



# THE NORTH END

## REGIONAL REVIEW

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### ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR



On Sunday Mayor Michelle Wu hosted the annual Mayor's Trolley Tour and Tree Lighting. Hundreds of residents turned out for food, holiday music and a chance to see Santa and Mrs. Claus. Pictured, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu introduces Santa to the enthusiastic crowd. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

## New Year's Eve Harbor Fireworks return

By Phil Orlandella

For the first time since 2020, Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) and Boston Harbor Now will conduct a New Year's Eve fireworks celebration which will take place over the inner Boston Harbor between the North End and East Boston neighborhoods.

The nearly 40-year-old tradi-

tion returns to Boston Harbor made possible through generous support from local businesses, waterfront organizations and the City of Boston.

Part of the First Night celebration, visitors are invited to explore the waterfront, complete with ice sculptures on display at many sites along the Waterfront.

As the year drives to an end, Boston Harbor Now and FOCCP

and others will ring in the new year with a firework display that begins promptly at midnight. Viewing is free at Harborwalk and Columbus Park.

"I'm thrilled for Boston to ring in the new year with the return of midnight fireworks over the harbor," Mayor Michele Wu said. She thanked all of the "partners

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## Armenian sculpture reconfigured each year

By Phil Orlandella

Reconfiguration of the Abstract Sculpture at Armenian Park on The Greenway in Boston's North End, with innovative design features of abstract sculpture is reconfigured each year since 2012.

The Abstract Sculpture is a split rhomboid dodecahedron made of stainless steel and aluminum, commemorates the immigrant experience.

It is reconfigured symbolically

of all who pulled away from the country of origin and came to America to establish themselves in new and different ways.

In the spring, a crane lifts and pulls apart and reconfigures the two halves of the split rhomboid dodecahedron to create a new sculpture shape symbolic of a new life.

The Abstract Sculpture sits atop of a reflecting pool which washes over its side and reemerges as a single jet of water at the Labyrinth's center, representing

hope and rebirth.

The Labyrinth, is a circular winding path paved in grass and inlaid stone, that celebrates life's journey.

Art, Service, Science and Commerce are etched around its circle and symbolizes contributions made to American life and culture.

The Sculpture is dedicated to life lost during the Armenian Genocide of 1915-1923 and all genocides that have followed.

## First Suffolk & Middlesex Primary set for Dec. 14

By Regional Review Staff

On Tuesday, December 14 North End voters will head to the polls during the First Suffolk & Middlesex Special Election Primary and cast their ballots for state senator. The election to fill the seat vacated by Joseph Boncore will take place in the Boston neighborhoods of the North End, Beacon Hill, East Boston, Chinatown, Bay Village, the South End as well as Revere, Winthrop and Cambridgeport.

**Who is on the Ballot next Tuesday**

On the ballot in next Tuesday's Special Election are District 1 City Councilor Lydia Edwards and Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio.

Councilor Edwards, an Eastie resident, previously ran for the Senate seat after former State Senator Anthony Petrucelli left office in 2016. While unsuccessful in that race Edwards went on to run for the District One City Council seat, which includes the North End, East Boston and Charlestown the following year. She went on to win that race and has served on the council ever since.

D'Ambrosio, a Revere resident, got his start in politics in 2019 when he successfully ran

for Revere School Committee, a citywide seat. He topped Revere's School Committee ticket in that race and had an impressive showing during his first run for political office.

**Where to Vote in the North End**

The following are the polling locations in the North End broken down in order of Precincts. All North End polling locations will be open between 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14. Ballots will be available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Language assistance will be available on Election Day by translators at polling locations or by contacting the Election Department's translation phone bank.

Ward 3, Precinct 1, Christopher Columbus Elderly Housing, 145 Commercial Street. Vote in the community room.

Ward 3, Precincts 2 and 3, Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennett Street. Vote in the community room, HP entrance is on the left side of the building.

Ward 3, Precinct 4, Casa Maria Apartments, 130 Endicott Street. Vote in the Ricky Anzilotti Community Room. The voters entrance is on the right side of the building and the door is at the corner of Endicott and Thacher Streets.

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## North End Librarian moves on

By Phil Orlandella

Friends of the North End Library recently wished Jennifer Hawes, head librarian, a fond farewell as she left for her new post at the Roslindale library.

"Jennifer will be greatly missed," according to the Friends. "She is an energetic, thoughtful and creative professional."

"Hawes developed programs with wide-range topics, ran thoughtful provoking book and

discussion groups, worked closely with the Friends group to provide even more programming, resulting in making the library a vibrant community resource for people of all ages," according to the Friends group.

"Hawes is an intelligent and experienced librarian who was always enthusiastic when planning programs, hosting events, talking to patrons or dealing with difficult situations that urban libraries face," the Friend is noted.

# EDITORIAL

## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE -- THE SPECIAL STATE SENATE PRIMARY IS TUESDAY

We wish to remind our readers that the Special State Primary election for the First Suffolk and Middlesex District Senate is set for this Tuesday, December 14.

Revere School Committee member Anthony D'Ambrosio and Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards are running in the Democratic Primary for the Senate seat that was held by Joseph Boncore of Winthrop, who stepped down from office in order to take a job in the private sector.

Both Mr. D'Ambrosio and Ms. Edwards are young, energetic candidates who have been working hard in the run-up to the Democratic primary.

