



# THE NORTH END

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### PAAE CLOTHING DRIVE



Public Action for Arts and Education's (PAAE) first phase of a clothing drive was delivered to The St. France House for the Homeless in Boston. PAAE is asking its members and friends to help support the second phase of this worthwhile cause. We are in need of winter coats, warm jackets, and sweaters. Please contact St. Francis House or Public Action for Arts and Education at [publicactionarts@gmail.com](mailto:publicactionarts@gmail.com). Attending the first phase of PAAE's kickoff drive is, (from left to right,) Shannon Steele (Development Dept.), Patrick Murray (Drive, Chairman), Leeroy Buissereth, Joseph Hill (Pres. of Public Action for Arts and Education), Maria Fallavollita (Clothing Supervisor).

## NEMPAC students kick off Perform-a-thon fundraising effort

By John Lynds

This week students of the North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) began collecting pledges for the popular neighborhood music and performance art center's 2022 Perform-a-thon. The fundraising effort by the students will culminate in a day-long event of performances by faculty and students on Saturday, April 2. "At this year's 8th Annual Perform-a-thon, our talented students of all ages and faculty will come together in support of NEMPAC's mission to make music accessible for all,"

said NEMPAC's Marketing and Communications Manager Ingo Madel. "During this family-friendly event, we will host performances, with special raffles, prizes for student fundraisers, and more."

Madel said all funds from the Perform-a-thon will directly benefit the NEMPAC Scholarship Fund.

The April 2 performances will feature a broad variety of singing and dancing performances by NEMPAC youth and adult students as well as faculty performers. The event will take place in person at 50 Tileston St. in the North End and also streamed live

on YouTube.

"This very successful annual fundraiser is a free and open to the public day-long event featuring a raffle and prizes," said Madel. "The Perform-a-thon has a long tradition at the NEMPAC and this year premieres as a both in-person and virtual fundraiser. "One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit NEMPAC's Scholarship Fund, which in 2021 alone funded 24 families totalling over \$10,000 in awards and 6 local school partnerships."

According to NEMPAC (NEMPAC Pg. 4)

## Arroyo and Hayden say they are both in the race for Suffolk County DA

By John Lynds

So far the race for Suffolk County District Attorney will be between one candidate who supports many of former DA Rachael Rollin's reforms and another who is more moderate and was appointed as interim DA by Republican Governor Charlie Baker.

Boston City Councilor Ricardo Arroyo announced his bid for the DA's seat, which was followed a few days later by acting DA Kevin Hayden.

At a press conference in Hyde Park last week Arroyo pledged to continue the reforms started by Rollins.

Arroyo, the son of former City Councilor Felix Arroyo, served a public defender before being elected to the City Council in 2019, said he will, "Build a justice system that protects the safety and dignity of all people...One that will maintain the successful reforms that have proven to improve the safety of communities across Suffolk County."

It was his work as a public defender that Arroyo said gave him perspective of the inequities of the justice system. As a public defender Arroyo has said he saw firsthand how the lack of opportunity, inequity, and the marginalization of individuals ravaged lives.

"Former District Attorney Rachael Rollins led the way by bringing much-needed reforms to



Kevin Hayden.



Ricardo Arroyo.

the office," said Arroyo at the press conference. "We cannot afford to go backward or stagnate. We must continue these reforms that have been proven to work and continue to move Suffolk County forward."

Before leaving the DA's Office to serve as the U.S. Attorney for Massachusetts, Rollin focused on

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# EDITORIAL

## PUTIN: PURE EVIL

As regular readers of this column know, we do not view events in terms of “good vs. evil.”

Over the years, we have referred to tobacco companies, polluters, et als as greedy and despicable, but describing them as “evil-doers,” as former President George W. Bush did in referring to the plotters behind the 9/11 attacks, or labeling Iraq, Iran, and No. Korea as the “axis of evil,” as Bush did in his 2002 State of the Union speech, always struck us as an overly-simplistic way to refer to those with whom we disagree, a verbal short-cut to avoid trying to explain complex matters.

But sometimes words cannot be found to discuss events for which there is no rational explanation. The more we try, the more we realize that sometimes, words are nothing more than hollow, shallow, and meaningless keystrokes on our laptops.

The actions of Hitler and the Nazis before and during WWII fit into this category.

And so too, is the tragedy that is unfolding hour-by-hour in Ukraine, where the civilian population is being wiped out by the whims of a semi-mad and sociopathic 70 year-old dictator.

Evil -- pure “evil” -- is the only word that comes to mind when we think of Vladimir Putin.

That’s all we’ve got. But that says it all.

## ENERGY RELIEF IS NEEDED -- SUSPEND THE GASOLINE TAX

Other than a couple of on-air Fox TV personalities, the vast majority of Americans are outraged about the situation in Ukraine.

But there isn’t much that we in the U.S. can do about it directly, whether individually (unless we want to join the Ukrainian army) or collectively (unless we want to start a nuclear World War III).

Yes, the U.S. is working with other nations in supplying weapons and humanitarian aid to Ukraine. We also have imposed unprecedented and devastating economic sanctions upon Russia that already are wreaking havoc with the Russian economy.

But what has not been done is the big one: Shutting-off the spigot of Russian natural gas and oil, the means by which Putin is able to finance his war and his hold on the Russian people.

Congress is in the process of passing a bill that would ban the import of Russian oil into this country. Apparently, we get seven percent of our oil from Russia.

The Biden administration has been hesitant to do so because it fears that this would cause a huge spike in the price of gasoline, which would further fuel inflation.

However, we cannot offer platitudes to the Ukrainian people and talk about our commitment to democracy and peace if we are unwilling to make sacrifices ourselves.

Congress and the Biden administration can soften the effect upon average Americans of skyrocketing energy costs in a number of ways, either through direct payments to income-qualifying Americans or even subsidies to domestic energy producers, with the caveat that they need to increase production here in America. (In fact, our domestic oil producers are engaging in nothing less than crass war-profiteering by refusing to produce more oil and natural gas, which they easily can do and as they have done in the past, in order to flood the world market and bring prices down.)

The state and federal governments also can suspend the tax on gasoline. In California for example, the per-gallon state tax is 51 cents and the federal tax is 18 cents. Here in Mass., our state tax is 24 cents.

If the world is to turn the tide against the Putin regime, we must be willing to make sacrifices on an individual level. If that means paying more for gasoline, then that’s what we have to do.

But governments can soften the blow upon average Americans of soaring energy costs, which will have ripple effects throughout the economy, and should take action to do so immediately.

## GUEST OP-ED

### A welcome step towards waterfront equity

By Tania Del Rio

Last month, waterfront advocates and East Boston neighbors alike celebrated Mayor Michelle Wu’s announcement that she will prioritize waterfront development reform in East Boston. This much-welcomed step builds upon conversations around former-acting mayor Kim Janey’s decision to withdraw the Municipal Harbor Plan last year, which focused on the downtown waterfront while overlooking how recent development has transformed East Boston. The City’s new focus on one of Boston’s most vital -yet often cast aside- neighborhoods is a necessary step towards equity and is critical to addressing the neighborhood’s urgent and underlying challenges.

