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Above, Julia Power, Acting Director, ABCD North End/West End NSC (second from left) along with helpers gathered the desert for the lunch. Right, Julia Power and Gisella di Paola, Vice President Business Development Officer, Eagle Bank, and ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board Member are ready to load more food for the lunch.



Mayor Wu announces next steps for outdoor dining in the North End

By Dan Murphy

Following an outcry from some North End restauranteurs in response to her new outdoor dining policy in that neighborhood, Mayor Michelle Wu announced some conciliatory next steps for outdoor dining in the North End during a March 29 press conference.

"We are going to continue to be in conversation about all the different things our neighborhoods need," said Mayor Wu, who was joined at the press conference by State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, State Sen. and City Councilor Lydia Edwards, more than 20 North End restaurant owners, and

neighborhood residents. As a new concession to North End restauranteurs, Mayor Wu announced that the \$7,500 fee for outdoor dining in the neighborhood can be paid in monthly increments. Restaurants will only be required to pay for the months when they choose to participate in the program, she said, and the city has also launched a process for restaurants to apply for a hardship rate based on a variety of factors. "The City will determine whether an establishment qualifies for a discount based on their location, the size of their patio space, and if the establishment does not

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MBTA cancels upcoming Blue Line tunnel work

By John Lynds

At a community meeting last month the MBTA's Adam Kamoune announced the T would 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.

However, the collapse of a portion of the Government Center Garage that killed a construction worker and dumped tons of concrete on the road above the Green Line tunnel at Haymarket has forced the MBTA to push back the Blue Line project. Authorities are investigating the cause of the garage collapse and the MBTA countries to inspect Green Line tunnels below the collapse.

MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo made the announcement last week that the Blue Line project would be postponed until further notice. The MBTA was planning on replacing 1,800 feet of track in the

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Eagle Bank sponsors meal for St. Patrick's Day

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The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC) extends its heartfelt appreciation to its friends at Eagle Bank for the generous sponsorship of a hot lunch for 50 of the ABCD North End/West End NSC's North End clients. The meal consisted of

chicken and ziti and eggplant parmigiana prepared by Ristorante Saraceno and Nando, respectively. There were also festive green cupcakes. Gisella di Paola, Vice President Business Development Officer and ABCD NE/WE NSC Advisory Board member, facilitated the donation. Supply chain issues sadly meant no corned beef and cabbage this year, and ongo-

ing COVID-19 restrictions prohibited eating lunch in the center's community room, so NE/WE NSC staff delivered the individually packaged lunches to residents. However, the current pandemic guidance does indicate that brighter days are ahead for all of us, hopefully making small gather-

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District 1 City Council Candidates take part in forum

By John Lynds

With the special election preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat less than a month away, the two candidates vying for the seat squared off in a candidates forum Monday night. Sponsored by the Environmental

Justice League of Massachusetts, Pueblo and GreenRoots, Gabriela Coletta and Tania Del Rio fielded questions in the hour-long forum.

Each candidate was asked a few questions by the hosts and some from the audience. One question that stood out during the forum was when each candidate

was asked what they could do to increase voter turnout of marginalized residents in municipal elections.

First up to answer the question was Del Rio.

"First I want to thank the peo-

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EDITORIAL

WE'RE ALL BACK IN THE USSR, INDEFINITELY

Ever since the 1950s, we Americans have prided ourselves on the success of our capitalist system, which has provided material wealth for generations.

Back in the days of the Cold War (from the end of WWII until the fall of the Soviet empire in the early 1990s), the success of the American economy stood in stark contrast to the economies of the Soviet Union and its Communist allies behind the Iron Curtain.

The shelves in our supermarkets always were full and there never were shortages of goods of any kind. The post-World War II era brought us a cornucopia of products. In addition, the nation's housing needs largely were met as we expanded into the suburbs.

In the Soviet-bloc countries however, their inefficient economies, lacking competition, provided fewer and inferior goods. A paucity of housing in those nations resulted in generations of families living together in small apartments in drab, high-rise housing complexes.

What brought to mind the Communist economies of that era was our recent visit to a department store chain (Macy's) at the end of February when we ordered a new couch and chair. We were told that we could expect our items to arrive in May, but just this past week, we received an email telling us that the expected delivery date now is late July.

This past weekend a family member was set to return from Florida (on Jet Blue), but his flight was canceled -- along with hundreds of others across the country. That was bad enough, but trying to rebook the flight via the phone or the internet proved nearly-impossible. The wait time on the phone was 241 minutes and the Jet Blue internet site was overwhelmed and kept knocking us off the site.

On top of that, we now have rampant inflation -- with no sign of it cooling off. In addition, we have been forewarned that the computer chip shortage is not ending anytime soon (so new cars will still be at a premium) and food shortages caused by the war in Ukraine will mean higher prices on just about everything.

The predicament in which we find ourselves is almost entirely self-inflicted thanks to a combination of trends of the past 40 years, most especially the offshoring of manufacturing jobs, "just in time" inventory controls, and overly-stringent government regulations for new infrastructure projects.

Today we are facing massive housing shortages (just as millennials are setting out on their own), food shortages, and chip shortages with no quick remedies in sight.

In many respects, our economy more closely resembles the 1970s-era USSR than the 1970s USA -- and it seems we will be stuck here for a long time to come.

AMERICANS ALSO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES

Although we may feel relief that the horrific images from Ukraine of the genocidal actions of Putin's army against the civilian population are half a world away, every American literally is on the front lines of this terrible conflict thanks to the interconnectedness that is the hallmark of the age in which we live.

It is estimated that 80% of America's critical infrastructure is controlled by the private sector, all but making a concerted national defense of our electrical grid, water systems, hospitals, and energy supplies nearly impossible.

Moreover, because almost all of these companies have abided by a penny-wise and pound-foolish business model which has precluded investment in defense against cyberattacks, almost every aspect of our life is vulnerable to disruptions by a determined cyberattacker.

So while it may be true that we are safe from a physical attack by bombs (unless Putin goes fully-nuclear), every American must be prepared for the inevitable cyber warfare that will be waged by Putin and other actors that could affect every aspect of our daily lives.

GUEST OP-ED

Take It From a BPS Mom: Receivership is Not the Solution.

By Tania Del Rio

The status quo is not working in our Boston Public Schools, but receivership is not the pathway to delivering a quality education for all of Boston's children. I applaud Mayor Wu, Councilor Mejía, and BPS families for raising their voices against this top-down takeover. As a candidate for Boston City Council District 1 and a BPS mom, I oppose receivership alongside all the other brave voices calling for a different, more democratic plan of action.

BPS is a large and complex system. The students, staff, teachers, and families that I speak with share my concern that the turnover of leadership in BPS has had significant consequences in the classroom. It makes it challenging to create stable school cultures and come together to form a collective vision. Too many creative solutions are stifled in the chaos that naturally comes with leadership transitions. A state takeover would only add to that instability.

