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VETERANS DAY PARADE



Members of the Massachusetts 54th Company A historical group march up Tremont Street during the annual Veterans Day Parade in Boston. See more photos on Pages 6 and 7.

Fire Commissioner declares outdoor dining-extremely hazardous

By Phil Orlandella

For years and years North End restaurants have drawn thousands upon thousands of visitors to the square-mile community, then the COVID-19 pandemic changed everything for the worse.

Some restaurants were forced to close their doors for good or a temporary basis, forcing Mayor Martin Walsh and his Administration to do something to sustain the businesses by creating a temporary outdoor dining program on certain community streets, despite opposition from the neighborhood.

Residents lost their bid to stop the program the first and second time around and apparently will oppose outdoor dining the third time around, with a new Administration taking over.

Many residents believe outdoor dining will most likely continue but with changes made.

Based on discussion and information stemming from the lat-

est North End Outdoor Dining Committee's public zoom meeting there were several possibilities that could occur for the 2022 season including shutting the program down.

The Committee consists of the Boston Transportation Department, Public Works, Disabilities Commission, Boston Fire Operations and Fire Protection.

The Committee meeting was organized and chaired by Boston Neighborhood Services North End Liaison John Romano, Jr.

Public safety was the main concern expressed by Boston's Fire Chief who clearly oppose the program. He noted that "Outdoor Dining is extremely hazardous and it should not be on a public way."

Even the outdoor dining shut-down earlier than other Boston eateries because of planned construction, parking and traffic, residents are still continuing their quest to get relief from the program.

If the program continues in

2022 or beyond, some possible changes could be made including shutting the season by shutting down before two major feasts, cutting down on area usage space, and better management of sidewalk access especially for handicapped people and residential access to their homes.

The usual two-year complaints were presented to the Committee, Public Safety, parking, traffic, noise, sidewalk access, trash, cleaning, a rat problem and the list goes on.

One business owner boldly claimed he has been in the North End for 10 years and never saw a rat. A lifelong resident told him she would get a rat, place it in a plastic bag and show it to him.

The Committee will most likely not conduct another community meeting but instead meet as a committee to develop a plan that will be presented to the city administration for review.

Reportedly, the Committee's report will be made public.

City seeking applicants to improve alternative policing pilot programs

By John Lynds

Since October the city has dispatched co-responders in District A-1 as part of a pilot program to better address mental health crisis calls. This form of co-response and alternative response deploys teams of Emergency Medical Technicians and mental health workers to respond to 911 calls that report a mental health crisis without a safety risk.

Since the launch of the pilot program here, Downtown and Roxbury, co-response teams have been working to improve and expand dedicated teams of police officers and mental health workers.

The Office of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced last week that appli-

cations are now being accepted for the Community-Led Design Group for mental health crisis response. This group of community members will be composed of Boston residents with professional and/or lived experience with mental health issues who are committed to designing a pilot for a community-led response to mental health crises.

Like the current program, the Health and Human Services Cabinet (HHS), Boston Police Department (BPD), and Boston EMS will create pilot programs to reimagine the way Boston responds to mental health crises in neighborhoods. This collaboration, which included multiple community listening sessions and public meetings, resulted in three pilot

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The Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park all lite up for the season during a previous winter here in Boston.

Trellis lighting set for Nov. 22

Staff Report

The City of Boston, the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the annual holiday lighting of the signature trellis at Christopher Columbus Park in the North End on Monday, November 22, begin-

ning at 5 p.m.

Located at 110 Atlantic Avenue on Boston's historic waterfront, Christopher Columbus Park will be transformed into a beautiful holiday display when the park's 260 feet of trellis are illuminated with 50,000 blue lights near the

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EDITORIAL

VETERAN'S DAY -- HONOR OUR VETERANS

It was 103 years ago on November 11, 1918, that World War I formally came to a conclusion on the "11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month."

Americans observed the first anniversary of the end of the war the following year when the holiday we now know as Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919.

The first world war was referred to at the time as "the war to end all wars." It was thought that never again would mankind engage in the sort of madness that resulted in the near-total destruction of Western Civilization and the loss of millions of lives for reasons that never have been entirely clear to anybody either before, during, or since.

Needless to say, history has shown us that such thinking was idealistically foolhardy. Just 21 years later, Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, and the world again became enmeshed in a global conflagration that made the first world war seem like a mere practice run for the mass annihilation that took place from 1939-45.

Even after that epic second world war, America has been involved in countless bloody conflicts in the 76 years since General Douglas MacArthur accepted the Japanese surrender on the Battleship USS Missouri. and millions of our fellow Americans have fought and died in our nation's numerous wars and military engagements since then.

"Peace is at hand" has been nothing but a meaningless slogan for most of the past 103 years.

Armistice Day officially became known as Veterans Day in 1954 so as to include those who served in WWII and the Korean War. All of our many veterans since then also have become part of the annual observance to express our nation's appreciation to the men and women who bravely have answered the call of duty to ensure that the freedoms we enjoy as Americans have been preserved against the many challenges we have overcome.

Although Veterans Day, as with all of our other national holidays, unfortunately has become commercialized, we urge our readers to take a moment, even if just quietly by ourselves, to contemplate the debt we owe to the veterans of all of our wars and to be grateful to them for allowing us to live freely in the greatest nation on earth.

If nothing else, Veterans Day should remind us that freedom isn't free and that maintaining our freedom since our nation's founding has required the personal sacrifice of the millions of our fellow Americans who have placed their lives on the line to preserve our ideals and our way of life.