Our waterfront is currently regulated by a state law referred to as Chapter 91. It dates back to ordinances from colonial times that codified the “public trust doctrine,” an almost 2,000 year old legal principle that holds that the air, sea, and shore do not belong to any one person, but to all of us as a collective. These regulations must always be met and provide us with a great starting place for crafting our Municipal Harbor Plans, which provide flexibility for cities to meet their Chapter 91 obligations while also establishing a community-crafted vision for our waterfront. The planning process can help us envision our waterfront as a whole, instead of site by site, thereby helping us focus on protecting public access and ensuring development is responsible.

Over the past decade, we have watched luxury residential buildings spring up on the waterfront, stoking our community’s housing crisis. At the same time, we have witnessed streets, bike lanes, and basements flood with every major storm. Now, we are seeing the crisis caused by compounding threats of displacement; hearing from numerous District 1 residents that flooding has already been wearing on their homes, and that repairs are draining their pocketbooks. Their biggest concern, however, is that this is just the beginning. As a mother



Tania Del Rio.

with two children, living in a house half a block from the water, I share this fear myself, questioning just how long our neighborhood will resist the threats of rising sea levels and intensifying flooding. The new waterfront development in these flood zones does not make our coastline more environmentally resilient, instead, it exacerbates the threats of displacement that have been intensifying in our waterfront.

Thankfully, District 1 neighborhoods are lucky to have organizers and advocates who are committed to protecting our communities from reckless development and a severe climate crisis. Local organizations like Piers Park Sailing and Courageous Sailing promote access to the Harbor for all and share its rich maritime

history with young people. Harborkeepers fosters community stewardship of the Harbor by creating opportunities for neighbors to interact with the tidelands and water and move towards collective grassroots advocacy for a resilient neighborhood. Friends of the Mary Ellen Welch Greenway, Boston Harbor Arts, GreenRoots, Eastie Farm, and Friends of Belle Isle Marsh, just to name a few, are active advocates for a resilient community. I am proud to be a part of a community where community organizations are doing their part to confront our challenges. But to meet the moment, we need our resource-rich government to facilitate a comprehensive plan that incorporates the community’s vision. Only then will residents be able to step into their role and participate as actively as they are able in these planning processes to provide our input and form a true collective vision.

As a candidate for the Boston City Council’s District 1, I welcome the Mayor’s proactive approach to planning a waterfront that can withstand the threats of climate change and thrive for generations to come. I am pushing for planning and development processes that bring community voices to the forefront of decision-making. I will advocate for a process that engages residents to create a

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## GUEST OP-ED

## Is Vladimir Putin the Devil?

Dr. Glenn Mollette

There is nothing good to be said about the Devil. If you don't believe me, check out Bible. Or, just turn on the television for a reporting of the evil he spreads throughout the world. You will likely see his picture, Vladimir Putin, the President of Russia.

Some people say they don't believe in the existence of the Devil. I do, his name is Vladimir Putin.

Look at the face of Putin. You will see the Devil. Look at his dark eerie eyes and his pointed ears. When he attempts to smile, you'll notice his tongue rolls out like a serpent's. His smile is never genuine but is always forced as he has no heart to produce any kind of a human gesture. The head of Putin is shaped like a Devil's head. The one thing you'll never see is his rear end because his long tail gives his identity away.

The appearance of Putin unfortunately is not what gives

his identity away. The lifelong actions of Putin give him away. He is the chief producer of the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians and possibly millions before this invasion is over, if it's ever over. Anyone who can take the lives of innocent people simply because he wants to control a particular part of the world is again, evil.

Putin wants the Ukrainian people to live like Russia's people and to control their lives, their government, what they do and where they go. He is our modern-day Adolph Hitler. There is nothing good to say about him.

The Devil wants to control our lives. He wants to bring us down to where we are under his dominion. He wants our lives to be filled with darkness, hopelessness and bound to his wishes. We see this in everyday life. People are in slavery to addiction, greed, perversions, hatred, jealousy, depression and more. We war within ourselves but our

inward war often turns outward and impacts people around us. People kill people. People hurt people. People maim others with words and attitudes and actions that often destroy themselves and others. This is the work of the Devil. He is about devouring and destroying. He often comes across as an angel of light. He pretends he wants us to be fulfilled by not being denied anything. This is how the serpent approached Eve in the Bible. The Devil still uses this trick all the time and it still works much of the time.

Is Putin the real literal Devil? You judge for yourself or ask someone from Ukraine.

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## DISTRICT ATTORNEY (from pg. 1)

gressive criminal justice reform in Suffolk County and developed a controversial policy of not prosecuting certain nonviolent low-level crimes.

Arroyo attended Boston Public Schools, holds a B.A. in History from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago.

Hayden, a Roslindale resident who was appointed by Gov. Baker to complete Rollins' term, announced his candidacy a few days after Arroyo's press conference.

At his announcement in front of the Boys & Girls Club in Dorchester Hayden pledged a commitment to public safety, criminal legal system reform, and accountability to the communities of Boston, Revere, Chelsea and Winthrop.

Hayden, who was appointed to the office in January, outlined numerous areas of focus moving forward, including gun crimes, community collaboration and engagement, diversion and intervention programs, human traffick-ing and domestic violence.

"I pledge today to reform how the district attorney approaches its

full mission of serving the community and ensuring public safety," said Hayden. "Our attention on reform is vital, but the results that produce real transformation are what really matters. We've seen over the last few years a national demand for criminal legal system reform. As a black man, I welcome this focus because it is long overdue. I know full well that it's long overdue because I've been practicing these concepts and approaches to reform throughout my entire career."

Hayden added his experience as a prosecutor, an attorney in private practice, and head of the state Sex Offender Registry Board has given him the perspective necessary to ensure public safety while seeking alternatives to prosecution in appropriate cases.

"I was never a traditional prosecutor," he said. "As head of the Safe Neighborhood Initiative, I embraced intensive community engagement and expanded crime intervention and prevention to new limits. I dedicated myself to support services and ministry to returning citizens from incarceration more than any ADA before

me. As a juvenile prosecutor I led efforts focused on innovative diversion and prevention methods. In short, I will approach the task of reform with a proven track record of dedication to it. I have labored long and hard in that vineyard. I'm confident that we can change our approach to criminal justice. But public safety and full equity in our system are not mutually exclusive. We must be ever mindful of public safety as we endeavor for a better and more equitable system. All our communities demand our dedication to both."

Before his appointment Hayden headed the state Sex Offender Registry Board. Prior to that, he spent five years in private practice, specializing in criminal defense. He began his career in the Suffolk DA's office, serving in the anti-gang and juvenile units and on the homicide response team. He headed the office's Safe Neighborhood Initiative, a community-focused public safety program.

Hayden graduated from Dartmouth College and Boston University Law School and serves as a deacon at Jubilee Christian Church in Mattapan.

## NEWRA ZLC Committee hears two requests

By Phil Orlandella

Two requests were addressed at the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) February 22, Zoning Licensing Committee meeting held at the Mariners House.

Hamel Properties LLC, is seeking the removal of a proviso "take out use granted to this petitioner only" to permit restoration with takeout business previously operated at this location to be operated

by a new leasee Hot Tomatoes.

Owners of 211 Endicott Street, John and Patricia Esposito are seeking to confirm a one-family occupancy and to rebuild on the same footprint.

Plans include fourth floor, head house to roof deck and rear deck on the first floor.

The ZLC Committee will following discussions, report their findings to NEWRA's next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 10 for vote.

## Year of the Tiger coming to The Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

Installation of a new public artwork Year of the Tiger has been commissioned by the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy and Pao Arts Center.