We must also center our next generation in this discussion and realize that our BPS student population has starkly different needs than students in the rest of the Commonwealth. 71% of students are low-income, 48% of our BPS students do not speak English as a first language, and 21.9% of students have disabilities, and all of these rates are significantly higher than state averages. The District is also suffering from historic disinvestment -- especially when it comes to its crumbling facilities -- and an outdated, inefficient, and inequitable transportation system. The City should welcome support from the Commonwealth in these specific aspects -- both financial and technical -- but instead, in the form of a comprehensive partnership.

The Commonwealth's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has not provided any evidence that it can produce improved results after a takeover, as we have seen in Southbridge, Holyoke, and Lawrence. These school districts remain the lowest-ranking in the state, with Southbridge identified as the worst-performing and



Tania Del Rio with her family.

Holyoke the second worst-performing, leaving no evidence that outcomes would be better for Boston. The newly-elected mayor in Lawrence is prepared to act on a community-wide call from parents and residents to "keep control of [their own] education."

A state takeover would also mean that the City would need to entirely rework their contract with the Boston Teachers Union, whom the district has already been disregarding during their current negotiations. BPS representatives have canceled 57% of bargaining sessions in 2022, only offering "insulting low salary increases" on top of "no proposals to improve learning conditions."

This entire receivership situation seems like a further attempt to politicize the very real impacts

that BPS' shortcomings are having on teachers, students, and parents, pitting these groups against each other just to remove any agency they may have to make meaningful change in their school communities. Collaboration and support from the state would be much more impactful and allow Boston's new Mayor and incoming Superintendent a fair shot at turning around the District.

Until the voices of the people who live firsthand with the chronic issues our school system faces are leading the conversation, we will continue to spin our wheels and see our students suffer. State receivership would be a step backward, granting the power to engineer outcomes for our students to

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Old North Church, Historic Site re-opens the Clough House

After closing during the COVID-19 pandemic, Old North Church and Historic Site is re-opening its doors to the 1715 Clough House, one of Boston's oldest surviving brick residences. The former home to the nonprofit's colonial chocolate program and rotating gallery space will now house Heritage Goods + Gifts, a new retail shop dedicated to New England artisans and small businesses, as well as a return of the Printing Office of Edes and Gill, a reproduction 18th century colonial print shop that will interpret the connections between newspapers, the printing business, the American Revolution, active citizenship, and the juxtaposition of liberty and enslavement in the colonial era led by longtime Print Master and Edes and Gill Founder Gary Gregory.

The Clough House is the building on the Unity Street side of Old North Church's campus. It was built on pastureland around 1715 by Ebenezer Clough, who was the master brick mason of the church, to house his family before beginning work on the project. While it was originally constructed as an elegant home, this building has served many purposes over time: a single-family home, a tenement for many families, and a historic site. It has witnessed all the changes in the surrounding North End neighborhood over the past 300 years while it too continues to change to meet the needs of the community. The new retail space will feature New England-made products from BIPOC- and women-owned businesses and highlight the stories behind the makers and their products.

Recent research has been the catalyst for a new reckoning at Old North Church and Historic Site. To tell the story of the national landmark's connections to human trafficking and enslavement, the Old North Foundation is offering new educational content and exhibits on the experiences of free and enslaved Black congregants. Printing demonstrations will further dialogue on how Old North Church reflects a complex shared American history and the nature of northern, urban enslavement in Boston.

"Like many historic sites in the Northeast, Old North Church sits at a paradoxical intersection of freedom and unfreedom," says Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of the Old North Foundation. "To many, the steeple is an icon of American liberty and indepen-



Courtesy of Old North Church & Historic Site

Gary Gregory, of The Printing Office of Edes and Gill, demonstrates the colonial printing process at Old North Church's historic Clough House.

dence. Yet, the church was built in part with the proceeds of human trafficking and enslavement, which filled the coffers of early congregants. We have a responsibility to educate and empower conversations about the complexity of our nation's past and the ways in which our history contributes to persistent inequity today."

The Boston Gazette, a weekly newspaper established in 1755 by Benjamin Edes and John Gill, was a catalyst to the Sons of Liberty movement in Boston. The paper, often filled with propaganda by well-known revolutionaries like Samuel Adams, served as a mouthpiece for colonies igniting the American Revolution. Often overlooked in American history are the advertisements in newspapers for the sale of enslaved persons as well as the fact that Boston had the highest rate of literacy among enslaved people and several of the print shops, although primarily run by white men, were women owned. While printing technology has evolved, the printing press and news media have remained at the forefront of our beliefs, actions, and identity.

"There is a lot of misinformation out there about Patriots, the Revolution, the Constitution, and everything else," says Gregory, 61, of Westborough, who left corporate America in 2003 to found "Lessons on Liberty," a Freedom Trail walking tour company, before re-creating the Edes and Gill shop and learning the art of printing. "Media has a lot of capabilities, both good and bad. We want to educate people on how colonial

printing sparked the Revolution and how media consumption continues to impact communities today."

At the center of Gregory's interpretive experience in the Clough House is an 18th century reproduction wooden English common press. This was the newspaper press of the Revolution. Gregory reproduces historic documents of the Revolution utilizing 18th century printing methods and materials, hand setting the type one letter at a time.

Additionally, Edes and Gill has one of only two existing 18th century reproduction copperplate rolling presses in America. These presses were used by the likes of Paul Revere to print his infamous Boston Massacre print. Copperplate printing, also known as intaglio printing, uses a copper plate on which a design has been etched or engraved. Using colonial printing methods, Gregory recreates historic documents and prints, like the Declaration of Independence. Wearing a workman's cap, white linen shirt, neck stock, waste coat, breeches, stockings, leather shoes and an apron, visitors feel like they are transported back in time as discussion about the printing press inspires them to consider their own activism.

This summer, Old North Church and Historic Site will be open to visitors Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Holiday hours may vary. Tickets will be offered at \$5 per person. Self-guided tours give an in-depth view of the building that once

served wealthy merchants, government officials, and skilled tradesmen. Visitors can walk through box pews, admire the 17th century angels flanking the church's 1759 organ, and learn about the experiences of free and enslaved Black congregants. Tours of the crypt will be an additional \$5. All visitors must adhere to all CDC health and safety guidelines. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

Established in 1991, The Old North Foundation of Boston is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is responsible for historic site operations and interpretative, educational, and preservation programs at the iconic Old North Church & Historic Site. A secular organization that is independent of

Christ Church in the City of Boston, the foundation welcomes approximately 500,000 visitors annually while overseeing the preservation of an enduring symbol of American independence. The Foundation serves a wide audience by creating meaningful experiences through educational outreach, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. The Old North Foundation works collaboratively with the City of Boston, the U.S National Park Service, the Freedom Trail Foundation, and other non-profits to foster educational and interpretive programs for students and visitors while engaging the public in Old North Church's history and its role in inspiring liberty and freedom. For more information, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

GREENWAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

The Greenway 2022 Food Truck Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 from 11 AM to 3 PM with everything from dump-lings to tacos to bubble tea.

