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CUBS WIN NEAA BASEBALL CROWN

By Phil Orlandella

Winning four consecutive playoff games, the Regional Review sponsored Cubs locked up the 2023 North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Majors baseball championship.

The Cubs, coached by Fran McHugh and assistant coaches Paul Fullerton and Marlina Crandall, entered the playoffs finishing in second place during the

regular season schedule.

The team went on to beat the Tomasone Tigers in two straight playoff games setting the stage for a clash versus the regular-season first-place team St. Agrippina Cardinals who swept two straight games over the St. Antonio Marlins in their playoff series.

“The championship series lived up to the hype with the two teams playing great games” according to NEAA member John Pregmon.

“A few big innings put the

Cubs over the top, allowing them to win both games in convincing fashion,” Pregmon said.

He congratulated all the players, coaches, families, friends and the NEAA for having an awesome season.

Tomasone Tigers lost two straight games setting the stage for the championship series against the divisional winner St. Agrippina Cardinals who beat the St. Antonio Marlins in their first round of the playoffs in two straight games.

North Street Grille finishes second in competition

Special to the Regional Review

After winning the title of ‘Boston’s Best Breakfast’ as part of Good Morning America’s ‘United States of Breakfast’ competition, North Street Grille is proud to announce they came in second place to Middle Child out of Philadelphia, which took home the grand prize live on GMA. Houston and Cleveland were the other two finalists.

To get to the finals, owner of

North Street Grille, Robin Sidell, had to face off against her brother, Sol Sidell, owner of South Street Diner to determine Boston’s Best Breakfast. Robin’s Banana Bourbon French Toast ousted Sol’s Boston Cream Pancakes for the opportunity to impress GMA judges, but two of the four judges – Carson Kressley and Adam Richman – voted for Middle Child’s pastrami, egg and cheese sandwich.

“I had the best experience hav-

ing the chance to showcase my Banana Bourbon French Toast on a national stage, the support we have received from our customers and the community is amazing.” said North Street Grille Owner Robin Sidell. “I loved meeting the competing chefs who were just as passionate as I am, to be the best breakfast spot in our respective cities. The experience was even more special as my brother Sol joined me to support and act as

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NEWNC takes up changes to by-laws

By Stephen Quigley

The North End Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) had a light agenda at its July 10 meeting.

However, there were several important items discussed, including a change in the council’s by-laws. One proposed change to the by-laws is to decrease the signature requirement for candidates seeking election to the NEWNC from 40 to 25. Another proposed change is to have six candidates elected one year and six to be

elected the following year.

The council will vote on the proposed changes in August in an executive session for candidates seeking to be added to the NEWNC. Presently there are six members on the council as well as six open seats. Residents are encouraged to review the proposed by-law changes that appear on the council’s Facebook page at Facebook.com/NEWNCBoston.

“We will be virtually meeting in executive session in August in order to vote on the new by-laws,

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Coletta hosts the Second Annual North End Pride Celebration

Special to the Regional Review

Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta recently hosted the Second Annual North End Pride Celebration on the Paul Revere

Prado with musical performances by North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC).

“I’m delighted to bring back this newfound tradition and host

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State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, Rob Martelli and Sen. Lydia Edwards at the North End Pride Celebration.

NORTH END MUSEUM PROPOSED

A request has been submitted by the North End Historical Society (NEHS), proposing to the Boston Planning and Development Agency to obtain space at Lovejoy Wharf, 131 Beverly Street to create a North End Museum.

NEHS has secured a lot of support for the museum.

Landmark status for Nazzaro Center, The Boston Landmark Commission, the designation of the Nazzaro Community Center, 31 N. Bennett Street as a possible Landmark.

The North End Historical Society is supporting the designation of the building as a Landmark.

A designate status, a space on buildings, the government can consider it must be historical, architectural or aesthetic.

NEAA SPONSORS TWO TRAVELING TEAMS

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) has sponsored two baseball traveling teams (Dodgers) in the Lou Thompkins baseball program.

Dom DiCenso is the coach of the 15 and under team that will play home games at Puopolo Park.

Chuck Bikkis is the coach of the 18 and over team that will play home games at East Boston Stadium.

North End resident Ralph Martignetti is the president of the league.

MATERIAL NEEDED FOR NEW NORTH END BOOK

Friends of the North End (FONE) are attempting to write a new book about the old community, with profits going to local charities.

FONE is seeking short stories, photos from the past and a good title for the new publication.

So, start digging in the closet, opening albums and shoeboxes, and walk down the cellar for appropriate items and jog your memories that will help put together and publish a new North End book.

From interested people, FONE could create an interesting and nostalgic piece of literature.

Send stories, photos and book title to victorables1961@gmail.com.

WINDOW BOX EVENT

The second window box plant-

IN BRIEF

By Phil Orlandella

ing event held at the Nazzaro Center was another success.

Over 50 participants, some with the own window boxes, filled with soil and flowers, showed up for the event. Other people were provided a window box.

The event was sponsored by the North End Atlantic Association.

FOCCP SUNSET HARBOR CRUISE

There is still time to sign up for the Friends of Christopher Columbus, Cruise that starts at 6 PM on the Frederick L. Nolan, Jr cruise ship.

Through the generosity of Boston Harbor City Cruises, FOCCP is able to host the three-hour cruise.

FOCCP SUMMER MOVIES SCHEDULE

Family and friends can enjoy an evening under the stars at Christopher Columbus Park on Commercial Street watching Sunday night movies.

