that the storm was formed from the convergence of the remnants of Hurricane Grace and two other weather systems, which then combined into one powerful storm -- the Perfect Storm -- a few hundred miles out to sea and then made a beeline westward for a direct hit on Massachusetts.

According to the meteorologist, the unlikely convergence of a hurricane and two other weather systems is a once-in-a-hundred year event.

For those of us who recall seeing the waves crashing over the seawalls in Revere and Winthrop from our tall office buildings in downtown Boston, and then getting a first-hand look at the damage the next day, the Perfect Storm is one we'll remember for the rest of our lives, just as we'll never forget the Blizzard of '78 and the previous generation never forgot the Hurricane of 1938.

In view of all of the destruction wrought by weather events in other parts of the world in the past 15 years, we should consider ourselves lucky that we have not had to face similar natural catastrophes.

On the other hand, realizing that it's been 30 years since our last truly Big One, the odds are that we are overdue for another natural disaster -- "Time and tide wait for no man," wrote the poet -- and with the added impact of climate change, whatever fate awaits us, we fear it will be a bad outcome.

ENJOY A SAFE HALLOWEEN

Yes, all we want to party and enjoy this Halloween season as we emerge from the worst of the pandemic, especially after Halloween essentially was cancelled last year.

But we urge all of our readers not to overdo it and to enjoy the holiday responsibly with their friends and loved ones.

Excessive drinking never makes sense and there never is a good excuse for it.

So let's dress up in our Squid Games costumes -- but remember that the winner of the game had to keep his head (literally and figuratively) to survive.

He never would have made it if he had been under the influence.

GUEST OP-ED

Yes on 1 for a better budget: The time is now

Andres Del Castillo

This year, there will be a question on the November ballot that would change how the City budget is created. It would allow the city council to change budget items by a majority vote, and create an Office of Participatory Budgeting to allow people to vote on certain budget items. More of us would get a say in how we spend our City's money.

Currently, city councilors can only vote yes or no on the entire budget; they have no power to shift funds within the budget. Also, there is currently no process for voters in Boston to have direct input on the budget through participatory budgeting processes, a democratic process in which community members directly decide how to spend a portion of a public budget. This project exists in many other major cities like our neigh-

bors next door in Cambridge, as well as New York, Seattle, Oakland, and Chicago.

By voting yes on Question 1 this November, voters have a chance to amend the City of Boston's Charter to allow far more voices to influence the budget process, including communities who have historically been excluded from influencing the budget. This effort "Yes on 1 for a Better Budget" is led by a coalition of community organizations, teachers, nurses, faith leaders, environmental groups, small businesses, elected officials, and voters across Boston.

The changes were approved by every member of the city council, including the two mayoral candidates, so all the people most involved in the budget process agree these are good changes for Boston. Allowing legislative budget changes is very common, and

government bodies from the federal and state governments down to cities and towns work this way, and it works very well.

Having more leaders who are closer to the needs of the communities in the city will ensure that community needs are better met in the budget than allowing only the mayor to set the priorities.

Why vote Yes on 1? Boston needs more affordability, stronger schools, thriving local businesses, and good youth jobs. Yes on 1 would allow us to better achieve these goals by giving local city councilors more input so that every Boston neighborhood is fully included.

Vote on November 2nd, YES ON QUESTION 1!

Visit www.YesOn1Boston.com and follow @Yeson1Boston

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GUEST OP-ED

Question 1 will exchange a proven process for chaos

By: Pam Kocher

Hiding underneath the spotlighted races for Mayor and City Council on the Nov. 2 ballot is Question 1, which is a binding initiative that will change the City Charter and allow a budgeting power grab by the City Council.

We believe this change will bring chaos to a strong budgeting system that currently works well.

The mission of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau (BMRB) is to be the City's fiscal watchdog, and on Question 1, the BMRB wants to get the facts to voters. In the past, we have sounded the alarm many times on what we believed were unwise fiscal measures, and now we are doing that on Question 1 and asking that residents make sure to vote 'No on 1' after they cast their votes for mayor and city council.

Question 1 looks to shift some budgeting powers away from the mayor and allow 13 City Councilors to write and override the mayor's budget. Question 1 will also introduce more meetings, resources going to the loudest constituents, and it could damage the City's pristine credit rating.

A few facts need to be put on

the record:

- Question 1 is unnecessary as the Council already has tools and powers that they can use to influence the City Budget -- tools and powers they rarely use now. In fact, with just one memorandum, the City Council could call for very specific revisions and additions that the mayor could incorporate into any budget and do so publicly.

- The question is binding, meaning that it's not an opinion poll. If this passes, it would result in a

change to the City Charter that would be permanent.

- The big issue in Question 1 is not participatory budgeting. In fact, Boston already has that. It was introduced many years ago under the Menino Administration.

- Finally, the measure is unfair to our new female leader, whom ever she may be. No matter which of the mayoral candidates wins on Nov. 2, she will be the first elected female mayor of Boston, but she will also be walking into a

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

Environmental Justice for the 21st Century

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

Our District is blessed with numerous waterfronts and beaches that attract visitors from around the world. Take Winthrop Parkway, for example. With beautiful coastline on one side and idyllic beach homes on the other, the Parkway represents the best of New England and bridges two of our great municipalities: Winthrop and Revere. It's hard to believe that just three years ago, sixty-foot waves easily breached the sea wall and fully submerged the road in icy water. In addition to cutting off one of the only access points to Winthrop and presenting a life-threatening risk to surrounding residents, the flooding from that day created scenes more reminiscent to far-away typhoons.

Unfortunately, as we all know, this was not a one-time crisis. The Parkway flooded again during an excessively high tide in February and when Hurricane Ida hit in September. Further, just two weeks ago, a report released by the First Street Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to assessing the flood risk to American communities, found that Suffolk County is one of the top 20 counties in the nation expected to see the largest increase in flood risk over the next 30 years. This means that Revere, Winthrop, and Boston will soon face similar flood threats to hurricane-prone cities in Louisiana and Texas.