GUEST OP-ED

The Experience to Change Things

By Anthony D'Ambrosio

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted our community in virtually every way imaginable. It laid bare all our society's vulnerabilities and inequities, as well as the ways in which our leaders are failing in their obligations to Massachusetts residents. The pandemic also accelerated our country's shift to online learning, remote work, and virtual healthcare and legal services. Many of these changes are never going away, and we need leaders who thoroughly understand them. I am the right person to lead this district forward as we begin to not only recover from the pandemic but also rebuild for the

21st century.

At Yale and the University of Cambridge, I studied how periods of dramatic technological change altered America's culture and economy. My classes often drew comparisons between the present day and the Gilded Age, with our technology CEOs acting as glorified robber barons. Those comparisons are accurate but also inadequate; the rise of big data and mega-monopolies within the technology industry today poses a truly unprecedented threat to jobs, privacy, and economic development. We have never seen anything like this before.

In my private sector career, I have worked with some of the

most innovative technology companies in the world. The integration of technology companies into our economy grows exponentially every day, which is why it is absolutely vital that we have representation that understands how these companies work and how their decisions impact our communities. I am the only person in this race with the experience to secure a real seat at the table with the CEOs, Boards of Directors, and key stakeholders of the organizations that are driving change within this state and country. I have sat across the table from technology executives before, and, if elected, I will do so again to fight for the inter-

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

NEWRA EXTENDS TERMS OF OFFICERS

Under the current COVID-19 conditions, the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) made the right decision not to have 2022 election of officers delayed, and extending the terms of the current offices until 2022.

NEWRA is not a community elected board, so they can adapt

their by-laws at any annual membership meeting.

Changing the rules under these conditions is acceptable.

RE-NAMING COLUMBUS PARK

Eventually, Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue will be renamed. It may occur sooner than expected.

Re-naming the park has to be accomplished by local residents and neighborhood organizations but, someone or some agencies need to take the lead on this issue.

One of the proposed name changes appears to be "Italian American Heritage Park" but that's not conclusive.

It has been said that the renaming issue was on hold until after the mayoral election.

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Michelle Wu tops Anissa Essaibi George to become next Mayor of Boston

North End overwhelmingly supports Wu's candidacy

By John Lynds

In a historic election where two female candidates of color squared off for the first time for the Boston Mayoral seat, Michelle Wu edged out Anissa Essaibi George during last Tuesday's election to become the first woman elected Mayor in Boston's history.

The unofficial results citywide had Wu receiving 91,239 votes to Essaibi George's 50,879 votes.

In the North End Wu topped the mayoral ticket with 5,886 votes and all North End precincts. Essaibi George received 3,190 votes from North End residents.

"So one of my sons asked me the other night if boys can be elected mayor in Boston," said Wu of her historic win at last Tuesday night's victory party in the South End. "They have been and they will again someday, but not tonight. On this day, Boston elected your mom because from every corner of our city, Boston has spoken. We are ready to meet this moment. We are ready to become a Boston for everyone. We're ready to be a Boston that doesn't push people out, but welcomes all who call

our city home. We're ready to be a Boston where all can afford to stay and to thrive. And yes, Boston is ready to become a Green New Deal city."

Wu said her campaign was a continuation of Boston's historic activism and community, and showed residents what's possible when Bostonians push for what they deserve.

"And what we deserve is a Boston where all of us are seen, heard, treasured, and valued — a Boston for everyone," she said. "We're ready for every child to go to a school connected to the full resources of our communities and their full potential, for every resident from the Forbes Building to Georgetown Homes to be protected from soaring rents and displacement; for a thriving Boston business community grounded in a thriving Black business community; for every Bostonian experiencing homelessness, mental health, substance use at Mass. Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard and across our city and beyond to have dignity, treatment, and housing.

She added, "We are ready for every Bostonian to know that we don't have to choose between generational change and keeping the streetlights on; between tackling big problems with bold solutions



North End State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz introduces Michelle Wu at her victory party after winning the Boston Mayoral Election last week.

and filling our potholes; to make change at scale and at street level. We need, we deserve, both. All of this is possible. ...These things are possible. And today, the voters of Boston said all these things are possible, too. I want to be clear: It wasn't my vision on the ballot. It was ours, together. Over 10 years in City Hall, and in

every neighborhood, connecting with all of our residents I've seen and experienced just how big an impact local government makes in people's lives. And I'll never stop fighting to make our systems work for all of us."

North End State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, who introduced Wu at her victory party, said,

"Introducing the first woman to be elected Mayor of Boston wasn't even fathomable when I first got into politics nearly 20 years ago, but when your friend becomes the Mayor, you roll with it. What a night and we're just getting started. I have had a front row seat to Michelle Wu's political ride over the last decade and she continues to amaze me. As her friend, I am extremely proud of the campaign she has run. Nothing but a positive approach to how we can do better at City Hall and think outside the box to find solutions to challenges, big and small."

In Tuesday's At-Large race incumbent City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Julia Mejia retained their seats and will be joined on the council by newcomers Ruthzee Louijeune and Erin Murphy.

Citywide, Flaherty topped the At-Large ticket with 62,242 votes followed by Mejia who received 61,709 votes. Louijeune finished third with 54,601 votes and Murphy rounded out the field with 42,841.

In the North End, Flaherty topped the ticket in the At-Large race with 4,213 votes. North End voters also supported Mejia, Louijeune, and Murphy during last week's election.

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ests of our residents. The power of workers will not be ignored.

I also have a deep background in education. I have served as an elected member of the Revere School Committee, and I played a pivotal role in guiding the City through the COVID-19 pandemic. At the height of pandemic turmoil last spring, my colleagues and I posited a data-oriented approach for determining how and when to re-open schools.

During the pandemic, I made it my mission to work directly with students and school administrators on developing new strategies to overcome the many psychological and physical challenges that children face today. I have observed many of these challenges firsthand while teaching public school classes on disability and mental health issues related to social media and academic performance. That is why I joined my School Committee colleagues in implementing enhanced districtwide mental health services for students. It is clear that many of our children are suffering.