Bring a chair, blanket, picnic basket, pizza and non-alcoholic beverage to the free public community event.

No registration required, just show up before dusk.

Six Sunday movies have been scheduled, weather permitting. Movies include:

July 16, 8:30 PM Midnight in Paris.

July 23, 8:30 PM Talladega Nights.

July 30, 8:15 PM The Secret Lives of Bees.

August 6, 8:15 PM Ghost.

August 13, 8 PM The Empire Strikes Back.

August 28, 7:50 PM Glass Onion.

Summer night movies are sponsored by NorthEndBoston.com, Joe's Waterfront/Tavistock and the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau.

NEAA SOCCER REGISTRATION

Registration for the North End Atlantic Association (NEAA) Fall soccer program is Friday, July 21.

The season will start on September 16 with practices two weeks prior.

Register by website only neasportsboston.sportngin.com.

Three age groups:

Boys and Girls coed 4-5 instructing program Saturday mornings 9 AM to 10 AM.

Boys and Girls coed 6-8 years

old. Games Saturday mornings 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM.

Boys and Girls coed 9-12-year-olds. Games Saturday mornings at 11 AM to 12:30 PM. Practice Thursday evenings 5:30 PM.

BOB'S MARKET CLOSES

Bob's Market on Endicott

Street, after 28 years of serving the community closed its doors on July 15.

Owners Anna and Lam were fixtures in the North End and made many friends.

They are two of the nicest people you will ever meet and they always accommodated their many customers.

They will be missed.

NEMPAC returns to The Rose Kennedy Greenway

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) returns to The Rose Kennedy Greenway with the free and open to the public NEMPAC Jazz in the Park Summer Concert Series, Thursday evenings from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, and August 10.

The following local, professional jazz musicians & ensembles will take the stage in the North End Park:

- July 13 - Boston-based Panamanian singer-songwriter and educator, Gaby Cotter will take the stage with her band the Timba Messengers, blending Latin-American sounds with jazz, blues, pop, and R&B.

- July 20 - Celebrated Irish-Austrian bass guitarist Ciara Moser will perform diverse genres of music including jazz, funk, fusion, rock, and pop.

- July 27 - Singer and guitarist Nadia Washington will perform as the leader of the Nadia Washington Quartet. Nadia appears on the Grammy Award Winning jazz album Beautiful Life with Diane Reeves and has performed with Esperanza Spaulding, Lalah Hathaway, and George Duke.

- August 3 - Malagasy singer, songwriter and performing artist Niu Raza will perform a set of Afro Fusion music.

- August 10 - Cettina Donato—an internationally acclaimed Italian classical and jazz pianist, composer, arranger, and conductor—will perform as the band-leader of the Cettina Donato Trio.

Artistic Director of Jazz in the Park, Stefano Marchese, explains his vision for this season: "I am thrilled to dedicate our 2023 series to the incredible women bandleaders who are at the forefront of jazz. This year, we celebrate the diverse cultural backgrounds and unparalleled talent that these

women bring to our stage. By embracing women bandleaders from various walks of life, we honor the importance of diversity and gender equality within jazz music. Their unique voices, perspectives, and experiences weave a musical narrative that reflects the true essence of our society."

Stefano continues by explaining that "jazz music has always been a catalyst for change, where cultures collide, and harmonies emerge. Through this celebration of women in jazz, we aim to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create an inclusive space where everyone can find solace and inspiration. Not only will these events enrich the larger Boston community, but they will also serve as a powerful platform for dialogue, understanding, and appreciation of different cultures. By amplifying the voices of women bandleaders, we contribute to a more vibrant and progressive artistic landscape, ensuring that jazz continues to evolve."

The concert series, presented by NEMPAC, is a collaboration with the City of Boston Mayor's Office of Special Events and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway Conservancy with support from this year's headlining sponsors Canopy Boston Downtown and Rose Town Kitchen & Bar. All concerts take place in the Greenway adjacent to Canopy Boston Downtown at the corner of Cross Street and Hanover Street near the North End.

NEMPAC wants to thank our sponsors for Jazz in the Park: The Lupoli Family Foundation, Rose Town Kitchen & Bar, Canopy Boston Downtown, Eastern Bank, North Street Grille, Golden Goose Market, and Munroe Morrow Wealth Management.

To find out more, please visit <https://nempacboston.org/jazz-in-the-park/>.

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ELIOT SCHOOL AMONG ARTS EXPANSION GRANT RECIPIENTS

EdVestors, a non-profit school improvement organization, recently awarded over \$460,000 in BPS Arts Expansion to 65 Boston Public Schools (BPS) to support equitable, quality arts education for the 2023-2024 school year.

The grants were announced during the 11th annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival, a three-day celebration of the artistic talents of BPS students which featured

music, dance, and theatre performances from schools across the district. Since its inception in 2009, the Boston Arts Expansion initiative has increased the number of BPS students receiving arts education by 17,000 annually while emerging as a national leader in expanding access to arts education.

Recipients include Eliot K-8 School, located in the North End.



Photos courtesy Annielly Camargo.

Students from Eliot K-8 School perform at the 11th Annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival on the Boston Common.



Students from Eliot K-8 School show off their talents at the 11th Annual BPS Citywide Arts Festival on the Boston Common.