Our environmental problems don't stop with flooding. Residents in our District face the brunt of environmental harms from the State's infrastructure systems: airport noise and air pollution, combustible jet fuel stored near parks and playgrounds, and smog from traffic congestion. The children in our District are more than four times as likely to suffer from symptoms of asthma and other respiratory conditions as children living elsewhere. The infrastructure in our District benefits everyone in Massachusetts including

those from away towns, yet our residents alone suffer from the catastrophic threats to their health, homes, and livelihoods.

Most of the residents in our District live in what the EEA calls "environmental justice populations," neighborhoods in which residents are more vulnerable to environmental harms and exclusion from participation in environmental, energy, and climate change decision-making. The EEA released its updated "Environmental Justice Policy" in June of this year to address the exclusion of impacted residents from policy decisions, but people are right to be skeptical. For far too long, residents of our District have been promised a seat at the table for decisions that affect their homes and health only to be completely ignored in favor of Massport and utilities giants.

One recent example of this is Massachusetts's decision to permit the building of an Eversource electrical substation at an East Boston location near Chelsea Creek, across the street from the American Legion Playground, and within 800 feet of a jet fuel storage site. Despite the risk of flooding from the creek, fire or explosion from the jet fuel, and harm to children who might stumble upon the site from the playground, the Commonwealth proceeded with the project. Eversource selected the East Boston site largely because it already had the property and did not want to go through the trouble of finding another. The State chose the convenience of a massive utility over the health and safety of our residents.

This is unacceptable. We must hold the electrical substation, airport, and Saugus Wheelabrator accountable to state pollution standards and be unafraid to enact penalties when such standards are violated. We must hold state officials accountable to their own stated policies of environmental justice. Our District cannot always

bear the brunt for other parts of the State. We must fund a more robust restitution fund for those suffering from the health consequences of environmental harms.

To preserve our beautiful coastal areas, reduce litter, and protect local marine wildlife, we must fund the placement of more trash and recycling bins at our public beaches. We must also secure more funding to combat coastal erosion, sea wall decay, jet fuel spills, noise damage to homes. Additionally, the state should expand the COASTSWEEP clean-up program to keep our coastlines free of debris and provide more environmental volunteer opportunities for students and other community members.

Finally, the contamination of our water systems with PFAS from factories, landfills, construction sites, and even firefighting materials presents another environmental challenge for the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has recently adopted new regulations requiring public water systems to test for PFAS. This was an important first step; however, if such tests show that PFAS is present in public water systems, the state should make funds available to municipalities that will have to make costly repairs to their water systems in order to prevent PFAS contamination. The costs of such repairs should NOT be passed onto Commonwealth residents in the form of higher water and sewer rates.

Every year we see the damaging consequences of environmental inaction grow. We must act now to build a safe and sustainable future for our families.

For more policy discussion, please go to www.VoteDambrosio.com.

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Vote 'No on 1' to make sure we continue making prudent financial decisions in our city. For more detailed information, log on to No1boston.com and make sure to get the facts on Question 1.

Pam Kocher - is President of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau and Boston Resident

that allows our city to pay less for borrowed dollars, save on capital projects and manage through downturns in our economy. Our budgeting process keeps people employed, programs funded and services reaching the neediest.

Our city works because our budget works.

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job stripped of important budgeting powers if Question 1 passes. Where is the fairness in taking away powers from the first female mayor, powers that male mayors have enjoyed for generations?

Boston has been recognized for decades as being a fiscally sound, with a AAA bond rating

TONY DEMARCO WAS A CLASS ACT

The late Tony DeMarco is the only North End resident to win a world sport championship when he captured the welterweight crown on April 1, 1955 at the Boston Garden defeating then champion Johnny Saxton in a 14 round slug test.

Following his upset victory, DeMarco was motorcade through the streets of the North End in a convertible with residents shouting Tony, Tony, Tony.

Born Leonardo Liotta at age 16, he was not eligible to fight professionally, the age limit was 18, so he used the birth certificate of a friend, Tony DeMarco. He went on to win 45 of 71 fights, with 33 knockouts.

Tony considered himself a slugger but out of the ring he was a kind person that was recognized by many as the champ when he visited the North End.

A statue of Tony was placed at the corner of Hanover and Cross Streets recognizing his accomplishment in the ring and public life.

He was involved in many fund-raising events and President of the Boston Chapter of the National Italian Hall of Fame and was inducted into the organization.

He was also inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame as a member of the class of 2019.

DeMarco was featured in "The Flame and Fury of Fleet Street,"

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parking.

A six-page letter was sent to Brian P. Golden, Director of the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), expressing numerous NEWRA concerns.

Apparently, the community group is concerned that the BPDA has complete discretion to end Article 80 Public Review of the project, and at any time they alone can decide that the areas public consensus either way.

NEWRA believes, "Public comments submitted in numerous ways show that there is no public consensus at this time and claims "Neither the BPDA, the Proponent on the City of Boston provided notification of the availability of the Supplement Filing of most of those who submitted comments of the EPNF".

Instead, according to NEWRA the notification involved a legal notice in the Boston Herald that is "totally in adequate".

The six-page letter claims the

a segment of a documentary, Boston's North End an Italian American story.

An autobiography was written about the champ entitled Nardo Memories of a Boxing Champion. Nardo, was one of DeMarco's several nicknames.

Tony from the opening bell of his professional career was a tough competitor in every way but, out of the ring until his passing was a class act and was highly respected for his accomplishments placing the North End on the map.

Ring the bell 10 times.

JOHN ROMANO, JR A COMMUNITY ASSET

There is simply no question that the North End has a terrific Boston Neighborhood Service Liaison, John Romano, Jr. Romano has clearly established himself as a totally reliable asset to the community.

His willingness to work with and respond to neighborhood issues in a timely manner is recognized and appreciated by residents, community organizations and the business community.

Romano has certainly earned a solid reputation as the man to go to. He clearly understands how to deal with the community and get the message to City Hall.

Romano has gained the trust of the neighborhood due to his commitment to help make the North End a better place to live.

Proponent has actively sought those who may support the project failed to attend a scheduled NEWRA meeting on October 14 to discuss the project but, on the day of the meeting, they notified NEWRA that it was canceling its attendance.

