



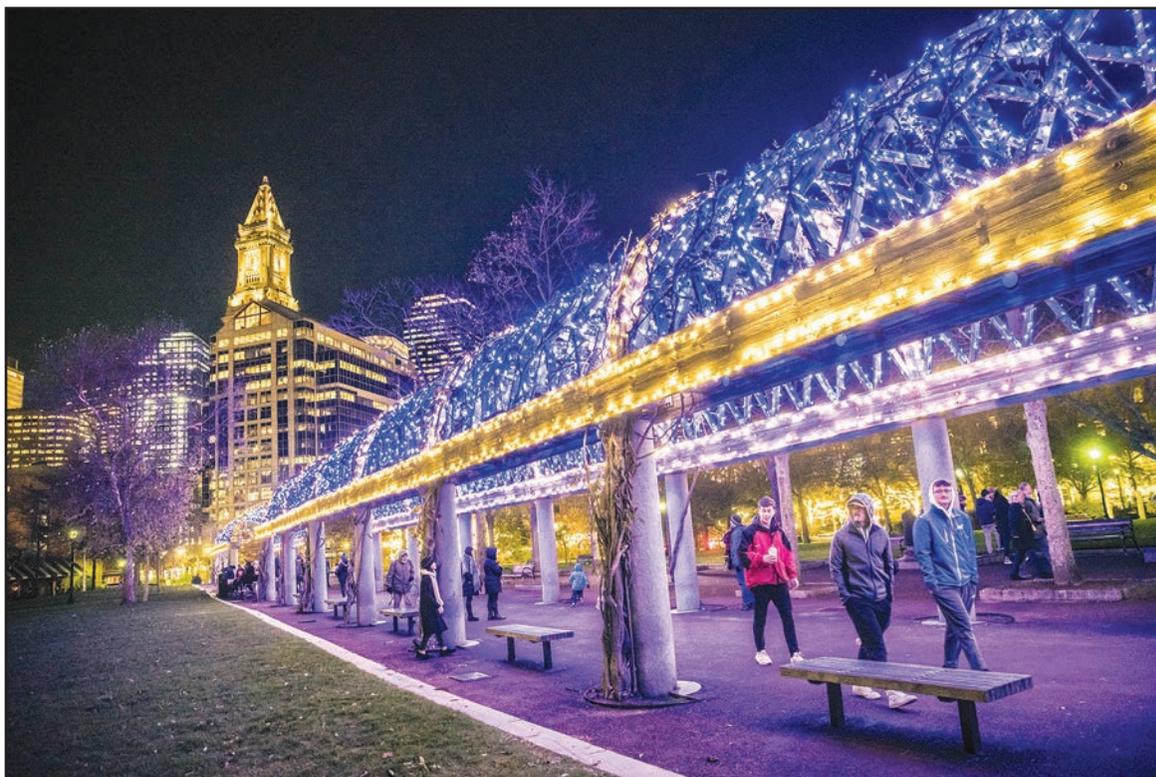
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COLUMBUS PARK TRELLIS LIGHTING



The first of many upcoming Holiday lightings occurred the Monday before Thanksgiving as the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park was lit. Pictured above, the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park lights up adding to the Boston Skyline.

Pictured right, Boston Mayor Michelle Wu asking with the rest of the event's luminaries enlisted the help of the kids to lift up Christopher Columbus Park. See Pages 6 and 7 for more photos.



North End residents hear from new BPDA director

By Stephen Quigley

Six months into the top job at the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), Arthur Jemison recently accepted an invitation to hear the concerns of residents at a joint meeting of the North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council and the North End Waterfront Residents Association.

Jemison is no stranger to Boston. He worked at the Boston

Redevelopment Authority (BRA) in the early 1990s and most recently served as deputy assistant secretary at the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Jemison pointed out that the original mission of the BRA in the 1950s and 60s was to get rid of blighted, substandard housing -- also known as urban renewal -- but that is not the case today.

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NEMPAC SCHOLARSHIPS



NEMPAC Congratulates the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship 2022 Award recipients (from left to right) Ferdinand Carangelo, Alexandra Rosa Perrina, Cameron Esposito, Alexandru Cristescu, Sabina Cohen, and Angelina DeLuca.

Ex. Director of NEMPAC, Sherri Snow, states "thanks to the very generous support of our community members at the North End Cornhole Classic Tournament held last June, the fund was able to increase its awards this year to eight students, six at NEMPAC and two from the Community Music Center of Boston. Thank you, State Rep. Michlewitz, for making a difference in local youth lives here in the North End through music and arts education!"

The Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund, founded in 2014, continues to preserve the legacy of a woman who loved children and the arts. The Scholarship was established by Geraldine's son, Representative Aaron Michlewitz.

NEWNC ZLC Committee agenda items

By Phil Orlandella

Two agenda items were addressed by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) Zoning and Licensing Committee.

The new owners of 341 Hanover Street, the Wine Bottega, Ani Ajeman and Matthew Diekmann

have applied to the Licensing Board to transfer the existing retail wine and malt license to their company GNILES LLC.

Heart and Sole retail store, 354-356 Hanover Street, new building owner seeks to change the occupancy from two residential units and one store to three residential units and one store. No interim changes have been requested.

Christopher T. Fiumara, building owner of 38B Fleet Street is seeking to change the legal occupancy from five residential units and one detached retail store to five residential units and one detached take-out, small restaurant (a conditional use) in the multi-family residential subdistrict.

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Wu announces steps to transition to renewable energy

Mayor Michelle Wu announced next steps to purchase renewable energy for municipal properties in Boston in the form of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Through power purchase agreements (PPAs) the City seeks to purchase renewable energy from external suppliers, empowering the market as a guaranteed buyer. This announcement is a step towards achieving Boston's environmental goals that are at the intersection of equity, green jobs, and renewable energy. This procurement is part of a larger initiative to expand additional investments in municipal energy efficiency, accelerate local energy grid transformation while creating new economic opportunities and green jobs. This structure builds off of Renew Boston Trust (RBT), a City of Boston program that finances energy efficiency projects through its projected energy cost savings. The guiding principles of RBT creates green jobs, fosters cost savings, and reduces emissions through energy audits and conservation upgrades for municipal buildings.

"When the City of Boston invests in green, renewable energy, we all benefit," said Mayor

Michelle Wu. "This procurement will help us run our municipal buildings off of clean energy, while also creating green jobs and improving community health for generations to come."

Throughout Boston, buildings account for nearly 70% of greenhouse gas emissions, and City-owned buildings account for nearly three-quarters of emissions from local municipal operations. To transition to a renewable energy supplier, the City of Boston is seeking proposals from qualified applicants to provide approximately 15,000 MWh per year of electricity to the City's energy portfolio, which accounts for about 10 percent of the City's annual energy needs. The City of Boston currently purchases 20 percent renewable energy, which is in alignment with the state's renewable portfolio standard. The City of Boston will work gradually to increase renewable energy sources within the current energy portfolio while helping to invest in local projects that bring co-benefits to the Boston community, with a particular focus on environmental justice neighborhoods. By providing multiple smaller procurement opportunities annually and

by setting clear planning horizons, the City of Boston can reduce barriers and support the creation of a diverse, regional energy market.

