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REP. MICHLEWITZ ENDORSES GREG HENNING FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY DA



A campaign fundraiser was held for Suffolk County District Attorney candidate Greg Henning at Artu in the North End. Highlighting the well-attended event was Rep. Aaron Michlewitz's announcement that he has endorsed Greg Henning in the race for the DA's position. Pictured outside Artu are, from left, Suffolk University Vice President John Nucci, Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, Greg Henning, and former Boston City Councilor Paul Scapicchio. Please see more photos on page 3.

Affordable, elderly housing planned for K of C building

Special to the Regional Review

Ausonia Home Association plans to convert the council quarters of the Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1513 at 41 North Margin Street to 23 affordable, elderly apartments and new council quarters. The complex will also have a large community room, which will be available to the North End community, apartment residents and council members. Ausonia will grant

a 99-year building/land lease to the East Boston Community Development Corporation (East Boston CDC) and its partner Affirmative Investments, Inc. for the building and land on which it occupies for the elderly housing project, which will be 100% affordable. Currently, East Boston CDC manages the 71 affordable, elderly apartments at Villa Michelangelo, where there is a 2-year waiting list.

There is a serious shortage of affordable housing in the neigh-

borhood. In addition to Villa Michelangelo, long waiting lists exist at every affordable housing development; and to compound that problem, residents at the Mercantile Building have been notified by the new owners that they will be losing their subsidized, affordable rents. Ausonia hopes to continue the project's momentum and begin construction by late fall this year.

The Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1513, is a Catholic, fraternal, charitable non-profit organization based in the North End since 1910. The council's mission is to perform charitable deeds to improve the quality of life for members of the community and people in need. The council supports education, cultural, religious, civic, health and sports endeavors.

Grand Knight John Pagliuca said that this development is a win-win project for the community and the council. The neighborhood gets much need-



Knights of Columbus building on North Margin Street.

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City launches youth/young adult homelessness plan

By Phil Orlandella

Rising to the Challenge: Ending Youth and Young Adults Homelessness in the city, a community planning process centered around preventing and hopefully ending homelessness among unaccompanied people, has been launched by members of the City of Boston's Youth Action Board.

The Board is the City's consumer advisory group of youth and young adults who have current or former experience with homelessness or housing insta-

bility.

"Our city is taking the critical first steps in ending homelessness," Mayor Martin Walsh said. "Board members and their peers have important stories to tell us and will contribute so much to the creation of this plan."

Rising to the Challenge gathered community partners to develop and launch the first draft of this comprehensive plan that is geared to put youth on pathways toward stable housing.

Joanne Hayes-Rines honored by Residents' Association

By Matt Conti

Joanne Hayes-Rines was honored for her leadership in the community by the North End / Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA). Presenting the award, a framed Harbor Fireworks print, was State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, NEWRA President Mary McGee and Treasurer Sue Benveniste at their April 12th meeting.

Joanne is well-known as the longtime President of the Friends

of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP), often referred to as the most successful "friends" group in Boston. FOCCP is an all-volunteer group made up of North End and Waterfront neighbors and businesses working together for the gem of the North End and Waterfront: Columbus Park. FOCCP works closely with the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department to keep the park clean and well maintained while

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Photo by Matt Conti

Joanne Hayes-Rines holds the Harbor Fireworks print that she received from the NEWRA for her leadership in the community.

EDITORIAL

YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED

Boston residents living in our neighborhood are fortunate to have some great open spaces within a couple of miles of each other stretching from the North End to the Back Bay.

The newly established Greenway that was created after the Central Artery Project was completed is looking better each year with more activities being planned.

The Boston Common and the Boston Public Garden are green places to escape the continuous traffic jams and fast pace of today's life.

Then there is the crown jewel of open spaces, The Esplanade along the Charles River.

However, the maintenance of these spaces needs to be ongoing. The overuse by residents especially in the warmer months keep taking a toll on the grass and trees. In some of these parks the ground under the grass is like concrete having been compacted by thousands of people just walking or playing and water is sometimes unable to get to the root system.

Many times, both city and state funding for the maintenance of the monuments or trees or flowers or events falls short.

This is where special groups have been formed to protect and advocate to keep these spaces alive and usable for all the residents in our community.

A couple of weeks ago, the Friends of the Public Garden held their Green and White Ball that raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to restore and refurbish the Robert Gould Shaw Memorial that is one of the top ten public art pieces in the country.

On June 7, the Greenway gala to raise funds for the Greenway will be held. And, in September, The Esplanade Association will be holding its fundraiser again to raise money to continue their work on keeping the Esplanade vibrant for residents of all ages to use.

This is just a quick glance at some of the many organizations throughout our neighborhood that keep our green spaces in shape for future generations.

We urge residents to volunteer for some of the work that needs to be done. The easiest task should be to just pickup and dispose of properly any trash that you bring. And if you really want to help, we urge you to attend one of the many galas or events that these neighborhood groups hold. These galas are a lot of fun and the money raised account for most of the organization's funding that will be used to maintain the parks.

After all, we are all beneficiaries of healthy and well-maintained green space.



Applications available for 2018-19 SPARK Council

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that applications for the 2018-2019 SPARK Boston Council are now available. The SPARK Boston Council is a group of volunteers charged with leading the City's efforts to engage Boston's young adult population.

"We're proud to have the highest percent of young adults out of any major city in the country," said Mayor Walsh. "The SPARK Boston Council gives us an opportunity to challenge young adults to think big and become neighborhood leaders. This population is diverse, well-educated and full of ideas that will help us grow the city in a sustainable and positive way."

Under the direction of the SPARK Boston Director, the 2018-2019 Council will spend the year using its talent and innovation to identify ways in which Boston can grow as an inviting, connected, culturally rich and sustainable place for young adults. Projects may include programming and projects on housing policy, economic development, equal pay, public art and neighborhood engagement. Throughout the SPARK Boston Council Term, members also hear from key members of the Mayor's staff as well as leaders within City Hall.

"The SPARK Boston Council has always been defined by civically engaged, energetic Boston residents who are passionate about their future and our city," said Amy Mahler, Director of SPARK Boston. "Council members serve a multitude of roles such as being ambassadors of City programs, participating in focus groups for City staff, or convening policy conversations and neighborhood celebrations. It's a great way to be an active participant in Boston's future as well as your own."

The 2017-2018 SPARK Boston Council is comprised of 38 Boston residents, who live in 20 different neighborhoods across Boston. This group includes entrepreneurs, designers, social workers, restaurant professionals, undergraduate and graduate students, community organizers, veterans and representatives from many other industries across

the public and private sectors. Approximately a third of the Council are native Bostonians, while others grew up as far away as France, Cape Verde, India and Spain.

Last year, the SPARK Boston program received 180 applications for the Council, showing a robust interest for involvement and engagement. Projects for this Council cohort have included the launch of the neighborhood tour series, the continuation of the Chief Chat policy talk series, and the Millennial Homeownership Open House, a collaboration with the Boston Home Center to bring educational materials, lenders, and realtors to millennials.

"SPARK Boston is an opportunity to give back to my community, develop professionally and expand my network," said Emily Murphy of the 2017-2018 SPARK Boston Council. "I'd had the chance to interact with peers and professionals from all walks of life, and have truly learned about the city of Boston, community involvement, and myself."

"SPARK has given me the opportunity to collaborate with other millennials who share my values in Boston," said Gabrielle Sims of the 2017-2018 SPARK Boston Council. "Not only have I planned great events with others on the SPARK Council, but I have learned about new places in Boston and now have a newfound appreciation for the city!"

Applicants must be Boston residents, are between the ages of 20 to 34 to apply for the Council. Applications for the Council can be found here and submission deadline is July 16. For more information on the SPARK Boston Program, please visit <http://www.boston.gov/spark/>.

About SPARK Boston

Boston is home to a large and diverse millennial population. SPARK Boston (formerly ONEin3) is a City of Boston initiative that aims to empower the millennial generation to play a greater role in planning for the future of our city. Learn more at <http://www.boston.gov/spark/>.

Myles' Musings

By Myles Striar

Suddenly It's Spring

May's finally here. The wait was long.
We were in need of no instruction

To rejoice in her blossoms and birdsong
And to ignore those who seek our destruction.

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REP. MICHLEWITZ ENDORSES GREG HENNING FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY DA

On Tuesday May, 1 at Artu Restaurant on Prince Street, State Representative Aaron Michlewitz endorsed Greg Henning for Suffolk County District Attorney.