We urge all of our readers to take the time either to vote early (consult your local city or town clerk for times and dates) or on election day itself on Tuesday.

A democracy only works if we, the people, participate in the electoral process -- so please be sure to get out and vote.

## CHARLIE BAKER WILL BE MISSED

There has been a lot of speculation by the pundits as to the reasons behind Governor Charlie Baker's decision not to run for re-election in 2022, but we think it comes down simply to this: Gov. Baker is burned-out, similar to so many of his fellow Baby Boomers (including the older members of Generation X) who are retiring from both the public and private sectors amidst what is being called the Great Resignation.

In our mind's eye, we still think of Gov. Baker as the youthful man from the campaign trail in 2013, but the reality is that Gov. Baker just turned 65 years old.

He ain't a kid anymore.

And as so many other Baby Boomers are coming to realize, there is a lot more to life than work, especially when work no longer is fun.

We think it is telling that Lieut. Governor Karyn Polito -- who at 55 is a Gen Xer -- also announced that she has no plans to run for governor, which was actually more surprising than Gov. Baker's announcement. The Lieut. Gov., who is part of the Baker team that consistently has been among the most-popular governorships in the country, would have been a strong candidate to make history as the first female governor in state history.

But after eight years as an highly-active Lieut. Gov., it is clear that Polito has no desire to occupy the corner office at the State House.

But regardless of Gov. Baker's reasons for not seeking re-election, there is no disputing that Charlie Baker has been a great governor who has accomplished great things for our state, even amidst an unprecedented pandemic.

His ability to work with Democrats in the Mass. legislature, amidst an era of unprecedented political rancor at the national level, will be regarded as a shining example for future governors, regardless of party, to follow.

## GUEST OP-ED

### What about the other Ethan Crumbleys?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

We are unfortunately informed once again of another horrific, senseless school shooting. They don't stop. When will the next one be? Who will be the next shooter and who will be the next unsuspecting victims?

Once again, American kids go to school to pursue education and American life but are murdered by a classmate while walking the hallway or sitting in a class. This has to stop. Will it ever?

According to news reports, on November 30, 2021, Ethan Crumbley, a fifteen-year-old, took the lives of four schoolmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School, a Detroit, Michigan suburb.

Crumbley has once again reminded us of the horrific outcomes of mental illness and the importance of parents, teachers, churches and communities working together to protect each other.

According to news reports, the Oxford school was alerted to Crumbley's disturbing social media posts, drawings depicting violence, and other actions that had called for his parents to come to the school for a serious talk about their child. Reports of the parents buying a semi-automatic weapon for their son's Christmas present and taking him to a shooting range for practice is revealing their denial of, as well their failure to address, their son's problems.

My dad gave me some shotgun lessons when I was growing up. I was turned loose in the hills of Appalachia to hunt for squirrels at the age of 12 with a hunting license. Parents teaching their children to shoot a weapon and hunt are as old as our nation. However, parents should never provide their children access to guns when there are obvious warnings of mental illness.

Past school shooters have talked about being bullied by classmates or not fitting into any of the school social groups. Rejection, being bullied, failure to make the school team or feeling outright mistreated makes anyone feel bad, dejected and disappointed. Such feelings should be a push to any of us to look at ourselves to see how we either must adjust, change, work harder, problem solve as to what is happening or even find a different school or community in which to live. Hurting others never resolves anything and only increases our pain, darkness and sentences the rest of our lives to prison or regret of how we handled our feelings.

School can be a difficult life learning ground. What we face in the local school often is only preparing us for what we may face at the office, the factory, the workplace and the neighborhood. Throughout life we know everyone is not going to like us, accept us, applaud us or even try to get along with us. There are always people who don't like us.

However, there are people who will affirm, support, and befriend us. Sometimes it just takes a while to find those communities, houses of faith, social groups, and others with whom we can emotionally connect.

The Ethan Crumbleys of the world are sad, scary and wreak destruction. They need help now. His life and many other lives are forever destroyed. Apparently, his parents were living in some sort of disconnected denial of what their son was really about to do to himself, them and many others.

Schools and work places must have all authority to protect themselves quickly. Oxford school officials were alarmed by some of his actions. They were trying to work with the parents. Looking back, he should have been escorted out of the school and barred from its grounds until a professional counselor had given written permission for his return. I know, hindsight is always 20/20.

Sadly, for those who are now dead, it's too late. Maybe the other Ethan Crumbleys can be stopped today, right now, before it's too late.

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## OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

### NEWRA MEMBERSHIP OFFICE FIRSHTHAND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Local residents can learn more about proposed change, impacting the quality of life in the neighborhood before they are finalized or implemented by becoming a member of the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) and have a first-hand say on what occurs in their community.

Members are able to vote to

help determine if NEWRA supports or opposes the proposed changes at monthly meetings.

Being a member of NEWRA provides taking on issues before they occur, not after they happen.

### THREE CHOICES FOR OUTDOOR DINING

While the North End Dining Committee met and discussed the future status of outdoor dining in the North End it is extremely clear that residents are adamantly opposed to the City of Boston

renewing the process again or anytime in the future.

Two years ago, the pandemic was beginning to put restaurants out of business.

At that time outdoor dining was suggested and put in place on a temporary basis.

Even then residents opposed the idea, claiming it had many negative aspects on the neighborhood.

The three possible solutions to outdoor dining are, continue the current system, reduce the size of the area and time of operation or close it down for good.

