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Gabriela Coletta wins District 1 Special Election Preliminary

By John Lynds

Lifelong East Boston resident Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta came out on top during Tuesday night’s Special Election Preliminary for the District 1 City Council seat left vacant by Sen. Lydia Edwards and is on her way to City Hall. Coletta will become only the third female to win the seat since it was created in 1983.

“You have heard me say this before, and I will say it again with great pride: I am a daughter of District One. Every opportunity, every relationship, every inch of support – I am so grateful for everything that this community has given me. Together on the campaign trail, we made some ambitious plans together and I meant every word,” said Coletta of her victory. “The North End is a passionate community with beloved traditions and character that we should seek to protect, support and share with the gen-

erations of families to come. The neighborhood faces a unique set of challenges that requires a City Councilor who can advocate effectively for this community. I will continue to build consensus and bridges to support our shared goal: Keeping the best interests of the community at heart. Tonight, we celebrate and we may finally get some sleep, but you should know: The work starts right up again for me tomorrow morning. You saw the energy and dedication with which I approached this race, but that was just a hint of what you can expect from me as your next Boston City Councilor. I cannot wait to get started.”

Throughout District 1, which includes Eastie, Charlestown and the North End, Coletta received 57% of the vote with challenger and fellow Eastie resident Tania Del Rio receiving 33% of the vote. The unofficial total Tuesday night had Coletta with 2,799 votes and Del Rio with 1,608 votes.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with her family after her win Tuesday night. From left: Sebastian Zapata, Ed Coletta, Rosemary Murray, Nina Coletta, Gabriela “Gigi” Coletta, Chris Coletta, Angela and Ricardo Acevedo.

Coletta won each neighborhood and absolutely crushed the compe-

dition in Eastie and Charlestown. In Eastie she received 1,218 votes (54%) to Del Rio’s 932 votes (41%).

In Charlestown Coletta won handily with 1,094 votes (63%)

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Volunteers spring clean Columbus Park

By Phil Orlandella

Gardening has started at Christopher Columbus Park, not that the April weather has cooperated, but the park was ready for a spring cleanup.

The Horticultural volunteers have been out in force since April 3, trimming and cleaning the gardens.

FOCCP welcomes residents to join the park activities in FOCCP’s award-winning garden this season.

No experience is required, FOCCP members will teach volunteers and provide tools.

Volunteers need to bring their own gardening gloves and wear closed toed shoes. For more info visit www.foccp.org.



The Horticulture volunteer clean-up team at Columbus Park.

Climate change critical to Boston

By Phil Orlandella

Every summer, rising temperatures, erratic flooding and unpredictable storms, according to Mayor Michelle Wu.

Her administration is working on climate action and environmental concerns.

The mayor has released “Her resilient solutions for Boston,” a roadmap to preparing the city for hotter temperatures, especially in

the most vulnerable communities.

“Now is time for urgent climate action,” Mayor Wu said.

Plans are in the making to ensure that all city vehicles are electric by 2023.

“We are one step closer to making our city greener and healthier for everyone,” Mayor Wu added.

The nearly 800 city owned buses account for over 10% of the city’s municipal emissions that expose unnecessary harmful fumes.

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EDITORIAL

ALCOHOL IS STILL #1

Americans have been dying prematurely at unprecedented levels in the past two years from a number of causes.

COVID-19 has taken away almost one million of our fellow Americans, with the number still rising daily for the foreseeable future.

Fatal accidents on our roadways, as we noted last week, have skyrocketed over the past two years.

Drug overdose deaths, mainly attributable to the lethal synthetic drug fentanyl, have exploded, exceeding 100,000 in 2021, compared to about 60,000 in 2019.

However, another statistic came to our attention in an article in the New York Times which is equally tragic and worrisome:

Among adults younger than 65, alcohol-related deaths outnumbered deaths from COVID-19 in 2020. Alcohol-related causes accounted for the deaths of 74,408 Americans ages 16 to 64, compared to 74,075 deaths of individuals under 65 who died from COVID.

More ominously, the rate of increase for alcohol-related deaths in 2020 — 25 percent — outpaced the rate of increase of deaths from all causes, which was 16.6 percent.

Alcohol-related deaths went up for men and women, as well as for every ethnic and racial group. Deaths among men and women increased at about the same rate, though the absolute number of deaths among men was much higher.

However, death rates alone don't tell the whole story of the direct and negative impacts that alcohol abuse has upon individuals, their family members, and our society as a whole.

Alcohol abuse is a crucial factor in just about every negative context one can imagine, ranging from domestic abuse, to violence among unrelated parties, to non-fatal traffic accidents that leave victims severely injured, to lost productivity in the workplace, to mental health issues, to health-care costs, to fetal alcohol syndrome.

Clearly, our society needs to undertake a public health campaign similar to what we did in the 1990s when the American public and politicians finally got tough on the tobacco companies by means of public health campaigns, increased taxes, and stricter enforcement of the laws prohibiting sales to minors.

Unlike tobacco or drugs, alcohol abuse impacts more than just the user -- and it's time that we acknowledge that reality and do something about it.

IS NUCLEAR WAR INEVITABLE IN UKRAINE -- AND BEYOND?

We don't want to sound like alarmists, but in our opinion, the escalation both in military weaponry and rhetoric by the Western powers and the Kremlin is bringing us closer and closer to the brink of nuclear warfare in Ukraine.

We fully support the effort of the U.S. and NATO to help the Ukrainian people defend themselves against the Russian genocide that is occurring in their country.

But none of the politicians or the experts have prepared the public for the possibility that Vladimir Putin will use tactical nuclear weapons to avoid what is looming as a significant military defeat.

The conventional wisdom is that Putin will restrict his army only to the use of conventional weapons.

But that is the rational thinking of those who do not have the mindset of a sociopath for whom rules do not apply.

History has shown us time and time again that sociopathic leaders have no limits. Just when we think, "They will never go THAT far," the sociopaths indeed cross the line and push the boundaries further.

Putin has at his disposal tactical "mini-nukes" that have the explosive power of just a fraction of the bombs we dropped on Japan in WWII.