"By stepping out as the first purchaser for renewable energy projects, the City of Boston will stimulate the market to meet our energy needs in a way that is resilient and supports the creation of exciting new workforce opportunities," said Reverend Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space. "This is an investment in our communities and our collective future and I am thrilled to support Boston in this work."

In addition to reducing municipal carbon emissions, the City is encouraging "renewable resource additionality", which is the development of new, local green energy sources to be incorporated into the energy grid. This step can help foster workforce opportunities and a cleaner, more resilient energy supply. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, workforce development within the solar and wind energy industries are projected to have the fastest employment growth between 2020 to 2030. Wind turbine service technicians are expected to see a 68 percent

increase in workforce growth and solar photovoltaic installer careers are projected to increase by 52 percent. The data also shows that each of these occupations had a median annual wage that was higher than the \$45,760 median for all workers in 2021.

"As a Green New Deal City, we look for climate investments that provide a return on climate mitigation, economic justice, and quality of life," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Green New Deal Director. "We are harnessing Boston's energy use to push the development of more renewable energy in our region. With an ambitious and step-wise timeline for decarbonization, we hope to draw new businesses into the market with each procurement."

In addition to increasing renewable energy usage within municipal properties, the City of Boston is working across sectors to ensure all of our residents have access to affordable, clean energy. The City is encouraging residents to assess their current energy supplier and enroll in Boston's Community Choice Electricity (BCCE) program. Energy prices are expected to increase significantly this winter while BCCE's rates are locked in

until December 2023. Currently, all three tiers of BCCE's pricing is lower than Eversource's basic service rates, meaning residents can choose to power their homes and businesses on 100 percent local, renewable energy for less than Eversource's basic service rate. Residents can opt in or out of the program at any time by visiting boston.gov/bcce or by calling 3-1-1.

In addition to sharing the RFQ, the City will pursue a variety of strategies to achieve its net-zero emissions goal including the implementation of energy conservation measures, the electrification of City operations, and the reduction and eventual elimination of the carbon emissions associated with its annual electricity requirements. This announcement is a key step towards realizing a city-wide Green New Deal for Boston while achieving our carbon neutrality goals and working toward creating workforce opportunities in the energy sector. These strategies expand upon Mayor Wu's recent work to audit all public exterior lighting in Boston and the beginning of Renew Boston Trust Phase III.

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NEWRA/WECA claims business as usual at BPDA

By Phil Orlandella

Back in August, the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) and the West End Civic Association (WECA) after learning of a potential development of a 700-foot tower on Causeway and North Washington Streets in the Bulfinch Triangle sent a letter to Arthur Jemison, Chief of Planning and Director of the Boston Planning Development Agency seeking information and community input into any construction plans.

Reportedly, the groups heard from certain stakeholders who were approached by commercial real estate management company RMR Group that there is a development proposal involving the construction of a multi-used tower (700-feet) that could replace the existing renovated 100-year-old buildings at 251 Causeway Street, 126-132 and 100 Washington Street.

NEWRA and WECA are disappointed and discouraged with Jemison's letter of reply and

claimed it does not respond to the requests noted in their letter.

"We requested information from the BPDA regarding RMR's project proposal," they said.

The request was based on the group's assumption that BPDA staff had already met with the developer, and assumption confirmed by the Boston Globe on August 5.

Jemison's reply that "no plans have been filed yet" continues to leave NEWRA/WECA with no information about the project or the discussions the BPDA has had with the developer.

"We are concerned at the apparent lack of public transparency in the BPDA's development discussions," the community groups noted.

A request was also made that project review under Article 80 not commence until the city conducted and completes a planning process with public involvement for the Bulfinch Triangle.

The purpose of the planning process would be to consider possible changes to the Zoning Code to establish updated, public sup-

ported guidelines for new development and future protection and sustainability of the district.

NEWRA/WECA believe, "It is too dangerous to continue to rezone the city with the narrow focus of Article 80 reviews, project by project and parcel by parcel."

They added, "Your request indicates a BPDA business as usual attitude where you state that Article 80 may commence at the developer's discretion without any proceedings, plans or other community outreach by the City."

The groups claim their "requests were based on Mayor Michelle Wu's commitment to bring planning and community involvement ahead of project review."

They claim, "This can be accomplished now by the BPDA and Jemison's leadership."

NEWRA/WECA said, "They understand that Mayor Wu believes that to fully realize this change for the future of Boston, the City's planning function should be separated from the redevelopment process and the redevelopment process should be reformed."

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Wu announces “Meet Me in the City,” new holiday initiative

Mayor Michelle Wu this month announced the launch of “Meet Me in the City,” a new initiative designed to encourage local tourism through special events, performances, and holiday shopping in Boston’s Downtown and neighborhoods. “Meet Me in the City” encourages residents and visitors to come into the city and support local businesses in Downtown and across every neighborhood.

“Our small businesses and cultural institutions are the foundation of our communities and drive our local economy,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “We all benefit from more tourism coming to Boston. As we enter this holiday weekend and approach the new year, I encourage everyone to come experience the vibrancy of our neighborhoods and shop locally here in Boston.”

Boston’s dynamic small businesses and arts and cultural institutions are critical to the local economy, especially during this year’s holiday shopping and entertainment season. With holiday spending forecasted by the Massachusetts Retailers Association to increase 10 percent statewide compared to 2021 and an 8 percent inflation rate, the “Meet Me in the City” initiative encourages residents and visitors in the greater Boston area to experience the city and invest in our communities.

Following a recent report by the City and Boston Consulting Group detailing some of the challenges facing Downtown Boston, Mayor Wu along with key City and business leaders have re-launched PLAN: Downtown. The plan, in conjunction with the Downtown Revitalization report,

sets a roadmap for the City to reimagine Downtown Boston as a truly inclusive neighborhood filled with new homes, diverse businesses, world-class public spaces, vibrant nightlife, and a thriving arts and culture scene.

“This initiative is an important step to encourage residents and visitors alike to shop local and increase consumer spending during the holiday season,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “More than 50 percent of Americans shop small on Small Business Saturday, and this campaign will help drive activity to Boston’s Downtown and neighborhood districts this weekend and into the new year to showcase thriving, vibrant, and inclusive spaces for all of our residents and visitors to spend the holidays once again, while supporting

our local economy.”

“Meet Me in the City” leverages the City’s award winning All Inclusive Boston campaign to focus on raising awareness and elevate the visibility of the Mayor’s call to shop local this holiday season through a significant commitment to advertising with neighborhood newspapers and sites, along with local television partnerships and collaborative activations. Encouraging patrons, visitors and residents to use ‘the power of the purse with passion and purpose’, the initiative also aims to address the shift to remote work, which has significantly reshaped the central business core. For years, Downtown Boston was one of the busiest neighborhoods in the city, with heavy, daily foot traffic driven by thousands of office workers. However, foot traffic num-

bers have remained down by 40 percent since the pandemic. The “Meet Me in the City” initiative is aligned with the Mayor’s vision to address this shift and ensure that Downtown is a vibrant neighborhood where people from all backgrounds come together.

Beginning this month, holiday tree lightings kick off the season before and after Thanksgiving, along with beloved new and familiar holiday traditions like Boston Ballet’s Nutcracker, Boston Pops, Urban Nutcracker, ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, Black Nativity, ice skating on the Frog Pond and the annual New Year’s Eve celebration, First Night. The City of Boston’s holiday tree lighting in Boston Common takes place December 1, followed by local neighborhood tree lightings throughout the city.