Artwork by New York City, Chinatown based artist, Cheryl Wing-Zi will be on display throughout the summer as part of a new public art collaboration between the two organizations.

The artist and the Conservancy and revision luminous canopy to the many festivals and collaborations that will take place in the area.

In addition, the Conservancy plans the return of Boston based

artist, Yu Wen Wu's "Lantern Stories" to Aunt Kay and Uncle Frank Chan Park on The Greenway this summer.

Different lineups of the Tiger will be activated by Boston based artists and will be activated on the pavilion for a monthly series of music, theater and spoken word performances.

"We have to build to partner with The Greenway Conservancy to bring innovative new public art to Chinatown," said Cynthia Woo, Director at Pao Arts Center.

"Interaction with connections as so vital to everyone's health and well-being," she said. The Year of the Taiga stage will help foster these interactions," she added.

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# Wu files ordinance regarding targeted residential picketing

Mayor Michelle Wu filed an Ordinance Regarding Targeted Residential Picketing, adding parameters to protect the health and well-being of residents in our neighborhoods against targeted harassment. Targeted residential picketing means picketing, protesting, or demonstrating, with or without signs or sound amplification, that is specifically directed towards a particular residence or one or more occupants of the residence, and which takes place before or about the targeted residence. The ordinance would restrict targeted residential picketing only between the hours of 9:00pm and 9:00am, and would

not affect marches or protests passing through residential areas that are not targeted at a particular home.

“Boston has a strong legacy of activism, and it’s important to uphold and protect the ability to speak out and advocate fiercely to keep our democracy strong,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “But in a moment of divided national politics, we can’t normalize the harassment and hate spilling over into our communities. Boston must model not only bold, urgent policies, but also inclusive, empowering politics.”

“This ordinance will add to our existing laws to stop harassment

of residents in their private homes, while respecting the right to protest,” said Acting Commissioner and Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory P. Long. “People have a right to privacy and peace in their homes.”

The City of Boston is committed to the First Amendment right to protest, while protecting residents’ privacy and the quality of residential life. Targeted residential picketing that occurs late at night or early in the morning increases the intrusion on the privacy and sanctity of the home, and is particularly harassing and detrimental to the sleep and well-being of families, including seniors and

families with children.

The ordinance would protect any targeted residence, not just elected officials’ homes. The U.S. Supreme Court case that affirmed such protections, *Frisby v. Schultz*, upheld a local ordinance in Wisconsin created after anti-abortion protesters consistently targeted doctors who performed abortions, by repeatedly picketing outside their homes. The framework proposed for Boston would restrict targeted residential picketing only at night and in the early morning. The order will complement existing prohibitions against excessive noise, disturbing the peace, and blocking of streets

and sidewalks through these clear guidelines around targeted residential picketing.

“Public protests at people’s homes must have reasonable limits. These demonstrations are not only causing stress to the families of elected officials, it is also hurting their neighbors, many of whom are seniors, persons with disabilities, veterans and young children,” said Boston City Council President Ed Flynn. “Now is the time to come together as a city and country to treat each other with empathy, respect and dignity.”

## NEMPAC (from pg. 1)

Executive Director Sherri Snow NEMPAC’s Perform-a-thon began in June of 2014 as the program’s “Keys for Kids” fundraiser. The first performance included the participation of 35 students performing outside NEMPAC’s Prado Studios as a combined event with the Student Spring Recital.

“Due to the growth of our programs, the increase in student enrollment and participation, and the support and excitement from our friends and families in the North End/Waterfront, Charlestown, and surrounding communities of Boston, it became its own initiative and celebration at the start of spring,” said Snow. “Today the Perform-a-thon has grown to involve over 120 student performers and many faculty members, and brings out hun-

dreds of families, local neighbors, and community members for a musical, family-fun day to support #MusicForAll.”

Snow said last year’s event raised over \$16,000.

“In order to ensure music is accessible to all, we founded the NEMPAC Scholarship Fund—and various other private scholarship funds including the Marshall Fund and d’Amore Fund—to award over \$14,000 in need-based youth scholarships per year,” said Snow. “These students are carefully reviewed by a committee and given awards to pursue artistic studies in private music lessons, summer programs, or an after-school program of their choosing.”

To learn more on how to pledge visit [www.nempacboston.org](http://www.nempacboston.org).

## OP-ED (from pg. 2)

plan of action to protect our precious Harbor, builds a resilient coastline for the next generation, and creates green jobs for local residents. These are the tenets that any Green New Deal city needs to keep top of mind.

Over the last year, Boston has decisively voted for collaborative change, bringing in a class of new leaders with brave ideas for our city. I celebrate the Mayor’s announcement because I recognize the need to provide the most vulnerable neighborhoods with additional consideration and support. Despite the outcomes we’ve seen so far, I believe it is possible for zoning and development to be a tool to build more equitable, inclusive, affordable, and accessible neighborhoods – not only a tool for developers to build billion-dollar projects that are

disjointed from the rest of the waterfront. As a Councilor, I will fight for this to be the case not only in East Boston, but also in Charlestown and the North End. The new decision from the Wu administration signals a similar strategy, one of building environmental resilience and justice into our city’s development process, so that we can truly maintain the Harbor as a public resource that both residents and visitors can enjoy.

*Tania Del Rio is a BPS mom, Latina immigrant, East Boston resident, and proven leader in her community and our local government running for Boston City Council District 1 in the upcoming special election this spring. The preliminary election will be on April 5, and the general election on May 3.*

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# Wu signs transfer fee home rule petition

Mayor Michelle Wu joined State Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley, local elected officials, and residents to sign a home rule petition to implement a transfer fee of up to two percent on real estate sales of \$2 million or more in the City of Boston. If passed by the Massachusetts Legislature and signed by the governor, the fee will generate nearly a hundred million dollars annually to create and preserve affordable housing in Boston and reduce property taxes for qualified low-income senior homeowners. The legislation is sponsored by State Representative Fluker Oakley. The Home Rule Petition passed the Boston City Council Wednesday.

"Boston's most pressing challenge is our housing crisis, which has been pushing families out of our city and deepened even more with the pandemic. As we see the transformational impact of federal funding for our recovery, it's clear that Boston needs a reliable funding source to focus on housing affordability and keep families and seniors in their homes," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "I'm grateful to Council colleagues for partnering on this urgent issue and many colleagues who have shepherded this issue in previous sessions. I look forward to working closely with our state partners on next steps."

Through the legislation, the first \$2 million of the sales price on a home in Boston would be exempt from the fee. For real estate sales over \$2 million, the fee collected will be paid by the seller. The funds generated will be allocated to the Neighborhood Housing Trust. The Neighborhood Housing Trust creates new affordable housing and preserves existing affordable housing. Based on 2021 sales in Boston, a two percent fee would have raised an estimated \$99.7 million, and would have only affected approximately 700 transactions. Similar proposals were filed in 2019 and 2021.

"I am so excited to see Mayor Wu and the Boston City Council taking action to make housing in Boston more affordable for seniors," said State Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley. "I have met with and testified before the City Council about the need for large developers of luxury apartments to pay their fair share, which would allow us to expand property tax exemptions for seniors on a fixed income and make housing in Boston more affordable."

Some transfers between family members are exempt from the fee, and the City of Boston may adopt additional exemptions for economically vulnerable populations, affordable housing developments, deed-restricted housing, owner-occupant homeowners, beneficiaries of a city-approved homebuyer program, or others.