On the School Committee, I also spearheaded the creation of a citywide Equity Advisory

Board that brings together parents, teachers, students, and other community stakeholders to develop creative solutions to address educational inequities. In developing the Board, I drew on my previous experience as the leader of Dwight Hall, a 3,500-person non-profit organization. Dwight Hall's mission is "to nurture and inspire students as leaders of social change and to advance justice and service." Dwight Hall's programs strive to form a more just society that meets the needs of the community in a fair and dignified way. I have sought to continue this mission through my work on the Revere School Committee.

My experience in education, technology, and finance, within both the private and public sectors, provides me the experience to ensure that our Commonwealth recovers fully and that our children are properly prepared for the jobs of the 21st century.

Please join me in this effort.

Anthony D'Ambrosio is a candidate for State Senate; he has a BA from Yale University, as well as a MA from the University of Cambridge.

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Marta Rivera, Interim Commissioner, Boston Centers for Youth & Families
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NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING HELD

Several items of interest were presented at the November 8 North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting.

An informational presentation related to a proposal for the building of an additional three story at Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Fiore Colella, owner of Fiore's Restaurant, 250 Hanover Street proposed an addition to the existing restaurant building by adding three floors of residential use, containing nine (9) apartments.

The building height will change to 54 feet, 9 inches, 1 inch below the 55-foot rule now imposed in the North End.

A change of occupancy at 166 Salem Street from 8-unit residential and 1 store to a nine-unit residential dwelling was proposed. Extended living space to basement, construction to rear and roof decks.

Variances requested for floor area ratio, building height, rear yard parking and loading and roof structure restrictions.

Going Bananas has petitioned to change the legal occupancy of the building to "take out" (use item 36A) and for a retail liquor license.

Old North Church Executive Director, Nikki Stewart presented the latest news and Winter hours of the historic church.

Voting results will be published

in the next issue of the Review.

GREENWAY HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF HORTICULTURE

The Greenway has named a new Director of Horticulture, Amy Parker, who has an extensive and productive history in this field.

"We (Conservancy) are delighted to welcome Amy Parker in leading our incredible horticultural team," said Chris Cook, Director of the Conservancy.

He added, "I look forward to her visionary leadership of The Greenway landscape and ecological stewardship of the parks living collection."

Parker noted she was, "Thrilled to join the Conservancy and looks forward to nourishing visitors through their experience of The Greenway."

Parker has extensive experience in fine gardening, arboriculture, landscaping and operational management as Director of Cemetery Operations for the Newton Cemetery and Arboretum.

She has also served as the Horticulture Manager of a 300-area private estate in Bar Harbor, Maine.

HOTEL COMMENT PERIOD OVER

Comment period relating to the Cross Street proposal to build a 140-room hotel with two ground-floor restaurants and a dining area

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

on the rooftop has expired.

Many residents and community organizations have requested a time frame extension to no appeal.

The next move is in the hands of the Boston Planning Development Agency (BPDA).

Opposition has voiced its negative opinion based on height, traffic, parking, impact on local residents, impact on the development of Cuttillo Park renovations being planned by the Boston Parks Department in coordination with the residents, that is currently on hold, pending a ruling on the hotel.

BPDA's decision is not expected immediately and more public impact is expected.

A discussion on the hotel status could be longer than expected with newly elected Mayor Michele Wu and a change in the cities administration staff.

SUCCESSFUL SOCCER/ FLAG FOOTBALL SEASONS

Following the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Soccer and Flag Football Leagues, the NEAA presented the players that participated in what turned out to be a very successful program for local youth.

The soccer league attracted 177 players, while the flag football league (first ever) drew 51 players.

"Both of these programs were well received by the community," NEAA Sports Coordinator John

Romano told the Review. "All the players enjoyed themselves throughout the season."

He added, "The programs were made possible by volunteers and sponsors that always come through for the NEAA programs."

CELEBRATION AT ARMENIAN PARK

Enjoy the Boston Children's Chorus performing a song from its repertoire and an Armenian folk song at the park on The Greenway.

The event is a celebration of the Boston Children's Choir, The Greenway and Friends of Armenian Park, part of Giving Thanks! Together in Celebration planned for Sunday, November 14 at 2 PM.

Activities include, meet and greet, a walk on the Labyrinth, tying a ribbon giving thanks on The Wishing Tree and refreshments.

FOCCP FALL FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) recently held a fun filled "Celebrating Fall" event that attracted over 200 participants.

Children and parents enjoyed a special day with Big Bird, marched in a costume parade, had a pumpkin patch and got to take home a mini pumpkin, played lawn games, sang and danced to songs,

received balloons and animal toys.

Sponsorship of the Fall event was provided by North End Boston.com, Boston Harbor Cruises, CL Properties, Joe's Waterfront/Travistock and Marriot Long Wharf.

The event was free and open to the public according to FOCCP President Joanne Hayes Rines.

NORTH END FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS HOUSE SEEKING DONATIONS

As the weather gets cold, the North End Friends of St. Francis House will hold its annual drive to provide winter hats and gloves for all the guests of the shelter.

"The Greenway Realty Group, 169 Salem Street has once again generously allowed to use the office as a headquarters for our collection," Friends member John Romano said.

Collections will take place from November 22 to December 6. "We understand how difficult it still is for many people to get out to go shopping, so you can make a monetary donation and we will purchase the items for you," Romano added.

Last year, the Friends were able to buy hats and gloves in bulk and provide hundreds of hats and dozens of scarfs by collecting \$3,500 and purchase items for vulnerable people.

