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Wu highlights initiatives in State of the City address

By Adam Swift

The future of Franklin Park, one of Boston's open space and recreational jewels, took center stage at Mayor Michelle Wu's State of the City address at MGM Music Hall on Tuesday night.

Wu also highlighted new initiatives to house families, expand homeownership, and plan for a green and growing city during her second annual address. She outlined partnerships with employers, higher education, and cultural institutions she said will transform public schools and BPS athletics and expand opportunities for students and families from pre-K to college, including summer jobs and unprecedented access to spaces for learning and curiosity.

"Last summer, Boston scored a huge goal: landing the National Women's Soccer League's newest franchise in 2026," said Wu.

With the city's partners at Boston Unity Soccer Group, Wu said the city is excited to renovate the historic White Stadium at Franklin Park into the first sports venue in the country that will co-house a pro sports team and a public school athletics program.

"Our students will have a world-class grass field, eight-lane track, brand new locker rooms, and conditioning and study spaces to call home," said Wu. "We'll



Mayor's Office Photo by John Wilcox

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu delivers her State of the City address at the MGM Music Hall Tuesday night.

also create a new booster fund for BPS athletics to cover expenses for uniforms, extra equipment, and dedicated transportation."

Wu noted that the plans for a revitalized Franklin Park extend beyond bringing a professional soccer team to a renovated White Stadium.

"For my family and many others, there is no more magical place in the city, with its historic stone bridges; wooded trails; and beloved community spaces," said Wu. "But our biggest park has suffered from decades of disinvestment."

This year, the mayor said the city will act on recommendations of the Franklin Park Coalition and community members to begin

restoring Franklin Park to its full-est potential.

The city will hire a park administrator and six new maintenance staff, bringing dedicated park staffing to its highest level in over 50 years, Wu said. In addition, she said the city will begin the community process to reimagine and invest in a home of the Elma Lewis Playhouse.

"Every young person deserves to grow up in a city with wide open spaces that coax our legs into running – that remind us to breathe deep and look up at the sky," said Wu.

Rickie Thompson, the President of the Franklin Park Coalition, said her organization is thrilled to celebrate the mayor's significant

new investments in Franklin Park.

"The Coalition has been advocating for renovations and additional staffing for a significant time," said Thompson. "We're very grateful that Mayor Wu is responsive to these requests and will work to update this critical resource that has been neglected for too long."

Jennifer Epstein, the controlling partner of Boston Unity Soccer, applauded Wu's vision and the partnership to revitalize White Stadium.

"The transformation of the stadium into a world-class sports facility presents an incredible opportunity for BPS student-athletes, the communities around the park, and our soccer club," said Epstein. "We are building our team for Boston and the diverse

communities represented here, and we thank the City for its leadership. Working together with the City and members of the community, we look forward to delivering a reimagined White Stadium that enhances our city and contributes positively to the vibrancy and activation of beloved Franklin Park."

Throughout Wu's address, there was a focus on housing, education, and the future for young people in the city.

"Time and again, we have proven the future is ours to shape," said Wu. "And day by day, we're following through on Boston's promise to be a green and growing City for everyone. As a mom—and a BPS parent—I

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Successful St. Francis fundraiser

By Phil Orlandella

"A Huge Success," That's how the Friends of St. Francis House described the annual fundraiser for the church.

"We had a shipment delivered to Saint Francis Hall a few days ago just before Christmas with approximately 23 boxes of stuff," said John Romano.

Boxes of hats, gloves, warm jackets and scarfs were among the items sent. The all-volunteer

group also provided the church with \$3,500 in checks. "This was easily our biggest collection yet" Romano noted.

"The Greenway Realty, 69 Salem Street once again partnered with the Friends on this amazing project," Romano said.

Olivia Scimeca and John Romano said "They are truly grateful to all their friends, family and colleagues who helped out and contributed to this year and the last 20 years.

NEWRA says no to one-way State Street

By Phil Orlandella

A unanimous vote of opposition was taken by the North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) against the City's proposal to turn State Street into a one-lane road.

The letter of opposition stated many reasons why NEWRA is opposed.

A proposal by Ristorante Limoncello, 190 North Street to continue the eatery's outdoor dining and private property was approved 14-1 by the community-based organization.

The Ristorante has utilized the

same space during the COVID-19 protocol and is once again requesting a city permit.

The site is a private piece of property, that the restaurant has used before. Not an outdoor street dining permit that was a city pilot program allowing dining on the streets during the pandemic.

Last season 2023, Mayor Michelle Wu made a decision to shut down outdoor dining on North End streets which was ongoing for a couple of years with community opposition.

