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CASA MARIA CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY



The residents at Casa Maria celebrated St Patrick's Day, the first official event since the Covid Pandemic began. Pictured are Pastor at St. Leonard's Church Father Michael Della Penna, Massachusetts State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, President of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation Michael Anzilotti, and State Senator Lydia Edwards. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.

Cross Street Boutique Hotel project approved by BPDA

By John Lynds

The Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) board approved the project to transform the former site of J. Pace & Sons, Maria's Pastry and Living Luxury on Cross Street into a boutique hotel after the local developer made changes to the project last month.

William Caulder, who lives in the North End, and Mike Doherty, the project architect, presented the changes to the community at a BPDA meeting in February.

The biggest change Caulder made is to double the size of the pedestrian passageway to Cutillo Park and double the height of passageway. This open air passageway will connect Cutillo Park with the Rose Kennedy Greenway, and

the developer has agreed to create ADA access to the park.

The developer also reduced the hotel room count from 140 to 134 rooms. However, the BPDA gave approval for 124 rooms.

"Boston's gateway to the North End will be revitalized with a hotel project on Cross Street between Salem and Endicott Street," wrote the BPDA board in its decision. "The project, following the BPDA's Greenway District Planning Study, will construct a five-story, 124 room hotel that will also house two restaurants and a seasonal rooftop dining terrace while transforming the existing plaza into a more pedestrian-friendly space."

The developer will also contribute \$100,000 to Cutillo Park,

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH Celebrating with profiles on local women

A profile of State Senator Lydia Edwards

By John Lynds



State Senator Lydia Edwards.

She became the first woman of color to be elected to the District 1 City Council seat when she won in 2017 and recently became the first woman elected to the First Suffolk & Middlesex State Senate seat, a seat historically occupied by Italian American men.

Senator Lydia Edwards has found herself at the epicenter of a political movement that has seen more and more women and women of color being elected to political office in recent years.

"You don't run on being "the first" you run for being effective, and I'm just very happy that we are at a point where we elect people based on their qualifications and their ability to serve people," said Edwards. "I am honored. I'm honored to break through the glass ceiling and hopefully make sure that even more people of all different backgrounds have opportunities to serve."

With the recent wave of women elected to powerful political offices like Mayor Michelle

there's a real shift. More women are saying, more mothers are saying, more single mothers are saying "I want in and I'm running" and I'm really happy about that. I think we should really be celebrating that because a lot of women are putting their hat in the ring and it's great. This is not to say that men don't have a place in politics—it's just time for women to also be at the table."

Growing up in the small rural town of Gwinn in the upper peninsula of Michigan, Edwards said there were plenty of strong women in her life that shaped the person she eventually became.

The first of these women, of course, is Edwards's mother Bridgett.

"I don't know too many people who grew up with a single parent who aren't inspired by them," said Edwards. "My mother joined the military in the 1970s and to see my mother get up every day to put on military fatigues, put on combat boots and go to the base and then to also see her come home make

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NEAA Baseball Program starts April 30

By Phil Orlandella

Four teams will compete in the 2022 North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Little League season at Langone Park on Commercial Street.

A 12 game regular-season will be played with playoffs. An All Star Game will also take place.

Teams and sponsors are: Regional Review, Cubs; Tomasone Club, Tigers; Saint Agrippina, Cardinals and Saint Anthony's Club, Marlins.

Opening day is Saturday, April 30.

In addition, the NEAA has put together a six team Minor League

program for youth ages 6-8, that will also play at Langone Park.

Teams and sponsors are: Lodestar, Rays; T B's Club, Blue Jays; Richard's Motor Car, Phillies; McGovern Auto Group, Orioles; North End Against Drugs, Rockies; North End Boston Food Tour, Athletics.

The Minors will also start on April 30.

A four-year-old Baseball Clinic and a five-year-old T-Ball League season will take place, sponsored by the Red Sox Foundation Jr RBI Program.

A summer traveling team will be formed. The team will play on the road and at Puopolo Park.

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SPRING IS IN THE AIR FOR ALL THE SENSES

This past Sunday marked the vernal equinox, also known as the beginning of astrological spring. It's one of the two days of the year -- the other being the fall equinox -- when day and night are roughly equal in length around the globe.

We would note that "meteorological spring" began March 1, the date used by meteorologists and climatologists to mark the beginning of the spring season.

However, to paraphrase Bob Dylan and Sam Cooke, we don't need a weatherman (or a calendar) to be aware that a change is coming. Our senses have alerted us for the past few weeks to the impending arrival of spring.

We can see the crocuses that have been emerging, providing a burst of color through the barren ground.

Every morning right around sunrise, we can hear the chorus of birds in the trees, loudly chirping and tweeting after their winter of silence.

On clear days, the sun feels warm and strong, especially if we are on the leeward side of a wall or other structure, protected from the still-chilly March wind.

And even in the city, there is an earthy smell we have known since childhood that instinctively informs our brains that there is a change in the seasons.

To be sure, Mother Nature most likely will have some wintry surprises left for us. This April 1 will mark the 25th anniversary of the April Fool's snowstorm of 1997 (we'll write about that next week).

But our senses have told us that Ol' Man Winter is done and spring is here.

WHAT WILL WE DO IF (WHEN) PUTIN USES A NUCLEAR WEAPON?

With the news that Putin's Russian army at best is facing a stalemate in Ukraine, the odds that Putin might use a so-called tactical nuclear weapon are increasing daily.

The thing about autocrats is this: Just when you think they've gone as far (or as low) as they can go, they cross a new threshold of evil.

We were both surprised and dismayed to read that Russia has nuclear weapons that only are about two percent as powerful as the atom bombs that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in WWII.

Both the Soviet Union and the U.S. have long-maintained nuclear arsenals with hydrogen bombs that are 2000-3000 times more powerful than the first A-bombs, but we were not aware that both sides also have developed these mini-nukes.

Indeed, Putin can look at our use of the A-bombs in WWII as an example of how to force an opponent into submission. Japan only surrendered after we used the bombs. With the Ukrainians defiantly resolved to fight to the last person, the use of a small nuclear weapon might be the only option left to Putin to win his war.

So what if Putin were to drop a small nuke over say, Kyiv?

What will be the response of NATO and the U.S.?

The world as we know it is being threatened -- and thereby controlled -- by a sociopath.

The civilized world can impose all of the economic sanctions it wants upon a despot, but in the final analysis, nukes are what matter, which is why the No. Koreans are trying to get them.

We can only speculate about the future path that the war in Ukraine will take us.