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North End, surrounding area's COVID cases increase

By John Lynds

After decreasing 17 percent two weeks ago, the North End and surrounding area's COVID weekly positive test rate increased last week.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,925 North End,

Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 2.3 percent were positive. This was a 21 percent increase from the 1.9 percent that tested positive between October 25 and November 1.

The citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 22,049 residents were tested and 2.6 per-

cent were COVID positive--this was a 24 percent increase from the 2.1 percent reported by the BPHC on November 1.

Forty-four additional residents have been infected with the virus between November 1 and November 8 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,523 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 0.50 percent since November 1 and went from 83,646 cases to 84,064 confirmed cases in a week. There were two additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,455.

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New Coastal Zoning Overlay District in effect

Development projects around North End's waterfront will require new standards for building

By John Lynds

Late last month, Acting Mayor Kim Janey signed a new Coastal Zoning Overlay District into effect requiring new development in North End and other Boston coastal neighborhoods to take additional steps to limit the damage and displacement related to the impacts of coastal storms and sea level rise.

Based upon climate modeling, 40-inches of sea level rise in North End so the new Zoning Overlay (Article 25A of the Boston Zoning Code) will provide new definitions and standards for building dimensions and uses to facilitate flood resilient design for new projects and building retrofits.

In North End the areas subject to the new zoning include all of the neighborhood's waterfront along the Harbor as well as the North Washington Street corridor.

Janey said the new zoning goes beyond the areas identified in FEMA flood maps, applying to areas of North End and the City that could be inundated during a major coastal storm event, known as a 1 percent chance flood event with 40-inches of sea level rise and promotes resilient planning and design, provides consistent standards for the review of projects, and maximizes the benefits of investments in coastal resilience.

"We must take the steps that will better protect our neighborhoods from the increasing threat of coastal storms and sea level rise," said Janey. "By requiring developers to do more in vulnerable areas, we are protecting our infrastructure, our jobs, and our homes."

Boston Planning and Development Agency Director Brian Golden said for Boston to grow and thrive for generations to come, the city must ensure that buildings constructed today are resilient and protected from the impacts of climate change.

"By updating our zoning code to go above and beyond the FEMA flood maps, Boston is leading the way in not only preparing for the

storms of today, but the storms of tomorrow," said Golden.

All development projects subject to BPDA's Article 80 Large and Small Project review will be required to undergo Resilience Review, and comply with the Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines. In 2019, the BPDA adopted Coastal Flood Resilience Design Guidelines to provide clear strategies and best practices for developers, business owners, and residents to respond to climate change.

The new guidelines are intended to prevent flood damage by elevating building occupiable space, flood proofing areas beneath flood elevations, and promoting health and safety by preventing uses such as living space below the flood elevation.

"In Boston, we know that our most vulnerable communities are disproportionately bearing the burden of the climate crisis," said Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space Reverend Mariama White-Hammond. "As a City, we must work together to take the crucial steps to protect all of our residents from the effects of climate change. I am grateful

to Mayor Janey and the BPDA for updating zoning measures to enhance our collective resilience."

The new zoning regulations include:

- **Building Height:** Projects undergoing Resilience Review will have their height measured from two feet above the Sea Level Rise Base Flood Elevation (SLR-BFE), rather than at grade, which is what current zoning requires.

- **Building Setbacks:** Projects will have allowances to extend into side yard, rear yard, and front yard setbacks for structures needed for vertical circulation, such as stairs or ramps to get from surrounding grade to a higher first floor elevation. There are also allowances for side yard and rear yard encroachments for new structures to house mechanical systems to ensure they are not located

in basements or beneath the Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation (SLR-DFE), which consists of the SLR-BFE plus one to two feet based on type of use.

- **Lot Coverage and Required Open Space:** The structures needed for vertical circulation and mechanical systems referenced above will be excluded from measurement of lot coverage and open space

- **Gross Square Floor Area:** Will exclude structures needed for vertical circulation and areas devoted to flood protection measures.

- **Limitations on Use Below the Sea Level Rise Design Flood Elevation:** For health and safety purposes, uses beneath the SLR DFE are limited to access for vertical circulation structures; flood prevention measures, storage, and parking.

PILOT PROGRAMS (from pg. 1)

plan initiatives to improve mental health responses by improving the existing co-response model; introducing an alternative response, led by Boston-EMS and mental health workers; and now by creating a community-led response.

The goal of this program is to assemble a group of individuals from a variety of Boston neighborhoods, identities, and backgrounds. The Design Group members must be Boston residents and dedicated community members who are willing to engage in this challenging process. Community members are encouraged to reference their

own lived experience and how it shapes their desire to join the Design Group in their application. Translation services will be made available for residents who do not speak English and candidates can request their preferred language in the application.

A monetary stipend of \$1,200 will be provided to each member in acknowledgment of the time and effort that goes into serving on the Design Group and to help offset any necessary childcare and transportation costs associated with their participation. All applications must be submitted

by mail or in person at City Hall (suite 806).

"As we re-imagine the City's response to mental health crises in our neighborhoods, it's critical that we make sure that the voices of community members are represented," said Chief of Health and Human Services Marty Martinez. "The Community-led Design Group is an important component in a multi-pronged approach that brings those voices to the table."

This work to develop this response is in partnership with unions representing BPD and EMS employees.

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Marriott Long Wharf Hotel and throughout the park.

The celebration is sponsored by the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park and H.P. Hood, LLC. Entertainment will be provided by students and instructors from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center, vocalists Ackeem Hill and Sharon Zeffiro performing a selection of holiday classics, along with special guests Santa Claus, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Frosty the Snowman. In addition, the Postmaster of Boston, David C.

Guiney, will unveil the new US Postal Service holiday stamp.

Refreshments will include eggnog from H.P. Hood, LLC, clam chowder from Joe's American Bar and Grill, and hot chocolate and cookies from the Long Wharf Starbucks.