While offering to meet with NEWRA this November, the developer was not willing to attend. They were also not willing to extend the public comment period beyond the October 18 deadline.

"These are manipulations of the public process that appears to be intended to control public input for the benefit of the Proponent," NEWRA claims.

The letter raised several other concerns relating to: zoning code, open space, impacts to residents and Cuttillo Park, the environment, street parking, traffic flow, reducing the width of Cross Street, height and much more.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella**NEAA SUPPORTS NEMPAC'S "NEXT ACT"**

Robert "Ted" Tomasone, chair of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) recently presented North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) a generous contribution in support of its "Next Act" Capital Campaign, according to Sheri Snow, Executive Director.

The campaign began just before the pandemic in February 2020 to create and support of NEMPAC's capital renovation project at 50 Tileston Street for five improvements to existing facilities as well as temporary and future performance space needed to support programming.

"We are grateful to Teddy, NEAA President Louis Louie Cavagnaro and the NEAA for their support of our Scholarship Fund over the years and now we (NEMPAC) are especially thankful for this one-time generous gift to our "Next Act" campaign," Snow said.

"This is a reflection of organizations working together in our neighborhood to support and give back to the community," Snow added.

LOVIN' SPOONFULS DONATES FOOD FOR SENIORS

Throughout the summer the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center has received donations from Lovin' Spoonfuls.

A variety of food has been provided including: artisan bread, bagels, fresh fruit and vegetables, cakes, pies, milk, beverages and more.

The Center for the summer months has placed the food in bags given out weekly to help seniors stretch their food dollars.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Janet Gilardi of the Gilardi's Group will celebrate Halloween giving out candy, allergy save candy, and the little toys to Trick or Treaters at 2 Baldwin Place about 2 PM. This year's theme is "The Wizard of Oz".

About 3:30 PM the group will meet up with other Trick or Treaters to walk around the North End looking for more goodies. So far about 15 participants and 8 dogs dressed up in costume are

expected.

The costumes will be donated to Boston Children's Hospital

MADONNA SOCIETY HALLOWEEN PARTY

The 70th annual outdoor Madonna Della Cava Society parade will be held on Hanover and Battery Streets on Saturday, October 30 from 1-3 PM. Rain date: Sunday, October 31.

Tickets for prizes will be given out to every child that participates. The party will feature, DJ Amo, games, activities, inflatable games, a bouncy and face painting.

CUTILLO PARK UPDATES

It appears that the delay of new construction to rehab Cuttillo Park is on hold until the Boston Park Department knows the status of the proposed Cross Street Hotel which could pose a problem. Once decided, Friends of Cuttillo Park and other residents will select a plan to fix up the park.

OUTDOOR DINING CLOSING NOV. 1

Outdoor dining ends November 1 for the 2021 season before other Boston residents due to planned construction, parking, traffic and other needs.

The Outdoor Dining Committee is holding a meeting on October 28 via Zoom to discuss future plans.

SCARECROW VILLAGE ON BOSTON HARBORWALK

The third annual Scarecrow Village has started up on the lawn area near Harbor Towers portion of the Harborwalk between the new England Aquarium and the Boston Harbor Hotel on Rowes Wharf and is available for viewing until Halloween, October 31, rain or shine.

More than 45 colorful and fun scarecrows are placed around the lawn. The Village was created by Haber Tower residents of all ages.

The action-oriented scarecrows, dressed in crazy costumes with pumpkin heads gazed out silently at the passersby.

19TH TRELLIS LIGHTING SET

The 19th Annual Trellis Park Lighting is currently scheduled for Monday, November 22 according to Friends of Christopher Columbus Park.

Since 2003, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have bathed the Trellis in blue lights and illuminated trees throughout the park.

This tradition continues through the generosity of members and business sponsors.

The Trellis is one of the romantic places in Boston and #1 holiday decorations in the city (Boston) according to the Globe 2019.

FOCCP MEMBERSHIP GROWS

Year to date, 22 individual couples have become new members of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

Membership donations and volunteer efforts enable FOCCP to focus on initiatives that can help retain the status of the popular park.

Parks Department completes first street tree inventory as part of city's Urban Forest plan

By John Lynds

Earlier this year, the City of Boston launched its first ever Urban Forest Plan with the hope it will help the city prioritize, preserve, and grow the tree canopy throughout Boston for decades to come.

"The Boston Urban Forest Plan is a year-long effort made up of several phases," said the Parks Department in a statement on the program. "The first part of our work was the urban forest street tree inventory — an assessment of the existing conditions of the public street trees throughout Boston."

The data collected during this tree inventory provides an important snapshot in time of the condition of Boston's street trees.

"Now that the inventory is

complete, we'll be diving into the data to see what it tells us about this piece of the urban forest," the statement continued.

According to the report the top 10 most-common trees in Central Boston, which includes the North End, are honeylocust at 41.5%, littleleaf linden at 13.6%, pin oak at 8.8%, ginkgo at 6.9%, red maple at 6.7%, accolade elm at 5.7%, Callery pear at 5.5%, London planetree at 5.5%, free-man maple at 3.2%, and Japanese pagoda at 2.7%

In October 2020 the Boston Parks and Recreation Department announced the city would partner with local groups in North End and across the city to help create an equitable vision for the protection and expansion of the City's tree canopy.

Street trees naturally absorb pollution and reduce urban noise by 6 to 15 decibels.

Alongside the City, North End partners and other stakeholders will apply an environmental justice lens throughout the entire process of creating a 20 year "Urban Forest Plan" in Boston.

Understanding where canopy loss is happening is the first step in addressing these issues through policy, including guidelines for tree canopy protection on public, private, and institutional property.

In addition to the \$500,000 budgeted for the Urban Forest Plan, historic investments in public spaces this year will also support the hiring of a new arborist and the planting of an additional 1,000 trees, doubling the yearly total to 2,000 trees planted per year.