Apparently, this issue will once again be confronted with the residents, restaurants and the city as the season gets closer.

Based on a NEWRA ZLC Committee report, the group voted to send a letter to the city supporting a request by Gordon Ramsay Burgers, 120 JFF Surface Road to convert the second floor of the buildings terrace from seasonal (March to September) to year-round.

There were no voting agenda items at the NEWRA January meeting to discuss or take any action. Presentations were made by three guest speakers.

Next NEWRA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8 at 6:30 PM at the Nazzaro Community Center, North Bennet Street.



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EDITORIAL

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NEVER GAVE UP

For those of a certain age, it is hard to imagine that 2024 will mark 56 years since the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on April 4, 1968. Recalling how we felt when he first heard the news of Dr. King's murder still brings chills and a deep sense of sadness that never has subsided.

For those who are too young to have been alive in that era of American history, there are a few things that everyone should know about Dr. King that should provide inspiration to all of us.

First, Dr. King was fearless. He knew from the inception of his rise to prominence of the Civil Rights movement that he would become a target for those who opposed change. Yet, even though he often told others that he believed his death would be imminent, he did not relent in his fight to continue his work in the civil rights movement.

Second, Dr. King stood for the rights of all Americans, not merely those of color. He was in Memphis working with striking sanitation workers, whose pay and working conditions he was seeking to help improve. He was an outspoken critic of the Vietnam War because he knew it to be an unjust war, not only for poor Americans who could not get a college deferment for the draft, but also for the people of Vietnam, whose homeland was being bombed into oblivion at great profit for the American military-industrial complex.

If Dr. King were alive in the present era, there is no doubt that he would have been in the forefront of the Black Lives Matter movement that has highlighted the ongoing racism and economic inequality that oppresses Americans of all races today.

Dr. King's words ring as true today as they did two generations ago; his "I Have A Dream" and "I've Been to the Mountaintop" speeches are among the most powerful not only in American history, but in all of Western civilization.

All of us should learn from the example set by Dr. King that in each of us is the power to change the world -- that each of us has the capacity to inspire others, whether through our words or deeds, whether on a small or large scale, to make the world a better place.

Many of our fellow citizens have followed the path set by Dr. King and many more will do so in the years ahead. So as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day this Monday, let us recall not only his memory and the many things that he accomplished, but let us also resolve never to give in to the forces of intolerance, prejudice, and hate that continue to plague our country and the world today.

REPLACE BELICHICK? GOOD LUCK WITH THAT!

As we are writing this at the beginning of the week, there is rampant speculation that the Patriots are going to fire Bill Belichick, who undeniably is the greatest football coach of all time.

Yes, he had a great quarterback in Tom Brady, but Belichick's genius was in taking players such as Brady (who, after all, was the 200th pick in the draft) and turning them into pros who could fill a niche (Teddy Bruschi, Julian Edelman, and Kevin Faulk being prime examples) on his teams. Belichick's Patriots were a classic case of the sum of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts in much the same way that Red Auerbach, another coaching genius, did for the Celtics.

Belichick's attention to detail was unparalleled, which explains why he routinely could allow great players to leave -- think Lawyer Milloy, Ty Law, Richard Seymour, Vince Wilfork, etc. -- and still be able to turn unheralded replacements into top-notch players.

To be sure, Bill Belichick wasn't perfect -- we still have never heard a logical explanation for why he did not play Malcolm Butler in that Super Bowl with Philly -- but when you look around at all of the so-called "new wave" of football coaches, there is a lot of mediocrity, and even the best are not in his league. (The only current coach who comes close to Belichick is an old school guy, Andy Reid of Kansas City.)

The Patriots need to rebuild and if there's anyone who knows how to do that, it is Bill Belichick (although even he will have a hard time unless the Pats can draft a quarterback who can compete with Ryan Allen, Mahomes, Tua, Joe Burrow, Lamar Jackson, Justin Herbert, and C.J. Stroud).

Our prediction is this: If Belichick goes, whoever is his replacement will last about three years -- and the Pats and their fans will realize that there was only one Bill Belichick, the G.O.A.T.

OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

SALVATI RECEIVES WELL DESERVED AWARD

Lifelong North End resident Marie Salvati, a community activist, was recently the recipient of the Fred "Uncle Fred" Carangelo Award presented at the 51st North End Christmas Luncheon.

The award started back in 1994 after "Uncle Fred" passed away.

A large turnout saw Salvati recognized for her many types of community services and other neighborhood involvement over the years.

Carangelo started the community fundraiser to provide Christmas gifts to seniors and families who would not be able to enjoy the holiday due to financial difficulty.

Congratulations Marie, well deserved!