"This bill is about housing stability," said State Senator and City Councilor Lydia Edwards. "This is a great opportunity for our city. It balances raising revenue with granting relief for our seniors."

"Today Boston is taking a major step to ensure we have adequate funds to create and preserve affordable housing, and to provide much needed tax relief to our seniors who have dedicated their lives to our great City," said City Councilor Kendra Lara. "As we combat the housing crisis and recover from the pandemic, we must protect our seniors who have been bearing the brunt of the impacts of both displacement and COVID-19. I look forward to working with our colleagues at the state house to get this passed."

The home rule petition also seeks to expand property tax relief for low-income seniors by modifying the eligibility criteria for the 41C program and increasing the exemption. These changes will modernize the criteria and provide much-needed financial assistance to a vulnerable population.

The 41C program provides tax assistance to residents 65 years or

older who are owner-occupants. Specifically, this legislation would:

- Increase the minimum exemption from \$1,000 to \$1,500, and the total possible exemption from \$2,000 to \$3,000; and
- Broaden eligibility by replacing the fixed income limits with the 50% Area Median Income figure and doubling the asset limit levels.

These changes would take effect for the Fiscal Year 2023, and the income limits for that year would increase from the current \$24,911 to \$47,000 for single individuals and \$37,367 to \$53,700 for a couple. The asset limits would increase from \$40,000 to \$80,000 for single individuals, and from \$55,000 to \$110,000 (the asset limits exclude the value of the applicant's home).

Currently, approximately 4,600 Boston senior homeowners are income-eligible for the 41C tax exemption. The legislation will expand eligibility to approximately 8,700 senior homeowners. Nearly half of those senior homeowners are severely housing cost-burdened, paying more than 50 percent of their income to housing costs.

Ultimately, the City of Boston will have the ability to determine the final rate for the fee, collection method, and any exemptions that may exist.

The Mayor's Office of Housing is responsible for housing people experiencing homelessness, creating and preserving affordable housing, and ensuring that renters and homeowners can obtain, maintain, and remain in safe, stable housing. The department develops and implements the City of Boston's housing creation and homelessness prevention plans and collaborates with local and national partners to find new solutions and build more housing affordable to all, particularly those with lower incomes. For more information, please visit the MOH website.

## IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

### NEWRA RENEWAL REGISTRATION

Registration to renew North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) membership is ongoing.

The community group meets once a month to discuss and express opinions and concerns relating to the community.

Renew membership online.

### ABSTRACT SCULPTURE RECONSTRUCTION

The annual reconstruction of the Abstract Sculpture at Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway will be held on Sunday, April 3 at 7:30 AM. Rain date Sunday, April 10 at 7 AM.

## Positive COVID tests decrease

By John Lynds

Three weeks after the city ended Boston's "B Together" policy, which requires patrons and staff of certain indoor spaces to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 would be lifted, new infections continue to decline in the North End and the rest of Boston.

On Saturday, the city's mask mandate for indoor spaces was also lifted and that move hasn't led to an increase in cases thus far.

According to the BPHC 12,478 residents were tested citywide last week and 2.3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 36 percent decrease from the 3.6 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on February 28. The weekly positive test rate has now decreased 50 percent in Boston since February 21.

The weekly report released Monday by the BPHC showed that 1,839 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested and 3.2 percent were positive.

This was a 20 percent decrease from the 4 percent that tested positive between February 21 and February 28.

Fifty-nine additional residents have been infected with the virus between February 28 and March 7 and the total number of cases in the area increased to 8,449 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 0.52 percent last week and went from 165,226 cases to 166,087 confirmed since the start of the pandemic.

There were 9 additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total COVID deaths is now at 1,727. Deaths decreased 57 percent in Boston last week with 12 less deaths compared to the 21 deaths reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

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## OPINION By Phil Orlandella

### BPDA SHOULD CONSIDER ALTERING MARKETPLACE CENTER PNF

Many flaws and cold items I mentioned in the Project Notification Form (PNF) for development of the Marketplace Center, 200 State Street, in a letter sent to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) that calls for a rejection of the project as proposed.

NEWRA claims the PNF does not adequately take into account the project site's sensitive location along the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy on The Greenway, key connections to Boston Harbor and Downtown Waterfront parks, including Armenian, Christopher Columbus and Long Wharf Parks.

The seven-page letter also claims the PNF violates the City's Zoning Code, development guidelines and goals.

The neighborhood organization also believes the PNF Project would create a greater barrier and impact on important and sensitive public realm resources, historical resources and connection of the Government Center/Market District and Boston Harbor.

In addition, NEWRA claims the PNF Project lacks pedestrian accommodations, compromises safety and several other items of

interest noted in the letter.

Based on NEWRA's concerns: the BPDA should seriously take a hard look at NEWRA's concerns and entertain possible ways to alter the project plans to everyone's satisfaction.

### BPDA MAKES OUTDOOR DINING CHANGES

For the third consecutive season, outdoor dining will take place in the North End but with several changes that the Boston Planning and Development Agency has imposed.

Turning Hanover Street, from Richmond to Cross Streets is a good public safety change. Limiting the outdoor dining space area will help.

Engaging more enforcement of the rules will help control things a little better, also cutting the operational hours will cut down on some noise and clear the area sooner.

Resident parking has once again been made available at parking sites throughout the area paid for these participating in outdoor dining.

Most residents will rather see outdoor dining go away but the new rules and regulations are a good start to lessen some of the problems.

Any problems that occur

should be reported to BPDA as soon as possible so actions can be taken.

### NORTH END SIDEWALKS TO BE REPAIRED

Sometime this summer the city is planning to repair North End sidewalks. No schedule is currently available. This project will surely impact the neighborhood for some time creating a loss of parking spaces, walk areas and access to homes and businesses.

The community will be once again impacted but the North End sidewalks are in dire repair.

### GULLA SERVED THE COMMUNITY WELL

Maria Stella Gulla, at the end of January 2022, decided to retire following many years as the Director of the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Center (NSC).

During her time at the Center, Gulla helped make a real difference by providing events, programs and a great food program for residents.

She was a caring and professional person that gave it her all to make the NSC the successful community program that it is.

Gulla was a dedicated leader who will be missed.

## NEWS BRIEFS



### MAYOR'S CUP STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT BEGINS APRIL 21

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host the 2022 Mayor's Cup Street Hockey Tournament in partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation during the April public school vacation week.

"We're looking forward to providing a year-round schedule of healthy outdoor activities for all ages in our neighborhood parks," said Parks and Recreation Department Commissioner Ryan Woods. "Thanks to our partnership with the Boston Bruins Foundation, our young street hockey players will once again get the opportunity to meet kids from throughout the city and compete for the title of 'Boston's Best' in the Mayor's Cup."

The Tournament will begin April 21 and continue through the April school vacation week. All games will be played at Garvey Playground at 340 Neponset Avenue in Dorchester. Additional support is provided by P&G Gillette.

Teams will compete in three age groups: Mite (ages 6 to 8); Squirt (ages 9 to 10); and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12). Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division.

To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at [damien.margardo@boston.gov](mailto:damien.margardo@boston.gov), Jennifer Misiaszek at [jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov](mailto:jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov), or call (617) 961-3083.