The festival is an outdoor culinary experience and will coincide with the opening day of The Greenway Artisan Market at Rowes Wharf.

As in the past, The Greenway will work to minimize the programs impact on the environment by prohibiting plastic straws in addition to polystyrene packing and single-use plastic bags.

RE-NAMING PARK COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Re-naming Christopher Columbus Park on the outskirts off the North End has not made its way to the City's top things to do, but it will eventually climb to the top of the ladder and actions will be taken to publicly deal with the issue.

Rumor has it that Mayor Michele Wu will form a committee made up of local residents, the business community, elected officials, and City Hall staff from various departments to tackle the issue.

Who will serve on this committee has obviously not been determined at this time?

FOCCP ELECTION OF OFFICERS MAY 10

During the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, the annual election of FOCCP

offices and two Directors-at-Large will take place.

Officer positions include President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Clerk.

All nominees can nominate themselves. Anyone that would like to be added to this list can send an email to: info@foccp.org.

Current nominees are: President Joanne Hayes Rines, Vice-President Ann Babbitt, Treasurer Allison Seavey, Clerk John O'Reilly, Directors-at-Large Suzanne Lavoise and Patricia Sabbey.

Nominees are not required to be present at the May meeting, however, any nominee present can make a brief two-minute presentation.

OPEN-AIR BEER AND WINE GARDENS

Open-Air Beer and Wine Gardens on The Greenway have started taking place.

"It's a true sign of spring when our beer and wine gardens open back up on The Greenway," said Keelin Caldwell, Director of Programs and Community Outreach at the Greenway Conservancy.

Four times, dates and locations visit: www.rosekennedygreenway.org.

FOCCP SOCIAL MAY 25

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park will hold this year's Social on Wednesday, May 25 from 6 PM to 8 PM at Tia's, 100 Atlantic Avenue.

Appetizers and cash bar. Bring a friend or two.

The Social is an opportunity to share ideas for events in the park,

learn more about FOCCP and support efforts as a member.

FOCCP HORTICULTURE COMMITTEE MEETS TWO DAYS A WEEK

The FOCCP Horticulture Committee gets together on April 3 at the Rose Garden for coffee and conversation relating to projects in the garden this season, including bringing back the Giant Mongolian Sunflower.

The team makes Wednesdays and Sundays. All tools provided. Wear close toed shoes.

Novices and experts are welcome.

CANDY/ICE CREAM STORE PROPOSED

The former owner of Lulu's on Parmenter Street is seeking to open a candy/ice cream shop, with take-out use at 121 Salem Street.

An application has been filed with the Boston License Board to transfer ownership in Cuisine De Asia, Inc. d/b/a Billy Tse, 240 Commercial Street, from Billy Tse Nancy Chan to Ricky Hai Zou, Eriz Yeung Lam.

Approval of a new shareholders, change of manager, officers is being sought.

Operation hours remain the same. No renovations planned.

The request will go before the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) Zoning and Licensing Committee on Tuesday, March 22, at the Mariners House.

The request was discussed and referred to the NEWRA monthly meeting on April 7.

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up areas.

A hardship system has been established in three tiers to meet restaurants' financial needs. Payments will now be on a monthly basis.

This season, operational times and limited space rules have been imposed by the City, and Hanover Street from Parmenter to Cross Streets will be one-way.

Parcel 25 project would extend The Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

MassDOT Board of Directors recently approved a real estate development project for Parcel 25, state owned land, located on the edge of Chinatown and the Leather District Neighborhoods and boarded by Kneeland, Albany and Lincoln Streets.

The development will include 218 units of housing, 40 percent of the units (84) will be affordable, lab space, first floor retail space and 120 parking spaces.

The project will create an extension at the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.

It is expected to improve pedestrian crossings and signalization at nearby intersections and other public infrastructure use improvements.

MassDOT will receive a one time payment of \$61.5 million plus an annual payment of 1,000,000, increasing by 2.5 percent each year for a 99-year lease term (86 million) is the Net Present Value of the transaction.

As of April 21, 2021, six bids were received for Parcel 25.

A graphic showing Parcel 25 can be found at this link: www.bldup.com/projects/massdotparcel25.

NEWNC sets election date for May 14

By Phil Orlandella

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) has set a date for their annual election, Saturday, May 14 in or outside the Nazzaro Center. Times to be announced. Ballots will be counted following the election.

Each year, six seats become available for election on the community Council.

NEWNC is currently the oldest community group elected by residents.

Nomination papers are available for residents 18 or older at

NEWNC Boston and must be returned by Monday, May 2 at 6 PM to tinialeegreen@gmail.com. Papers must contain 40 signatures of residents.

Over the past two-years not enough candidates filed nomination papers to warrant a public election. Each time, those that did file papers were automatically placed on the Council. The same rule applies in 2022.

NEWNC President Joel Faller encourages residents to participate as candidates and vote in the election.

Officials support Cross Street Hotel

By Phil Orlandella

Several weeks ago, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) approved the construction of a hotel on Cross Street.

They did so with the support of State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, who represents the North End.

During the approval process, residents clearly opposed the project expressing numerous concerns relating to the construction of a five-story, 140 room boutique hotel that also contains two-first floor restaurants with the capacity of 234 seats and a seasonal rooftop dining area with 285 seats.

The site of the new hotel has

two one-story buildings that house retail stores and a flat surface used for parking.

The structure will rise to 55 feet not including mechanicals over the entire project site from the Chase Bank Building adjacent to a residential building on Endicott Street.

Residents along with the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) raised several issues relating to zoning code, open space, impacts to Cuttillo Park on Stillman Street, the environment, street parking, traffic flow, reducing the width of Cross Street and height.

Apparently, the hotel developers will contribute funds to help renovate the adjacent Cuttillo Park.

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ings possible in the not-too-distant future.

Many of the NE/WE NSC's seniors use the branch in the North End on Hanover Street. In pre-COVID times, Eagle Bank staff members were familiar faces at the drop-in center to donate

sweets for a party or present a workshop on budgeting, financial goals, or scams. The NE/WE NSC looks forward to having Eagle Bank visit again once COVID-19 is behind us. Thank you so much, Eagle Bank!

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ple already doing this work, specifically NUBE (Neighbors United for a Better East Boston) who has been doing this for years, who has noticed this issue and has done tireless work around this issue," said Del Rio. "I remember back in March for International Women's Day, so many women were coming up to me and saying, "Wow, look, NUBE brought us a flower and they told us about the election and wished us happy International Women's Day. That means a lot to people and that brings information to people in a creative way and meets them where they're at. That's good and that's what we need to be doing."