Old North Church becomes a site of conscience

Old North Church and Historic Site, an enduring symbol of the American Revolution, has transformed its programming in recent years to provide an honest and in-depth look into our nation's founding. This year, the city's oldest surviving church known for the lantern signal on the night of Paul Revere's ride is celebrating its 300th anniversary, offering fan-favorite experiences as well as new programming that grapples with enslavement and colonialism. New initiatives include the launch of self-guided audio tours, curricula that explore Old North's connections to enslaved labor, and the award-winning Illuminating the Unseen video series. In recognition of this work, the historic site has been named a Site of Conscience, now one of only two members of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience in Boston.

The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience (the Coalition) is the only global network helping historic sites, museums and memory initiatives connect past struggles to today's movements for human rights and social justice. With over 350 members in 65 countries, the Coalition builds the capacity of its members through grants, networking, training, transitional justice mechanisms and advocacy. Each member abides by the Coalition's four operating principles:

- 1 Interpret history through site.
 - 2 Engage the public in programs that stimulate dialogue on pressing social issues.
 - 3 Share opportunities for public involvement and positive action on the issues raised at the site.
 - 4 Promote justice and universal cultures of human rights.
- Old North Illuminated, the Coalition's newest member, inspires active citizenship and courageous, compassionate leadership by interpreting and preserving the Old North Church & Historic Site. Widely known for "One if by land, and two if by sea," and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the legacy of Old North Church as a symbol of liberty and the patriot cause is discussed in history and civics classrooms nationwide.

"The story of the American Revolution that most of us learned in school is more mythology than history," says Nikki Stewart, Executive Director of Old North Illuminated. "The revolution did not bring liberty and freedom to all Americans, and that failure has enduring implications through the inequitable laws, policies, and systems that we live with today. It is an honor to join the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, a community of partners who share our belief that understanding the past is essential to improving our present."

The Coalition's members vary

in size and subject matter from the Tenement Museum in New York to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, Maison des Esclaves in Senegal, and the Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum in Cambodia — but they all have one thing in common: using the power of history and memory to spark action and civic engagement.

"The International Coalition of Sites of Conscience is beyond thrilled to welcome Old North Illuminated as a member of our global network, which now includes over 365 sites in more than 65 countries," says Ashley Nelson, Communications Director for the Coalition. "Through its work interpreting and preserving Boston's Old North Church - a landmark of the American Revolution - Old North Illuminated exemplifies the mission of Sites of Conscience by using the past to create spaces for dialogue and advocacy on today's most pressing social justice issues. We are excited to share their extraordinary work and look forward to many future collaborations."

This summer, Old North Church & Historic Site will be open to visitors Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Holiday hours may vary. Tickets will be offered at \$5 per

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EDITORIAL

PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS NEED TO GET REAL

The opposition by some progressive Democrats to President Joe Biden's decision to send cluster bombs to Ukraine is yet another indication of how out-of-touch with reality they can be on certain issues.

To be sure, the use of cluster bombs can have many drawbacks, the most significant being that a certain percentage of the bomblets remain unexploded on the battlefield, thereby creating a hazard that remains long after the fighting is over. However, when compared to the horrors being wrought upon the Ukrainian people by the Russian invaders, the potential negative impacts of cluster munitions by the Ukrainian military are miniscule. Moreover, let's not forget that the Ukrainians are using these weapons in their own country and will be targeting Russian troops at the front lines, thereby limiting the effect of these weapons upon their own civilian population, unlike the Russians, who indiscriminately have been dropping cluster bombs on Ukrainian civilians from the day they invaded.

In an ideal world, no nation would use cluster bombs -- though in an ideal world, there wouldn't be any war. The simple fact is that the Ukrainians will be using these weapons in their own defense on their own land and they should be the ones to decide what are the acceptable risks. The knee-jerk reaction of some Democratic politicians ignores the reality of what is happening in Ukraine each and every day.

Moreover, these Democrats who oppose the White House on this issue offer no solution to the imminent problem of the Ukrainians running out of artillery shells in their effort to dislodge the Russian invaders. In addition, these Democrats are playing into the hands of Putin, giving him some hope that American politicians will hamstring the Ukrainians in the defense of their country.

While it may be generally true that two wrongs do not make a right, that is not the case in Ukraine. If these cluster bombs help drive out the Russians, they will have been well worth it.

And to use another metaphor, we can't allow the Ukrainians to bring a knife to a gunfight.

WHERE IS THAT RUSSIAN "REBEL" ARMY?

Two weeks ago, the news headlines were all about the supposed attempted coup by Yevgheny Prigozhin, the head of the Wagner group, who reportedly was marching his 8000 man army to Moscow. But since then, both he and his army have all but disappeared.

Well, maybe we've been watching too many of those mini-series shows on Netflix and the other streaming channels, but we hope that U.S. intelligence agencies are tracking this guy and his army -- because it wouldn't surprise us if Putin and he have planned some sort of subterfuge, a ruse, by which they will launch a surprise attack on Ukraine from Belarus or somewhere else in the north of Ukraine.

And if they do, the U.S. and NATO will need to be ready to send in our air support to bomb the Wagner advance (technically, they'll be bombing the private Wagner group, not the Russian army), because if the Ukrainians are caught flat-footed, Prigozhin could be in Kyiv within

Healey recommends appointment of Everett, as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court

Governor Maura T. Healey announced that she is recommending Stephanie L. Everett, Esq. for appointment as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court. Everett is currently the Executive Director of the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency for the City of Boston and, through her legal career, has represented families with cases before the Probate and Family Court. She would be the first Black person to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court.