"There is no one in this race who can hit the ground running on day one -- and do this job starting right away -- other than Greg Henning," Rep. Michlewitz said.

Michlewitz added that Henning's experience makes him

the only candidate qualified to run the office. "Greg knows the job. He knows the ins and outs of the DA's Office, he knows the challenges that take place. This is not an easy position. It is not something you can just walk into and figure out along the way."

The two grew up together, and Michlewitz reflected on the days of having Henning as a teammate on the baseball field.

"When we were kids, Greg was a mentor. To a lot of us, he

was someone you looked upon for stability, someone you knew you could count on. He was always going to show up, he was always going to work his hardest, he was always going to be that steady rock."

Henning remembered his days on the ballfield as well, and reflected on the feeling of security he felt walking to and from the ballpark as a kid, mentioning a conversation he had with his late father, Boston news reporter John Henning.

"One of the reasons I wanted

to run for District Attorney is that I remember what my Dad said about the experiences I had here. Meeting people, getting to know them, and being able to live and work in a community like this, walking home through the streets knowing that you are safe, 'that's special,' he would say."

As District Attorney, Henning said he will work every day to ensure that level of safety for everyone in Suffolk County.

"I'm going to keep working hard, just as Aaron and Paul have for me," Henning said, referenc-

ing Rep. Michlewitz and former Boston City Councilor Paul Scapicchio, who was also at Artu to support Henning and served as the boys' little league coach years ago.

"I am committed to making sure that all of your neighborhoods, in any part of the city, are safe for people to walk home at night from the little league field. I want everyone to have the same experience that I was lucky to have as a young kid here in the North End."



Peggy Nucci, Suffolk University Vice President John Nucci, Greg Henning, and Attorney James Morris.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Greg Henning.



Greg Henning and Robert Dello Russo.



Richard Vita and Greg Henning.



Patrick Lyons, Roseanne Giacalone, Karen D'Amico and Blake Webber, with Greg Henning.



Tim Sheridan and Michael Magner, with Greg Henning.



James Carregal and Joseph Carregal, with Greg Henning.

Zakim Bridge architect explores its link to Eiffel Tower

By Dan Murphy

While 3,435 miles and the Atlantic Ocean stand between Paris and Boston, the two cities share a common bond in that each are defined by an iconic, architectural landmark as Beacon Hill architect Miguel Rosales will discuss in his upcoming lecture, "The Eiffel Tower and the Zakim Bridge: Landmarks of Structural Art," at the French Cultural Center on May 30.

"I want to compare the two structures and the roles that they have played in the two different cities," said Rosales, the president and founder of the Boston firm Rosales + Partners and architect behind the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge. "I'm interested in exploring how a structure can become a symbol of a city."

Named for French engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower, the 1,063-foot, wrought-iron, truss tower on the Champ-de-Mars was constructed as the entrance to the 1889

World's Fair. It originally only had a 20-year permit and was slated to be dismantled in 1909, but the tower received a permanent reprieve due to its usefulness as a communications transmitter. It has since been used to broadcast radio and television signals, and to date, the Eiffel Tower has attracted more than 250 million visitors to become the most visited, paid tourist-attraction worldwide.

As for Rosales, he was immediately impressed by the Eiffel Tower's grand scale upon first visiting it at age 14, and he hadn't visited the landmark for several years until he returned there last week in preparation for his upcoming lecture.

"It'll be really interesting to go back after so many years and learn more about the tower and its enduring appeal," Rosales said in anticipation of his trip. "I want to see it again to refresh my memory before the lecture."

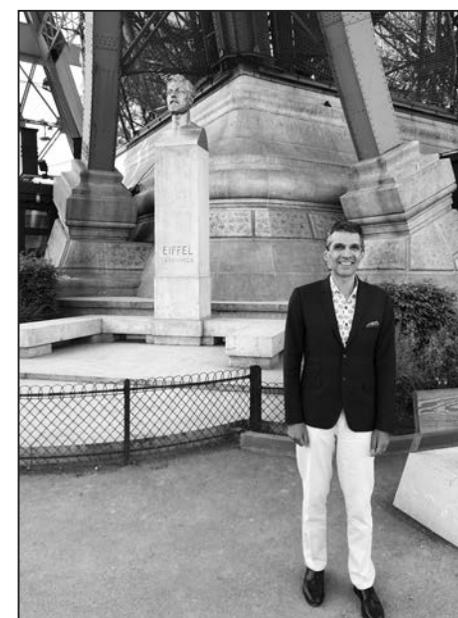
During his previous visits to Paris, Rosales admits he had no idea that the Zakim Bridge would become as inextricably linked with Boston's identity as Eiffel Tower has with Paris.

In the early '90s, as part of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project, Secretary of Transportation Frederick Salucci endorsed Rosales's idea to build a cable-stayed bridge over the Charles River allowing him to focus his attention to designing an aesthetically pleasing crossing. He was named lead architect for the bridge in 1992 and continued to spearhead the project for the rest of the decade.

Rosales took the novel approach of building a cable-supported bridge with tall towers – a decision that would eventually help transform the once gritty area around the sports arena then known as the Boston Garden into a vibrant city neighborhood.

"Every bridge is different," Rosales said. "Every bridge design should respond to the context and surroundings, so that it fits well. If you create a special design, a bridge can become part of a city's culture and image."

The French Cultural Center at 53 Marlborough St. presents "The Eiffel Tower and the Zakim Bridge: Landmarks of Structural Art" on Wednesday, May 30, from 6 to 8 p.m.



Miguel Rosales, the president and founder of the Boston firm Rosales + Partners, is seen last week at the base of the Eiffel Tower.

Admission is \$25 for French Cultural Center and \$35 for non-members. Visit www.frenchculturalcenter.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

The North End District A1 Boston Police Public Safety meeting will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

FOCCP MEETING

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mariners House, 11 North Squ

NEWNC MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

NEWRA MEETING

The North End/Waterfront Residents' Association (NEWRA) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

NEWRA COMMITTEE MEETING

NEWRA's Zoning, Licensing and Construction Committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m. in the Mariners House, 11 North Square.

NEWRA EXECUTIVE MEETING

NEWRA's Executive Committee monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m.

PARKS DISCUSSION MEETING

The third in a series of public meetings to discuss improvements to Puopolo Park and Langone Field will be held by the Boston Parks Department on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center.

PLAYING IN THE PARK



Photo by Phil Orlandella

Warm and sunny weather brought out many families to enjoy the kids' lot at DeFillippo Playground (Gassy) on Prince Street.

NE/WE NSC ACCEPTING FOOD PROGRAM DONATIONS

Donations are being accepted through June 30 to support the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center's food programs that assist needy neighbors in these communities.

NSC and the West End Library are accepting: Monetary donations, restaurant and supermarket gift certificates, nonperishable food items. Especially needed: pasta, tuna, oatmeal, peanut butter, cooking oil and corn.

For details call 617-523-8125.

NEWNC COMMUNITY ELECTION

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) community elections will be held Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street.

NEAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual North End Athletic Association (NEAA)

benefit golf tournament will be held on Monday, August 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Andover Country Club. For details contact Louis Cavagnaro at 617-523-7410.

NEMPAC PRODUCTION AT FANEUIL HALL

North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) production of Don Giovanni, presented at Faneuil Hall on June 21 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. For info visit www.nempac-boston.com.

A free preview performance will be held on Sunday, June 17 at 4 p.m. in Christopher Columbus Park.

NE/WE TRIP TO ROCKPORT

A day trip to Rockport has been scheduled by the North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center for Wednesday, May 30. For details call 617-523-8125. The deadline is Monday, May 11.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT COLUMBUS PARK

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will hold an Independence Day Celebration with fireworks on Boston Harbor from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 30.

LAWN GAMES AT COLUMBUS PARK

Friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) will conduct lawn games from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 30 through Saturday, August 25.

MAYOR'S COFFEE HOUR PLANNED

This year's Mayor Martin Walsh and Boston Parks and Recreation Department 19, annual neighborhood Coffee Hour will

be held at Christopher Columbus Park on Thursday, June 28 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

NEWNC MEMBERSHIP ELECTION MAY 19

The North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) 2018 election will be held on Saturday, May 19 in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For details visit newnc.com.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, is offering student scholarships. For details call 617-635-5166.