Del Rio said she was recently part of a small group that would meet regularly for coffee and wine and discuss politics and community issues.

"That was something that brought information to people," said Del Rio. "I recently heard this term "information and justice". I'd never heard that term but it is completely true, because a lot of people in our communities are entitled to local government resources and benefits that are for them, but they don't access them because they don't know about them. For me, that's one of the things that we need to be working on right now is how to make sure that the information arrives."

Del Rio added that as City Councilor she'd be looking to pass an ordinance that asks the elections department to do a better job around letting people know about elections because.

Ten percent turnout for such important elections is appalling," said Del Rio. "So I want to see the elections department officially registering voters, or pre-registering

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Blue Line's harbor tunnel and this work is going to make the tunnel more resilient and less prone to some of the concerns from the environmental community like flooding. The work will also make Blue Line service a little more reliable in the future.

The work would have included tunnel inspections, tunnel lighting repair, fiber optic cable installation, and removing abandoned cable that exists in the tunnel.

The MBTA also planned to

voters, at every BPS High School graduation and at every naturalization ceremony that happens in the city of Boston."

Next, Coletta also praised NUBE's efforts to increase voter turnout.

"They're going door to door and really doing the sweat equity that is necessary to let folks know that democracy is happening around them and they need to be involved and their voices need to be heard," said Coletta. "I do support same day registration and early voting. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is so far behind other states and we're a progressive state. It doesn't make any sense. So I just think it's irresponsible to not have automatic same day registration with the technological abilities at our disposal. As we all know, there's an assault on voting rights in many states and congressional failure. I think that we are in a moment of urgency to advance the expansion of voting rights, while also protecting the sanctity of voting data, as there is an increasing assault on our democracy."

Coletta said Massachusetts has a long way to go and there's still work that needs to be done.

"I want to make permanent the pandemic era changes that allowed for mail in ballots," she said. "As City Councilor I would push the Secretary of the Commonwealth with my council colleagues, to do what needs to be done (to increase voter participation). In addition, with my state and federal partners, I would fight to expand voting rights to include same day registration, early voting, mail in ballots and publicly denounce any opposition to these vital reforms."

perform signal repairs, which is a major source of issues on the Blue Line when there are so-called "blind delays". The MBTA was also planning to investigate some of the drainage issues in the harbor tunnel.

The project would have closed the Blue Line from Airport to Bowdoin for 13 days. Bus service for residents and commuters would have replaced train service from East Boston to Downtown during work.

North End, surrounding area's COVID positive test rate increases to over 6%

By John Lynds

Last week the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) released its recommendations for residents to receive a second COVID booster vaccine as the North End's weekly COVID positive test rate increases dramatically.

Last week, 1,119 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, West End and Downtown residents were tested for the virus last week and 6.5 percent were positive--this was a 41 percent increase from the 4.6 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on March 28.

Seventy three additional residents contracted the virus between March 28 and April 4 and there are now 9,472 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week. According to the BPHC 13,847 residents were tested citywide last week and 4.6 percent were COVID positive--this was a 53 percent increase from the 3 percent that reportedly tested positive

for the week ending on March 28.

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 0.84 percent last week and went from 168,260 cases to 169,673 confirmed since the start of the pandemic.

There were five additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,444.

Last week, the BPHC announced it is recommending a second COVID-19 booster dose for residents aged 50 and older at least four months after their initial booster dose, as well as those over the age of 12 that are moderately to severely immunocompromised. The Commission's recommendations are aligned with recommendations issued earlier last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH).

A second booster dose is rec-

ommended for these groups due to their increased risk of severe illness that can result in hospitalization and death. Boston and much of the Northeast has seen an uptick in COVID-19 cases recently. At the same time, there have been declines in weekly vaccination rates and waning vaccine immunity.

"Boosters are essential for preventing severe illness from COVID-19," said Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, Commissioner of Public Health and Executive Director of the Boston Public Health Commission. "I urge all residents to stay up to date on their vaccinations by getting boosted as soon as possible, and to receive a second booster dose if eligible. Vaccine immunity wanes over time, and boosters are critical to maintaining a strong defense against COVID-19."

COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, including second booster doses for those who are eligible, are available at vaccination clinics across the city. To find a vaccine or booster near you, visit [boston.gov/covid19-vaccine](https://www.boston.gov/covid19-vaccine) or call the Mayor's Health Line at 617-534-5050.

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people outside of Boston with the least experience in our systems. Considering the massive wave of newly elected, inclusive leadership in our City Council and mayoral office, as well as voters' widespread support for a fully-elected School Committee, I challenge the idea that our pathway to success is through a top-down approach like receivership. Instead of placing accountability in the hands

of the few and unelected, we should lead with collaboration. As a City Councilor, I will not shy away from school issues and convene conversations with those best equipped to solve our problems – our students, teachers, and parents – about how to move our most troubled schools forward. I will support an elected school committee and promote a community-driven process of hiring a new

superintendent.

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 on May 3rd to represent East Boston, Charlestown, and the North End.

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have a liquor license," according to a press release from Mayor Wu's office.

Other new changes to the citywide Outdoor Dining Program, which allows restaurants the use of expanded public space for outdoor dining, include new closing hours of 9:30 p.m. Sunday - Thursday (all patrons off premises by 10 p.m.) and Friday and Saturday at 10:30 p.m. (all patrons off premises by 11 p.m.); updated barrier safety requirements; updated fire safety guidance; new insurance

requirements; and a required evacuation plan.

Despite some North End restaurateurs opposing Mayor Wu's plan for outdoor dining in the neighborhood outside the March 29 press conference, the Mayor's Press Office said on Monday, April 4, no lawsuits had been filed against the city in regard to its outdoor dining policy in the North End.

While the city's outdoor dining program began in other neighborhoods this year on April 1, it isn't

scheduled to start in the North End until May 1.

Meanwhile, the North End has the densest concentration of restaurants in the state, according to the city, and was home last year to 77 outdoor dining patios (70 on public property) in just 0.2 square miles, compared to 51 patios in Back Bay (21 on-street), 14 in the Seaport, seven in Roxbury, six in Charlestown, and just one patio in Chinatown.



Edwards uses Crown Act to deliver powerful maiden speech

By John Lynds

Last week the Massachusetts Senate unanimously passed the Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair (CROWN) Act. The bill prohibits discrimination, which largely impacts Black residents, based on natural and protective hairstyles in places of work and school-related organizations.

Prior to Senate's passage of the legislation, Sen. Lydia Edwards rose to speak on the bill and delivered her maiden address.