So our question is this: If Putin uses one on the battlefield, what do

GUEST OP-ED

Let us never forget our solemn pledge

By Joseph Reagan

On Memorial Day, 1945, the war in Europe had ended but the fighting in the Pacific continued, Lt. Gen. Lucian Truscott voiced remarks at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery at Nettuno, Italy. Turning his back on the assembled VIP's he faced the rows upon rows of headstones and apologized to the 20,000 fallen Americans who had been laid to rest far from home. He was quoted as saying, "All over the world our soldiers sleep beneath the crosses. It is a challenge to us — all allied nations — to ensure that they do not and have not died in vain."

Fast forward to Memorial Day 2022, and the familiar voices of brothers in arms begin to call one another on the phone. People usually think of reconnecting with former military buddies as a joyous happening. However, for this Memorial Day, the topic of conversation was not an armistice, a promotion, or even a daughter's wedding or new addition to a home, it was about the latest in a string of suicides that silence the voice of our brothers but brought renewed connections from other familiar voices. One desperately said, "Sir, I needed to call someone who could understand this."

Everyone in the greatest generation understood war. At home they experienced rationing, schoolchildren collected scrap, and women took up factory jobs while overseas the troops endured combat and were witness to some of the largest and most brutal atrocities in the modern age. When the war was over, they followed the lead of Lt. Gen Truscott and committed their

lives to ensure that they "have not died in vain." The shared sacrifice of a generation united them and helped them solve tough problems.

In subsequent wars, such as the Korean and Vietnam era, Veterans did not experience the same level of understanding and thus either turned their voice inward or used their voice to fight for one another on subjects that varied from Agent Orange, PTSD, and other once-silent conditions.

The War on Terror introduced a unique time in our nation's collective history as acts of war played out in real-time on our media devices. Although only one percent of Americans served post 9/11, it seems 100 percent of the country used their voice to express their opinions of this shared history as it unfolded.

For Korea and Vietnam Veterans, war was not a shared experience and therefore various voices having various opinions helped further the national conversation regarding the treatment of veterans leading to safer and more thoughtful approaches. Unlike the veterans of Korea and Vietnam, the veterans of the last several decades did not return home to the voices of dissent that could be addressed directly, instead, they returned to a polite nation that creates media of dissent and very little opportunity for honest, open dialog.

This new era of media, learning, and personal discussions bring rise to the question, "Do people really remember why we hold our veterans in a place of honor?" For years, voices saying meaningless phrases like "the enemy gets a vote" or "there's nothing you could have done" were meant

to comfort those of us who have held the heavy responsibility of leading troops in combat. However, many people seem to lack the understanding that our hearts have been forever scarred by the invisible wounds of war, scarred by guilt and grief, and by the longing for forgiveness that will never come. Even if forgiveness was offered, it would be hard to accept as no mere words can undo a life experience and because of this, we often feel isolated, misunderstood, and undervalued therefore our voices remain silent.

As conversations with the voice on the other end of the phone come to its inevitable conclusion, I am reminded that to remain silent is a betrayal of my obligation to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. As Horace Bushnell once said, the best thing for us to do is to remember "what they have put it on us to do for the dear common country to which they sold their life." As we gather as one nation this Memorial Day, my hope is that instead of directing shallow words of gratitude at each other, we do as Lt. Gen. Truscott did and direct our gratitude directly towards those who made the ultimate sacrifice. In both our words and actions, let us all commit ourselves to serve the country to which they gave their lives.

While there is still much work to be done, the generation of Veterans from this century have access to vast resources, life-saving technology, and increased information. This same generation of Veterans is just now starting to define our post-service legacy and like our

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North End, surrounding area's weekly COVID positive test-rate climbs once again

By John Lynds

With the neighborhood and city's weekly COVID positive test rate still climbing, the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) is recommending residents take precautions to stop the spread.

The BPHC also renewed its recommendation that masks be worn in indoor public settings, including public transportation and transportation hubs, government buildings, and crowded indoor venues. The recommendation is especially important for those who are at high risk for severe illness or who live with someone who is high risk.

"With COVID-19 cases rising, we are urging all Bostonians to take extra precautions to protect yourselves, your family, and our community. If you are feeling unwell, get tested at one of our free City sites or take a rapid test. It's also important to stay up to date on your vaccinations," said Executive Director of the BPHC Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, "We are recommending that individuals protect themselves and others by masking indoors, particularly in crowded places. These precautions are how we protect the progress

we've made in our community."

Last week, 1,282 North End, Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Downtown, and West End residents were tested for the virus last week and 10.4 percent were positive--this was a 53 percent increase from the 6.8 percent that tested positive as reported by the BPHC on April 25.

One hundred thirty three additional residents contracted the virus between April 25 and May 2 and there are now 10,104 confirmed cases in the neighborhood since the start of the pandemic.

Boston's citywide weekly positive test rate also increased last week and is still above the 5 percent threshold.

According to the BPHC 16,256 residents were tested citywide last week and 7.8 percent were COVID positive--this was a 13 percent increase from the 6.9 percent that reportedly tested positive for the week ending on April 25.

The BPHC reported there has been a 65 percent increase in COVID-19 cases over the past three weeks.

Health experts are saying the new subvariant of the omicron strain, known as BA.2, is now the dominant strain in the US and 30 percent more infectious than the

BA.1 omicron strain responsible for the last surge.

Dr. Ojikutu and the BPHC also reported last week the amount of COVID-19 particles in local wastewater samples has increased by 109 percent over a 14-day period, suggesting that cases could continue to rise in the coming weeks. New hospitalizations have also slowly risen in Boston during this time period.

With higher transmission levels, wearing a mask can prevent individuals from getting sick, testing can help stop the spread of COVID-19, and vaccination with boosting reduces the risk of severe illness and hospitalization.

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 1.5 percent last week and went from 175,628 to 178,291 confirmed cases since the start of the pandemic.

There were four additional deaths in Boston from the virus in the past week and the total number of COVID deaths is now at 1,458.