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# North End, surrounding area's COVID cases decrease

By John Lynds

Just as expected and like health officials warned, the city's weekly COVID positive test rate exploded last week with the majority of new cases most likely traced back to the Thanksgiving Holiday where many gathered indoors maskless with friends and family.

However, the North End and the surrounding area's weekly positive test rate decreased slightly but around 700 people less got tested than the week of Thanksgiving.

According to the weekly report released Monday by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC), 1,955 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 3.1 percent were positive. This was a 11 percent decrease from the 3.5 percent that tested positive between November 22 and November 29 but over 2,700 residents were tested during that time.

The citywide weekly positive test rate increased dramatically last week. According to the BPHC 21,26 residents were tested and 5.2 percent were COVID positive--this was a 30 percent increase from the 4 percent reported by the BPHC on November 29.

In response to the latest uptick in cases as well as hospitalizations across the city, Mayor Michelle Wu announced Monday that

Boston health officials will distribute 20,000 free rapid antigen home tests and free masks to neighborhoods with the highest rates of COVID-19. Wu also appointed a 17-member advisory board to help city health officials combat the latest rise in COVID cases.

"We're now entering year three of this public health emergency with new variants continuing to emerge and it is clear that we need leadership from every sector to help us take on this public health crisis with immediate steps," said Wu at a press conference at City Hall.

Sixty-one additional residents have been infected with the virus between November 29 and December 6 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 4,679 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 2.9 percent last week and went from 87,674 cases to 90,193 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 1,473.

## ELECTION (from pg. 1)

### In-Person Early Voting

In-person early voting for the December 14 Primary began in Boston on Saturday, December 4. Voters will still be able to vote early in-person for the senate race at City Hall on Thursday, December 9 from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, December 10: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Note that Friday is the last day of in-person early voting.

**Vote by Mail Ballots Drop Boxes**  
The City of Boston has also installed ballot drop boxes for voters to drop off completed vote by mail ballots.

The Ballot Drop Box location closest to the North End would be on the first and third floor entrances of Boston City Hall. All drop boxes are monitored under 24 hour video surveillance. Drop boxes will also be available at each early voting location during the scheduled voting hours.

Applications for vote by mail ballots have been mailed out to every registered voter in Boston. Voters are asked to fill out the application, including their signature, as applications received without a signature will not be accepted.

Vote by mail applications can be returned by U.S. mail with the

prepaid postcard or in-person at the Boston Election Department, City Hall, Room 241.

If a registered Boston voter did not receive or lost their application, they can request a new ballot application by completing the form available on the City's vote-by-mail website. The form can be sent to the City of Boston's Election Department, via mail, email, fax, or in-person. The Boston Election Department is located at Boston City Hall, City Hall Square, Room 241, Boston, MA 02201. Fax: 617-635-4483, Tel: 617-635-VOTE (8683). Email: absenteevoter@boston.gov

### Vote By Mail

The Election Department sent out vote by mail ballots to those who requested one. Once a voter receives their ballot package, they

should follow the enclosed instructions. It is important to sign the yellow ballot affidavit envelope. Unsigned ballot affidavit envelopes will cause a ballot to be rejected. To return ballots by U.S. mail, make sure to apply sufficient postage. While ballot package weight can vary, two First Class stamps is generally sufficient.

To be counted, ballots must be received by the Boston Election Department or in a ballot drop box by the close of polls on Election Day, Tuesday, December 14 at 8 p.m.

### Tracking Your Ballot

Boston voters can track their ballot request through the state's website. For more information on how to participate in the Special Election, please visit [boston.gov/election](http://boston.gov/election).

## NEW YEAR (from pg. 1)

five bringing back this tradition but everyone to enjoy".

"Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) were elated to lead the effort to bring the New Year's Eve fireworks back to the Harbor," FOCCP President Joanne Hayes Rines said.

"Thanks to the timeless efforts of Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, New Year's Eve midnight fireworks over the harbor will resume to kick off the start of 2022," said Kathy Abbott, President and CEO of Boston Harbor.



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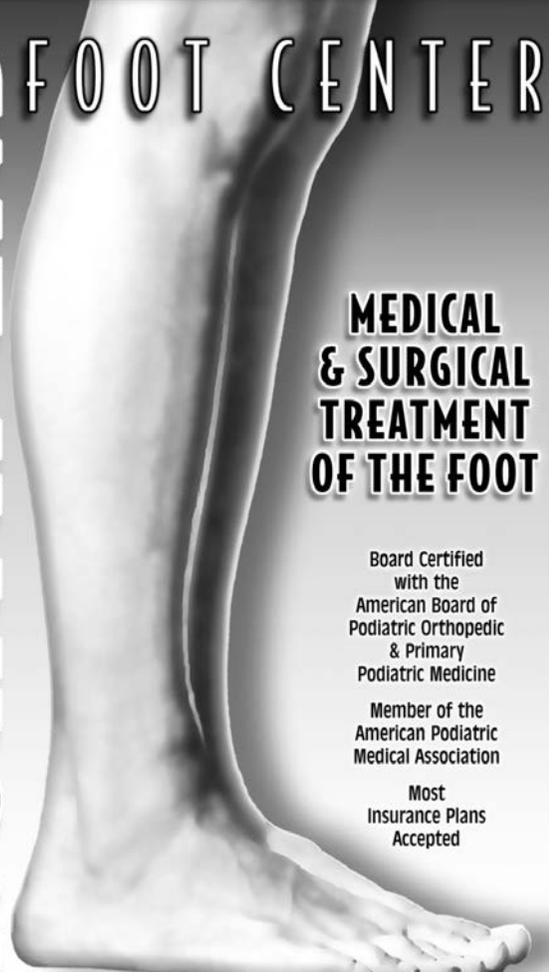
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# Community Sing event brings back NEMPAC's traditional Holiday concert