TODDLER YOGA

Boston Community Collaborations is offering Toddler Yoga at the Nazzaro Community Center on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with caretakers. For details call 617-635-5611.

HORTICULTURE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOCCP

The Friends of Christopher Columbus Park are looking for people interested in maintaining the roses and gardens of Christopher Columbus Park. The group meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m., every Thursday 8:30 a.m. and every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Rose Garden. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary, all tools and training are provided. For details email Robyn at robyn@foccp.org.

GLOW IN THE PARK

Glow in the Park returns for its fourth year on Friday, June 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. A signature event in downtown Boston, Glow takes place on the beautiful Greenway and includes favorite Greenway Food Trucks, local brews, great wines, and live entertainment. Kick-off the summer with an evening of dancing, lawn games, and lounging in the park!

Mark your calendars! Tickets go on sale in early April.

2018 EVENTS AT COLUMBUS PARK

The friends of Christopher Columbus Park (FOCCP) have announced their 2018 schedule at the park. All events are free and open to the public.

- Saturday, June 10, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Independence Day Celebration, Fireworks on Boston Harbor.

- Saturday, June 30 through August 25, 12 to 4 p.m., Lawn Games.

- Sunday, July 22 through August 26, Dusk Sunday Night Movies.

GREENWAY GALA SET FOR JUNE 7

The 2018 Greenway Gala will be held on Thursday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the park. Tickets are now available. For details visit the Greenway website.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES OFFERED

Free English Classes are being offered at the ABCD North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center, 1 Michelangelo Street. Open enrollment. Classes include education and career advising. Details are available by calling 617-523-8125 or email vidhartha.deonarin@bostonabcd.org.

COMPLIMENTARY WINE TASTING

V. Cirace and Son, Inc., 173 North Street, North End offers complimentary Wine tasting on Fridays from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome to participate by visiting the award-winning shop. For details call 617-227-3193

FONE BOCCE AT SKATING RINK

Friends of the North End Bocce will continue through the winter months every Sunday morning at the Steriti Rink indoor courts. Spectators are welcome to attend. Spring/Summer tournaments will begin in late May.

OPERA AT STERITI RINK

Steriti Skating Rink in Boston's North End will be the site of the Boston Lyric Opera's presentation, *Travel in Tahiti*, and Arias and Barcarolles newly combined into one harmonious work with marriage, dreams and disillusionment from May 11 to May 20. For production information visit <http://blo.org/tahiti/>.

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The Regional Review would like to hear from residents and the business community regarding North End news.

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Downeast Cider House to open on The Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

Selection of the partner to operate a new pop-up drinkery on The Greenway's 17-acre park at Dewey Square across from South Station has been made.

Downeast Cider House has been chosen to run the Downtown Back Porch on The Greenway.

The partnership brings Downeast's unfiltered craft cider to the park's contemporary popular location. Furthering the use of Dewey Square Park as an outdoor, casual and dynamic plays to relax in the heart of downtown Boston.

"The Downeast back Porch on The Greenway, with the backdrop of the signature contemporary art mural on

The Greenway Wall, will be a terrific place for commuters and visitors," said Greenway Conservancy Executive Director Jesse Brackenbury. "We're delighted to partner with Downeast, another creative local entrepreneur."

Back Porch is expected to operate from late May through October on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings plus Saturdays and Sundays.

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ed affordable housing, Ausonia Council #1513, K of C receives a new council and Ausonia maintains ownership and control of the property. Ausonia has started to reach out to discuss the proposal with the community and neighborhood groups. Organizations have begun to write letters of support for our proposal as we outline the project. Ausonia would like to thank the Nazzaro Center, North End/Waterfront Health Center, St. Mark's Society, North End Against Drugs, North End Music and Performing Arts Center, North End Athletic Association and several abutters for submitting letters of support for our proposal.

The Mayor's Office held an abutters meeting on Tuesday, April 24th at the council, and the Knights would like to thank Sal Longo Jr. of Busy Bee Jumpers for donating the chairs for the meeting. The development team looks forward to presenting their plans to the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council, North End Waterfront Residents Association, as well as coordinating future public information meetings at the council.

North End housing shortages and the lack of affordable apartments were also problems in the late 1960s. The Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1513 responded by developing 2 affordable, senior housing developments: Christopher Columbus Plaza at 145 Commercial Street and Ausonia Housing at 185 Fulton Street, now owned and operated by the Boston Housing Authority.

In 1985, when development was out of control in the neighborhood, the council spearheaded community efforts to change the Zoning Code to protect the neighborhood by limiting building heights to 55

feet and introducing rooftop overlay codes. The council's Community Affairs Committee chaired public meetings at the council, composed & distributed petitions and worked with North End resident and BRA Zoning Director Linda Bourque to draft the new zoning codes.

Over 20 years ago, Ausonia wanted to expand the community benefit of its property by offering the building for affordable housing as part of the original Battery Wharf Project. When the Raymond Group pulled out of the Battery Wharf project, Ausonia reached out to many community cultural, education and health non-profits as well as government agencies to utilize its property for the neighborhood. Although nothing materialized during that process, Ausonia believes that a 100% affordable, elderly housing complex is now the best use for the building.

The Knights of Columbus, Ausonia Council #1513 has always been an active member of the North End community. From being a founding member of North End Against Drugs to providing their facility for use by community organizations, Ausonia fulfills their charitable mission to make the North End a great place for everyone. The council has hosted NEAA Little League Baseball Banquets and North End Music & Performing Arts Center rehearsals in the hall. During the Central Artery construction, the North End Waterfront Central Artery Committee CA/T conducted community meetings at the council and the project maintained a public outreach office on-site.

Individually, many members of the council play integral roles for many of the community's non-profit organizations, religious feast societies and

church groups. For example, council members served on the North End Community Health Center Board's Nursing Home Subcommittee, which developed the North End Nursing Home; and more recently made the community aware of the BRA /LDA agreement which was instrumental in saving the nursing home.

Many factors were needed to move this project so close to a reality. First, the council has had tremendous support and encouragement from Mayor Martin Walsh and his administration. Inspectional Services Department Commissioner William "Buddy" Christopher met with council members and clarified many issues early in the process. Sheila Dillon, the Mayor's Housing Chief and Director of the Department of Neighborhood Development, and her staff have been 3 meeting with Ausonia for over a year regarding the financing and feasibility of the project. Boston Planning and Development Agency (former BRA) staff have been working with Ausonia on financing and the Article 80 development process.

State Representative Aaron Michlewitz and State Senator Joseph Boncore have been involved since the early planning stages; and newly elected City Councilor Lydia Edwards has also been briefed on the development. Ausonia appreciates their assistance and support as the development team works to move the project forward.

Grand Knight John Pagliuca added that the members of Ausonia Council are excited about keeping the council quarters in its current location, assisting our most vulnerable neighbors by providing affordable housing and being able to continue a lifetime of charitable work for our community.

NORTH END LIBRARY PROGRAMS

EVENTS FOR ADULTS

Friday Films: The Paranoid Style

Friday May 18 1 pm
Seven Days in May

Friday May 25 1 pm
Parallax View

Friday June 1 1 pm
The Prisoner

Friday June 8 1 pm
Three Days of the Condor

Friday June 15 1 pm
All the President's Men

Friday June 22 1 pm
The Conversation

One-on-One Computer Assistance for Adults by Appointment - Wednesdays 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Call 617.227.8135 to reserve a 30-minute spot for personalized assistance with PC computing, laptops, iPads, tablets, the BPL catalog, and online resources. Laptops are available to use or you can bring your own.

Mah Jongg Club - Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come and play the American-style variant of this tile-based game that originated in China and requires skill, strategy, and calculation. Beginners are welcome. Please note that beginner instruction begins at 11:00 a.m. No sign up is required.

Gentle Chair Yoga - Tuesdays through May 29 at 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Join certified yoga instructor

Maura Almy as she leads a weekly chair yoga class for all levels. The gentle flowing movements and passive and supported poses of this Vinyasa-style Yoga is appropriate for those working with an injury, limited mobility, or those who prefer a softer approach to yoga. Proper yoga breathing will also be taught. No supplies needed; just bring yourself!

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Disney with Dan - Tuesdays through May 30 at 10:30 - 11:00 am

Enjoy fun, Disney shorts for those ages 2 - 4 years.

Meet the Musicians Storytime - Fridays May 18 & 25 at 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us for a special series of story times with Ms. Alyson & NEMPAC. Each week we will share a story, a craft, and meet a new artist and their instrument! All ages are welcome.