North End Community Health Committee awarded grant

MassDevelopment has awarded grants totaling \$1,056,010 to 22 community health centers across Massachusetts including North End Community Health Committee, Inc. through its Community Health Center Grant Program. The program offers grants of up to \$50,000 each to fund capital improvement projects including construction, renovation, equipment, furniture, technology-related projects, as well as facility needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The Commonwealth is fortunate to be home to many first-rate community health centers that provide critical care to families and individuals," said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chair of MassDevelopment's Board of Directors. "The Baker-Polito Administration is pleased to support these health centers that have proven themselves invaluable partners in our collective efforts to combat COVID-19 and address social challenges exacerbated by the pandemic."

"By providing affordable

health care and social services to vulnerable populations across Massachusetts, community health centers are indispensable assets in our neighborhoods," said MassDevelopment President and CEO Dan Rivera. "As we try to bounce back from the pandemic, it's as important as ever to support the critical capital projects and improvements of these organizations through our Community Health Center Grant Program."

The Community Health Center Grant Program is funded by the MassDevelopment/Massachusetts Health Educational Facilities Authority (HEFA) Charitable Trust. MassDevelopment offers other financing options to community health centers, including tax-exempt bond financing and TechDollars, a loan program to help nonprofits buy and install technology equipment.

"These grants are critical in the ongoing work of community health centers to serve their under-resourced communities," said Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers President and CEO Michael

Curry, Esq. "Funding that invests in medical equipment upgrades and facility improvements for community health centers means more care for more patients in need."

The following organizations received Community Health Center Grant Program awards in FY22.

North End Community Health Committee, Inc., Boston - \$50,000

Founded in 1971 as the first Italian-American health center in the United States, North End Community Health Committee, Inc. (NEW Health) is committed to improving the quality of health and life for the residents of Boston's North End, Waterfront, and Charlestown neighborhoods. An affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Medical Center, NEW Health serves patients by providing high-quality health care that is consumer oriented, culturally appropriate, neighborhood based, affordable, and that produces positive outcomes. The organization will use this grant to repair the roof at its North End location.

OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

APPROVED HOTEL NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Unless legal action is taken a hotel will be constructed on Cross Street, North End.

If no action is taken, residents, especially abutters, should begin working with the hotel owners and the developer to make the best of the situation.

They need to make sure construction goes as planned, as smoothly as possible with safety as the number one priority, and the development is within the scope of the project.

Residents need to make a hotel part of their community.

TAKE ACTION ON COLUMBUS PARK

Since there has been no real opposition raised for the renaming of Christopher Columbus Park, adjacent to The Greenway, it's time to get it done.

While the City obviously has more important things to do than renaming the park, it appears to be smooth sailing for the City to drop the anchor and take care of the issue once and for all.

The city needs to form a committee of real residents and neighborhood agencies to make it happen as soon as possible.

NEAA MAKES A GREAT CHOICE

Honoring and recognizing Patricia Tanso Romano for over 50 years of providing service and quality programs to the youth and families of the North End on opening day of the North End Athletic Association (NEAA) baseball season was a terrific choice.

Many women have contributed towards making the community a better place to live, work and play, Patricia is without question one of those people and is well deserving of the recognition.

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NSC COLLECTING ITEMS FOR SENIORS

Due to the cancellation of the annual ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) Mother's Day Party, the Center is seeking the following items to make it a special day for seniors.

The site is collecting supermarket gift cards, small potted plants, individually packaged treats, boxes of chocolate, unused toiletries such as soaps, hand soaps shampoo, conditioners, body wash and more.

For more details call 617-528-8125.

FULL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

Mamma Maria's Restaurant, 3 North Square is seeking an inter-family transfer of the all-alcoholic beverage restaurant license.

The license is currently held by Buccellati, Inc. d/b/a Mamma Maria to Buccellati LLC, d/b/a Mamma Maria and to change the manager of record.

A seating capacity increase is also being sought from 76 to 89. No construction needed for the increase.

The request was discussed at the April 26 North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA)

Zoning and Licensing Committee and a recommendation will be made to the full NEWRA public meeting on May 3.

HEALTH SERVICE CONDITIONS TO EXPAND

Years ago, one of the main goals of a group of North End residents was to establish a health center in the neighborhood to provide quality health services.

The dedicated and determined group were successful and the North End Health Center was established in the heart of the neighborhood on Hanover Street, where it was assessable from all areas of the community.

Now, NEWHealth, quality health services continue to expand.

FATHER RICK MARTIGNETTI CELEBRATES 25TH

Father Rick Martignetti, born and raised in the North End recently celebrated his 25th anniversary in the priesthood with family and friends.

Father Rick was an extremely friendly and popular person growing up in the community.

He was always involved in community activities and is a

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well-respected friend.

Congratulations Father Rick!

CREATE YOUR OWN WINDOW BOX

A Create Your Own Window Box Garden will be held on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

The Center will provide soil and plans for a minimum cost but you need to bring your own window box.

Learn the secrets of creating a window box from friends of Christopher Columbus Park Horticultural Chair Robyn Reed who will help participants create their own window box.

For details email info@foccp.org.

FOCCP SPRING SPECIAL MAY 25

Tia's Restaurant will be the site of this year's Friends of Christopher Columbus Park Spring Special.

The May 25 special will be a fun special with new friends and complementary appetizers.

No RSVP is needed. Free for members, non-members \$10 at the door.

FOCCP invites everyone to join the neighborhood organization or renew membership at the event

that usually draws a large crowd.

New membership is vital to help FOCCP, in collaboration with the City of Boston Parks Department maintain the beauty of the park, and support all the fun events held at the park throughout the year.

EAGLE BANK NSC PARTNER OF THE MONTH

ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) "Partner of the Month" is Eagle Bank that sponsored a hot lunch for 50 of the Center's clients on St. Patrick's Day.

The food, individual package lunches were delivered by NSC staff.

The meal consisted of chicken, ziti and eggplant and festive green cupcakes.

LANTERN LIGHTING RAISED \$130 THOUSAND

The Old North Foundation Lantern Lighting event raised \$130 thousand to support the historic society.

The enactment of the famous lantern signal depicted the signal that ignited the American Revolution.

SUMMER 2022 MOVIES AT COLUMBUS PARK

Plans for the 2022 Summer Movie Night at Christopher Columbus Park have been put together by FOCCP members.