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North End Athletic Association (NEAA) donates to NEMPAC

By John Lynds

Last week, Robert ‘Ted’ Tomasone, chairman of the North End Athletic Association

(NEAA) presented the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) with a generous contribution in support of their “Next Act” Capital Campaign.

The campaign, which began just before the pandemic in February 2020, was created in support of NEMPAC’s capital renovation project of 50 Tileston Street, improvements to existing facilities, as well as temporary and future performance space needs to support programming.

“We are grateful to Teddy, NEAA President Louie Cavagnaro, and NEAA for their support of our Scholarship Fund over the years - and now we are especially thankful for this one-time generous gift to our “Next Act” Campaign,” said Executive Director Sherri Snow. “The contribution brought over our \$1,000,000 campaign goal this past month and is a reflection of organizations working together in our North End neighborhood to support and give back to the community.”

In other NEMPAC news five North End residents recently received scholarships through the Geraldine Marshall and NEMPAC’s annual fund

“We are proud to ensure every child has equitable access to a high-quality artistic experience or music training program - which we’ve witnessed over the years - can be life-changing and empowering for many,” said Snow.

Snow said due to an increase in scholarship requests this year - the Marshall Fund increased it’s awards and gave five full scholarships to North End Youth.

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund was founded in 2014 and continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The Scholarship was established by Marshall’s son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz. Marshall, who passed away at the age of 68, was born in Dorchester in 1946, moved to the North End at the age of 21 and settled here for almost 50 years before her passing.



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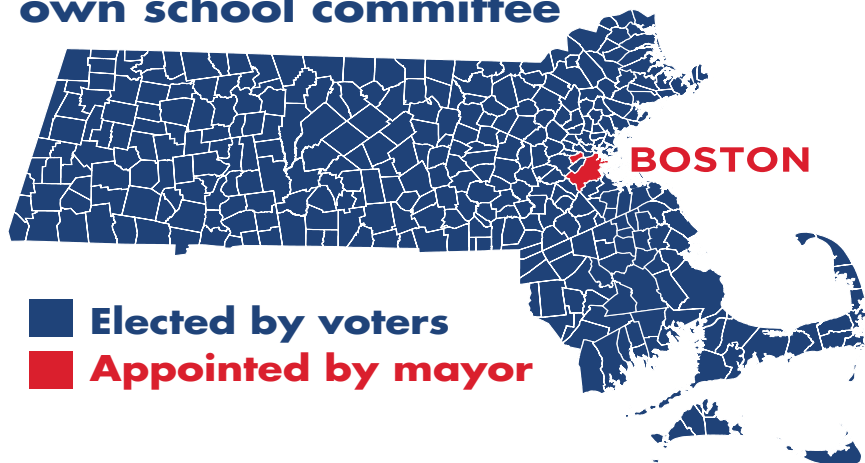
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NEMPAC'S PUMPKIN PAINTING ON THE PRADO

Last Thursday NEMPAC held its annual Pumpkin Painting on the Prado event. This annual community event is hosted by NEMPAC and serves hundreds of families.

NEMPAC's Executive Director Sherri Snow said the organization is thankful to Alba Produce and Dave Crocini for supplying the pumpkins this year.



North End children show off their decorated pumpkins during the event at the Prado.



Children were all smiles during NEMPAC's annual event.



This annual community event is hosted by NEMPAC and serves hundreds of families.



Children were supplied with pumpkins courtesy of Alba Produce and Dave Crocini and were given all the arts supplies they needed to create a Halloween pumpkin.

DINING (from pg. 1)

questions, expressing comments or concerns at the public meeting which is not scheduled to shut down outdoor dining but to examine the best way to continue, if possible, the program in a matter that makes it safe, less inconvenient for residents and helps out the business community.

Outdoor dining has not been really accepted by many residents who have continuously complained about numerous issues.

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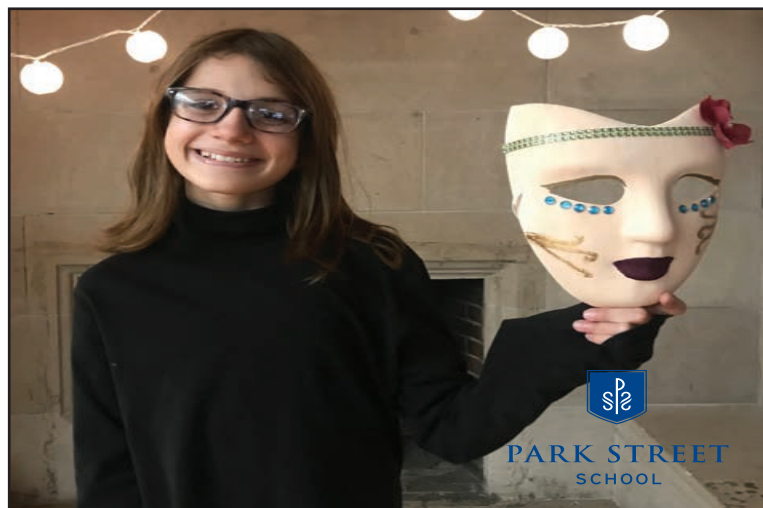
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In the matter of: Carol Chu Barraza A Petition to Change Name of Adult has been filed by Carol Chu Barraza of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a Decree changing their

name to: Carol Chu Any person may appear for purposes of objecting to the petition by filing an appearance at: Suffolk Probate and Family Court before 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/18/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: October 20, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate 10/28/21

NEMPAC'S PUMPKIN PAINTING ON THE PRADO



NEMPAC students and volunteers helped hand out art supplies during the event in the Prado last week.



The annual event drew hundreds of families for some pre-Halloween fun.



These girls teamed up to decorate a pumpkin.



This little guy was all excited about his creation.

ELECTION (from pg. 1)

lot question regarding the proposed Eversource Substation in East Boston

The question to voters will read, "Should a high voltage, electric substation be built at 400 Condor Street in East Boston, along the Chelsea Creek, near homes, parks, playgrounds, jet fuel storage, and in a flood risk area rather than in a nearby alternative safe and secure location such as non-residential Massport land at Logan Airport?"