VILLA MICHELANGELO HANDICAP ACCESS BLOCKED

It's already a new year with problems once again at 190 Salem Street, 40 Snelling Place.

This time around, the devel-

oper and general manager have a scaffolding and debris blocking egress to Villa Michelangelo housing.

The President of the North End facility and residents have tried, unsuccessfully to fix the dangerous problem with the developer and made contact several times with the 311-city hotline, that obviously fell on deaf ears, and access to the property continues to have major problems for abutters.

Villa Michelangelo needs the area clear of debris and the scaffolding to make it safe for the safety of its residents, especially the handicapped.

Plastic Free Mass urges legislators to fix recycling system

Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Just Zero, Be the Solution to Pollution, and other members of Plastic Free Mass are calling on legislators to update the state's beverage container deposit return system (aka Bottle Bill), which remains unchanged from when it was passed in 1982. Under the Bottle Bill, consumers make a deposit of 5 cents on some beverages, which they can redeem when they return the empty containers for recycling. If the program were updated to include all beverage containers and the deposit were increased to 10 cents, litter would be reduced in Massachusetts by as much as 85%.

"Massachusetts beaches and waterways are choking with trash," said CLF attorney Mara Shulman. "Across the state, volunteers are spending countless hours picking up litter. This is unsustainable. Updating the Bottle Bill will not only slash litter, but it will also reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions. It's time for legislators to meet this moment and stop relying on volunteers to clean up litter when a legislative solution is at our fingertips."

"The data is clear," said Kirstie Pecci, Executive Director of Just Zero. "Modernizing Massachusetts' Bottle Bill will drastically reduce litter, curb pollution, improve recycling, and create local green jobs at no cost to taxpayers. But even better than that, Bottle Bills set us up to transition to refillable

beverage systems. In Europe, countries are collecting, washing, and refilling glass bottles because they know that this is where we get the most climate impact. Massachusetts can be a regional leader and blaze the way right now towards a future where single-use beverage containers are a thing of the past."

"Month after month, our volunteers return to the same beaches and rivers," said Mary Lou Nicholson, coordinator for Be the Solution to Pollution. "In 2023, my group cleaned up over 3,000 pounds of litter on just 6 Massachusetts beaches. It's a Sisyphean task, coming back again and again to clean up the same spots. But it doesn't have to be this way. With a better Bottle Bill, we would see litter in

Massachusetts reduced by leaps and bounds."

Single-use beverage containers, a common source of litter, comprised a large proportion of the trash that resident volunteers cleaned up in Massachusetts in 2023. Massachusetts is one of 10 states in the U.S. with a Bottle Bill. But our Bottle Bill is sorely outdated. Not only does the deposit program include only 40% of the beverage containers sold in our state, but the deposit hasn't changed from when it was established at 5 cents in 1982.

Legislators can stop this problem at its root by expanding the program to include all beverage containers and raising the deposit to 10 cents.

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ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK ON THE GREENWAY

Armenian Heritage Park on The Greenway has been an interesting place to visit and enjoy all the offerings that take place at the site, including educational programs.

Friends of the park, in order to continue the care for the well-used park on the edge of the North End needs to fundraise.

Checks should be made out to Armenian Heritage Park Foundation and sent to Karen Dederyan, Treasurer Heritage Park Foundation, PO Box 77, Watertown MA 02471.

BRAIN STORMING MEETINGS

Residents are invited to attend the Friends of Christopher Columbus Park quarterly meeting to help plan for this year's activities.

Scheduled meetings will be held at 6 PM on February 15, May 14, August 13 and November 18 at the Mariners House, 11 North Square, 2nd Floor. Elevator available.

LIVE BETTER CLASSES

A series of LIVE Better Classes is currently taking place at the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

Classes are held every Friday from 10:30 AM 11:30 AM free of charge. Classes focus on functional, natural movements and exercises plus stretching and breathing techniques and will be taught by Nancy Bellantoni.

LA BEFANO CELEBRATION

A fun filled celebration, including a delicious lunch, sponsored by Artu and the Frattaroli family. "La Befano" was held in the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center on Michaelangelo Street.

It's nice to see local businesses and families supporting activities and meals for local seniors and families.

A BUSY YEAR AT NSC

The ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) located at Michaelangelo Street had a very busy year providing activities for the Center's seniors and needy families.

They served over 400 clients who received an average of seven services each.

They distributed more than 150 gift cards during the holiday season and delivered and served 2,000 hot meals.

NSC has also provided many events, activities and a variety of programs during 2023.

IN BRIEF By Phil Orlandella

NE LIBRARY PROGRAM

A discussion of the Civilian Conservation Corps, a project of the Great Depression, will be held at the North End Library on Wednesday evening, January 31 at 6 PM presented by the Friends of the Library.