They discussed, what favorite movie(s) should be shown under the stars and apparently finalized.

FOCCP is calling for assistance to spend an hour or two on June 25 to help create a magical afternoon for families at the park.

For details email info@foccp.org.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) Independence Day Celebration Committee is hard at work planning a fun-filled day on Saturday, June 25 from noon to 4 PM.

This fun-filled day is open to everyone due to FOCCP supportive members and sponsors who make the event possible.

The Color Guard from the USS Constitution will lead the children's parade through the park.

Jennie the Juggler, Peter the Magician and bubbles galore will once again participate.

Sesame Street characters will be visiting this year to sing and dance with the children.

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grandparents, return home with a deep commitment to service, and a desire to address the many problems that we face.

One such issue needing to be addressed is helping Veterans find purpose in their post-service lives. Truscott's apology to the dead are not empty words, but a strong voice reminding us that we have an obligation to choose resilience and purpose when faced with guilt or grief. As an example, Gold Star Families, who have experienced

tremendous loss, continue to serve their communities to maintain the legacy of the loved one they lost. I often recall a colleague of mine responding to the question "why do you do so much to help Veterans?" he simply held up his finger, choking back tears he responded, "for the one I couldn't save." By choosing to use his voice to advocate for other veterans, he not only helped them find their purpose – he found his own.

It's often said that for those who

have served "every day is Memorial Day," a traditionally silent observance in the Veteran's mind that can best be described as an impossible trinity made up of an overwhelming sense of guilt, grief, and grit. Usually, a moment of silence on this day is a welcomed and solemn way to honor the voices from our past, but for myself, after losing three former soldiers to suicide in the past few months, silence is no longer an option and the freedom to use our voice is the greatest gift that our veterans have to offer this Memorial Day.

Joseph Reagan is the Director of Military and Veterans Outreach for Wreaths Across America. He has almost 20 years experience working with leaders within Government, non-profit, and Fortune 500 companies to develop sustainable strategies supporting National Security, and Veterans' Health. He served 8 years on active duty as an officer in the U.S. Army including two tours to Afghanistan with the 10th Mountain Division. He is the recipient of multiple awards and decorations including the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

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Local officials react to Roe v. Wade leak

By John Lynds

The unprecedented leak to Politico Monday that five Supreme Court Justices may be gearing up to reverse the court's landmark decision that has protected a woman's right to choose for a half century has set off a firestorm of condemnations from pro-choice advocates and elected officials.

In 1973 the Roe v. Wade case, the Supreme Court issued a 7-2 decision that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The decision struck down many U.S. federal and state abortion laws at the time.

The first draft of a majority opinion written by Justice Alito leaked to Politico on overturning Roe v. Wade and Planned Parenthood v. Casey calls the Roe decision "egregiously wrong from the start". Alito's opinion would allow states to decide on abortion restrictions or guarantees after nearly fifty years of federal constitutional protection.

"This is a devastating moment for our country, when lives are being threatened by a fringe minority determined to drag us back to the dangers of decades past," remarked Mayor Michelle Wu. "It's also a call to action—that Massachusetts must continue to lead. In Boston, we affirm our absolute commitment to protecting reproductive rights as core to building a city for everyone. We are here. We are ready. And we will continue to organize and legislate and fight for the future our communities deserve."

Sen. Elizabeth Warren asked every member of the Senate,

"What other judicial outrage must we endure from this illegitimate majority before we act? A stolen, illegitimate, and far-right Supreme Court majority appears set to destroy the right to abortion, an essential right which protects the health, safety, and freedom of millions of Americans."

Warren said there was no other recourse but to expand the Supreme Court.

Warren was backed by Sen. Ed Markey who called for the end of the filibuster.

"Codify Roe v. Wade with a national law protecting abortion rights," he said. "Expand the Supreme Court and stop this horrifying injustice in its tracks."

Last week, the Massachusetts House reaffirmed its commitment to reproductive care by providing funding for reproductive care providers in its FY23 budget,

"While the news of the last 24 hrs have been shocking, it only reaffirms our commitment in protecting women's reproductive rights," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz. "I'm proud the last four budgets we have passed have included Title X funding, the Roe Act and, most recently, \$500,000 for access. We will continue to lead."

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he fully supports Roe v. Wade.

"As a prosecutor and the chief law enforcement official in Suffolk County, I will always work in support of laws that protect access to reproductive healthcare," he said. "Equitable access to health services – not just in Massachusetts but across our nation – helps ensure the rights and wellbeing of every woman. Public health is key to public safety, and it is a priority of my office."



200 YEARS YOUNG

The 200th anniversary of Boston being established a city on May 1, 1822 was commemorated with a gathering of city councilors and the Mayor at the Old South Meeting House, a procession to Old City Hall and a flag raising ceremony at City Hall Plaza on Sunday evening, May 1, 2022.

Countdown to federal REAL ID requirement's begins

The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) is reminding customers of the federal requirement that anyone traveling by plane domestically, or wishing to enter certain federal buildings, will need acceptable identification credentials, effective May 3, 2023. Acceptable credentials can include an RMV-issued REAL ID driver's license or ID, or a valid passport. The Registry is encouraging customers who are seeking a REAL ID compliant license or identification card to make an appointment at a statewide RMV Service Center to secure this credential before the federal requirement takes effect next year.

"While federal REAL ID travel requirements won't take effect until May 2023, and customers with a valid passport may never need a REAL ID, the RMV and our partners at AAA stand ready to accommodate and provide plenty of time for customers to take advantage of a REAL ID upgrade," said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. "Customers are encouraged to take time now to check the expiration date on their Massachusetts driver's licenses or identification cards, and if seeking a REAL ID, plan ahead and be pre-

pared by having available all of the required documentation needed to secure this credential."

"As of May 3, 2023, travelers will need a REAL ID or valid passport to fly at all U.S. airports," said Massport Director of Aviation Ed Freni. "We don't want passengers to be in a position where they can't fly so we are urging passengers to get their REAL ID before the deadline next year."