We are entering a deep, dark cave with no light at the end of the tunnel.

Hopefully, that light, when it comes, will not be the flash of a nuclear bomb.

GUEST OP-ED

Utility bills, gasoline prices and Ukraine

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most of us simply want peace in our lives, nation and world. We enjoy resting in a warm or cool house, with something to eat, free from worry and stress. Peace is not always easy. This winter, chances are that your heating bill was chomping on your checking account and taking a huge bite out of your income. You may have turned your thermostat down and wore extra layers hoping to cut back on literally burning up your money.

People have reported gas and electric bills from \$500 to over a \$1,000 for one month of trying to stay comfortable in their homes.

While you are attempting to stay warm or cool, you are wondering if you can afford to start your car. Americans are seeing gas prices dance between \$4.00 and over \$6.00 for one gallon of gas. Filling up my old truck is pushing toward \$150 at a time. When my wife goes to the grocery store the

same staples seem cost more every time she goes.

The current inflation is not only expensive but is chipping away at our peace. Peace? It's hard to have peace if you go into cardiac arrest every time your utility bill arrives, you buy gasoline or go to the grocery store. If you are renting a place in America then you have a further burden as some Americans are paying over \$2,000 a month to rent a house. If they can find one to rent.

Russia has destroyed Ukraine and has become a major player in driving up our cost of living. We were already experiencing inflation but the entire planet is reacting to what Russia is doing to Ukraine. Do you remember when we heard the news that Osama Bin Laden had been shot by one of our seal teams? When and how will the murderous rein of Vladimir Putin end? We must hope and pray for an end to this evil.

Unfortunately, the world is a difficult place for peace. The Bible

assures us that in the last days there will be wars and rumors of wars. There will be pestilence, famine, and our hearts will fail us from fear. Thus, our peace must come from God who is greater than our problems. There is an internal strength and peace that comes when we focus our minds on Him. Currently millions of Ukrainians have nothing left but the shirts on their backs and whatever internal resolve and fortitude that is keeping them going.

Our peace in America is very unsettling but compare your situation to millions of Ukrainians today. Pray for them and let us all give thanks for what we have.

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LETTER to the Editor

and Rep. Decker's Better Bottle Bill (H.3289/S.2149) updates the existing law to include all of those new containers, and increase the deposit from 5¢ to 10¢.

Senator Lydia Edwards is prioritizing the health and safety of North End and Massachusetts res-

idents as a whole by endorsing the Better Bottle Bill and taking this important step towards improving recycling in the Commonwealth. Hopefully the Senate will pass the bill soon.

Sarah Becker,
North End resident

UPDATE THE BOTTLE BILL TO CURB WASTE AND LITTER

To the Editor,

Living in the North End, it's practically impossible to step out your front door without tripping on a 'nip' bottle that someone's thrown in the street. Beverage container litter - from plastic water bottles, to sports drinks, and more - is everywhere. It's in our streets, our parks, and our waterways.

Luckily, we have a solution to all this plastic. Container deposit laws, or 'Bottle Bills' as they're better known, are the best recycling programs we have for reducing beverage container waste and litter. In fact, states with Bottle Bills see up to 65% reductions in total litter.

That could be us, but Massachusetts' Bottle Bill hasn't been updated in nearly 40 years, so it doesn't cover the new beverage containers that have appeared on our grocery shelves since then. Thankfully, Sen. Creem

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Michelle Wu to perform at NEMPAC's 20th Anniversary Concert

By John Lynds

Attendees of the North End Music & Performing Arts Center's (NEMPAC) upcoming 20th Anniversary Concert at the TD Bank Garden will get a special performance from none other than Mayor Michelle Wu.

Wu, who lived in the North End while helping raise her sister, is a classically trained pianist and had a piano moved into her office after her inauguration in January.

"When my parents first came to this country, they didn't speak English very well," she once told WGBH. "Music was how they could still feel connected to the community here, despite language

barriers, despite other cultural barriers. Music transcended everything. I've been playing piano since I was four or five years old, and it's been a source of comfort, a source of strength, a source of just finding myself."

NEMPAC's 20th anniversary celebration at Big Night Live at TD Garden, will be held on Wednesday May 4. The concert will include a performance by Wu as well as performances by current and former NEMPAC students.

"We throw a birthday bash like this only once every five years", said NEMPAC's Executive Director Sherri Snow, "And this will be one for the records."

Besides a stellar musical program that includes a performance

by the Mayor, the guests of this celebration can look forward to culinary highlights and signature cocktails, a live auction, and a "buzzing and sizzling" after-party where they can dance the night away in true Roaring Twenties style. Twenties attire is not required, but strongly encouraged.

"May 4th marks the day when together we step into the future of music and performing arts", said NEMPAC's Development Manager, Pamela Feo. "It will be an evening not to be missed."

Ticket sales for this outstanding event are opening today and for more information visit www.nempacboston.org.

NEMPAC will also honor several supporters and staff during

the celebration. Each honoree will receive a very special recognition for their exemplary and tireless support of NEMPAC and community arts, helping to fill the city of Boston with creativity, spark connections, and share the gift of music with Boston's communities.

The honorees are Chair of Ways & Means and State Representative, Aaron Michlewitz; member of NEMPAC's Board of Directors and long-standing supporter of the community arts scene, Andrea Waldstein; and NEMPAC Opera Project Artistic Director & Stage Director and NEMPAC Faculty member, Alexandra Dietrich.

In 2001, five North End mothers launched NEMPAC out of their homes to give their daughters

and sons the opportunity to pursue private piano instruction. By listening to, empathizing with, and meeting a community need for youth instrument lessons, the nonprofit's female founders banded together to make music an approachable art form for the children of Boston's Little Italy.

"Fast forward nearly two decades later, and NEMPAC continues to flourish at the intersection of arts education and professional performance," said Snow. "NEMPAC's community music school nurtures the next generation of artists through in-house education courses, private and group music instruction, as well as on-site arts programming in area schools."

North End, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test rate increases

By John Lynds

With the city's overall weekly COVID positive test rate steadily declining it's safe to say removing Boston's mask mandate and canceling proof of vaccination for indoor venues has not caused a huge spike in cases over the past month.

However, there was a slight uptick in positive cases last week in the North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Downtown, and the West End.

Last week, 1,198 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Downtown, and the West End residents were tested for the virus

last week and 3.5 percent were positive--this was a 17 percent increase from the 3.3 percent that tested positive as reported by the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) on March 14.