By John Lynds

After a Covid19-related hiatus, the Community Sing event will bring back the North End Music & Performing Arts Center's (NEMAPC) traditional Holiday concert that includes the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

NEMAPC Marketing and Communications Manager Ingo Madel said the concert has been reinvented as a family-friendly outside gathering at the Paul Revere Mall Prado on Thursday, Dec. 16 from 6:00-7:00 pm.

"NEMPAC and the Boston Landmarks Orchestra One City Choir will spread Holiday cheer on the Prado in the North End and would like to invite everyone

to join in," said Madel.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra One City Choir will sing classic carols and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, conducted by Music Director Katherine Chan, the Director of Choral Activities at Northeastern University. Throughout the event performances from NEMPAC's Community Holiday Choir, Youth Vocal Ensemble, and Rock Band Ensemble will be featured.

Caroling lyric booklets will be provided, along with LED candles, hot chocolate, and cookies to keep carolers and audience members warm and festive. This is a family-friendly event open to all ages! Tickets are free but pre-registration is required. You can register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/event/nempac-community-sing-Ticket>

## IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

### NEWRA PUBLIC MEETING DEC. 9

Two presentations will be made at tonight's (Dec. 9) North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly public meeting (Zoom) at 7 PM.

Bill Caulder and the development team from the Cross Street Boutique Hotel will provide an update to the proposed hotel development project.

John Romano, Jr., liaison for the Boston Neighborhood Services will present an update on city services and upcoming holiday events.

### ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK CELEBRATION

A candlelight Labyrinth Walk will be held on Sunday, December 12 at 4:30 PM at Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway.

Meet and greet, walk the labyrinth, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies from Spinelli's, and tie a ribbon on the wishing tree.

The event is a collaboration of the City of Boston, Age Friendly Boston, The Greenway Conservancy and Friends of Armenian Heritage Park.

### NEW HEALTH CONTINUES VACCINE SERVICE

NEW Health continues its community vaccination program and is offering a variety of COVID-19 vaccinations and testing opportunities in the North End.

The health center vaccination appointments are only available for primary care pediatric patients but will expand in the near future.

Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccinations are available to eligible individuals who have received two doses of the vaccine, with the second at least six months prior.

In addition, booster shots to any individual who received Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months prior.

For more information contact the center at 617-643-8000.

### FANEUIL HALL EXPANSION

Plans to renovate Faneuil Hall Marketplace were recently presented to the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) and the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at their monthly meeting for informational purposes.

Proposed plans call for renovation by filling in overhangs on the ground and second level as retail and vertical construction to seven stories on top of that will span a newly designed pedestrian portal leading from Quincy Market to The Greenway.

### CITY DIVERTS FOSSIL FUEL FUNDS

An ordinance that will diverge city funds from fossil fuels has been passed by the Boston City Council and signed by Mayor Michelle Wu.

Funding will be diverted from out of stocks, securities or other

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"We've missed our annual Messiah program, a tradition of many years at NEMPAC's annual holiday concert that finally returns after a two-year hiatus," said NEMPAC's Executive Director, Sherri Snow. "Due to COVID19 and a large majority of our NEMPAC audience being the younger crowd, we have reimagined our annual Messiah Concert this year and are very excited to present our first-ever outdoor "Community Sing" event."

The "Community Sing" event is made possible with the support from Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston Office of Special Events, and contributions from State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Table Caffé, and Mike's Pastries.

obligations from any company that derives more than 3% of its revenue from combustion, distribution, extraction, manufacturer or sales of fossils like coal, oil, gas or any fossil fuel products.

In addition, the city will divert its funds from private companies that operate or maintain carceral facilities.

"The climate crisis requires immediate steps toward a cleaner and more sustainable future," Councilor Lydia Edward said.

"Boston with this ordinance will once again take the lead and move toward climate resiliency," she added.

### MAYOR LIGHTS UP COLUMBUS PARK TRELLIS

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was on hand to throw the switch to illuminate the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park on November 22 to kick off the holiday season.

Participants were treated to hot chocolate from the Boston Marriott Long Wharf, clam chowder from Joe's Waterfront and a visit from Santa Claus.

Singers from the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) performed holiday sing-a-longs.

Boston Parks and Recreation Department organize the holiday kickoff celebration with Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP).

The Trellis lighting has been held for 19 years and has become a main attraction in Boston.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### OMICRON VARIANT DETECTED IN MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) today announced that genetic sequencing has identified the COVID-19 Omicron variant for the first time in a case in Massachusetts. The individual is a female in her 20s and a resident of Middlesex County who traveled out of state. She is fully vaccinated, has experienced mild disease, and did not require hospitalization. The variant was identified through sequencing performed at New England Biolabs.

While Omicron is classified by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization as a Variant of Concern, scientists are still working to determine how it may compare with the predominant Delta variant in terms of transmissibility and disease severity. There is some limited evidence that Omicron could be more transmissible than other COVID-19 virus variants, including Delta. This variant is being monitored closely by public health authorities around the world, and more information about what we know about Omicron is available on the CDC website.