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### FEMA AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.9 MILLION TO CITY OF BOSTON

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$1.9 million to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to reimburse City of Boston for purchasing and distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) to city workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city will receive a total of \$1,941,707 in federal funding through FEMA's Public Assistance grant program to reimburse the costs of supplying Boston Police Department (BPD), Boston Fire Department (BFD), Boston Emergency Medical Services (BEMS), the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM), and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) between March 2020 and July 2021, including:

- Purchasing and distributing (PPE) and related supplies like such as N95 masks, surgical masks, gowns, Tyvek suits, face shields, boot covers, hair bouffants, gloves, hand sanitizer, rubbing alcohol, Clorox wipes & drapes; and

- Purchasing an electric pallet jack and manual jack required for moving the large amounts of inventory from the loading dock to the storage area where the stock was stored and distributed

"FEMA is pleased to be able to assist the City of Boston with these costs," said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. "Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the pandemic fight is critical to their success, and our success as a nation."

FEMA's Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

So far, FEMA has provided almost \$867 million in Public Assistance grants to Massachusetts to reimburse the commonwealth for pandemic-related expenses.

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# CLEANING FRANKLIN PARK



Join these volunteers to help clean up the winter grunge in Franklin Park. This sprawling green space with woods, old stone ruins, and walking paths has collected a lot of litter over the winter months. The Franklin Park Coalition would love your help on Saturday morning, March 12 from 10am - Noon. All you need to bring is a pair of gloves that you can put in the wash in case they get dirty and yourself! Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Go to the Franklin Park website for more information.

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# OBITUARIES

## Rosemarie E. Sansone

Whose Life's Work Was the Betterment of Boston

Rosemarie E. Sansone had a warm and winning way with people, and she put that gift to work for the benefit of the City of Boston during a career that encompassed public service, community affairs and business. Each step along her progression from roles in political organization, advertising, city politics, cultural affairs and university administration was brought to bear as she led the successful transformation of downtown Boston into one of the city's most vibrant districts.

Sansone died of cancer at home in Lexington, Mass., on February 21, 2022. She was 77.

Sansone was president and CEO of the Downtown Boston Business Improvement District, or BID, until her retirement on February 15, 2022, her 77th birthday. She had served on the board and later led the Downtown Crossing Partnership, the BID's predecessor organization. In that role she steered the successful campaign to establish Boston's first business improvement district, which runs from the Financial District through Downtown Crossing and into the Theater District. The BID celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020, and, under Sansone's leadership, it has transformed downtown Boston. Perhaps the most obvious visual cue for the BID's success would be the contrast between the gaping hole at the former Filene's site when the 2008 recession halted a development project there and the vibrant scene at Summer and Winter streets today.

Sansone's vivacious spirit—evident in her voice and eyes as she connected with family, friends and colleagues—served her well as she worked on behalf of the city and its people. She was able to convene and unify people in pursuit of the common good.

"Whether in her role as Boston city councilor at large or her nearly 12 years as president at Downtown Boston BID, Rosemarie was a trailblazer who never let anything stand in the way of bringing people together," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh, former mayor of Boston. "Her steadfast leadership paved the way for an innovative and vibrant downtown Boston that generations to come will be able to explore and enjoy. It was a privilege to call Rosemarie a friend."

Sansone went straight into politics after graduating from Lexington High School, working first with then-Lt. Gov. Francis X. Bellotti in 1964 and later getting involved in Kevin H. White's 1970 gubernatorial campaign. In 1976, after working for several years in advertising, Sansone became director of the successful campaign to pass the Equal Rights Amendment in Massachusetts.

At a time when few women held elective office, Sansone was elected in 1977 to the Boston City Council, which at the time was a nine-member citywide body. She was the third woman elected to the Council and the only woman councilor for much of her two terms in office.



"She was definitely a path breaker in terms of women in Boston politics," said Carol Hardy-Fanta, senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, UMass Boston. "We have recently become a bit blasé about women on Boston City Council—including the accomplishments of Ayanna Pressley and Michelle Wu—but let's not forget women like Rosemarie Sansone, who ran and won a seat twice on the City Council in the late 1970s when there was even less support for women in what was definitely a 'man's world.'"

Then-Councilor Sansone, who wanted to expand opportunities for people interested in municipal service, formed the Committee for Change, which led to an expanded City Council with nine district representatives and four at-large members. She felt that the new configuration would give Boston's neighborhoods a stronger voice in City Hall and make it easier and less expensive for neighborhood-based candidates to seek office. Sansone did not run for a third term.

"Rosemarie was a dear friend, mentor and colleague whose friendship, advice and loyalty were a lifelong blessing," said former District 1 City Councilor Diane Modica of East Boston. "Her leadership at the helm of the Committee for Change established Boston District City Council seats and subsequently gave me the wonderful opportunity to serve on the Council." Modica, an attorney who served as Commissioner of Consumer Affairs and Licensing in the Flynn administration, also worked with Sansone to bring the acclaimed Concerts on the Common to Boston in the 1980s.

Mayor Ray Flynn invited San-

sone to join his administration as director of the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, where she played a pivotal role in attracting businesses, tourism and conventions to the city.

"Rosemarie leaves her mark in every Boston neighborhood," said Flynn, who later served as ambassador to the Vatican. "She worked closely with community activists to offer family-friendly neighborhood events, and she expanded the international Sister Cities Program, encouraging residents of paired cities to visit and learn from one another. Her vision for revitalizing Boston's downtown business district—initially during her time at City Hall and later as the BID's leader—led to the area's transformation into a national model. And through her efforts the once-notorious Combat Zone was made over into a thriving center for commerce and culture."

In 1994, she joined Suffolk University as director of public affairs, with responsibilities that included collaborating with public- and private-sector partners on downtown's ongoing revitalization.

"Rosemarie brought both professionalism and fun to her role at Suffolk," said Professor Robert J. Allison, chair, of the University's Department of History, Language, & Global Culture, who noted that Sansone was the driving force behind the yearlong celebration of Suffolk's 2006 centennial. "I was fortunate to have met her early in my career and have had her example of honesty, integrity, candor and good humor as virtues to emulate. Rosemarie was one of those rare people who told you what she thought, but also asked you what you thought."

Sansone transitioned from Suffolk University to the Downtown Crossing Partnership in 2007.

"The city of Boston was her life, and Rosemarie was constantly making it better from her time as a city councilor to that of a downtown leader," said BID board member Margaret Ings, vice president for Government and Community Relations at Emerson College. "She had a unique ability to bring people together. She was empathetic and committed, not only to the BID and its mem-

bers, but to everything going on downtown. She got up each day to serve this city, and, because of her personality and infectious energy Rosemarie more than deserves the title of 'the Heart of Boston.'"

Sansone studied liberal arts at Suffolk University and earned a master's degree in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the Art Institute of Boston. For her significant contributions to Boston's built environment, Sansone was honored with a Norman B. Leventhal Excellence in City Building award in 2019.

She has served on many boards, including Revolution 250, which commemorates the anniversaries of significant events that led to the outbreak of the American Revolution; the Greater Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the Economic Development Industrial Board. In 2013-14 she served on Mayor Martin J. Walsh's transition team, and in 2016 she cochaired the commission that oversaw the creation of the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park in Boston's Seaport.

While she was dedicated to her professional activities, Sansone also was an artist who worked in watercolor and printmaking. In recent years she realized her artistic calling was in fabric arts and quilt-making, and many friends' and colleagues' homes are graced with her vibrant pieces.

She also enjoyed travel and visited Italy, where her mother was born, dozens of times on her own and as a representative of Boston. New York City was another favorite and frequent destination.