Forty two additional residents contracted the virus between March 14 and March 21 and there are now 9,268 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

According to the BPHC 12,982 residents were tested citywide last week and 2.3 percent were COVID positive--this was a 4 percent decrease from the 2.4 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on March 14.

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 0.31 percent last week and went from 166,722 cases to 167,241 confirmed since the start of the pandemic.

There were three additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,434. Deaths decreased 25 percent in Boston last week with one less death compared to the four deaths reported by the BPHC two weeks ago.

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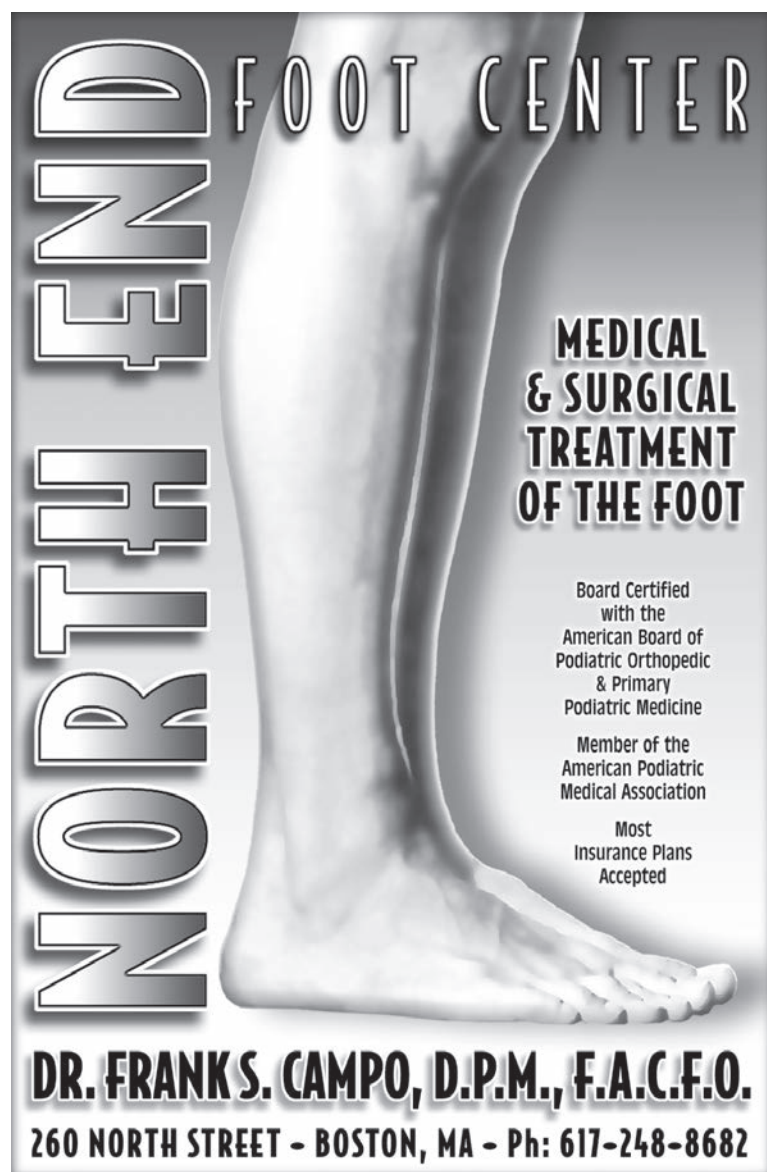
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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

ENDICOTT STREET REQUEST SUPPORTED

Owners of 211 Endicott Street, John and Patricia Esposito, received support (12-2) by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) for a request seeking to confirm a one-family occupancy demolition and rebuild on the same site.

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

SALEM STREET OCCUPANCY CHANGE SUPPORTED

A change of occupancy at 166 Salem Street was supported by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC).

Changes called for in 8-unit residential and 1 store a 9-units residential unit.

Plans also call for extending the living space in the basement.

Construction is also planned on the rear and roof decks, rear yard, parking, loading and roof structure restrictions.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION ONGOING

Registration for the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) 2022 Baseball Season is underway.

The NEAA is encouraging youth to register as soon as possible and not get shut out of the baseball season which has several programs for all ages.

Log onto: neabaseball.org.

NEWNC/NEWRA MEETINGS

The next North End/Waterfront

Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) monthly meeting will be held on Monday, April 11 at 7 PM.

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7 PM.

MINOR LEAGUE COACHES NEEDED

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) is seeking capable coaches for this year's Minor League Baseball Program (ages 6-8).

"We need three head coaches for this program, as well as some Assistant Coaches," NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano said.

Anyone interested in helping out in this incredible program that has produced high quality baseball and a fun atmosphere for over 60 years should contact: NEAA Baseball Commissioner by email at rimartig5@gmail.com or call 857-366-1213.

The program starts April 1 with practice and runs through the third week of June. Games will be played on Wednesday through Thursday at 5:30 PM

Coaches must pass a CORI check.

NEW HEALTH PROVIDES KITS

The North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) has distributed home COVID testing kits outside of the North End site.

NEW Health will also be offering a family vaccine clinic on March 26 for families to come at the same time to get vaccinated: (1st, 2nd and 3rd) boosters and pediatric vaccines for ages 5 and up.

NSC NEEDS ITEMS

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) has launched the item of the month program to collect products that families and seniors are requesting but are often in short supply at food pantries.

Items needed are: laundry and dish detergents.

NEAD TO HOLD EASTER PARTY

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will hold an Easter Party on Saturday, April 16 from 10 AM to 12 noon at Saint Joseph's Hall, (Prince Street entrance for Saint Leonard's).

The special event will include photos with the Easter Bunny, egg coloring, face painting, balloons and more.

Board member Mike Giannasoli is sponsoring the event in loving memory of his mother Florence and Richard.

NEAD thanks their partners Ausonia Council #1513, Knights of Columbus and Saint Joseph Society.

OPEN AIR BEER AND WINE GARDENS

The Open-Air Beer and Wine Gardens on The Greenway has been announced by the Conservancy.

Sites include: Trillium Garden, City Garden on The Greenway and Boston Calling Block Parties at Dewey Square. Five dates and times visit www.rosekennedygreenway.org.

ANTONIO'S PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Antonio's Cucina Italiano has been named the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) as their partner for the month of February.

The West End restaurant owned by a former North End resident, provided a large Italian meal for over 50 seniors.

Three trays of pasta-baked ziti, chicken, broccoli and summer squash made up the meal.

"The best bake ziti I have ever had and the portions were huge," one senior noted.