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Dr. Awab Ali Ibrahim named to Project Bread's Board of Directors

Project Bread, the state's leading anti-hunger organization spearheading Massachusetts' COVID-19 hunger relief efforts, is pleased to welcome Dr. Awab Ali Ibrahim, a pediatric gastroenterology fellow at Mass General Hospital, to the nonprofit's Board of Directors. Project Bread's Board of Directors is a group of professionals who provide governance, expertise and

strategic support to the nonprofit.

"Project Bread's pursuit of bold, systemic solutions to the problem of hunger will benefit greatly from Dr. Ali Ibrahim's medical and personal perspective especially as we look to expand our impact reaching patients through our healthcare partnerships in community health centers," says Erin McAleer, Project Bread CEO. "I

believe he will be a strong advocate and a great partner in our work to end hunger statewide.

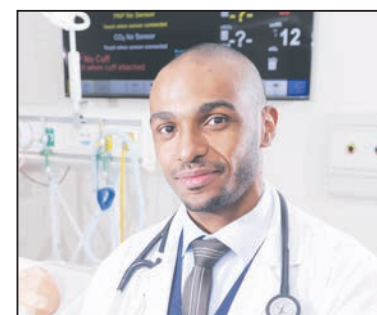
Meeting four times a year, the Project Bread Board of Directors hold governance and fiduciary responsibility for the organization and serve as the nonprofit's greatest ambassadors. While providing advice and strategic direction, taken from their individual areas

of significant expertise, the group also strengthens Project Bread's position by connecting leadership to their personal and professional networks. The Board of Directors is also philanthropically engaged, raising more than \$350,000 annually in support of the organization's strategic initiatives.

Born in Sudan and raised in Hungary and Qatar, Dr. Ali Ibrahim, 33, now a North End resident, has fond memories of sitting down with his family for home-cooked meals. However, he recounts seeing a startling contrast of food insecurity and poverty in his surrounding communities, vivid images that have stayed with him through adulthood.

"I come from one of the poorest countries in the world where hunger is a big problem," says Dr. Ali Ibrahim. "Hunger and food insecurity lead to parents making very tough decisions about their kids. This includes removing them from school to work or having them get married at a very young age. Because of my parents' sacrifices, I was fortunate enough to not be affected by this. I believe that the nutrition my parents afforded to me contributed to why I was able to do well in school and become a doctor. I have therefore made it my mission to help kids with hunger so they too can achieve their dreams."

As a pediatric gastroenterology fellow, Dr. Ali Ibrahim takes a food-as-medicine approach while caring for patients with various



Dr. Awab Ali Ibrahim.

gastrointestinal problems, including illnesses like obesity, constipation, weight loss, and inflammatory bowel disease. He recently spoke at one of Project Bread's legislative panels for the nonprofit's Feed Kids Coalition about the need for universal school meals to address childhood hunger. The Feed Kids Coalition is a diverse cohort of stakeholders, from school districts to social justice organizations for the passing of School Meals for All legislation, which would allow every student who wants or needs a school breakfast or lunch to receive it – at no cost to their family and with no requirement to sign up or provide income or other information. If passed, participation in school meals would increase by an estimated 50,000 students statewide.

"I really believe that nutrition is the key to determining one's health trajectory," says Dr. Ali Ibrahim. "The food we eat will either make us live a longer, healthier life or

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Halloween checklist includes, candy, costume, designated driver

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is urging everyone to make a plan for a designated driver before Halloween weekend begins. MADD is concerned anytime a holiday falls on a weekend when the risk of drunk driving deaths and injuries is higher.

"If you plan to consume alcohol or any other drugs, the safest choice you can make is to decide who your non-drinking, unimpaired driver will be at the same time you're planning for your costume or party," said MADD New England Region Executive Director, Bob Garguilo. "The key is to plan your ride before there is even an opportunity to find yourself in a dangerous situation, putting your life and the lives of others at risk."

Drunk driving is the leading cause of death and injuries on our nation's roads, killing more than 10,000 people every year and injuring 300,000 more. Drivers are increasingly testing positive for other impairing substances and multiple substances. According to NHTSA, between 2009 and 2018 the presence of marijuana nearly doubled in drivers who were killed in crashes and were tested for marijuana. Of fatally injured drivers who were tested for the presence of drugs in 2018, 46% tested positive.

It is a crime to drive under the influence of alcohol and other drugs – legal and illegal - in every state, and drunk or drug-impaired driving poses a threat to the driver, passengers and everyone else on the road. Marijuana, for example, has been shown to slow reaction times, impair cognitive performance and make it more difficult for drivers to keep a steady position in their lane. Combining marijuana with alcohol is even more dangerous.

"Early estimates for 2020 and 2021 are showing an increase in deaths and injuries caused by impaired driving and other dangerous driving behaviors like speeding and not using seatbelts. All of these tragedies are 100% preventable. We are asking everyone to do their part," Otte said.

Tips for a safe Halloween:

- Plan ahead and designate a non-drinking, unimpaired driver, use rideshare or public transportation.
- Always wear your seatbelt and make sure your passengers are wearing theirs.
- Never get into a car with an impaired driver or put yourself in a situation where you don't feel safe.
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact law enforcement immediately.

• If you witness someone who is about to drive impaired, attempt to stop them but be as a non-confrontational as possible. Enlist the help of others, if possible. Call law enforcement if attempts to stop them from driving fail.

About Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Founded in 1980 by a mother whose daughter was killed by a drunk driver, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is the nation's largest nonprofit working to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. MADD has helped to save more than 400,000 lives, reduce drunk driving deaths by more than 50 percent and promote designating a non-drinking driver. MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving® calls for law enforcement support, ignition interlocks for all offenders and advanced vehicle technology. MADD has provided supportive services to nearly one million drunk and drugged driving victims and survivors at no charge through local victim advocates and the 24-Hour Victim Help Line 1-877-MADD-HELP. Visit www.madd.org or call 1-877-ASK-MADD.

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.

BRIDGE SOUTHBOUND BUS LANE

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

LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

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

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

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

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.

NEWS BRIEFS

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For more information and to registration, visit www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org or call Bay State Skating School (781) 890-8480.