The Probate and Family Court Department handles court matters that involve families and children, such as adoption, divorce, child support, and wills. In the case of a vacancy, the Governor has the authority to appoint the Register of Probate and Family Court with the advice and counsel of the Governor's Council to serve out the remainder of the term, which currently goes through the end of the 2024.

"The Register of Probate and Family Court has a critical role to play in supporting families and children, particularly during the most challenging moments of their lives," said Governor Maura Healey. "Stephanie Everett is uniquely qualified to step into this position as she has interacted with the court as both a young mother and an attorney, and she has built an incredible career advocating for justice and equity for her community of Boston. I'm proud to recommend her for Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and believe she has the experience, professionalism, determination and empathy needed to serve the families, lawyers and staff that rely on the Court."

"Stephanie Everett has dedicated her career to serving the people of Boston, and the Governor and I are excited for her to take her service to the next level," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "Her voice, perspective and leadership will be invaluable in shaping the future of the Probate and Family Court. We look forward



Stephanie L. Everett, Esq.

to working closely with our colleagues on the Governor's Council to advance this appointment."

"The Probate and Family Court is largely unknown to many Massachusetts residents -- until they need it. That often comes at the most painful moments of their lives, when a marriage dissolves or they experience the death of a loved one," said Stephanie Everett. "As someone who has experienced the Court from both sides, as a young mother and as an attorney, I'm intimately familiar with the impact it can have on people's lives, as well as the fear, frustration and confusion that families face far too often when interacting with the Court. I'd be honored to have the opportunity to serve as Suffolk Register of Probate and Family Court and to use my experience to guide other families through the system and leverage every resource at our disposal to better ensure the future success of every person who interacts with the Court."

In 2021, Everett was appointed the City of Boston's first Executive Director of the newly created Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, which is responsible for investigating complaints of police misconduct and ensuring that the Boston Police Department's internal affairs review process is fair and thorough. In this role, she oversaw a budget of \$1.4 million and a staff of 11 full-time

employees. As a member of Mayor Michelle Wu's cabinet, she advised the mayor on public safety matters. Everett also successfully advocated for funding to create a yearlong internship program and youth advisory council to bridge the gap of youth access to government and strengthen relationships with law enforcement.

"Stephanie Everett is a brilliant and effective attorney and public servant who has devoted her career to serving others, particularly our most vulnerable residents," said Boston Mayor Michelle Wu. "In our years working closely together, I've seen firsthand Stephanie's deep commitment to transparent and accessible government, and I know she will bring her values and her many talents to this important role. I applaud Governor Healey and her team for this nomination and urge Attorney Everett's swift confirmation. We will miss her in our administration, but are grateful that the families of Suffolk County will be well served under her leadership."

Prior to her work with the city, Everett was a solo law practitioner for eight years. She served as the lead counsel on jury and bench trials before Criminal and Juvenile Sessions and as a member of the Norfolk County Bar Advocate Program, accepting indigent clients facing criminal charges and families involved with the Department of Children and Families. She also served as a legal expert for various panel groups seeking to inform underserved and underrepresented communities with information about their rights and changes in law.

Everett has also served as the Chief of Staff of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Deputy Chief of Staff in the Office of State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz, and Manager of Public Safety for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. She is a graduate of Northeastern University and Suffolk University Law School and a member of the Massachusetts Black Lawyers Association.

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NEAA BASEBALL EXTRAVAGANZA A GRAND SLAM

By Phil Orlandella

It was baseball, baseball and more baseball at this year's North End Athletic Association 2023 Baseball Extravaganza at Langone Field.

The special and highly successful event featured Minor and Major League games, two of them All Star games between the North End and teams from Charlestown. "The Minor League got things going, playing four games, showcasing how good all the players have advanced their skills since the beginning of the season," NEAA Baseball Coordinator John Romano said. "It was amazing to see them progress in just a few months," he said.

Following the games each player received a medal for their participation and determination while demonstrating their ability to learn the game and become part of a team.

Sportsmanship Awards were presented to one player on each team. Luca Tizzano, Andrew Krom, John Fronczke, Will McGovern, Emma Saez Blanco, Jack Trojan, Dylan Ronan and

Arlo Balsam.

The Minor League coach of the year was awarded to Brian Trojan. Minor League sponsors were: Richard Motorcars, Boston Auto, B's Club, McGovern Auto, North End Against Drugs, Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1573, St. Lucy Feast Society and the North End Food Tour.

Commissioner Ralph Martignetti, John Pregmon and Richard Perry were recognized for coordinating the season.

Following the Minor League games, the 2023 NEAA Major Championship team, the Regional Review Cubs, received their well-earned trophies. The other three team player received medals.

The Majors part of the program began with the singing of the National Anthem by Sophia Chavarro of NEMPAC.

The traditional game's first pitch was tossed out by State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, once an NEAA Allstar himself.

Following all the ceremonies, the two North End teams (9+10- and 11+12-year-olds) played their game versus Charlestown. The North End won both games, hard-

ly.

Throughout the day and evening pizza from Rocco's Cucina and Grill was served by Lillian Tarullo, Mary Anne Tordiglione and Patricia Romano, while many parents went back and forth picking up the pizza.

A face painter and a balloon artist kept spectators busy and there was a special visit by Sgt. Chevretto and the Boston Ice Cream Truck.

The North End team MVP was

Paolo Tizzano. Best hitter Declan Daley and the play of the game was made by Andrew Courville.

The Uncle Fred Carangelo Award, the NEAA's most prestigious honor was presented to Francesco Faut, Kingston Prinn, Matt Puopolo and Victor Lochiatto.