MBTA details proposed changes to modernize and streamline its fare-collection system

By Dan Murphy

The MBTA outlined proposed changes to modernize and streamline its fare-collection system, including the introduction of a mandatory one-time \$3 fee for all CharlieCards riders, during a March 22 virtual meeting.

Steven Povich, the MBTA's director of fare policy and analytics said the T intends to introduce new ways to pay for fares, including a contactless credit card, a mobile wallet, a temporary CharlieCard, and a mobile CharlieCard, as well as the newly issued permanent CharlieCards.

In the future, CharlieCards would be available at every fare vending machine; at retail locations, which would be expanded to include more convenience stores; over the phone; and via the T's mobile phone app, said Povich, while the mandatory \$3 activation fee covers the cost of the card, as well as "one more trip protection," which would prevent riders without cash from finding themselves stranded. (The one-time \$3 fee won't apply to contactless-card or mobile-wallet transactions, however.)

The new system would credit each commuter's card for a single subway or bus fare, which could be paid for prior to their next trip through the myriad payment options offered; this would prevent the present possibility of riders finding themselves stranded, if they show up at a bus stop without a CharlieCard or cash on hand.

The T is creating programs to partner with local organizations in an effort to distribute CharlieCards at no cost to low-income riders, said Povich, and all reduced fare participants will receive a free CharlieCard. But several citizens on hand for the meeting expressed their concern that the new system would have the unintended consequence of making the T less accessible for the most financially vulnerable riders, especially those who don't have bank accounts.

With the new system, which requires each commuter to have their own CharlieCard, card-sharing will be prevented, although children under 11 will still ride for free without a card.

Other service changes proposed by the T include permanent five-day FlexPasses on the commuter rail; lower pricing for one-day LinkPasses; new seven-day LinkPass for reduced fare riders; expanded reduced fare monthly passes to all modes of transportation; and second transfers on bus and subway and transfers between Express Buses.

If approved by the full T board, changes would be implemented on bus and subway first, followed by changes to commuter rail service about a year later, said Lynsey Heffernan of the MBTA, who added that overall T fares wouldn't be raised as a result of these proposed changes.

Riders who now have CharlieCards would need to upgrade them once the new system has been implemented, and they would still be subject to the one-time \$3 fee, but any remaining balance on their old cards besides this would be transferred to their new cards.

The T will also be introducing new fare-evasion measures, including installing readers at the rear of all buses and Green Line trains, while a new fare-verification team would be deployed throughout the system, armed with devices that readers can tap their cards on to show they've paid the correct fare for their trips.

Collique Williams, an organizer for Community Labor United, a nonprofit dedicated to protecting and promoting the interests of 100,000 low- and middle-income working families in the Greater Boston area, said the proposed CharlieCard changes "add insult to injury" at a time when salaries are already outpacing the cost of living for many citizens. "Giving a fare break to people who have discounted rates already isn't a solution," she said.

Williams also suggested that the new CharlieCard surcharge is only necessary because of the \$500 million contract that the T entered into with Cubic Transportation Systems last year for a privatized collection system.

Sam Montano, director of organizing for GreenRoots, a Chelsea community-based nonprofit devoted to environmental justice, expressed his concern that while the new program would offer free passes to low-income individuals, it wouldn't help those just above the poverty line.

On the upside, one meeting-goer lauded the new CharlieCard system as a way to eliminate the waste now caused by riders who discard their paper cards after a single trip on the T.

Meanwhile, Heffernan said the T would soon be overhauling its bus network, which will be the subject of many public meetings this spring.

The public can submit their comments to the MBTA on the proposed changes to its fare-collection system until March 31 at <https://www.mbta.com/fares/fare-transformation/get-involved>.

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Blue Line from Airport to Government Stations to close

By John Lynds

At a recent community meeting the MBTA's Adam Kamoune announced some bad news for local commuters.

At the meeting Kamoune said the MBTA will be closing down the Blue Line for nearly two weeks between Airport and Government Center from Saturday, April 2 to Thursday, April 14 for harbor tunnel repair work.

"The bad news is we do have to divert the Blue Line from April 2 through April 14," said Kamoune. "The MBTA at this time is replacing 1,800 feet of track but the good news is this work is going to make the tunnel a lot more resilient and less prone to some of the concerns that we're hearing from folks from the environmental community. This work will also make our service just a little more reliable in the future."

Kamoune said part of the work includes a lot of tunnel inspection, tunnel lighting repair, fiber optic cable installation, removing

abandoned cable that exists in the tunnel.

"We are also performing signal repairs, which is a major source of issues on the Blue Line when there are so-called "blind delays", said Kamoune. "We're also investigating some of the drainage issues that we have in the tunnel—especially because it goes under the harbor."

Kamoune said commuters will have to use shuttle buses from the Blue Line's downtown stations to Airport Station in East Boston. These buses will stop at the Aquarium, State Street and Government Center and Maverick.

"So during this time, we'll be bussing folks from Airport station to Bowdoin and back," said Kamoune. "So you'll have regular train service from Airport to Wonderland in Revere."

Kamoune said express shuttles will be servicing Airport, Aquarium, State (drop off only) and Government Center. Local shuttles will service Airport, Maverick, Aquarium, State (drop off only) and Government Center.

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dinner for me and my sister, Erica, help us pick out our prom dresses and help us with our school work gave me such a wonderful, well rounded view of power, grace and what it meant to be a real woman. That's why I'm so inspired by my mom."

And when her mom was busy serving in the Air Force there were other women in the small town of Gwinn that would step in to ensure Edwards's success.

"I was blessed by having incredible public school teachers, who were sometimes single moms themselves, but they were mentors to me and helpful," said Edwards. "I would give a shout out to Mrs. Deshambo who was always there for us when my mother couldn't take the time off from work. This is a woman who got a substitute teacher for our history class, drove me nine hours to Detroit herself, got the hotel room herself and made sure I was there in person and available for my college scholarship interview—a scholarship that I was eventually awarded."

There were also her women college professors that helped shape and inspire Edwards once she got to New York City.

"Dr. Ellen Silver gave me the advice that people don't have to like you but they should respect you," said Edwards. "That changed my whole life and changed my whole perspective. I ended up becoming my class pres-

ident. I ended up becoming the number one tutor in chemistry and math for a lot of the girls in my college. I ended up using what I was good at to help keep other women in college. At the beginning I didn't think they liked me because they were from New York and I was sort of a tomboy from the Midwest. I told Dr. Silver that I felt the girls didn't like me and it was hurtful. That's when she told me, "Honey, they don't have to like you but they have to respect you. In the end they respected me. I think that advice and that experience taught me that being liked is one thing but being respected is everything. So you use your talents to do what you can for people and that's what I've tried to do ever since."