Bilingual Storytime with Antonio - Fridays May 18 & 25 at 10:00 - 10:30

Join Antonio and our bilingual circle and enjoy traditional stories, songs and games in Spanish and English, while children learn routine and skills for life!

TEENS

Six Steps to a Successful College Essay - Wednesday May 23 at 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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funding unique amenities such as the blue lights on the trellis and bringing elegant horticulture to the park, including its famous Rose Kennedy rose garden. Find out more about the Friends group and how to join at FOCCP.org.

More recently, Joanne led the effort to bring back New Year's Eve fireworks to Boston Harbor. With the double barges, the 2018 fireworks were visible across Boston's waterfront and the inner harbor, including front row views from the North End, Seaport, South Boston, Downtown, Wharf District, Charlestown Navy Yard and East Boston. Thousands came out across the waterfront to watch the display. Through a fundraising campaign, the return of midnight fireworks on New Year Eve over Boston Harbor was privately funded through donations to local non-profits, including Friends of Christopher Columbus Park, Wharf District Council and Boston Harbor Now.

Not one to rest, Joanne is cur-

rently working with other local non-profits to raise money for more firework shows, including June 30th (Independence Day / Harborfest celebration), Labor Day weekend and, of course, New Year's 2019. If you have a contact to a business that might be interested in supporting the fireworks program, contact joanne@foccp.org.

Lastly, Joanne spoke about Preserve Boston's Waterfront, a group of local residents who oppose the City's development proposals for the Harbor Garage and the surrounding waterfront neighborhood. "The Municipal Harbor Plan ignores some of the real needs for the public realm," said Hayes-Rines. She added "Where is the much-needed ferry terminal? Where is the continuous Harborwalk from Columbus Park to the Moakley Bridge? Where is a traffic plan, without which the hundreds of additional vehicles each day will bring traffic to a standstill. Read more and view the petition at PreserveBostonsWaterfront.org."

OPINION BY PHIL ORLANDELLA

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Carmelina Restaurant recently hosted a great fundraiser for the North End Music and Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) that was a terrific success.

Owner Damien DiPaola did a great job providing a delicious menu and outstanding excellent hospitality.

Fantasy Wines, Christina Trotta and Modern Pastries supported the fundraiser.

Proceeds from the wine dinner will support new music technology equipment.

It's always great to see the business community helping out a neighborhood organization.

NEAA BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The largest amount of money raised is generated by the annual North End Athletic Association (NEAA) Benefit Golf Tournament, held at the Andover Country Club, in August.

Each year over 140 golfers participate in this major event that helps the NEAA provide the North End many programs and events.

Tab The tournament is a terrific opportunity to play a round of golf, have lunch, win raffle prizes and meet new friends.

Space is limited and golfers are already putting together teams, so sign up as soon as possible.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS MAKE FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Spring cleanup in the North End hosted by the City of Boston was a successful neighborhood event.

Many localities made their way to the Paul Revere Mall (Prado), picked up their equipment and headed to different areas to pick up debris.

Maria Lanza did a terrific job coordinating the volunteer neighborhood program.

The City of Boston should have a cleanup day once a month or two from April through August. Each month the cleanup should be in coordinated with a neighborhood organization. Not a communitywide venture, just selected some streets or parks.

A clean community makes for a healthy neighborhood.

NEWNC ELECTION HAS FEW CANDIDATES

Like last year, there is no contest in the annual North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) as only five residents have submitted nomination papers for six available seats.

Once again, there will be no contest in the 2018 election, all candidates will automatically become Board members for a two-year term.

However, to make it official, NEWNC will still conduct a community election on Saturday, May 19 in the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Maybe it's time to go back to the drawing board to find a way to attract candidates to run for election.

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City Summer Safety Strategy includes the monitoring of house parties

By Phil Orlandella

Boston Police will continue to strengthen public safety throughout the city with a committed strategy initiative currently implemented in an effort to reduce violence throughout the summer months.

A multi-pronged approach

includes: Increase positive interactions between police and the community, engage youth with programming and activities, increased access to services and provide increased police presence and enforcement with a focus on guns.

"Summer safety is a city-wide effort," Mayor Martin Walsh said. "By providing more

opportunities for youth to have fun, get a summer job and get involved in their community, we're providing a much-needed path away from violence."

One of the many other commitments that will make a real difference in the North End is monitoring house parties that continue to be a problem in the community.

NEWNC community election this Saturday, May 19

By Phil Orlandella

In just two days on Saturday, May 19 the North End/Waterfront Neighborhood Council (NEWNC) will hold its annual community election to fill six open two-year terms

on the Board.

The election site is the Nazzaro Community Center, 30 North Bennet Street, which will be open from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Each year six seats are open to fill a twelve-member Board which consists of all North End

or Waterfront residents.

NEWNC is a volunteer community organization that meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Nazzaro Community Center at 7 PM.

Ballots will be counted on the day of the election.

Improvements to North End Parks meeting to be held

By Phil Orlandella

Boston Parks and Recreation Department (BPD) will conduct the third in a series of public meetings relating to potential improvements to Puopolo Park and Langone Field on Commercial Street.

Following two other public

meetings to obtain suggestions for the renovation of the parks BPD will present additional plans for the public space.

"We look forward to sharing the preferred design and hearing what you have to say," Kathy Baker-Eclipse said.

The North End Athletic Association (NEAA) has a

vested interest in the parks, as they conduct several baseball and soccer programs on these fields. In addition to baseball, the North End softball League season takes place on the field.

The meeting will be held on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 PM in the Nazzaro Community Center.

Boston Police report on crime at North End public meeting

By David Marx

Boston Police District A-1 provided North End/Waterfront residents an update on recent neighborhood crime incidents at the May 2018 North End Public Safety Meeting. Overall crime in District A-1 is down 9% YTD.

Aggravated Assault (1)

- 4/27/18 (Charter Street): Domestic incident.

Disturbing the Peace (2)

- 4/28/18 - 4/29/18 (426 Hanover Street): Over the course of a single evening, police responded to the address on 3 separate occasions (11:30 p.m., 2:49 a.m. and 3:30 a.m.) for a loud party being hosted on the roof deck and in the tenant's apartment. Summons was issued for Keeper of a Disorderly House.

- 4/28/18 at 7:30 p.m. (49 Charter Street): Two white males and two black males got into an altercation (before or while heading to Foster Street). One suspect allegedly showed a gun. A sneaker, a piece of a

chain and a broken cell phone were recovered. Victims were uncooperative. No charges were able to be filed.

Breaking & Entering - Commercial (2)

- Between 4/22/18 at 5:00 p.m. and 4/24/18 at 10:30 a.m. (10 Lewis Street): Hair salon reports an unknown person forced open the front door to the salon. Victim reports cash register was stolen (the exact amount of cash inside the register was unknown), as well as about \$5,000 worth of hair cutting scissors and clippers. A crowbar believed to be used in the break-in was found at the scene and will be checked for fingerprints. Any video recorded by a camera or cameras in the vicinity is being sought.

- 4/30/18 - 5/1/18 at 12:00 a.m. (Fleet Street): Police officers responded to a breaking and entering in progress at La Summa. On arrival, they spoke with a witness who informed them he observed on video a male suspect stealing property from the restaurant. Suspect

found hiding in a rear storage shed and ordered out. At this time the suspect came running out in an attempt to escape with a box cutter in his hand. Police Officer was able to kick a trash barrel in his way knocking him off balance and to the ground where he was handcuffed.

Property recovered from the suspect and returned to witness from the restaurant. Suspect made statements that he wanted to harm himself was transported MGH by EMS for a section 12 evaluation. Suspect to be summoned to court.

Larceny (1)

- 4/18/18 between 12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (20 Cooper Street): Victim reports a package delivered to his Cooper Street residence was stolen.

The stolen package contained ~ \$160 worth of vitamins and supplements.

Larceny from Motor Vehicle (1)

- 4/12/18 at 2:04 a.m. (corner of Endicott Street and

Farewell celebration held for Carl Ameno, Nazzero Center Director

It was a grand affair for the sendoff for Carl Ameno, who is retiring as Director of the Nazzero Community Center after 45 years in service to the City of Boston. The farewell dinner was held on Tuesday, May 8th at Filippo's Ristorante in Boston's North End.