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He told the audience that the two principal areas that need to be addressed now are increasing the number of affordable housing units and making the city more resilient to global warming, the latter of which is of particular concern to the North End.

With 70 percent of the city’s revenues coming from property taxes, Jemison said, “Growth of the tax base needs to happen and development is essential. The city must do planning and development at the same time that are ahead of the trends that developers are looking at, and shape them into what works for the city.”

After making his introductory remarks, Jemison opened up the floor to questions to the more than 50 residents in attendance, telling the audience that he was here to take notes and to hear the concerns of residents.

Many in attendance voiced a similar concern: that the current Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) does not take the time to hear all points-of-view from residents by limiting the number of community speakers at its meetings.

As one resident bluntly put it,

“Our input is ignored.”

Jemison explained that because of a high threshold for projects pursuant to the city’s zoning ordinances, many projects automatically go before the ZBA, which entails a high volume of work for the ZBA.

One resident mentioned that commercial development in the North End seems to be focused on only more restaurants and less on small businesses that provide services, such as a shoe cobbler.

Diane Valle of Charlestown noted that the master planning process in communities such as Charlestown is not going well, a comment that came as a surprise to Jemison.

During the meeting it was pointed out that Maverick Square in East Boston has more density than the North End, a fact that surprised some in attendance, who suggested that density in the No. End is too high.

One resident noted that devel-

opers are trying to get a 700-foot tower built in the Bulfinch Triangle where the zoning only allows for a 100-foot height limit.

This prompted another resident to ask, “Does zoning mean anything?”

“Development is not more important than the citizens of Boston,” said Jemison.

Another resident brought up the impact on the neighborhood with the growth of local colleges and the housing of students, which is squeezing out many long-time residents.

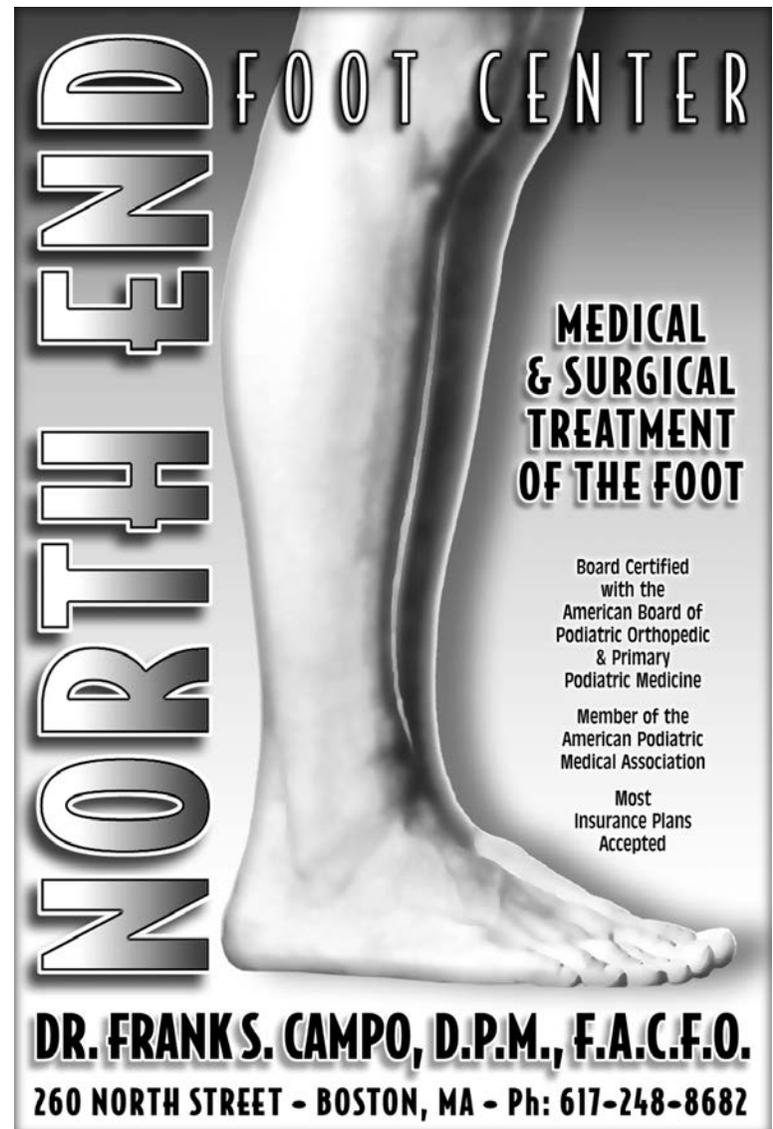
The meeting ended with Jemison promising that he would, “love to come back and touch base again with residents.”

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

"It was the best of times; it was the worst of times." -- Charles Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities.

With Christmas fast approaching, most of us will be rushing about -- either to the stores and malls or on-line --- to do our holiday shopping in hopes of finding that "perfect" gift for our family members and loved ones.

Although economic uncertainty, spurred by record-high inflation, affects almost every American, most of us are doing okay, if not extremely well, thanks to record-low unemployment rates.

However, the good economy (from an employment standpoint) being enjoyed by the majority of Americans has not been shared by all. For a sizable number of our fellow citizens, the lingering effects of the pandemic, as well as the fraying of the fabric of our social safety net in recent years, have come together to represent an existential disaster.

Millions of Americans of all ages, in a percentage greater than at any time since the Great Depression, are struggling financially, even if they have a job.

To put it in stark terms, more Americans, including families in our own communities, are going hungry than at any time in our history.

According to the US Dept. of Agriculture, more than 34 million Americans, including nine million children, are food insecure. We should recall that during the height of the pandemic when schools and senior citizen centers were closed, the biggest effect was upon our children and seniors, who relied on programs administered by the schools, government agencies, and non-profits for their only meal of the day.

Far too many of our fellow citizens, including children, live either in shelters or in similar temporary housing arrangements -- or on the streets -- because the reality of our economy has left them out in the cold -- literally.

Statistics tell us that millions of Americans of all ages, including those in our own communities, are struggling financially, often through no fault of their own, thanks to a combination of low-wage jobs and a strong real estate market that ironically has made apartments (let alone buying a home) unaffordable. This dichotomy is most evident and acute in cities such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, and right here in Boston at Mass. and Cass. Despite the vast wealth in those metropolitan areas, thousands of homeless persons, including many who have full-time jobs, are living in tent and cardboard "neighborhoods" on city sidewalks.

The homeless always have been among us, but the scope and depth of the problem is far beyond anything that has been experienced in our lifetime. The vast discrepancy between the enormous wealth enjoyed by some Americans and the abject poverty being endured by others is similar to what exists in major urban centers in South America and India -- but it now is happening right here in the U.S.A.

For these millions of Americans, the holiday season brings no joy.

Psychologists tell us that the Biblical directive, that we should give to those who are less fortunate, is the best gift that we can give to ourselves. Helping others activates regions of the brain associated with pleasure, social connection, and trust, creating the so-called "warm glow" effect.

Never in the lifetime of anybody reading this editorial has the need for contributions to local food banks been more urgent. There will be ample opportunity to do so in the coming days to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate. Whether it be donations to local food banks and toy programs, or even as simple as dropping a few dollars in the buckets of the Salvation Army Santas, there will be multiple opportunities in the next four weeks for each and every one of us to make the holidays brighter for those who are less fortunate.