This is the story of the Corps that planted over 3 million trees between 1933 and 1942 will be presented by Anthony Guerriero.

REVIEW ONLINE

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NEWNC SUPPORTS PRIVATE PROPERTY OUTDOOR DINING

A request by Ristorante Limoncello, 190 North Street, to once again open outdoor dining on private property was supported by the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC). The eatery will only set up on private property not to be confused with the recent dining on North End streets.

That's an issue that will be addressed by residents, restaurants and the City of Boston before the season approaches.

NEWNC also supported an application by Gordon Ramsay

Burgers, 120 JFF Surface Road, to convert the second floor of the building's terrace from seasonal to a year-round operation.

All NEWNC meetings are open to the public.

TUNNEL OF LOVE AT COLUMBUS PARK

The annual Tunnel of Love returns to Columbus Park for its 8th year beginning February 11.

Created by the friends of Christopher Columbus Park's Art Curator Robyn Reed with help from members, the Tunnel of Love brings hundreds of people to the Waterfront to enjoy the festival lights, fun conversation hearts, listen to the romantic music under the trellis and maybe capture the perfect photo.

NSC HOLIDAY EVENTS

Over 50 North End/West End residents (seniors) attended the North End/West End Neighborhood holiday event with music, a homemade ham luncheon with all the trimmings and sweets.

They were joined by staff from the mayor's office, Senator Lydia Edwards, Representative

Aaron Michlewitz and Councilor Gabriele Coletta.

BASEBALL REGISTRATION COMING SOON

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) will soon start registration for the 2024 baseball season for players 4 to 18 years old for the Majors, Minors, Clinic and Traveling Team(s).

The NEAA announcement will be published in the Review just after the first week in February, Stay tuned.

N.E. LIBRARY EVENT

A Writing Legacy Letter Workshop will take place on Saturday, January 13 from 11am to 12:30pm.

The workshop introduces the concept of legacy letters and will guide participants in crafting their letter to reflect their life experiences, express values and share values of lessons with family and friends.

It's not a format document, typically only a few pages but it will be an enduring gift.

Anthony Jay Sherwin created the Life Reflection Project and now teaches classes to help people create these "ethical will."

Angels returned to Old North Church

By Phil Orlandella

Perched on the gallery railing in front of the oldest known American built pipe organ, there are four recently restored hand carved Angelic Figures in the sanctuary of the Old North Church on Salem Street in the North End.

High above the floor, the oldest items in the church have been off-site for much needed repairs.

British privateer, and North End residents, Captain Thomas Crunching, captured a French ship on its way to Québec and seized its cargo which included the Angels.

He and his investors sold off all the captured goods but the Angels which were donated by him to the Old North Church where he worshipped.

The story of Captain Crunching's Angels is a favorite

among Boston tour guides and in books that draw visitors from around the world.

Chris Gutierrez of Manzi Appraisers and Restorations handled the restoration of the Angels.

Made of Belgium, the Angels date back to 1620, it is unknown where the Angels spent the first century and 1776.

Originally, the Angels held trumpets in their hands. Decades of time decayed two of them, requiring casts of the lost instruments and two of the Angels. New trumpets with fabricated, restoring them back to the original look.

The Old North Church Illuminated welcomed home the Angels with a special public celebration.

Those with the name Angel, Angela, Angelica and others with

other name that included the word Angel in them received free general admission to the church's sanctuary.

In addition, those who dress up as an angel received a free general admission.

Angel theme songs like, Calling Angels by the Trains, Earth Angel by the Penguins and others were played at the celebration. Limited stickers were also presented to guests.

Historic site Stewart Executive Director of the Old Not Illuminated spoke about the history of the Angels, calling them National Treasures and how they came to Boston through privateering in the 18th century.

She noted, "These angels were already 100 years old when they were installed in the mid-1700s."

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know that to truly be the best City for every family, we have to give our young people the world: in the classroom, in community, in every corner of our City.”

Wu announced that the City will eliminate barriers to building accessory dwelling units (ADUs) this year by changing zoning to make these small homes as-of-right citywide. The ADU program allows owner occupants to create smaller, independent units inside their homes or in their yards.

The mayor also announced plans to identify locations for nearly 3,000 new, modern, energy-efficient public housing units that will be built over the next decade, which she said will be the first new net public housing units built in Boston in more than 40 years.

“From Chinatown to West Roxbury, public housing makes it possible for so many of our seniors, and veterans, and residents with disabilities to stay in our city, and for so many of our



Mayor's Office Photo by John Wilcox

Members of the Boston EMS attended the State of the City address at the MGM Music Hall.

young people to grow up here – including two of our newest city councilors,” said Wu.