"When I think about this particular law, I'm in a unique position to not only pass a law but to be one of the primary subjects of the beneficiaries of that law," Edwards began. "To stand here with my colleagues, who I know will stand with me in solidarity and vote for this law, we're look-



Sen. Lydia Edwards delivers her maiden speech with powerful words about the state's Crown Act.

ing at the result of natural hair, you're looking at the results of the work that you were about to do. We have what I believe is the first African American senator with beautiful long dreadlocks. This is natural hair. It took me so long, so long to ever say that my hair is long. That it is beautiful. That

it is natural. What you're voting on today is not just prohibiting harm. It is a statement that black women have needed to hear for so long, "Who you are and how you present yourself in this world is beautiful, is necessary, is political, is powerful and we will not demand that you be anything less than that anymore."

Edwards said in the state, in the country and in schools across the nation we have failed to do that.

"I'm embarrassed to say how much money I've spent doing everything I could to put in fake hair and hair chemicals to cover up what naturally grew out of my head," said Edwards. "You must understand what systemic racism does is not just prohibit economic opportunity and prohibit access to housing—it diminishes the soul, it diminishes yourself and who you are, because there's something you cannot control."

Edwards said for so many years she was taught that her natural hair was "unprofessional" or "unsightly" or "nappy" or "distasteful".

"But today's celebration of our hair," said Edwards. "Now, my friends and my colleagues are saying, "The systemic ways in which we have attacked people of color, one of which is through their hair, will end". I don't even know how to explain the amount of painful years I went through. Whether it was a hot comb and getting burned trying to straighten my hair. Whether it was losing hair because of braids that were so tight. Spending hundreds of dollars on weaves all of which to cover up who I am but could be seen as more professional. "

Edwards continued, "This is a health care issue. An economic issue. This is an issue of dealing with internalized self hatred of

which I had and unfortunately many black women (have)."

Edwards said when she finally cut her hair and started to grow it out more naturally emerged more self confident.

"I said I will be myself and nobody else," she said. "And if my hair grows out this way, and if it is kinky or curly, then it shall be the most beautiful hair that grows because I grew it."

Edwards said the bill proves she and her colleagues are part of the right movement and on the right side of history.

"This is personal for me because you are doing something for the Commonwealth and for the future," Edwards told her colleagues. "This (bill) is for future economic opportunities, for self worth, for the ability for black women to be empowered. We are sending a message to be unafraid to be your beautiful black self."

Fare gates coming to North Station

As announced at last month's MBTA Board of Directors meeting, new electronic fare gates will be installed and begin operation on North Station's concourse this spring. This improvement is part of the Commuter Rail's fare gate program that will ultimately add gates at North, South, and Back Bay stations. There will be no impacts to Commuter Rail service from the fare gate construction project, however riders will notice construction activity in sections of the North Station concourse.

"This is an important first step in delivering on our commitment to prevent fare non-collection on the Commuter Rail system," said MBTA General Manager Steve Pofatak in a press release. "The vast majority of Commuter Rail customers travel through North, South, and Back Bay Stations. These fare gates at North Station as well as fare gates to come at South and Back Bay Stations will allow us to improve our level of fare collection and collect more detailed information on passenger demand."

The new gate system will: improve fare collection; replace platform-door ticket checks; and create a more consistent fare-paying experience across transit modes

"In partnership with the MBTA, we support the installation of the new fare gates which will modernize the Commuter Rail network,

deliver benefits for riders, and improve the customer experience in fare collection," stated Keolis CEO Abdellah Chajai.

The gates are designed to accommodate an even greater number of Commuter Rail riders than was typical before the pandemic, and as such they will not slow movement through the station, rather they will reduce crowding when a train's departure track is announced.

A picture containing indoor, floor, ceiling, toilet

The design and configuration of the fare gates at North Station was developed with riders' needs in mind, and involved many steps, including:

Observing and analyzing riders' behaviors and pre-pandemic movements through stations

Consultations with mobility specialists

Modeling exercises to maximize functionality

The resulting layout features 30 gates installed around the concourse area, including nine wider, accessible gates that allow sufficient room for wheelchairs, scooters, bicycles, luggage, and strollers.

Construction activity will be conducted on weekdays between 5am and 2pm. During the first phase of construction, two sections of the North Station concourse will be blocked off at a time to allow for the removal of floor-

ing and the installation of electrical components. After the first two sections are complete, these areas will reopen while the work moves to two different sections of the station. There will be three rounds of this work in phase one, with two sections blocked off during each round to ensure ample passenger flow through the station. As work begins in each section, there will be a period of louder than normal noise in the concourse while the flooring is removed. Passenger Assistants will be available to help any passengers needing assistance navigating the changes.

After this first phase of construction is complete, the second phase will begin which includes the installation of the fare gate stanchions and framing with doors open. This final phase will also be conducted in sections around the concourse. Riders may visit the project page at MBTA.com/CRfaregates for updates on construction throughout the spring.

Once the fare gates are operational beginning at North Station in late spring 2022, riders will notice the following fare collection changes:

Exiting North Station will be different with the new gates. Riders will be required to tap, scan, or swipe their tickets or passes both to enter and to exit at North Station

Riders will still need to show



Courtesy of MBTA

Conceptual rendering of North Station fare gates

tickets to conductors on board to verify ticket zone

Riders who arrive at North Station without tickets will be required to purchase them through the mTicket app or from a staff member stationed at the gates

Gates will be operational and staffed from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily

Prior to activation of the fare gates at North Station, riders will be given the opportunity to try the gates and experience the process for entering and exiting for two weeks before they are officially launched.

Project updates, detailed infor-

mation, FAQ's and video demonstrations will be posted online at MBTA.com/CRfaregates as construction progresses. Details for the trial period and official launch of the gates will be shared once those dates are confirmed. Gate installation at two other hub stations, South Station and Back Bay Station, is planned for later in 2022.

Passengers can stay connected with Commuter Rail by calling customer service at 617-222-3200, following @MBTA_CR on Twitter or signing up for T-Alerts at www.mbta.com/alerts.

Wishing You Well this Easter

the Boston Center for Youth & Families
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Happy Easter



North End
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NEMPAC's Perform-a-thon fundraiser turns out to be a record breaking effort

By John Lynds

The North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) 8th annual Perform-a-thon this past weekend set a fundraising record for the neighborhood's popular music program.

Held on April 2, NEMPAC's Perform-a-thon broke all prior records and raised a grand total of \$18,213, making this the most successful Perform-a-thon in NEMPAC's history so far. Last year the fundraising effort raised approximately \$16,000.

"We truly have the best students! So many of them signed up for this peer-two-peer fundraiser, helping us to support other students and their families

through our annual Scholarship Fund," said Allie Meek-Carufel, Educational Programs Director at NEMPAC. "And the biggest thank you goes out to all pledge-makers and our sponsors. Your support makes all this possible."