State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz gave an impassioned speech recalling his fond memories growing up with Carl at the Nazzero Center. He joined in

presenting official citations with State Senator Joe Boncore and City Councilor Lydia Edwards. Also reminiscing were former House Speaker Sal DiMasi, Eliot School Principal Traci Walker Griffith, Carl's partner Maria Shea and several neighborhood parents including dinner organizers Rebecca Griffin and Karen D'Amico.

As for the future of the Nazzero Center, longtime staffer Laurie D'Elia is serving as

Interim Director through the Summer months. City officials expect to begin a hiring process for a permanent director by the Fall of 2018.

The design of a new North End Community Center will begin in earnest this year at a to-be-determined location in the neighborhood. The City's FY19 budget has funded \$3 million toward the design effort, that will include public meetings.



State Rep. Aaron Michlewitz joins with City Councilor Lydia Edwards to congratulate Carl Ameno on his retirement.

R.U.F.F. NEWS AND NOTES

Responsible Urbanites For Fido's (RUFF), Board will be on hand at the new dog park in the Gassy to answer questions, address concerns and get feedback on all things RUFF on Wednesday, May 23 at 6 and 7 PM.

There are many ways to get involved with RUFF, park maintenance, Year of the Dog event, the Big Dog Show and other ways. Helping to keep the park clean and working would be a positive way to assist.

The Rose Kennedy Greenway has asked RUFF to host a "Year of the Dog" event on The Greenway.

The Navy Yard Garden Association has asked RUFF if we would be interested in hosting an event this summer at The Big Dog Show at their art installation at the Spalding Rehab.

Do you want to host your dog's birthday in the park? Would you like to host a get together? RUFF is happy to accommodate. Reach out to us for more details. It is important we scheduled your event so that it doesn't overlap with other events in the park.

The Park is popular. With lots of dogs checking it out, it's important to be aware

of aggression in dogs. Being a responsible dog owner also includes watching out for aggressive behavior and reading the signs your dog is giving off.

Please note that if you are having issues with an aggressive dog, reach out to RUFF. We take park safety very seriously. Complaints are logged and if necessary a ban will be issued. We encourage all RUFF members to seek proper training for their dogs. RUFF is happy to distribute some reputable dog trainers.

Anyone interested in the above-mentioned events email info@ruffboston.org.

SAFETY (from pg. 6)

Thacher Street):

Male suspect was arrested for breaking into and entering a 2018 Kia Optima. Suspect was inside the motor vehicle when officers arrived.

Witness called to report suspect was pulling on car door handles on Endicott Street.

Arrests (2)

- Assault & Battery (209A): Aforementioned Charter Street incident.

- Breaking and Entering of

Motor Vehicle: Aforementioned Endicott and Thatcher Streets incident.

David Marx hosts the monthly Public Safety meeting with Boston Police District A-1. North End Public Safety Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m. at the Nazzero Center, 30 N. Bennet Street. All are welcome to attend and bring their questions for the police.

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CARMELINA RISTORANTE HOSTS NEMPAC FUNDRAISER

The North End Music & Performing Arts Center (NEMPAC) had a full house of friends and supporters enjoying a delicious dinner, live music, and wine pairings at Carmelina's Ristorante.

The spring fundraiser, "Cucina e Musica Italiana" was hosted by restaurant owner and chef, Damian DiPaola, who treated all attendees to an outstanding meal and excellent hospitality.

"We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to Damian DiPaola for hosting this wonderful event to support our youth arts and music programming in the neighborhood. We look forward to continuing this tradition and are extremely thankful to Damian and his staff," said Sherri Snow Executive Director of NEMPAC.

Chef DiPaola spent the night in the kitchen preparing a delicious four-course meal,

which he donated all back to NEMPAC. Fantasy Wines and Christian Trotta sponsored the wine pairings for this event, and Modern Pastries providing the delicious Italian pastries to top off the night.

"We were delighted with a top quality Italian evening and, on behalf of NEMPAC, I thank Chef DiPaola, Fantasy Wines, Christian Trotta and Modern Pastries for their generosity and support," said Dianne Royle, President of the Board of Directors of NEMPAC.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from the wine dinner will support new music technology equipment including a small recording studio build-out in one of NEMPAC's music studio rooms on their building in the Prado.

NEMPAC's mission to enrich lives of the North End/Waterfront and surrounding neighborhoods through quality, accessible music education and performance programs. Visit the NEMPAC website to donate or learn more. Follow NEMPAC @nempacboston and keep up to date on Facebook.



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Under the Strawberry Moon at The Greenway

By Phil Orlandella

Under the Strawberry Moon community event will be held at the American Heritage Park on The Greenway on Thursday, June 28 from 8:30 to 9:15 p.m.

The event is a perfect time to meet/greet, network, walk the moonlight Labyrinth and enjoy chocolate dipped strawberries and iced teas hosted by Vicki Lee's & MEM Tea Imports.

A short evening program of the Friends of Heritage Park, The Greenway Conservancy, Vicki Lee's, MEM Tea Imports and neighborhood residents.

RSVP appreciated: hello@ArmenianHeritagePark.org.

Summer events: Tea and Tranquility on Wednesday, July 18 and August 18 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Under the August Moon on Thursday, August 23 at 8:30 PM.



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Words cannot express the feelings and emotions of realizing the honor, privilege and pride of working with North End families for almost half a century has finally come to an end.

To all who attended my retirement party on May 9 and to all who couldn't make it but wanted to be there, to the thousands of people I have come to know, both personally and professionally and worked with over the years, to all the organizers of the final party, to my SEIU co-workers at the Nazzaro, to my family and friends, and especially to Maria, I will never forget you.

*Love,
Carl Ameno*

CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

The Boston City Council last met on Wednesday, May 9 for a public hearing at Boston City Hall. The following items were discussed.

Liquor Licenses

Government Operations Committee Chair Mike Flaherty and Sponsor Ayanna Pressley reported back to the Boston City Council regarding a home-rule petition for a Special Law to authorize additional non-transferable liquor licenses in Boston.

The Home Rule includes: 5 citywide all-alcohol licenses, 5 citywide beer & wine licenses, 3 all-alcohol and 2 beer & wine for each of Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Mission Hill, and Roxbury, 3 all-alcohol and 2 beer & wine for Main Streets Districts, and 1 all-alcohol license each for the Lawn on D at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston Center for the Arts

and the Billing Building.

Several Councilors voiced urgency on this matter, as many neighborhoods lacking licenses are struggling from inequality.

“We’ve all seen the transformative power of sit down restaurants in neighborhoods,” said Presley. “They lay the foundation for more equitable growth in the district. At the same time, we need to keep in mind the longer we wait our small business owners are kept in limbo and forced to guess at the viability of certain neighborhoods.”

Councilor Flaherty noted that there was question remaining on whether the proposal should be split in two, because there is additional concern about granting blanket umbrella licenses for a large development, and whether that results in progress for equity.

“Umbrella licenses cut us right out of large negotiations of these large developers,” said Councilor Frank Baker. “We want them to sit with us more often than less often.”

At the hearing, Flaherty said his colleagues also wanted consideration for the Greenway, Roslindale, Charlestown, and West Roxbury.

There is also a deadline to get this Home Rule Petition to the State House to make sure they have enough time to debate this issue as well.

The matter remains in committee.

Short Term Rentals:

Mayor Martin Walsh tried to late-file a revised ordinance creating regulations for the short-term rental industry, including platforms like Airbnb, but it was blocked by Councilor Frank Baker’s objection.

He objected because of the Open Meeting Law requiring 48 hours’ notice, legislative dockets must be filed with the Clerk’s office by Monday morning in order to appear on the Wednesday meeting agenda.

There is a process for submitting dockets late, but it requires unanimous consent of the Council.

The item will appear on next week’s agenda and the Council will discuss at the hearing on May 16.

On Wednesday, May 9, Mayor Martin Walsh announced an amended citywide ordinance establishing guidelines and regulations to better track and regulate short-term rentals.

The ordinance takes a three-tiered approach to classifying short-term rentals:

Limited Share Unit - consists of a private bedroom or shared space in the owner-operator’s primary residence, in which the operator is present during the rental. The fee associated is \$25 a year.

Home Share Unit - consists of a whole unit available for a short-term rental at the primary residence of the owner-operator (unit in which operator resides for at least nine months out of a 12-month period). The fee is \$200 a year.