PROJECT BREAD (from pg. 8)

have debilitating long-term effects on our bodies. Furthermore, we are also expanding our knowledge about how food can also act as a cure for many diseases. This is especially true in my field of gastroenterology as almost all of the conditions that we see have a nutritional therapeutic component. How we eat can have a huge effect on someone's quality of life."

People experiencing food inse-

curity should call into Project Bread's toll-free FoodSource Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential assistance to connect with food resources, including SNAP benefits, in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org/get-help.

About Project Bread

Project Bread is the leading statewide anti-hunger organiza-

tion in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the nonprofit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

D'Ambrosio announces new endorsements

Anthony D'Ambrosio for State Senate Endorsement Rollout

The D'Ambrosio campaign is proud to announce that we have received the endorsements of Charlie Patch, Former Revere Ward 6 City Councilor, RoseLee Vincent, Former State Representative, and Leo Robinson. Robinson has served as an At-Large City Councilor for over 30 years in Chelsea.

"Anthony will bring to the State Senate high energy, fresh ideas and an unrivaled work ethic. He is a breath of fresh air during a time of politicians trying to hark it both ways," said Charlie Patch, Former Revere Ward 6 City Councilor. "We won't have to wonder where Anthony stands because he clearly articulates his positions and isn't swayed by insiders looking out for

their own agenda. I am proud to support him and am looking forward to seeing his leadership at the State House."

"I support Anthony D'Ambrosio for State Senate because he is hard working, has strong family ties to the district and is committed to protecting the most vulnerable populations in our district - our children and the elderly," said RoseLee Vincent, Former State Representative. "I am glad he is running and proud to endorse him."

"Anthony and I have worked on issues of equity, community engagement, and economic revitalization," said Leo Robinson. "He has a superior track record of success. I enthusiastically and without pause endorse him for State Senate."



Charlie Patch and Anthony D'Ambrosio.



Anthony D'Ambrosio and RoseLee Vincent.



Leo Robinson and Anthony D'Ambrosio.

Flaherty announces new endorsements

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty announced he has received 9 additional endorsements in support of his bid for re-election in the November 2nd Boston Municipal General Election. These additional endorsements are from the following organizations: Greater Boston Labor Council, New England Joint Board UNITE HERE, SEIU1199, and Boston's Ward 5, 6, 7, 12, and 16 Democratic Committees.

"I am honored to receive these endorsements in what has continued to be a highly competitive campaign," said Councilor Flaherty. "This is a continued demonstration of the broad level of support I continue to receive from every corner of the city. That support was shown in my first-place finish at the polls in September, shown through the 70 total endorsements I have received to date, and I believe it will continue to prominently show in the results of the upcoming General Election."

The complete list of Councilor Flaherty's endorsements is available below:

Congressman Stephen Lynch, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Suffolk County Register of Deeds Steve Murphy, Suffolk Supreme Judicial Clerk Maura Doyle, Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Mike Donovan, Clerk Magistrate of Suffolk Superior Court Maura Hennigan, MA Senate Assistant Majority Leader Sal DiDomenico, MA Senate Majority Whip Mike Rush, State Senator Nick Collins, MA House Assistant Majority Leader Mike Moran, State Rep David Biele, State Rep Edward Copping, State Rep Kevin Honan, State Rep Dan Hunt, State Rep Jay Livingstone, State Rep Dan Ryan, Councilor Frank Baker, Councilor Kenzie Bok, Councilor Liz Breadon, Councilor Lydia Edwards, Councilor Ed Flynn, Councilor Matt O'Malley, Former Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, Ward 5 Democratic Committee, Ward 6 Democratic Committee, Ward 7 Democratic Committee, Ward 12 Democratic Committee, Ward 16 Democratic Com-

mittee, Teamsters Local Union #25, Greater Boston Labor Council, Greater Boston Building Trades, Boston Teachers Union, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, Unite Here Local #26, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 103, AFSCME 93, New England Joint Board Unite HERE (NEJB UNITE HERE), SEIU Local 888, SEIU 1199, SEIU Local 888, SEIU NAGE Local 5000, Boston Carpenters Union #589, Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts, Boston Firefighters Local 718, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association - Emergency Medical Services, Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, Boston Police Superior Officers Federation, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 2222, International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 4, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 4, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers Local 6, International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 7, United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 33, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 35, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 22, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 88 (Tunnel Workers), Laborers' International Union of North America Local 151, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 223, Laborers' International Union of North America Local 1421 (Wreckers), Operative Plasterers' & Cement Masons' International Association Local 534, Sheet Metal Workers' International Association Local 17, The International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers Local 29, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States, Canada (UA) Plumbers & Gasfitters Local 12, Unit-

(FLAHERTY, PG. 11)

Edwards announces new endorsements

Lydia Edwards has been endorsed in the special election to the State Senate by: the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters (NASRCC) and member union Pile Drivers Local 56; and United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW) Union Local 1445. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

"We are pleased to support Lydia Edwards for State Senate because she shares our values and has worked to provide opportunity and fairness for all workers. As a Boston City Councilor, she has been an advocate for responsible development that provides family-sustaining wages and benefits, promotes apprenticeship and ensures worker safety," said Joe Byrne, NASRCC Executive Secretary-Treasurer. "While union members in Boston enjoy these benefits, there are still many workers who do not have the opportunities and protections they deserve. Wage theft and tax fraud are far too prevalent and not enough employers participate in comprehensive skills training programs that turn a good job into a great career. We believe Lydia Edwards will bring knowledge, experience and hard work to fight for these issues at the State House and will make an excellent State Senator."

"Pile Drivers Local 56 appreciates Lydia Edwards' strong commitment to creating work opportunities with livable wages and good benefits for working families in Boston," said Business Manager David Borrus. "Lydia has a solid record of legal action on behalf of workers, and supporting meaningful labor legislation especially for transportation infrastructure. Lydia has been a strong voice for labor as a City Councilor, and we are proud to support her campaign for Massachusetts Senate."