During the 8th Annual Perform-a-thon Saturday, 82 students, groups, and faculty members performed live at 50 Tileston St. or submitted their video performance to be broadcasted live via YouTube. Meek-Carufel said 223 pledges made by donors, raffle proceeds, and sponsorships added up to record breaking fundraising total.

Meek-Carufel said all funds from the Perform-a-thon will directly benefit the NEMPAC Scholarship Fund, which gives

thousands of students, performers, and audience members access to quality and affordable arts programming.

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.

However, due to the growth of NEMPAC's programs, the increase in student enrollment and participation, and the support and excitement from 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.

"In order to ensure music is accessible to all, NEMPAC founded the NEMPAC Scholarship Fund—and various other private scholarship funds including the Marshall Fund and d'Amore Fund—to award need-based youth scholarships each year. These students are carefully reviewed by a committee and given awards to



The Eliot Music Ensemble, shown above with their instructor Kristi Scaccia, gave the last performance of the day and concluded the incredible line-up of 82 performers showcasing their talents during NEMPAC's 2022 Perform-a-thon.

pursue artistic studies in private music lessons, summer programs, or an after-school program of their choosing.

St. Leonard Parish 320 Hanover St., Boston, Ma 02113 LENT, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER 2022

7:55 AM Liturgy of the Hours will be celebrated every weekday (See Page 7)

8:15 AM mass will be celebrated every weekday during lent

Next Friday April 8 we will have a School of prayer in which there will a family prayer talk

SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 10 2022
5:00 pm – Vigil Mass (Saturday - April 09)
9:00 am – Morning Mass
10:30 am – Italian Mass
12 Noon – Mass of the Day

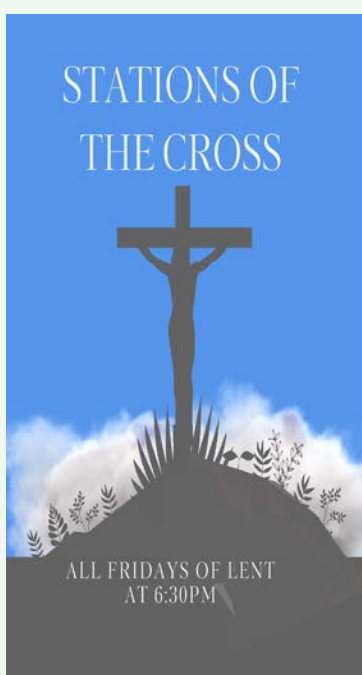
HOLY THURSDAY
APRIL 14 2022
8:00 pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament
9:30 pm (approximate)-12 Midnight – Holy Hour(s) w/ the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 15 2022
12 Noon – Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm – Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

EASTER VIGIL
APRIL 16 2022
8:00 pm – Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 17 2022
9:00 am – Morning Mass
10:30 am – Italian Mass
12 Noon – Mass of the Day

FRIDAY'S DURING LENT
• 6:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
• School of prayer in which there will be a Jesuit, Franciscan, Neo Catechumenate, a family prayer talk 7:00pm - More information to follow



State Treasury partners with Board of Library Commissioners for Financial Literacy Month

The State Treasurer's Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) is partnering with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) to offer financial education resources to library visitors during April, which is Financial Literacy Month. Materials are applicable for individuals of all ages and will be available online and in libraries across Massachusetts.

OEE and MBLC will provide visitors with a list of financial literacy books for children, teens, and adults, along with finance themed coloring sheets and access to free financial education websites and webinars. The agencies will also host a free, virtual Money Talk Tuesday event on April 19th to offer smart investment advice to young adults and adults of every age. Registration details for the event will be available online via the Office of Economic Empowerment soon.

"Massachusetts libraries play a vital role in providing access to learning materials, and we are so pleased to kick off our partnership with them during Financial Literacy Month," said State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg.

"Now, when you visit the library, you will be able to experience free, age-appropriate resources on important and timely financial topics."

"We are excited to be working with the Office of Economic Empowerment for Financial Literacy Month," said MBLC Director James Lonergan. "Their resources provide all Massachusetts residents the opportunity to learn about financial wellness, and we are glad to offer libraries as a platform for those resources."

Learn more about these financial literacy resources by visiting your local library, using MBLC's online portal, or reaching out to the Office of Economic Empowerment.

About the Office of Economic Empowerment

On the first day she took office, Treasurer Goldberg created the Office of Economic Empowerment (OEE) with the goal of increasing financial stability for everyone in Massachusetts. The office works to promote programs that serve women, families, high school students, Veterans, and seniors. Its initiatives focus on closing the

race and gender wage gap, racial equity, increasing access to financial education, improving college affordability, and investing in STEM careers and education.

About the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners

The Board of Library Commissioners is the agency of state government with the statutory authority and responsibility to organize, develop, coordinate and improve library services throughout the Commonwealth. The Board advises municipalities and library trustees on the operation and maintenance of public libraries, including construction and renovation. It administers state and federal grant programs for libraries and promotes cooperation among all types of libraries through regional library systems and automated resource sharing. It also works to ensure that all residents of the Commonwealth, regardless of their geographic location, social or economic status, age, level of physical or intellectual ability or cultural background, have access to essential new electronic information technologies and significant electronic databases.

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FRIENDS OF THE NORTH END NEWS AND NOTES

SAVE THE DATE:

50th Annual Reunion
Saturday, September 17, 2022
Sons of Italy Hall, Winchester,
MA

117 Swanton Street -
Winchester, MA

12:00 Noon to 4:00pm

Invitations will be sent as we
get closer to the event.

The Committee, Victor, Sammy
and Sonny.

SICK CALL:

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!
Giuseppa DiGirolamo, Mother
of member Angelo DiGirolamo.

Anthony "Tony" Carifio -
FONE member.

Please remember all deceased
FONE members and North End
friends.

BOCCE NEWS:

At the present time Bocce
will be played every Sunday at
the Steriti Rink indoor courts.
Everyone is invited to play bocce,
just show up, about 8:00 am.

Bring your own coffee.

A date for the Spring 2022
Tournament has not yet been set.
Notices will be sent as soon as
plans are made.

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

- Drainage installation

- Utility work on Charles River Avenue

- Forming 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 trans-

sit 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 & WEATHER

While we are now in calendar 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.

- BRUINS: 4/12 at 7:00 p.m.

- CELTICS: 4/03 at 1:00 p.m.

- EVENTS: 4/07 at 5:00 p.m. and 4/09 at 8:00 p.m.

NEWS BRIEF

MAMMA MARIA OPEN FOR EASTER

Mamma Maria (3 North Square,) will be open for Easter from 1 to 8 p.m. offering their current, seasonal menu. Reservations can be made by calling Mamma Maria at (617) 523-0077 or visiting mammamaria.com.

About Mamma Maria

Since its inception, Mamma Maria had a vision to create an unparalleled, authentic Italian dining experience that to this day has attracted residents and tourists alike. Mamma Maria is the only Italian restaurant in Boston to have AAA Four-star Diamond Rating and is currently ranked #4 by Tripadvisor among all Boston restaurants.