Across the city, Wu said too many families are getting displaced when their apartment buildings are scooped up by private inves-

tors.

“We’re launching a fund to make these buildings permanently affordable – doubling down on our success last year keeping 114 families in their homes in East Boston,” said Wu. “This year, we

will deploy the fund to protect 400 more families citywide.”

For students, Wu said several new partnerships with higher education institutions will ensure that BPS high school students have access to early college and career pathways.

Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) will broaden its partnership with Charlestown High School by offering every student the opportunity to take college courses either through dual enrollment or early college pathways in business, technology, and health.

In September, BHCC and Charlestown High School will launch the City’s second Year 13 program, which provides a full year of free college courses to Charlestown graduates. Roxbury Community College will partner with Boston International Newcomers Academy (BINCA), the Margarita Muñiz Academy, and English High School to launch the first early college incubator designed specifically for multilingual students.

Mass General Brigham will deepen its partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers to ensure Boston’s

healthcare professions reflect the community, Wu said.

Wu also announced that Boston Public Schools has signed an agreement with UMass Boston and Chancellor Marcelo Suárez-Orozco to transform the BCLA-McCormack High School into the district’s first University-Assisted Community Hub School.

The mayor also introduced a new program to help students and their families continue their education outside the walls of the school and some of the city’s most famous institutions.

Starting in February 2024, on the first and second Sundays of each month, every BPS student and up to three family members will get free admission to the Boston Children’s Museum, the Franklin Park Zoo, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Museum of Science, and the New England Aquarium. Families will show a BPS school ID or an electronic pass to gain admission.

The mayor also hit upon the city’s continuing commitment to being a green city.

“Last year, I promised to ban fossil fuels in new city buildings, and we did: Already, two new community centers and two libraries in progress will be fossil fuel free,” said Wu. “And this year, we will introduce zero net carbon zoning to make Boston the greenest city in the country.”

In her speech, Wu also highlighted several public safety issues.

The mayor said the city is collaborating on a public health-led approach at Mass & Cass that has removed encampments and helped hundreds of people find housing and begin a path to recovery; and partnering on a community-driven safety plan that has achieved the lowest levels of gun violence on record. Wu also noted that a new police contract sets a national precedent for community policing, including discipline reform, detail reform, and investing in officer education.



Virtual Community Workshop

Long Wharf Flood Resilience Planning

JANUARY

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3vblVvp

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 291 8077



Project Proponent:

BPDA and City of Boston, Environment Department

Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and the City of Boston are building on the climate vulnerability analysis and resilient strategies developed through Climate Ready Boston (2016) and Coastal Resilience Solutions for Downtown and North End (2020). This virtual workshop will introduce the goals and context of the Long Wharf Flood Resilience Planning and Feasibility Study, provide information, seek community input on existing conditions, risks, vulnerabilities and considerations that will inform conceptual design options and strategies to manage flooding on Long Wharf and its surroundings.

Language Access services are available at no cost to you. Spanish and Chinese services will be available for this meeting. If you require additional language services, please contact ksenia.acquaviva2@boston.gov no later than January 25th.

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SCENES FROM THE ST. AGRIPPINA'S MEMBERSHIP 28TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

St. Agrippina's membership held its 28th annual Christmas Program for North End children on Sunday December 10. The program once again, was a huge success! Santa Claus arrived at St. Agrippina's Chapel via fire engine with plenty of toys for all the good boys and girls. There were many families anxiously waiting for his arrival, while holiday music played. Santa Claus took an individual picture with each child, gave him or her an age appropriate gift, a balloon and a gift bag filled with school supplies and candy treats for many children. The Boston Celtics Dancers made a special guest appearance to help Santa Claus! A very merry good time was had by everyone that

attended.

The membership would like to thank the following for their continued support of the program. The VFW Post 144 North End, Bencotto Resteraunt, Mikes Pastry, Umberto's Pizzeria, North End Fire Station, Ballons Over Boston, Hill Side Press and The Boston Celtics.

The membership of St. Agrippina's Society is very proud of our annual Christmas Program for North End Children. Our membership would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. We thank everyone for their participation and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next annual feast. Viva St. Agrippina.