In their endorsement of Lydia, UFCW 1445 wrote:

"We are excited and proud to support our sister, Lydia Edwards, in her campaign for State Senate. Lydia's efforts on behalf of

working families are unmatched and they extend far beyond her own union membership. For her entire career, she has stood up for the people who need it the most. She has never backed down from a fight for good, and we know that she will take that same spirit to the State House. Lydia is the clear choice for the First Suffolk & Middlesex District."

Edwards endorsed by UAW Region 9A, Iron Workers Local 7, and Massachusetts State Council of Machinists.

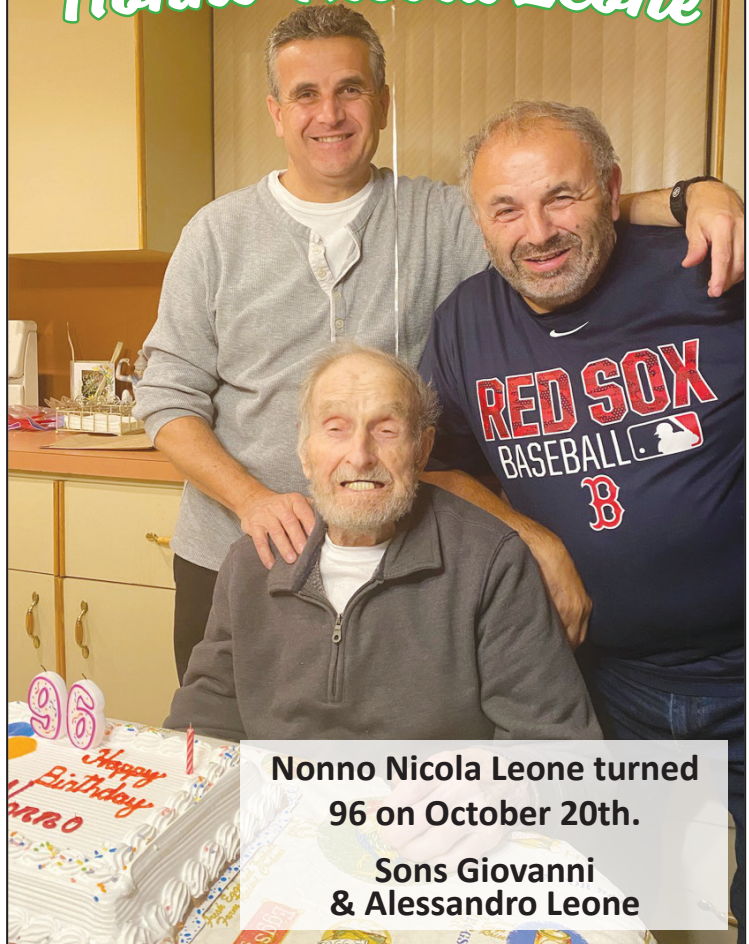
Lydia Edwards has been endorsed in the special election to State Senate by: the United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW Region 9A; International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers Local 7; and the Massachusetts State Council of Machinists. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

"We are excited to endorse one of our own members, Lydia Edwards, for the First Suffolk and Middlesex Senate Seat," said Beverley Brakeman, Regional Director for UAW Region 9A. "Beginning with her amazing work at Greater Boston Legal Services, under UAW Local 2320, to her time in the Boston City Council, Lydia has always been a champion of working people. Lydia's focus on progressive values and her inclusive style of leadership is what has made her so successful. Lydia cares deeply about the issues we advocate for every day - the right to organize, worker protections, affordable housing, food security, healthcare, and more. We know that Lydia will push back against the system and address every issue through a lens of equity, justice, and transparency. UAW Region 9A will stand behind Lydia all the way to the State House."

"Residents of Boston and all of Massachusetts' cities and towns are finding it difficult to make ends meet in this global economy

(EDWARDS, PG. 11)

Happy Birthday Nonno Nicola Leone



Nonno Nicola Leone turned 96 on October 20th.
Sons Giovanni & Alessandro Leone

EDWARDS (from pg. 10)

and troubling times,” said Daniel McWilliams, President of Iron Workers Local 7. “We know that Lydia understands our views and will continue in that same manner protecting the working families of tomorrow. We need more people like Lydia that are willing to do the hard work required, such as bringing people together to have challenging conversations.”

The Massachusetts State Council is part of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, representing more than 1,500 machinists in Greater Boston. The State Council of Machinists voted unanimously to endorse Lydia Edwards, saying of Lydia:

“The Executive Board members of the Massachusetts State Council of Machinists feel that you are the one candidate in the race that will represent the issues and challenges that are facing the working families of our Union and those in Massachusetts. Thank you for demonstrating to us that you have the ambition and courage to stand up for working people. We fully support you in your campaign.”

The UAW Region 9A proud-

ly serves over 30,000 active and retired members in all the New England states, New York City, and Puerto Rico. Their membership is very diverse, including legal aid attorneys and staff, technical and office professionals, childcare workers, graduate student workers and postdoctoral researchers, auto repair technicians, museum and cultural institution workers, draftsmen and women, light manufacturing workers, casino dealers and more.

Lydia Edwards is a fierce advocate for workers’ rights. In the Senate, she’ll continue her strong record of passing legislation and delivering resources and results for working people. As a member of the United Auto Workers, Lydia knows the power of a union, but she also knows that every worker, organized or not, deserves dignity,

fair compensation and freedom from harassment in the workplace. Lydia Edwards has stood with workers in the hospitality industry, service workers at Logan Airport, student workers in our higher education system, teachers, Brazilian immigrant workers and many others.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore.

Councilor Lydia Edwards is a career advocate, activist, and voice on behalf of society’s most vulnerable. She is currently the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations and the Committee on Housing and Community Development in the Boston City Council. Learn more at LydiaEdwards.org/meet-lydia.

North End area’s COVID cases remain the same

By John Lynds

After increasing two weeks ago the North End and the surrounding area’s COVID weekly positive test rate remained the same last week.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 2,319 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2.3 percent were positive. This was the same percentage reported by the BPHC between October 11 and October 18.