All three COVID-19 vaccines in use in the U.S have been shown to be highly protective against severe disease resulting in hospitalization or death due to known COVID-19 variants and remain the single best way for people to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community from COVID-19. There are over 1,000 locations across the Commonwealth to get vaccinated or receive a booster. The vaccine is free, and no ID or insurance is required for vaccination. Visit [vaxfinder.mass.gov](http://vaxfinder.mass.gov) for a list of vaccination locations.

Other public health prevention measures that help stop the spread of COVID-19 variants include: getting tested and staying home if you are sick, frequent hand-washing or use of hand sanitizer, following masking requirements, and telling your close contacts if you test positive for COVID-19 so they can take appropriate steps. To learn more about protecting yourself from COVID-19, visit [www.mass.gov/covidvaccine](http://www.mass.gov/covidvaccine).

Residents are also urged to enable MassNotify on their smartphone. The service can be

accessed through both Android and iPhone settings; it is NOT an application that can be obtained through an app store. This private and anonymous service notifies users of a potential exposure to COVID-19 so they may take the appropriate precautions. For more information and instructions on enabling MassNotify on your smartphone, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/learn-more-about-massnotify>.

The State Public Health Laboratory, the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, and several hospital and academic laboratories have all contributed to sequencing efforts in Massachusetts during the pandemic. This sequencing data contributes to the tracking of clusters and patterns of disease spread. This in-state laboratory capacity to sequence variants allows Massachusetts to not have to rely on out-of-state laboratories.

### U.S. POSTAL SERVICE INTRODUCES PEN PAL PROJECT

The U.S. Postal Service is working with WeAreTeachers to introduce The USPS Pen Pal Project, a free educational program for students in grades three to five, this 2021-2022 school year.

The USPS Pen Pal Project will provide 25,000 classrooms across the country the opportunity to partner with matched classes to write 1 million letters with the goal of building friendships and understanding diverse perspectives.

Each participating classroom will receive a USPS Pen Pal Project kit with a teaching poster, cards, and envelopes. By participating in the program, students will improve their writing, communication, and collaboration skills.

WeAreTeachers offers daily articles, videos and giveaways for educators.

U.S. public, charter, and private school teachers are invited to join The USPS Pen Pal Project. More information, including official rules and instructions for teachers to sign their classes up for the project, is available at [WeAreTeachers.com](http://WeAreTeachers.com).

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

# COMMUNITY COMES FORWARD FOR NSC

By Phil Orlandella

Many turkeys, meals and gift certificates were donated by many local agencies and businesses to the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) for distribution to needy families and individuals during the recent Thanksgiving season.

NSC missed having its annual turkey feast, however, many donors helped the Center managed to provide many turkeys,

meals and gift certificates to bolster their deliveries of much needed holiday food.

Sponsors included: La Familia Giorgio's, Church on the Hill, St. Joseph Society, Stop & Shop, Star Market, Eliot School, JDL Corporate Interiors, St. John's School and La Strada organize food drives to stock the Center's food pantry shelves.

Sanborn Head Associates created festive holiday totes filled with typical holiday sides.

Star Market on Causeway Street donated 37 Thanksgiving meals complete with turkey, potatoes, stuffing, cranberry and gravy.

During the month of November, La Familia Giorgio's provided 100 meals of pasta and meatballs, salad and cannoli.

North End Rehabilitation Care Center sponsored 50 turkey cups with pasta salad and the Pizzeria Regina provided 20 large pizzas.



Eliot Upper School food drive.



Julia Power, Comprehensive Resource Director, ABCD, receives a donation of 37 Thanksgiving meals from Bob Kelly, Store Director of Star Market at the Hub on Causeway Street.



The Team at Blackstone Apartments with holiday food bags.



105 holiday food bags for the North End and West End apartment buildings.



St. John School donation of healthful greens.



32 turkeys from La Famiglia Giorgio's.



37 turkeys and sides generously donated by Star Market at the Hub on Causeway.

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# MAYOR WU IN HER FIRST ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

On Sunday Michelle Wu took part in her first Enchanted Trolley Tour as Mayor of Boston. The Enchanted Trolley Tour is a Boston holiday tradition of lighting holiday trees throughout the City.

“It’s a joy to participate in our annual holiday trolley tour and

tree lighting across the City,” said Mayor Wu. “The holiday season is a time for friends, family, and neighbors to come together and celebrate, and I am delighted to welcome all to attend this weekend of fun for families and residents.”



Boston Mayor Michelle Wu addresses the gathering.



Boston City Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune enjoys the performance of the K1 students from the Eliot Innovation School.



K1 students from the Eliot Innovation School pose with their music teachers Kristi Scaccia and Stefano Matchese, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, and City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune and Ellen Murphy.



Enzo, Joe, and Miatta Johnson watch the excitement.



K1 students from the Eliot Innovation School greet the Enchanted Trolley Tour with song.

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Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michlewitz offers Holiday remarks.