More awards were: Picture of the Year Luciano Dello Russo. League MVP Reed Fullerton. Rookie of the Year Andrew Perry and Sportsmanship Award to Nick

Horan.

The Coach of the Year Award was presented to Michael Dello Russo.

Major team sponsors: Regional Review Newspaper, Tomasone Club, St. Agrippina Feast Society and St. Anthony's Feast Society.

NEAA Majors Commissioner Ralph Martignetti and Baseball Coordinator John Romano were credited for making this year's baseball program probably the best ever, if not the best.



11-12 Year Old North End and Charlestown Allstar Teams.



Major's Award Winners: Rookie of the Year Andrew Perry, LEague MVP: Reed Fullerton, Pitcher of the Year; Luciano DelloRusso and Coach of the Year: Michael DelloRusso



NEAA Major's Carangelo Award Winners and Most Improved Player Award Winners.



State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and N.E.A.A. Allstar Catcher Paolo Tizzano.



The 9-10 Year Old North End and Chalrestown Allstar Teams.

ABCD HOSTS JULY 4TH NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



Gabriela Ramirez from Boston City Councilor Gabriela "Gigi" Coletta's office and ABCD fundraising specialist Joanna Malone

The Action for Boston Community Development office for the North End and West End neighborhoods held a July 4th party the Friday before the holiday weekend. Guests were treated to a hot dog lunch plate as well as familiar faces in the community.



Volunteer Minjie Tang brings out some food.

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Volunteer David Roderick (second from right) speaks with guests.



ABCD received many guests to enjoy a pre-4th of July party together.

ABCD HOSTS JULY 4TH NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN PHOTOS



ABCD Acting Director Julia Power helps get the food out to guests.



Silk Evans plays some piano to get the party going.

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person. Self-guided tours give an in-depth view of the building that once served wealthy merchants, government officials, and skilled tradesmen. Visitors can walk through box pews, admire the 17th century angels flanking the church's 1759 organ, and learn about the experiences of free and enslaved Black congregants. An immersive audio tour is available in English or Spanish for an additional \$3. Guided tours of the bell ringing chamber or sanctuary gallery, where Black and Indigenous congregants once sat, are offered for an additional \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.oldnorth.com.

PRIDE (from pg. 1)

the second annual North End Pride Celebration on the Paul Revere Prado. This month and every month, we affirm our commitment to love and equality; I am excited to stand in solidarity with the neighborhood for our LGBTQ+ community. All are welcome to join us in this beautiful celebration of love and tolerance in honor of our LGBTQ+ neighbors and affirm that no matter who you love or your gender identity, you belong in this neighborhood," said Councilor Gabriela Coletta.

Coletta is hosting the Pride Celebration in partnership with State Senator Lydia Edwards, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and the Mayor's Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement. The celebration will begin at 4pm with a short program followed by refreshments.

"I am thrilled to celebrate our North End LGBTQ neighbors this year at the second Annual North End Pride Flag Raising. This event is an important reminder and opportunity for us to stand in solidarity behind the message that 'love is love.'" said State Senator Lydia Edwards.

"This month, I'm honored to once again, celebrate with our North End LGBTQ+ community

by raising the Pride Flag at the Prado, and by doing so, promot-

ing love and inclusion." said State Representative Aaron Michlewitz.



Joe Creason from Massachusetts State Rep Jay Livingstone's Office with North End Resident Sunny Davidson.



Boston City Councilor Gabriela Coletta (center) with area residents at the Second Annual North End Pride Celebration.



Christine Wolff has a hat to fit this patriotic holiday.

NORTH STREET GRILLE (from pg. 1)

my sous-chef for the day. To say our mom was proud and beaming with joy is an understatement."

The Banana Bourbon French Toast is still available at North Street Grille, located at 229 North Street in Boston, for \$15.95. For more information, please visit www.northstreetgrille.com.

The North Street Grill is located in Boston's North End. North Street Grille was opened in 2004

and is conceptualized, operated, and owned by Robin Sidell. North Street Grille is a friendly neighborhood restaurant featuring heirloom recipes like "grandma's famous banana bread" and modern takes on classic favorites. Robin's mission has always been to create an environment that says, "Welcome Home." Today, North Street Grille has become one of the city's go-to brunch

spots and has earned esteem as one of the best brunches in Boston. Robin and her team strive to bring customers unique and delicious meals through their robust menu. North Street Grille's commitment to high quality service and innovative dishes brings customers back, time and time again. North Street Grille, along with their amazing breakfast/ brunch menu, offers an extensive drink menu. The drink

menu includes a list of different mimosas, as well as unique martinis such as the Maple Waffle Martini and the Blueberry Muffin Martini. North Street Grille was featured in Boston Magazines "Where to Get the Best French Toast Around Boston", Top 10 brunches in Boston on Yelp, The Boston Globe's Where to eat brunch in Boston and more.

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CLASSIC CORNHOLE COMPETITION RAISES \$62,200

By Phil Orlandella

More than people participated in the annual North End Cornhole Classic Fundraiser hosted by Representative Aaron Michlewitz.

The classic raises money for the Geraldine Marshall Scholarship Fund that supports needs-based tuition assistance to attend the North End Music and Performing Arts Center's educational programs and of the Boston area

non-profits.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu attended the fun filled day full of community support and passion for arts education.

This year's fundraiser set a record \$62,200.



Event Emcee NBC10 Boston News Reporter, Tevon Wooten (center) and Courtney Dwyer (in pink) with NEMPAC Executive Director, Sherri Snow (right) along with other Cornhole participants.