Owner-Adjacent Unit - consists of an owner-occupied two or three family building, in which the owner lists a second-

ary unit as a short-term rental for up to 120 nights per year. In addition, the owner is able to list their primary residence for an unlimited number of nights-per-year. The fee is \$200.

The regulations also provide protections for occupants of the short-term rental unit by prohibiting any property with outstanding housing, sanitary, building, fire or zoning-code violations from being lists.

The operator will be required to provide notice to abutters of a short-term rental unit within 30 days of approved registration.

The regulations require the unit to register with the City of Boston each year to verify compliance with the ordinance.

“This ordinance offers reasonable regulations of short-term rentals to close corporate loopholes, protect our housing stock, and stabilize neighborhoods,” said Councilor Michelle Wu. “I’m proud to support this legislation.”

Lack of participation in the City’s Payment in Lieu of Taxes program upsets City Council

By Beth Treffeisen

After seeing a decline in participation in the City’s Payments in Lieu of Taxes PILOT agreement with tax-exempt institutions, Councilors Lydia Edwards and Anissa Essaibi-George filed a hearing order to give a nudge to these institutions to contribute more to the City of Boston.

“I am presenting this hearing order today because of the decline of universities in the Payment in Lieu of Taxes PILOT program we have in the City of Boston,” said Essaibi-George. “At the same time that

they are declining we find that many of our home owners are facing incredibly increasing taxes on their property.”

Boston depends heavily on property tax revenues to fund education, housing, social services, road plowing and maintenance, police and fire departments and other investments in public goods.

However, nearly half of Boston’s land is tax-exempt, including land owned by educational, medical, cultural and religious institutions, city departments, state agencies, the federal government, and quasi-public organizations such

as the Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Massachusetts Port Authority.

The Councilors argued that many of these institutions depend extensively on the city’s infrastructure, housing stock, roadways, and social services.

“Many of the institutions say the programs they offer make up for the PILOT payment plans,” said Essaibi-George. “Yes, those programs are indeed powerful but the city plows the roads for their tens of thousands of employees to get to work and delivery vehicles and buses, and that costs money. The city protects their buildings from

fire and crime and that costs money.”

The Mayor’s PILOT Task Force calls upon tax-exempt institutions to submit payments for 25 percent of the assessed value of their property, deducting from that payment certain community benefits that demonstrate clear value to Boston residents and any real estate taxes paid based on use.

Participation in the program has deteriorated significantly since 2012, with institutions paying only 65 percent of dollars requested in 2017.

In 2017, educational, medical, and cultural institutions

were expected to contribute approximately \$49.5 million in cash and \$52.3 million in community programming but, those programs only contributed \$32 million. Several institutions did not contribute at all last year and some even charged the City for Boston Public Schools’ use of athletes fields.

“One look at an income statement shows that they have indeed thrived despite that some institutions have not paid a penny to the city in years,” Essaibi-George said. The matter was assigned to the Committee on Government Operations for a future hearing.

Trillium Garden returns to the Greenway

Trillium Brewing Company, in partnership with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, is excited has announced the return of the Trillium Garden on The Greenway for the Summer 2018 season.

The Trillium Garden on The Greenway is slated to open in late May 2018 and will run through the end of October, weather permitting. Open-air and in the heart of Boston, the

Garden will be open five days a week, Wednesday through Sunday, serving a variety of rotating draft beer options and wine from Westport Rivers Vineyards. After an incredible inaugural season, the same beautiful location will offer improved seating, with more accommodating hours of operation.

“Last year, the Trillium Garden on The Greenway was an unqualified success as

Boston’s first open-air beer garden in a public park, and we are thrilled to again partner with such a great local brewery,” said Jesse Brackenbury, Executive Director of the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy. “Whether as a first time visitor or returning fan, we’re excited for people to visit the Garden and experience Trillium’s world class beer in our beautiful park.”

Trillium’s return to the

Garden is a continuation of the Conservancy’s innovative uses of public space, including 400 free events, 7 dramatic water features, all-organic horticulture program, community-oriented Play program, and award-winning contemporary public art exhibits.

The Trillium Garden on The Greenway will again operate at High Street, across from Rowes Wharf.



Trillium Founders JC and Esther Tetreault.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

Hidden Gardens tour returns May 17

The Beacon Hill Garden Club presents its Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Annual Tour takes place on Thursday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring 10 private gardens.

Tickets cost \$50 each through May 10 and \$60 a piece thereafter. Visit beaconhillgardenclub.org for more information.

Book Discussion Group to meet at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., welcomes the Book Discussion Group on Thursday, May 17, at 3 p.m. The book for discussion will be "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen, copies of which are available at the library.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Esplanade 5K returns May 20

The 2018 Esplanade 5K presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts takes place on

the Charles River Esplanade on Sunday, May 20, at 9 a.m. To register or for more details, visit Esplanade5K.com. Use code "earlybird" for \$5 off race entry, now through April 20. Are you interested in sponsoring this event? Contact Kelsey Pramik, marketing and events manager, at kpramik@esplanadeassociation.org.

Learn new game at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library at 151 Cambridge St. offers Chinese-style Mahjong on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China during the Qing dynasty that is commonly played by four players. While similar to the Western card game rummy, it uses 144 tiles instead of cards. Instructors are Likam Lie and Nancy Martin. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Jane Austen-inspired film series

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at

151 Cambridge St., presents "Jane Austen: From Books to Film," including screenings of "Clueless" (1995, 97 minutes, Rated PG-13) on Wednesday, May 23, at 3 p.m.; and "Love & Friendship" (2016, 93 minutes, Rated PG) on Wednesday, May 30, at 3 p.m. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Hill House senior dinners

Hill House serves a hot meal to the seniors of the community at 74 Joy St. on the third Tuesday of each month, including May 22, from 5 to 6 p.m.

No sign up is required for the seniors - they are more than welcome to come by for a meal and socialization.

Contact Meredith at Hill House (617-226-5838) for more information.

'King's Chapel's Tuesday Recitals

King's Chapel, 58 Tremont St., presents its Tuesday Recitals. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3 per person; the donations are given to the performing musicians. Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes; for more information,

call 617-227-2155.

Programming includes Yi Li Chang (violin), Nicholas Southwick (flute) and Mary Jodice (organ) performing works by J.S. Bach on May 22; and Robert Simonds (violin) performing works by Bach, Bunch and Bacon on May 29.

Nichols House Museum's Spring Fête returns May 24

The Nichols House Museum welcomes friends and neighbors to its annual Spring Fête at the Boston Athenaeum at 10½ Beacon St. on Thursday, May 24, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Inspired by Rose Nichols' travels through Spain while researching garden design, the evening will feature flamenco music and dance performances, festive food and drink, and live and silent auctions. Proceeds support the ongoing efforts of the museum.

Visit www.nicholshousemuseum.org for more information.

Nichols House Museum seeking volunteer tour guides

The Nichols House Museum welcomes volunteers to join the museum as tour guides. Guides provide vital support to the museum by leading high-quality tours to diverse audiences and communities. Hours are flexible, and orientation and training throughout the month of March are required. Guides receive complimentary admission to the museum and all museum programming events. There are also regular opportunities for complimentary, behind-the-scenes visits to other local museums and cultural organizations. Applicants should be interested in history, architecture, and decorative arts, and enjoy interacting with visitors of all ages. Tour Guides typically commit to half or full-day shifts. To apply, complete the application form available on the museum's homepage, www.nicholshousemuseum.org.

Public speaking workshop

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "You Can Quote Me on this: a Public Speaking Workshop" on Thursday, May 31, at 6:15 p.m.

Afraid of speaking in public? Need to give a toast or speak at a meeting? This program, led by Kim Kerrigan of Corporate Classrooms, is helpful for anyone who must speak before small or large groups in a variety of settings. Participants will learn how to gain confidence and improve

their delivery style. It is limited to 10 people., and pre-registration is required. To register, contact Helen Bender via phone at 617-523-3957 or via e-mail at hbender@bpl.org.

Josiah Quincy Elementary School anniversary celebration

The Josiah Quincy Elementary School's 171st anniversary celebration takes place at Empire Garden Restaurant at 690 Washington St. on Thursday, May 31, at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled night, which includes a 10-course traditional Chinese banquet, student performance, and online/live auctions. Online auction items being added daily. All proceeds to fund the school pool and enrichment programs. Visit www.supportjqes.org for more information and to purchase tickets, donate, or view online auction items.