There is no excuse for failing to do so.

GUEST OP-ED

Christmas is in your heart

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Christmas once started for me when the JC Penny and Sears catalogs came in the mail. They came early in the Fall and I wore them out looking at the toy section. By December the catalogs were in shambles.

My mother used to order clothes and other stuff from those catalogs. I don't remember her ever ordering toys. They usually came from the five and dime store in our town of Inez, KY or G.C. Murphy's store in Paintsville. Yet, the catalogs were fun and gave me ideas of the latest items for which to wish and hope.

I think my mother would enjoy the Internet today. She could order online like many of us are doing. Having Internet in the country is like have an updated Christmas catalog every day. There is always a means to shop and order. Back in that day ordering was tedious and arrival took weeks. Shipping back a dress that didn't fit was a long ordeal.

As a child there was always much more that I saw, dreamed of and wished for than I ever received. Some Christmases were

lean and others were more abundant. Life is like that most of the time. We have hopes and wishes that never come true and some that do. It's nice when one or two come true.

We hope for good health and enough money to pay the bills. We hope for our children to have meaningful lives and to be independent. We hope for peace and to see positive results from our efforts in life. We would all like to be compensated well for the jobs we do. Being stuck in a job that is restraining with little hope of better wages is discouraging. Everyone deserves a life where internal inspiration can lead to reward and a better life.

The hardest part of life is when we feel hopeless. A terminal illness. Hard work with little to no reward. An empty house that isn't changing because you just buried a spouse. Failing when you may have tried hard or just decisions that didn't work out too well. All of these and more can be heart-breaking. Heartbreak doesn't do much for the Christmas spirit.

Those of us who have lived a few years know that Christmas doesn't come in a catalog, nor

never did. It doesn't come on Black Fridays or cyber-Mondays. The multitude of Christmas programs don't bring Christmas. Decorated houses and trees are delightful but they don't create Christmas.

Christmas is an inside job. Christmas is in your heart and mind. The first Christmas was a peasant couple giving birth to a baby in a barn with a cow's trough for a crib. They were poor and just paying their taxes was about all they could afford. Yet, the child brought a joy they had never experienced.

In Luke chapter 2:19 we read "but Mary treasured up all these things and pondered in her heart..." Consider what and mainly who brings you joy and what really matters in your life and let there be Christmas in your heart during this season.

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OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CREATING MAJOR TRAFFIC/SAFETY PROBLEMS

Construction and renovations taking place on the North Washington Street Bridge is creating a major traffic and pedestrian safety problem at the intersection between the North End, Charlestown and Boston Garden.

The situation warrants immediate attention in order to resolve what has become a nightmare.

The Mass Department of Transportation needs to quickly develop a plan to resolve the problem which still exist and will most likely not get any better until something is done to correct the serious problem.

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Every area of Christopher

Columbus Park was filled with children dancing with Curious George and a Minion at the Friends of the Park annual fall Festival.

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painting.

Kid-sized lawn games were held and the festival wrapped up with a demonstration of gigantic bubbles.

The free event was made possible by sponsors and volunteers.

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Mass Lottery celebrates 50th anniversary at State House event

The Massachusetts State Lottery commemorated its 50th Anniversary with a celebration of its customers, retailers, employees, and the communities that the Lottery supports, all of whom have played an important role in the Lottery's success over the past five decades.

The celebration, which took place at the Massachusetts State House, included a live drawing of the Midday Numbers Game at the Grand Staircase hosted by State Treasurer and Chair of the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission Deborah B. Goldberg.

"When Prop 2 1/2 was adopted in the early 1970's, Treasurer Bob Crane understood the negative impacts it would have on local communities," said Treasurer Goldberg. "It was his vision that created a lottery whose profits became the one reliable source of unrestricted local aid that people throughout the state have come to rely on. We have built upon that legacy and hope through collaboration, innovation, and good business practices to continue for another 50 years."

Prior to the drawing, Governor Charlie Baker presented Treasurer Goldberg with a Citation commemorating the Lottery's milestone achievement.

"The Lottery has been all that anybody back in the beginning could have hoped for and then some, and I'm thrilled to be here to be a part of this celebration today," said Governor Baker. "Thank you for everything you've done."

Since selling its first ticket on March 22, 1972, the Mass Lottery has generated over \$143 billion in revenues, awarded over \$100 billion in prizes, returned over \$31 billion in net profit to the Commonwealth for unrestricted local



Mascots Blades (Bruins), Lucky (Celtics) and Wally (Red Sox) all participated in the festivities.

aid provided to cities and towns, and paid over \$8 billion in commissions and bonuses to its state-wide network of retailers.

"As we look towards our next 50 years, we make this commitment today to continue to innovate, to continue to come out with new and exciting lottery products, and to continue on with the State of Winning, which since 1972 has generated over \$100 billion in prizes paid to our players," said Mark William Bracken, Interim Executive Director of the Mass Lottery and host of the event.

Additional speakers included Senate President Karen Spilka, Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester, Mayor of Newton and President of the Massachusetts Municipal Association Ruthanne Fuller, and Gary Park, owner of Gary's Liquors in Chestnut Hill, a Lottery retail partner since 1972.

"The Lottery is so important to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in so many ways," said Senate President Spilka. "As a

former chair of Ways and Means, especially when financial times were not so rosy, I have to tell you how valued and how critical the partnership with the Lottery was then and continues to be now to ensure that we continue to give the resources to our cities and towns that they all need so dearly."

"We can fully appreciate and comprehend what it means to have a billion dollars to put into the budget to help cities and towns with the things that matter," said Representative Ferrante. "Sometimes, it's not the big things, it's the smaller things, like the ability to improve a school playground, to do the things that matter to the people that have been so supportive of the Lottery over time."

"Last year, it was \$1.1 billion that was distributed to the 351 cities and towns here in the Commonwealth, and they allowed us, with that unrestricted aid, to help our residents and our businesses at a really difficult period," said Mayor Fuller. "For us, it translated into teachers in schools, police on

the streets, and firefighters available during emergencies. DPW workers paving our streets and clearing the snow. Social workers and counselors meeting the mental health needs of our residents and our children, and so much more."

"The Lottery has been fantastic for us and fantastic for a lot of Lottery agents throughout the state," said Park, a third-generation store owner who was joined at the event by his father Barry. "The commissions have helped us improve our business, the claims bonuses over the years I know went towards my and my brother's and my sister's college educations. The amazing thing about the Lottery is the amount of people that it brings into a lot of small family-run local businesses."

The event featured a live performance by local musician Andy Brink, winner of the Lottery's "Sound of Winning" jingle contest. Brink's jingle, "Everyone's a Winner in the Commonwealth," was incorporated into the Lottery's 50th Anniversary advertising

campaign earlier this year.

At the conclusion of the speaking program, a video featuring historical footage and testimonials from municipal leaders, Lottery employees, retail partners and prize winners was shown. The video was narrated by national television personality Tom Bergeron, a native of Haverhill, who hosted Lottery Live and Megabucks drawings in the 1980s while working in the Boston television market.

On display at the event were jerseys from local professional and college sports teams with "Mass Lottery" on the name plate above the number 50. Mascots Blades (Bruins), Lucky (Celtics) and Wally (Red Sox) all participated in the afternoon's festivities.