In the end, Edwards said she hopes her role as a strong woman holding political office will inspire others to do the same.

"One of the greatest joys I get in this job is when moms or dads intentionally bring their little girls to me and say, "This is your State Senator" and to see a little girls' eyes light up brings a special honor because parents really want them to see what they can be," said Edwards. "I didn't have a Sen. Edwards or a local woman politician to look up to growing up. So I remind myself everyday that there might be a little girl watching and that makes me incredibly proud and honored."



The MBTA will close the Blue Line from Government Center to the Airport for nearly two weeks next month for tunnel repair work.

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enter into a maintenance agreement with the Parks Department, implement rodent control measures as well as trash enclosures for area business trash receptacles.

The developer is also looking to make significant investments to upgrade the Cross Street Plaza and Morton Street. This includes the reconstruction of Morton Street

along Cuttillo Park. Caulder will also be making a variety of streetscape improvements, planting a bunch of new shade trees and making it more attractive overall. The project will be adding two new ground floor restaurants and seasonal rooftop dining, which will go a long way to revitalizing what is currently an underutilized

site.

The building is going to have a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency and is going to be LEED Gold certified.

The project will create both short term and long term jobs and will generally clean up the site and improve security in the area.



An architectural drawing of the proposed boutique hotel on Cross Street.

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CASA MARIA CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Derek Kouyoumjian photos



Massachusetts State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz (second from right) speaks with residents at Casa Maria.

The residents at Casa Maria celebrated St Patrick's Day, the first official event since the Covid Pandemic began. Recently elected President of the St Mary's Housing Commission, Michael Anzilotti, looks forward to organizing more events as the weather warms up.



Candidate for Boston City Council Gabriela Coletta with Alex Dellatto.



Casa Maria residents Priscilla Rabacioli, Vrlee Williams, and Theresa Pennacchio.



President of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation Michael Anzilotti (third from left) makes the rounds with residents at the St. Patrick's Day party.



Michael Anzilotti, president of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation, was elected into the position after the passing of his father Ricky Anzilotti who held the position for 22 years.



Elias Pizarro grabs a gift basket from St. Mary's Housing Asset Manager Nancy Calcagni to hand off to a raffle winner.



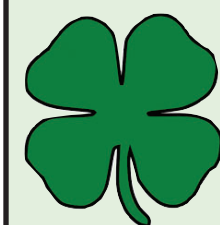
President of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation Michael Anzilotti (far right) collects raffle tickets from the tables.



Candidate for Boston City Council Gabriela Coletta with St. Patrick's Day themed cookies and was handing out to bring attention to her campaign.



President of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation Michael Anzilotti (second from right) with his team: Asset Manager Nancy Calcagni, Interim Community Manager Yara Torres, and Resident Attorney Steven Topazio.



Thank You for a Great St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

~ State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz



CASA MARIA CELEBRATES ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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Candidate for Boston City Council Gabriela Coletta (left) with Massachusetts State Senator Lydia Edwards.



President of Saint Mary's Housing Corporation Michael Anzilotti (third from left) makes the rounds with residents at the St Patrick's Day party.



Casa Maria residents Pasquale Merola and Bob Stone.



Casa Maria residents celebrate St. Patrick's Day.



Casa Maria resident Aferdita Gora with her gift basket after winning the raffle.



Casa Maria resident Leo Plagenza, oldest living member of the St Anthony's Club.



The recreation room at Casa Maria was filled with activity.

OBITUARIES

Anthony "Tony" Gerald Carifio

February 11, 1938 – March 13, 2022

Anthony "Tony" G. Carifio, a lifelong resident of Boston's North End, passed away on March 13.

Tony retired after working over 30 years for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of State Office Buildings. He was a previous staff member for Governor Volpe and Governor Sargent and Employee of the Year under Governor Dukakis. Tony was a member of the Friends of the North End.

The beloved husband of Donna-Marie (Rice) Carifio, he was the loving father of Michael

Peppard and the late Doris (Darling) Peppard of Orange, Shawnee B. Carifio-Herbert and her husband, James Herbert of Cotuit; cherished grandfather of Michael, John, Sirona Nicolina and great-grandfather of Thomas Anthony Finlay and brother of Lawrence Carifio of Revere. He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be announced soon. Arrangements by the J.S. Waterman Langone Chapel



LOCAL ARTIST IN EXHIBITION

Two North End artists, Michael Dean and Tina Busa will be included in the Artists' Group of Charlestown's Spring exhibition "Vivid: Expressions of Intense Color"

The show includes over eighty pieces of art from all forms of media. More than 160 submissions from 53 artists in an open and public call for art were considered – an AGC record! "Vivid" also included a very special Guest Juror, Martha Starr. An AGC Member, StoveFactory Artist, and member of the Charlestown community.

The StoveFactory Gallery is located at 523 Medford Street, Charlestown MA 02129

"Vivid" opens on Friday, March 25th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM (no reception). It will continue to run the following Saturdays and Sundays through April 10th from 12:00 – 5:00 PM.

THE LYRIC STAGE COMPANY OF BOSTON PRESENTS A GENTLEMAN'S GUIDE TO LOVE AND MURDER

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder with Music and Lyrics by Steven Lutvak and Book and Lyrics by Robert L. Freedman triumphantly finds its way to the Lyric Stage Company of Boston after originally scheduled to open on May 15, 2020. Directed by Lyric Stage Producing Artistic Director Emeritus, Spiro Veloudos with Musical Direction by Matthew Stern with Choreography by Larry Sousa°, this Tony Award®-winning musical bril-

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newest stretch of the trail before going on the bike lanes on Western Avenue, South Common Street, Market Street, and Broad Street. The 15-mile ride will also include a stretch on the East Coast Greenway in Swampscott before heading back to Lynn.

The ride is rated "easy/intermediate" and will include off-road paved and unpaved trails, as well as on-road bike lanes.

Parking is available in the lot behind the brewery or on Alley Street.

All are welcome to join the ride for free, but everyone riding must fill out a waiver at least once every year. And if you don't have a Bike to the Sea Membership then you may only join one ride organized by Bike to the Sea per year. Basic memberships cost \$25/year and are available here.

If you're interesting in participating in this ride, please RSVP here.