Lecture explores link between Eiffel Tower and Zakim Bridge

The French Cultural Center at 53 Marlborough St. presents a mosaic cultural event called "The Eiffel Tower and the Zakim Bridge: Landmarks of Structural Art" on Wednesday, May 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. This lecture, presented by Miguel Rosales, the president and founder of Rosales + Partners, as well as the architect behind the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Memorial Bridge, will explore the architectural and engineering challenges and achievements of two important landmarks in Paris and Boston. When completed these landmarks gave a new image to two of the most important historic cities in Europe and North America. The goals and objectives behind their conception will be explained in the context of their past, present and evolving future. Admission is \$25 for French Cultural Center and \$35 for non-members. Visit www.frenchculturalcenter.org to purchase tickets and for more information.

Hidden Art Gallery happenings

The Hidden Art Gallery at 25 Myrtle St. offers Artweek from May 11-17; Create Manifestation with Mandalas on May 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (admission is free); and Fresh Paint on June 3 from noon to 4 p.m. Also, the gallery offers meditation on Tuesdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Local Government Study Session

The West End Branch of the

SQUASHBUSTERS DERBY TOURNAMENT

Photos by Derek Kouyoumjian

SquashBusters had its fundraising Derby Tournament on the same day as the Kentucky Derby once again this year, on Saturday, May 5. Professional and amateur players pooled their talents together to compete in teams for the Derby. They all raised money to help Squashbusters in their efforts to bring awareness to the sport of squash and make it accessible to inner-city youth.

More photos appear on page 15



David Hamlin and his son, Tucker Hamlin, captain of team True Blue, with Tucker's girlfriend, Katie Steats, and mom Becky Hamlin.



Team True Blue player Wael El-Hibdu vs Team Churchill Downey player Peter Nicol.



Team Unbridled pro player Amanda Sobhy makes a play in her match against Eijk's Knights pro player Nick Taylor.



Ronald German, Tenes Paul, and Tiffany Andrade.

New Starbucks Coffee proposed at 198 Hanover Street

By Matt Conti

A new retail development project by Charter Realty is seeking permits to bring a Starbucks Coffee shop to 198 Hanover St., known as the "Gateway to the North End." Located at the corner of Cross Street, the site is across from the Rose Kennedy Greenway and currently occupied by Citizens Bank at the old Martignetti's Liquors site.

The arrival of the omnipresent coffee chain in the high profile location is sure to be controversial given the long-standing tenure of Hanover Street's iconic Italian espresso cafes, including Caffé Vittoria, Caffé Paradiso and Caffé Dello Sport along with other Hanover coffee shops, My Cousin's Place and The Thinking Cup.

The new building would contain three retail spaces and be up to 35 feet in height to include one high ceiling first floor and a 2nd floor mezzanine. The Citizens Bank ATM branch is expected to move to the center Cross St. location.

The third retail space at the corner of Salem Street does not yet have a proposed tenant but has been previously been used for eateries including Caffé Graffiti and Bread & Butter.

News of the Starbucks proposal comes from a notice by the Zoning, Licensing & Construction Committee of the North End / Waterfront Residents' Association. NEWRA's ZLC Committee is scheduled to hear the applications at its May 2018 meeting. According to Chair Victor Brogna, the coffee giant is entering into a lease with property owner / developer Charter Realty that purchased the property in 2013 from the Martignetti family. Starbucks is being represented by Attorney Daniel Toscano.

If approved, Starbucks will be the second national coffee chain on Cross Street, joining Peet's Coffee that opened in the former Goody Glover's space at the corner of Salem Street. Boston's own Dunkin' Donuts does not currently have a North End store, with its closest outlets at Harbor Garage and

North Station. Property owners on Hanover and Commercial Streets have reportedly considered Dunkin' stores, but withdrew plans rather than face potential backlash from neighbors. Starbucks already operates several nearby locations on the waterfront including Lewis Wharf (2 Atlantic Ave.), Long Wharf (Marriott), Rows Wharf and is opening a new store with outdoor seating at Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

Although there are no "anti-chain" zoning regulations, past proposals in the heart of the North End have been highly contested at neighborhood meetings and the stores have operated with mixed results. Most recently, a Pinkberry frozen yogurt franchise store closed after a failed three year run. Yet, there are still two 7-Eleven chains on Hanover Street along with a CVS pharmacy.

After the Big Dig, the plaza on Cross Street appeared to be a stellar business location and became known as the "Gateway to the North End" across from the Greenway. Not only does it feature the famous



An artist's rendering of the proposed Starbucks.

Freedom Trail path in front, but it also spans the busiest commercial areas in the North End, between Hanover and Salem Streets.

The promise of the Cross Street Plaza is still waiting to be realized. The large brick covered area has remained oddly desolate. Other than a juicery and nail salon (both of which are moving), most of the storefronts never gained much momentum. Proven businessman Nick Varano put his sandwich shop up for sale a few

years after opening. Similarly, Frank DePasquale moved his pasta shop to Mechanic's Court, off Hanover Street. Other failed enterprises in the space include Bread & Butter and Caffé Graffiti. Daytime parking was eliminated from part of the plaza, but plans by officials for permanent seating and tables never developed.

Charter Realty is expected to bring plans to upcoming neighborhood meetings in May 2018 before final permits are considered by city officials.

Mae West, W.C Fields take over the North End library

By Patricia Sabbey

W.C. Fields and Mae West recently came to life at a North End Branch Library event sponsored by the Friends of the North End Library and a generous grant from the City Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library. The cozy library event space became Mae West's dressing room complete with props including fans and boas. Veteran actors, Lynne Moulton as Mae West, Joseph Zamparelli as W.C. Fields with Fran Baron as narrator turned

back the clock and provided a raucous, racy, and insightful look into West's and Field's lives, their triumphs and their challenges. Mae West sang her suggestive songs and also delivered some of her classic lines that probably hadn't ever been spoken in a library before. Mae also spread her charm and flirtatiousness to the male members of the audience who seemed to receive her attention with great delight. A thank you to Rita Pagliuca of the Friends of the North End Library for finding this enticing and lively

production and bringing it on stage to the library. In attendance, among our neighbors, was David Vieira, a representative from the City Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library who brought good wishes from the City Wide Friends.

For more information concerning the Friends of the NE Library, please email: info@FriendsNELibrary.org or go to our website: www.FriendsNELibrary.org for membership information and a listing of other programs



Veteran actors, Lynne Moulton as Mae West, Joseph Zamparelli as W.C. Fields with Fran Baron as the narrator.

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Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., is offering a Local Government Study Session on Saturday, June 2, from noon to 1:45 p.m.

The Bummer City Civic Engagement Coalition is a small, community organization dedicated to helping people learn about and engage with municipal government. At these sessions, participants will discuss and study issues relevant to their communities (e.g. affordable housing), then craft and execute plans to address those issues. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Pride Month at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents 'Pride Month: A Film Series,' including screenings of "The Crying Game" (1992, 112 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, June 6, at 3 p.m.; "Beginners" (2010, 104 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, June 13, at 3 p.m.; "Pariah" (2011, 84 minutes, Rated R) on Wednesday, June 20, at 3 p.m.; and "The Way He Looks" (2014, 106 minutes, not rated) on Wednesday, June 27, at 3 p.m. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

'Crossing the Line to Freedom' concert at West End Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents a concert called "Crossing the Line to Freedom: A Musical Narrative" on Thursday, June 7, at 6 p.m.

Boston Lyric Opera and Castle of Our Skins join forces to showcase the lives and stories of Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr. and Paul Robeson through the music of opera. Paired with spoken word, art song, spirituals and history, their lives—and those of other legendary liberators—take center stage in the performance featuring the music of composers such as Nkeiru Okoye, Adolphus Hailstork, Dorothy Rudd Moore and Undine Smith Moore.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Lecture explores history of Back Bay

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents a lecture called "Back Bay Through Time" on Thursday, June 28, at 6:30 p.m.

Anthony M. Sammarco, local historian and author, talks about the history of the Back Bay. This area of Boston is not just the quintessential Victorian neighborhood, but also one that was infilled and planned as Boston's premier residential and institutional development. Copies of the book will be available to purchase. Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

BSNJ Community Children's Chorus

The Boston Society of The New Jerusalem (BSNJ) Community Children's Chorus is a comprehensive musical training program for children in the third through seventh grades.

Your child will be participating in a program that promotes: the love of music, expressive singing, teamwork-cooperative learning, building new friendships, self-assessment and the fun of being in an outstanding program.