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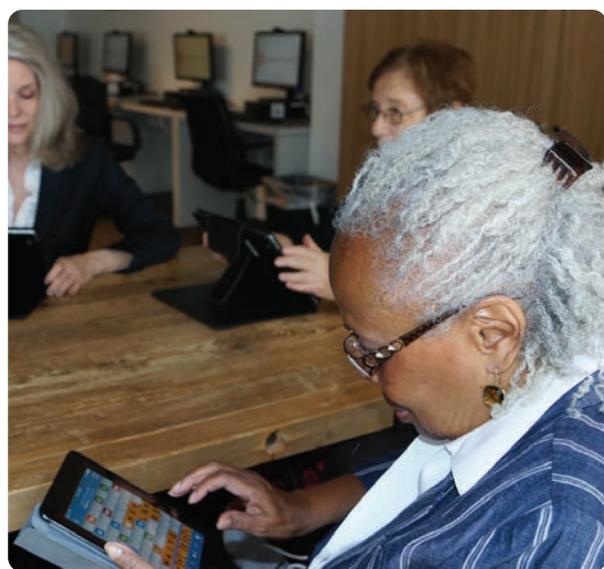


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# Wu proposes new pilot program to advance equity in procurement

Mayor Michelle Wu last week filed an order with the City Council to create an equity in procurement pilot program through June 30, 2022. This order will allow the City of Boston to designate up to 6 city contracts for procurement from minority- and women-owned businesses, known as a sheltered market program. The order is part of a larger initiative to direct city resources to local, diverse businesses that are vital to expanding wealth-building opportunities and supporting their capacity to compete for city contracts.

In 2020, the City of Boston released a disparity study that showed that only 1.2% of the \$2.1 billion City's contracts for construction and professional goods and services went to Black and Latinx-owned businesses.

The pilot, implemented in close collaboration with the City Council, the Administration & Finance Cabinet, the Equity & Inclusion Cabinet as well as the new Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet, will allow the City of Boston and contracting partners to measure effectiveness

as they address the historic inequities in Boston's procurement process.

"Building on the work in the City Hall to ensure that our public dollars are going to build wealth in our communities and close the racial wealth gap, I am excited to file for a pilot program to create specific opportunities for Black and Brown businesses to contract with the city," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "As we recover from the pandemic, the City of Boston will use every dollar to make our city a place for everyone."

"This pilot program marks an important opportunity for the City to align its spending with addressing historical disparities," said former Mayor Kim Janey. "This will increase the number of city contracts going to women-owned and minority-owned businesses, while also building a more equitable economy for all of our residents."

"The sheltered market pilot program is an important milestone in the City's effort to connect diverse suppliers to wealth-building opportunities and redress historic inequities in the procurement pro-

cess," said Segun Idowu, incoming Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. "I want to thank Mayor Wu for prioritizing this issue in her first 100 days, as well as the team in the Mayor's Offices of Administration and Finance, Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, Equity, Law, and Policy for their tireless work in shaping the order for this program, which will help to immediately advance equity in city contracting."

"We know from our 2020 disparity study that businesses owned by women and people of color have historically been excluded from City contracts. This program will provide those businesses the opportunity to compete and be prime contractors for the City of Boston and help ensure that the City's resources are being spent equitably across our communities," said Celina Barrios-Millner, Chief of Equity and Inclusion.

"This is a step in the right direction," said Glynn Lloyd, Executive Director of Foundation for Business Equity. "Based on the disparity of how spending has taken place to our minority com-

panies, we look forward to the new administration's full commitment to leveling the playing field."

"Equity in public procurement requires policies and practices that level the playing field for MBEs and WBEs that have been historically excluded from contracting opportunities," said Betty Francisco, CEO of Boston Impact Initiative and Co-Founder of Amplify Latinx. "This sheltered market program is one of many tools that the City can use to promote equitable access to contracts that create jobs and growth for minority and women-owned businesses."

"The request for authorization of this sheltered market program gives us another powerful tool to improve equity in City contracting," said Justin Sterritt, CFO and Chief Procurement Officer. "The challenges surrounding procurement are complex, and require using every tool available to help close persistent gaps and inequities in City contracting. This sheltered market program builds on a series

of reforms and Council orders to improve the procurement process and increase opportunity for new and diverse vendors. Under Mayor Wu's leadership, we will use every tool at our disposal, and the addition of this sheltered market program is a major step."

This order builds on Mayor Wu's years of commitment to require equitable City contracting and close the racial wealth gap. In 2016, then-Councilor Wu and then-Councilor Ayanna Pressley presided over the City Council hearing that examined the City's procurement process and efforts to support local businesses. In 2017, Mayor Wu and Congresswoman Pressley co-sponsored an ordinance that required the City to collect more data on contracting. Mayor Wu passed a groundbreaking ordinance that required the City of Boston to shift its food procurement practices to meet certain standards around racial equity, fair pay for workers, environmental sustainability, and nutrition.

## State supports monoclonal antibody treatment sites

The Baker-Polito Administration announced the deployment of three state supported mobile units for monoclonal antibody treatment for high-risk individuals who have been exposed to or have COVID-19. These new clinics have the capacity to treat a combined 500 patients per week with therapies that have shown to be effective in reducing severity of disease and keeping COVID-19-positive individuals from being hospitalized.

Referral from a health care provider is required for treatment at any of the three new mobile clinics. Treatment is provided at no cost to the patient and offered regardless of immigration status or health insurance. Patients should discuss with their health care providers whether monoclonal antibody treatment is right for them.

Two of the new mobile units, currently in Fall River and Holyoke, began administering monoclonal antibody treatment (mAb) to patients on November 22nd, and a third unit will be deployed to Everett on December 3rd. These mobile clinics will increase access to monoclonal anti-

body treatment in Massachusetts for high-risk individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The mobile clinic sites can be relocated easily based on demand.