For more information, contact Pete Sutton at beausutt@hotmail.com.

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT ISSUES ORDER RELAXING MASK MANDATE IN STATE COURTHOUSES

The Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) issued a new order on Monday regarding access to Massachusetts state courthouses, which relaxes the requirements with respect to the wearing of masks, effective March 23, 2022.

The order continues to encourage the wearing of masks inside courthouses to protect against the transmission of COVID-19, especially by those who are at increased risk for severe disease or are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations. Masks are no longer required, however, except under certain identified circumstances.

The order also continues to prohibit entry into courthouses by persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 5 days, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, are not up to date on vaccinations and have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19 within the last 5 days, are awaiting test results after experiencing symptoms, or should be in isolation or quarantine.

liantly and hilariously tells the story of wrongfully getting what is rightfully yours.

Charming and ambitious, Monty Navarro is in line for an earldom in the lofty D'Ysquith family. Eighth in line, that is. With a few tricks up his sleeve, he plots to speed up the line of succession all the while juggling the affections of two beautiful women, dodging suspicions and relying on fortunate twists of fate. Lyric Stage favorite Neil A. Casey* brings to life all eight members of the D'Ysquith family including a pious clergyman, a pompous bodybuilder, an aging actress, and a misguided philanthropist.

Performances begin Friday, April 15 and run through Sunday, May 22. Press Performance is Sunday, April 17 at 3pm.

Featuring a cast of Boston stage favorites and newcomers to the Lyric Stage including Leigh Barrett*, Teresa Winner Blume, Neil A. Casey*, Aimee Doherty*, Jennifer Ellis*, Kate Klika, Lori L'Italien, Todd McNeel, Jr., Karen Murphy*, Robert St. Laurence*, Phil Tayler, and Jared Troilo*.

Scenic Design is by Shelley Barish, Costume Design by Elisabetta Polito**, Lighting Design by Franklin Meissner Jr.**, Sound Design by Andrew Duncan Will, and Projection Design by Johnathan Carr.

APRIL FOOLS' BIKE RIDE SET FOR APRIL 2

Bike to the Sea's first ride of the year will be held on April 2, starting along the car-free Northern Strand Community Trail at Bent Water Brewing, 180 Commercial Street, in Lynn.

The April Fools' ride is open to everyone and will start along the

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Massport announces goal to be Net Zero by 2031

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) unveiled a new, bold agenda to reduce carbon emissions across all facilities and become Net Zero by 2031, coinciding with the Authority's 75th anniversary. The Roadmap to Net Zero focuses on 100% of the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions directly controlled by Massport-owned facilities, equipment, and purchased electricity, with continued influence in areas the Authority does not control. The plan outlines the steps Massport will take to reduce emissions within the decade, directly benefitting neighboring communities and further preparing the Authority for the impacts of climate change.

"Massport is committed to working with our surrounding communities to reduce our impacts to the environment, while remaining focused on supporting the region's economy," said Massport Board Chairman Lew Evangelidis. "Massport's Roadmap to Net Zero aligns with the Com-

monwealth's climate goals."

Massport will accomplish this by:

- Improving energy efficiency in buildings through design standards and operational controls;

- Transitioning to clean fuel sources such as renewable electricity, renewable natural gas, etc.;

- Generating as much renewable energy as possible on-site, and make off-site renewable energy purchases;

- Acquiring renewable energy credits, renewable identification numbers, and carbon offsets as a transition strategy, for the fossil fuel sources that cannot be reduced, electrified or switched to renewable energy in the near-term;
- Implementing all remaining facility-specific initiatives identified to ultimately reach net zero.

"The pandemic gave us an opportunity to rethink the way we do business going forward, and we are now on the path to Net Zero," said Massport CEO Lisa Wieland. "This is a real commit-

ment, with aggressive goals, tied to real actions that will take us to Net Zero by 2031, which also happens to be Massport's 75th anniversary. While we get our own house in order, simultaneously we will be working with our business partners on ways they can help reduce emissions."

For any areas where emissions cannot be reduced to zero, Massport will invest in carbon offsets to reach the target. The Authority expects to be Net Zero without offsets by 2040. Carbon offsets are investments in GHG reducing projects, such as a solar farm, that diminish the impact of an organization's own GHG emissions. Massport's aim would be to purchase offsets that benefit local projects within the Commonwealth.

"As an East Boston resident and community advocate, I'm glad to see Massport making this commitment to becoming Net Zero that will greatly benefit neighboring cities and towns," said John Nucci, Massport Board member and

Chair of the Community Outreach Committee. "Logan Airport and Massport's other facilities create greenhouse gases that impact our neighbors and this plan takes real steps to improve air quality and reduce those impacts."

Components of the phased plan controlled by Massport include items like upgrading lighting systems across all facilities to LEDs, which has already been started, to rehabilitating Logan Airport's Central Heating Plant, upgrading the Logan Express and shuttle bus fleet to electric vehicles, and installing more solar panels and renewable energy sources.

There is also a section of the plan including emissions that Massport does not control, but can possibly influence. One such example of an area of potential influence would be to enable use of SAF at Logan. SAF, or sustainable aviation fuels, are a renewable/cleaner substitute for fossil jet fuels that reduce carbon emissions and improve the air quality. It is estimated that more than 99% of airline emissions and approximately 50% of airport emissions worldwide are related to the combustion of jet fuel. This past fall, President Biden announced a goal for U.S. companies to produce at least 3 billion gallons of SAF per year by 2030 and, by 2050, sufficient SAF to meet 100% of aviation fuel demand, which is currently projected to be around 35 billion gallons per year. Massport will work to enable use of SAF at our three airports and encourage our airline partners to transition to this alternative fuel while longer term strategies are evaluated, approved and adopted.

Massport currently has several programs to reduce emissions and has had success with environmental initiatives. Past projects include:

- On-airport clean-fuel buses since the mid-1990s;

- In 2001, Hanscom Field became the first U.S. airport to earn ISO 14001 certification for its Environmental Management Systems (EMS);

- In 2003, Conley Terminal was the first U.S. container terminal to implement an EMS and receive

ISO 14001 certification;

- In 2005, Logan's Terminal A redevelopment was the first LEED® Certified airport terminal in the world;

- Installation of on-site renewable energy sources, including solar and wind;

- Developed more than 37 acres of greenspace within our surrounding communities; two new parks currently being designed in East Boston will be an additional 8 acres

- Since 1990, Massport has invested more than \$100 million in High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) transportation to and from Logan Airport, including the Logan Express system and free MBTA Silver Line service to South Station;

- In 2014, completed the Rental Car Center at Logan- a LEED Gold certified building that consolidated nine rental car agencies into one center; reduced 100 diesel buses trips to 28 hybrid buses per hour; decreased shuttle bus vehicle miles by 70%, with an accompanying 35% decrease in airport-related emissions. The facility also has rooftop solar panels that account for 5% of the building's energy usage;

- Cut carbon emissions at Logan by 40% by 2019 – goal was 2020;

- Cut energy consumption at Logan by 25% by 2019 – goal was 2020.