A red carpet was set up near a display of movie and television posters in which Lottery branded equipment had appeared. Additional displays featured historical items, including vintage lottery terminals, advertising posters and oversized instant tickets.



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Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michaelwitz and Boston Mayor Michelle Wu with members of Pitch Please.

The first of many upcoming Holiday lightings occurred the Monday before Thanksgiving as the Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park was lit after a some Holiday performances. Let the Holiday Season begin!



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Friends Of The Christopher Columbus Park Joanne Hayes-Rines offered remarks.



Julia Chase, a member of Northeastern University's women-centered a cappella group Pitch Please, sings the Mariah Carey Holiday standard "Baby Please Come Home."

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS PARK TRELIS LIGHTING

Derek Kouyoumjian photos



The Holiday Family Choir, students from the North End Performing Arts Center along with their families, performed. Conducted by Anna Samoilava, they sang a medley of Holiday songs. They will perform a free concert on the Paul Revere Mall on December 14.



The crowd awaits the program to begin.



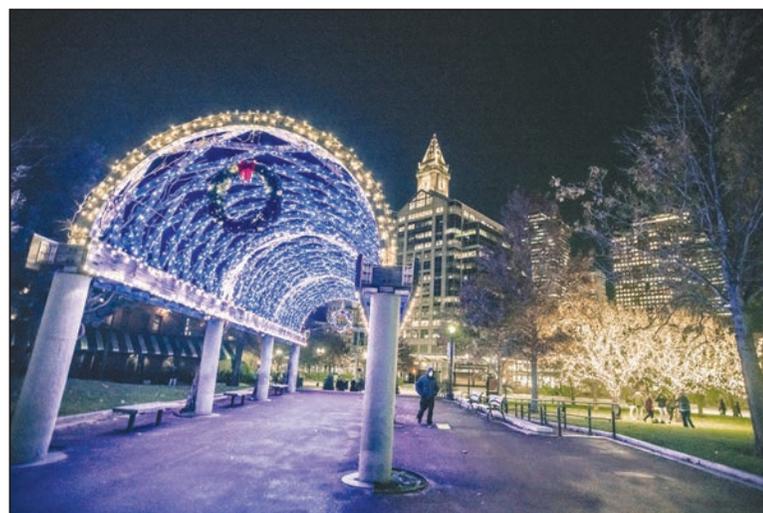
Andrew and Benson Perry



Boston City Councilors Ruthzee Louijeune, Gabriela "Gigi" Carlotta, and Erin Murphy (right), with Massachusetts State Rep Aaron Michaelwitz and Santa listen as Boston Mayor Michelle Wu addresses the gathering before the trellis lighting.



Akeem Hill sings *Have Yourself A Merry Christmas*.



The Trellis at Christopher Columbus Park lights up adding to the Boston Skyline.

THE REGIONAL REVIEW

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IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NEWNC SUPPORTS OCCUPANCY CHANGE

North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) at its monthly meeting unanimously supported a request for the occupancy change at 38B Fleet Street from 5 residential units and one detached retail store to 5 residential units and one attached take-out restaurant.

The Boston Public Works Department told NEWNC that they feel the 5 PM to 6 AM placing out of trash needed to be changed, but the current contract is extended to 2024 with the company that does the job.

A lot of the littering problem stems from trash pickers seeking bottles and cans for return fees.

MICHELLE MORGAN 80TH BIRTHDAY

Long time North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) member and community activists Michelle Morgan has celebrated her 80th birthday. Michelle is also a terrific photographer who shared her work with community groups and the Regional Review.

RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

The North and Rehabilitation and Health Care Center has received the American Heart Association Certification in recognition of skilled nursing facilities commitment to following the latest evidence-based heart failure treatment guideline.

NEAD FAMILY DINNER/FAMILY TALK

North End Against Drugs (NEAD) will be holding its first of several Family Dinner/Family Talk at Saint Leonard Hall on Prince Street with an Italian meal of macaroni, meatballs, salad, bread and butter and a soft drink.

The event will feature a presentation on Internet safety presented by the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.

The December 5 special event is free to all North End families, Nazzaro Center families, NEAA families, Elliott and Saint John's School families and NEAD sponsor families.

Children must be accompanied by their parents and/or grandparents. This is not a drop off events.

Space is limited. Participants must register by Thursday,

December 1 by emailing north-endagainstdrugs@gmail.com.

The program is being presented for all ages and is entitled "STOP BLOCK and TALK: INTERNET SAFETY TRAINING for STUDENTS, PARENTS and PROFESSIONALS.

NORTH END CHRISTMAS PARADE

The 50th annual North End Holiday Christmas Parade will take place with the arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter at Christopher Columbus Park at 12:30 PM on Sunday, December 11.

Santa will make his way through selected community streets accompanied by many cartoon characters and bands.

BOSTON POLICE TOY DRIVE

Now through December 14, Area A1, 40 Sudbury Street is collecting new toys for boys and girls ages newborn to 10-year-olds. Drop off your gift toys at the station.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Gilardi Group announce the return of the Toys for Tots

fundraiser program on Wednesday, December 7 at the Divine Design Center, 2 Battery Wharf from 5:30 PM to 9 PM with food and entertainment. Drop-off toys can be brought to 2 Baldwin Place on an ongoing basis.

ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

The Mayor's 20th Enhanced Trolley Tour will continue its festive tradition of lightning holiday trees on Sunday, December 4 at 4 PM in the Paul Revere Mall in the North End. The free event includes Santa and tree lighting and is open to the public.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Saint Agrippina DiMineo Benefit Society will hold its 27th annual Christmas Program for North End children only on Sunday, December 11 from 12 noon to 2 PM at Saint Agrippina's Chapel, 458 Hanover Street.

Those that plan to attend must provide child's name, age, gender, address and phone number by December 5. For more info call 617-363-2678.

Children 10 and under will receive a photo with Santa and

a gift. They must be present and accompanied by an adult. Participants need to take a camera.

Free face painting, balloons, character gift bags will also be a part of the event.

NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON

The North End Christmas Fund Luncheon (2022) will be held at Filippo's Ristorante Ballroom, 283 Causeway Street to benefit North End families and elderly.

The special event will be held on Thursday, December 15 starting at 12 noon. Donations are \$20 per person. For tickets call NEW Health at 617-643-8064.

NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION

A Candlelit Labyrinth Walk is planned as the Armenian Heritage Park featuring the Boston Children's Chorus, hot chocolate and festive cookies.

Being dubbed Boston's Newest Holiday Tradition at the park located on The Greenway the event is slated for Sunday, December 11 at 4:45 PM.

Take a winter hat, scarf or gloves for the ABCD Winter Drive.

MassWildlife and The Nature Conservancy announce launch of BioMap online tool

BioMap, a newly-updated online tool that identifies critical land and waterways throughout the Commonwealth in need of conservation, was released today by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Massachusetts. The web portal delivers the latest scientific data and resources to help state and local governments, land trusts, non-government organizations, and other conservation partners strategically plan projects to conserve wildlife and their habitats. The latest version of BioMap combines more than 40 years of rigorously documented rare species and natural community records from MassWildlife with cutting-edge climate resilience data from The Nature Conservancy and spatial data identifying intact fish and

wildlife communities, habitats, and ecosystems that are the focus of the Massachusetts State Wildlife Action Plan.