Other 2021 holiday celebrations hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department include the lighting of the ship in Martin's Park at the Children's Wharf Harborwalk on November 27, the lighting of the tree in Copley Square on November 29,

and the Boston Common Tree Lighting followed by the lighting of the trees on Commonwealth Avenue Mall on December 2. The arrival of Boston's official 2021 Christmas tree, a 48-foot 45-foot white spruce tree donated by L'Arche Cape Breton of Orangedale, Nova Scotia, will be celebrated on Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on November 17.

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ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PARADE

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It was a crisp, sunny Fall day and perfect weather for the annual Veterans Day Parade in Boston. Many came out to pay tribute to those that have sacrificed their time and their lives to protect our nation. Thank you Veterans for your service.



Boston Mayor Kim Janey speaks with Boston City Councilor and Mayor Elect Michelle Wu.



American Legion Department Commander 2016-2017 Ken Starks presides at the podium announcing each participating organization of the parade as they march by.



Copper Hodges, perched on his mother Myong's shoulders, cheers the Veterans Day Parade as it makes its way up Tremont Street past Boston Common.



Standing at the Tremont Street edge of Boston Common, Parke Hodges holds an American flag and cheers the Veterans Day Parade with her mother Myong and brother Copper.

May their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.

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Chief of Boston EMS Jim Hooley, Mayor Kim Janey, and BPD Sergeant Larry Van Zandt Sr.

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State Representative
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The Parade route ended at Boston City Hall Plaza. Major General Rod Faulk (3rd from left), Boston Commissioner for Veterans Services Robert Santiago (5th from left), Boston City Councilor and Mayor Elect Michelle Wu (4th from right) and her children Blaise and Cass, Boston Mayor Kim Janey, Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn and Kenzie Bok, and Massachusetts State Rep Jon Santiago pose with other participants of the Veterans Day Parade.




Farrah and Aaron Gruman with Leon U (center) watch the Parade as it makes its way up Tremont Street.



Visiting from Virginia Clara and Landis Hodges wave American flags and cheer Veterans Day Parade on as they stand outside the entrance to Park Street Station.



Members of the ROC Veterans Association In Boston pose in Boston City Hall Plaza.




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Ghosts in the Museum: The Leverett Street Jail

By Marianne Salza

The eclectic West End was uniquely known for its Urban Renewal, influential residents, and abolitionists. The culturally diverse neighborhood was home to African, Irish, Eastern European, Italian, Greek, Asian, and Albanian immigrants. It was also infamous for its executions (predominantly of pirates of African or Hispanic

decent) at the Leverett Street Jail. The “hempen jig,” as hangings were referred to by spectators, could be viewed from a dozen homes on Lowell Street.

“Wealthy people could get into the yard. People who lived in close proximity to the jail would rent rooms so they could watch from the windows or roof of the building,” explained Duane Lucia, The West End Museum’s (WEM) Presi-

dent and Curator. “People wanted to see the sensation.”

Lucia presented Ghosts in the Museum: The Leverett Street Jail, on October 27, to revisit the history of the over 20 executions that took place in the residential neighborhood. Relatively located where the museum is today, the Leverett Street Jail served as the center of law enforcement in the City of Boston during the mid-19th century.



In an 1844 map, The Leverett Street Jail (1822-1851), was located at the corner of Causeway Street and Lowell Street (now called Lomasney Way) in Boston's West End, and served as the city's jail and court house for three decades.



Duane Lucia, West End Museum President and Curator.

Designed by architect, Alexander Parris, the Leverett Street Jail was erected in 1822, when Boston became a city. The four-story building replaced the Boston Gaol, which served as the town and county jail from 1635-1822, and was located off of Court Street between Washington and Tremont Streets. Those detained included murderers, pirates, Quakers, rebels, newspaper editors, and women accused of witchcraft.

The active Leverett Street Jail was interconnected with the North Jail, Suffolk County Jail, City Court House, House of Correction, Suffolk County House of Correction, Police Court House, and gallows.

Convicted murderer, John Haloran, was the first person hung at the Leverett Street Jail on March 3, 1826. Thousands of observers attended.

At midnight in 1836, Simon Crockett and Stephen Russell set fire to a wooden boarding house in the leather district (the area between South Station and Chinatown) with 19 Irish families inside. The two were found guilty and were executed on March 16, 1836.

“One of the interesting points to this trial was arson at night was punishable by death,” noted Lucia. “Because they acknowledged that they were drunk, they couldn’t plead insanity.”

The Leverett Street Jail was notorious for its overcrowding; and even writer, Charles Dickens, commented on its atrocities. Inmates -- incarcerated for murder, rape, and political outspokenness -- were intermingled regardless of the severity of their crimes.

An 1851 newspaper article documented 2,344 criminals committed to the jail that year: 11 for adultery, 13 for smoking in the street,

five for throwing snowballs, 11 for selling newspapers in the street, 19 common fiddlers, 320 debtors, and a multitude of pirates held for mutiny, commandeering of ships, and bloodshed. One thousand minors were detained with the criminals.

“Piracy was a crime punishable by death; a crime against the sovereignty of the United States, like terrorism is today. A U.S. Marshal oversaw the execution,” explained Lucia, who also revealed that pirates could be hung anywhere in the city – not just the gallows.

When the Leverett Street Jail closed in 1851, it was opened for a couple weeks as a dime museum, where visitors could walk through the gallows and dungeons for ten cents of admission. The Leverett Street Jail was replaced by the Charles Street Jail (1851-1990), which is now integrated into the Liberty Hotel.