Participants in Cornhole Classic



Left NEMPAC Executive Director, Sherri Snow with State Representative, Aaron Michlewitz

FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATED AT NSC

By Phil Orlandella

A well appreciated Father's Day was held by the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service

Center (NSC) at 1 Michelangelo Street.

Mayor Michelle Wu, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative Aaron Michlewitz, Representative Dan Ryan and Counselor

Gabriella Coletta brought along some sweets.

Lunch was served to all the participants that turned out for the special event that commemorated Father's Day.



Shown (left to right) North End Liaison Jack Imbergamo, Office of City Councilor Gabriela Coletta, District 1, Legislative Aide Yamina Cachmi, Office of Lydia Edwards, Acting Director ABCD North End/West End NSC Julia Power, Legislative Aide Andretti Stanziani, Office of Representative Dan Ryan. Seated, Scheduler Karen D'Amico, Office of Representative Aaron Michlewitz (third from right), North End resident, and North End Liaison Cara D'Amico, Office of Mayor Wu.



Participants in the Cornhole Classic

Coletta sends letter to Boston Public Schools regarding exam school policy, investments in all high schools, and the John D. O'Bryant move to West Roxbury

In a letter to Superintendent Mary Skipper, Councilor Gabriela Coletta urged Boston Public Schools to take a comprehensive look at the state of some of the district's recent policy decisions, including asking for transparency and access to data regarding the exam school policy, highlighting the importance of high quality education across all high schools, and equitable transportation measures regarding the relocation of the John D. O'Bryant School. The letter was developed in an effort to provide a nuanced approach to these policies and advocate for the vast circumstances of families in Charlestown, East Boston, and the North End.

In her letter, Councilor Coletta said, "While I commend the intention of the updated Exam School Policy to increase access



Councilor Gabriela Coletta.

and diversify our exam school student population, as with any new policy, there can be unintended consequences that leave out the very students we hope to serve." Citing the flawed tier system, she noted that some of the most vulnerable students are left behind with loopholes – such as students in income-restricted

housing and working-class parents living in tiers seven and eight. Boston Public Schools has taken the position to not revisit the policy until 2026, but Coletta said, "I believe there is opportunity to embed an individualized student needs assessment across tiers to ensure all students from lower income families are included in this policy." Revisiting this tier system is crucial to ensure that there is an equitable distribution of seats and that we are offering a healthy compromise to families across the city.

Councilor Coletta also requested that Boston Public Schools share data publicly as requested by parents from a letter sent on May 10, 2023, which includes: Admission rates by tier for students with and without bonus points; cut off scores for each

exam school in each tier; and percentage of invited applicants who received bonus points but are not economically disadvantaged by tier.

Coletta applauded the announcement of investing in Charlestown High School as an open enrollment and early college institution, noting that, "Investments such as this allow all students to obtain academic rigor, career pathways, and wrap-around services to reach their fullest potential." She requested to see a menu of options offered by non-exam schools for incoming students to amplify the work happening across Boston and help families find alternatives within the district.

Coletta also expressed concerns about the relocation of the John D. O'Bryant School to West

Roxbury. "While I understand the work that it has taken to designate this location and make the investments needed for both Madison Park and O'Bryant students to excel, it is essential that we address the needs of every student that attends or may attend the O'Bryant," stated Coletta. She outlined the challenges for students commuting from East Boston, resulting in a 94-minute commute to school. "Studies have shown that long commutes can impact sleep, exercise, extracurricular opportunities, and academic success. Policy decisions like this one have significant impacts on student physical and mental health, and it is essential that we examine these impacts for students across the city when making these decisions," said Councilor Coletta.

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VS.

Cynthia C Arias-Melo

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Officials encourage residents to take free transportation on the 'T'

As a way to mitigate traffic with tunnel closing

By Cary Shuman

With the Sumner Tunnel closed for repairs until Aug. 31, state officials are encouraging area residents to use the MBTA's Blue Line, which is free of charge, along with other alternatives of public transportation.

State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, an East Boston resident, Lt. Governor Kim Driscoll, State Sen. Lydia Edwards, and Rep. Adrian Madaro appeared at a July 6 news conference outside Orient Heights 'T' station in East Boston, asking commuters to "ditch the drive" and take public transportation during the tunnel's closure to traffic.

"We really want people to

know the best way [taking public transportation] to get into Boston during the Sumner Tunnel closure is not only good for their wallet, but for the planet," said Driscoll.

Fiandaca said officials have been monitoring traffic patterns daily, including in the cities of Revere and Chelsea. "We know that a lot of folks will choose to take the Tobin Bridge, as opposed to the Ted Williams [Tunnel]," she said. "We think all of those alternatives are out there to help people plan their trip on the Mass511 App. If you do need to get to points south of the city, that App is also there to help you."

Driscoll said she usually takes public transportation at least once a week. "I think I'll be doing it

more. This is a great way to get into Boston. If you have not taken the ferry in to Boston - either from Lynn, Salem, Winthrop, or East Boston - there's no better way, and we hope that people will do even after the Tunnel is [reopened]."

Rep. Adrian Madaro said, "With the Sumner closed for the next several weeks, traffic is as bad as it's ever been, and it won't get better unless we limit the number of cars on the road. As Eastie residents, this is the time to take advantage of the free Blue Line and Ferry whenever possible. The tunnel closure comes with certain unavoidable pains, but together, we can reduce congestion on our streets. Ditch the drive and choose



CARY SHUMAN PHOTOS

Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll joins State Transportation Secretary Gina Fiandaca, Rep. Adrian Madaro, and Sen. Lydia Edwards for a selfie during their train ride on the Blue Line to Government Center.

public transit when you can."