Sansone was the daughter of the late Stephen J. and Rose M. (Picciarelli) Sansone and the sister of the late Michael S. Sansone. In addition to her life partner, David Lancaster of Lexington, Sansone leaves a circle of very close friends.

Her death resulted from a rare clear cell endometrial carcinoma.

Funeral services were private. Interment was at Westview Cemetery, Lexington.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Kaji Aso Studio, 40 St. Stephen St, Boston, MA 02115.

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# Edwards holds second meeting with Community Transition Committee

By John Lynds

Nearly 50 people turned out for Sen. Lydia Edwards' second Community Transition Committee virtual meeting last week to discuss transportation. Edwards kicked off the series of meetings last month with the first being on the topic of housing. At each meeting Edwards is asking residents to advise her on constituent and public policy issues impacting the Senate district.

While last week's meeting focused on transportation, the committee will cover issues including addiction and recovery, Massport, seniors, education/youth services, public safety, and environmental justice throughout 2022.

"I can't believe we have 46 people on the meeting tonight,"

said Edwards as she kicked off the meeting. "That's almost 16 More people than we had on housing. So this is a growing conversation."

Local resident Alex DeFronzo kicked off the community conversation on transportation with an emphasis on adding more designated bike and bus lanes in the area.

"The developments that have happened in Downtown Boston with dedicated bus lanes and new bike infrastructure with protected bike lanes is excellent," said DeFronzo. "It would be so incredible to see more of this and I think it will really help with the congestion and traffic issues. So whatever we can do to keep equity there and have the same sort of stuff that's happening downtown happening here would be great."

DeFronzo also added that adding more bus lanes, increasing

funding to the MBTA for more rapid transit as well as funding the Red-Blue Line Connector will all help reduce traffic and congestion regionally.

GreenRoots's John Walkey said there needs to be more transparency when it comes to increasing capacity at Logan Airport. While the state and the Port Authority year after year commissions studies and reports that call for increasing flights and passengers under the argument that Logan is the state's 'economic engine', more needs to be done to protect communities surrounding the airport.

"There are tremendous benefits and there are lots of very expensive reports that have been produced to show what the benefits are to the region," said Walkey. "What they don't do is say who gets those benefits? And what they don't do is say what are the costs

and who bears those costs? I think if we were to actually do a cost benefit analysis of the airport and take a look at who is getting the benefit of having international flights coming in here—and there are some benefits for local residents who have jobs and we want to see those jobs increase—there are some downsides. And those downsides are the noise pollution, the air pollution and the health impacts of those downsides."

AIR, Inc. Vice President Chris Marchi added that the same sort of tenacity from elected officials that went into fighting the utilities in Environmental Justice Communities needs to be applied to focusing on Massport's recent expansion. Marchi argues that no other entity will contribute more to traffic woes and transportation issues in the neighborhood than an increase in flights and passengers

coming and going at Logan.

"We will need you (Sen. Edwards) to use this opportunity now to begin to pressure the Port Authority on every front," said Marchi. "I would ask that what you began with the utility companies extends to Massport. Massports 2018-2019 environmental data report disclosed that the airport emitted 35,481 pounds of pollution every single day into the air. They also disclosed that as far as greenhouse gasses, the airport emitted 810,000 metric tons—and that's just one year in 2019. So it's so important to me—and I'm really grateful that you're having this session—that we really strengthen the relationship between our elected officials and our community's perspectives on airport issues."

## Saint Patrick's Day Parade Traffic Advisor

The St. Patrick's Day Parade, as well as the South Boston Boys and Girls Club Road Race, will be held in South Boston on Sunday, March 20, 2022. The parade and road race will result in street closures and traffic detours in South Boston and reduce on-street parking availability. Those coming into South Boston for the festivities are strongly encouraged not to drive their personal vehicles. Information on the MBTA may be found at [www.mbta.com/](http://www.mbta.com/), and information on Blue Bikes, the regional bike share system, may be found at <https://www.bluebikes.com/>. The parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m. and will start at West Broadway, to East Broadway, ending at Farragut Road. Broadway will be closed to traffic from approximately 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Saint Patrick's Day Road Race begins on West Sixth Street at the Boys & Girls Club at 11:00 a.m. and will end at noon. Traffic will be delayed along the route as runners make their way to the finish line.

"Tow Zone No Stopping Boston Police Special Event Sunday" parking restrictions will be in effect as follows:

- Dorchester Avenue, both sides, from Gillette Park to Old Colony Avenue
- Foundry Street, both sides,

from Greenbaum Street to Dorchester Avenue

- West Second Street, both sides, from Dorchester Avenue
  - A Street, both sides, from Binford Street to West Second Street
  - Binford Street, both sides, from A Street heading northwest to end at 45 Binford
  - West Fourth Street, both sides, from A Street to Dorchester Avenue
  - West Broadway, both sides, from Dorchester Avenue to Dorchester Street
  - East Broadway, both sides, from Dorchester Street to P Street
  - Farragut Road, both sides, from East Fourth Street to East First Street
  - Summer Street, Financial District, Atlantic Avenue to the MBTA bus stop near 245 Summer Street
  - Summer Street, South Boston, East First Street to the end of 776 Summer Street
  - E Street, from West Broadway to Athens Street
  - L Street, from East Third Street to East Broadway
- Delays due to Boys & Girls Club Race route are expected as follows:
- West Sixth Street, both sides, from F Street to Dorchester Street
  - F Street, odd side, West Sixth Street to Bowen Street.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

### North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through May 19

This is a brief overview of construction operations and impacts for the North Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project. MassDOT will provide additional notices as needed for high-impact work and changes to traffic configurations beyond those described below.

#### SCHEDULED WORK

- North abutment (Charlestown side near Chelsea Street) – barrier slab repair and rebar installation
- Assembling and installing north and south wooden fender panels
- Utility work on Charles River Ave: sidewalk work, and installing junction boxes & junction boxes inside barriers

• Forming and pouring concrete elements at City Square

#### WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime and evening (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

#### MARINE IMPACTS

- Routine closures of the north and south channels continue. Only one channel will be closed at a time.
- Work hours are during the day (6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
- Vessels may continue to transit through the work site through the open channel.

- While traveling through the open channel, pay close attention to signage and the multiple boats, barges, cranes, and other work vessels on site.

Use VHF-FM Channel 13 to contact work- and push-boats. If access to the commercial lock is required and work barges are in the channel, 24-hour notice to J.F. White is required to clear access to the lock. The on-scene Superintendent for the J.F. White Contracting Company is Patrick Wilson and can be contacted at (617) 680-7537.

#### TRAVEL TIPS & THE WINTER SEASON

With winter underway, we will be clearing the bridge during & after snow events. In December 2021, we reapplied the anti-skid coating to the bridge walkway. We will continue to monitor and reapply whenever the coating needs to be refreshed, including our team inspecting the walkway regularly. Additionally, the contractor is responsible for monitoring the site daily for snow and ice issues and addressing them as soon as they are identified. They are also proactively preparing for imminent weather conditions when forecasted.

For everyone using the tem-

porary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and be mindful of people coming from both directions, if walking in a large group.

Drivers should take care to pay attention to all signage and move carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic and create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway (under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety during construction operations, with access provided via the Water Street underpass. The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and eastern/harborside bridge sidewalk remain closed until rebuilt.