The group meets at 140 Bowdoin St. on Saturday mornings. Tuition is free for any child with a Greater Boston-area address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To register, contact Carlton Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music.")

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MGH seeking volunteers

Massachusetts General Hospital Volunteer Department is seeking volunteers for its very busy office. Candidates must have excellent interpersonal skills in dealing with a broad international community of volunteers, as well as the ability to handle multiple tasks. Various shifts are available.

Contact Kim Northrup at 617-724-1826 for more information.

King's Chapel's Concert Series concludes

For its final concert of the 60th Concert Series season, King's

Chapel, located at 58 Tremont St., presents Choral Evensong with the King's Chapel Choir and an organ recital by Heinrich Christensen on Sunday, May 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Admission is free. Call 617-227-2155 or visit www.kings-chapel.org/concert-series.html for more information.

'Coloring for Adults' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Color Your World: Coloring for Adults" on Fridays from 2 to 4 p.m.

At this time, the library will supply coloring pages, colored pencils, markers and crayons, or bring your own supplies if you prefer. Feel free to drop in between these hours.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Spanish/English Language Exchange

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents the Spanish/English Language Exchange/Intercambio de Idiomas en Inglés y Español on Mondays from 3 to 5 p.m.

At this time, English speakers can practice Spanish and Spanish speakers can practice English in this fun, informal conversation class.

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The rehearsals take place at 140 Bowdoin St. on Tuesday afternoons. Tuition is free for any child with a Boston address. All levels of singing ability are welcome. To sign up, please contact Mr. Doctor at 617-523-4575 or visit www.churchonthehillboston.org (click on "music").

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'Preschool Story Hour' at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers the "Preschool Story Hour" on Tuesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children, ages 3 to 5, and their caregivers join the children's librarian for weekly stories, songs, rhymes and movement. This is a high-energy story time, and families, daycare and school groups are all welcome to drop in.

ESL conversation group resumes meeting at West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., welcomes the English as a Second Language (ESL) conversation group every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Come and practice your English language skills with other newcomers and a facilitator.

West End Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings

The West End Community Center, located at 1 Congress St., welcomes the West End Playgroup on Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through the fall and winter.

This is a free drop-in time to let kids play and adults chat with one another. Small toy donations are welcome.

'Toddler Time' at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents "Toddler Time" on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At this time, children ages 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers join the children's librarian for developmentally appropriate stories, rhymes, movement, and songs. Drop-in for families, and groups, should contact the library ahead of time at 617-523-3957.

Get homework help at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at

151 Cambridge St., offers homework help every Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Get help from a Boston Public Schools teacher. No appointment necessary; simply drop in with your homework.

Call 617-523-3957 for more information.

Compassionate Friends group reaches out to bereaved parents and families

The Boston Chapter of The Compassionate Friends (TCF) meets at Trinity Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

TCF is a national self-help, mutual-assistance organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved parents and their families. Call 617-539-6424 or e-mail tcfboston@gmail.com for more information.

West End Food Pantry seeking donations

The West End Food Pantry needs help to continue serving its more than 120 clients per month. They welcome donations to replenish the supply of food that they give out to hungry residents in the neighborhood.

The pantry is located in the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library and is staffed by volunteers from ABCD's North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center. Non-perishable (canned and boxed) items are being sought, including rice, pasta, canned tuna, canned chicken, chili, beans, vegetables, cereal, soups, cup of noodles, etc.

Donations can be left at the library, 151 Cambridge St., on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from noon to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers needed for hot meal program

The North End/West End Neighborhood Service Center (NE/WE NSC), located at 1 Michelangelo St., serves a hot, fresh, home-cooked lunch to seniors in the neighborhood Mondays and Fridays, and is looking for two volunteers to help with shopping, food preparation, cooking, serving and clean-up. The non-profit providing services and pro-

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grams to low-income residents of the North End, West End and Beacon Hill is looking for volunteers who can assist with the whole meal from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on a Monday and/or Friday, but can make arrangements to fit your schedule. Contact Maria Stella Gulla, director, at 617-523-8125, ext. 201, via e-mail at mariastella.gulla@bostonabcd.org for more information.

Introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., offers an introduction to laptops, eReaders and iPads by appointment only. Get the most out of your eReader or Laptop. Receive tips and guidance during these one-on-one sessions. Call Branch Librarian, Helen Bender at 617-523-3957 or e-mail hbender@bpl.org to set up an appointment.

Yoga for seniors at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., presents yoga for seniors every Tuesday from 2:45

to 3:30 p.m. Classes are led by Tatiana Nekrasova, a certified yoga instructor.

Volunteer at Spaulding Rehab

Stay active, meet new people and be connected with your community by volunteering at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. Staff members will match your skills and interests to a volunteer opportunity. The hospital is currently recruiting volunteers, ages 18 and up, for two- to three-hour-a-week shifts for a minimum of six to 12 months commitment. Visit www.spauldingnetwork.org for more information

After-work tai chi group at the West End Branch Library

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, 151 Cambridge St., welcomes after-work tai chi group every Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m. Come and try this low impact energy exercise with yang-style tai chi instructor Arthur Soo-Hoo.

Volunteers needed for American Cancer Society cosmetic sessions

The American Cancer Society is currently seeking volunteers for

the "Look Good...Feel Better" sessions held at Tufts Medical Center, 800 Washington St. "Look Good...Feel Better" is a free program that teaches cancer patients hands-on cosmetic techniques to help them cope with appearance-related side effects from chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. Cosmetologists certified and trained by the American Cancer Society conduct the sessions, which are non-medical and do not promote any product line. Volunteers are needed to assist the cosmetologist conducting the session and are responsible for set-up, cleanup, and any other needs of the program. Programs are held from noon to 2 p.m., one Monday every other month. For more information or to volunteer, contact Nanyamka Hales at 781-314-2611 or via e-mail at Nanyamka.Hales@cancer.org, or visit cancer.org.

Be a friend to elderly in need

FriendshipWorks seeks caring people to offer help and support to isolated elders in the Boston area. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and assist elders with tasks such as reading, organizing, or going for a walk - lend an hour each week and gain a friend and a new perspective. Volunteers also needed to

escort elders to and from medical appointments. No car is needed and hours are flexible. For more information or to apply online, visit www.fw4elders.org or call 617-482-1510.

Local residents needed to drive cancer patients to and from treatment

The American Cancer Society is in great need of Road to Recovery volunteers to drive local cancer patients to and from their chemotherapy and/or radiation treatments. An integral part of treating cancer successfully is making sure cancer patients receive their treatments, but many find making transportation arrangements is a challenge. The American Cancer Society provided more than 19,000 rides to cancer patients in New England last year, but needs new volunteer drivers to keep up with the demand for transportation.

Make a difference in the fight against cancer by becoming a volunteer driver for the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery. Drivers use their own vehicle to drive patients to and from their treatments. The schedule for volunteers is flexible, and treatment appointments take place weekdays, primarily during business hours. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming

a volunteer driver for Road to Recovery, contact your American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

Join the Downtown Boston Rotary Club

The Downtown Boston Rotary Club, the first new Rotary Club in Boston in 100 years, holds meetings at the UMass Club in the Financial District on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

For more information, visit www.dbrotary.org or call 617-535-1950.

Story Time with the Boston Ballet

The West End Branch of the Boston Public Library, located at 151 Cambridge St., presents "Story Time with the Boston Ballet" on Mondays, May 21 and June 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children ages 2+ and their caregivers are invited to hear stories about a famous ballet or dancer. Each story time is supplemented with a movement experience that highlights major themes of the story. All story times are led by Boston Ballet faculty dance educators. Groups and individuals are welcome, and no registration required.

SQUASHBUSTERS DERBY (from pg. 16)



Boston squash legend John Nimick served as emcee.



Kaitlin Bowes shows off her hat worthy of a Derby.



Team Wallbanger player Thad Roberts, pro squash player Mike Ferreira, Kate Gascoyne, and Larry Sconza.



Pro Squash players gather for a group shot. John Roberts with Team Derby Worthy, Clinton Leeuw with Team Lucky Strike, Dan Shaplin with Team Wallbanger, Nick Taylor with Team Eijk's Knights, Amanda Sobhy with Team Unbridled, Wael El-Hibdu with Team True Blue, David Palmer with Team Salubrious, and Peter Nicol with Team Churchill Downey.

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