The RMV has posted helpful information on REAL ID requirements that customers can use to prepare for their in-person visits, including convenient document checklists to help pre-stage REAL ID applications, at Mass.Gov/ID. Documents required for this transaction include two proofs of Massachusetts residency, proof of a full Social Security Number (SSN), and proof of lawful presence. These required documents must be original or certified versions. The RMV recommends customers check these documents early, as well as to order replacements before license/ID expiration.

Currently, Massachusetts is at 41% REAL ID adoption with over 2.3 million credentials being REAL ID compliant. Customers are eligible to renew up to one year

in advance of the expiration date printed on their license or ID, and up to two years after the expiration date. Currently, roughly 1 million license/ID holders in the state have cards expiring within the next 12 months, and they are now eligible to renew early and receive a REAL ID upgrade by making an appointment at an RMV Service Center or AAA location, if you are a member.

Prior to May 3, 2023, customers will not yet need a federally compliant REAL ID for the purposes of boarding domestic flights or entering certain federal buildings. The fee for renewing a non-commercial standard or REAL ID license is \$50 (\$25 for a Mass ID), while the fee for upgrading to a standard or REAL ID card is \$25.

Appointments can be scheduled by RMV customers by visiting the RMV's Online Service Center at Mass.Gov/RMV or if you are a AAA member at <https://northeast.aaa.com/automotive/registry-services/schedule-rmv>.

For additional information and details on these and other RMV service offerings, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv.



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North End Waterfront Health CEO James Luisi to retire

By John Lynds

After over three decades of service and being responsible for the creation of a 140 bed nursing home and an elderly housing development in the neighborhood, North End Waterfront Health (NEW Health) CEO James Luisi is set to retire next month.

Luisi, who emerged as a local and national leader in the community health field, announced last week that he would retire after 34 years as CEO of NEW Health, which has sites in the North End and Charlestown.

Luisi said he will step down June 1 and become CEO Emeritus before fully retiring on June 30. Vincenzo Scibelli, Chief Operations Officer, will serve as Interim CEO while a successor is recruited.



Longtime North End Waterfront Health CEO James Luisi will retire in June.

"I have been honored these last 34 years to lead an exceptional group of dedicated professionals who always strive to provide the best care to our patients and com-

munities. While we have faced many challenges over the years, this job has brought me so much joy and satisfaction knowing the difference we have made in people's lives," said Luisi. "As long as we continue to empower people to self-care while contributing to their health and well-being, community health centers will continue to be the model for health care in this country."

Luisi began his NEW Health career as a college student in the late 1970s when the health center had one location with 25 employees and a budget of \$400,000. He advanced through senior leadership to the CEO role with the goal of providing the highest quality care to the most vulnerable residents of the North End, Waterfront, Charlestown and surrounding areas. Today, NEW Health has three locations and a

staff of 175 with a yearly budget of over \$25 million.

"One of Jim's greatest accomplishments during his decades of service has been creating needed programs and services for elder residents," said Jason Aluia, NEW Health Board Chair. "He created a home care program in the 1980s, was involved with the creation of a 140-bed nursing home in the 1990s, and he spearheaded a low-income senior housing project in the 2000s. He continues to find ways to create innovative programs for our seniors."

Under his leadership, NEW Health became the only Massachusetts health center receiving the federal government's top award in quality for the third consecutive year. The National Quality Leader and Health Center Quality Leader by the Quality Improvement Awards of the

Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is a federal agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. As past Board Chair for both the Mass. League of Community Health Centers and the National Association of Community Health Centers, Luisi's vision has helped shape the direction of the Commonwealth's 52 health centers and the nation's 1500 health centers over the last 20 years.

"Jim and the health center have always been the cornerstone of the community – not just in health care but in taking care of many social needs of our residents like food insecurity and housing," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz. "During the height of the pandemic, NEW Health also provided crucial testing and vaccination. Jim's leadership will be missed by us all."

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ABOUT T.M.

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COLETTA (from pg. 1)

while Del Rio received 525 votes (30%).

In the North End, Coletta also bested Del Rio by 336 votes and received 487 votes (52%) overall to Del Rio's 151 votes (16%). Write-in votes for the North End's Jorge Mendoza accounted for 32% of the vote in the North End.

Coletta served as Sen. Lydia Edwards's Chief of Staff before leaving Edwards's City Council staff last summer to become the External Relations Manager at the New England Aquarium.

Before running for the District 1 seat Coletta was leading efforts to ensure the downtown waterfront remains resilient, inclusive, and accessible for all Bostonians by expanding access to the Aquarium and its home on Central Wharf for BIPOC and non-English speaking individuals and families.

Prior to becoming Edwards's Chief of Staff, Coletta led Edwards's successful and historic campaign in 2017 as campaign manager. As Campaign Manager Coletta activated and mobilized a grassroots campaign consisting of a broad coalition of residents, unions, volunteers, and advocacy groups numbering over 500 people - all of whom felt disenfranchised by the political establishment. In the end Coletta's work helped elect Edwards as the first African-American woman to represent District 1.

After the election Coletta was appointed by Edwards as her Chief of Staff. There she centered and amplified the lived experiences of those systemically overlooked in every policy discussion, constituent case, and civic engagement initiative. She spent the entirety of her tenure in the neighborhoods of Eastie, the North End and Charlestown, understanding constituents' concerns to build bridges between differing populations.

Prior to Edward's 2017 victory, Coletta was Rep. Adrian Madaro's Community Liaison where she sat shoulder-to-shoulder with community members for years listening and learning about their priorities. She served as Madaro field director during his successful 2015 special election campaign.

Coletta was elected as the Democratic State Committeewoman for the 1st Suffolk and Middlesex district in 2016 and to the Ward 1 Democratic Committee in 2020.

She was also the Associate Director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus (MWPC), where she furthered MWPC's mission to recruit, elect, and train women to run for office

across Massachusetts while creating strategies to elect endorsed candidates for its Political Action Committee. She has become a frequent guest trainer for Emerge Massachusetts, where she advises women seeking to run for office or manage campaigns for female candidates.

Coletta is a graduate of Boston Latin Academy. She received a degree in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts at Boston as well as a minor in Human Rights.