"BioMap is a robust online resource that helps people better understand and appreciate the natural resources in their communities and provides information on where to strategically deploy limited resources to make real and lasting conservation impacts in Massachusetts," said Department of Fish and Game Commissioner Ron Amidon. "By making an investment in the strategic protection and stewardship of lands, we will better conserve natural areas throughout the state that provide all people with access to nature and outdoor recreation."

Through BioMap, users can gain a detailed understanding of habitats, species, and resilient landscapes, both locally and across the state. BioMap users can

customize data and use the site's new online Habitat Restoration Resource Center to plan habitat management and land stewardship projects. Additionally, BioMap provides strategies to help communities prepare for, recover from, and adapt to climate change, while bolstering habitat resilience. Taken together, these efforts help to protect the state's extraordinary biodiversity now and into the future.

"BioMap is more than a map, it is a critical tool that offers a vision for the people of the Commonwealth to come together to strategically protect, manage, and restore lands and waters that are most important for conserving biological diversity in Massachusetts now and well into the future," said MassWildlife Director Mark Tisa.

The newest BioMap incorporates enhanced knowledge of biodiversity and habitats and new

understandings of how to ensure that natural systems are more resilient in the face of climate change. A major innovation is the addition of local data to BioMap, which complements statewide habitat information. Habitats assessed from the perspective of each city and town in the Commonwealth will inform local decision making. Furthermore, it includes the latest information on land use in Massachusetts, including a new focus on aquatic environments and habitat restoration tools.

"Massachusetts is home to a wide variety of plants and animals," said Deb Markowitz, TNC in Massachusetts State Director. "Our rich biodiversity is increasingly threatened by habitat loss and fragmentation, climate change, and invasive species. Since its inception, BioMap has become a trusted source of information to guide conservation that is used by

a wide spectrum of conservation practitioners. The addition of local data will make BioMap applicable and relevant to many more people and communities, providing opportunities for equitable conservation."

BioMap is the result of an ongoing collaboration between MassWildlife and TNC in Massachusetts. With similar missions, goals, and science-based approaches to conservation, MassWildlife and TNC are natural partners to produce and maintain BioMap. BioMap received support from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), DFG, and numerous generous donors. For more information on how to use BioMap or to sign up for technical assistance trainings, please contact natural.heritage@mass.gov.

SEND US YOUR NEWS

The Times encourages residents to submit engagement, wedding and birth announcements, news releases, business and education briefs, sports stories and photos for publication. Items should be forwarded to our offices at 385 Broadway, Revere, MA 02151. Items can also be faxed to 781-485-1403. We also encourage readers to e-mail news releases and photos to deb@reverejournal.com.

Boston Harbor Hotel announces lineup for 2023 Boston Wine and Food Festival

The Boston Harbor Hotel is continuing its celebrated tradition of presenting exceptional wine events and dinners with the return of its annual Boston Wine and Food Festival this January 2023. The nation's longest-running wine and food festival will be directed by Boston Harbor Hotel Executive Chef David Daniels and longtime food and wine festival expert, Nancy Bean, along with Boston Harbor Hotel Wine Sommelier Nick Daddona.

Kicking off on January 12, this year's Boston Wine and Food Festival will feature an all-star lineup of intimate winemaker-hosted dinners, seminars, thematic receptions, and celebratory brunches at the iconic Boston Harbor Hotel.



Shown is a couple enjoying last year's event.

A portion of the proceeds from this year's festival will benefit the Greater Boston Food Bank and the James Beard Foundation.

"This year we will bring some new and exciting events and programming to the three-month long Boston Wine and Food Festival, courtesy of the hotel's Executive Chef, David Daniels, the hotel's advanced sommelier Nick Daddona, and respected wine festival veteran, Nancy Bean."

Tickets are available online now for purchase and will make a perfect holiday gift for the oenophile in your life. The upcoming Boston Wine and Food Festival features an array of events that will ignite the senses to lure both novice and expert wine aficionados out of the house this winter. The five-star Boston Harbor Hotel's 34th annual celebration will continue the tradition of welcoming top

vintners and personalities from the world of wine and food. Events will run on the waterfront destination from January through March, kicking off with the opening weekend on January 12, 2023.

The exciting lineup of wine dinners for 2023 will include Opus One (Napa), Staglin Family Vineyard, Far Niente (Napa Valley), Battle of the Cabs, Hitchhiking through Napa with Kevin Zraly, a Wine, Dine, Divine Women's Leadership Dinner, and many more.

Tickets to this year's events are available on the website for pre-purchase. There is a special Boston Wine & Food Festival package for guests that will make a perfect holiday gift.

CITY PAWS

We are thankful

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

It's the time of year to be thankful and to recognize all the wonderful companion animals, responsible guardians, rescue volunteers, and animal professionals around us. For many of us, our animals have been essential for coping with the changes in our lives since January 2020.

More Companion Animals

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) reported, "Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, nearly 1 in 5 households acquired a cat or dog." A survey they conducted had more good news, "...the vast majority of these households still have that pet in their home and that animals who were rehomed were placed with friends, family members, and neighbors more frequently than relinquished to shelters and rescues."

These animals provided com-

panionship, stress relief, silly moments, a daily routine, and in the case of dogs, a reason to get out of the house. Walking the dog was an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors at a safe distance.

Rescue Volunteers

With everyone seeking animals to adopt, volunteers in rescue groups continued to process applications, match people and animals, and drive long distances to meet adoptive families.

These dedicated people also fostered dogs and cats for people who had COVID and rehomed ones who lost their caregivers.

While some of these volunteers worked with organized rescue groups, others were simply friends, family, or neighbors who offered to walk a dog when someone was sick or to assist someone who worked long hours in an essential job.

As the ASPCA noted, people like these ensured that animals in

need found foster spots or new homes. Anyone who loves a furry family member will understand the relief a person must have felt knowing that their beloved animal was cared for and was in a safe place if they were very ill or feared they might die.

Animal Professionals

The VIPs in your animals' lives worked long hours under stressful circumstances. Veterinary teams had to adapt to caring for their patients without the presence of the people who usually speak for them. They had to deliver medical, and follow-up care reports to people waiting outside in cars. Worst of all, they had to turn away some animals who needed care.

Dog walkers had to figure out safe ways to pick up and deliver their charges. In some cases, they lost income because families were home and walked the dog themselves.

Some pet supply and grooming shops closed, while others, like



In 2021, walking the dog was an opportunity to socialize with friends and neighbors at a safe distance.

ours, took orders for food and other essentials for local delivery or street-side pick-up. Our carefully masked groomer met us on the sidewalk for the drop-off and return of Poppy for grooming appointments. Later the shop arranged for a comfortably safe space inside the building where the exchange could occur.

Express Your Thanks

We're sure anyone who was helped has verbally thanked their helpers. These folks sacrificed time and, in many cases, money to take on the responsibility of another animal. Consider a small gift with

a year-end thanks. In the case of a rescue group or non-profit veterinary hospital, make a donation. You could even make a contribution in honor of a helper.

Groomers, dog walkers, and pet sitters need to make up the income they lost over the past two years. Adding a bit of extra to your tips or a holiday card with a year-end bonus would be most welcome.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Channel 7 report shows major intersection gridlock

By Phil Orlandella

A WHDH Channel 7 Investigates story revealed a "dangerous and scary" traffic and safety situation at the intersection near Boston's North End.