Massport will continue to pursue outside funding to help pay for some of these projects. The Authority was recently awarded \$600,000 by the Mass. Clean Energy Center for a pilot project to build electric vehicle infrastructure at Logan to catalyze the electrification of the ride-for-hire industry. In 2020, Massport received a \$4M VALE grant to acquire charging stations at Logan for eGSE (electric ground service equipment). The EPA granted Massport \$500,000 in 2018 to install airline owned eGSE charging stations at Logan's Terminal B, and \$330,000 in 2015 for a Clean Diesel Project at Conley Terminal.

The next steps in the road map will be prioritizing the projects, further data analysis, creating the budget strategy, and timeline.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead to April 2

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, rebar installation, and excavation

- Utility work on Charles River Ave: sidewalk and utilities installation work

- Working and pouring concrete elements at City Square

WORK HOURS

- Most work will be done during the daytime (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

While we are now entering spring, the project team is still committed to clearing the bridge during & after potential snow events. We will continue to monitor and reapply anti-skid coating whenever the coating needs to be refreshed. Our team will also continue to inspect the walkway regularly. Additionally, the contractor will remain proactive in preparing for imminent weather conditions when forecasted.

For everyone using the temporary 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: 3/24 at 7:00 p.m., 3/26 at 6:00 p.m., 3/29 at 7:00 p.m., 3/31 at 7:00 p.m., and 4/2 at 7:00 p.m.

- CELTICS: 3/23 at 7:30 p.m., 3/27 at 6:00 p.m., and 3/30 at 7:30 p.m.

- EVENTS: 3/20 at 9:00 p.m., 3/22 at 8:00 p.m.

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Renovations at Old North Church expected to complete shortly

By Phil Orlandella

Renovations at the Old North Church and Historic site are expected to be completed this year, 2022.

The church is undertaking several capital projects to ensure the longevity of the iconic site and improve the visitor experience.

The Washington Garden and Court yard, is undergoing a major renovation to transform the garden into an outdoor classroom and rotating exhibits that offer shade, seating and a quiet place for relaxation.

Repainting and restoration of the garden walls began in 2021

and will be completed shortly.

The next phase of renovations will include installing new brick pavers and updating the garden with new trees and plantings. The garden will be unveiled in late spring.

The Old Not Crypt, in partnership with the National Park Services, will undergo a major renovation and restoration from June through September.

Work will include repointing and replacing historic bricks, lowering the floor for access ability and replacing tomb doors.

Construction work will be staged inside the church gate on Unity Street, and the Freedom Trail will remain open for visitors.

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Area restaurants are serving Easter celebration specials

From Cape Cod to Cambridge, some of the area's top restaurants are serving up egg-celent dining options for celebrating Easter this year. Please see below for delicious holiday offerings from Grill 23 & Bar, Bistro du Midi, Harvest, The Banks Fish House, Puritan & Co., and Pelham House Resort.

If you would kindly consider including in any upcoming, relevant coverage, that would be greatly appreciated! Please see below for details and thank you for your consideration.

Grill 23 & Bar

161 Berkeley Street
(617) 542-2255
www.grill23.com

For an elevated Easter at Grill 23 & Bar, Chef Ryan Marcoux will be serving up a special, a la carte brunch menu from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Specials will include pastrami benedict, brioche French toast, Prime meatloaf, two-pound steamed lobster, and more. Following brunch service, Grill 23's regular dinner menu will be available from 5 to 8 p.m. (brunch menu attached)

About Grill 23 & Bar

Since 1983, Grill 23 & Bar has been Boston's premier steakhouse. With two floors of fine dining at 161 Berkeley Street, Grill 23 & Bar delivers top-of-the-line service alongside a top-of-the-line menu that is perfectly complemented by one of the best wine programs in the region. Perfect for a special occasion or simply a delicious night out on the town, Grill 23 exclusively serves premium natural meat cuts, boasts a highly curated and hard-to-find wine list, and even offers a unique cigar service to cap it all off. Throughout the years, Grill 23's gratitude to its fantastic chefs, dedicated staff, innovative purveyors, and especially loyal customers has remained unchanged and at the forefront of its daily operations and service. For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact (617) 542-2255 or visit www.grill23.com.

Bistro du Midi

272 Boylston Street
(617) 279-8000
www.bistrodumidi.com

Bistro du Midi, is treating guests to a three-course, prix fixe

brunch menu this Easter from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for \$75 per person. Known for its French cuisine inspired by New England's coastal region, the restaurant will be offering guests a choice of delicious menu options including duck confit foie gras waffles, Spanish octopus au poivre, moules frites, croque madame, vanilla bean crème brûlée, and more. During the evening the regular dinner menu will be available from 4 to 8 p.m. (brunch menu attached)

About Bistro du Midi

Bistro du Midi is a bi-level award-winning restaurant featuring French Cuisine with coastal New England Influences. The first floor boasts a stylish and bright atmosphere with a patio that overlooks the Boston Public Gardens. The second floor has a more elevated feel and offers a refined dining room. Executive Chef/ Partner Robert Sisca artfully combines both classic French cuisine with modern and inspired twists on new dishes using the region's freshest seafood, produce, and local farm fresh ingredients. Bistro du Midi is located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood at 272 Boylston Street across from the Boston Public Garden. Reservations are available and walk-ins welcome. For more information, please call (617) 279-8000 or visit www.bistrodumidi.com.

Harvest

44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA

(617) 868-2255

www.harvestcambridge.com

Chef Nick Deutmeyer is serving up two delicious, three-course prix fixe menus for brunch and dinner this Easter. Available for \$68 per person from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., brunch menu options will include a spring vegetable tart, Easter ham and cheese benedict, carved prime rib, coconut cheesecake, and more. Available for \$68 per person from 5 to 8 p.m., dinner menu options include swordfish pastrami, herb-crusted rack of lamb, Atlantic salmon pan roast, rhubarb rose sorbet, and more. (menus attached)

About Harvest:

Located in the heart of Harvard Square at 44 Brattle Street, Cambridge, MA, Harvest celebrates

the modern New England table with contemporary New England cuisine from Chef Nick Deutmeyer that focuses on and showcases the region's freshest ingredients.