The citywide weekly positive test rate decreased last week. According to the BPHC 23,877 residents were tested and 2.3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 11.5 percent decrease from the 2.6 percent reported by the BPHC on October 18.

Fifty-three additional residents have been infected with the virus between October 18 and October 25 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,440 cases overall since the pandemic 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 0.9 percent since October 18 and went from 82,255 cases to 82,996 confirmed cases in a week. There were six additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,450.

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ada (UA), Sprinkler Fitters Local 550, United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1445, Floorcoverers Local #2168, Carpenters Residential Local #723, Carpenters Local #327, Piledrivers Local #56, Shop and Millmen Local #51



VOTE EARLY BOSTON

Saturday, October 23 – Friday, October 29

Registered Boston voters can vote at any early voting location in the City, including City Hall. Pick a time and place that is best for you.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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112 Paris Street, East Boston, MA 02128

James F Condon Elementary School
200 D Street, South Boston, MA 02127

Richard J. Murphy School
1 Worrell Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

ABCD Thelma D. Burns Building
575 Warren Street, Dorchester, MA 02121

Another Course to College
612 E Metropolitan Avenue,
Hyde Park, MA 02136

BCYF Roche
1716 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132

BCYF Shelburne
2730 Washington Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

Central Library in Copley Square
700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Jackson Mann School
500 Cambridge Street, Allston, MA 02134

BCFY Quincy
885 Washington Street, Chinatown, MA 02111

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 12 - 8 P.M.

BCYF Tobin
1481 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02120

Harvard/Kent School
50 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown, MA 02129

Margarita Muniz Academy
20 Child Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

BCYF Mildred Ave Community Center
5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan, MA 02126

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 12 - 8 P.M.

Saint Nectarios Greek Church
39 Belgrade Avenue, Roslindale, MA 02131

District Hall
75 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02210

BCYF Perkins
155 Talbot Avenue, Boston MA 02124

The Salvation Army Kroc Center
650 Dudley Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

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Tuesday, October 26 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 28 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, October 29 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

DROP-BOX LOCATIONS

East Boston Branch Library
365 Bremen Street, East Boston, MA 02128

Charlestown Branch Library
179 Main Street, Charlestown, MA 02129

South Boston Branch Library
646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

Central Library in Copley Square
700 Boylston Street, Back Bay, MA 02116

Roxbury Branch Library
149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119

Honan-Allston Branch Library
300 North Harvard Street, Allston, MA 02134

Brighton Branch Library
40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton, MA 02135

Fields Corner Branch Library
1520 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02122

Jamaica Plain Branch Library
30 South Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Mattapan Branch Library
1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126

West Roxbury Branch Library
1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132

Hyde Park Branch Library
35 Harvard Avenue, Hyde Park, MA 02136

Parker Hill Branch Library
1497 Tremont Street, Roxbury MA 02120

Grove Hall Library
41 Geneva Avenue, Dorchester MA 02121

Uphams Corner Branch Library
500 Columbia Rd, Dorchester, MA 02125

City Hall - 3rd Floor
1 City Hall Sq, Boston, MA 02201

City Hall - Congress Street
1 City Hall Sq, Boston, MA 02201

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FRESH AND LOCAL**Stews and Stewed!**

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

We recently acquired a copy of Clifford A. Wright's book, "Real Stew," and decided that we should cook our way through it this fall and winter. The full title of this delicious tome is "Real Stew: 300 Recipes for Authentic Home-Cooked Cassoulet, Gumbo, Chili, Curry, Minestrone, Bouillabaise, Stroganoff, Goulash, Chowder, and Much More."

We agree that all these dishes fit the "New Food Lover's Companion" definition of a stew or to stew. "Any dish that is prepared by stewing. The term is most often applied to dishes that contain meat, vegetables and a thick soup-like broth resulting from a combination of the stewing liquid and the natural juices of the food being stewed. stew v. A method of cooking by which food is barely covered with liquid and simmered slowly for a long period of time in a tightly covered pot."

Stews from Everywhere for Every Eater

Wright has chapters on various meats from beef and lamb

to goat and rabbit. He explores how diverse foodways have used their native pantry to produce an appropriate stewed dish for their taste.

He also has a range of seafood and vegetable stews. Some of these are vegetarian, while others contain meat products. For example, bacon or salt pork is common in chowders, while some vegetable stews call for chicken broth. If you want a fully vegetarian or vegan meal you can easily adapt any stew recipe by using alternative ingredients that fit your preference.

The freedom to make changes to use what you have or what you want is a hallmark of stew evolution. One of the most ubiquitous examples is Biga or Hunter's Stew. This dish uses whatever is on hand and might be cooked on a stove or over an open fire.

Hunter's stew may have evolved from the Medieval tradition of the perpetual stew pot. That meal is called a companicum by Wikipedia. They defined it as "That which goes with bread."

Our Stew Tips

When shopping for meat for our stews, we head straight for the least expensive cuts. For example, beef shanks cost us \$4.99 a pound.

Bone-in meat with plenty of connective tissue is ideal for a rich textured stew broth. After shredding the meat from the shanks, Penny mashes the bone marrow and returns it to the pot.

Stewed or braised dishes are usually better the next day, so these are great make-ahead meals.

In a beef stew, mushrooms add umami flavor and fool the eye to make it look to the eater like the pot contains more meat than it does.

In place of salt, we often add umami-rich salty ingredients like Worcestershire sauce for depth of flavor.

It's Stew Time

Stews are perfect autumn and winter meals. We love stewy dishes because you cook once and eat for days.

A pot of stew can also use the food you might waste. Wright's last recipe in the book is for Cliff's No Name Stew. He created a feast



Beef shanks and mushrooms were the only items we shopped for to make a great stew. Once home, we gathered the rest of the ingredients from what we had on hand.

he made in a 22-quart pot with what he had in his freezer, refrigerator, and a trip to the farmers' market. He enjoyed it with a gathering of friends.

Sharing is our final reason for loving stew. It's a perfect meal to share with people you enjoy. Be generous, make a big pot of stew

and share away, in-person if that is within your comfort zone, or as takeaway containers and a Zoom meal if not.

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