She currently lives in Eastie with her partner, Sebastian Zapata, and in her spare time loves to cook dishes that honor her Italian and Mexican heritage.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with Councilor Ricardo Arroyo.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta and Liana LaMattina.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta cuts her victory cake at her campaign's victory party.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta is interviewed after her win Tuesday night as her partner Sebastian Zapata looks on.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with Councilor Kenzie Bok.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with former District 1 City Councilor Diane Modica.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta and Sen. Lydia Edwards.



District 1 City Councilor-elect Gabriela Coletta with Charlestown Rep. Dan Ryan and her other Charlestown supporters at Tuesday's victory party. Charlestown came out big for Coletta during the election.

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Outdoor dining begins in the North End

By John Lynds

Despite some contention over Mayor Michelle Wu's \$7,500 fee imposed on North End restaurant owners to buy into this season's outdoor dining program, alfresco dining kicked off in the neighborhood Sunday.

Mayor Wu announced that the \$7500 fee for outdoor dining in the North End can be paid in monthly increments. Restaurants will only be required to pay for the months that they choose to participate in the program. In addition, she also announced 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 have a liquor license.

Wu did not back down on the fee, which some North End restaurant owners argued put an unfair burden on their businesses, and said it will be used to mitigate the impact of outdoor dining on North End residents. The concerns made by North End residents included increases in congestion, traffic, lack of parking and an increase in trash and rodents.

Last year, the North End was home 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. The neighborhood is home to the densest concentration of restaurants in the state.

"Having over 90 liquor licenses

in such a small residential community has always been a challenge, but with outdoor dining it has become particularly daunting for all of us," said Rep. Aaron Michlewitz after the Mayor and business owners worked out a compromise on the \$7,500 fee. "Expanding a restaurant onto a street may not seem like a big deal in other parts of the city, but it's a big deal in the North End. At the same time, we're very grateful for the contributions and generosity of our local restaurants."

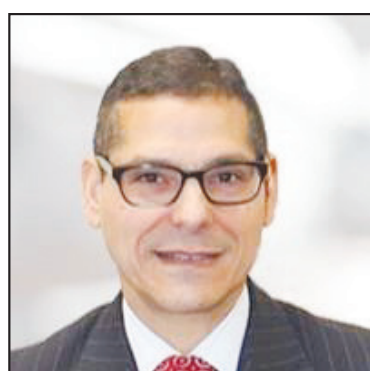
Throughout the duration of outdoor dining in the North End new closing hours will be implemented. From Sunday through Thursday patios must close at 9:30 p.m. with all patrons off premises by 10:00 p.m. On Friday and Saturday patios must close at 10:30 p.m. with all patrons off premises by 11:00 p.m.

NSMHA taps Veteran Behavioral Health Executive Damien Cabezas as next CEO

North Suffolk Mental Health Association's Board of Directors has announced that veteran behavioral healthcare executive Damien Cabezas will succeed Jackie K. Moore, Ph.D., as Chief Executive Officer of the Chelsea, Mass.-based behavioral health nonprofit. Cabezas starts on June 13 and Moore will assist through the transition.

"In her 17 years of service to our organization and the people we serve, Jackie has NSMHA positioned as one of the most innovative and responsive providers of behavioral healthcare in Massachusetts," said Board President Deborah Wayne, O.D. "We believe that Damien is the right person to build on her successes and lead our organization into the future."

Cabezas comes to NSMHA from Mercy Care in Atlanta, where he is president of the federally-qualified health center that offers a continuum of integrated behavioral and medical health care, including dental and vision services. Prior to Mercy Care, Cabezas was CEO of Horizon Behavioral Health in Lynchburg, VA, for more than seven years, overseeing a budget of \$52 million with more than 700 employees



Damien Cabezas.

and 35 locations.

The son of immigrants who grew up in New York, Cabezas earned a Master of Social Work degree from Fordham and a Master of Public Health from New York Medical College. He has experience working in and leading a wide variety of programming that mirrors the many services offered by NSMHA, including day programs, outpatient and residential programs, and substance use, addiction and recovery services.

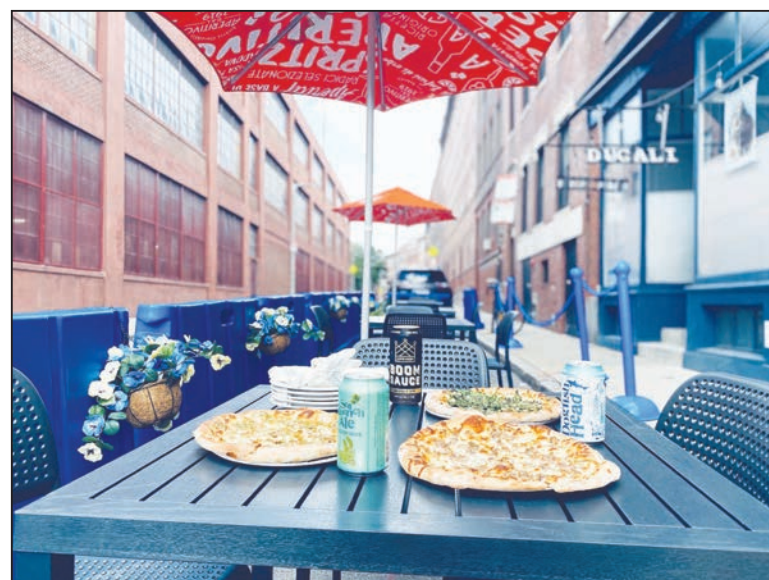
"The first time I visited Chelsea, met the Board and staff and visited the neighborhoods and programs, it felt like home," Cabezas said. "As a son of immigrants, my parents received support from

the non-profit community, family, and friends to get back on their feet. That personal experience led me at a young age to know that public service was my calling. I am humbled and thrilled to lead this amazing organization and mission and I look forward to partnering with the North Suffolk Board, leadership, team, and community. The opportunities are many and the future is bright."