Following the news conference, Driscoll, Fiandaca, Edwards,

and Madaro boarded the Blue Line train for the ride to the Government Center 'T' stop.

New stormwater utility will help modernize infrastructure and support cleaner waterways

Early next year, the Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC) will launch a new stormwater utility that will meet an increased need to modernize Boston's stormwater infrastructure and better prepare for climate change. The proposed stormwater utility will restructure BWSC's current billing by creating a stormwater charge, as well as credit and grant programs that will allow customers to reduce their stormwater charge by performing approved stormwater management activities. The credit and grant programs are being included as part of the stormwater utility following months of conversation with the City of Boston.

BWSC expects that the majority of residential customers will not see an increase in their overall bill because the new billing structure includes a reduction to the existing sewer rate. The funds from the new stormwater charge will help make necessary improvements to Boston's stormwater management systems to better prepare the City for more frequent and intense storms, mitigate flooding, and reduce the amount of polluted runoff draining to the city's waterways. Ahead of the launch, BWSC will undertake a six-month public outreach campaign, during which BWSC will solicit feedback and share information about the proposed stormwater utility with the public.

"The stormwater charge is a fairer and more equitable way to support stormwater services," said Henry Vitale, Executive Director of BWSC. "There are some properties in the City of Boston—such as parking lots—

that are not billed for water and sewer, yet these properties have a significant impact on the amount of stormwater runoff that must be managed. We're proposing that these property owners will have 'stormwater only' accounts and pay a stormwater charge."

The new stormwater charge will allow BWSC and its partners to modernize infrastructure while allowing Boston to address additional growing challenges posed by both climate change and urban development's expanding footprint.

Stormwater is generated when precipitation falls on hard impervious surfaces like roofs, driveways, roads, or sidewalks and "runs off," rather than absorbing into the ground as it would in nature. When stormwater flows over hard surfaces, it collects litter, sediment, and other pollutants, like motor oil and fertilizer. Catch basins in our roadways capture stormwater and convey it through a network of underground pipes called storm drains. Storm drains then release stormwater into our water bodies via stormwater outfalls. Stormwater does not receive treatment at the Deer Island wastewater treatment plant, which means that all the pollutants carried by stormwater enter our lakes, rivers, streams, and Boston Harbor.

In a city that receives an average of 48 inches of rainfall annually, stormwater runoff also contributes to inland flooding. Due to climate change, storms are becoming more frequent and more intense, which will result in more flooding in the coming years if BWSC and the City do not begin to adapt now.

To respond to these challenges, Boston must make improvements to our aging storm drain system, add storage capacity and stormwater treatment, and increase maintenance activities throughout the City. Infrastructure improvements will include pipe replacement and upsizing to accommodate larger volumes of water; stormwater storage features, like stormwater trenches, chambers, vaults, and other infiltration features that will be implemented wherever feasible; and additional staff, training, and equipment to facilitate more frequent and effective maintenance for all stormwater infrastructure, both gray and green.

Green infrastructure (GI) will also be a key component of Boston's stormwater management strategy. GI features mimic the natural water cycle, using plants, soil and other natural materials to capture, filter, store and infiltrate stormwater back into the ground. These features come in all shapes and sizes and have many benefits beyond stormwater management. Benefits include increasing urban tree canopy, mitigating urban heat islands, improving air quality, as well as providing access to green space and improving mental health among urban dwellers. BWSC and the City are currently building and expanding our GI Programs, which include GI planning, design, construction, maintenance, and monitoring activities. GI features like rain gardens, bioswales, bioretention areas, tree infiltration trenches, constructed wetlands, etc. will be deployed in Environmental Justice communities and areas that are already disproportionately experiencing the

effects of climate change. These features will not only remove pollutants and provide much-needed stormwater storage to reduce localized flooding but will help create a more beautiful and healthy city.

The proposed stormwater charge will be used exclusively for stormwater management and will be based on the amount of impervious surface on a property. This is the most common basis for stormwater charges across the country and will more accurately reflect the cost of collecting and managing stormwater. Additionally, customers that currently receive BWSC's elderly and disability discounts (30% on water and sewer charges) will have those discounts automatically applied to the stormwater charge.

Since BWSC's creation in 1977, its investment in sewer and stormwater infrastructure modernization has resulted in dramatic water quality improvements in Boston Harbor, its beaches, and tributary rivers. In 2012, BWSC filed a consent decree settlement to enhance its efforts to comply with the Clean Water Act, as well as clean and revitalize Boston Harbor and its tributaries, including the Charles, Neponset, and Mystic Rivers.

The revenue generated by the stormwater charge will fund BWSC's regulatory compliance responsibilities, while also supporting a more resilient future. BWSC will make investments in measures that improve water quality, increase public awareness and protect the environment, including:

- New storm drain infrastructure

- Repair and replacement of existing infrastructure
- Green infrastructure
- Installation of stormwater control measures
- Outfall restoration
- Numerous other drainage improvement projects

A growing number of U.S. cities, including over 20 municipalities in Massachusetts, have implemented stormwater utilities. Stormwater charges have been embraced nationwide as a more equitable approach to funding infrastructure modernization and better management of stormwater runoff.