“Our museum was founded on the coattails of Urban Renewal. The original founders focused on our permanent exhibit, which is The Last Tenement,” said Lucia, who has lived on Beacon Hill’s North Slope for the past 30 years. Prior to 1960, the area was considered part of the West End. “Over the years I’ve broadened the focus of the museum to urban history, from colonial times to the 1900s. You have everything from burlesque to industries. Interesting people lived in the neighborhood, like Charles Bulfinch, who designed most of what we know as proper Boston.”

Visit the West End Museum, located at 150 Staniford Street, Suite 7, Boston, on Tuesdays and Fridays, 12-5pm, and Saturdays 11am-4pm. Support WEM or learn more about upcoming exhibits and lectures at www.TheWestEndMuseum.org.

SPECIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY VOTE ON DECEMBER 14TH

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Ernest "Jerry" Forte

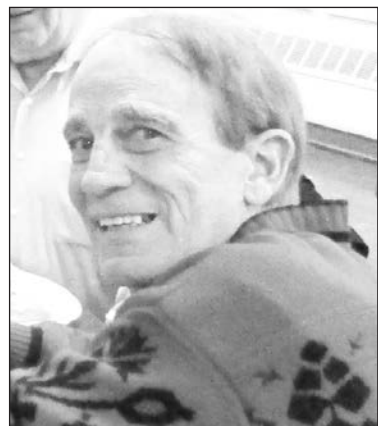
Of Billerica, formerly of the North End

Ernest G. "Jerry" Forte Of Billerica, formerly of North End of Boston, died on November 2.

The beloved husband of Betsy (Delgado) Forte, he was the loving father of Christina Forte-Maragioglio of Billerica; grandfather of Gianna and Lorenzo Maragioglio and brother of Robert Forte of Florida.

A Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 9 at the Sweeney Memorial Funeral Home, 66 Concord Rd., Billerica from 4 to 7 p.m.

A Graveside Service will be held Wednesday, November 10 at St.



Michael Cemetery, Walk Hill St., Boston at 12 noon. www.sweeney-memorialfh.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

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.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END NEWS AND NOTES

The Friends Of The North End are again initiating an effort to raise money for the various charitable organizations within the North End this holiday season.

The charities we donated to last year were: NEAD, NEAA, NE Christmas, NEMPAC, Bill Faria Scholarship Fund, St. Leonard Church, NE Historical, Nazzaro Center, FONE Library, ABCD AND St. Francis House

We are appealing to each member to support this cause by donating to this fundraiser. No matter how small the amount, it will make a big difference to some children and the neighborhood. Trusting you will take this

opportunity to uphold the meaning of F.O.N.E and reply before December 12, 2021.

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VETERANS DAY 2021

When: Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021 at 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Where: Paul Revere Mall, Hanover Street, North End Memorial Remembrance Services:

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) North End Post 144 will conduct its annual memorial services to honor and remember the fallen heroes of the North End who served in World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and more recent conflicts.

Post 144 History

VFW North End Post 144 was established in October 1921 by World War I Veterans from the North End of Boston.

Currently, as part of the North End and Boston community, Post 144 provides charitable support to:

- Local Veterans Services
- North End Community Organizations.

Ceremony:

Prayers, wreath laying, and remembrances to honor the fallen heroes of Boston's North End will take place near the Paul Revere Statue; and at the "Old North Memorial Garden" to "honor American Lives lost in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Greater War on Terror," located behind the Old North Church.

Following the ceremonies, the Veterans will attend Mass at Saint Leonard Church on Hanover Street at 12:00 PM.

"All are welcome to attend."

Current "Boston COVID guidelines" will be observed!

CELEBRATING 100TH YEAR

Post 144 is celebrating its 100th year as part of the U.S. Veterans

of Foreign Wars. In 1921, North End WWI Veterans formed Post 144. Ever since then, the Post has continued to honor and remember North End Veterans from WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and the more recent conflicts.

The Post 144 members conduct a remembrance ceremony in the "Paul Revere Mall" to honor North End Veterans, and all Veterans, on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

As part of the North End and Boston community, Post 144 gives support to "Local Veterans Services," and provides charitable contributions to "North End Community Organizations."

The current Post Commander is Mr. Leo Egan.

Mr. Paul Spera, currently serves as Post 144 Quartermaster; and has also served as the "Commander-in-Chief" for the

"Veterans of Foreign Wars" Nationwide organization.

Boston's official tree will arrive Nov. 17

Staff Report

The annual gift of an evergreen Christmas tree from Nova Scotia is scheduled to arrive by police escort at Boston Common at approximately 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 17. This is the 50th year that a tree has been donated and commemorates 104 years of friendship between Nova Scotia and the people of Boston after our city provided emergency assistance when Halifax, Nova Scotia's capital, was devastated by a maritime munitions explosion in the harbor in 1917. The first Tree for Boston was donated in 1971 by Joseph Slauenwhite from Lunenburg County.

"Nova Scotia and Boston have shared a special bond for a century," said Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods. "This year marks 50 years that the province of Nova Scotia has gifted a tree, and it's the 80th year that the City has held a tree lighting event on Boston Common. I'm pleased we will come together after a challenging year to celebrate the friendship and connections between our two regions."

Boston's official 2021 Christmas tree is a 60-year-old, 48-foot white spruce tree from Orangedale, Municipality of the County of Inverness, Cape Breton. The tree is being donated by the landowner L'Arche Cape Breton Community, a non-profit organization that creates safe, supportive homes and

meaningful work for people with disabilities.

"The Tree for Boston has been a symbol of appreciation, friendship and unity for 50 years," said Tory Rushton, Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables. "We will never forget the kindness the people of Boston showed Nova Scotia following the tragedy of the Halifax Explosion."

The tree-cutting ceremony will be held on November 10 on L'Arche Cape Breton's property in Orangedale. Members of the L'Arche community will attend to help celebrate the annual tradition. Due to the pandemic, the Province is partnering with Port of Halifax, container terminal PSA Halifax, and transportation company Eimskip Canada to transport the tree on a container vessel. The tree will leave Halifax on November 15 and be delivered to its new home on Boston Common.

Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods, an official Nova Scotian town crier, Santa Claus, and local school children including students from the Mather Elementary School in Dorchester will greet the tree at its final destination near the Boston Visitors Center at 139 Tremont Street. The tree will be lit at approximately 7:55 p.m. on Thursday, December 2, as the City of Boston's Official Tree Lighting is celebrated on Boston Common from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will be broadcast live on WCVB Channel 5 starting at 7 p.m.

The 80th annual Tree Lighting

on Boston Common is co-sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the title sponsor, The Province of Nova Scotia. Amazon serves as our presenting sponsor while Bank of America and Exelon are supporting the event as key sponsors. Additional support provided by WCVB Channel 5 and the Boston Globe.

For further information, visit Boston.gov/Parks and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. For more information about L'Arche Cape Breton, visit www.larchecapebreton.org.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Lydia Edwards endorsed by Reps. Aaron Michlewitz, Adrian Madaro

Special to the Regional Review

In the special election to State Senate, Lydia Edwards has been endorsed by House Chair of Ways & Means State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and State Representative Adrian Madaro. Primary Election Day is December 14, 2021. General Election Day is January 11, 2022.

Chairman Michlewitz said, "Lydia Edwards is an advocate who understands the power of good public policy. Just in her role as a City Councilor, she has crafted state legislation and built the coalitions around her work to secure real results for the people she serves. Lydia is an incredible public servant and I look forward to working with her in the State

House."

Chairman Michlewitz serves as the State Representative for the Third Suffolk district, representing parts of Downtown Boston including the North End, Chinatown, Bay Village, Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and the South End. The current district geographic boundary overlaps with those of the Massachusetts Senate's 1st Suffolk and Middlesex district and 2nd Suffolk district. As a North End resident, he has been a constituent of Lydia Edwards since she was sworn in as a Boston City Councilor in January 2018.

In endorsing Lydia Edwards, Representative Madaro said: "I have worked side-by-side with Lydia Edwards for years now, and I have had a front-row seat to her

strength, tenacity and determination. She understands the unique challenges facing East Boston and nearby waterfront communities and she has consistently used her role on the City Council to be a voice for the people. I am excited to partner with her again in the State House. Lydia has my vote on December 14."

Representative Madaro had considered a run for this Special Senate election, but in mid-September, opted not to run to spend time with family, including his infant son Matteo. Rep. Madaro serves as the State Representative for the First Suffolk district, representing Boston's Ward 1 (East Boston). As a lifelong East Boston resident, he is also a City Council constituent and neighbor of Edwards.

Healey and Unite Local 26 endorse Lydia Edwards

Special to the Regional Review

Attorney General Maura Healey endorsed Lydia Edwards for Senate with a canvass kick-off at Lopresti Park in East Boston. The campaign was joined by Unite Local 26, which also formally endorsed Edwards today. Members and over 100 volunteers rallied their support and then hit the doors to ask voters across the district to cast their ballots for Lydia Edwards for Senate on December 14, 2021.

"Lydia always shows up for the people she serves, but most importantly, Lydia knows that good change comes from public policy rooted in humanity. It's not enough to protect workers' wages; she protects their dignity," said Attorney General Healey. "No one will fight harder for this District than Lydia Edwards. This election matters and we'll do everything we can to make sure she wins on December 14."

"Attorney General Healey is a champion for working people and beyond, and I am so grateful for her support and excitement about this campaign," said Edwards. "This energy is the perfect way to hit the ground for the final sprint to Election Day, and as I see the strong voices and leaders who have joined us today, I am overwhelmed by your faith in me. I am inspired everyday by the strength and character and grit of the people who live here and you are the reason why I am fired up to go to Beacon Hill as your next senator!"

Standing with Edwards and Attorney General Healey were dozens of members from UNITE HERE Local 26, representing workers in the hospitality industries of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. "For our members to recover from the pandemic, we need to elect Lydia Edwards to State Senate," said UNITE HERE Local 26 President Carlos Aramayo. "We have six weeks to change the lives of generations in Massachusetts with the courage and commitment of Lydia Edwards. When we endorse, we put in the work and we will be getting out the vote – for our moms, our kids, and our future."

Edwards was also joined by City Council colleagues Kenzie Bok and Ed Flynn, as well as State Representative Nika Elugardo. A number of organizations joined the rally and hit the streets in Winthrop, Revere, Boston and Cambridge, including: OPEIU Local 453; the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters; UFCW Local 1445; Iron Workers Local 7; Teamsters Local 25; IBEW Local 103; SEIU 509; Massachusetts Nurses Association; the Brazilian Workers Center; and the Chinese Progressive Association.

UNITE HERE Local 26 represents workers in the hospitality industries of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Its members work in Boston and Providence's best hotels, restaurants, and university dining halls in addition to the Boston Convention Centers, Fenway Park and Logan

International Airport. Local 26 members clean hotel rooms, greet guests, and prepare and serve food for hundreds of thousands of travelers to Boston and the northeast.

Prior to entering the City Council, Councilor Edwards worked extensively in the legal field serving as a judicial law clerk with the Massachusetts Superior Court and the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Edwards worked as a public interest attorney with Greater Boston Legal Services focusing on labor issues such as fighting for access to unemployment insurance, back wages, fair treatment for domestic workers and combating human trafficking. She served as the statewide campaign coordinator for the Massachusetts Coalition for Domestic Workers, which advocated for the passage of the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. In 2015, she was named Bostonian of the Year by the Boston Globe.