Founded in 1959, NSMHA has an operating budget of about \$65 million and employs more than 900 people in over 75 programs throughout Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, Charlestown and Boston. It serves adults, children and families of all ages who are experiencing mental health challenges and substance use disorders; those with developmental disabilities; or those who need Early Intervention services from birth to age 3. The agency provides services in nine languages, including ASL, through its four outpatient clinics; 39 residences, including two providing residential addiction treatment; and three Recovery Support Centers. It operates a robust Training Center as well as a 24/7/365 Recovery Support hotline.



Ducali's outdoor dining patio (shown above and below) on Prince Street in the North End. The 2022 outdoor dining season kicked off Sunday in the North End.



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Public art manager works on MLK memorial on Boston Common

By Lauren Bennett

King Boston broke ground on the Embrace Memorial, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife Coretta Scott King, on April 27 with a ceremony at the Parkman Bandstand on the Boston Common.

Imari Paris Jeffries, Executive Director of King Boston, was joined by colleagues from King Boston, as well as Boston's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Embrace designer Hank Willis Thomas, Amandi Music, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, Governor Charlie Baker, and US Attorney Rachael Rollins, as well as supporters and funders, for the celebration, which took place on what would have been Coretta Scott King's 95th birthday.

The Embrace Memorial will be a 22 foot bronze sculpture depicting the hands and arms of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, based on a 1964 photo of the two after King found out he had won the Nobel Peace Prize.

The design was chosen out of 126 submissions from around the globe by an art team at King Boston and the City of Boston, after being narrowed down to five finalists. The Embrace was designed by Hank Willis Thomas and MASS Design Group, and will be located near the Tremont Street side of the Boston Common.

According to a press release, "The monument will be the country's largest memorial dedicated to equity representing Boston's path to becoming the city where all are welcome and a place of opportunity for everyone."

Imari Paris Jeffries said at the

event, "this moment represents the power of all of us and is part of a vision to create a radically and equitable and inclusive Boston, by 2030, the city's 400th birthday."

Along with the Embrace Memorial, King Boston has plans for a Center for Economic Justice, which, according to the King Boston website, will be "grounded in community engagement and aimed at generating the data and knowledge needed to inform movements at the grassroots level and beyond." The center will eventually become a "research institute," and partner with "community groups, coalitions, and other stakeholders," the website states.

Sam Giarratani, a public art manager who worked closely with Hank Willis Thomas on the design side of the memorial process, is a Revere native and moved to Winthrop when she was a teenager.

"It's been incredible, for lack of a better word," Giarratani told the Transcript. "I started this in 2018 and through the pandemic, through mayoral shifts, it's still happening and there's a huge hole in the ground and I'm just really proud of my city that it's actually happening."

Giarratani is a founder of Negative Space, LLC, a NYC-based production management company for public art campaigns.

"I operate behind the scenes for the artwork," she said—"coordinating the vision."

She added, "It's a really interesting arts administrative role." She said she works "really closely and collaboratively" with those involved in the project, including landscape designers and the visionaries behind the idea to put a memorial on the Boston Common.



PHOTO BY CRAIG BAILEY

On April 27, King Boston, City of Boston officials, and supporters dug the ceremonial dirt in front of the future site of the Embrace Memorial, signifying the groundbreaking of the sculpture on the Boston Common.

Giarratani said she was happy to see "so many people come out in support of this project" at the groundbreaking last Wednesday.

"Just like seeing people from all industries show up, I think, is telling that this is a really important groundbreaking thing that's happening—not only to put a monument in one of the oldest parks in the country, but to sort of talk about the racial history that we have and I know Boston can sort of gloss over some of the issues it's had in the past," she said. "This is sort of a show that they're ready to actually commit and do the work."

She praised King Boston for its work in "uplifting the Black community in Boston," and said she looks forward to people interacting with the memorial, which is set to be officially unveiled on Martin Luther King, Jr. day next year.

She said she hopes the Embrace Memorial will become as important to the park as the Make Way for Ducklings statue has become.

"I'm hoping that it becomes part of the ecosystem of the park, and I'm excited to see people taking pictures underneath it and reading around it and just kind of adding to the backdrop."

Giarratani said that construction will continue through December, when the piece is expected to be fully installed.

"I'm just super grateful," she said.

At the groundbreaking, Rev. Mariama-White Hammond led a land acknowledgement, reminding those in attendance that the land that is now the Boston Common is the "traditional homelands of the Massachusetts tribe." She added, "we are so glad today to celebrate the legacies of the Kings and their love."

Embrace designer Hank Willis Thomas thanked those who were involved in making this memorial possible, saying "this is an amazing amalgamation of so many people's love for humanity; love for the possibility of what we can do and what can happen when we work together."

Barry Gaither, a member of the art selection committee of King Boston, spoke about the selection process and why The Embrace was chosen as the winner.

"We came to the Embrace," he said, "and it presented us with the great problem of 'how do you express love in an intimate and global sense simultaneously?' The Embrace represented that distillation of gesture."

Governor Charlie Baker also made remarks, saying that "this is the sort of thing that requires everybody to embrace the notion that every day, if you're not moving forward, you're moving back."

He continued, "and I really do hope this memorial and all it stands for, and the work that will be done by the center going for-

ward, will be there as a constant reminder to all of us what's left to be done and why it's so important that it be done here in the Commonwealth and here in the City of Boston."

Mayor Michelle Wu quoted Coretta Scott King in her remarks. "The birthday matriarch we are celebrating today said once, 'the greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members.'"

Wu continued, "What I love about this moment and what we are about to do, to break ground in a season of breaking fast, in a season of reminding each and every one of us of our place of belonging rooted in the greater community is that not only are we embracing our history, our role as a city in this partnership that changed the world forevermore between the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr and Coretta Scott King, our history in crating the spaces that would get passed down generation after generation, but also our role in signifying every single day that we embrace everyone who finds their way to Boston."

She added, "this is a city that is a city for everyone."

For more information about the memorial and about King Boston, visit kingboston.org, and for more information about Sam Giarratani's company, visit <https://negativespace.rocks>.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through May 14

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.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL WORK

On Saturday 5/30, a signal cabinet will be placed in City Square. Work begins at 6:00 a.m. and will end around 10:00 a.m.