"These mobile sites enable individuals with early COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19 to be treated quickly and safely with monoclonal antibody infusion," said Acting Public Health Commissioner Margaret Cooke. "While the best protection against COVID-19 is vaccination, these therapies can help prevent hospitalization and severe illness for infected or exposed high-risk individuals. People with questions about whether this treatment is right for them should discuss it with their healthcare provider."

In partnership with the Department of Public Health (DPH), the temporary clinics will be operated by Gothams, a Texas-based emergency management company with experience supporting commercial, federal, and state facilities in COVID-19 emergency response. Mobile clinic staff will also be deployed to provide

mAb in community locations, such as nursing homes, assisted living residences, and congregate care settings.

Under the US Food and Drug Administration's emergency use authorization, COVID-positive or exposed patients age 12 and older at high risk for severe COVID-19 illness are eligible to receive monoclonal antibody treatment. The single intravenous infusion treatment takes 20-30 minutes, followed by an hour of patient monitoring. If administered within 10 days of onset of COVID-19 symptoms, the one-time therapy is highly effective in neutralizing the virus and preventing symptoms from worsening.

With the addition of these three mobile units, Massachusetts residents can now receive monoclonal antibody treatment at 32 publicly available locations. A map of sites can be found at Monoclonal Antibody Therapy Locator ([arcgis.com](http://arcgis.com)).

For more information about accessing this treatment, visit Monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy treatment for COVID-19.

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### NEWRA MONTHLY MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) next monthly meeting is Thursday, December 9 at 7 PM. Zoom.

### NEAA CHRISTMAS PARADE

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) annual Christmas Parade will be held on Sunday, December 12 at Columbus Park starting at 12 noon.

### NEWNC MONTHLY MEETING

The next North end/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting will be held on Monday, December 13 at 7 PM. Zoom.

### ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

The traditional Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour was held at Paul Revere Mall (Prado) with the lighting of a Christmas tree and a visit by Santa Claus.

### FOCCP FALL FESTIVAL

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) Fall Festival was held with over 200 people attending the festivities that included a parade, Big Bird, Elmo, and Baby Shark. Many other activities were provided.

### NEBC PLACES CHRISTMAS TREE

The North End Beautification Committee placed a Christmas Tree on the corner of Hanover and Cross Streets for the holiday season.

### CUTILLO PARK DELAYED DECISION

Final renovations to the Cuttillo Park will be made following a decision by the city on a proposed hotel plan on Cross Street that includes two first-floor restaurants and a rooftop restaurant.

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Saint Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society will hold its annual Christmas Program for North End children only on Sunday, December 12 with Santa giving out gifts from 12 noon to 2 PM at the Chapel, 459 Hanover Street.

### NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND

North End Christmas Fund Luncheon was held at Filippo's Restaurant to raise funds for needy elderly families. Many local service agencies and businesses sponsored the holiday event.

### EAGLE BANK DONATION \$3,000

Eagle Bank donates \$3,000 to the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center for its meal program and social services activities.

### FIREWORKS OVER THE HARBOR

Fireworks return over Boston Harbor on New Year's Eve at midnight at Christopher Columbus Park.



The North End Beautification Committee has put up the Christmas Tree for the 2021 Holiday Season located on the corner of Hanover and Cross Streets. The Committee is a non-profit agency that does this each year.

## St. Leonard Church of Port Maurice holiday schedule

The St. Leonard Church of Port Maurice on 320 Hanover Street, posts the following holiday events:

Second Week of advent  
December 7- 5:00pm Advent with Mary Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan  
Immaculate Conception  
December 8- 7:00 pm Mass  
December 8- 7:00 pm Mass  
\*December 10 - 7:30 pm Christmas Concert: Testimony of Light

NOTE: A suggested donation of \$25.00

December 11- 6:30 pm -Advent Night of Recollection: An Awakening of Hope with the Holy Family-Fr. Michael MacGinnis

Confessions- 6:00pm -7:30pm  
Third Week of advent, Dec 12 - Dec 18, 2021

December 12, 2021 5:00pm A Christmas Concert: "In dulci jubilo: A Baroque Christmas" featuring vocal and instrumental Christmas music from the 17th and 18th centuries. Music by

Vivaldi, Scarlatti, Praetorius, and others. Free admission with a suggested donation.

December 14- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan

December 18-11:00am All are welcome, Christmas Liturgy: Sponsored by The Italian School Di San Leonardo celebrated by Father Giadio DeBlasio, a native Italian Priest from Boston College.

December 18- 3:00pm  
In the Peace Garden the Saint Leonard Choral Society (President Mrs. Laurie Warlock) presents a Christmas Carol Concert with Music Director Dr Dan Drzymalski.