Mamma Maria intricately cultivates a daily menu that pairs traditional dishes that are 'regulars' on the dinner menu with fleeting specials highlighting the day's freshest ingredients. Using ingredients exclusively from the bounty of foods grown and raised in New England, Mamma Maria's evolving menu allows guests to experience new and inspired dishes at every visit.

Not to go unmentioned, Mamma Maria has cultivated an oenophilic journey across the Italian peninsula through their specialized wine list. Exclusively featuring wines from Italy, home to some of the oldest wine-pro-

ducing regions, Mamma Maria's selection of over 30

RECEPTION PLANNED FOR PASTOR DAVID AND BETH WENRICH

Boston Harbor Community Church, located at 9 Salutation St., announces the resignation of Pastor David and Beth Wenrich effective May 29, 2022. The Wenrichs arrived in the North End in November of 2006 and fell in love with the neighborhood, its people, the culture, and the church. During their more than 15 years in the community their impact has been astounding; miracles have happened, God's goodness has been evident, and many needs have been met in extraordinary ways, through their consistent love and outreach. We like to affectionately say, there are two Boston Harbor 'churches' in the North End - one inside the building and one outside the building. Pastor Dave and Beth are beloved members of the community and have served their neighbors with devotion, integrity, joy, and authenticity.

Please join us in wishing them a fond farewell as an expression of our appreciation on May 29th following the 10:30 a.m. service.

All are welcome.

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Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Citizens Bank Building, Revere, MA 02151.

Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. The Independent also encourages readers to e-mail news releases to editor@reverejournal.com. The North End Regional Review assumes no financial responsibility for

typographical errors in advertisements, but will reprint that part of the advertisement in which the error occurs. Advertisers will please notify the management immediately of any errors that may occur.

Real Estate Transfers

Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
BACK BAY			
Biega, Alexandra	Webster, Marie P	109 Beacon St #2	\$1,200,000
Anagnos LT	Tucker, Harry S	167 Beacon St #7	\$655,000
Enaud RT	Bell, Jill M	285 Beacon St #2A	\$1,850,000
Kamyab, Sajedeh	Roselyn Frank RET	354 Beacon St #5	\$635,000
Squires, James	Anderson, Howard M	300 Boylston St #603	\$4,450,000
Enaud RT	Bell, Jill M	285 Beacon St #2A	\$1,850,000
Choi, Jeonghoon	Tsai, Richard T	636-638 Beacon St #405	\$517,000
Pospischil, Martin R	Dima, Liliana	466 Commonwealth Ave #302	\$585,000
Gary Jr, Jason W	Lee, Jungmin	139 E Berkeley St #401	\$840,000
BEACON HILL			
97 Charles LLC	Unit 1 Pinckney St RT	97 Charles St #97	\$1,150,000
Chouraqui, Fabrice	Hanley FT	121 Charles St #3	\$1,055,000
Colonese, Courtney R	Sambucci, John	21 Revere St #1	\$490,000
Hirsch, Joshua A	Kronish, Daniel P	66 Revere St	\$2,187,500
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Bushnell, Robert	Powell, Catherine M	15 Cazenove St #3	\$710,000
Garey, William	6 Fayette Street LLC	6 Fayette St	\$1,605,000
Portal, John-Luke G	Comer, Michael J	16 Gray St #2	\$920,000
27 Isabella St Unit 5 NT	Aird, Carlton	27 Isabella St #5	\$3,550,000
Leslie, Benjamin J	Lets Go Realty LLC	180 Marlborough St #2	\$2,225,000
Choi, Philip	Krop, Ian	201 W Brookline St #102	\$3,295,000
Rojas, Elizabeth	Chattopadhyay, Kajal K	63 Burbank St #11	\$453,000
Wang, Xinyu	Peerless, James	52 Charlesgate E #155	\$515,000
Zhang, Yue	56 Charlesgate E 146 RT	56 Charlesgate E #146	\$540,000
Mccarthy, Barbara A	Mortazavi, Ruby	30-34 E Concord St #8	\$670,000
128 Botolph LLC	Mohawk Sisters LLC	128 Saint Botolph St	\$2,800,000
Kogan, Howard	Div Shawmut LLC	100 Shawmut Ave #1102	\$2,324,900
Jaber, Maha J	761 Harrison Church LLC	40 Traveler St #603	\$1,300,000
Lau, Lai	Potsidis, George	122 Union Park St	\$2,565,000
Velde, Jeannette A	Nicol, Frederic	112 W Concord St #2	\$930,000
Daher, John	Coe, Arthur	1180-1200 Washington St #202	\$900,000
Marrero, Trevor	1950 Wa Street LLC	1948-1950 Washington St #4D	\$860,000
Levin, Boaz N	11 Worcester Sq Unit 4	9-11 Worcester Sq #4	\$1,850,000
Lee Ding FT	Ken&Leona Chan FT	41 Worcester Sq #6	\$460,000
Niessen, Isabella C	Gaulin, Mathieu	82 Worcester St #3	\$2,950,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Koconis, Christos	Raymond, Robert	8 Battery St #6	\$440,000
Young, Cissy	Lohmar FT	110 Broad St #502	\$1,975,000
Liu, Sheng-Yi	Lamb, J Dayne	1 Franklin St #2101	\$1,360,000
PDS Property LLC	DLC LLC	170 Tremont St #1203	\$1,168,000
Harik, Mario	Blank, Michael	580 Washington St #PH7	\$1,499,000

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 Docket No. SU21P2264GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 In the matter of: Joshua La Pia Of: Boston, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DCF of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Joshua La Pia is in need of a Guardian and requesting that AnnMarie P Orto of Wentworth, NH be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 04/25/2022. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the

return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 21, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 30, 2022 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

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Fire regulations in the City of Boston prohibit open fires and charcoal and gas grills on roofs, fire balconies and fire escapes.

Eduardo Moreno Mendez named new Chief of Staff for Sen. Edwards

By John Lynds

Growing up in El Salvador Eduardo Moreno Mendez never imagined he'd one day be working in the offices of some high profile elected officials like U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren.

Mendez, who has lived in Eastie since coming to America at 16, has become a shining example of where determination can get you if you work hard and apply yourself to the task at hand.

It was announced that Mendez was appointed by Sen. Lydia Edwards to serve as her Chief of Staff.

"Eduardo is from El Salvador and is a long time East Boston resident," said Edwards. "Eduardo represents the values and the hard work that many immigrants bring



Sen. Lydia Edwards new Chief of Staff Eduardo Moreno Mendez.

to our country and to our city."

After arriving in the US, Mendez enrolled in East Boston High School and graduated in 2012.