Reporter, Caroline Goggin indicated a real bad traffic situation at a chaotic and unsafe intersection near the North Washington Bridge, several North End streets and the road leading to and from Boston Garden.

The station asked transportation expert Peter Furth, a Northeastern professor of civil and environmental engineering to check out the chaos.

"This is an intersection that is way over capacity. It's terrible traffic management. It's a big safety problem if a child is going by, the driver might not notice. I'm concerned this is something that demands immediate action," he said.

Part of the problem is the major replacement project on the bridge

which is streamlining traffic adding to the problem. The project is not expected to be completed in 2023.

Blocking the intersection poses a real safety problem for pedestrians trying to cross the streets on their way to work, taking kids to school, visitors taking in historic sites, the report noted.

The Transportation Department has been providing monthly updates to the community and will work with the city to try and resolve the traffic problem.

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Baker, Polito join roundtable discussion on opioid epidemic over the past eight years

Governor Charlie Baker and Lt. Governor Karyn Polito joined Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, Attorney General Maura Healey, and leaders from the recovery community for a roundtable discussion on the Baker-Polito Administration's collaborative progress in confronting the opioid epidemic over the past eight years. The roundtable discussion was held at A New Way Peer Recovery Center in Quincy and included reflections from individuals and family members impacted by the opioid epidemic, as well as substance misuse providers and organizations. Roundtable participants included members of Governor Baker's 2015 Opioid Working Group.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked with the Legislature to support a fivefold increase in spending across the state budget to address substance misuse, with the Commonwealth investing nearly \$600 million in these initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) budget signed by Governor Baker. The Administration also worked with the Legislature to pass two landmark laws to address the opioid epidemic: The first law, passed in 2016, instituted a first-in-the-nation 7-day limit on first time opioid prescriptions and instituted new requirements around prescription monitoring and substance misuse screenings. The second law, passed in 2018, improved access to treatment from settings such as emergency departments and the criminal justice system, and strengthened education and prevention efforts.

"The opioid epidemic has impacted thousands of families and communities across Massachusetts, and we have



Shown at the roundtable discussion are (left to right) Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, Governor Charlie Baker and Secretary of Health and Human Services Marylou Sudders.

partnered with many organizations, leaders and families over the past eight years to make the Commonwealth a national leader in responding to this challenge," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I am proud that our Administration and the Legislature have dramatically boosted funding that has increased access to treatment and recovery and enacted major laws that have become a model for other states and the nation. Most importantly, we have worked together to change the conversation and reduce stigma, which will help more people seek help and get the resources they need."

"Our administration has made tackling the opioid epidemic a priority since day one, and we have been proud to work with so many partners to expand access to treatment and support recovery and prevention efforts," said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito. "Over the past eight years, Massachusetts has led the way in expanding substance misuse initiatives and getting people access to the help

that they need."

The Baker-Polito Administration has worked with a wide range of partners including treatment and recovery providers, advocacy organizations, individuals, families, the courts, law enforcement, educational institutions and many others to confront the opioid epidemic. After peaking in 2016, opioid-related overdose deaths fell for the next several years, with the November 2019 report showing 99 fewer deaths than the same period from a year earlier. The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to a nationwide increase in overdose deaths, but Massachusetts' numbers have continued to trend lower than nationwide figures, and the most recent report from the Department of Public Health (DPH) indicated that initial 2022 data showed overdose deaths decreasing again.

"Over the past eight years, we have made enormous strides in raising awareness and improving access to quality, equitable substance use disorder and behav-

ioral health treatment across the Commonwealth," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "We have invested strategically in evidence-based resources and promising practices including peer recovery, clinical treatment, harm reduction, outreach programs and low-threshold housing, recognizing that every individual's path to recovery is unique."

"Combating the opioid crisis has been and will remain a top priority in Massachusetts," said Attorney General Maura Healey. "Together, with the Baker-Polito Administration, we have made meaningful progress in the fight against this epidemic and will continue to work toward justice, accountability, and improved access to treatment and recovery for our communities."

"A New Way Peer Recovery Support Center, hosted by Bay State Community Services, welcomes everyone impacted by substance use disorders," said Daurice Cox, Executive Director, Bay State Community Services. "We are a safe place that offers all pathways for recovery. Our staff use their lived experience, as people in recovery or as an ally in recovery, to provide support, compassion, understanding, and connection."

Baker-Polito Administration's Collaborative Record to Confront the Opioid Epidemic:

5X Increase in Substance Misuse Funding: Since taking office in 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has worked with the Legislature to support a fivefold increase to state spending to address substance misuse. The FY23 budget signed by Governor Baker invests \$597 million in funding for substance misuse prevention, treatment and recovery programs across multiple state agencies, compared to

\$119 million in FY15.

2016 Opioid Law: Shortly after taking office, the Administration worked with the Legislature to pass landmark legislation to tackle the opioid crisis. Key components include:

- A first-in-the-nation 7-day limit on first time adult opioid prescriptions and a 7-day limit on all opioid prescriptions for minors
- New requirements for clinicians to check the Prescription Monitoring Program database before prescribing
- New requirements for schools to conduct substance misuse screenings and strengthen addiction education

2018 Opioid Law: In 2018, the Administration worked with the Legislature to pass a second major law that strengthened the state's education and prevention efforts, expanded the role of recovery coaches, and improved access to treatment. Key components included:

- Additional requirements for prescribers around data reporting and the institution of a new, state-wide standing order for naloxone from pharmacies
- Created additional pathways to treatment from the emergency department, including more timely SUD evaluations and requirements to admit patients more quickly to treatment services
- Expanded the use of medication-assisted treatment in emergency departments, section 35 inpatient facilities and correctional facilities

Medical Education: The Baker-Polito Administration partnered with the Commonwealth's medical, dental and social work schools to develop core competencies and require increased education on opioids for students.

(ROUNDTABLE 11)

LEGAL NOTICES

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OF MASSACHUSETTS
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And Family Court
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Street
Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
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ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU22P2615EA

Estate of:
Nona Marie
Ferdon
Date of Death:
03/15/2021
A Petition for Formal
Probate of Will has been
filed by Sharon Ann Ferdon
Springel of Gloucestershire,
EN requesting that the Court
enter a formal Decree and
Order and for such other
relief as requested in the
Petition.
The Petitioner requests that:
Sharon Ann Ferdon Springel
of Gloucestershire, EN be
appointed as Personal Rep-
resentative(s) of said estate

to serve Without Surety on
the bond in unsupervised
administration.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain
a copy of the Petition from
the Petitioner or at the
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object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your
attorney must file a written
appearance and objection
at this Court before: 10:00
a.m. on the return day of
01/02/2023.
This is NOT a hearing date,
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J.
Dunn, First Justice of this
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Date: November 21, 2022
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH
OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
PROBATE AND
FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
Docket No.
SU49484
CITATION
Trust v/w/o
Thomas Thompson
To all interested persons:
A petition has been filed by:
Michael F. O'Connell
of Wenham, MA; Susan T.
Monahan of Ipswich, MA
and Maura E. Murphy of