Boston's stormwater system is New England's largest and consists of over 30,000 catch basins and 600 miles of pipe conveying stormwater to more than 250 outfalls. BWSC customers currently pay for stormwater management through the rates charged for sewer service. In the past, when sewage and stormwater were managed with one set of "combined sewer" pipes, using sewer charges to pay for stormwater management made sense. Now that BWSC has largely separated Boston's combined system, the proposed stormwater utility will separate out charges for stormwater from the charges for sewer.

BWSC is in the process of determining the final amount of the proposed stormwater charge. However, customers can access more information about the proposed stormwater utility (stormwater charge, credit program, and grant program), as well as a bill estimator tool, on the BWSC webpage at <https://www.bwsc.org/stormwater>.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

North Washington Street Bridge

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. Bridge through July 22 is as follows:

Scheduled Work

- Installation of concrete deck placements
- Installation of bridge deck formwork
- Installation of bridge barrier and sidewalk formwork
- Cutover of utilities to permanent bridge

Work Hours

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

Contraflow Pilot

- The MassDOT-implemented contraflow pilot will continue to be in effect during evening peak traffic (3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday.
- Police details, lane markings,

temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other tools will be used to control traffic during set up and operation of the contraflow.

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:

- OTHER EVENTS: July 15 at 6:00 a.m., and July 19 at 7:30 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.

OBITUARIES

Salvatore “Sam” Bellistri

His true joy and calling was being a husband, dad and grandfather

Salvatore “Sam” V. Bellistri of Norwell died peacefully with his family by his side on Saturday, June 24, 2023. Sam was the loving husband of the late Mary (Neuner) Bellistri. He is survived by his son, Nick and his wife, Allison and grandchildren, Leo and Rose Bellistri of Scituate.

Sam was born October 21, 1941 in Boston to the late Vincenzo and Carmella (Ruma) Bellistri, who immigrated to Boston from Augusta, Sicily through Ellis Island. He was also pre-deceased by his sister, Carmella “Millie” Bellistri. In addition to his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Sam is also survived by a sister, Anna Moss and a large network of wonderful and loyal friends.

Sam graduated from Boston State College, earned his BA in 1967 and later his MSW. He worked for many years as a probation officer in the District Court system and then as a substance abuse counselor. He was known for his genuine care and concern for his patients. He gave freely of his time to anyone in need.

But Sam’s true joy and calling was being a husband, dad and grandfather. When his son Nick asked him to be best man at his wedding, he was the obvious choice, because Sam and Nick truly were best friends. Sam extended that devotion to his beloved grandchildren, from whom he got immeasurable joy.

Sam was the kind of person who made friends wherever he went. No matter the task, he always “knew a guy” who could



take care of it. He was funny and direct. He made the best chicken cutlets and meatballs in the world. He loved running errands, pulling weeds and sitting on the beach. He was the kind of Papa who always brought chocolate munchkins with him whenever he dropped by, even when it was dinner time. He was a prolific gift-giver, and no one will ever outdo a Sam Bellistri Christmas.

There are no words to describe how missed he will be by everyone lucky enough to know him. His family is comforted by the knowledge that he’s now reunited with his wife, Mary, who he has missed terribly the last 14 years.

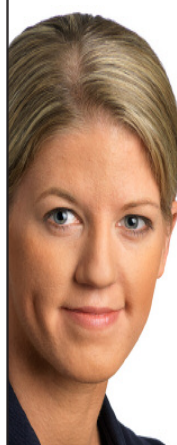
Family and friends are invited to attend visiting hours on Thursday, July 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the McNamara-Sparrell Funeral Home, 1 Summer St., Cohasset. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, July 7 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Nativity, 1 Kent St., Scituate. Interment will follow at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Scituate.

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient’s own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth’s experience caused her to redirect her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra’s story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don’t give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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NEWNC (from pg. 1)

which must be voted on in an executive session after their announcement," said Joel Faller, President of the NEWNC.

"The proposed by-laws have been posted to our Facebook page. The changes include the special election process and a reduction of the signature requirement from 40 to 25. We are planning to hold a special election assuming that we amend the by-laws to fill up to the six vacant seats," Faller added.

Regarding the idea of returning to a virtual meeting that was discussed at the meeting, Faller said, "There is no current plan to return to virtual. The comment was a personal thought that I had, which I might pursue with the rest of the council in the future if it is likely

to significantly increase turnout."

Ciara D'Amico, North End Waterfront and West End Liaison, told the Council about the activities that are being planned for the North End Family Pride Week starting Sunday, July 31, and running through Sunday, August 7. The schedule is as follows:

-- Sunday, July 31: Annual Johnny Paolo Memorial Bocce Tournament at noon;

-- Monday, August 1: Emilie Pugliano / Bobby D Neighborhood Family Boat Cruise - Location: Boston Harbor City Cruise - Long Wharf - be there by 7 p.m. To sign up call John Romano, 617-750-9749;

-- Tuesday, August 2: National Night Out - North End Against

Drugs' Neighborhood Block Party - Location: Paul Revere Mall, (Prado) Hanover Street- 6-8:30 pm;

-- Wednesday, August 3: Family Game Night on the Greenway - Location: Hanover Street/ Cross Street - 6 to 8 pm;

-- Thursday, August 4: Boston Community Collaborative's Movie Night - Location: 'Gassy' Park, Prince Street; and

-- Sunday, August 7: North End Family Pride Day! Location: Christopher Columbus Park, noon to 4.

There will be no August meeting, as is the council's usual custom. The council's next public meeting is set for Monday, September 11.



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