Lydia Edwards is a candidate for State Senate representing the First Suffolk and Middlesex District, following the departure of Senator Joseph A. Boncore. For a full and up-to-date list of endorsements, visit: LydiaEdwards.org/endorsements.

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.

D'Ambrosio launches first television ad of Special Democratic Primary for Senate

Special to the Regional Review

Candidate for State Senate, Anthony D'Ambrosio, today launched his first television ad in the special Democratic Primary for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex district. The 30 second ad titled "Unafraid" will be airing across the district on both cable and various social media outlets. The video can be viewed here and the full script is below.

"Unafraid" Text

My name is Anthony D'Ambrosio and I'm a candidate for our State Senate seat. I'm running because it is time for a new generation of outsiders to upend business as usual on Beacon Hill. The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted life as we know it in virtually every way imaginable. Our

current leaders are failing in their obligations to Massachusetts residents. I'm un beholden to anyone. I'm unafraid to shake things up and I'm unafraid to ask the tough questions. Today, I'm asking for your vote.

"As I travel across this District, voters consistently tell me how government has failed them," said D'Ambrosio. "They feel left out, ignored and sold out by politicians willing to say or do anything to get elected. I have never forgotten where I came from and why I want to serve my community. My passion and commitment to hard work comes directly from my family who taught me early in life the value of public service. As State Senator, I will be unafraid to stand up for those left behind and voiceless because I only work for YOU."

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Abby Parker joins the Greenway Conservancy as Director of Horticulture

Staff Report

The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy today announced the selection of Abby Parker as their next Director of Horticulture.

“We are delighted to welcome Abby in leading our incredible Horticulture team at the Conservancy,” said Chris Cook, Executive Director of the Greenway Conservancy. “I look forward to her visionary leadership of the Greenway landscape and the ecological stewardship of the park’s living collection.”

Parker joins the Conservancy following her work as the Director of Cemetery Operations for the Newton Cemetery & Arboretum where she provided leadership to establish a Horticultural Master Plan and facilitate capital projects

including pond restoration, bank stabilization, and pollinator gardens. Previously, Parker served as the Horticulture Manager at a 300 acre private estate in Bar Harbor, Maine. Her experience creating and maintaining landscapes that delight and inspire visitors will enhance the Conservancy’s mission of park care that sustains year-round beauty and models environmental stewardship.

“I am thrilled to join the Conservancy as Director of Horticulture,” said Parker. “Urban landscapes provide a unique opportunity to improve people’s lives through horticulture. They are places where ecological services are needed the most and connection with nature can be hard to come by. I look forward to nourishing visitors through their experience of The Greenway, pro-

viding for the needs of the community, and fostering the ecology that brings the gardens to life.”

Parker holds a BA in Human Ecology from the College of the Atlantic and began her work at the Conservancy in mid-October 2021. The Rose Kennedy Greenway was one of the first public parks in the country with lawns and gardens cared for organically, without synthetic fertilizers, pesticides, or herbicides.

About The Greenway and the Greenway Conservancy (www.rosekennedygreenway.org)

The Greenway is the contemporary public park in the heart of Boston. The Greenway welcomes millions of visitors annually to gather, play, unwind, and explore. The Greenway Conservancy is the non-profit responsible for the management and care of The



Abby Parker, new Director of Horticulture for the Greenway Conservancy.

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Boston man pleads guilty to North End armed robbery

By John Lynds

The Boston man accused of robbing a North End grocery store at gunpoint in 2019 pled guilty last week in federal court. Dante Mirabella, 52, pleaded guilty to one count of interfering with commerce by robbery, one count of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition. U.S. District Court Judge Allison D. Burroughs scheduled sentencing for March 1, 2022. According to court documents, Mirabella

robbed Bob’s Grocery Store on Endicott Street on May 30, 2019, while brandishing a Hi-Point .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Mirabella entered the store wearing sunglasses and a hood just before 7 p.m. on that day, pulled out a gun and demanded money from the clerk and a customer. The entire incident was recorded on the store’s surveillance camera and shows the clerk and customer hand over money to Mirabella before he runs away. According to the indictment Mirabella is prohibited from possessing any firearm or ammunition due to a prior felony conviction. According

to the US Attorney’s office, the charge of interfering with commerce by robbery provides for a sentence of up to 20 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine of \$250,000. The charge of brandishing a firearm during a violent crime provides for a sentence of at least seven years and up to life in prison, to be served consecutive to any other sentence imposed, up to five years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition provides for a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised

release and a fine of \$250,000. Sentences are imposed by a federal district court judge based on the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

Encore Boston Harbor Spa offers winter skincare treatment

Staff Report

Encore Boston Harbor has announced that their signature spa has reopened for services seven days a week. They have a new signature treatment to help replenish moisture into dry skin during the cold, winter months.

The Moisture & Muscle Body Care Ritual is 120 minutes and is \$385. This personalized treatment is the perfect antidote to revive dull skin and at the same time release muscle tension during the colder weather. The Ritual starts with a dry body brushing to brighten and prepare the skin for a better hydration as it sloughs off dead skin cells. It continues with an application of a warm mineral

rich seaweed serum infused with Japanese Ume Plum extract and sea fennel that is massaged into the body to work tight muscles and to deeply seal in moisture for a silky, satin body finish. To culminate with this cozy and pampering body experience, a relaxing scalp massage followed by a hands and feet massage using a gotu kola healing balm to intensely moisturize and replenish lost

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ing and lounge venues and more than 50,000 square feet of state-of-the-art ballroom and meeting spaces. Situated on the waterfront in Everett, MA and connected to Boston Harbor, Encore Boston Harbor’s grounds feature a six-acre Harborwalk with pedestrian and bicycle paths that provide access to the Mystic River, an events lawn, public art and ornate floral displays. It is the largest private, single-phase development in the history of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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