Wellesley, MA requesting
the Court Approve the
Trustee's Resignation and
Appoint a Successor Trustee
to serve without sureties on
the bond.
You have the right to obtain
a copy of the Petition from
the Petitioner or at the
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object to this proceeding.
To do so, you or your
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appearance and objection at
this Court before 10:00 a.m.
on December 29, 2022.
This is NOT a hearing date,
but a deadline by which
you must file a written

appearance and objection
if you object to this pro-
ceeding. If you fail to file a
timely written appearance
and objection followed by
an Affidavit of Objections
within thirty (30) days of
the return date, action may
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notice to you.
WITNESS, Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: November 08, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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Real Estate Transfers

BUYER 1 BACK BAY	SELLER 1	ADDRESS	PRICE
Quad G RT	Castellani, Victor B	251 Commonwealth Ave	\$13,000,000
Solomon, Joshua D	Corrigan, Mark H	389 Marlborough St	\$5,500,000
BEACON HILL			
HP Properties LLC	Syverson, Kirsten	51 Beacon St #1	\$1,400,000
Naseem, Fariha	Chisholm, Kirk	10 Bowdoin St #414	\$535,812
Yang, Lishang C	Arapaho Showroom Ltd	32 Hancock St #2B	\$524,571
Zhang, Lingling	Levine, Hillel	78 Phillips St #8	\$560,000
BAY VILLAGE/SOUTH END/KENMORE			
Brannan, Sydney	FPG Lagrange Owner One	47-55 Lagrange St #4L	\$740,000
Gu, Billy	FPG Lagrange Owner One	47-55 Lagrange St #5B	\$825,000
Liu, Xinxin	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #1109	\$920,000
Khan, Rehmiyan Z	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #1409	\$960,000
Nguyen, Ngoc M	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #1609	\$1,030,000
Hatem, Johnny	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #203	\$735,000
Batchu, Jayanth V	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #206	\$575,000
Gupta, Gaurav	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #301	\$690,000
Baker, Mckenzi	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #3H	\$699,000
Habibi, Salam	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #3L	\$720,000
Merhej, Joseph	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #401	\$695,000
Zarrouk, Firas	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #403	\$775,000
Hanlon, Ashley	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #405	\$625,000
Merhej, Joseph	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #4A	\$695,000
Perusse, Kara	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #6C	\$815,000
Steffins, Louis N	FPG Lagrange Owner One	55 Lagrange St #802	\$885,000
Liu, Mingyi	LM Pierce LLC	188 Brookline Ave #PH28B	\$2,825,000
Hall, Ayla R	Tong, David T	125 Park Dr #40	\$430,000
Kaipu Weston LLC	110 Saint Botolph LLC	110 Saint Botolph St	\$3,025,000
Larochelle, Christian J	Wilfong, Chris	663 Tremont St #3	\$2,000,000
Doore, Michael	Speck, J Craig	149 W Canton St	\$3,925,000
Johnson, Elizabeth	Amanda Z Keeler RET	9 Wellington St #2	\$2,450,000
WATERFRONT/DOWNTOWN			
Geary, Christopher B	Furman Duffy RT	1 Avery St #31D	\$2,800,000
Huizinga, Mary M	Randle, John C	108 Lincoln St #6B	\$2,209,500

ROUNDTABLE (from pg. 10)

Expanding Access to Life-Saving Naloxone: The Administration has expanded access to Naloxone including through a standing state-wide order at pharmacies. The Commonwealth has distributed over 663,900 doses of naloxone and received over 34,800 reports of successful overdose reversals. In May 2022, the Administration launched a Community Naloxone

Purchasing Program, which has already shipped 1,132 doses to community organizations.

Housing-Focused Harm Reduction: In the last two years, the Administration has provided \$22 million in funding to date for housing-focused harm reduction and recovery support initiatives. This includes initiatives designed to help people transition from

street and shelter settings to housing opportunities that provide stability supports, helping individuals maintain their recovery and housing stability. The state maintains an open procurement to add additional low threshold housing capacity across the Commonwealth.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge construction look-ahead through Nov. 26

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

- Inspection and testing of tub girder welds
- Weld repairs
- North abutment formwork
- Sidewalk formwork
- Install electrical conduits
- Maintenance of marine fender system panels

Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (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.

The contractor is coordinating with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. For your awareness, the following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

- BRUINS: 11/29 at 7:00 p.m., 12/3 at 7:00 p.m., and 12/5 at 7:00 p.m.

- CELTICS: 11/27 at 6:00 p.m., 11/28 at 7:30 p.m., 11/30 at 7:30 p.m., and 12/2 at 7:30 p.m.

- EVENT: 12/7 at 6:00 p.m. and 12/10 at 8:00 p.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following the @MassDOT twitter account and Mass 511 for real-time updates, visiting the project website, or emailing us with any questions.

You can also sign up to receive project updates via email by clicking this link.

Project website: [Mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement](https://www.mass.gov/north-washington-street-bridge-replacement)

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*In
Loving
Memory*
SERINO



21st Anniversary
**CHRISTINE
MARIE**
10/19/2001-10/19/2022



First Anniversary
**DOMINIC
SCOTT**
6/18/1970-11/11/2021

*Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

Love,
Mom, Christopher Michael,
Dario, Christopher & Connor

Sounds of Christmas Concert program listed

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra (NSPO) will once again assemble around the altar at St. Anthony's Church for the Robert A. Marra Memorial "Sounds of Christmas" Concert Sunday, December 4, continuing a tradition that began in 1976. Admission to the concert is free in exchange for a generous donation of non-perishable food to benefit the Revere Food Pantry. Patrons are asked to bring their food in a sturdy box or bag. The concert begins at 4 p.m. The concert is principally sponsored by Bocchino Insurance Agency, Massport, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, Xfinity, Astound Broadband, and Action Emergency Services.

The program includes a holiday essay written by Revere High School Senior Madison Lucchesi. A talented writer and poet, her poem "Salutary Neglect" was featured last year in EmersonWRITES, a creative writing program by the Office of Enrollment and Student Success and the First Year Writing program at Emerson College.

The concert is named in mem-



Members of the NSPO performing in a previous Sounds of Christmas concert.

ory of Robert A. Marra Sr., a violinist who was one of the original members of the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in 1948. A lifelong resident of Revere, he was instrumental in beginning the Christmas concert tradition, and the concert was named in his honor after his death in 2002.

The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra plays three classical music concerts each year at

Swampscott High School. For more information and concert schedules visit www.nspo.org.

The program is as follows:
The North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra
Robert Lehmann, Music Director

Malinda Haslett, soprano
Overture to The Gypsy Baron — JohannStrauss Jr., Gesu Bambino, Pietro Yon, arr. William



The NSPO plays from the altar at St. Anthony's Church.

Ryden, Malinda Haslett, soprano
Selections from "The Nutcracker" — Pyotr Tchaikovsky, March and Waltz of the Flowers

Alleluja from Exsultate Jubilate — Wolfgang Mozart, Ms. Haslett, soprano

An Original Christmas Essay — Madison Lucchesi, RHS Class of 2023

Polar Express Suite 6 — Alan Silvestri

Hanukkah Medley — Lucas Richman, Ms. Haslett, soprano
Carol of the Bells — Mykola Leontovich,

White Christmas — Irving Berlin, arr. Robert Russell Bennett, Ms. Haslett, soprano

Christmas Singalong — arr. John Finnegan, Ms. Haslett, soprano and the entire audience

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