For your awareness, the following events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- BRUINS: 3/7 at 7:00 p.m., 3/10 at 7:00 p.m., and 3/12 at 7:00 p.m.
- CELTICS: 3/6 at 1:00 p.m., 3/11 at 7:30 p.m., and 3/17 at 3:30 p.m.
- EVENTS: 3/16 at 8:00 p.m., 3/18 at 4:00 p.m., and 3/19 at 7:00 p.m.

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# Special Election Preliminary District 1 City Council race heating up

By John Lynds

With the Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat less than two months away the two candidates are pounding the pavement, knocking doors, raising money, releasing their plans for the district and squaring off at community forums.

East Boston's Gabriela Coletta and Tania Del Rio will face each other during the May 3 Preliminary Election and with no Republican challengers the win-

ner of that race will become the District's next City Councilor.

The month of February was a busy month for the two candidates as they attended several community forums in the district as well as recent Democratic Ward Caucuses that elected delegates to the state convention in June.

Also, Coletta and Del Rio have been busy raising money for their campaigns but it seems Coletta has taken the lead.

According to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance Coletta raised \$27,010.67 during the month of February and has

\$71,784.07 cash on hand according to her fundraising disclosures.

Del Rio raised \$11,957.98 last month and has \$34,606.39 cash on hand according to her report.

Coletta could increase that total with two upcoming fundraisers this month. Coletta will host a fundraising event alongside supporters at the Cunard Tavern in East Boston on Wednesday, March 23 and another hosted by Charlestown State Rep. Dan Ryan at the Monument Tavern in Charlestown on Tuesday March 22, 2022.

"Gabriela knows and under-

stands the character and rich culture of the neighborhood," said the event's Host Committee Chair Brain Callahan. "Small businesses make up the unique fabric of our community and I know that she will be a voice for small business owners like me. I'm proud to support her alongside my friend Rep. Dan Ryan."

Despite trailing in fundraising Del Rio recently picked up the endorsement of former Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Murphy, who served during the Dukakis Administration.

"I am so excited to announce the support of former Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts Evelyn Murphy, a real trailblazer in our state," said Del Rio. "As the first woman in our Commonwealth to hold a constitutional elected office, Evelyn is a pioneer of women. We first met when I was the Executive Director of the Office of Women's Advancement, and she now chairs the Boston Women's Workforce Council. I am proud to call Evelyn a close mentor of mine and to have her support."

## North Shore Music Theatre announces schedule of musicals, concerts, and kids shows

With a full schedule of musicals, concerts, and kids shows set for 2022, Bill Hanney's North Shore Music Theatre (NSMT) is set to return for a full season of great entertainment for North Shore audiences. This is the first full season since 2019. The box office is open, and all tickets are available to purchase online at [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org), by phone (978) 232-7200 or at the Box Office located at 54 Dunham Road in Beverly, MA.

"With the pandemic keeping our stage dark for all of 2020 and most of 2021, it feels good to be looking ahead to getting back to keeping the vibrant and growing Arts scene alive on the North Shore by bringing a variety of great entertainment to audiences all year round," said Bill Hanney, NSMT's owner and producer. "We are extremely anxious to welcome back audiences once again and our talented staff is working hard to make sure every show is worth the wait."

### MUSICAL SCHEDULE

June 7 – June 19 - SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller

July 12 – July 24 - Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA

August 16 – August 28 - BUDDY - THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY

September 20 - October 2 - LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

October 25 - November 6 - KINKY BOOTS

December 1 – December 23 - A CHRISTMAS CAROL

### CONCERT SCHEDULE

April 1 - MOTOR BOOTY AFFAIR

April 8 - VYNTYGE SKYNYRD with WHAMMER JAMMER

April 9 - DARK DESERT EAGLES

April 10 - THE NSMT ORCHESTRA featuring JAY DALY presents "From Stardust to

Penny Lane; A Celebration of the Popular Trumpet"

April 20 - G420 CONCERT featuring WE ARE HYDROGEN

April 23 - Voices of Hope presents A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING

April 29 - FOREIGNERS JOURNEY featuring CONSTANTINE MAROULIS

April 30 - LEONID & FRIENDS

May 7 - BACK TO BLACK starring MEGAN WOLF

May 13 - ADAM EZRA GROUP

May 14 - BROADWAY THE CALLA-WAY! starring ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY & LIZ CALLAWAY

October 8 - Voices of Hope's ANNUAL FALL GALA CONCERT

October 9 - ONCE IN A LIFETIME! Fats Domino Meets Liberace

### KIDS SHOW SCHEDULE

March 26 - A YEAR WITH FROG & TOAD

July 29 - Disney's THE LITTLE MERMAID, JR.

August 26 - Disney's FROZEN, JR.

Patrons can visit online at [www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org) for more information about show schedules as well as ticket pricing and additional show details including cast and creative teams, run times, content advisories, and any additional events that may be connected to each show.

All tickets, discount subscriptions, and gift certificates are available to purchase online ([www.nsmt.org](http://www.nsmt.org)), by phone (978) 232-7200 or at the North Shore Music Theatre Box Office located at 54 Dunham Road (Route 128, exit 46) in Beverly, MA.

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June 7 - June 19, 2022

The jukebox comes to life, and

you won't be able to stay in your seat when the 2022 season opens with SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE: The Songs of Leiber and Stoller. This Grammy© Award-winning and Tony© Award-nominated smash, made history as Broadway's longest-running musical revue. Featuring 40 of the greatest songs of the past century, including show-stopping classics like "On Broadway," "Stand by Me," "Jailhouse Rock," "Hound Dog," "Love Potion No. 9," "Spanish Harlem," "Yakety Yak," and "Charlie Brown," it celebrates the music of legendary songwriting duo Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller. Their generation-defining songs provided hit after hit for icons like Elvis Presley, Ben E. King, the Coasters, and the Drifters.

Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA

July 12 - July 24, 2022

Rodgers + Hammerstein's CINDERELLA is the Tony Award©-winning musical from the creators of South Pacific and The Sound of Music that delights audiences with its surprisingly contemporary take on the classic tale. Our magical production features an incredible live orchestra, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Rediscover some of Rodgers + Hammerstein's most beloved songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago" in this hilarious and romantic experience for anyone of any age who has ever had a dream.

BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story

August 16 - August 28, 2022

Follow the incredible journey of Buddy Holly's meteoric rise to the top of the record charts during the golden days of rock 'n' roll in this dynamic tribute musi-

cal featuring such rousing fifties favorites as "Peggy Sue," "Oh Boy," "Maybe Baby," "That'll Be the Day," "Raining In My Heart," Ritchie Valens' "La Bamba" and the Big Bopper's "Chantilly Lace." BUDDY - The Buddy Holly Story is a joyous celebration of a musical legend and has audiences on their feet in every corner of the globe and it will explode on the North Shore Music Theatre stage in a toe-tapping, hand-clapping extravaganza!

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

September 20 – October 3, 2022

Just in time for the season of spooky happenings, NSMT is unleashing the hysterically campy and delightfully dark modern classic LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS on the unsuspecting public. This deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical has devoured the hearts of theatre goers for decades. The story follows hapless floral assistant Seymour Krelborn, who pines for his coworker Audrey, a Skid Row girl who's always dreamed of a life that is something more. When he stumbles upon a strange seedling, he nurses it to life, only to find it growing into a carnivorous plant with some devilish intents.