CHEERS TO ARTÚ AND THE FRATTAROLI FAMILY FOR A CELEBRATION OF LA BEFANA

A celebration of La Befana, generously sponsored by Artú and the Frattaroli family, marked not only the end of the long and festive holiday season in Italy, but also at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC). The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated January 6 with a national holiday in Italy, and the tradition of La Befana is a large part of Italian Christmas celebrations. Epiphany honors the 12th day of Christmas when the

three Wise Men arrived at the crèche bearing gifts for the Christ Child. According to the Italian legend, La Befana, a witch riding a broom, refused to join the Wise Men on their journey to see the baby Jesus. When she regrets her decision, she sets out to bring gifts to the Child but never finds him. Instead, she leaves gifts for other children. Italian children leave out their shoes or put up stockings for the Befana to fill on January 5th, Epiphany Eve. Naughty children

receive coal.

There was no coal at the NE/WE NSC, but rather a delicious lunch consisting of misto salad, rotisserie chicken, roasted carrots and potatoes, and penne puttanesca. It was a warm, cozy day and a wonderful way to kick off 2024. Thank you again, Artú and the Frattaroli family, for the food and love that you bestowed upon the seniors in the neighborhood!



L-R Colleen Holden of Artú_ General Manager Gianni Frattaroli, Artú_ and ABCD NE_WE NSC Acting Director Julia Power.



Ben Tayag, District Director, Office of State Senator Lydia Edwards speaks with North End seniors.



Joe Creason, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative Jay Livingstone, greets a West End constituent.



The tables were full with ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center for the celebration.



Joe Creason, Legislative Aide, Office of Representative Jay Livingstone, visits with some West End seniors.

Edwards embarks on comprehensive housing tour to address Massachusetts' unique challenges

Senator Lydia Edwards recently completed an extensive tour of Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown, hosted by Cape and Islands Senator Cyr, to closely examine the housing challenges facing these areas. Accompanied by local leaders and advocates, the Senator's tour underscored her commitment to understanding and addressing the housing crisis in the Commonwealth, especially in regions impacted by seasonal economies and soaring real estate prices.

The tour included visits to key locations and meetings with significant stakeholders. Participants included Tom Dixon, a member of the Select Board; Brooke Mohr of the Nantucket Resource Partnership; Brian Sullivan, a Real Estate Agent; Tucker Holland, the current Housing Director for Nantucket; and Kristie Ferrantella, the incoming Housing Director for Nantucket.

Senator Edwards' visit began with a trip on the Hyannis Hy-Line Cruises, followed by a driving tour of various housing projects. This tour provided a firsthand look at the innovative approaches being taken to address housing needs in these communities.

A highlight of the visit was the tour of the Harbor Hill property in

Provincetown. This unique housing development, which includes a range of units from studios to three-bedroom apartments, caters to residents earning between 80% and 200% of the Area Median Income (AMI). With rents ranging from

\$1,200 to \$2,700, Harbor Hill represents a critical solution for families who earn too much to qualify for traditional affordable housing but still struggle with the high cost of living.

The Senator also engaged in a walking tour of Hyannis Main Street and met with local advocates in Provincetown and the outer Cape to discuss broader housing issues and potential policy responses.

Cape and Islands Senator Cyr, a key figure in this initiative, remarked, "It was a genuine joy to host my friend Senator Edwards in Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown for a housing tour. Senator Edwards did not let any rough seas deter her on-the-ground approach to examining housing challenges in the furthest reaches of Massachusetts. I am grateful she took the time to listen to Cape Codders and Islanders to understand the unique obstacles we face in a seasonal economy with skyrocketing real estate prices."

es. Senator Edwards' dedication to crafting housing policies that reflect the needs of the whole Commonwealth will provide the Cape and Islands with the policy tools we need to stem our housing crisis."

Addressing Senator Cyr's remarks, Senator Edwards noted "As I traveled through Nantucket, Hyannis, and Provincetown, the diverse housing challenges faced by our communities became vividly clear. From families caught between the cracks of traditional affordable housing to the unique pressures of our seasonal economy, it's evident that one-size-fits-all policies simply won't work. I am committed to working tirelessly to develop nuanced, effective housing policies that recognize and address these distinct needs. Our goal is clear: to create sustainable, affordable housing solutions that strengthen our communities and support all residents of the Commonwealth."

Senator Edwards' visit underscores her commitment to not only understanding the unique challenges faced by different communities in Massachusetts but also to developing comprehensive policy solutions. This tour is a step towards ensuring that housing policies are inclusive and effective, addressing the needs of all residents across the Commonwealth.



Senator Lydia Edwards, (left) and other officials toured parts of Massachusetts to discuss the housing challenges facing these areas.



Sen. Lydia Edwards and officials are pictured at a new housing construction site.



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SCENES FROM THE 2023 NORTH END ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS PARADE

Once again, for the 51st year, the annual North End Christmas Parade was truly the best seasonal community events, that nobody can deny.