Tucked along a cobblestone pathway in the heart of the square, Harvest provides a welcome respite from the fast-paced world outside. Inside is a combination of soothing earth tones, supple banquettes, dark woods and pastoral art that lend an air of understated elegance. Outside, graceful linden trees offer shade to the Garden Terrace, Harvest's private garden café that boasts fireside dining, blooming flower boxes, and heaters for the chilly nights of spring and fall.

For more information, please call (617) 868-2255 or visit www.harvestcambridge.com.

The Banks Fish House

406 Stuart Street, Boston, MA
www.thebanksfishhouse.com

Chef Robert Sisca and The Banks Fish House team will be offering guests two opportunities to share an Easter meal with them- at their brand-new brunch or at a special Easter dinner service. Launching this weekend, The Banks' brunch service will be available from 20:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include Santa Barbara uni benedict, fried whole belly clams and waffles, lemon pancakes, lobster roll, and more. Available from 4 to 8 p.m., the a la carte dinner menu will offer specials including tuna crudo with pickled ramps, saffron pappardelle pasta, and prime rib surf and turf. (menus attached)

About The Banks Fish House:

Located in the heart of Boston's chic Back Bay neighborhood, The Banks Fish House is a collaboration between restaurateur Chris Himmel and Chef Robert Sisca. For the two lifelong fishermen, the ocean has always been a source of inspiration. The Banks, a revival of the New England Fish House, will offer inspired seafood dishes and a fresh take on classic New England fare. The two-story restaurant will pay homage to the New England fishing traditions that are found along "the banks" of the east coast.

For more information, visit www.thebanksfishhouse.com, or

follow along on social media at @thebanksboston on Instagram.

Puritan & Co.

1166 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA
(617) 615-6195

www.puritancambridge.com

Chef Will Gilson's Puritan & Co., located in Cambridge's Inman Square, will finally be bringing back its ever-popular Sunday brunch service on Easter Sunday. Brunch service will then resume every Sunday thereafter.

About Puritan & Company:

Puritan & Company is Chef/ Owner Will Gilson's first restaurant, located in Cambridge, Mass.'s Inman Square. The modern-American dining destination pays homage to New England history and the restaurant's neighborhood. The Puritan & Company concept is that of an urban farmhouse where Gilson presents seasonal, fresh cuisine deeply rooted in New England tradition, while in the modern American style for which he is best known. The beverage program embodies Puritan & Company's piety to the New England bounty and tradition, with a focus on the often overshadowed, classic art of pairing of food and wine.

Gilson presents touches of his familial hospitality and their passion for herbs sprinkled throughout the dining experience at Puritan & Company. Everything from the material, to the color scheme, to the host stand (a repurposed antique stove from the 1920's), to the menu (stuffies, hard tack crackers, and Puritan Cake) all have special meaning and transport guests from Cambridge back to the Puritan time. For more information, please visit www.puritancambridge.com.

Pelham House Resort

14 Sea Street, Dennis Port, MA

(508) 398-6076

www.pelhamhousesort.com

Celebrate Easter on Cape Cod at the beautiful, oceanfront Pelham House Resort in Dennis Port, MA. On Easter Sunday, Pelham House will be offering guests a delicious holiday feast alongside breathtaking ocean views with reservations to its Grand Brunch Buffet. For \$125 per adult and \$62 per child under 12, reservations include a rooftop welcome hour with a raw bar, crepe station, and specialty brunch cocktails followed by a sit-down meal featuring Pelham's grand buffet. The brunch buffet will feature an omelet station; ribeye carving station; brioche French toast; braised Vemront lamb ragout; a dessert buffet featuring wildflower honey and lavender mousse cake and matcha cheesecake; and much more. Reservations are available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can be made HERE.

About The Pelham House Resort:

The Pelham House Resort is the mid-Cape's premier oceanfront resort. With more than 30 ocean view rooms, the waterfront, family-operated destination offers a year-round "escape to the Cape" with dining, accommodations, live music, activities, and more. The idyllic resort recently underwent a multi-million dollar renovation that included complete room renovations, construction of a main building that houses two floors for their signature dining and bar options, as well as event function space, a new swimming pool and jacuzzi and an outdoor poolside bar. The Pelham House is located at 14 Sea Street in Dennis Port, MA. For more information, please visit www.pelhamhousesort.com or call (508) 398-6076.

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Garden planning with pets in mind

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Warnings from ER Veterinarians

Veterinarians in ER practices see dangers in a garden that most of us would never consider. Naturally, they will warn you about plants that are poisonous to animals. Some are more dangerous than others but choosing plant material with your animals in mind can help you avoid a mildly sick pup or a trip to the emergency room.

The ASPCA's website has a list of plants that are toxic to dogs and cats. It includes some photos if you don't know the name of a plant that you might have inherited. Even those of us who don't garden may want to visit the site because we've spotted toxic flora along the edge of sidewalks and poking through garden fences.

These doctors also see dogs with scratches on their cornea from rose bushes, who have cut a paw on lawn edging, swallowed wood chips or rocks used as garden decor, or have ingested "cocoa mulch" made from cocoa bean shells and potentially dangerous to your pets.

We suggest that you pet-proof your garden with a dog or cat view

inspection. While down low tending your plants, look around carefully and see what is going on at the four-paw level. Walk barefoot in the space to feel what might hurt or even cut a paw. Consider what your dog or cat can reach at full stretch.

Garden Training

How safe a particular dog is in a garden depends on the age, breed, temperament, and how well-trained that pup happens to be. Like all other aspects of life with dogs, training your companion to be a polite garden visitor will take some effort.

Small breeds are designed to be human companions, these guys are normally easy on a garden. But, dogs with high energy, strong instincts to dig, guard, or hunt need careful monitoring and correction.

Indoors Too!

The other day, we watched our Westie Poppy doing her best to reach the herbs we grow in a hydroponic planter. She used a step stool kept handy to work on the plants in the back and could



Some gardens also serve as memorials to beloved animals.

almost reach the mint trailing over the edge.

That mint wouldn't have hurt her, but there are plants that, while safe for humans, could be dangerous for her. Keep any questionable plants out of reach. Remain alert. Leaves can fall, plant food can

spill, the gardener could be a bit careless, and your dog or cat might be sickened by a plant despite your best efforts to keep the two apart.

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