After graduating EBHS Mendez attended Bunker Hill Community College for four years before transferring to UMass Boston where he received his degree in 2019.

While in college Mendez interned in Sen. Warren's office and then for former State Sen. Joseph Boncore.

After he graduated college he served in the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Jay Ash's office doing research on several issues that affect economic development in the Commonwealth before landing a job as a legislative aide for Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz.

Mendez said he got to know Edwards while interning for Sen. Boncore.

"I obviously knew who she was being my City Councilor," said Mendez. "But my mentor

at the time, Juan Jaramillo, formally introduced us while he was Boncore's legislative director."

So when Edwards was elected to replace Bonore, Mendez was on the very short list of candidates to serve as her Chief of Staff.

"This is a great opportunity, because I will get to serve my community as well as the opportunity to be more impactful on the legislative agenda that Sen. Edwards is creating," said Mendez. "It's very exciting."

Mendez said he's also excited to get to work on housing justice, social justice, environmental justice issues in the district as well as working to help the immigrant community thrive.

"With Sen. Edwards being the Chair of Small Business and Community Development the office will have a bigger impact on

small business owners and immigrant business owners impacted by the pandemic," said Mendez. "Many owners are still desperate and need our help because they are the mom and pop businesses that have been in our communities for so many years."

In the end, Mendez said he wants to use his role as Chief of Staff as an example of hard work and determination.

"I want to prove to all young people, whether they are from the US or are immigrants, that hard work, passion and dedication will get you far in life," he said. "I want to just show people that if I can do it they can do it as well."

Mendez recently became a U.S. Citizen and speaks four languages, English, Spanish, Italian, and French.

As wildfire season begins, fire officials urge prevention

Pointing to the Delta Range fire that burned 341 acres at Fort Devens last week, Devens Fire Chief Timothy F. Kelly, Chief Forest Fire Warden David Celino of the Department of Conservation & Recreation, and State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey are asking for the public's help in preventing outdoor fires, which start to increase in the early spring.

"As we saw last week, large wildland fires are labor-intensive and can severely tax regional fire-fighting resources," said Chief Kelly. "Disposing of brush by burning it can be done safely if we follow all the rules and safety measures. We want everyone to enjoy the great outdoors, but we ask that you do it safely."

"This is the time of year that we start to see outdoor fires begin to rise in New England," said State Fire Marshal Ostroskey. "The snow has melted away and there's plenty of dry vegetation and leaves to act as tinder. Combined with low humidity and high winds, these conditions make it easy for fires to start and very difficult for firefighters to contain them."

"Open burning can be a factor in wildland fires, which is why it must be conducted according to safety restrictions," said Chief Fire Warden Celino. "A sudden change in the wind while conducting open burning can push a fire beyond your ability to control it. Always be prepared to extinguish your fire immediately."

According to Department of Conservation & Recreation data, there were more than 1,100 wildland fires on non-federal land in Massachusetts last year, which burned more than 1,600

acres. While the Delta Range fire was caused by munitions, more than 98% of wildland fires in Massachusetts are caused by human activity, officials said. Everyone can and should play a part in preventing them by using caution and common sense when conducting open burning, cooking on the barbecue, extinguishing smoking materials, or riding ATVs in wooded areas.

Open burning is governed by 310 CMR 7.07. In communities where it is allowed, the season ends on May 1. A permit from the local fire department in advance, and these permits can be rescinded. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable.

Conduct Open Burning Safely

- Burn between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the local fire chief).

- Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at (800) 882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.

- Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, at least 75 feet away from all dwell-

ings and away from utility lines.

- Have fire suppression tools handy. Keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose nearby, along with a shovel and a rake.

- An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.

- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.

- Never use gasoline, kerosene, or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.

- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.

- Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

Open burning is prohibited at all times in Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield, Worcester.

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Budget for companion animals

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In May 2021, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® (ASPCA®) reported, “Close to one in five households acquired a cat or dog since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, which would account for approximately 23 million American households based on the 2019 U.S. Census.”

Some of these families have had animals in their lives before and understand the routine and potential costs that must be part of their budget for cats and dogs. However, they may not be ready for the sticker shock that increased demand for veterinary care, board-

ing, dog walking, pet sitting, pet food, grooming, and supplies has caused.

First-time pet guardians may never have considered some of the expenses they will face day-to-day, much less in an emergency.

Annual Cost Estimate

In 2021, the ASPCA® updated their annual cost of having a dog to \$1,391 and \$1,149 for a cat. This figure is for routine care and doesn't include grooming, dog walking, pet sitting, additional travel costs, or emergency veterinary care.

What's more, when you look at these totals, you should realize

that this is a national survey and we live in one of the most expensive areas in the country. The site Upnest says, “Reports vary slightly, with the cost of living in Boston generally falling somewhere between 48% and 62% higher than the national average.”

Ways to Budget

The first step in creating any budget plan is to figure out what you spend currently and what additional costs you might face in the future. If you've adopted a puppy or kitten, you must consider how some expenses may increase over their lifetime. The food bill for a large breed puppy will explode as they become fully grown.

And the reality is that as our pets age, their need for and cost of veterinary care increases. It is suggested that you schedule routine exams and basic chemistry screenings more often. Medications for chronic conditions may add to your expense for a senior pet.

If you're returning to an office rather than working from home, you may have to budget for a dog walker or doggie daycare. Those who plan to travel will have to add funds to their travel budgets for animal care or the added costs to take your dog or cat with you.

Next, think about how you



The cost of feeding this adorable puppy will increase as he grows and grows!

would pay for a significant one-time expense—for example, dental cleanings or emergency surgery. You might set up a pet emergency savings account and make deposits every payday to build up a safety net.

Pet insurance can help defray some of the unexpected expenses. Some veterinary practices offer their own wellness plans or can help you choose an insurance plan that has worked well for their clients.

Ways to Save

Keeping your pets up-to-date on routine checkups, medications, and vaccinations can save money in the long run. It costs less to schedule routine care than to

respond to emergencies.

Doing some things yourself can save big bucks. For example, brushing your animal's teeth at least once a day can save thousands of dollars over a pet's lifetime. Doing routine grooming can let you extend the time between professional spa days.

Finally, keeping your dogs and cats at a healthy weight by reducing food and treats and giving them plenty of exercise will not only reduce your food bills but will also prevent expensive medical conditions.

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North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center's Assistant Administrator, Bashar Alghazawneh, was recognized by Marquis Health Consulting Services as part of the company's "Raising the Bar" initiative to promote a positive customer service culture at its skilled nursing facilities. In appreciation of his dedication and hard work, Marquis leaders presented Alghazawneh (second from left) with a five-day getaway to Hawaii or the Caribbean at a special employee recognition event on March 9, 2022. North End Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center provides the North End neighborhood of Boston and surrounding communities with the highest levels of subacute short-term and comprehensive long-term care in a compassionate and caring environment.