Fully enjoyed by the hundreds of people that showed up to meet Santa arriving by helicopter and participating in the parade through the North End streets, it was a jolly, jolly seasonal event.

This traditional community

celebration began many years ago, when a young North End resident and community activists, Robert “Ted” Tomasone had a vision of having a Christmas Parade in the North End, and obviously succeeded.

Since its inception, the seasonal event, the special day has become bigger and better with more and more people attending each year.

Right from the start, the parade was destined to become a fixture in the community, due to the determination of Tomasone who had an idea and work overtime to make it happen and eventually become the highly successful community event it has become.

“Ted” is without question the Father of the North End Christmas Parade.

Courtesy photos



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Construction Look-Ahead for the North Washington St. project through January 20 is posted.

Scheduled Work

- Removal of temporary vehicle bridge and pile supports
- Demolition of old bridge structure

Work Hours

- Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

Travel Tips

For everyone using the east sidewalk of the new 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: January 15 at 1 p.m., January 18 at 7 p.m., and January 20 at 7 p.m.

- CELTICS: January 10 at 7 p.m., January 13 at 7 p.m., January 17 at 7:30 p.m., and 1/19 at 7:30 p.m.

- OTHER EVENTS: January 12 at 8 p.m., and January 14 at 8 a.m.

How can I find more information?

Stay up-to-date and informed by following @MassDOT on X, formerly known as Twitter, 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](#)

Project email: [NorthWashingtonStreet@dot.state.ma.us](#).

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT
Docket No. SU22P2778EA
Estate of: Christopher Roland Hunt
Also Known As: Christopher R. Hunt
Date of Death: 11/05/2022
A Petition for Order of Complete Settlement has been filed by Thomas P. Jalkut of Boston, MA requesting that the court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, a determination of testacy and heirs at law and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to 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 01/30/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30)

days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 19, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
1/11/24
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617) 788-8300
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU24P0014EA
Estate of: Doris Y. Yaffe
Date of Death: 12/07/2023
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Judith A. Galle of Burlington, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Judith A. Galle of Burlington, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(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 Court. You have a right to 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 02/15/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.
UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)
A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 04, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
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Suffolk Division
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL

ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU23P2703EA
Estate of: John P. McDonough
Also known as: Father P. McDonough John
Date of Death: 11/17/2021
To all interested persons:
A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Daniel F. Tarpey of Cohasset, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.
The Petitioner requests that: Daniel F. Tarpey of Cohasset, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(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 Court. You have a right to 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 01/30/2024.
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: January 03, 2024
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
(617)788-8300
Docket No. SU75957
In the matter of: Mary D. Whitney
Date of Death: 01/01/1900
To all interested Persons:
A Petition has been filed by Mellon Trust Of New England N.A.of requesting allowance of the 72nd-75th account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to 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 01/30/2024.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. 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 be taken without further notice to you.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 20, 2023
Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate
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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN
Docket No. SU20P1294GD
In the Interests of: Simon Petros
Of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT
Incapacitated Person/ Protected Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that

the court:
Expand the powers of a Guardian
The petition asks the court to make a determination that the powers of the Guardian and/or Conservator should be expanded, modified, or limited since the time of the appointment. The original petition is on file with the court.
You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 01/25/2024. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which. You have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 27, 2023
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Register of Probate
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ANNUAL NORTH END CHRISTMAS FUND LUNCHEON A PHENOMENAL SUCCESS

This year the North End Christmas Fund Luncheon moved to the fabulous St. Joseph's Hall at St. Leonard's Church. The Luncheon Committee did a fantastic job with the change of venue. Over 25 people volunteered to help pick up food, serve the food, greet people as they came in and help raise money for this annual cause that really speaks to what the North End is all about - caring for each other. While this event was started many, many years ago - the meaning and values then, are still carried out today! Special thanks goes to all the Restaurants who donated food to help make

this annual event one of the best ever: Ben Cotto - Warren Mustachio, Antonio's Cucina - Steven Colarusso, Massino's - Paul D'Amore, Antico Forno - Carla Gomez, Umberto's - Ralph Deuterio and The Golden Goose - Steve D'Angelis. Over 220 people filled the hall to capacity. Hats off to Chairmen Ted Tomasone and his band of volunteers for pulling off this successful endeavor. Thanks to Vincent Scibelli (Executive Director) and the North End Waterfront Health who work hand in hand with Teddy to make this event happen each year. While many organizations and

businesses pitch in, a special shout out to the N.E.A.A. is warranted. Thanks also goes to the Nazzaro Center, N.E.A.D., N.E.M.P.A.C., and the Ausonia Council Knights of Columbus #1513, for their annual support. We also would like to thank our State Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and City Councilor Gigi Coletta for their continued support and contribution. The Fred Carangelo Humanitarian Award was given to Marie Salvati. Special Awards were given to the St. Joseph's Society and to Dr. John Foster of NEW Health who is retiring after many years of dedicated service.