Fourth Week of advent, Dec 19 - Dec 24, 2021

December 20, 21, 22 7:00 pm Fr. Rick Martignetti

The Gift of Jesus: A Christmas Mission

December 21- 5:00pm Advent with Mary: Mass, Rosary and meeting with Ivan

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Friday,  
December 24, 2021

4:00 Confession  
5:00pm- Mass

December 24, 2021 Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Saturday,  
December 25, 2021

December 25, 2021 MASS  
9:00am

10:30am Italian  
12:00pm

New Years Eve December 31,  
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December 31, 2021 New Years Eve

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Terms of the Trust to Remove the Requirement that at Least Two Trustees Must Serve at All Times, (4) Approve the Distributions Made to Charitable Beneficiaries in 2020 and 2021 as Shown on Exhibit C to Exhibit 1 of this Petition, and (5) Authorize the Payment of Reasonable Expenses, including Counsel Fees, to be Paid from the Trust. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 12/22/2021. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: November 10, 2021 Felix D. Arroyo Register of Probate 12/09/21 RR

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# Wu announces new COVID-19 advisory committee

Mayor Michelle Wu announced her COVID-19 Advisory Committee, a group of doctors, public health professionals and multidisciplinary leaders who will assist in decision-making around tackling new variants and working to end the pandemic in Boston. The Committee will be chaired by Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission, who was elevated to a cabinet-level role under Mayor Wu. These leaders have backgrounds ranging from Medical Director at a large public hospital to restaurateur.

The full list is as follows:

Chair, Dr. Bisola Ojikutu

- Dr. Sabrina A. Assoumou, MD, Louis W. Sullivan Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine

- Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett, Assistant Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases, Harvard School of Public Health

- Louis Elisa, President of the Garrison-Trotter Neighborhood Association, member of the Black Boston COVID-19 Coalition

- Paola García, Community Relations Manager, Tufts Health Plan

- Yvonne Garcia, Chief of Staff, State Street

- Temple Gill, Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Partnerships, Huntington Theater Company

- Nia Grace, co-founder, Boston Black Hospitality Coalition, owner of The Underground Cafe + Lounge and Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen

- Dr. Julia Koehler, MD, Boston Children's Hospital, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

- Amy Latimer, President, TD Garden

- Brian Moy, restaurateur and owner of Shōjō and Ruckus

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- Dr. Cassandra Pierre, MD, MPH, MSc, Medical Director, Public Health Programs, Boston Medical Center

- Jake Sullivan, Vice President for Government and Community Affairs, Boston University

- Tony Tjan, Chairman and CoFounder, Miniluxe

- Reverend Liz Walker, Senior Pastor, Roxbury Presbyterian Church

- Dr. Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DrPH, Robert A. Knox Professor at Boston University School of Public Health.

- Dr. Joseph Betancourt, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President, Equity and Community Health at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"I'm grateful to these leaders for their willingness to serve the public in this pivotal moment. We have both a responsibility and an opportunity to take on our biggest public health challenges, and take every action possible to protect our residents and end this pandemic. I look forward to working with and receiving the wisdom of this dedicated group," said Mayor Michelle Wu.

"Boston is taking an aggressive, public health approach that will keep city residents safe, our children in school, and our local businesses open. The diverse makeup of this committee is yet another example of Mayor Wu's commitment to ending the pandem-

ic and addressing the significant health care inequities in our city. COVID-19 cases are surging here and across the country, making it a critically important time to get vaccines and boosters to as many people as possible, especially in communities where vaccine and booster rates are troublingly low. I am confident that Mayor Wu's leadership and the insights of the Advisory Committee put us in a very strong position to end the COVID-19 pandemic in Boston," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission and Chair of the COVID-19 Advisory Committee.

The current data send a clear message to our city residents: get vaccinated, get boosted, get tested if you have symptoms, and continue to take precautions, such as wearing masks when indoors and while traveling, washing your hands, and limiting the size of holiday gatherings. There are currently 88,990 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Boston. Emergency department visits have increased by 6 percent over the past week, positive tests are up 15 percent over the last two weeks, and hospitalizations have increased by 28

percent during the last two weeks. New positive tests are up to 191.6 per day in the last week, above BPHC's goal of 67.9 positive tests per week. Community based testing is also down by 23 percent in the last week. Getting tested continues to be very important especially during the holiday season. There is reason for optimism however, as the number of booster doses administered increased by at least 15 percent over a one week period (82,173 to 94,274) and the proportion of fully vaccinated individuals has increased to 67.1 percent.

Racial disparities in vaccination and particularly booster rates in Boston remain a serious area of concern. Black residents account for only 13.4 percent of the boosters administered and Latinx residents account for just 9.4 percent. Similarly, over white children account for over 57 percent of vaccinations for children ages 5-11, as compared to 10.2 percent for Latinx children and 7.8 percent for Black children. Both Mayor Wu and the Boston Public Health Commission have made reducing these disparities a major priority in the City's efforts to end the pandemic.

## Eagle Bank donates \$3,000 for NSC meals and services

By Phil Orlandella

Just in time for the holiday season, Eagle Bank has donated \$3,000 to support the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) to assist the Center's meal

program and social services.

The generous donation from Eagle Bank was facilitated by Gisella di Paola, Vice President Business Development Officer and ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board.



Johannah Malone, Fundraising Specialist, ABCD North End/West End/NSC and Gisella di Paola, Vice President Business Development Officer, Eagle Bank.

### A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE. AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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#### Experience

##### Public Sector

###### • Revere School Committee

Led the effort for enhanced mental health services for students; led the creation of a district wide Equity Advisory Board

###### • Dwight Hall Coordinator and Community Health Educator

Managed a 3,500-person nonprofit organization that provided community based services ranging from early childhood education to homeless relief

##### Private Sector

###### • Financial Analyst, Technology Industry

Advised on technology sector and growth strategies for some of the world's most innovative technology companies

#### Education

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