During installation, signals at City Square will be flashing. Police detail will be available to assist with guiding traffic.

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

Pothole repair

WORK HOURS

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

TRAVEL TIPS

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:

EVENTS: 5/5 at 7:00 p.m., 5/9 at 7:30 p.m., and 5/10 at 7:30 p.m.

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Lydia Edwards says farewell to the Boston City Council

By John Lynds

Last Wednesday Sen. Lydia Edwards delivered her final speech inside the Boston City Council Chambers after a five year tenure representing District 1, which includes East Boston, Charlestown and the North End.

Edwards's time on the Council officially came to an end at midnight on April 30 and she will now focus on her work as a member of the Massachusetts Senate. Edwards was elected to the First Suffolk & Middlesex seat in January but decided to pull double duty as a senator and city councilor until last Friday.

"I don't normally struggle with what to say but this has been very hard," said an emotional Edwards at the end of last week's City Council meeting. "I will first say thank you to the people I owe such immense gratitude to—by that I mean the ones who busted through some of these barriers to allow for some of us to be here today. I'm talking about Maureen Finney. I'm talking about Diane Modica from East Boston. I'm talking about Peggy Davis Mullen. These women are part of breaking a lot of barriers and making sure that us women can be here today."

Edwards reflected on her first year in the Council as part of the so-called "Sensational Six", which included Edwards, Ayanna Pressley, Michelle Wu, Kim Janey, Andrea Campbell and Anniessa Essaibi George. The group was given the honorary title because it was the first time six women of color served together on the Boston City Council.

"I'm the last of the six," said Edwards. "We were put on the cover of Boston Magazine and we took this famous photo and when you look at that picture we were six city councilors (at the time). Now that picture is of a U.S. Congresswoman, a future Attorney General, a Senator, two Mayors so that is amazing and I want to thank them. Kim Jeany

and I came in at the same time, but the other four women were there before us and were trailblazers."

Edwards went on to thank her current and former City Council colleagues that she served with along the way.

"I honestly have to say thank you," she said. "I learned so much from all of you and the patience that you gave me. This body is special and while it is completely different now than when I first came in, the ability to truly become friends and call on each other is something so deeply unique. I hope that you don't ever give that up. Stand up for each other. You are the Boston City Council and you should stand with each other."

Edwards also gave a shout-out to the Council's Central Staff that she said are instrumental in keeping the Council going.

"To the Central Staff, you're the backbone of this institution and I am so grateful to have worked for you," said Edwards. "You've raised a huge bar and your approachability, your dedication to the body and wanting us to be our very best. You have been under-appreciated and there was not a day that you didn't meet your 10 out of 10 every single time."

Edwards went on to thank her current and past City Council staff like Gabriela Coletta, Joel Wool, Kathy Carangelo, Ricardo Patron, Jesse Purvis and Judy Evers among others.

"So to my family, also known as my staff, if I look like I didn't miss a beat when I lost my partner. It's because my staff was literally holding me up," said Edwards, who went on to tell anecdotes and stories of each staff member that served in her office over the years.

"I'm deeply grateful to every single section of my district," Edwards continued. "When I first ran I heard stories about how I would never have been able to walk in the North End 10 years ago but the community treats me like I'm their granddaughter. Once



Sen. Lydia Edwards joined colleagues and friends for a party celebrating her last day on the Council.



Councilor Kenzie Bok and Sen. Lydia Edwards.



Sen. Lydia Edwards and Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune.

you're your family, your family.

East Boston is an incredible neighborhood that is growing—sometimes too fast—but it's a beautiful neighborhood and I'm so happy, so happy it's diverse. Charlestown will always be my second home and was the toughest nut to crack. Many people told me about Charlestown and that I would never win it. Then I went to Charlestown and talked to mothers who lost their children to addiction. I talked to people who were wanting to get into the Union. I talked to people who wanted to pay rent. I talked to people who were proud of my mother's military service. Ultimately we won Charlestown because we were real, we didn't promise too much and didn't pretend to be anything we weren't."

In the end Edwards said she was proud of everything she was able to accomplish with the help of her colleagues during her time on the Council and is looking forward to continuing to support her friends on the Council in her new role as Senator.

"I'm sad to leave," she concluded. "But it's time and I love you all and I'm grateful for all of your friendships."



Mayor Michelle Wu (left) joined Sen. Lydia Edwards to celebrate her final day on the City Council last week.



Michael Bonetti (right) and Sen. Lydia Edwards poses with friends, colleagues and supporters last Wednesday.

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Ukrainian decorated tree at Columbus Park

By Phil Orlandella

A member of the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, Meredith Pisotelli, came up with a plan for FOCCP to stand in solidarity with the people of the Ukraine.

Meredith Pisotelli designed a tree near the entrance of the park from Richmond Street for this purpose, which has had many people visiting the site.

In response to the message at

the base of the tree, neighbors have left a variety of tributes showing support for the people of the Ukraine.

FOCCP encourages everyone to see the tree and use their imagination to design some blue and yellow creations and hang them on the tree.

Participants can place a rock painted with a saying, a Ukraine flag, or tie a blue and yellow ribbon to hang on the branches.

To help finance the FOCCP effort email info@foccp.org.



Ukraine awareness tree at Columbus Park.

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Daffodils line Marathon route and Columbus Park Trellis

By Phil Orlandella

The entire route of this year's Boston Marathon was aligned with thousands of yellow daffodils.

The trellis at Christopher Columbus Park was lined with hundreds of them as well.

Placing daffodils along the route is a way to remember the 2013 bombing and those that lost their lives, were injured and those who rush to their aid.

Apparently more than 8,000 bulbs were started in the Netherlands in the summer and shipped to Olsons Greenhouse in Raynham and spread throughout the Marathon routes.

One of the co-owners Matthew Piscitelli was at the finish line at the time of the bombing and wanted to do his part to honor all those affected that day.

He and co-owner Olive Olson nurtured the daffodils from bulb to flower over the winter.



Co-owners of Olson's Greenhouses in Raynham, Mass Olive Olson (l) and Matthew Piscitelli (r) are shown presenting Matthew's mother Meredith with potted daffodils at Columbus Park.

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