KINKY BOOTS

October 25 – November 6, 2022

"Sometimes the best way to fit in, is to stand out!" KINKY BOOTS is the freshest, most fabulous, feel-good musical and the winner of every major award, including the 2013 Tony® Award for Best Musical! With songs by Grammy® and Tony® winning pop icon Cyndi Lauper and book by Broadway legend Harvey Fierstein (La Cage aux Folles, Newsies), this dazzling, fabulously sassy and uplifting musical inspired by true life events, takes you from the assembly line of a men's shoe factory to

the glamorous catwalks of Milan! The energy, joy, and laughter of this exhilarating show makes for the ultimate fun night out.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

A Musical Ghost Story

December 1 – December 23, 2022

New England's brightest holiday tradition! An original adaptation based on Charles Dickens' classic novella, A CHRISTMAS CAROL is a musical ghost story following the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge through a series of strange and magical journeys, where he ultimately discovers the true spirit of the holiday season. Featuring dazzling special effects and traditional songs, this award-winning production was created specifically for North Shore Music Theatre and has been seen by more than one million people since its debut in 1989.

MOTOR BOOTY AFFAIR

The Ultimate Disco Tribute Show!

April 1, 2022

Motor Booty Affair has been lighting up stages across America with their 70's extravaganza for several years, continually improving on the show that has been dubbed "The Ultimate Disco Party Band." The music is infectious – the most danceable songs of all time. The band is tighter than tight, delivering dance floor classics with confidence, groove, style and attitude. The show is spectacular – from the afros, bell-bottoms, platform shoes, polyester and dance moves, to the highest quality sound and light show this side of 1975.

VYNTYGE SKYNYRD

with WHAMMER JAMMER

April 8, 2022

Vyntye Skynyrd celebrates the iconic 70s era of Lynyrd Skynyrd while replicating their timeless music as it was originally recorded

THEATRE (from pg. 10)

& performed. Whammer Jammer is a tribute to the J. Geils Band that will blow your face out!

DARK DESERT EAGLES

The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band

Opening Act: FRANCOIX SIMARD

April 9, 2022

With 5 number #2 singles, 5 Grammy Awards, 5 American Music Awards and 6 #1 albums, The Eagles are one of the best-selling bands of all time, having sold more than 150 million records. Their "Greatest Hits" is the best selling album of the 20th century. Dark Desert Eagles stunningly re-creates the amazing musicianship, soaring vocal harmonies and timeless repertoire of The Eagles.

THE NSMT ORCHESTRA featuring JAY DALY

presents "From Stardust to

Penny Lane; A Celebration of the Popular Trumpet"

April 10, 2022

You've heard them at every Broadway musical at North Shore Music Theatre and now is your chance to see them as they will move from the orchestra pit to the main stage for the 1st time ever in their own show. Enjoy The North Shore Music Theatre Orchestra as a 17-piece Big Band led by trumpet virtuoso Jay Daly as they present their own show featuring music made popular by artists such as Louie Armstrong, Hoagy Carmichael, Herb Albert, Chuck Mangione, and Maynard Ferguson with songs including "After You've Gone," "Stardust," "Our Love is Here to Stay," "Penny Lane," and "It's Been a Long, Long Time"

FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END NEWS AND NOTES

FONE 50TH REUNION

We are happy to announce that our FONE 50th Reunion will be held this year on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Sons Of Italy Hall in Winchester, MA from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm.

Let us hope we are not faced with any Covid restrictions at the time.

More information will be provided as we get closer to the date.

If you know of members that do not use email, please notify them of the reunion.

The Committee, Victor, Sammy and Sonny.

SICK CALL

Prayers for Anthony "Tony" Carifio who incurred serious injury due to an automobile accident and is also fighting Covid virus.

Remember all Friends who are having health issues or undergoing

medical procedures.

Do you know of any members experiencing health issues?

DECEASED: Riposare in pace!

Henry "Ricky" Anzilotti - Supporter of FONE and Brother in law of Joe Testa.

Pasquale "Pat" Reppucci - Long time FONE member.

Wake, Monday, February 28th, 4:00 to 8:00 pm. DelloRusso Funeral Home, Main Street, Medford, MA

Mass: St. Francis of Assisi Church, 441 Fellsway West, Medford, MA 12:00 Noon.

Edward Pascucci - FONE member.

Please remember all deceased FONE members and North End friends.

BOCCE NEWS

Bocce will be played every Sunday at the Steriti Rink indoor courts until Spring when play will

be moved to the outdoor courts.

Everyone is invited to play, just show up about 8:00 am.

Bring your own coffee.

At this time face masks are mandatory at all Massachusetts DCR facilities.

NORTH END POST 144 LOOTH ANNIVERSARY

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## CITY PAWS

## Puppy dog tails

By Penny &amp; Ed Cherubino

Dogs' tails are fascinating. You may think you know how they communicate with their tails, but subtle differences in tail position can make a difference. Here's more about these expressive and useful appendages.

## Anatomy and Types of Tails

The Farmer's Dog website describes the anatomy of a dog's tail. "Canine tails are the last segment of the spine and are made up of as many as 23 vertebrae that get progressively smaller from base to tip. The tail also includes muscles that enclose the bones, as well as tendons and nerves."

Breed standards for dogs have precise information about the characteristics required for a proper tail. Beagles always have a white tip on their tails to help spot them in high grass. Huskies should have lush tails they can use to wrap around their face for warmth and protection when resting. Retrievers' tails should be

otter-like to serve as a rudder when swimming. Dogs also use their tails to help them balance.

There are also curly tails sported by breeds like the Shiba Inu and the variant found in Pugs and Frenchies, the corkscrew tail. Greyhounds have whip tails. While a few breeds like the Pembroke Welsh Corgi have a natural short stub of a tail, far too many dogs have had their tails docked purely for style. Fortunately, this practice is now illegal in many areas where it is considered animal cruelty.

## Happy Tail Injuries

A dog's tail can also alert you to a medical problem. Anytime you see your dog's tail carried in an unusual position, do a bit of checking. It can signal something simple like an itchy hot spot on the skin to a more severe problem like a happy tail injury.

Dr. Marty Becker writing for VetStreet explains, "This type of injury occurs when a dog with an outgoing personality and a long tail repeatedly thwacks the

tail against a hard surface such as a crate or wall. Really happy dogs — think Golden Retrievers or Cavaliers — or dogs with thin, delicate skin, such as Greyhounds, wag so hard and fast that a bleeding ulcer can develop on the tip of the tail."

## Talking Tails

A tail can say many things. To understand what the dog is communicating, you must look beyond the wag. Tail position, speed of the wag, and signals coming from elsewhere on the dog are all important.

For example, a tail held high and still or with stiff, small wags is a sign of a dog on alert and perhaps even threatening. A tail tucked between the legs can signify a fearful or submissive dog. Low, slow wags signal a dog questioning and unsure.

Feeling relaxed and secure, a dog holds their tail in its most natural position. Add a dose of happiness to that, and you'll see a gentle wag. The return of a favor-



Maggie bows to her play partner while furling the lovely feathers on her tail. Hugo is using his curled tail to help balance on three feet.

ite person could bring on a mighty circular wag.

There are exceptions to these rules. For some breeds, like Greyhounds, a tail tucked between the legs is a natural position. A shepherd will know that a herding dog, like a Border Collie, is concentrating on the job when the tail is tucked between the legs, and a wagging tail means the dog is goofing off.

The next time your dog is busy having a good sniff of the surroundings, entertain yourself by spotting as many types of dog tails as you can and identifying what each is telling the people and other dogs in the area.

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