Courtesy photos



Dr. John Foster, his wife Dr. Cheryl Bunker and Vincent Scibelli of NEW Health.



The Salvati Family



City Councilor GiGi Coletta, Maria Bova, Marie Salvati Ted Tomasone, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz.



All the volunteers who helped before and during the event.

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Courtesy photos



Ted Tomasone (left) and Richie Vita.



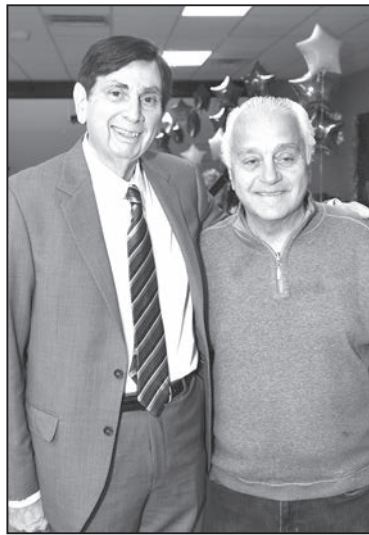
Francine Gannon and Mario DeLeo.



Ted Tomasone and Dino Manca from JS Waterman Funeral Home



Ted Tomasone with Joe Dorant of M.O.S.E.S.



Ted Tomasone with Paul Cucinatti.



Shown (left to right) are Jim Matarano (St. Joseph's Society), Vinny Scibeli, Ted Tomasone and Eddy Summers (President St. Joseph's Society).



Sam Viscione (Friends of the North End) and Louie Cavagnaro (President N.E.A.A.).



Rep. Aaron Michlewitz address the Luncheon Attendees.

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A dog for all seasons

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Some dogs enjoy our changeable New England weather. They are adaptable and happy to go out and explore as long as they are with you. Others are happier basking in the warm sun on a beach or frolicking in the snow in winter.

Did you ever consider that your relationship with weather conditions should influence your choice of dog? If you hate the cold, ice, and snow, a high-energy dog who needs a lot of exercise any time of the year might be difficult. On the other hand, if you love the summer and want to take long dog walks on sunny days, a flat-faced dog like a Bulldog might have breathing problems trying to keep up with you.

Origins Make a Difference

The seasonality of a dog depends, in part, on genetics and breeding. A dog's body, tail, coat, and personality depend on the work humans refined the breed to

perform. Among the best examples of this are sled dogs. A clue to the weather adaptation of the Alaskan Malamute and Siberian Husky is in their name and their work. They originated in cold places to pull sleds.

The American Kennel Club (AKC) points out the necessary qualities of a sled dog. "One of the most important is good feet. Long-distance races are tough on a dog's body, and the feet bear the brunt of the work." AKC continues, "A healthy appetite and a thick coat are also important. Picky eaters might not take in the necessary calories on the trail, which reduces their performance ability. A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories."

However, while genes are one factor, within breeds, you'll find dogs who adapt to seasons in far different ways. Our first Westie, Sassy, loved basking in the



AKC says for a sleddog, "A healthy coat with a thick undercoat helps keep a dog warm and protected from the elements and preserves those essential calories." (Photo: Getty Images.)

sun. Number two, Maggie Mae, adapted to any season as long as she could be outside socializing,

whereas Poppy loves playing in the snow.

Adaptations Can Help

We can help a dog adapt to our seasonal conditions. In winter, if you have a short-haired dog who needs a lot of exercise, like a greyhound, you must protect her from the cold and wet. Friends with a former racing dog use a layered coat system for winter walks. It has a thin layer for cool days, a thicker layer with a snood to keep her ears and neck warm on cold days, and a rain jacket that fits over either or both for wet days.

Aside from adaptive clothing, you can vary the time of your exercise walks. Take that husky out anytime in winter but in the coolest hours in summer.

Age and Health

Other adaptations are for age and health. You may have specific

exercise directions from your veterinarian for a dog with a specific medical condition. Ask about this on your next vet visit, especially if you and your dog have moved here from an area with very different weather.

Carriers and strollers can make longer walks possible for dogs with injuries, health conditions, and as they age. Years ago, friends with an aging Airdale bought her a little red wagon to transport her to a favorite park. Recently, we spotted a gentleman pushing his Bulldog in a low-to-ground stroller. It enabled the big boy to step in and out by himself, a perfect adaptation for both the dog and the guardian.

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

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